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❁ MMOC - A DEFINITE SURVIVOR

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

It's that time again where we keep the membership apprised of our status. This month the newsletter will be mailed out to everyone in addition to being posted on our web-site, www.mmoc.org. I hope everyone has been keeping up with issues we, the Board of Directors, have addressed in the year 2010...

One of those issues I mentioned is our financial status. The Board has actively been negotiating with sponsors and has definitely made headway. Based on the Board's persistence we were able to connect with two companies. We have entered into an agreement with both which will hopefully, put us back in the running. It's a start and God willing it will allow us to start ordering educational safety materials.

It is the Board's objective to supply these safety materials, at no cost, to those Departments having their scheduled Community Programs. By doing this the Departments save on their budget costs. The Communities will be able to keep up with current laws and MMOC's name is out there.

This is where we need the members help. It would nice if we could be hooked up with a company or companies that produce educational safety materials. For those that have been with us for some time might remember the educational children's coloring books,

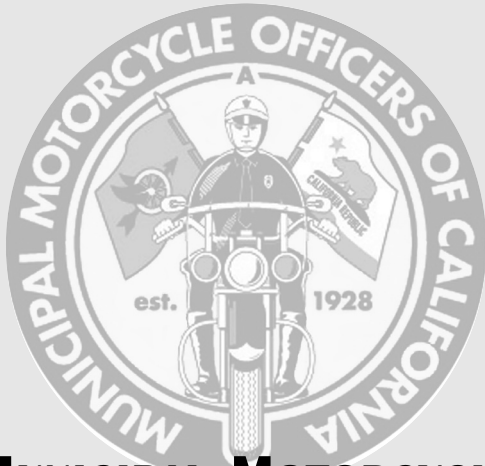
the bicycle reflectors, our safety brochures, Kim & Rich's safety vests, and so on. We need some leads and some ideas. If anyone has any ideas please call the office at (818) 884-5576. Leave us a message or go on our web-site and e-mail one of our Directors.

On a side issue, we still have the web-store open for sales of MMOC products as they last. One change is we no longer take credit cards. It is no longer cost effective to do so. Cliff Heanes, Oakland P. D. retired is still running the show and doing a great job.

Our web-master, Doug Wayne, Oakland P. D. Sergeant retired, is still mastering our web-site. Doug has been an outstanding contributor to MMOC and its endeavors. Please read the articles that Bill Loveless, Rich Bailey, and Dennis Brown submitted. Through these articles you will learn where the annual Convention will be held, about Kim and Rich's world and the Cioppino Feed, and also you will have all the information you need to know about the 18th MMOC Northern Motorcycle Ride.

**The Board of Directors, and myself,
hope you and your loved ones had
a wonderful Holiday!**





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NEW TRAFFIC TICKET FINES IN CALIFORNIA (Effective 01/06/2011)

VC 12814.6	\$214	Failure to obey license provisions.
VC 14600(A)	\$214	Failure to notify DMV of address change within 10 days. Note: The fine may be reduced with valid proof of correction.
VC 16028(A)	\$796	Failure to provide evidence of financial responsibility (insurance) Note: This fine may be reduced with proof of insurance on or after the violation date.
VC 21453(A)	\$436	Failure to stop at a red signal.
VC 22349	\$214	Unsafe speed, 1 to 15 miles over the limit.
VC 22350	\$328	Unsafe speed, 16 to 25 miles over the limit.
VC 22450	\$214	Failure to stop at a stop sign.
VC 22454(A)	\$616	Passing a school bus with flashing red signals.
VC 23123(A)	\$148	Driving while using a wireless phone not hands free, first offense .
VC 23123(B)	\$256	Driving while using a wireless phone not hands free, each subsequent offense.
VC 23123.5	\$148	Driving while using a wireless device to send, read or write text.
VC 23124	\$148	Minor driving while using a wireless phone.
VC 22500	\$976	Parking in a bus loading area.
VC 22507(A)	\$976	Violation of disabled parking provisions, first offense.
VC 22507(B)	\$1876	Violation of disabled parking provisions, second offense.
VC 26708	\$178	Unlawful material on vehicle windows.
VC 27150	\$178	Adequate muffler required.
VC 27315	\$148	Mandatory use of seat belts.
VC 27360	\$436	Mandatory use of passenger child restraints. Note: This fine may be reduced by completing a court authorized child seat diversion program.
VC 27400	\$178	Headsets or Earplugs covering both ears.
VC 27803	\$178	Violation of motorcycle safety helmet requirements.
VC 34506	\$616	Commercial Driver - Log book violation.
VC 4000	\$256	No evidence of current registration. Note: The fine may be reduced with valid proof of correction.
VC 5200	\$178	Proper display of license plates. Note: The fine may be reduced with valid proof of correction.
VC 9400	\$178	Commercial weight fees due. Note: The fine may be reduced with valid proof of correction. The fees are created by the politicians in Sacramento, so don't blame the police for doing their job. They don't set the fines or collect them!

❁ ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

Rich Bailey

Director

San Jose P. D., Retired

How about that cruise? Other than the cool weather, we had a great time and of course there was no shortage of either booze or food. Those of us who accompanied the spouses into town endured the shopping fever and a much more subdued 'Papas and Beer' and 'Hussongs' crowd than we have seen in previous years.

Members that attended the annual meeting somewhat groaned at the President's suggestion of another convention in Laughlin, Nevada for 2011. Yeah, its warmer...but there has GOT to be another destination that has more than a casino or two. Some members suggested that we hold the next (2011) Convention on a cruise to Alaska!

So it was time to get on the stick, as well as my compadre of the North, Bill Loveless (Sacto CHP). So, we both went on fishing expeditions and came up with a couple of choices...

As I started investigating our options in the beautiful Monterey area, Director Loveless started researching the doings around Sacramento. Bill and I each visited a number of hotels and met with the hotel managers to negotiate an affordable package for our members. It was somewhat of a contest as to who would cater to our usual convention venue as well as provide us with a number of food and entertainment options, whereby minimizing the travel requirements and allowing our members to stroll about, shop and enjoy what the area has to offer.

After many hours, we got together and went over the results for each of the areas we researched. Bill did a great job in arranging an affordable, unique and fun venue and I ultimately supported his choice. It was time to forward our recommendations to the President and MMOC Board.

Sacramento was deemed the 'best bang for the buck' for interesting hotel convention venue and the proximity of fun attractions. Ultimately, it was selected by the rest of the board for the 2011 MMOC Convention site.

Our 2011 Convention is going to be uniquely different from our other conventions, but I know we will have a great time and I am sure our members will not get bored or seasick!



**** MMOC BILLBOARD ****

**18th ANNUAL NORTHERN
M/C TOUR**
Meet Saturday, July 2nd
Combination Days
Super 8 Motel – 5851 S. Virginia St.
☛ *See Brown's article*

2011 CIOPINNO FEED
☛ Saturday, April 2nd
Disregard Rich's article

2011 ANNUAL CONVENTION
Sept. 11th thru 14th
Sacramento's "Delta King"



FROM THE CHIPPY

William N. Loveless

Director

CHP N. Sacramento, Retired

Well it looks like next years convention will be here in Sacramento on the Delta King. Now that we have decided where it is to be I get to have the fun of coordinating all the small stuff. I plan on having a raffle at the dinner. So if anyone has stuff you would like to donate please bring it with you. Since the convention is a few months away I will remind everyone again later.

In a previous article I mentioned how I'm taking friends out to dinner or if I'm out with a group of friends I pay for lunch. I do this to make myself feel good and to let my friends know how much I like them. We're not getting any younger and who knows how much time anyone has left to say something nice to your friends and family. A friend of mine sent me an article that fits me to a T.

"I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so avante garde on my patio. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon, before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging. Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 a.m. and sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60 & 70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love...I will. I will walk the beach in a

swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They , too, will get old. I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into the deep groove on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver. As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).

**MAY OUR FRIENDSHIP NEVER
COME APART ESPECIALLY
WHEN IT'S STRAIGHT**



❧ INVADING UTAH, THE 18TH ANNUAL MMOC RIDE

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

After months of research and countless queries to riders' groups and individuals, Cedar City, Utah, promises to be the most convenient portal to the panoramic 550 plus 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.

Cedar City will be a "Destination Ride" as, geographically, the region is almost central to many of our long-term participants, from the north and south alike. A questionnaire I sent out several months ago to riders from the south-southwest asking if they wanted to meet at a convenient location and ride as a group to Utah went unanswered.

From the north, we will meet in Reno on **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., Ely, 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 200 miles to Cedar City.

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 on site restaurant, too! Also note that we may be able to visit all the aforementioned parks with three full days of riding, and that would allow us to check out a day early; however, the traffic-weather conundrum may dictate otherwise. I will have route handout 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." The negotiated rates above are substantially less than normal during the holiday week, and this is their peak season. Also, all hotels have a two week cutoff and a 72-hour cancellation policy.

As is our custom, I'll be asking for a substantial toke from each rider to defray fuel costs for our chase vehicle(s) 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 if you're coming, your men's size of shirt, and the monogrammed name lettering desired. Please do so at least two months in advance to avoid last minute delays and confusion.

I remain, His Own Self, Dennis M. Brown



2011 MMOC CIOPPINO FEED

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

For those who have asked about the Cioppino Feed, Kim and I have elected not to host this venue for the 2011 year. This decision came about after careful consideration of a number of factors including cost and several projects Kim and I are currently involved with which would limit the amount of time we could devote to this event.

In addition to the increased cost of food and supplies, we also were not comfortable with this year's commitment from all of the volunteers who spent hours of their time to produce a high quality event.

During preparation of our last year's event, the market and push to raise more volunteers to guarantee coverage for budgeted costs. A majority of the attendees were not MMOC members. We do not believe we could bank on a sufficient number of volunteers that MMOC would receive any benefit.

Hopefully, in the next year or two, if we see an uptick in our economy, we should be in a better position to resume hosting the Cioppino Feed.

In closing, Kim and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all of you who have supported our efforts in the past.

**Disregard
this article
we're on again
Saturday, April 2nd
Rich**

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