



# The Siren

## ❁ AS WE MOVE ALONG...

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

As we move along into the 82<sup>nd</sup> year of existence we can look back at another successful Convention held at the Ridge-Tahoe Resort in Lake Tahoe. Vice-President Rich Bailey and Past-President Tom Vlassis out did themselves this time. I greatly appreciated their hard work not only prior to the Convention but during the Convention as well.

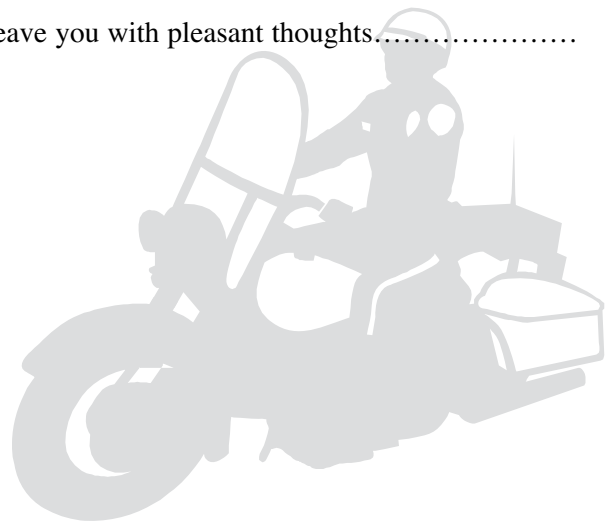
The Cruise was outstanding and the Casino show was one to behold, words can't describe it. I also thank those who attended this Convention giving all of us time to renew old friendships. I was personally happy to see 1970 Past-President Dick Smith and his wife Sue plus Tom Marketello, Santa Cruz P. D., Retired.

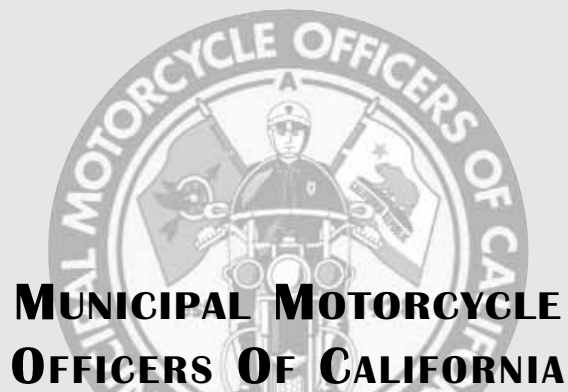
The Board of Directors felt it was time for another Cruise designed to take you away from the worldly issues we all have allowing us to enjoy nature at its best, the Ocean and its wonders, see enclosed Cruise flyer for details. We all will have the opportunity to stand on the deck and let the wind blow through our hair (assuming some of us have any left). We will depart from Long Beach on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> with its first stop in San Diego; its second stop will be Catalina, and its last Ensenada, Mexico. We will return to the Long Beach Port on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

For this Cruise the Board has entered into an agreement with Montrose Travel to handle the whole package with our personal representative Sandi Gray, (818) 553-3249 or [sgray@montrosetravel.com](mailto:sgray@montrosetravel.com). Note: Sandi will be out approx. a month starting October 28<sup>th</sup> but this will not interfere with your bookings. Mention the MMOC Cruise package and you will be taken care of immediately. They will also be able to handle all your other issues such as, hotels, rental cars, flights, restaurants along the way should you opt to walk, etc!

As you see on our flyer the cost is below reasonable, it's cheap, for five (5) days at sea. The Cruise is also open to family and friends – book now, the more the merrier.

I leave you with pleasant thoughts.....





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**Northern M/C Ride**  
**Wine Country Tour**  
 July 2010 - dates TBD

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**2010 Cioppino Feed**  
 Review Rich Bailey's article  
 For details & changes

### 2010 Annual Convention

September 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Carnival Cruise Lines

*presents*

MMOC'S 82<sup>nd</sup> Convention

Thru: Montrose Travel

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*See flyer enclosed*

or view [www.mmoc.org](http://www.mmoc.org)

**Book Now – Everyone Invited!**

# NEW GUY ON THE BLOCK

William N. Loveless

Director

*CHP N. Sacramento, Retired*

**H**i I'm the new guy on the block. I was sworn in at the convention in Lake Tahoe last week. This is all new to me and I don't really know what's going on. I didn't know I had to write an article until a couple days ago when Gene Gray e-mailed me and said he needed it right away. But I hope to get up to speed fast and do a good job as one of your directors.

The convention in Lake Tahoe was great. The hotel was real comfortable. I split a suite with Rich Bailey and Kim Whirt. Walking up and down the hills at 7,500 feet elevation was a little tiring, or is it I'm just getting old? I rode my motorcycle up to Lake Tahoe from Sacramento and the weather was great. This was my first convention, and I found the people very friendly; the activities were fun, and the food was great.

A little about myself: I spent nine years in the US Army as a military policeman. My duties while in the States varied from road patrol, stockade guard, desk Sergeant, accident investigator to Assistant NCOIC of the traffic division. I had one tour in Viet Nam, and worked security for the First Signal Brigade. Two tours in Germany; one as the Sergeant of the guard for a nuclear storage facility, and the second as the Security Chief for a hawk missile site. I obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant E-6.

After a couple small jobs, I joined the California Highway Patrol. I spent five years in the Santa Ana office and twenty-two years in the North Sacramento office. My last eight and a half years on the job I was a motor officer. It was so much fun, I wish I had started earlier.

Since retiring, I have been keeping busy maintaining a five-bedroom house and large yard – I think it's about time I hire a gardener. I do a lot of traveling on my Honda Goldwing motorcycle. I have a bunch of friends from the Sacramento and San Jose areas that I ride with once a

month from March through November. I'm also a member of the Cal-Tex Riders. It's a friendly competition between California and Texas law enforcement, though we've had people from all the western states and Canada attend. We had one big ride in June, and California has a Spring and a Fall ride. I joined the MMOC a couple years ago. I was going to the Cioppino Feeds, so the least I could do was join the organization. I went on the northern motorcycle ride last year and had a great time, but due to a death in the family and another relative with a serious illness, I had to miss the last ride. Luckily I was able to attend the convention.

Like director JJ Leonard, I'm also a member of the Patriot Guard Riders. But due to the family problems, I've missed a few missions.

As an MMOC member, I suggested raffles as a way to raise funds. As a new director, I was put in charge of organizing some raffles. Oh, joy! I'm thinking about two different types of raffles. One would be statewide for some type of great prize. We (meaning all of us) would sell tickets for a few months, and then award the prize. The other type would have many small prizes at one of our events. Hopefully members would donate items and contact friends who own businesses to donate prizes. Then everyone at the event could spend lots of money buying raffle tickets.

As a new director I encourage all members to participate in our events and to try and build up our organization. I've already signed up one new active member this week. So let's all go out and do the same. Thanks.



## 2010 CIOPPINO FEED

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

**J**ust prior to the convention, Kim and I were informed that the San Jose Police Officer Association Hall, in San Jose, CA, home to our infamous MMOC Cioppino Feed, will be closed from January 2010 to May 2010 to undergo a major renovation. This pretty much rules out most of crab season. Great timing! The earliest we have access to the hall is May 22nd, 2010.

At our Annual General Membership meeting last week, attending members asked the Board to at least book the hall for the May 22nd date. At this time, we are looking for an alternate, suitable site to bring the Cioppino Feed to our members. Keeping in mind the lessons learned when we moved the event to the Elks Club, San Jose, we are attempting to bring together all of the special elements that made our event such a success. It is of the utmost importance that we host a quality event that will attract a large attendance and, consequently, raise funds for MMOC. To make matters worse, canceling the Cioppino Feed, our largest draw, comes at the worst possible economic time for MMOC. We will be working on a solution and make a determination in time for the January Quarterly.

On the brighter side, we enjoyed spending time with our friends at the convention and spending time going to a great show, sailing on the lake and much more. We ate out at a fabulous Italian Restaurant (Teps). Some shopped; others gambled; some went into Virginia City; and we all ate more than we planned on. It was worth the hard work the Board and volunteers put in to provide MMOC members with quality fun events. We are inspired to bring our members another Cioppino Feed, if we can find the components necessary to have a fun, safe party. So, stay tuned...the party isn't over yet...but with that being said, **WE COULD REALLY USE THE HELP OF MMOC AND ITS MEMBERS TO SUPPORT MMOC.**

## RIDIN' SAFE

Mike Rores  
Director  
*Alameda County Sheriff's Office  
Sergeant, Retired*

**W**ell, the fall is upon us and soon another year will be gone. By the time you receive this newsletter, the annual convention will be over.

The July ride was a great success with about 25 bikes and 40 participants. We rode some awesome roads, saw some fantastic scenery, and at the end of the day, the camaraderie by the poolside was great fun. You can read Dennis Brown's lengthy blow-by-blow account for the details.

With the changing weather, we have to adjust our riding habits accordingly and keep our skills sharp. So to help us continue to hone some of those skills, below is the second in a series of riding tips I've compiled.

### **1. Beware of tuner cars:**

They're quick and their drivers tend to be aggressive. Don't assume you've beaten one away from a light or outpaced it in traffic and change lanes without looking. You could end up as a Nissan hood ornament.

### **2. Excessive entrance speed hurts:**

It's the leading cause of single-bike accidents on twisty roads and racetracks. In Slow, Out Fast is the old adage, and it still works. Dialing up corner speed is safer than scrubbing it off.

### **3. Learn to use both brakes:**

The front brake does most of your stopping, but a little rear brake on a corner entry can calm a nervous chassis.

### **4. Keep the front brake covered—always:**

Save a single second of reaction time at 60 mph and you can stop 88 feet shorter. Think about that.

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**5. Be patient:**

Always take another second or three before you pull out to pass, ride away from a curb or into freeway traffic from an on-ramp. It's what you don't see that gets you. That extra look could save your butt.

**6. Watch your closing speed:**

Passing cars at twice their speed or changing lanes to shoot past a row of stopped cars is just asking for trouble.

**7. Beware the verge and the merge:**

A lot of nasty surprises end up on the sides of the road: Empty McDonald's bags, nails, TV antennas, ladders, you name it. Watch for potentially troublesome debris on both sides of the road.

**8. Left-turning cars remain a leading killer of motorcyclists:**

Don't assume someone will wait for you to dart through the intersection. They're trying to beat the light, too.

**9. Beware of cars running traffic lights:**

The first few seconds after a signal light changes are the most perilous. Look both ways before barging into an intersection.

**10. Check your mirrors:**

Do it every time you change lanes, slow down or stop. Be ready to move if another vehicle is about to occupy the space that you'd planned to use.

If we all keep these riding tips in mind and practice them on a regular basis, we can hopefully tip the odds in our favor and keep from becoming statistics.

Until next time ride safe, and as one of my old patrol Sergeants used to say at the end of our daily briefing on a rainy day, "Don't crash your guts out."



**ALL MEMBERS**  
**PLEASE NOTE**

Due to the economy MMOC is forced to make several cutbacks

- ▶ One of those cutbacks involves the quarterly newsletter and its distribution. The January 1, 2010 publication will be the last until January 1, 2011. This is only temporary until the economy regains its strength.
- ▶ The April, July, and October editions will be available on our web-site, [www.mmoc.org](http://www.mmoc.org), for viewing and printing out if desired. You will also have access to prior editions for reference and printing out.
- ▶ For those that do not have access to a computer please notify the office and we will mail the edition to you.





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ANNUAL CONVENTION

LAKE TAHOE



# 2010 Annual Convention



*Carnival Cruise Lines*  
*presents*  
*The Cruise of a Lifetime*  
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*Monday, September 13th thru Friday, September 17th*

**\*\* Reserve your Cabins \*\***  
Deadline July 1, 2010  
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Depart from Long Beach  
Monday 4:30 pm  
To San Diego  
Then to Catalina  
and finally Ensenada  
Returning to Long Beach  
Friday afternoon



PASSPORT  
A MUST

**\*\* Also available \*\***  
Rental Cars  
Airline Tickets,  
Hotel Reservations,  
Etc! Etc!

**\*\* MMOC Cost for the Week\*\***  
Ocean View Cabin—\$291.70 PP  
Inside Cabin—\$261.70 PP  
Suites—\$631.00 PP  
& \$731.00 PP



No  
Attendance  
Fee  
Required

Cabin costs listed are  
per -person and include  
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(Does not include Gratuities)





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