



## The Siren

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MUNICIPAL MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA, AND ITS MEMBERSHIP, WITH GREAT SORROW WE SEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE 4 FALLEN OAKLAND P. D. OFFICERS. THESE OFFICERS WERE THE FINEST AND WE SALUTE THEM.

### YEAR TO YEAR WITH MMOC...

Gene Gray  
President  
Pasadena P.D., LT., Retired

As most of you know the 2009 Cioppino Feed is only a memory, but a damn good one. Thanks to MMOC Vice-President Rich Bailey and his side-kick MMOC Secretary Kim Wirht the event went off without a hitch hosting in excess of 180 attendees. Head Chef Roger Malcolm and his culinary experts, which included MMOC Past-President Dick Knell, Larry Miles, and a host of others, brought out a feast you can't imagine. Speaking of next year the Board of Directors are tentatively looking at holding the 2010 Convention activities while taking a 4 day Cruise with Carnival Cruise Lines. MMOC Director and Past-President Tom Vlassis has been instrumental in the beginning stages planning this event. We have tentatively set the sailing date as Monday, September 13, 2010 out of Long Beach. The Cruise ship will depart from Long Beach on Monday, September 13th at approx. 5:30 pm heading for Catalina Island. We would reach Catalina Island on Tuesday, September 14th, at approx. 8:00 am for a day of sightseeing. Departure from Catalina Island would be approx. 5:00 pm heading for Ensenada, Mexico. On Wednesday, September 15th, at approx. 9:00 am we reach Ensenada, Mexico with passports in hand for a fun day learning Spanish. The ship will depart from Ensenada, Mexico at approx. 10:00 pm heading for the open sea. Thursday we will spend a fun day at sea slowly heading for a Long Beach docking on Friday.

September 17th, at approx. 8:00 am.

This is only a proposal as nothing is in concrete and we are very open to other suggestions. I am mentioning this a year and six months early so we can get some input, a.s.a.p., from the membership and either go forth with the planning or change our direction. It would be greatly appreciated if you, our members, could give us some feedback on whether or not you would entertain another Cruise, last one was in 2004. Call the office, (818) 884-5576, or contact the Office Administrator, Bruno Tonin via his e-mail address, [brutonin@mmoc.org](mailto:brutonin@mmoc.org), or any of the Directors via their e-mail addresses, refer to the MMOC web-site for their e-mail addresses, [www.mmoc.org](http://www.mmoc.org). You can reach me at [ggray@mmoc.org](mailto:ggray@mmoc.org) or Tom Vlassis at [tvlassis@mmoc.org](mailto:tvlassis@mmoc.org) with your input or suggestions.

2009 Convention is on a roll receiving attendance fees and The Tahoe-Ridge Resort reservations already. Based on how early the signups have begun it appears that this will be another great turnout. Please look over the enclosed Convention flyer for information regarding registration and other details. Should you have any questions that the flyer can not answer please contact the coordinators, Tom Vlassis at [tvlassis@mmoc.org](mailto:tvlassis@mmoc.org) or Rich Bailey at [rbailey@mmoc.org](mailto:rbailey@mmoc.org).





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**MMOC BILLBOARD**

**Northern M/C Ride**

Monday, July 14 - Wednesday July 17, 2009

Beginning in Williams

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**2009 Annual Convention**

September 14th - 16th

The Ridge-Tahoe Resort

400 Ridge Club Drive

Lake Tahoe, NV

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*Reservations Available*

# THE OREGON CAVES

Dennis M. Brown  
Executive Ride Director  
Oakland P.D., Retired

## 16th Annual MMOC Ride July 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th, 2009

**W**e've seen most of central and northern California, from the mountains on the eastern border to the coastal waters on the west, and it's been two years since we visited Oregon, so y'all, let's get down and dirty and visit the subterranean Oregon Caves National Park. At 44 degrees inside year around, our 90 minute tour promises to be a cool respite from the relentless July sun.

Director Mike Rores and I have conspired to put together a very scenic route through the giant coastal redwoods of California to Cave Junction, Oregon; and a return trip to Weaverville, California via heavily forested, serpentine and 150 mile long Ca 96 that follows the Klamath River, over a span of 3 days and 4 nights. Our daily routes will be approximately 245 miles in length, and with the exception of one 38 mile jaunt through the Siskiyou's on IS5, we'll ride traffic-free on primary and secondary state roads.

Beginning in Williams and ending in Weaverville, the route is: California State Route 20, US 101, Ca 255, US 101, US 199, Or 46, US 199, IS 5, Ca 96 and Ca 299.

**Tuesday, July 14th, 2009** meet us at the Comfort Inn, 400 C St., Williams, Ca 95987. Ph 530 473 2381. (Exit # 577 off IS5). All rooms \$64.99 + Tax.

**Wednesday, July 15th, 2009** Super 8 Motel, 1304 4th St., Eureka, Ca. 95501. Ph 707 443 3193. All rooms \$85.00 + Tax.

**Thursday, July 16th, 2009** Red Lion Hotel, 200 North Riverside Ave., Medford, Or. 97501. Ph 541 779 5811. All Rooms \$85.00 + Tax.

**Friday, July 17th, 2009** Weaverville Victorian Inn, 2051 Main St. Weaverville, Ca. 96093. Ph 530 623 4432. All rooms \$92.50 + Tax.

I have reserved 20 rooms at each of the above hotels in my name and also under the "MMOC group" banner. Two weeks before the ride, I will release the remaining unreserved rooms back to the hotels.

Because Williams, Ca. is in the heart of rice fields and they are always flooded in July, be sure to bring mosquito repellent! Rores and I can attest to their voracious appetite and ability to carry away mere mortals. You have been forewarned!

We offered monogrammed 12th and 14th Annual Ride T-shirts, so let's do it again for the 16th. At least 45 days before the ride, I will need your size and name to be emblazoned on the front. As always, these are men's T's, the cost has not been settled yet and send me an email to hos6350@sbcglobal.net confirming your order.

And, last but definitely not least, we have two volunteer

chase car drivers who have committed to this most important task. Each day's leg will have multiple stops at prearranged locations so that we can replenish vital fluids in the possible heat and their contribution will allow us to carry the necessary ice chests, water and other supplies.

Make your reservations early, notify me of shirt size and monogram info at least 45 days in advance and we'll see you on the 14th!

I remain Dennis M. Brown, His Own Self, Touring Executive Ride Director.

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## SANTA CRUZ'N

Tom Vlassis  
Director  
Santa Cruz P.D., Lt., Retired

Spring is here and we put the nasty rains and weather of winter behind us. Go out to your garages wash the dust off your bikes and recharge their batteries so you can go for some early rides.

Speaking of rides, HOS, Dennis Brown, will be talking with you elsewhere in this newsletter about his upcoming adventure along the roadways of Northern California. I'm sure he would love hearing from you.

I must take a line or two to say what a wonderful time was had by one and all at this year's San Jose Cioppino Feed. What a great job Rich Bailey, Roger Malcom, and all the rest of the crew did to make this a fantastic success. Judi and I had a great time seeing old friends, getting caught up on all the news, and sharing family photos with one another.

While our annual convention is still some time away, it's never too early to book your reservations. Remember, it will be held at the Ridge Tahoe beginning Monday, September 14th and concluding Thursday, September 17th. The Past President's dinner will be Sunday, September 13th.

Reservations can be made the old fashioned way by telephoning their reservation department at 1-800-334-1600, Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. Be sure to tell them you are attending the "MMOC Convention" so you receive the heavily discounted room rates.

Reservations can also be made online anytime by going to [www.Ridgetahoeresort.com](http://www.Ridgetahoeresort.com). Go to the gray "book reservations online" box located on the bottom left corner of the home page. Enter our promo code "MMOC", under the yellow "check availability" button then follow the prompts to walk you through making your reservation. No matter which way you choose to book your lodging, the Ridge requires one night's deposit before you are confirmed. The balance is due when you check in.

Remember, the Ridge has several choices of rooms for you. Each has it's own price tag so there is a room available for everyone's budget. Also, please don't forget to send MMOC \$150 per person for the meals, hospitality, and other activities included in this year's convention. Sadly, I received a call from Scotts Valley PD's Lt. John Hohmann telling me of the off duty passing of Officer John Cahill 42 years old. Officer

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Cahill worked at SVPD for 6 years. He then moved to San Jose PD where he worked for 12 years. During that time he rode motors for both agencies. While Cahill was not a member of MMOC, he was still a brother motor officer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Santa Cruz PD's Paul DeOcampo is recovering from his close encounter with one of those infamous left turner's right in front of you type collisions. Fortunately, Paul is coming along just fine and everyone hopes he will be back to work shortly. Sadly, the same can't be said for his brand new Harley that was totaled in the wreck.

On a much brighter note, MMOC welcomes SCPD's newest

motor officer, Pat Bayani to the ranks of traffic officer. Pat was transferred to motors the first part of February and says he loves riding motors and wishes he hadn't waited so long to put in for traffic. Sound familiar to some of you out there?

Last but not least, MMOC will have either 2 or possibly 3 openings for Director come September. If any of you out there are interested in helping out, please contact the home office. I know I'm preaching to the choir, but MMOC won't run itself. It can only exist with your help and participation. Well, enough for now. So take care, stay safe, and keep the rubber side down.



## MMOC CIOPPINO FEED

Rich Bailey  
Vice-President  
San Jose P. D., Retired

**M** MOC's Cioppino Feed was, again, a huge success. As in past years, the good old boys of San Jose served over 180 bowls of Cioppino, salad, pasta, bread and Nick's good Old Italian Sausage.

I want to thank P.O.A. Director, Sgt. Steve Windisch, S.J.P.D., for volunteering his time to open up the hall at a prompt 8:00 am and remaining long after to help clean and close the doors at midnight. I also want to thank Larry Reuter for driving up to San Francisco at 6:00 am to pick up our order of fish. The rest of the crew, Roger Malcom, Larry Miles, Vince Kubo, Russ Royal, Dick Knell, Cioppino committee volunteers, and the San Jose State Chi Pi Sigma Law Enforcement Cadets, a hearty thank you for your hard work!

A lot of work, time and effort go into the preparation for the Cioppino Feed. The effort is well worth it when you see some of the old MMOC members attending. Mickey (SJPD Ret) and Bonnie Metcalf brought down an old friend of mine from Grass Valley; Bill Wilhelm and his wife Ruby. I could

check with our office manager but I believe that Bill is one of our oldest members joining MMOC around 1955!

I would like to thank all of the Police Departments attending this year. Each year, we have added one or two departments to our list. Departments that attended this year's Cioppino Feed were:

- San Jose PD
- San Mateo PD
- San Francisco PD
- Milpitas PD
- Pasadena PD
- California Highway Patrol
- Santa Cruz PD
- San Leandro PD
- Santa Clara PD
- Alameda County Sheriffs
- Oakland PD
- Fremont PD
- Los Angeles PD
- So. San Francisco PD
- Martinez PD
- Clearlake PD

The Department who dominated the landscape at the SJPOA? Oakland PD with 4 tables!!!

I hope you all had a great time.

## With deep sorrow MMOC regrets to announce the passing of:

### HAROLD F. WINKLER JR. *(Active Member)*

Harold passed away December 26, 2008, at 79 years young. Born June 6, 1929, and raised in the city, he joined SFPD September 1, 1956 and on January 6, 1960, realized his life long dream when appointed to Solo's. After completing the required probationary period, he joined MMOC on June 1, 1961 and rode until January 10, 1980, when he was promoted to Patrol Sergeant.

Harold never forgot his Solo roots and after his retirement in 1985, could be seen plying the streets of Danville, California, where he was a resident for 37 years, on his trusty Harley.

Harold leaves his wife of 58 years Betty Lou, sons Barry and Rodney, many grandchildren and will be deeply missed by those of us within MMOC fortunate enough to have known him.



### REUBEN SANTILLANES

Reuben joined Manhattan Beach Police Department on July 23, 1963 and rode Motors, starting November 1, 1963. Reuben joined MMOC on January 16, 1965. He leaves his wife Geneva.

# L.A.'s IRON HORSEMEN

JJ' Leonard

Director

Los Angeles P.D., Retired

"Another wonderful day to "Serve God, Corps and Country!" This article comes the same time that I celebrate my first anniversary..of being RETIRED. (Last March 22nd) And for those who wonder..I find it to be outstanding. I'm busier than a one-armed paperhanger.

I know that everyone else will be reporting on the latest 'doings' of the MMOC, so, I thought I would cover other issues, but before I do, I would be amiss if I didn't mention the 'Cioppino Feed' held in San Jose...one of the BEST! It's what MMOC is all about..comraderie! Love to Roger Nelson, Dick Knell etc. For All the workers..A JOB WELL DONE! Other issue..'patriotism'..and what motorcop isn't patriotic? Our problem is, that everytime there is something patriotic, it's full deployment-no days off. So I believe that the PGR (Patriot Guard Riders) might be the answer.

They are a mixture of m/c riders from across the nation and have one thing in common besides m/c's. They have a great respect for those who risk their lives for America's freedom and security..as does the thin blue line.

They have no restrictions on type of m/c you ride, or your political views. It's not a requirement to be a veteran. The only prerequisite is Respect.

Their main mission is to attend the funeral services of fallen American heroes as invited guests of the family. Each mission they undertake has two basic objectives.

1. Show their sincere respect for the fallen hero, their family, and their communities.
2. Shield the mourning family from interruptions created by any protestor or group of protestors.

They accomplish this mission through strictly legal and non-violent means.

If you're interested, call me, email me, I'm presently putting together a list of volunteers interested in the PGR. In fact, just recently I was contacted by the LA Coroner's office, to work out details, for escorts of deceased veterans from L.A. to Riverside Veteran Cemetery.

As most of you know, I'm the "Devil Pup" rep for the LA Police Post 381 of the American Legion, the LA Chapter of the 1st Marine Division Assoc. and once again it is time. The dates will be, between the last two weeks of July and the first two weeks of August, you know the government, don't rush them. Anyway, once again I'm looking for a 'few good young men and women'. Devil Pups is a Youth Program for America. Vision statement: To have a powerful, positive impact on the quality of life of young men and women in the community by educating and training them in their citizenship, moral and ethical responsibilities as they grow into adulthood. Mission Statement: The Devil Pups' mission is to challenge, educate and help young boys and girls of all backgrounds learn self confidence and responsibility for their actions. We

strive to develop in young men and women, ages 14 to 17, qualities of good citizenship, self control, confidence, personal discipline, teamwork and respect for others, their family and their country. The program is held at Camp Pendleton for a 10-day period. Devil Pups live in actual Marine Corps quarters; it is required that they make their own beds, and police their own area. They will comply with Marine Corps hours and regulations and eat Marine Corps food. They will not be pampered and should they be inattentive or discourteous, they will be corrected. Devil Pups will be in contact with only Marines that have been assigned as Camp Escorts as well as the Devil Pups leadership staff. Devil Pup activities are of two kinds: activities in which they participate and those which they merely observe. Devil Pups will participate in running and other conditioning exercises, first aid, organized recreation, jumping into water from a 25-foot tower, a bivouac, swimming, and close order drill. Devil Pups will observe various military exercises depending on what training the Marines are having on a particular day. Usual activities they will observe are: the firing of weapons, tank infantry tactics, field fortification attacks, combat in towns, etc. All are things healthy young citizens may someday become acquainted with for the protection of our nation and a free society for which we live.

On appropriate days all Devil Pups are given the opportunity to attend religious services of their choice. They will also attend educational lectures on the dangers of drugs and alcohol abuse and the values of leadership. Each morning, all Devil Pups will attend morning 'colors' as the flag is explained to them: what it means, what it represents and why it should be honored and respected.

The Devil Pups program ends with an impressive graduation ceremony honoring your child's accomplishment. Parents and guardians, friends and families are expected to attend this ceremony. July/August is right around the corner! So start thinking Devil Pups now! Contact me at **818-992-1414** or **JJUSMCBMC@AOL.COM**. Who is eligible to become a Devil Pup? Any non-delinquent boy or girl, 14 to 17 years of age. Those applying must pass a physical fitness test prior to being accepted. Applicants with medical conditions, any physical limitations, or any medication are not accepted.

All of you 'Soldiers' and 'Scots' have a wonderful April 6th celebrating 'Army Day' and "National Tartan Day" oohrahh! Hope to see you in July at the Annual MMOC m/c ride, and Don't forget our annual convention, Sept 14-16 at Lake Tahoe.

Until next time, "keep the rubber side down, the shiny side up" and for the working officers, remember, "no playing hero-we go home every night!"



**\*\*\*\*\* OFFICE OF DIRECTOR \*\*\*\*\***

ACTIVE members of any MMOC Law Enforcement AGENCY may be nominated by ACTIVE members, to run for the office of DIRECTOR. Eligibility: ACTIVE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. If more than one member is nominated from any one agency, then a PRIMARY ELECTION for that agency must be held in AUGUST to determine the candidate who will run for office in the GENERAL ELECTION in September.

A DIRECTOR must be interested in the policies of MMOC particularly the generating of new Active, Associate, and Honorary members. The candidate must have some knowledge of ways to generate operating capital and additional funds.

The term of office is TWO (2) YEARS. It is not all fun and games. A candidate must have diplomacy, tact, and dedication to MMOC, public relations understanding and the attendance at MMOC functions. It will take up a great deal of time for the next two years. There are usually ten (10) weekends which a DIRECTOR is required to attend Board Meetings and be available for the planning and working of MMOC functions.



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**NOMINATION BLANK – DIRECTOR**

I accept the above nomination, hereby certifying that I am an ACTIVE member, in good standing, of the Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be filled in completely and returned to the Corporate office no later than June 10th.

**M.M.O.C.**

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NOTE:

*NOMINEE should submit a brief resume with a black and white 5 X 7 photo before June 10th for publication in the July 1st quarterly newsletter. Both photo and resume may be submitted on disc.*





# 2009 Annual Convention

Where

**The Ridge—Tahoe Resort**  
**400 Ridge Club Drive—Lake Tahoe, NV**

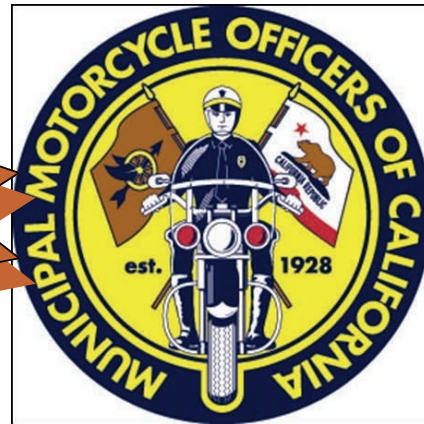
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**Mon, September 14th thru Wed, September 16th**

**TO REGISTER**  
**(800) 334-1600**  
**Hrs 8:00 am to 12:30 pm**  
**1:30 pm to 6:00 pm**  
**Monday thru Saturday**

or  
**www.ridgetahoeresort.com**  
**Mention: MMOC**

**Attendance Fee**  
**\$150.00 per person**  
**Deadline: 9/1/2009**  
**Payable to MMOC**  
**P. O. Box 9903**  
**Canoga Park, CA. 91309**  
**(818) 884-5576**



#### ROOM RATES

- ◆ Standard Hotel Room - 94.00 + tax
- ◆ Jr. Suite - 108 + tax
- ◆ 1 bedroom condo - 136.50 + tax  
Full kitchen & Living Room
- ◆ 2 bedroom condo - 203.00 + tax  
Common kitchen & Living Room  
Room reservation Deadline  
September 1, 2009

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Sunday—Past-Presidents Dinner
- ◆ Monday—Registration  
Introductory Luncheon  
Annual Meeting / Bunco
- ◆ Tuesday—Lake Tahoe Cruise  
Show at local Casino
- ◆ Wednesday—Presidents Ball  
Dinner



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