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Spring Cleaning...

Michael Nichelini, President
Sergeant of Police
Vallejo Police Department

Another Cioppino Feed in the books and it was a great success. So many people to thank. Director Rich Bailey and Kim Wihrt lead an all-star cast again this year. Helping behind the bar was Director Mark Murray and his wife Helen along with Mickey Metcalf and his partner in crime Bonnie McCracken. In the kitchen and on the BBQ was Past President Dennis "The Fool" Brown, Larry Hodson and Bob Holland. Of course there would be nothing to BBQ if it were not for the always incredibly generous donation of Nicocisa Sausage from Nick Nicosia. Manning the product table was our Quartermaster Ciff Heanes and his lovely wife Mickie. A ton of sales this year at the table.....I think Mickie could sell fish some water. The raffle was well participated mostly due to the stellar ticket sellers.....Rhoda Nishiyama, La Rene Hodson, Jeannie Rores. Dick Tush gave a brief history of how the Cioppino Feed started. There was plenty of food to be followed by a spectacular raffle and dancing. We are already looking forward to next year....and there will be dessert! I have probably missed someone's name who helped and, for that, I apologize. Send me an email and I'll be sure to give you/them the proper recognition in the next Siren.

Your 2014 Board met just before the Cioppino feed to work on some pressing issues. I can tell you that we are moving forward in working with a new

fund-raising firm that specializes in raising funds for Police and Sheriff Associations throughout California. We will be developing a new website and utilizing other social media to promote the mission of the MMOC.

New bicycle safety materials have arrived and are available to law enforcement agencies everywhere. See the information on page six.

We will also be expanding the MMOC store utilizing a company called Café Press. Many of you might be familiar with them. Many more products will be offered and each are created and processed by Café Press. We will still offer the products we have in stock but this company will fill orders directly which alleviates the need for us to order in bulk and end up with shirt sizes nobody wears. Look for an announcement in the next Siren or sooner via the website and email. If you haven't registered on our website, please do so. It's simple and easy and we utilize the email function for important announcements. I also send out the Siren so folks can get an advance copy.



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2014 STAFF

Finally the dates for the 2014 Convention have been established so you can get it on the calendar. We are tweaking the format this year in hopes of attracting those members that have yet to attend because of time and work commitments. We hope to attract more members, including active motors that may normally work during the week. The convention will more than likely be held in Southern California and the dates are ... drum roll please ... September 26-28, 2014.

I have received some third hand complaints about the quality of print of the Siren. I take full responsibility for the Siren and creating each issue is no simple tasks. I have always made myself available for comments, questions and suggestions, so please contact me directly with your input. Speaking of the Siren, I'm going to start including some photos and articles about our active motor cops and new members. If any of you active guys have some good photos of yourself (motors always do) or your co-workers send them my way for publication. Working a crash, escorts with dignitaries, enforcement action.....anything. We always love the historical stuff but let's not forget the hard working men and women keeping our streets safe today.

Let me turn your attention to finances. The MMOC has about 500 members. About a third as many as the "hey day." Income from membership is

obviously suffering. We had been contracting with a couple of outside fund-raising firms that, in my opinion, didn't always put the best face of the MMOC forward and probably hurt a little of MMOC's credibility. As I said previously, we are embarking on a new direction of fund-raising that incorporates direct mail marketing and web based advertising. I think that we can get back in the fund-raising game and promote our name and mission in a more positive light. Both the website and direct mail marketing will hopefully produce much needed income for the MMOC in order to continue to produce and distribute bicycle safety materials for law enforcement agencies to use in promoting safety. We have severed ties with the previous fund-raising companies and hopefully will restore some of the faith that may have been lost in the phone call banks of yesteryear. Are we out of the woods? No. We have been cutting many of the expenses we once had (office space rent, Siren production cost, etc.) and have streamlined much of the operation and substituted employees with volunteer hours of Board and Staff members. The Board and I are working hard to keep the MMOC going.

Correction to the last Siren: I misidentified Vice President Focha as "Stumpy" in his introductory paragraph on page three of the last Siren. Stumpy was

In Memory...

Robert Harrison Hossfeld

MMOC lost a stalwart member March 20th with the passing of 79 year old Bob Hossfeld. A decorated LAPD Officer since 1958, he joined MMOC in 1966 after the then requisite one year probation period, and rode until retirement in 1983.

Bob was an ever-present fixture at our Conventions for more than 40 years, the Annual Cioppino Feed for 30 plus years and was instrumental in the 1994 founding of our Annual July Ride. He and his wife Vi of 59 years toured the four corners of the U.S. in pursuit of motorcycling nirvana and sights of the nation.

A loving husband, father, grandfather, great gramps, mentor and friend to many of us whose hearts he touched, Bob's memory lives on forever. Rest in peace my friend.

Dennis Brown



the nickname of his long time partner, Dave Ellis (Oakland PD/Alameda PD). Dave and Bill were partners in Oakland for many years. Dave retired a few years ago and passed away of a heart attack shortly thereafter. Bill "Dutch" Focha looks forward to riding with Stumpy again on God's Highway.

Please take a moment to remember longtime member Bob Hossfeld and his family as they go through this difficult time. Bob will certainly be missed at future MMOC events.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions. We are also always glad to have someone volunteer to help out on a ride, coordinate some Convention activities, create a new event, write a Siren article, or come up with some other idea to keep the MMOC prosperous and fresh. We cannot do it alone.

The weather is fantastic. Get out and ride. Be careful and keep the rubber side down.

Mike



Dave "Stumpy" Ellis



MMOC Cioppino Feed Report

Cioppino Feed Report

Rich Bailey, Director
Retired Police Officer
San Jose Police Department



For those who cannot remember the events of the 2014 Cioppino Feed, we are here to tell you, it was one of the busiest ever! Some of the highlights include the fact that we served over 184 in attendance. Unfortunately, we had to turn some last minute requests away. We increased the amount of seafood from last year and again, very little was left over. Over 150 pounds of crab went into the cioppino, tons of mussels, clams, scallops, shrimp and white fish. We also went through all of the pasta except for a large plate full. We ate garlic bread and salad. We served 150 chicken breasts and 280 delicious Nicosia sausages and only 4 chicken breasts and 17 sausages were left over at the end of the night! We wish to thank both SFPD and Oakland for filling three full tables of 8. Also Milpitas' Paul Brilovich and SJPd Dick Tush with two tables each.

Our raffle was a huge success! Our GRAND PRIZE, a Sanyo LED Flat Screen 55 inch color TV, was won by San Francisco's Frank Luticken and his wife. Other prizes were an Apple Mini iPad, surround sound home theatre set, Sony Bluetooth keyboard, wireless headphones, and other good stuff.

We couldn't host an event like this without the help of our volunteers. A special thank you to MMOC member, former SJPOA Director, Steve Windisch, who donates his time each year to ensure we have use of the facilities; saving us a huge cost! Dick Tush, SJPd Retired, is one of the original Cioppino cooks credited with starting the MMOC Annual Cioppino Feed back in 1975. Many thanks go to our co-coordinators. Dennis Brown, OPD Retired manned the grill and cooked the sausages. We thank Rhoda Brown and the other wives who set our tables. Jean Marie Gizburne and Bill Loveless, CHP, Retired, were our registrars. Our bartenders included Mickey Metcalf, SJPd Retired, and wife, Bonnie McCracken along with Mark Murray, San Leandro PD Retired, and his wife Helen, kept the beverage bar flowing. Ken Leong, SJPd Retired and the SJSU Law Enforcement Cadet students served us, kept our waters filled and helped us with countless chores. Cliff Heanes, MMOC Quartermaster and his wife Mickie manned the MMOC product table. For those of you who bought MMOC mementos, we thank you for your support! Last, but not least, our kitchen help included Bob Gizburne, SJPd Retired and Matt Koch. To all of our volunteers, a heartfelt thank you.

Speaking of attendance, many departments were represented including:

Alameda County SO	Atherton PD	Carmel PD	Pasadena PD
Pleasanton PD	Oakland PD	San Jose PD	Milpitas PD
Sacramento CHP	Sand City	San Francisco PD	Pleasanton PD
Santa Cruz PD	Santa Rosa PD	San Leandro PD	Sunnyvale Public Safety
Santa Clara PD	LAPD	San Mateo PD	
Broadmoore PD	Vallejo PD		

We thank CAL TEX Riders and San Jose and Santa Cruz Harley Owners Group for their support.

We also give a special thanks to COPS (Concerns for Police Survivors), Jeff Dick, San Mateo Retired, became our Northern CA Liaison who brought special guests, Tami and Frank McMillan, President and National Coordinators for COPS.

In closing, because of your support, the MMOC Cioppino Feed continues to be one of our best venues and we owe that to the attendees, supporters and volunteers. We are looking forward to next year and hope you will too.

Member Submissions

Thanks to Larry Smith and James Husing for sending in these great photos of MMOC members and their Iron Horses.



Larry Smith (1958) San Diego Police Department
Hand shift Harley Davidson



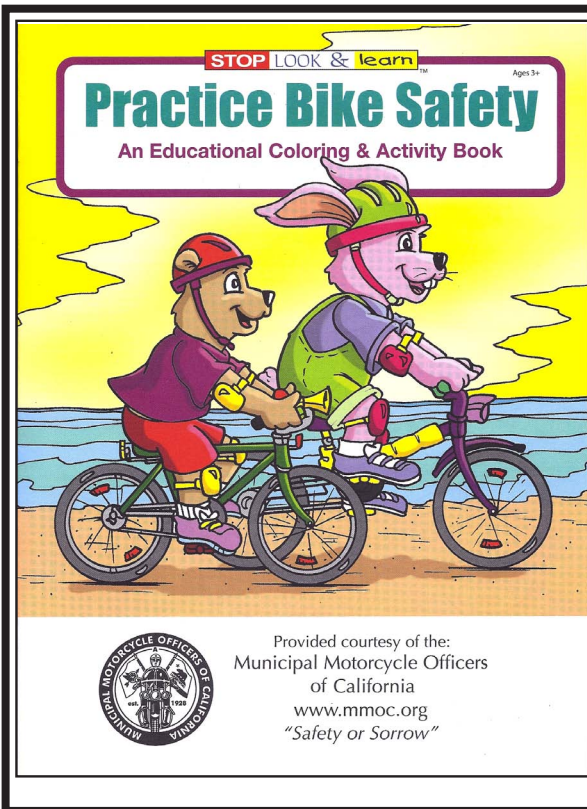
James Husing (1975) at Cuesta Park
Mountain View Police Department
Harley Davidson Motor



James Husing (1980)
Castro Street near El Camino Real
Mountain View Police Department
Kawasaki Motor



Mountain View Police Department Motors - 1972



MMOC Bicycle Safety Coloring Books

The MMOC is committed to traffic and bicycle safety. Our fund-raising efforts make it possible for us to provide educational coloring books and crayon sets to police department's all over the State of California. Please contact us if you could use some of these products for an event.

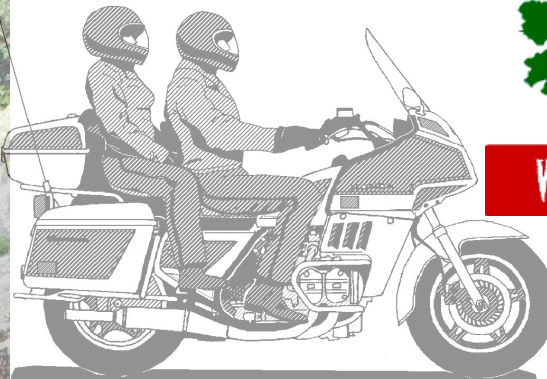
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MMOC Event Reminder

The 21st Annual MMOC Ride

July 7, 2014 through July 11, 2014; Three Rivers, Ca. to Woodland, Ca. via Fresno, Sonora and Reno, Nevada. Please visit mmoc.org for hotel lodging and reservation information AND contact "His Own Self" Dennis Brown at hos6350@sbcglobal.net for a much needed head count and pre-ride updates. Mr. Brown will also provide daily turn-by-turn route sheets, if you ask nicely!



Recruitment

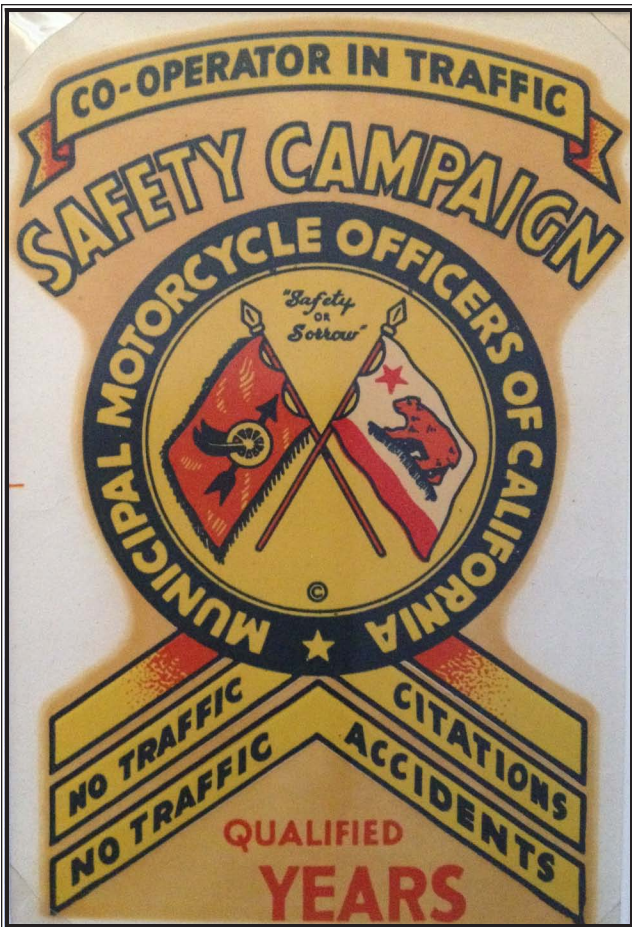
Cliff Heanes, Quartermaster
Retired Officer
Oakland Police Department

On Wednesday, March 12, 2014 Past Presidents Dennis Brown, Mike Rores and myself sponsored a BBQ for those officers who were completing the police motorcycle course at the Alameda County Sheriff's EVOC course in Dublin, CA. We prepared and served delicious cheeseburgers with all the trimmings along with refreshments. After their meal, we presented an informational talk about the history and purpose of the Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California and the benefits of becoming members. We then handed out applications for membership. Those officers were Aaron French of the Milpitas Police Department, Blake Roberts of the Concord Police Department, Cory Smith of the Pittsburg Police Department, and Aaron Pomeroy of the Richmond Police Department. Their instructors were Richard Cademartori and Matt Greb, both retired Oakland Police Department. Matt, by the way, is one of our new MMOC Directors.



L-R: Aaron French, Blake Roberts, Cory Smith and Aaron Pomeroy

If you now of a motor school in the Bay Area or would like to do some recruitment outreach in your own area, please let me know.



Historic MMOC Safety Decal

Anyone remember these? Have other MMOC "Memorabilia?" Drop us a line.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual MMOC Ride
July 7-12, 2014

Annual Convention
September 26-28, 2014

