



The Siren



THE ECONOMY

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

Well, it's that word again, what can we do with it. Once it was a word coupled with Great, or it's a Great Economy, now it's coupled with the word Bad. Or it's a Bad Economy. Well get used to it we are in an extremely bad economic crisis.

It has been destroying businesses, jobs, homes, Cities, and the world. Well, MMOC is not exempt; we are in terrible economic straits. MMOC must completely regroup in order to survive, I don't mean stop buying pencils and erasers, and I mean hard core items such as the annual Siren, the web-store, etc. We have been cutting back all along, as an example the mailing of the newsletter to all members, but this is not enough.

As most members realize we use fundraisers to bring in sufficient donations to operate. This year we lost three due to the citizens who were contacted not being able to support our Mission Statement. Our last fundraiser, KWS Productions, will close their doors to us on July 6th leaving us on the edge.

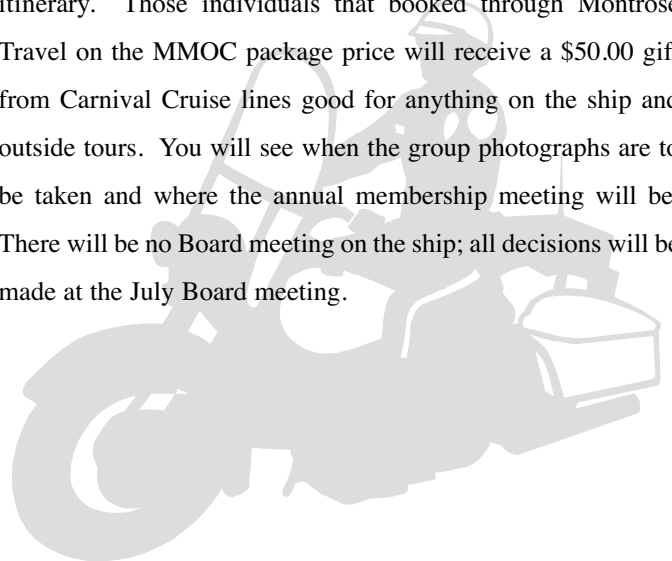
Hopefully speaking I will be able to hold a Board meeting in the later part of July with our supportive Board of Directors, and some past Presidents, updating them as to where MMOC stands. I'm sure it will be a long meeting but I am hoping that the decisions made will allow MMOC to continue. I don't believe this

economic condition will last forever so with some realistic reorganizing by the Board we will be able to outlast the worst.

Changing the negative to a positive:

I would like to thank those who signed up for the 82nd MMOC Convention taking place on a Carnival Cruise liner called "Paradise." There are 39 cabins booked through Montrose Travel and I understand some booked outside the MMOC package, unknown how many.

Each of you will be receiving a booklet on MMOC and the itinerary. Those individuals that booked through Montrose Travel on the MMOC package price will receive a \$50.00 gift from Carnival Cruise lines good for anything on the ship and outside tours. You will see when the group photographs are to be taken and where the annual membership meeting will be. There will be no Board meeting on the ship; all decisions will be made at the July Board meeting.





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Michael W. Nichelini
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Mike has been an active member of the MMOC for 12 years. After graduating from the University of California at Berkeley, he attended the 136th Oakland Police Department Recruit School in 1996. During college, Mike was a Police Cadet at OPD and worked with one of the greats, Garrett Kyle, teaching several Dual-Purpose Motorcycle Schools.

Mike spent 10 years with OPD, six of those assigned to the Traffic Division as a Solo Motor. He worked as an enforcement officer and in the Taxi/Tow Detail. Mike was a Motor School Instructor and also coordinated the ever famous OPD Motorcycle Drill Team.

In 2006, Mike went to work for the Vallejo Police Department and was promptly transferred to the Traffic Division. He is currently the Commercial/Taxi officer. Mike is married to Eve and, thanks to Matt Greb, they enjoy riding their K1200LT.



MICHAEL W. NICHELINI



FRIENDS & MEMBERSHIP...

Rich Bailey
Director
San Jose P. D., Retired

The San Jose Police Officers Association (SJPOA) hall has been remodeled and it looks great! The board room has been moved to the other end of the hall and that area has been opened up to accommodate a larger group. The bar was expanded to make way for more patrons. I think I need not to explain why the bar was expanded!

Many organizations that I belong to are having the same problems that MMOC is encountering. The San Jose Police Benevolment Association and the San Jose Police Keith-Kelly Association is seeing a decline in membership and attendance. It sees that only the die hard individuals are attending these functions. We try to recruit new members to join but I keep hearing "what is in it for me or what do I get out of it".

I know when they retire or get to our age, they will understand why these organizations were formed and understand the importance of these organizations.

I hope they will realize what they are missing.

RIDING SAFE

Mike Rores
Vice-President
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The summer riding season is upon us, the long wet spring is finally over, and many of you are probably getting back on your bikes after several weeks or months of not riding. If your bike has been sitting for a prolonged period, let's look at some things you should be checking before you take off on that long-awaited ride.

First and foremost, check your tires – not just the air pressure but the tread. Are the wear bars showing? Is the sidewall cracked? If so, consider replacing them.

Next check all your fluid levels, in particular the brake fluid. Because brake fluid absorbs moisture, it can cause a spongy feel in the hand lever and foot pedal and significantly reduce braking force resulting in longer stopping distances.

Also be sure to check the battery voltage output, because most newer motorcycles and their computer controlled systems give no warning when the battery is about to fail and may leave you stranded.

Last but not least, if you haven't ridden for some time, be cautious on your first outing and practice braking and cornering techniques. Find an empty parking lot and do some U-turns and weaves at walking speeds. Anyone can ride fast, but we all need to sharpen our slow riding skills, and it will make you a better, safer and more confident rider.

As you all know from President Gene Gray's recent articles, the MMOC is in serious financial trouble, and as a result, it may not exist a year from now. Gene, myself and the directors have been trying to come up with viable solutions to keep the organization afloat, and at this writing nothing has been resolved.

We are asking you, the members, for input and suggestions that may help the MMOC continue to function. After 80+ years, I would hate to see it fail, and I'm sure the members hold the same sentiment.



**** MMOC BILLBOARD ****

2010 ANNUAL CONVENTION

Sept. 13th thru 17th
Carnival Cruise Lines
presents

MMOC'S 82nd Convention

On the "Paradise Cruise Liner"
Long Beach to San Diego
to Catalina ending
in Ensenada



LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 100TH MOTOR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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Motor Lieutenant

Emergency Operations Division

Specialized Enforcement Section

Last year marked the 100th anniversary for the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) motorcycle program. It represents a significant milestone for the City of Los Angeles, LAPD and all of the courageous men and women who for the past 100 years have dedicated themselves to protect and serve the citizens of Los Angeles. The success of LAPD's early motor pioneers resulted in the 1909 formation of the "Speed Squad," which represented the predecessor of today's professional and organized motorcycle program. Given their exceptional mobility, riding skills, and tenacity, motor officers have consistently demonstrated their unique ability to quickly respond anywhere within the City, regardless of traffic conditions, emergency or significant event. Over this same time span, motor officers have proudly and safely escorted countless foreign dignitaries, Heads of State, prominent world figures and Presidents of the United States of America without incident.

Over the past century, LAPD motors have used a variety of motorcycle manufacturers, such as Indian, Thor, Excelsior-Henderson, Harley-Davidson, Moto Guzzi, Honda, Kawasaki, and BMW. Currently, over 80% of the motor fleet is comprised of Harley Davidson Electra Glides. Since those early years, the motorcycle program has evolved beyond mere traffic enforcement. The LAPD currently has 304 men and women assigned to LAPD's motorcycle force:

- 1 Motor Lieutenant
- 32 Motor Sergeants
- 259 Motor Officers
- 12 Motor Reserve Officers (part-time)

To celebrate and commemorate this once in a lifetime occasion, LAPD and the Los Angeles Police Motor Officer

Memorial Fund (LAPDMOMF) sponsored a public/media event on Friday, October 2, 2009, at LAPD's historic Elysian Park Police Academy. In addition to a charity blood drive for Children's Hospital, the event included vintage and current police motorcycles, several motorcycle related vendors, guest speakers, food, music, and a performance by LAPD's Motorcycle Drill Team. Earlier in the day, after a group motor photograph session at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, all LAPD motors roared through historic downtown Los Angeles in a commemorative procession to the Police Academy. The awe inspiring motor procession, which at times stretched for several blocks, was safely facilitated by the gracious efforts of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (LASD) entire motor squad. At one point, when combined with LAPD and LASD, there were close to 400 police motorcycles involved with the commemorative procession.

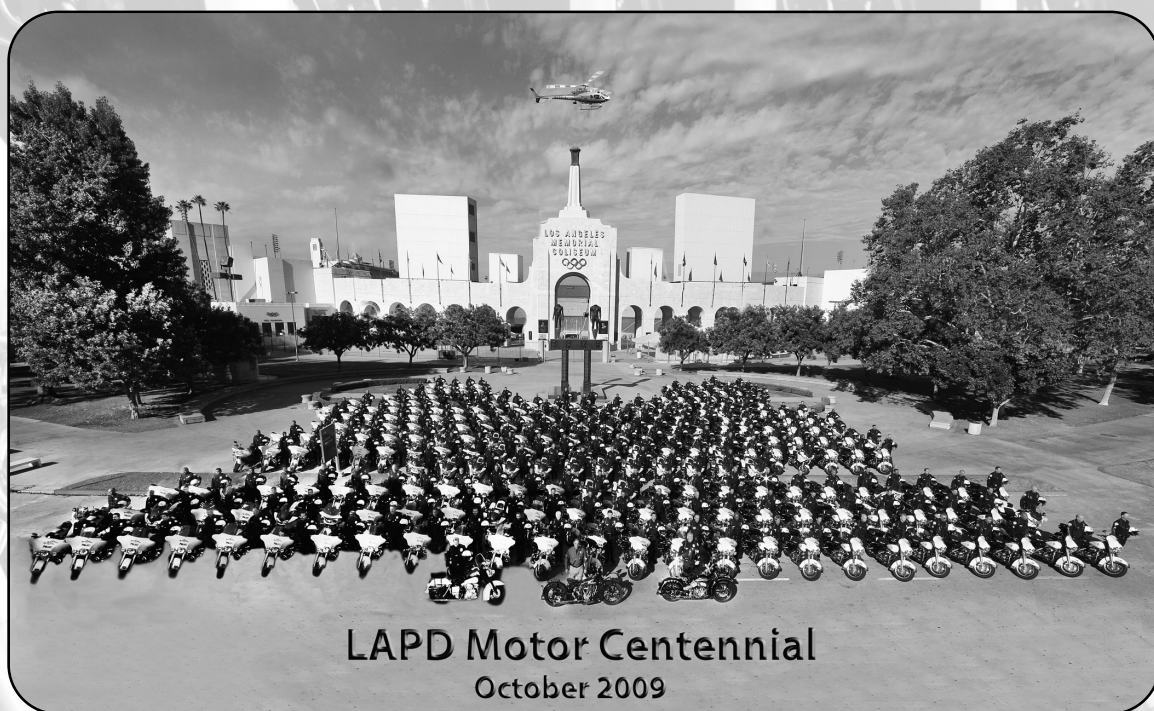
The celebration concluded on Saturday, October 3, 2009, with a huge family orientated reunion sponsored by LAPDMOMF for active and retired LAPD motor personnel at the Police Academy. The event, which drew over 650 attendees, was a resounding success. In addition to catered food and beverage services, attendees were treated to several vendors, vintage and current police motorcycles. Even the needs of cigar aficionados were taken care of during the event with the availability of on the spot hand rolled cigars. During the reunion festivities, awards were presented for various motor accomplishments and a special, yet sober tribute was held for the 42 motor officers killed in the line of duty since 1909. The generous support of several sponsors, including Harley-Davidson, and the assistance of several active and retired Department employees ensured an absolutely enjoyable event for all in attendance. However, the entire two-day commemorative event would never have become a reality if it had not been for LAPD Motor Officers Roger Stewart and Mitchell Nowlen whose vision,



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passion and tireless efforts over a brief and stressful seven months managed to orchestrate a memorable event on literally a shoestring budget!

In a nutshell, both days were a resounding success and truly a fitting tribute to the men and women of LAPD's motorcycle program whose dedicated efforts over the past century have solidified LAPD's reputation as a preeminent law enforcement agency in the nation and helped made the City of Los Angeles the safest large city in America.



With deep sorrow MMOC regrets to announce the passing of:

Sandy Nash

She passed away on July 21, 2009.
Spouse of active member, Noel Nash (EOW).



Walter Costa

He passed away on December 11, 2009.
Huntington Park PD - Active MMOC member since 1949.



Albert Miller

He passed away on January 16, 2010.
Active MMOC Member since 1955. Albert leaves his wife, Yvonne.



Leo Burke

He passed away on March 22, 2010.
Honorary member since 1994.



George Coyle

He passed away on April 8, 2010.
San Marino PD - Active MMOC member since 1953. Spouse, Beverly.



Edward Smith

He passed away on May 23, 2010.
Santa Barbara PD. Active MMOC Member since 1948. Spouse, Angie (EOW).



Bill Page

He passed away on June 28, 2010.
LAPD. Active MMOC Member since 1975. Spouse, June.



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