MUNICIPAL MOTORCYCLE OFFICER OF CALIFORNIA

3th Quarter, 2008



WELL INTO THE YEAR 2008

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

s everyone is aware we're coming to the end of another MMOC year, September 10, 2008. All that is left is Dennis Brown's fantastic July Northern motorcycle ride through God's Country and the annual Convention in Solvang, CA.

As all can see the Convention for the most part is set in concrete with one exception. At the 2007 Convention in Reno one of our long time honorary members and supporter of MMOC suggested we go back to having "Bunco" for the ladies. For years this was a tradition and a way to let the women get acquainted while the men supposedly discussed the future of MMOC. "Flapper MacFarland" was that member and volunteered to put everything together and collect all needed materials for the event. I'm truly sorry to announce that "Flapper" passed away recently in her sleep. For those that attended Conventions for at least the last 15 years you will remember her as the bubble petite little white haired lady with big rim glasses and that special heart warming smile. "Bill", her husband, was always at her side wearing MMOC's bright yellow tee shirt with a large version of our logo on the front. "Flapper" will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

In about 2 months we will all gather around in Solvang making new friends and re-kindling old friendships. During our three day reunion everyone will learn where MMOC stands and its future. Part of our needs during these three days is to fill those Director positions coming vacant in September.

In order for MMOC to survive we need dedicated individuals to step up to the plate and give their time and expertise to a very worthy organization.

In closing I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the years. Whether it is by membership, donations, or volunteering your time, it's you the membership that makes MMOC what it is today.

TAKING THE HIGH ROAD!

Michael C. Oliveira Vice President MMOC 2006-2008

hen I decided to become involved in the operation of the MMOC 5 years ago, I knew there would come a time when I had to make a decision at the fork of the road. Well my friends, I have approached that fork and must do what needs to be done.

2008 has been an exceptional year for my family and me. I had the opportunity to go back into law enforcement, which I greatly appreciate and made the successful journey "back to the street" as some would say. Additionally, my private business venture has been a total success "to my surprise" and has led me down the path away from some MMOC functions and meetings.

Most recently, I have entered into another business venture involving law enforcement consulting that requires me to take "the high road" away from a director or officer position with the MMOC due to the lack of time. In all fairness to the MMOC, I regret that I cannot run for office at the 2008 Convention but I will be in attendance.

I leave with the feeling of accomplishment. In my tenure the MMOC has metamorphosed into the future with the computerization of the office, the birthing of the web site and the web store along with the perils of management changes and new challenges.

I will continue to maintain my membership and spread the MMOC word seeking new members and enjoying the company and friendship of the membership, old and new.





From the Desk of Jim Davis

Director - Treasurer LAPD, Sgt., Retired

Tello once again. As we approach the summer months there are two topics I would like to Louch on that are coming up this summer. First and foremost is the up coming election of Directors for MMOC. The nominations are in full swing and currently four positions are open and we, not unlike some other organizations, are looking for "A few good men or women" to help carry on the traditions of this organization. As you know this organization was founded in 1928 strictly for Motorcycle Officers. And, to the best of my knowledge, after 80 years MMOC is still the only police associated organization with voting members being motorcycle officers in one form or another. For an organization to function and continue it is incumbent for the membership to have effective leadership to guide and sustain it. We need YOUR support, YOUR ideas and YOUR participation. Together we can make it happen. So, please, if you or anyone you might know who is interested in the position of Director please call the office or one of the current Directors. You'll probably spend less time working in one of these positions then you would if you volunteered for your local Elks or American Legion. Let's continue the tradition. Call the MMOC office today.

Secondly, I know we are all preparing for the up coming MMOC convention in Solvang, September 7-11, right? It's going to be a great time. Our President, Gene Gray, has been busting his you know what to see that this is a great event and from what I know in talking with Gene, it will be.

As you know Solvang is that little historic town just North of Santa Barbara established in 1911 on 9,000 acres of old Spanish land by Danish educators. Most of the buildings follow traditional Danish styles. There is also a copy of the famous Little Mermaid statue from Copenhagen. In fact, a National Historic Landmark and a California Historical Landmark the Mission Santa Ynes, one of the California Missions, is located near the center of town. This is a great place for shopping and especially baked goods. And, as many of you know, this is the location of the 2004 movie "Sideways" where two friends visit the wineries. MMOC following in that tradition is offering a Wine Tasting Tour, plus there will be the opportunity to visit the local Casino. Please don't miss this great time! Make your reservations now! See article in newsletter for more details.

Well, I covered two very important upcoming events for 2008 and I hope you will give a great deal of thought to both. Being a Director has afforded me the opportunity to meet and network with so many people across this State. It has been very enjoyable. Please think about it.....and then put your thoughts into action.....call the office.

A little trivia before I go – What do you call an obnoxious driver who speeds up to keep you from changing lanes? A "Gap Snatcher." I guess that's it for now, God Bless and see you in Solvang in September.



Lionel Hess Director San Francisco P. D., Lt. Retired

With an opening on the Board of Directors George Firchow and Doug Foss, both retired San Francisco, asked if I would step up to the plate and fill the opening since the San Francisco P. D. had gone for years without representation. I don't have a clear recollection of my answer but to my surprise I was appointed as one of three Northern Directors.

During this last year as a Board member I learned quite a bit about the inner workings of MMOC and was happy to see that MMOC is on solid ground financially due to the hard work of Gene Gray, President, and my fellow Board members.

At our May 7th Board meeting in San Jose I took the time to advise those present that I was going to resign my Directorship at the September annual Convention. I have been retired from the San Francisco P. D. for 24 years and feel that it is time for an "Active" member to take over the reins as a Director representing MMOC and the San Francisco P. D. Those interested will find a Directors ballot in the quarterly "Siren" and on our web-site at www.mmoc.org.

I wish to thank the Board of Directors and the membership for allowing me to serve on the Board while completing my 35th year as an "Active" member of MMOC. I truly hope someone out there will take up the challenge.

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Retired

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From The Quartermaster

Cliff Heanes Quartermaster Oakland P.D., Retired

or those of you who don't know who I am, my name is Cliff Heanes. I served with the Oakland Police Department for 23 years, retiring in 1987. I worked with the likes of Dennis Brown and other infamous OPD'ers, but you can't hold that against me. I worked my entire career in the field. When I flunked out of the motor school, my Department saw fit to assign me to the Helicopter Unit as a pilot watching over my 2-wheeled and 4-wheeled brethren. The 60's, 70's and 80's were rather exciting and challenging years in Oakland and I'm glad I was there during that period.

In 1991, Mark Murray (SLPD) and I joined the brand new California VII chapter of the Blue Knights. About six years ago, at Mark's invitation, I joined MMOC as an Associate Member. I have enjoyed this membership ever since. I have met and become friends with many of our members from all over the state. I especially enjoy the annual Northern California MMOC Ride. Last years ride through the mountains of Northern California and into Oregon and back was one of the best I've ever been on. Several years ago, when I was fairly new to this organization, I went on line to our web site to see what I could get in the way of MMOC memorabilia. Well, the store was "Under Construction" and the only way for me to get any MMOC merchandise, was to wait until someone went down to Southern California and picked it up for me. The store continued to be "Under Construction" with no apparent relief in sight. The organization had a lot of items, but no way to get them to the rank and file.

Despite my military and police experience screaming at me not to, I volunteered to become MMOC's Quartermaster, if we could get it online. Well, I was taken up on my offer, and with a great deal of help from Mike Oliveira (OPD), we got the store online. The inventory was okay and the process for ordering was somewhat limited. A few months ago, we established a new website which gave us a new look and many more options than the old site did. We also re-established the online store. We went out and purchased new products that we thought the membership might like to have. The store was also set up so that members could make their purchases with a credit card, thereby streamlining the process.

I encourage all of you to check out our new website and online store at **WWW.MMOC.ORG.** The menu bar at the top will provide you with news, events, a photo gallery, a calendar of rides and events, and the online store.

There are two pages of products in the store and if you see something you like, click on the picture or the link next to it and it will provide you with a larger picture, the current inventory sizes for that product, and a link to add it to your shopping cart..

The store is new again and we are still working out some of the bugs that inevitably occur with something new. If you have any thoughts or criticisms, please don't hesitate to contact Mark Murray or myself. If you have any ideas for improving our products, or for new products, please pass them on to us. This is your organization and we need your input and participation to make it work. Keep the shiny side up.





MAY CLASS OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S MOTOR SCHOOL





From left to right:

Raleigh Patterson Instructor (WCP.D. Ret.)
Gerald Vincent Rohnert Park P.D.
Joseph Terry Pittsburg P.D.
Brent Dellpree Oakley P.D.
Dan Wedemeyer Oakley P.D.
Kyle White Pismo Beach P.D.

Steve Blair Tracy P.D.

Dan Kujawski Alameda County S.O.. Rich Cademartori Instructor (OPD Ret.)



MMOC BILLBOARD

July 8-11, 2008
Susanville, CA to Lassen National Park

3rd Annual Southwestern Ride Sept. 29 - Oct. 3, 2008 Lone Pine, CA to Beatty, NY

79th Annual Convention Sept. 7-11, 2008 Royal Scandinavian Inn Solvang, CA

*3 ANNUAL MMOC SOUTHWESTERN RIDE

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

he last two years have taken us to the Grand Canyon and Show Low, Arizona. Both trips were extremely scenic and verdant high elevation excursions of planet earth. How about for 2008 we tour the inside of Hoover Dam just outside Boulder City, Nevada and the vast expanse of Death Valley in California and Nevada, portions of which are several hundred feet below sea level? As Doug Foss and I discovered in early Sept. of 2007 when we prerode the area, very comfortable midday temp's of low 80's to mid 90's are the norm thru October and beckon our arrival.

Let's meet Monday, 29 Sep 08 at the Dow Villa Motel, 310 So. Main St., Lone Pine, Ca. 93545, 760 876 5521 or 800 824 9317. It is a little pricey at \$94.00 for a double queen and \$85.00 for a king + tax, but it's really the only game in town! All the rooms reserved under my name and MMOC are overlooking the pool and we will be within walking distance of several good eateries after our SOP poolside hospitality party.

Tuesday morning we'll take SR 136 and 190 over the Panamint Range to SR 374 into Beatty, Nevada. In that 114 mile rollercoaster stretch we will at one point be below sea level and on several occasions 5,000 feet in elevation. US 95 and 93 south will then deliver us to Boulder City 150 miles distant. Lodging Tuesday, 30 Sep 08 will be at the Best Western Lighthouse Inn and Resort, 110 Ville Drive, Boulder City, Nv. Phone 800

934 8282 or 702 293 6444 for room rates of \$74.99 and \$84.99 + tax. Because restaurants are more than one mile distant, our reoccurring theme of pool side parties will allow us to eat gourmet pizza delivered from any one of four local establishments. Does this sound like a tune up for the next day's 0900 hrs, 7 mile ride and "damn" invasion?

The history of the Hoover Dam is a spellbinding tale of engineering feats, bravery and untold suffering in unthinkable weather. Having been inside that monstrous concrete tomb several times, I never fail to be mesmerized by the guided tour and staff's presentation, so we'll take an early morning ride Wednesday, 1 Oct 08 and venture into the bowels of one of the true wonders of the world. Back to reality shortly before noon, we'll head back to Beatty, Nevada and our next 3 nights' lodging. Make your reservations for 1, 2 & 3 Oct 08 at the Stagecoach Hotel and Casino, 900 East Hwy 95 North, Beatty, Nv. 89003. Phone 775 553 2419 or 800 424 4946. Rates are \$45.00 per night + tax; reservations are in my name and MMOC, and request a room overlooking the pool.

With Beatty as a home base, we'll be afforded the opportunity to spend two days leisurely riding the more than 300 miles of paved roadway throughout Death Valley and sightseeing at the many historic points of interest in this desert wasteland. And yes, being sensitive to all issues ecological and botanical, I am reminded "beauty is in the

eye of the beholder"; therefore, I may ask Bob Hossfeld to "interpret" the cacti and rare fauna interspersed amongst the pebbles of sand and colored rocks!

Saturday morning, 4 Oct 08 we will say our goodbyes and Rhoda and I will travel 225 miles to the Best Western Crystal Palace in Bakersfield via SR 374, 190 and 178 past Lake Isabella. I've always wanted to visit the Buck Owens Crystal Palace next door, and if you care to join us, call 800 424 4900 or 661 327 9651. Triple A rates are approximately \$76.49 as of this writing in November, 2007.

We hope to see you on our 3rd Annual Southwestern Ride so that you may experience our usual camaraderie and frivolity; however, a word of caution is in order: because our group reservations at the Dow Villa, Best Western and Stagecoach Hotel are in their peak season, I must call and confirm our arrival 3 WEEKS IN ADVANCE and at that time release any of the remaining rooms, or be liable for their costs. Therefore, make your reservations early and PLEASE SEND ME AN EMAIL to hos6350@sbcglobal.net **BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 so** that I can confirm your attendance with each establishment. AFTER THAT, YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN!

Until then, I remain Dennis M. Brown, HOS, Touring Executive Ride Director.



URGENT! URGENT! URGENT!

MMOC NEEDS YOU!

"DIRECTORS" TERM 2008-2010

The Nominating process for the 2008-2010 Board of Directors is in full swing. For this upcoming term we have 4 openings, 2 up North and 2 down South, for which we ask applications be submitted on or before August 15th. So far we have no applications from any member currently serving, who has served in the past or from anyone who has not yet served as a Director in the past. For an organization to function and exist it is incumbent for the membership to have effect leadership in the form of Directors to guide and sustain the organization. It is only through active participation on the part of the membership that an association or organization can continue to exist. We, as members, must actively foster and encourage new leadership.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!!

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT AND REFLECT ON ANY MEMBER OR MEMBERS YOU FEEL MAYBE TOMORROW'S LEADERS IN OUR ORGANIZATION AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE MMOC OFFICE.

You are encouraged to call the office or any Director for information regarding the simple duties and responsibilities involved and how you can become a leader in the only State wide organization for MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS.

80 Years of Existence is in the Balance

*** 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!



2008 Is upon us

9TH ANNUAL CONDENTION

Municipal Motorcycle Officers Of California



Annual Attendance Fee \$150.00 per person Deadline: 8/1/2008 Mail to MMOC P. O. Box 9903 Canoga Park, CA. 91309



The Royal Scandinavian Inn 400 Alisal Road, Solvang, CA.

September 7th through September 11th
(Sunday through Thursday)
Web site: www.royalscandinavianinn.com
Reservations: (800) 624-5572
Mention: MMOC

ROOM RATES:

- All rooms the same size 10% tax
- Standard \$125.00
- Upgrade \$155.00 (Pool view)
- Jr. Suite \$210.00
 Room Reservation Deadline:
 Friday, August 1, 2008

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sunday—Past-President's Dinner
- Monday Introductory Luncheon / General Membership Meeting / Ladies Bunco
- Tuesday—Wine Tasting Tour plus Lunch
- Wednesday Poolside Get-together / Deli Lunch President's Ball / Dinner

2008 MMOC Convention

Solvang, CA.

Allow the Board to enlighten you on what your attendance fee brings outside of all the fun, laughter and "Fellowship". We hope you all have a great time......

Sunday, September 7th

13:00 hours: Board Meeting (Hospitality Room)
6:00 pm Social ? hour / 6:30 pm Past Presidents Dinner
served (special menu)
(Location: Pea Soup Andersons (Valley Room),
376 Avenue of the Flags, Buellton, 4 mi from the Inn
on the west side of Hwy 101, transportation not included)

Monday, September 8th

10:00 am to Noon, Registration, Front lobby
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Annual Introductory Luncheon,
Meadows Stockholm Room
3:30 pm, Annual Membership Meeting, Meadows
banquet room (luncheon room).
3:30 pm, Ladies Bunco – Meadows meeting room
(next to luncheon room)

Tuesday, September 9th

10:30 am Wine Tasting Tour plus Lunch – return to Inn by 4:00 pm (Transportation supplied – leaves from the main entrance to the Inn)

Wednesday, September 10th

I 1:00 am, Poolside get-to- gether with Deli buffet lunch -Hospitality Room.
6:00 pm Social Hour, 7:00 pm President's Ball w/Dinner & Dancing, Meadows Ballroom

Thursday, September 11th

Noon check out

HOSPITALITY ROOM: Jr. Suite room first floor pool side, hours will be announced at the event. We would greatly appreciate anyone willing to volunteer as a bartender.

GOLFERS: All those interested in playing Golf we recommend you call "Bobbie" ahead of time at (805) 686-8637. "Bobbie" is our Convention coordinator who will handle calling the "Alisal" golf course to set the tee times. By going through "Bobbie" you will also receive our group rate. In addition the "Alisal" golf course has Rental

clubs available if needed. NOTE: Shorts are okay but no Levis and Tennis shoes are okay if you have no Golf shoes.

GAMBLERS: You'll have the luxury of trying to outsmart the local Chumash Casino 3 miles outside of town. The Casino supplies free transportation every hour on the half hour from the main entrance of the Inn 24 hours a day. During your free time you can indulge yourself in their \$9.95 buffet lunch or their \$15.95 buffet dinner (listed price of meals good only if you get free Casino membership card) – the food is great and there is plenty of it.



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