

# The Siren



## FROM THE SAD TO THE FUTURE .....

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

I start this article with sad news for those that knew the office staff, Bruno (L.A.P.D., Sgt. Retired) & his lovely wife Ellen Tonin. This absolutely priceless partnership has tendered their resignation, effective May 1st, after serving MMOC for 6 years. The two of them reorganized and ran the Corporate office bringing MMOC to a new level of efficiency. Most of you never knew them personally but those that did will never forget them, those that only spoke to them over the telephone surely will feel the same. We wish them good luck in their full retirement.

Based on the changing times the Board of Directors has opted to reorganize the Corporate structure with minor changes. We are looking into moving the office and those items connected with that move. They will be moving on this endeavor soon, more information in the next newsletter and on the Web-Site.

As you fan through this newsletter you see an article written by Rich Bailey & Kim Wirht on the Cioppino Feed. As most of you know the Cioppino Feed is held at the San Jose POA Hall. Rich & Kim have continued year after year spending endless days and hours making this one another giant success. They were assisted by Dennis (Oakland P. D., Retired) & Rhoda Brown's

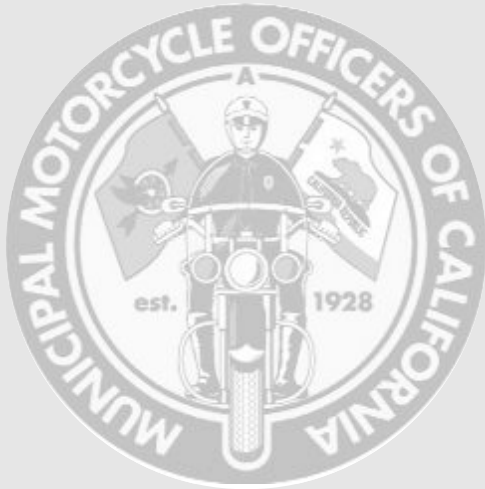
fellow Oakland P. D. volunteers. I personally thank one and all for their hard work, dedication, and support.

MMOC has entered the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by way of a Yahoo Group Chat room called the "MMOC - 1928". Our Web-Master, Doug Wayne (Oakland P. D., Sgt. Retired) has created this Group Chat room for those who wish to recant old war stories with fellow members. Within the cover of this newsletter you will find an article by Doug explaining the procedure for becoming part of the group. Congratulations to Dennis Brown for being the first member to join the "MMOC - 1928" Yahoo Group Chat room.

Also as explained by Doug in his article we are setting up a Contact Site viewable to members only, and only with your permission. I find this exciting in the fact the members will have access to their friends who are members at anytime. PLEASE read the article and join us, this is a great way to unite us even closer.

**Keep the Rubber Side Down!**





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## ❧ THANKS TO MANY...

**Rich Bailey**  
*Director*  
*San Jose P. D., Retired*

I would like to thank MMOC members along with their spouses and guests for attending our 2011 Cioppino Feed in San Jose. A special note of gratitude to L.A.P.D. contingent for travelling up north from the LA area and to Ron Mosely who left beautiful Sand Point, Idaho, Dick Tush and his group from Sedona, AZ, Paul Shuman from Henderson, NV to partake in the feast.

More gratitude and thanks to the volunteers who made this event possible. Dennis Brown and wife Rhoda made good on their promise and gathered the tribe from Oakland and thereabouts to help out with shopping, decorating, organizing and so forth. Brown also provided the tasty Nicosia Sausage. Mickey Heanes led the raffle party and Bill Loveless, "the two Judys" [Judy Gray and Judy Vlassis] greeted and registered all of those coming in the door. Great job! All of these folks and many more really helped to take the pressure off Kim and Rich which made it possible to spend a little time talking with

most of the attendees making this event fun and enjoyable. Most of the evening, I spent most of my time with Bob Lobach and Vince Kubo in the kitchen preparing the Cioppino and Pasta for serving. I could hear the laughter and excitement from the dining room and I was pleased that everyone was having such a great time. How about those San Jose State University Cadets organized by Joe Ross? Those guys served our Cioppino and helped to clean up.

This year our grand prize(s) included two flat screened televisions, along with other high end gifts. Special thanks to Arlene and John Rowe who donated one of our prizes along with arranging for our table wines of the evening brought to you from Bronco Winery in the central valley. Kim and I extend our many thanks to all of you who jumped in and either sold raffle tickets or contributed to set up and clean up. Your help certainly was appreciated and made for a super event.

Now that the Cioppino Feed is behind us for this year, I am setting my sights on the upcoming MMOC Convention to be held in Sacramento in September of this year. Bill Loveless, our newest MMOC Director has done a superb job organizing a really unique venue



## ❧ THE 2011 CIOPPINO FEED

Mike Rores

*Vice President*

*Alameda County Sheriff's Office*

*Sergeant, Retired*

The annual MMOC Cioppino Feed was held Saturday April 2, at the newly renovated San Jose POA Hall.

It was a great event with nearly 160 people in attendance. After waiting patiently outside, the doors were opened promptly at 6:00 p.m. As everyone wandered in, they were immediately accosted by Mark Whitehouse and Dennis Church from ACSO, who coerced and/or extorted nearly everyone to buy \$20 worth of raffle tickets (all in fun). So many tickets were sold that if laid out end to end, they would have extended for a couple of miles! Thanks Mark and Dennis! Also thanks to Rhoda Brown, Jeanie Rores and Micki and Celeste Heanes for their efforts in selling the raffle tickets.

Before dinner was served, the alcohol flowed freely,

and soon the room was filled with a crowd of smiling, laughing and hungry folks. When the food was served, we could soon hear the crunching of crab shells and the murmur of comments about the excellent meal. Thanks to the kitchen crew, who cooked up some outstanding cioppino, and to Dennis Brown, who slaved over a hot grill cooking the sausage that accompanied the pasta.

After the meal, the raffle was conducted and about 25 lucky winners walked away with some great prizes that included a DVD player, a wine cooler, digital cameras, a GPS unit, gift cards, jewelry, several bottles of wine and two flat-screen TVs, 37 and 42 inch. Afterwards, music and dancing was enjoyed by all.

A special thanks to Rich Bailey and Kim Wirht, who did an outstanding job of organizing and coordinating the event. Also thanks to everyone who helped set up, and to the bartenders Mickey and Bonnie Metcalfe and Mark and Helen Murray, who kept everyone's hand filled with their favorite beverage.

Hope to see many of you at the convention in September, see the attached flyer.



## ❧ FROM THE CHIPPY

William N. Loveless

Director

CHP N. Sacramento, Retired

The Cioppino Feed was another success. Rich procured superb Cioppino this year and with the new method of serving we saved a lot of time and hassel. Everyone had a great night eating, dancing and renewing old friendships. Ben Van Deavender was the big raffle winner taking the grand prize, a 42" television. His problem was that he flew up to San Jose. But his luck was still going strong. I had a family emergency where I had to drive to San Diego the following Tuesday to help my sister. I was able to take Ben's TV with me and personally deliver it to his home in Huntington Beach.

Now on to the convention. I tried to keep this years prices down since most of us are now on a fixed income. But I think we will still have a great time. If you haven't gotten you room at the Delta King and sent in your convention fee in yet now is the time to do so before I get an ulcer worrying about it. Since this is the first time I have set anything up and I guarented 25 rooms (blocked 30 rooms) I don't want the MMOC to have to pay for any unoccupied rooms. The Delta King has 44 rooms. It would be nice if we booked them all.

Sunday Sept 11<sup>th</sup> is the Past President's dinner. This will be at the Rio City Cafe just a few feet away from the ship. We will have a cocktail hour and then dinner. The Rio City cafe is right on the board walk with a view of the river. Monday is registration and then the welcome luncheon on board the Delta King. After the luncheon comes the business meeting. The evening brings a social hour or two in the hospitality room with free horsdurves. Tuesday is free day. Lots of local attractions in Old Sacramento and close around town with a free shuttle. Tuesday evening is a buffet dinner and a show at Laughs Unlimited, across the street less than a block away from the ship.

Laughs Unlimited is normally closed during the week but they are hiring a couple comedians and opening just for us. Wednesday, more free time during the day. Go out and spend the rest of your money. Wednesday evening comes the sit down Presidents Ball, which includes a raffle and and dancing with the local DJ.

We had about 160 people at the cioppino feed we should get at least 50 for the convention. Sign up soon, contact your friends to join you.

# Have a safe Summer!

Bill



**\*\* MMOC BILLBOARD \*\***

**18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NORTHERN  
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Sacramento's "Delta King"  
On the River  
*Flyer enclosed*



# INVADING UTAH, THE 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MMOC RIDE UPDATE

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

With 3 months to judgment day, our attendance list is slowly growing for our Utah excursion. As of this date, joining me and Rhoda from the Bay Area are Cliff Heanes, Mary Ann Mann, Bill Loveless and Larry and LaRene Hodson. Long distance diehards blazing a trail across the states are Doug Foss from Salem, Oregon, George and Barbara Firchow from Lincoln, Nebraska, and OPD's "Lefty" Wright from Whitefish, Montana. LA's J.J. Leonard and Baron Laetzsch will likewise grace our presence in Cedar City via Show Low, Arizona, a relatively short jaunt by comparison.

Cedar City, Utah, promises to be the most convenient portal to the panoramic 550 + square miles that encompass Brian Head Ski Resort, Cedar Breaks National Monument, Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks and the north rim of the Grand Canyon. Day rides will range from high mileage on relatively open roads to shorter jaunts on scenic back-roads shared by numerous fellow tourists. Throw in high heat in certain regions, cold temps in others, extreme elevation changes and the ever-present threat of afternoon thunder boomers and our adventurous lot will have fodder for discussion.

From the north, we will meet in Reno **Saturday, July 2, 2011** at the combination Days Inn/Super 8 Motel, 5851 S Virginia St., 775 829 4600. We will be staying in the Days Inn portion and all 15 reserved rooms are \$47.50 + tax, single or double occupancy.

**Sunday, July 3rd** we'll ride 320 miles on beautiful (?) US 50 to likewise beautiful (?) Ely, Nevada and the Jailhouse Motel and Casino, 211 5th St. 89301. 775 289 3033. All 15 reserved rooms are in the newer and more modern "west wing" and are \$53.00 + tax, single or double. Monday morning we'll ride the

final 210 miles to Cedar City to meet those coming from points beyond.

**HOST HOTEL: July 4th thru July 8th** with checkout on Saturday the 9th: Crystal Inn, 1575 W 200 North, Cedar City, Utah 84720. 435 586 8888. All rooms \$59.00 + tax per night. I have 25 rooms set aside poolside and we'll see you there mid afternoon Monday for our own private fireworks display! It is noteworthy that, hallelujah, the Crystal Inn is the only hotel/motel in the region with a full service bar and there is an onsite restaurant too! Also note that we may be able to visit all the aforementioned parks with 3 full days of riding, and that would allow us to checkout a day early; however, the traffic-weather conundrum may dictate otherwise. I will have route hand-out sheets, so feel free to pick and choose amongst the attractions if you elect to go out on your own.

It is imperative that when making your reservations you mention "MMOC GROUP RESERVATIONS" at all the hotels. The negotiated rates above are substantially less than normal during the holiday week and this is their peak season. Also, all hotels have a 2-week cut-off and a 72-hour cancellation policy.

As is our custom, I'll be asking for a substantial token from each rider to defray fuel costs for our chase vehicle and this is again our year to have commemorative T-shirts. The price is TBD, based on the number ordered, and I'll front the money until Cedar City. Let me know at [hos6350@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hos6350@sbcglobal.net) if you're coming, your men's size of shirt and the monogrammed name lettering desired. Please do so at least 2 months in advance to avoid last minute delays and confusion.

I remain, His Own Self, Dennis M. Brown



## FROM THE DESK OF THE MMOC WEBMASTER

Doug Wayne  
MMOC Webmaster  
O.P.D., Retired

Many MMOC members said they would like to know who our members are and to which Department they are affiliated. Wouldn't it be nice, if you are traveling abroad, and want to contact an MMOC member, you could go to the MMOC web site and look up that person. The other request was to develop a new Chat Room, exclusively for MMOC members. At the last Board of Director's meeting, both of these requests were approved.

Our web site, "mmoc.org", has many pages viewable to anyone who visits the site. Also, there are pages viewable to only MMOC members. I will be creating a page, viewable only to MMOC members, whom have registered on the MMOC web site, which lists all the MMOC members and their Department affiliation. I will also have a space for contact information. The contact information is optional. If you would like your contact information (cell phone, email address, etc.) listed, please send me an email at: [dwayne@mmoc.org](mailto:dwayne@mmoc.org) with the contact information and a note of your approval. I hope to have this page viewable by the end of April 2011. Remember, in order to see this page, you must register on the "mmoc.org" web site.

The second request was the creation of a Chat Room. I have set-up a Yahoo Groups Chat Room under the title of "MMOC-1928". This Chat Room allows you to discuss any topic you desire with the entire group. Once you, or someone else, post a comment, it is sent directly to all the member's email addresses. In order for you to join the "MMOC-1928" Chat Room, you must send me your email address. Once I enter your email address into the group, you will receive an email invitation to join the "MMOC-1928" group. If you are interested in joining this group, send your email address to me at: [dwayne@mmoc.org](mailto:dwayne@mmoc.org).

If you have any suggestions regarding the web site, please feel free to contact me.

Happy riding,  
*Doug Wayne*

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