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Why San Pedro was the place to be for country music fans on Saturday



Daniel Bonte performs for the crowd at the Subaru Country Freedom Festival in San Pedro, CA, on Saturday, October 19, 2019. (Photo by Tracey Roman, Contributing Photographer)

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San Pedro went country this weekend as the inaugural Subaru Country Freedom Festival hitched its boots at the Port of Los Angeles on Saturday, Oct. 19.

About 5,000 country music fans attended the show overlooking the water at Berth 46 to see more than a dozen artists on two stages including headliner Chris Janson, as

The day also included line dancing, mechanical bull rides, country yard games and a custom-made 70-foot-long barbecue grilling all sorts of meats.

The country festival is the latest music event to recently come to the port city.

In June, pro action sports icon Travis Pastrana held his Gnarlytown festival here with live performances by Pennywise, Rancid, Action Bronson, Mike Watt and others.

And earlier this month the third annual So Cal Hoedown, featuring punk rock, rockabilly and psychobilly artists, moved from Santa Ana to Beth 46.