



The Siren

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Rolling along...

Michael Nichelini, President
Sergeant of Police
Vallejo Police Department

Things are continuing to move forward around here and we are working hard to keep the MMOC on the cutting edge.

We are proud to introduce MMOC logo products. We have teamed up with a company called CafePress to deliver new and useful products as well as traditional t-shirts and other apparel. CafePress prints and ships products we have selected and designed right to your door. This method reduces the workload on our volunteer staff and eliminates the need for us to carry inventory that, as most often happens, leaves us with a surplus of sizes and designs that do not sell. The MMOC gets a percentage of each item that is purchased through their website. I have inspected several items and they look fantastic. Take a look and let us know what you think. If you see an item they carry but don't see it in our "store" let us know and we can add them. Check out the website below:

www.cafepress.com/mmoc1928

We still have our other products for sale (challenge coins, license plate frames, etc) on the MMOC website.

Membership report: We are actively trying to recruit new members. In June, Cliff Heanes led a group of members and past presidents to the 3rd Annual Pasadena Police Motorcycle Training and Skills Competition. They staffed an informational booth to get the MMOC name out there. Let's hope it attracts new members. Additionally, an invitation to join the MMOC and information about the

mission of the MMOC went out to every Chief of Police in the State of California.

C o n v e n t i o n
Report: We will be heading to beautiful sunny San Diego County and the beautiful city of Carlsbad for our annual

convention this year. We are trying a slightly different format this year. Our goal is to attract some more members, especially our active cops who may not have weekdays off. It's convention time in San Diego so make your plans early. In order to secure good room rates we had to commit to a minimum number of rooms (meaning we are paying for them even if we don't get the anticipated attendance). We based that number on prior years' attendance. I'm truly hoping to hit our numbers and need more rooms.

One thing to look forward to is the general membership meeting that will be held Saturday morning. We will start off with a breakfast for all attendees and hold the meeting in conjunction.

Take a look at the announcement for the Annual John Hege Memorial Golf Tournament and motorcycle ride. Sergeant Hege was killed in the line of duty in Oakland, CA along with three other officers on March 21, 2009. A worthwhile and fun event that supports a good



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cause. If you have an event you would like included in an edition of the Siren please let a Board Member know. The Siren is published quarterly - January, April, July and September and reached over 500 motors and MMOC supporters.

The first round of membership cards will be printed and mailed in July. For those that pay/paid by check, please remember to return the form with your contact information. It helps us keep our database current and ensures we know who and how many years you are paying for. You may have noticed the check boxes on the dues form for different decal styles. We are hoping to customize the delivery of the right type of decals the fit your needs. Of course, drop us a line anytime if you need more or a different style.

Looking forward to see many of you at the convention.

Mike



Open to the Public – Activities for kids



Free Admission for All

Police Motorcycle Skills Competition

**Saturday, September 6, 2014
8:00am – 5:00pm
– Piers 30 & 32 –**

599 The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94107

Police Competitors Registration Fee of \$75.00

Participants Contact:
Off. Steve Lee
Sfpdmotorcycles@gmail.com
415.264.8023

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waltermiranda444@hotmail.com
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All proceeds to benefit www.sfpal.org



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Pasadena Motor Competition

Gene Gray, Treasurer

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Pasadena Police Department

On a hot sunny day in Pasadena the 4th Pasadena P. D. Motorcycle Competition took place at the Rose Bowl. Police, Sheriffs and the Highway Patrol from around the State came to show their skill in maneuvering their iron horse.

In addition to the competitors we, the Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California, were invited by Pasadena's Police Chief, Phil Sanchez, who personally came over to greet us and throughout the day his Traffic Division personnel, including our contact Craig Blumenthal (Nephew of Terry Blumenthal MMOC Past-President 1984) stopped by to welcome us to their event.

Hearing about the invite, members of MMOC came from the North and the South, including a representation from our Honor Guard. This also included Los Angeles P.D. Officer Kevin Cotter and his 1942 L.A.P.D. Harley Davidson which turned out to be a huge eye catcher.

Our members set up a booth with handouts and membership applications allowing brother Officers and spectators to learn what we are all about also allowing them an opportunity to become members.

During the day a few photos were taken of our volunteers and those that stopped by to receive our hospitality. A giant Thanks to our membership for stepping up to the plate and volunteering their time.



IN HONOR OF OUR FRIEND, AND FALLEN OPD OFFICER, JOHN HEGE
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Officer John Hege Memorial Foundation Third Annual
GOLF TOURNAMENT AND RIDE

Join us Hawaiian Style
Friday, July 25, 2014

Diablo Creek Golf Course
4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord
Check-in 10:00am Tee-Off 12:00pm



All proceeds go to California Transplant Donor Network and Oakland Police Emergency Net (O.P.E.N.)

PLATINUM SPONSOR \$5,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Logo on golf jacket· (2) Foursomes· VIP dinner table· Igloo on Recognized Cart with Beverages of Choice	TEE SIGN SPONSOR \$250 OR \$500 <ul style="list-style-type: none">· \$250 Tee sign only· \$500 Tee sign and beer hole	PLAYER INFORMATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Foursome \$700· Individual \$195· Green fee & Cart· Lunch & Dinner· Dinner only: \$40· PRIZE AWARDED FOR MOST HAWAIIAN GOLFER
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3rd Annual Officer John Hege Memorial Foundation Golf Tournament & Ride

Friday, July 25, 2014

Diablo Creek Golf Course
4050 Port Chicago Highway
Concord, CA

To register and for more information on the
golf tournament
visit www.ojhmf.com or email: golf@ojhmf.com

For information about the motorcycle ride
email: ride@ojhmf.com

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Donor Network and the Oakland Police
Emergency Net (O.P.E.N.).

Pasadena Police Motorcycle Competition

Submitted by: Terry Blumenthal
Past President

On June 4, six courageous riders left Nor-Cal for Pasadena to observe the 4th Annual Pasadena PD's Motor Rodeo at the Rose Bowl. In addition to the competitors we, the Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California, were invited by Pasadena's Police Chief, Phil Sanchez. Those riders, all MMOC members were Dennis Brown, Terry Blumenthal, Ed Callejas, Al Hom, Cliff Heanes and Phil Ponzio. Teresa and Chuck Rabaut also rode down on their twin HDs from Pismo Beach

We were there to observe the trials but more importantly, we were there in an attempt to recruit new members. We were met by a number of MMOC members from So-Cal who were all part of the recruitment effort. Some of the members of the MMOC Honor Guard were there including Don Winslow, Pasadena PD retired, Kevin Cotter and Jason Clause, both still active motor officers with LAPD, Steve Ellis, LAPD retired, and Pat Armstrong, Santa Monica PD retired, Past President JJ Leonard was there and Baron Laetzsch, LAPD retired rode in from Arizona. Also helping was Past President Gene Gray, Pasadena PD retired and George Wiley, Pasadena PD retired. Chief Sanchez personally came over to greet us and throughout the day his Traffic Division personnel, including our contact Craig Blumenthal (Nephew of Terry Blumenthal MMOC Past-President 1984) stopped by to welcome us to their event.

The recruiting booth was well manned and Kevin even brought his 1942 Harley-Davidson Los Angeles PD police motorcycle, which was on display and attracted a lot of attention. It remains to be seen how successful we were but the effort was there.

There were five different events that the motor officers competed in. The state was well represented with Departments from as far south as National City and as far north as San Jose competing. Each event was different from the others and required different skills. I personally enjoyed each and every event and marveled at how well each and every rider did in the competition. Congratulations to all!

The winners were:

- The Four Man Team competition was won by Carlsbad & San Jose PDs. Second place was won by Simi Valley and National City.
- The Tennis Ball Rally winners were Glendale PD Officers Lindner and Malouf and second place was won by CHP Officers Enger and Cooper.
- The Tandem winners were a carbon copy of the Tennis Ball Rally. First Place went to Glendale Officers Malouf and Linder and second place went to CHP Officers Enger and Cooper.
- The Individual Competition first place trophy went to Eddie Chan of San Jose PD with an excellent time of 145.125. Second place went to Lucky Nguyen of National City PD with a time of 146.31 and third place went to Shawn Lawton of Carlsbad PD with a time of 147.723.
- The winning Top Gun Rider was John Watkins, Pasadena, PD, second place went to Craig Blumenthal, Pasadena PD and third place went to Paul Menchaca, LAPD.

There are many of these competitions throughout the State. The MMOC should be at all of them because recruitment should be our most important endeavor. There is a Police Motorcycle Competition hosted by SFPD on Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 0800 till 1400 at Piers 30 & 32, 599 The Embarcadero, SF. The MMOC Honor Guard has been invited to participate and this will be their first Nor-Cal appearance. It would be fantastic if our Nor-Cal members could show their pride and support by attending this free event.

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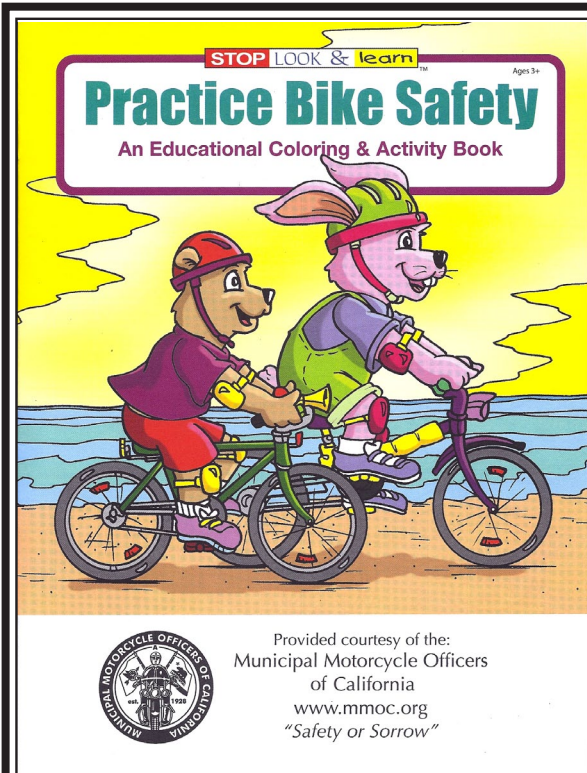


MMOC members Theresa and Chuck Rabaut, JJ Leonard and Dennis Brown talk to a Simi Valley PD Officer about joining MMOC.

New Member Recruitment

MMOC Quartermaster, Cliff Heanes, passing out applications and copies of the Siren to Carlsbad PD Officers T. Anderson and S. Lawton.





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.

Contact Michael Nichelini
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MMOC Honor Guard

The Honor Guard was initially formed by Don Winslow (Pasadena P. D., Retired and 50 year member of the MMOC) in 2001. At that point they had 8 volunteers from Pasadena, Santa Monica, and Los Angeles. By word of mouth it slowly grew over the years to what it is today.

The Honor Guard began by leading a few Parades in Southern California. Shortly after its beginning Don contacted the current President of the MMOC, Gene Gray, proposing they ride for our organization. The plan went through and the rest is history.

While representing the MMOC the Honor Guard members wear "MMOC uniforms" (P. D. uniforms with an MMOC shoulder patch). In addition lead Honor Guard, Pat Armstrong (Retired Santa Monica), carries a fourteen foot flag pole with the American flag on it, which is a favorite. In addition Kevin Cotter (LAPD) rides his 1942 LAPD Harley Davidson wearing the uniform from that period. Each member supplies his personal Police motorcycle and donates all expenses incurred on behalf of the MMOC and its cause.

Since teaming up with the MMOC the Honor Guard has lead Parades in the Pindorado Parade, Cambria - the Morro Bay Parade, the 'Ol Miner's Day parade in Big Bear, Fourth of July Parade plus the Veteran's Memorial Parade in La Verne, the Holiday Parade in Laguna Niguel, and the list goes on. Many of these entities have earned the Honor Guard 1st place honors and trophies. In addition to parades, the Honor Guard represents MMOC at many Law Enforcement funerals.

As a side note, two of our Honor Guard members have received awards from our Government Agencies. While on his way to Cambria to lead the Cities Parade with the Honor Guard Officer Joe Gomez, LAPD, came across a "Jumper". Due to his quick thinking, Officer Gomez was able to confine the "Jumper" saving not only the "Jumper" but also the life of the CHP Officer on scene.

Kevin Cotter, LAPD, was invited by President Obama to the White House and Honored for his actions in a shootout. Cotter engaged and killed a murder suspect on Hollywood Blvd. after the suspect had already killed several innocent citizens which in turn saved numerous lives. Cotter was named "Top Cop" in America for his actions.

Municipal Motorcycle Officers of CA

85th Annual Convention

September 26-28



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Friday - 26 Sep 14
1300 - Board Meeting
1600 - 1700 Registration

Saturday - 27 Sep 14
**0800 - 1000 - Breakfast &
General Membership Meeting**
1800 - Presidents Dinner

Sunday - 28 Sep 14
Free Day and/or Check-out

**Room rate honored 3 nights prior
and 3 night post convention**

Convention Fee - \$100 per person

You do not want to miss
the 85th Annual
Municipal Motorcycle Officers
of California Convention

being held in Carlsbad, the beautiful "Village
by the Sea", home of Legoland, the Flower
Fields, Sea Life Aquarium and much more...

LOCATION:

Grand Pacific Palisades Resort
5805 Armada Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008

www.grandpacificpalisades.com
Reservations (800) 725-4723
(Ask for the MMOC Room Rate)

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Standard King Room \$139 (plus taxes)
Resort fee has been waived

**Room reservations must be made prior
to August 26, 2014**

Check mmoc.org for convention event and excursion updates

To register, send this form and a check for \$100 per person to: MMOC, PO Box 531 ~ San Lorenzo, CA 94580

You may also register and pay online at www.mmoc.org

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Spouse/Guest : _____

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Amount Enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to MMOC. Convention fee includes Hospitality, Saturday breakfast, Presidents Ball
Dinner & Dancing and some other goodies. Please make your own hotel reservations.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Convention
September 26-28, 2014
Carlsbad, CA

