



## The Siren



### GOING FORWARD IN THE YEAR 2009

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

**W**e've made it into another year with flying colors, not that we wouldn't have. As you read this article and articles from the other Board of Directors you can be proud, as I am, of those involved now and over the last 80 years. I continue to mention those individuals that kept us going because I, nor anyone else, should ever minimize their importance to this organization.

Coming up this year we begin with the annual Cioppino Feed in San Jose, February 7th. The MMOC committee members are Vice-President Rich Bailey, Secretary Kim Wirht, head Chef Roger Malcomb, and one of the most fantastic gatherings of cooks one could imagine. As you can see the date for this gala event has been moved up though no fault of the planners. If you want to place blame yell at the Crabs as it seems we will have a very short season. Please log on our website, [www.mmoc.org](http://www.mmoc.org), to get further information off the Cioppino Feed flyer plus a reservation form.

Next up is the Northern MMOC motorcycle ride with ramrod and Executive Tour Director, Past-President Dennis Brown. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a complete update on the ride right down to how many cacti you pass. Based on Dennis and his overwhelming ability to write I will leave it at that. For those that attend the event please enjoy and "Keep the rubber side down."

Not necessarily last is our upcoming annual Convention which will be held in Nevada at the Ridge-Tahoe Resort. The committee, Vice-President Rich Bailey and Director Tom Vlassis, began working on a Convention site several months ago. They narrowed it down to 3 locations, all of

which were excellent picks. On November 19, 2008 Rich and Tom presented each location and the Board of Directors settled on the Ridge-Tahoe Resort. Again I will not get into the details as you will find that Vice-President Rich Bailey and Director Tom Vlassis have done a superb job in laying out the event in this newsletter.

I commend all those that have participated in the planning of these events while we sit back and wait for each date to arrive. It's a lot of hard work and extreme dedication on the part of these MMOC volunteers. Thanks is really not enough to show them our appreciation so when you see the people mentioned above please give them a giant Thanks, incidentally one of these special people you may even give a hug but watch out for her right cross it's a knock out.

MMOC members Please give thought to where you would like to have the 2010 annual Convention. Traditionally it would be hosted by the South in that year. Please give us input so we can start checking out locations ahead of time. We will take any suggestions / ideas and look at any location, Thanks ahead of time.



# THE PATH TO DIRECTOR

Mike Rores, Director  
Alameda County Sheriff's Office  
Sgt., Retired

**M**any of you don't know me, so I'll give you a little background about myself and how I became a Director with only a little over a year as an M.M.O.C. member.

I retired from Alameda County Sheriff's Office as a Sergeant in October 2007 with a little over 32 years, and I was assigned to the Patrol Division for 25 of those years. During my time in Patrol, I was assigned to a part-time Off-road Motorcycle Enforcement Unit riding dual sport bikes for nine years. Our primary duties were citing trespassers, Fish and Game violators and enforcing traffic laws when necessary.

I joined the M.M.O.C. in July 2007 after going on the 14th Annual Northwestern ride. In early September of this year, I was invited by HOS, Dennis Brown, to go with him on a pre-ride for the 16th Annual Northwestern Ride. We left on a Tuesday morning and headed to Williams, California. We arrived at a local motel, where Brown insisted that we only needed a room with one bed! I protested and after a lot of rhetoric, mustache twitching, and limp wristed gesturing on his part, he conceded and we got a room with two beds and a partition!

Anyway, over the next two days, Brown convinced me via coercion and bribery to accept a position as a Director, and at the Annual Convention, my nomination was confirmed.

All kidding aside, we had a great time on the pre-ride, and it promises to be one of the best yet with very little interstate travel, well maintained roads, and some of the most beautiful scenery I've ever experienced, so don't miss it!

In conclusion, what make any organization good is the people, and in the short time as members, my wife and I agree that we would be hard pressed to find a finer group of people anywhere, and we are proud to be a part of the M.M.O.C.

Ride safe,

Mike Rores



## MUNICIPAL MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA

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## 2009 CONVENTION

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

**J**ust after the 2008 MMOC Convention in Solvang, Kim and I began contacting various hotels in the Sacramento, Monterey, and Lake Tahoe area to find, what we feel would be the best location for our 2009 convention.

We visited over 20 hotels, but we kept returning our focus to the awesome Ridge-Tahoe Resort in Lake Tahoe. Management offered the best deal in accommodations for our members, given the structure of our event and they offered the best overall cost for what we got for MMOC.

The Ridge-Tahoe will be different from other facilities we have stayed at for our MMOC convention. Even though they have standard "hotel rooms," one can stay in their all inclusive one bedroom condo that gives you your bedroom suite and a complete living room and fireplace, dining area, and complete kitchen. You can also stay in their suites which offer two separate bedrooms but share the living room and kitchen area. Below is a description of each room

### ACCOMMODATION DESCRIPTION

- **King Hotel Room:** Sleeps 1-2 people. Cost: \$94.50 per night plus 10% occupancy tax.  
Features: King-sized Bed, mini-refrigerator, Coffee Maker, Microwave Oven, TV and VCR/DVD.

- **Jr. Suite:** Sleeps 1-4 people. Cost: \$108.50 per night plus 10% occupancy tax. (Located in the Cascade Building only)  
Features: King-sized bed, small Sitting area, wet bar, mini refrigerator, microwave oven and coffee maker, queen sleeper sofa, TV and VCR

- **One Bedroom Suite:** Sleeps 1-4 people. Cost: \$136.50 per night plus 10% occupancy tax.  
Features: One private bedroom with king size bed, One full bathroom, fully equipped kitchen with micro wave oven, dishwasher, refrigerator, full-sized oven, small appliances, dishes and cooking utensils. Spacious Living Room with queen size sofa sleeper, dining area, gas fire place and two TV's, one VCR/DVD and Stereo Systems.

- **Two Bedroom Suite:** Sleeps 1-6 people. Cost: \$203.00 per night plus 10% occupancy tax  
Features: Two private individual bedrooms. Each with a king size bed, two full individual bathrooms, fully equipped kitchen with microwave oven, dishwasher, refrigerator, full-sized oven, small appliances, dishes and cooking utensils and cooking necessities. Spacious Living Room with queen size sofa sleeper, dining area, gas fireplace and three TV's, two VCR/DVD and stereo system.

For more information and a great tour visit their website that goes direct to the virtual tour:

**[www.tahoehometours.com/tour.asp?tour=RTR](http://www.tahoehometours.com/tour.asp?tour=RTR)**

Keep in mind that the accommodations are set up as 2 bedroom condo. The hotel room is just that, a separate bedroom with a bathroom and an exit door to the hall.

The one bedroom suite is the rest of the condo with a locking door that separates the second room or "hotel room". You get your best savings by splitting the cost of a 2 bedroom condo with a friend or with another couple and split the \$203. This would give both parties access to the living/kitchen area for just over \$100.

Please make your reservations at the Reservations department at 1-800-334-1600. Mention MMOC Convention. Any questions, contact me, Rich Bailey at 408-316-6114

### \*\*\* DUES REMINDER \*\*\*

***Your personalized dues notice will be arriving soon. Along with your renewal fee. Please take a little time to include your e-mail address and any other changes so we may update or records. Thanks for your support.***

# 2009 Annual Convention

**Where**

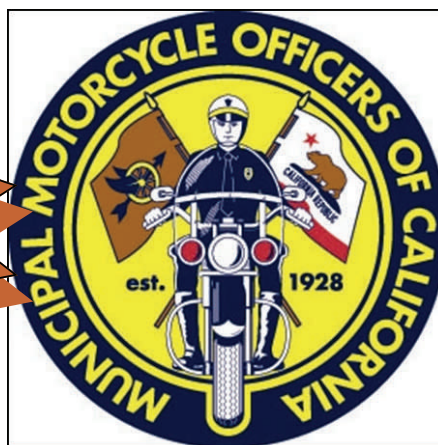
**The Ridge—Tahoe Resort**  
400 Ridge Club Drive—Lake Tahoe, NV

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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](http://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

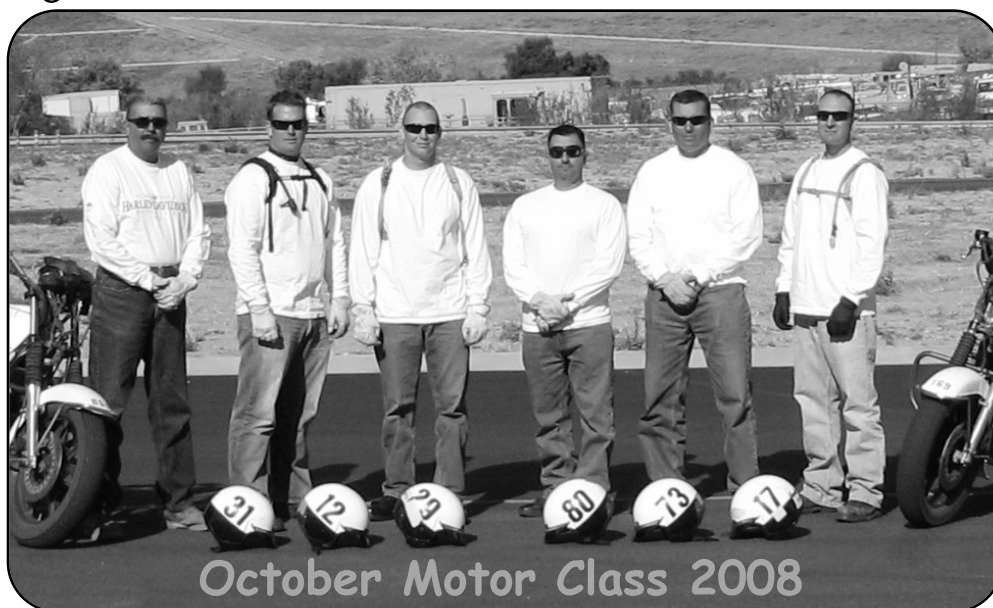


Photo shows the six finalists from the October LAPD Motor School which started with fifteen! The winners are from left to right:

**John Hernandez**, L.A. Airport Police  
**Morgan Evans**, L.A. Port Police  
**Michael Glimpse**, L.A. Port Police  
**Shawn Kekilian**, L.A. Airport Police  
**Diego Hernandez**, Culver City Police  
**Jonathan Fink**, LAPD



# THE OREGON CAVES

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

## 16th Annual MMOC Ride

### July 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th, 2009

We'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](mailto:hos6350@sbcglobal.net) confirming your order.

And, last but definitely not least, we're looking for a volunteer chase car driver who will commit 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. Your contribution will allow us to carry the necessary ice chests and we will, as always, defray the fuel costs.

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

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

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

### Morrie Henkin

He was born on June 10, 1923 and passed away on October 2, 2008.

Morrie was an active member of the MMOC, joining on February 25, 1951 and rode motors for LAPD. Upon his retirement, he went back to work for the City of Los Angeles working 20 years and retired once again. Morrie leaves 3 children and 3 grandchildren.



### Frank DiLaura (Active Member)

He passed away on November 24, 2008.

Frank joined LAPD on January 8, 1951 and started riding Motors on January 10, 1953, riding until his retirement in June 1980. Frank joined MMOC on June 8, 1957 and was a member for over 51 years. He leaves his wife Isabel.



### John Georgi (Active Member)

He passed away on December 1, 2008.

John joined the LAPD on June 28, 1948 and rode motors. He joined MMOC in June 1957 and was an Active Member for over 51 years. John leaves his wife, MaryAnne. They were married for over 63 years.

# SANTA CRUZ'N

Tom Vlassis

Past-President / Director

Santa Cruz P. D., Lt. Retired

**W**ell the Holidays are over. Everyone has had their fill of Turkey and other good eats. We are all sitting around waiting for that dreaded time when the credit card bills come in from all our over spending at Christmas. Enough of that; time for some good news. Let's fast forward a bit and talk about some fun things coming up in the future.

Rich Bailey, Kim Wirht, head Chef extraordinaire Roger Malcolm, and his wonderful crew are getting into full swing for this year's Cioppino Feed. Tickets are on sale now at the MMOC office for \$40.00 per person. As with every year, they are going fast so don't be left out. This is always a sell out event. It will be held at the San Jose POA Hall on Saturday, February 7, 2009. No, you aren't loosing your mind and yea, it's a little bit early this year due to some scheduling conflicts. Those needing lodging should contact the Clarion Hotel (800) 453-5340. This is the same Hotel we've stayed at in the past. Mention you are with MMOC in order to get your discounted rate of \$74.00 plus tax a night. Hope to see you there and trust me; don't delay purchasing your tickets.

Another thing you must add to your 2009 calendar is the annual Convention which will be held Monday, September 14th through Thursday, September 17th, 2009 in Lake Tahoe at the Ridge Tahoe Resort. Do yourselves a favor and visit their web-site at [www.ridgetahoeresort.com](http://www.ridgetahoeresort.com) so you can see what a fantastic place this is.

There will be a Past-President's dinner on Sunday, September 13, 2009.

We wanted to give you as much bang for your buck as we could this year. It's true we are working on the finalizing of our agenda. Right now, in addition to the regular hilarity, hospitality, and other camaraderie, we will be doing all kinds of things this year, including, but not limited to, a paddle wheel cruise, a live entertainment show plus dinner at one of the casinos, and too many other things to mention at this time.

The Ridge is a deluxe, full amenity Hotel/Condominium Resort that sits on top of a mountain ridge overlooking the mountains of Lake Tahoe. It is only 5 miles from the Casinos and has a shuttle service that runs back and forth. This place has it all. There are bars, restaurants, swimming pools, hot tubs, and even a movie theater. The only thing we couldn't find was a red light building but HOS told us there was one a few miles away just outside of Reno; thanks for the help Dennis.

The property consists of several buildings which house the lodging rooms and other amenities. They are a little strung out but don't worry, there is a shuttle van that runs all over the place picking people up and dropping them off at various facilities and locations inside the property. Getting around is quick and easy, even for those of us who don't like walking very much.

Depending on your needs and what you want to pay, our lodging rooms will be part of, or all of a two bedroom room condominium. There are three options with each having its own price. The room costs are designed to fit everyone's budget. Let me see if I can explain them to you.

The first option is what is called the "Hotel room". This is a one bedroom with a king bed, private bath, mini-refrigerator, coffee maker, microwave oven, small sitting area, tv and vcr/dvd. It runs \$94.00 plus tax per night.

The second option is what is called the "one bedroom Condominium". This has one bedroom with private bath, king bed, a fully equipped kitchen with microwave oven, small appliances, dishes and utensils, cooking necessities. There is a spacious living room with queen size sofa sleeper, dinning area, gas fireplace, two tv's, one vcr/dvd and stereo system. This will run \$136.50 plus tax a night for everything.

The last option is what I call the "two bedroom Condominium". This one has all the works. It includes two separate, and private, bedrooms with private bathrooms that are separated by the commonly shared living area listed above. To me, this is your best bang for your buck as long as you have another couple with whom you don't mind sharing the common living area with. This will run \$203.00 plus tax per night for everything, so when split between two couples it will be \$101.50 plus tax per couple per night. It's a great way to have your privacy but still have the wonderful living room amenities of the "one bedroom Condominium" option #2 listed earlier while saving about \$35.00 a night per couple.

As if the discounts weren't enough, the Ridge Tahoe has agreed to maintain the same heavily discounted rates for those that might arrive a day or two early or choose to stay a couple of days after the Convention.

Based on the Ridge's occupancy at the time of our conversation and our number of attendees, we may, or may not all be in the same building. Even if we aren't we will be close to one another and close to our hospitality room. Speaking of hospitality, this year it will be a two room suite with its own private balcony and hot tub, nice huh!

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Like in years past, you are on your own when it comes to making your lodging reservations and payment. The Hotel requires you call their reservation department at (800) 334-1600 Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm and refer to the group name MMOC Convention. The first night is due as a deposit at time of reservation and the balance is to be paid at check in. The Hotel's cancellation policy is those canceled 14 or more days prior to the Convention will incur no penalties. Cancellation of rooms within 13 days prior to arrival will be charged a cancellation fee equivalent to one nights stay plus 10% tax per unit. Feel free to contact the Hotel directly if you have any

questions or concerns.

Last but not least, as in years past, you will also need to submit an attendance fee of \$150.00 per person prior to August 31, 2009, checks payable to MMOC. This money will be used to help pay for meals, entertainment, hospitality, and all the other things that come up.

Please plan on attending this year's Convention. A lot of hard work has gone into making it happen and we really want to see you there. Make MMOC proud and bring some friends and/or "first timers" as well. You won't be disappointed!

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## CIOPPINO FEED 2009

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

**A**s you may be aware by now, the 2009 MMOC Cioppino Feed will be held in San Jose on February 7, 2009. Yes, it is a month early. This is due to this year's shortened crab season. Other than the date change, everything will be the same. The good ol' boys from San Jose PD; Roger Malcolm, Dick Knell, Ken Garino, Larry Miles, Vince Kubo, Joe Ross and Russ Royal will be at the POA hall, at 9:00 am waiting for Larry Reuter's "fish truck" to deliver fresh crabs from San Francisco's wharf. We will help unload 160 lbs of crab, 300 lbs of Cod, Clams, Mussels, Prawns, and Scallops from his truck. Once delivered, the party starts behind the Hall as we sit at the crab cracking station with crab mallets in hand, and plenty of garbage bags.

Once the crabs are cracked, the party is moved into the kitchen where Roger Malcolm heats up the stoves and prepares his secret Cioppino Sauce. He opens his special set of sharp kitchen knives and sets out his secret set of unmarked spices and begins chopping fresh herbs to be added into the sauce. This sauce simmers all day and at the right time, Roger blends the herbs and spices into the sauce to give it a unique flavor.

During this time, Vince Kubo is in charge of the pasta. The spaghetti sauce, rigatoni and French bread are donated by "O.J.s Italian Family Restaurant" located in downtown San Jose. Vince heats up the giant pots of boiling water and carefully lowers the pasta into the cauldrons to cook al dente...then the pasta is lifted out and stored in large, and I mean really gargantuan zip lock bags. Imagine cooking 70+ lbs of pasta and finding some place to keep it warm and of the right consistency!

While all this is going on, the decoration committee is inside setting up the tables, table cloths, and table settings, serving

stations and decorations according to plan.

Around 3 pm, is when it all comes together. The shell fish, shrimp, and cod are added into the sauce to simmer until served. Dennis Brown jumps in to make sure our Italian sausages he's brought from Nick Nicosia's Sausage Company in Oakland goes into the oven. The volunteers are fed, and then, at 6 pm, the doors are opened to attendees for a mouth watering feast and for a fun and wonderful evening reminiscing with old friends and colleagues.

A lot of hard work and effort goes into the preparation and cooking of our special Cioppino.

For those who have attended the Cioppino Feed in the past and for those who are attending this year for the first time, you will enjoy an evening with a lot of laughter, music and dancing and, of course, the best Cioppino around....

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### **MMOC BILLBOARD**

#### **Cioppino Feed**

Saturday, February 7, 2009  
San Jose POA Hall  
1151 N. Fourth, San Jose  
*Reservations Available*

#### **Northern M/C Ride**

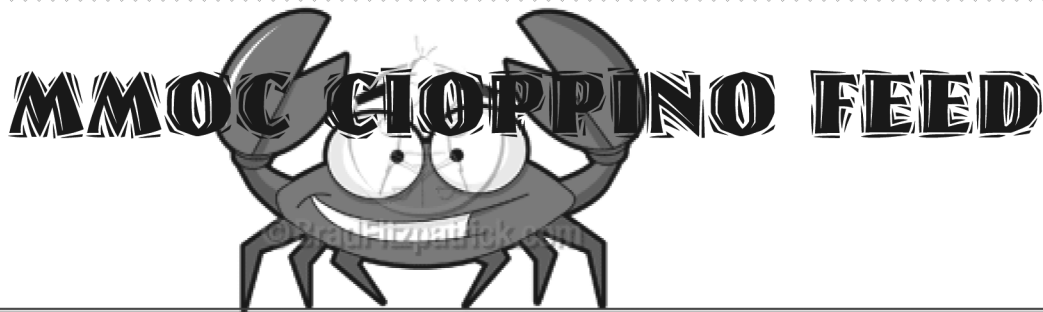
Monday, July 14 - Wednesday July 17, 2009  
Beginning in Williams

*For more info contact:*

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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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MUNICIPAL MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA PRESENTS

# MMOC CIOPPINO FEED REUNION

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2009!!**

**SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION HALL 1151 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street, San Jose, CA**

**SERVING: CIOPPINO; PASTA; SALAD; BREAD (OPEN BAR INCLUDED!)  
GREAT DOOR PRIZES, MUSIC AND DANCING!!**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM DINNER AT 7:00 PM.**

**RESERVE SEATS ON SALE: DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2008 TO JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2009**

**\$40 per person ONLY 160 TICKETS AVAILABLE PRESOLD!!**

**NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR!!**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MMOC Cioppino Feed, P.O. BOX 9903, Canoga Park, CA 91309**

**Host Hotel: CLARION HOTEL 1355 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street, San Jose, CA**

**Rates: \$74/+Tax. Reservations 1-(800) 453-5340 or click on <http://www.clarionsj.com>**

**INCLUDES: Buffet breakfast. Free Shuttle to/from SJC Airport Mention MMOC for this rate.**

**For information: Visit <http://www.mmoc.org> Contact Rich Bailey (408) 316-6114;**

**Or Contact the MMOC Office at (818) 884-5576 leave message.**



Tear OFF and Return with Check

**Please List ALL Guests. Use reverse side, if needed...Thanks**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Clearly)

**Spouse/Guest** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dept** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Clearly)

**No. Persons Attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmation Emailed to You – WILLCALL/ Check In on Dinner Night**

**TELEPHONE: ( )** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL Address:** \_\_\_\_\_



**PORTIONS OF PROCEEDS BENEFIT RIDE4KIDS PEDIATRIC BRAIN TUMOR FOUNDATION AND  
MMOC TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAMS**

*Prepared by K. Wirth*



## L.A. HORSEMEN

J.J. Leonard

Director

Los Angeles P.D., Retired

I thought the following might be of interest to all. For the Veterans, from now on when the flag passes or you are standing for the National Anthem. Instead of placing your hand over your heart, you may give a hand salute, as if in uniform. Only Veterans are allowed to do this, others will continue to place their hand over their heart. The reason for this, so others can recognize the Veterans presence.

More update: Years ago, we-MMOC, had Capt. Mike Mann who was a 'riding Captain' for Broadmoor Police Dept. (God Bless Him) And a Police Chief for Santa Monica Police Dept who was a riding Chief-he has since moved on to other employment. But now, LAPD has a riding Deputy Chief, two (2) Stars. Dep. Chief Terry Hara. On Wednesday Dec. 3, 2008 Chief Hara in full motor officer uniform, picked up his new Harley Davidson, Fairing, front fender and gas tank custom painted and on the sides of the front fender there are two silver stars. On the tank a personalized name plate. Chief Hara was a motor cop approximately 26 years ago, and then promoted up through the ranks. He is a MMOC member, I know we have a riding Lieutenant but I don't recall any higher rank ever riding officially. Captain Mike Mann was also an MMOC member - I know there are members out there who remember Mike, this is for those who do not. In fact, Mary Mann, Mike's wife, still attends MMOC functions.

I attended the last LAPD Motor school graduation, representing

MMOC and signed up six new members, the entire class. Two L.A. Airport Police Officers, Two L.A. Port Police Officers, a Culver City Police Officer and the only LAPD Officer plus four renewals, three LAPD Motor Officer Instructors who had allowed their membership to lapse the past few years and one Honorary member who had also allowed his membership to lapse the past few years.

AND Wednesday, Dec 10th I picked up my new 2008 Ultra Classic. I immediately broke the bike in by riding home through business hour traffic. Splitting lanes most of the 61 miles, WOW! But what a difference 10 years can make. It's like night and day comparing my 1998 Road Glide, and what luck... in the Harley parking lot I sold my Road Glide and the Harley salesman guided me through the sale filling out all the proper forms and even mailing them in for me to DMV. Oh, thats the Los Angeles Harley Davidson dealership in Paramount, if you're ever in the area, stop by and say Hi to Alan for me. They always have fresh coffee brewing. When you are filling in your 2009 calendar, don't forget Feb. 7th for the Cioppino Feed in San Jose and Oct 2nd and 3rd, Fri & Sat for LAPD's 100th Anniversary for Motor Officers. The LAPD Police Academy is already reserved! More info to follow.

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!'

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## RECAP - 3RD ANNUAL SOUTHWESTERN MMOC

Dennis M. Brown

Executive Ride Director

Oakland P.D., Retired

"Hello, Stagecoach Hotel and Casino, Beatty, Nevada."

"Hi, this is Dennis Brown; I'm bringing in 15 to 20 motorcyclists in two weeks on October 1st for a 3 night stay at your hotel. I reserved 25 rooms 13 months ago under my name and the group name of MMOC. I'd like to check on our reservations and cancel the remaining rooms that haven't been reserved."

"What is your name?"

"Dennis Brown, representing MMOC."

"I don't have your name in the computer Mr. Brown."

"OK, would you look under the group name of MMOC; do I appear there and could you tell me how many of the 25 rooms have been reserved?"

"Uh, no Sir, I can't do that because that's confidential information."

"OK, will you just look for my name under MMOC and do

I have a reservation?"

"Uh.....Sir, as I said, that's confidential information."

"Miss, would you listen real close: My name is Dennis Brown; do you have a room reserved for me for the nights of October 1st, 2nd and 3rd?"

"Sir, you're the one that's not listening.... that's confidential information."

"OK, let's pretend I never mentioned anything about a group reservation, or gave you my name. I'd like to reserve a room for the nights of October 1st, 2nd and 3rd."

"What was your name?"

"It was, and still is, Dennis Brown. May I reserve a room?!!!!!!"

"Sir, I have to check with my manager, please hold."

"Hello Sir, my manager say's that's confidential information"

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And, so it went for two days, trying to find someone from the local and very limited "talent" pool in Beatty with an IQ higher than a grape! Never did get an answer to my questions either, and upon our check in on Wednesday the 1st of October, confusion reigned rampant! Hmmmmm, I wonder why?

But let's back up to Sunday, September 28th when northern Oregon's Doug Foss and Steve Armbruster showed up at our doorstep in Oakland looking disheveled, thirsty and in need of safe haven for the night. Of their more than 600 mile ride, 300 were in torrential rain and only the last 200 miles or so allowed them to "blow dry"!

Monday morning, Rhoda and I and our two rested house guests met up with Bob Holland, Mark Murray and Mike and Jeanie Rores in Pleasanton to begin our long trek to Lone Pine on US 395, and officially kick-off our 3rd Annual Southwestern MMOC Ride. State Route 120 through Yosemite will always be one of my favorite scenic journeys, for this majestic path through the granite crevasses has to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Yes, the Park has very restrictive posted speed limits to protect the khaki wearing, Granola eating tree huggers and "threatened-by-man" species of animals, such as those 400 pound bears, but we persevered and treaded lightly on Ma Nature! Three-thirty PM had us in the Dow Villa parking lot with a boisterous greeting reception by the clan Williams. CK, Buzzy, Kenny, Ryan and nephew Tom Hensley had arrived the day before, set up an extensive hospitality room and were now once again getting tuned-up for this evening's folly. Cool weather with the threat of evening showers precluded a visit to the excellent pool, so what to do you ask? Our usual parking lot cocktail party, of course, as a prelude to an excellent dinner just blocks away.

Bright, crisp and clear, Tuesday dawned all too early but we had 265 miles of very different roadway to travel. State route 136 then 190 over the Inyo Mountain range to the floor of Death Valley is an E ticket ride of unequaled proportions. Fifty miles of mostly straight tarmac, followed by 10 or more miles of uphill and gentle high speed sweepers to the 5,000 foot summit.....and then it's like you're on the downhill side of a rollercoaster at Magic Mountain! Slam it hard left, hard right, easy on the gas and a deft touch of the brakes, listen for the pegs singing their song on the tarmac as the front tire fights for traction, repeat 1,000 times and keep going down, down and down in elevation. Within 10 traveled miles of serpentine roadway and 5 as the crow flies, we're at sea level in the floor of the valley, having witnessed the temperature rise from perhaps 50 to 85, and we're now loping along waiting for CK—who's still in the preceding zip code—to catch up in the chase vehicle. All too soon, we begin our long, high speed winding ascent—oftentimes 8 percent or more—on SR

374 over the Amargosa Mountains into Beatty for lunch. The road surface is smoother and wider with larger radius curves graded more on camber, and the canyons ahead and below no less spectacular as we head for gastronomic delight. A hearty lunch brings forth in unison, observations of spectacular scenery and colors in the desert and the ride of a lifetime. We've just completed 115 miles in little more than 2 hours, and in an hour we're off to Boulder City for our second night's pool and pizza party. One of our intrepid riders, who shall remain anonymous, reminds all we are going to pass several whore houses on boring US 95, so why not stop in to extend a friendly MMOC hello. Rhoda and Jeanie promptly put the kibosh on that idea and reminded Holland he may be allergic to penicillin!

One-hundred fifty miles later, we're entering the Las Vegas city limits, fending our way through this rapidly expanding concrete jungle towards the Best Western, Boulder City, and some 20 miles distant. Perfect low 90's greeted us at check-in, as did Bob and Vi Hossfeld who had arrived hours earlier from Arizona. This was to be a loooong afternoon of commiserating, celebrating poolside and in general basking in the warm sun and water, all the while enjoying CK's hospitality libations. In dissecting politics, the economy and differing brands of Iron Steeds, many salvos were leveled until well after sunset and guess what, there was no clear winner, just fools amongst mortal men and women!

It's Wednesday morning, October 1st and time to mount up for our ride to the Hoover Dam. After a fantastic 2 hour tour, we spend another hour searching for CK as somehow his "children" lost him in the shuffle! Safely back at the chase vehicle, Charlie promptly sets off his car alarm for the 3rd or perhaps 55th time on this trip. One hundred and forty miles into our trek back to Beatty for our last two nights lodging; we detour and take the "long-cut" route via state routes 373, 127 and 190 through Furnace Creek. Mid afternoon temps this day were between 108 to 110 as roadside signs remind us we are 210 feet below sea level.....therefore, let's vamonos and beat feet for cooler climes. Understand that annually, June through September at this elevation, temperatures of 120 to 125 degrees are NORMAL, but none of our intrepid riders are willing to find out first hand! In 40 miles we're going to climb 3700 feet and once again traverse the long, sweeping and steep uphill SR 374, also known as Daylight Pass. Familiarity seems to affect our testosterone level as we pick up the pace from the day before and are soon at our Stagecoach Hotel and Casino. Remember my opening exchange with the rocket scientist hotel clerk weeks earlier? It didn't get any better in person when we stood in the lobby vying for our rooms which were supposed to be adjacent to the pool! Ah, but persevere we did, and within an hour we were at water's edge, umbrellas blocking the intense rays and talking

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about this day's ride, the differing high and low desert scenery and marveling at the temperature extremes of the region. A very HOT spa and freezing COLD pool had several of our "male" partygoers complaining of adult shrinkage in the 90 degree heat here at 3500 foot elevation, but that's a story for another tome! Great snacks, wonderful weather, fantastic company and CK's bottomless well of libations fueled our day's-end ride recap with a consensus that the roads of the region offer some of the most amazing sport and touring riding in the West! Just don't expect an abundance of flora and fauna. The environmentalists tell us it's there, but apparently not visible to our naked eyes at 70 mph!

Ahhhh, 0800 hrs Thursday morning brings forth many sleepy heads. "Brown, why in the hell couldn't we sleep in another hour? Fool, we don't need no stink'n riders meeting when we could be getting more Z's. Brownman, I'm constipated and thinking of you, but what's up?" Scotty's Castle is our target dear minions, it's 55 degrees and therefore, let's RIDE! Two hours and many \$\$ later in the National Park Service coffers, we're on a 3 hour guided tour of "scoundrel" Scotty's Castle. The short story is: Walter Scott, cowboy, prospector, prevaricator and consummate con artist befriended Chicago insurance millionaire Albert Johnson and many other investors, some from the LA area, into financing "his Castle" under the ruse he had discovered gold in the region. Consider that construction began in 1924 and cost at least 2.5 million in that era and you get an idea of the extravagant opulence of this unfinished Taj Mahal. Johnson and his wife, very private individuals, would enjoy temperate winters in their domain and Scott, who lived there year round, would tell all who visited in their absence it was his abode. There was no gold in that era, and today we "play" prospectors came out empty handed too, although those of us, who listened to our guide's every word, mined a wealth of knowledge. We've ridden 65 miles so far this day, the temperature is climbing and we have to drop 3500 feet to the floor of Death Valley so that we can once again begin our familiar ascent over Day Light Pass to the Stagecoach Hotel. Thirty three miles of peg dragging roller coaster and seriously winding two-lane see us passing two tour buses, one school bus and two cars to sea level and then it's up, up, up for 30 miles to the hotel.

Mid afternoon of our last day and sitting at water's edge, we reflect on 4 days of riding. Since leaving Lone Pine, we've covered more than 640 miles, been to the Hoover Dam and back, traversed 180 miles of roadway in Death Valley National Park from 5,000 feet above to 210 feet below sea level and experienced a daytime temperature differential of 60 degrees! Somehow, we missed 70 more miles of paved road in the park, but no one's complaining. And, had we been on dual-sport steeds or in a Jeep, we could still be there, for there is close to another 1,000

miles of off-road trails to explore! This ride has exposed some of our group to line-of-sight, high speed corner strafing as there ain't nothing growing that's more than 2 inches tall, and we all marvel at the lack of traffic. Of our time in the park, we've seen no more than two dozen vehicles coming or going—sheer bliss! We're in unison when we lament; we came to ride and that we did! And, with the exception of one half hour stint in 3 digit temps, the weather was as beautiful as the scenery. Just don't expect green vegetation or trees because the environment is too harsh.

As the sun sets on our assembled revelers, we in unison give thanks to Charlie "CK" Williams, driver par excellence of the chase vehicle. Not only did he provide the wheels, but also the lion's share of necessary refreshments and he wouldn't take a penny for his efforts! "MMOC has provided me a lot of fond memories for more than 35 years, and this is my way of saying thanks", says he. You're a class act CK! And thanks Doug, Mark, Kenny, Ryan, Buzzy, Steve, the two Bobs, Mike, "Too Tall" Tom, Rhoda, Jeanie and Vi. Your contributions to the nightly comedy hour made this trip oftentimes gut wrenching and very memorable.

Now, what to do for next year's 4th Annual Southwestern Ride? I for one am in favor of canceling the series unless we get a substantial commitment from riders in the southern end of the state. The dedication of the Hossfelds and Williams clan notwithstanding, the lack of interest from that region is sorrowful, almost embarrassing and does not justify continuation of this fine tradition. These events are first and foremost about the ride and closely followed by the camaraderie we share at day's end. Yes, I can bring the original Annual MMOC rides back to the central portion of the state beginning with the July 2010 17th Annual; however the attendant heat in that region can be more stifling than Death Valley and I question the sanity and validity of that move. Your words and actions control this issue as I'm always up for a good ride, and I'll entertain your thoughts and even criticisms, constructive or not at [hos6350@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hos6350@sbcglobal.net).



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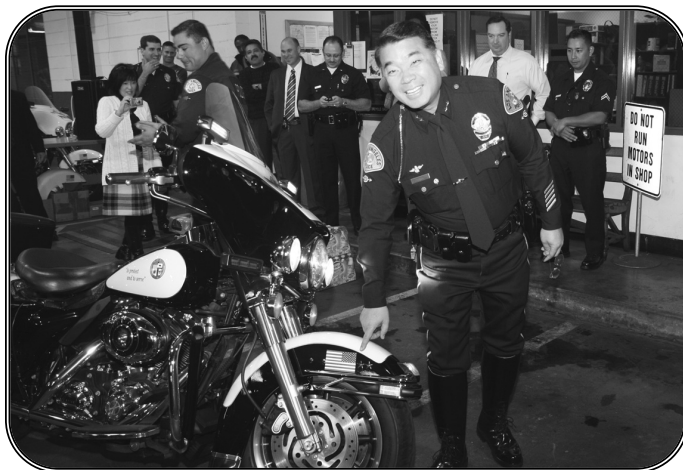
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