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VAGOS MOTORCYCLE GANG

The Vagos Motorcycle Club (MC) was formed in San Bernardino, California, in 1966. The San Bernardino chapter is considered the Vagos' mother chapter of the club. Today, the Vagos are considered an outlaw motorcycle gang (OMG) because of their involvement in felony crimes, including assaults, murders, narcotics, firearms, and other serious crimes. The Vagos expanded across the United States, into Mexico, Canada, South America and Europe.

History of the Vagos Motorcycle Club

The Vagos MC got its start in the early 60's in San Bernardino, California. In the early days, a tight brotherhood was established to survive the war's between the rival clubs and the constant harassment of the police. The term "Vagos" comes from the Spanish language meaning, "traveling gypsy" or "a street-wise person that's always up to something".

Shortly after the club was formed, a patch was designed. While incarcerated, "Moose", a Vago from Berdoo Chapter, drew a design featuring the Norse God, "Loki", the God of Mischief. Upon his release from prison, they had the patch made and sewn onto Levi denim jackets. They flew their colors with So. Cal on the bottom rockers.

The style of dress and strong brotherhood is still found in abundance in the Vagos of today.

Viva Los Vagos!



VAGOS PATCH

Vagos members wear a distinctive set of patches on the back of denim or leather vests. Unlike the colors of most traditional OMGs, which consist of three patches (top rocker, center patch, and bottom rocker), Vagos colors are comprised of a two-piece patch. The Vagos center patch



Old style Vagos patch (from 1960s to early 2000s)

is Loki, the Norse god of mischief, astride a winged wheel, holding a scroll with the word "Vagos." The letters M and C (Motorcycle Club) are featured on the center patch. The bottom rocker is separate from the center patch and denotes the state (in the United States) or country of the member's chapter.



Current Vagos patch (early 2000s to present)

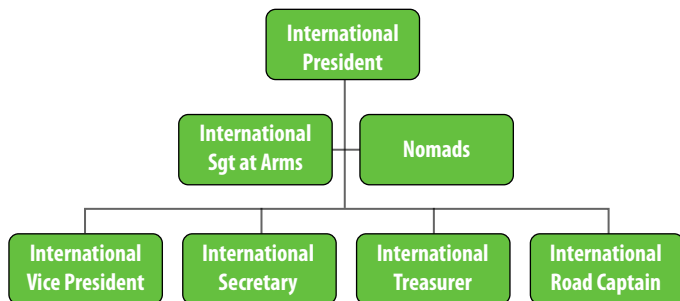


VAGOS STRUCTURE

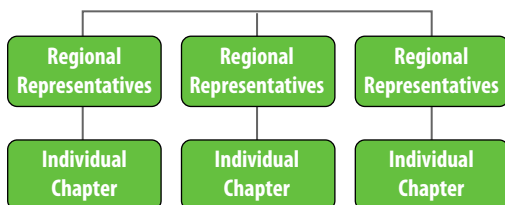
STRUCTURE

The Vagos OMG has a set of bylaws that define the gang's membership requirements and governing structure. Elected officers govern the gang at international and chapter levels. The international president and international vice president are elected. The international president appoints international sergeants-at-arms (at times they have had two international sergeants-at-arms), an international secretary, and an international road captain. The Nomad chapter reports directly to the international president. The Nomad chapter consists of members who are not tied to any specific geographic area and who have at least 10 years in the gang. Nomad members may recruit members for new areas or mentor existing Vagos chapters. The international president appoints state and regional representatives. The representatives act as liaisons between individual chapters and the international leadership. Chapters have a similar hierarchy, including president, vice president, sergeant-at-arms, secretary, treasurer, and road captain.

INTERNATIONAL STRUCTURE



REGIONAL STRUCTURE



INDIVIDUAL CHAPTER AND MEMBERSHIP

Individual Chapter – A chapter is the basic unit of a motorcycle gang. It is semi-autonomous, will have its own bylaws and leadership, but operates in accordance with the international bylaws



Chapter Officers – Each chapter has its own officers, including president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and sergeant at arms. Officers may wear tabs indicating rank on the front of their cuts

Members – Members wear a full patch with the Loki and state bottom rocker on the back. Front patches are generally worn at the members' discretion. According to bylaws members are probationary for their first two years in the gang

Prospect – Prospect period for the Vagos is a minimum of one year. Prospects require a 100% vote from their chapter's membership to become members. Prospects generally wear a vest with chapter and "Prospect" tabs on the front and state bottom rocker on the back

Hangaround – A member in good standing must nominate someone as a hangaround. Hangaround period for the Vagos varies but should be a minimum of three months. The uniform of a hangaround varies widely depending on the chapter. Some wear support clothing and vest with no patches, others have hangaround patches

CHAPTERS

Vagos reportedly have chapters in Mexico, Brazil, Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Chile, Canada, France, Belgium, Germany, and the United States. US states with chapters include:

California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Idaho, New York, Illinois, Utah, Missouri, Georgia

WOMEN AND THE VAGOS

Members may allow their wives or girlfriends to wear a "property patch." A property patch serves as a notice to other members and those outside the gang that the woman is affiliated with a specific member. The back of Vagos' property patch reads "Property of," followed by the member's gang moniker. The front has tab that reads "VOL," for Vago Ol' Lady.

According to Vagos bylaws, a member is responsible for his ol' lady's conduct. A member can be disciplined by the gang if he does properly address issues caused by his ol' lady.



VAGOS PATCHES

There is little to no standardization for what Vagos members wear on the front of their vests. It varies widely between members and chapters. Vagos may wear the gang name, chapter or officer's position or status patches on the front of their vest.



1%ER DIAMOND

Vagos may wear a 1% diamond to indicate they are self-identifying as members of a dominant outlaw motorcycle gang. There are several styles in use.

13 – when worn right side up refers to M for marijuana or methamphetamine, indicates the wearer uses or deals narcotics; when worn upside down indicates wearer does not use or deal narcotics.

22 – V is the 22nd letter of the alphabet, indicates wearer has been a Vagos member for less than two years.

V – indicates wearer was involved in a fight with another motorcycle gang.



Various patches that indicate member has been involved in acts of violence.



Prospect Patch



Trust No One



Live Vago Die Vago



Vagos Forever Forever Vagos



OFFICER BAR

Officer Status



In Memory of deceased brothers, tabs with individual names are members who died while wearer was in the gang



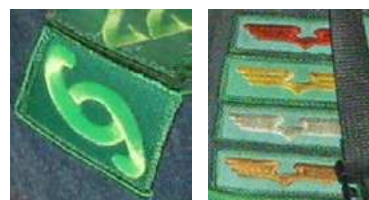
State or national flags indicate states or countries with Vagos chapters that the member visited, attended a Vagos event, or has close brothers.



The subdued American flag with lightning bolt, and/or the Vagos tag with a light colored outline, indicate the member is a regional president or regional sergeant at arms.



Members often wear side rockers with their current or former chapters



Explicit sexual acts committed in front of other members

VAGOS MOTORCYCLE CLUB

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

The Vagos OMG has a history of violent confrontations with other motorcycle gangs, including the Mongols, Bandidos, Galloping Goose, and numerous smaller gangs. The Hells Angels and Pagan's OMGs are generally considered to be the Vagos' primary rivals.

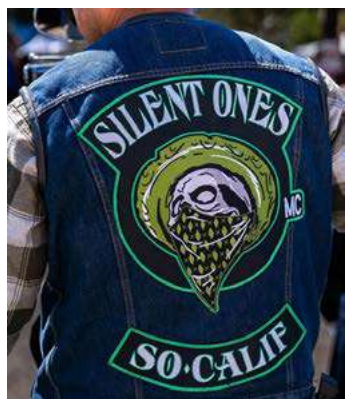
Vagos members commit violent acts such as assault and murder, primarily against rival OMG members. Law enforcement officials say criminal activity is the primary source of income for the Vagos OMG. Along with producing, transporting, and distributing narcotics, members are involved in prostitution operations, vehicle and vehicle parts theft, money laundering, and insurance fraud.

SUPPORT CLUBS AND GANGS

The Vagos OMG has a network of smaller OMGs and motorcycle clubs, often called "support clubs." These gangs or clubs often indicate their affiliation with the Vagos by wearing green patches, clothing, or other indicia of membership in. They often wear a side rocker that reads, "Green Nation," which refers to the Vagos and associated groups. The Vagos main support gang is currently the Silent Ones MC.



Green Nation side rocker



VAGOS RIVALS

