



The Siren

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Continuing on in 2008 ...

Gene Gray
President
Pasadena P. D., Retired

Well, believe it or not, we are already at the end of this year's first quarter. What have we accomplished? I'll tell you whether you asked or not. The 2008 Convention is set in concrete, and we're waiting for members to sign up. We also had another spectacular Cioppino Feed at the hands of Director Rich Bailey (San Jose P. D., retired) and his life-support system, Kim Wirht (MMOC Officer, San Jose P. D.).

Had enough yet? Well, I'm not done. Thanks to Dennis Brown (Past President, OPD, retired), both MMOC Northern and Southern motorcycle rides are ready to go! Also up and running is our new website, with volunteer Doug Wayne (Oakland P. D., retired) at the helm as webmaster. MMOC also has replenished the product inventory with the assistance and dedication of volunteer Cliff Heanes (Oakland P. D., retired). And, last but not least 911Media® is beginning the process required to publish our 2008 annual *Siren*.

I personally commend the Board of Directors, our MMOC Officer (Kim Wirht), our MMOC volunteers (Cliff Heanes and Doug Wayne), the office staff, Bruno (L.A.P.D., retired) and Ellen Tonin; on taking time out of their busy schedules to jump-start the year. They have done an excellent job in completing this year's functions and getting the news out to the membership early. Now it's up to you, the membership, to participate.

Active Southern California members, we need you. In September of this year, we'll have two openings for the Board of Directors. The final two-year terms for Jim Davis (Past President, L.A.P.D., retired) and me will be up after years of service. It is imperative that these positions are filled by a Southern member who's willing to step up to the plate and assist in the operation of this organization.

In the Northern hemisphere, we also have one opening for Director. Mike Oliveira's two-year term is also up. Those interested in any of the openings, please contact me at my new e-mail address, ggray@mmoc.org, with any questions you might have about the position.

The Directorship position takes very little time — attendance at four Board meetings, the Cioppino Feed, the annual Convention, and other events we support as time allows. I found that one of the most-treasured benefits to this position and involvement with the organization is meeting fellow officers, active and retired, throughout the state. Many of these contacts are now my very good friends, and that's something you can't buy anywhere. ☸

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Up, Up and Away!



Mike Oliveira
Vice President
Oakland P.D., Retired

On March 1, the MMOC launched our newly designed website that's been in the staging works for over a year. The redesign included some great features new to the MMOC and its membership. I encourage all members to take a few minutes and browse through it. Remember a few general rules and information:

- Passing the pointer (the mouse arrow) over text that immediately changes color to red indicates an attached link. To see it, click the left mouse button.
- Under Announcements on the Homepage, you'll see the note: "read more." This is a link that turns red (mentioned above) for a full article about the event.
- On the Calendar page, click on the date for a text box with a link showing full information on an event.
- To view photos in an album in the Photo Gallery, click the first picture of the album and a slideshow phase will open, where you can view all the pictures in the album.
- Our Member Area is being fine-tuned before going online and should be up by the time you read this newsletter, as well as the online store with some great new items.

Along with the new website comes our new webmaster — Doug Wayne, retired Oakland P.D. Motors and an MMOC member for 24 years. Doug and I have been working with Tom Petty, our contract web designer, and it's been a great relationship for MMOC. Doug and I both will update and improve the website as we progress. Eventually, Doug will take over (sooner than later), freeing me to pursue other MMOC tasks for the betterment of the organization.

I'm sorry I had to miss the Cioppino Feed! Duty called and I had to work that weekend in Northern California. I understand that it was a grand success.

Until our next function, I can be reached via our new MMOC e-mail address. Just go to the link on the website. ☸

From the Desk of Jim Davis...

Past President/Treasurer
LAPD, Retired

Greetings once again to all members and your families! I hope this article finds you and yours in good health and in good spirits.

Here we are already entering the second quarter of the year. Is it just me or does time seem to be speeding by? MMOC has already had the first event of the year, the infamous Cioppino Feed at the San Jose Police Officers Association hall. What a great success with a sold-out crowd. Our thanks to the hard work of so many, but a very special thanks goes out to Rich Bailey and Kim Wirht, who organized and planned the event giving generously of their time, talent and energy.

As you are aware, the dreaded tax season is here. MMOC's accountant, Kelly and Small CPA, have prepared our 2007 income tax forms, and we have paid our dues to good old Uncle Sam. MMOC is recognized by the state of California as a nonprofit **taxable** organization. Nonprofit tax-deferred might be of some financial benefit, but it isn't feasible for this organization.

As we enter this second quarter, MMOC is financially solid. We receive our main financial support from Pro-Fund (aka, Nationwide Fundraisers). In conjunction with Pro-Fund, we have KWS Productions selling advertising for our annual *Siren* publication. This has allowed us to continue with our office operations, radio Traffic safety advertising and supplying the requests for Traffic safety products. We are currently entertaining the thought of revisiting our connection with VIP (Variety International Productions) which has been instrumental in funding our Bicycle and Traffic goals through telemarketing plus putting on the Fire and Police rodeos for the past 20 years.

We recently upgraded and have gone online with our new website, www.mmoc.org, to better serve the membership and those who desire more information of our organization. I want to thank the entire Board for their dedication, patience and hard work in bringing MMOC into the 21st century with a modern, up-to-date website to represent you in a more professional manner.

Although we are still a few months away from our annual elections, I would just like to take a moment to remind everyone that three openings for Director become available with the elections this July, mine being one of them, Gene Gray's from the South and Mike Oliveira's in the North. This has been a much enjoyed position for me as Director, especially being able to meet all of you. My relationship with the members will be cherished for a lifetime and my past position as your president was truly an honor for me.

I must encourage any active member interested to please submit your application (the form is on the website), to offer your expertise and dedication to bring this organization to the next level. The new Directors will be announced at the 2008 Convention, September 7-11, in the beautiful Danish town of Solvang in Santa Barbara County.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a happy spring and an early summer. Should you have any questions or would like to submit an article, please feel free to contact the office or any Director, via our website. Be safe out there. ☸

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Sacramento Pig Bowl 2008

Cliff Heanes
Quartermaster

On Saturday, January 26, nine members of MMOC attended the 6th annual Sacramento Area Pyro-Pig Bowl held at the Sacramento State College football stadium, providing unwavering MMOC support for the Law Enforcement Team. This is the 34th charities benefit football game held by the Sacramento Area Law Enforcement team, and the sixth pitting Sac Law Enforcement against the Sacramento Area Fire Services Team. The Law Enforcement Team won the first five contests.



It was raining when we arrived on Friday, with a bleak outlook for the rest of the weekend. Normally there is tailgating in the Sacramento State parking lot. However, we opted to establish a hospitality room for the purpose of discussing the next day's activities. The weather cleared for Saturday's game, and a good time was had by all ... except the Law Enforcement Team, which suffered its first loss, 9-6. After the game, there was more tailgating — this time with barbeque, libations and music. We also enjoyed networking with our fellow police officers and fire officers from the Sacramento Area.

These are the guys who attended:

Bob Holland	Oakland P.D., Retired
Cliff Heanes	Oakland P.D., Retired
Keith Thomas	Santa Rosa P.D., Retired
Mark Murray	San Leandro P.D., Retired
Dennis Brown	Oakland P.D., Retired
Rene LaProvete	San Francisco P.D., Retired
Mike Oliveira	Oakland P.D., Retired
Paul Pabon	Nevada State Police (former Oakland P.D.)
Rocky Sanchez	Oakland P.D., Retired ☸

Recruitment BBQ for the Alameda County Motor School

Cliff Heanes
Quartermaster

On January 27, past MMOC Presidents Dennis Brown and Mark Murray, along with MMOC Quartermaster Cliff Heanes, put on a recruitment barbeque for the Alameda County Sheriff's Department Motor School. Mark explained the many benefits of membership in the MMOC to the crew, while Dennis outlined the various activities throughout the year.



Following is a list of the student officers:

Front Row:

Robert Nobriga	Alameda County S.O.
Chuck Bradshaw	Belmont P.D.
Jason Braley	Stanislaus County S.O.
Traler Bordem	Emeryville P.D.

Back Row:

Joseph Jordan	Mill Valley P.D.
Stephen Meece	Ripon P.D.
Mike Adams	Walnut Creek P.D.
Jim Jarrett	Santa Clara County S.O.
Joe Alvarado	Santa Clara County S.O.
Jeff Chrisensen	Merced P.D.
Keith Rieg	Merced P.D.
Ken King	Alameda County S.O. ☸

Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade

Don Winslow
www.donwinslow.net

The 2007 Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade took place on Saturday, December 8, 2007. The MMOC had many riders in the parade, as you'll see in the photos. Many parade-goers took a seat along Crown Valley Parkway on a gorgeous Saturday morning. This was the largest and most creative display of the community in the City's history, according to its website. The parade boasts many entries in addition to our motors, such as equestrian units, military tributes, youth groups, classic cars, marching bands and many celebrities. ☼



Pacific Grove Police Motorcycle Competition Canceled

Mark Murray
Past President

The annual Police Motorcycle Competition, a highlight at Pacific Grove's springtime Good Old Days Festival, has been canceled this year.

"Unfortunately, due to lack of private donation and City budget constraints, the competition does not have the funds or the personnel available to host the event," said Police Chief Darius Engles. Last year's competition cost \$8,000 — all paid by private donations — but donations have dried up this year, he said.

"City employees cannot do fundraisers," he said, and staging the competition is "a big undertaking. You have to underwrite the potential loss of money." Insurance alone cost \$2000 last year. The support staff from the Police Department and the City's Recreation Department has been reduced to the point that it would be difficult to plan and carry out the event.

The chief further stated that declining public resources statewide in recent years have caused a number of prior participants to drop out. He added that similar events are staged in other cities causing the city of Pacific Grove to compete for contestants. The Motorcycle Competition was started in 1987 under Chief Tom Maudlin and was the first of its kind in the state. It was also recognized by the Western States Police and Fire Games Federation and drew participants from all over the state.

Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce President Moe Ammar said that he agrees with Engle's decision. "It is extremely difficult to organize the largest police motorcycle competition in the state under challenging circumstances," he said. He noted the competition usually attracted about 300 law enforcement officers and their families. The event had been scheduled for April 12.

(This article was reprinted in part from the Monterey Herald.) ☼

Get Involved in the MMOC – Become a Director

******* OFFICE OF DIRECTOR *******

ACTIVE members of any MMOC Law Enforcement AGENCY may be nominated by ACTIVE members, to run for the office of DIRECTOR. Eligibility: ACTIVE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. If more than one member is nominated from any one agency, then a PRIMARY ELECTION for that agency must be held in AUGUST to determine the candidate who will run for office in the GENERAL ELECTION in September.

A DIRECTOR must be interested in the policies of MMOC, particularly the generating of new Active, Associate and Honorary members. The candidate must have some knowledge of ways to generate operating capital and additional funds.

The term of office is TWO (2) YEARS. It is not all fun and games. A candidate must have diplomacy, tact and dedication to MMOC, public relations understanding and the attendance at MMOC functions. It will take up a great deal of time for the next two years. There are usually ten (10) weekends in which a DIRECTOR is required to attend Board Meetings and be available for the planning and working of MMOC functions.

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NOMINATION BLANK — DIRECTOR

I accept the above nomination, hereby certifying that I am an ACTIVE member, in good standing, of the Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This form must be filled in completely and returned to the Corporate office no later than June 10th.

M.M.O.C.

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NOTE: NOMINEE should submit a brief resume with a black and white 5X7 photo before June 10 for publication in the July 1st quarterly newsletter. Both photo and resume may be submitted on disc.

15th Annual MMOC Ride

July 8–11, 2008

Dennis Brown, Past President
Oakland P.D., Retired

The Jailhouse Blues

How do we upstage last year's 1,000-mile Crater Lake ride, you ask? How about heading for a familiar destination — Susanville, California, through Lassen National Park (entrance fee required) on many roads we haven't ridden in more than 10 years, and some new tarmac and vistas thrown in for good measure. We won't see a freeway for more than 600 miles, 100 of which will be on back-country roads much like those encountered on our 14th Annual Ride, as we take in the essence of rural America.

And, what's this teaser about Jailhouse Blues? The outskirts of Susanville is home to High Desert State Prison, and having contributed to their population for 20 years, I thought it might be interesting if the collective "we" saw firsthand what the personnel within the California Department of Corrections have to deal with daily. Thanks to friends within the system, a limited tour of this maximum security, level 4 facility has been arranged for the morning of our second day in town, Thursday, July 10. All of our MMOC riders, up to a maximum of 25 participants, will be allowed on the tour, including women and non-LEO, however there are very strict guidelines that must be adhered to. NO weapons of any sort, ammunition, cell phones, pagers, cameras, tobacco or lighters will be allowed on the premises, including the

parking lot! And unless you desire to end up in stir with some hairy, tattooed monster whispering sweet nothings in your ear, the dress code dictates NO shorts, blue pants or blue shirts. All are prohibited, including blue jeans, so pack accordingly!

THIRTY DAYS BEFORE our arrival, I will need to furnish a list of prospective attendees to CDC, including your full name, date of birth, Social Security number and driver's license number, for the requisite background check. If you are an active or retired LEO, a legible, color photocopy of both sides of your ID card will suffice and can be faxed to me at (510) 428-4943. If you don't want to divulge that information and tour the prison with us, there is a WalMart and CHP office nearby where you can go practice U-turns for a couple hours until we depart for our afternoon ride!

Make your reservations at the hotels listed below and mention the block of rooms for MMOC. As usual, 25 rooms have been secured at each facility until 30 days before arrival. After confirming your attendance with me via e-mail (hos6350@sbcglobal.net) and providing the personal information requested AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE TRIP, I will forward the route information for each day's trek so that those of you who are techno-geeks can download it into your GPS units.

Lodging

- **Tues., July 8:** We'll meet at the Best Western Golden Pheasant, 249 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988. Phone (530) 934-4603. Exit I.S. 5 at Willows/S.R. 162/Chico, east one block, south 200 feet and you're there. All rooms are \$60 plus tax.
- **Wed-Thurs., July 9 and 10:** High Country Inn, 3015 Riverside Dr., Susanville, CA 96130. Phone (866) 454-4566. All rooms are \$84 plus tax, and the office has a safe to secure "roscoe" if you're going to HDSP.
- **Fri., July 11:** Super 8 Motel, 140 E. Hillcrest Dr., Auburn, CA 95603. (530) 888-8808. All rooms are \$69 plus tax.

I'm looking forward to seeing some of the "old-timers" again, and as happens each year, new riders who come into the MMOC touring fold. It is a fun time, even if all the events of the trip aren't printable! I remain, Dennis M. Brown, His Own Self, Touring Executive Ride Director. ☸

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 our records.

Thanks for your support!

2008 MMOC Cioppino Feed

Rich Bailey, Director
San Jose, P.D., Retired
& Kim Wirht, Secretary

Looking back after all the months of planning and hard work, you ask yourself, "Was it worth it?" All Kim and I can say to that question is: "Your damn right it was worth it!" The attendance this year was 180-plus with people still being turned away.

Since the late '70s, this event always drew overwhelming crowds until one of its founders, Dick Tush (Past President, San Jose P. D., retired) moved out of state. In an effort to better manage the event, it was moved to another location and the cioppino was catered; it just wasn't the same. Three years ago, Kim and I brought the Cioppino Feed back to life, and it has been a success every year since. The event allows people to rekindle their friendships and make new friends from all over the state. Where else can you have so much fun and have such a great entrée to boot. By the way, for those that get excited over trivia, it took 160 crabs, 100 pounds of cod, 50 pounds of mussels, 50 pounds of clams, 35 pounds of tiger prawns, and 40 pounds-plus of scallops. All of this was put into a tomato base of fresh herbs and Roger Malcolm's secret sauce of aromatic spices. For our pleasure, Roger's team of expert cooks came out of retirement and started the cooking process at 0900 hours on March 1. The





end result: cioppino.

The Board of Directors, officers and office staff greatly appreciate Roger Malcolm and his culinary masters for preparing such a masterpiece. In addition to the culinary experts, we also thank all those in attendance for their support and dedication to MMOC. We want to thank Pete Constant, San Jose City Councilman (San Jose P.D., retired) for his participation and attendance in this event.

While everyone was savoring the delicacies at hand, MMOC volunteers Cliff Heanes (Oakland P.D., retired) and Mark Murray (Past President, San Leandro P.D., retired) sold MMOC products, adding a little touch of class. We thank Dennis Brown (Past President, Oakland P.D., retired) for supplying Nick Nicosia's famous sausages. We might also mention that one of our biggest winners of the night was Patti Murray, who won the 50/50 raffle. Patti, of P & M Electric, has been one of our staunchest supporters each and every year. Congratulations, Patti.

In attendance were also 11 MMOC Past Presidents, representatives from S.J.P.D., S.F.P.D., O.P.D., L.A.P.D., C.H.P., Pasadena P.D., Milpitas P.D., Santa Cruz P.D., Alameda P.D., S.R.P.D., San Leandro P.D. and the U.S. Marshals office.

A special thanks to those entities behind the scenes, like Original Joe's Restaurant, Roma Bakery, Nicosia Sausages, Barola Restaurant, Bay View Hotel, Clarion Hotel and Double D's restaurant of Los Gatos. Just plain thanks to everyone for making this event another success!

Proceeds of this event go toward "Ride for Kids," benefiting the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. For more information on the foundation, visit www.pbtfus.org/. ☸



End of Watch

The MMOC regrets to announce the passing of the following members:

Robert High

Robert passed away on December 1, 2007. He was born on March 27, 1942, joined the LAPD on August 5, 1974, and rode Motors from October 1982 until retiring on September 21, 1994. Robert joined the MMOC in 1982 and was a member in good standing. He is survived by his wife Gale.

William Kearney

William joined the San Francisco Police Department in the early 1960s and rode solo motorcycles starting July 1985, retiring as a Lieutenant. William was an Active member in good standing in the MMOC, having joined on September 1, 1985. William was also a Lieutenant Colonel with the Civil Air Patrol.

Noel Nash

Noel joined the San Francisco Police Department on January 4, 1960, and started riding motors on April 16, 1963. He was 75 years old and a member in good standing with MMOC for over 43 years, having joined in April 1964. Noel is survived by his spouse Sandy.

A. Ron Perkins

Ron was 86 years old and a member of the MMOC for over 44 years, having joined in August 1963. He never owned a car or truck without a membership decal prominently placed on it. He spent more than 31 years on the Culver City Police Department and retired in 1974. In 1961 he went to Motors and rode as a Motor Officer, Motor Sergeant and as a riding Motor Lieutenant. He is survived by his wife Barbara and son Ronald Perkins, also an active member of the MMOC and a Motor Sergeant with the Culver City Police Department. ☸

MMOC BILLBOARD

15th Annual MMOC Ride

July 8-11, 2008

Susanville, CA to Lassen National Park

3rd Annual Southwestern Ride

Sept. 29-Oct. 3, 2008

Lone Pine, CA to Beatty, NV

79th Annual Convention

Sept. 7-11, 2008

Royal Scandinavian Inn
Solvang, CA

79TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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*Annual Attendance Fee
\$150 per person
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**The Royal Scandinavian Inn
400 Alisal Road, Solvang, CA**

September 7-11

(Sunday through Thursday)

Website: www.royalscandinavianinn.com

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Mention: MMOC

ROOM RATES

- All rooms the same size — 10% tax
- Standard: \$125
- Upgrade: \$155 (Pool view)
- Jr. Suite: \$210

**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 Convention Itinerary

(Tentative)

Allow the Board to enlighten you on what your attendance fee brings outside of all the fun, laughter and "Fellowship." We hope this helps you in making your plans.

Sunday, September 7

1300 hours: Board Meeting

1800 hours: Social hour

1900 hours: Past President's Dinner

(Non-Past Presidents wishing to attend must notify the office on or before 8/1/2008)

Monday, September 8

1000 hours to noon: Registration, location TBA

1300-1500 hours: Annual Introductory

Luncheon, location TBA

1530 hours: Annual Membership Meeting, location TBA

1530 hours: Ladies Bunco, location TBA

Tuesday, September 9

0900 hours: Wine Tasting Tour plus Lunch

Allow approx. 4- to 6-hour for tour.

(Transportation supplied, leaves from the main entrance of the Inn.)

Wednesday, September 10

1100 hours: Poolside get-together
with deli buffet lunch, Hospitality Room.

1800 hours: Social Hour

1900 hours: President's Ball and Dinner, location TBA

Thursday, September 11

Noon check out

Hospitality Room: Jr. Suite room #144 first floor; hours will be announced at the event. We would also greatly appreciate anyone willing to volunteer as a bartender.

Golfers: Tom Vlassis, Santa Cruz (retired), contacted the local golf course and received the following information. Approximately a block and a half from the Inn is a classy golf course with all you need. Costs per person for 55 and under: \$76 w/cart, \$60 for those that walk. Those over 55 the cost is \$61 w/cart and \$45 for walkers (per person). Rental clubs are available for \$20. Shorts are OK, but no Levis; tennis shoes are OK if you don't have golf

shoes. For further information, call the golf course at (805) 688-6042, (club pro is Bob). Wednesday looks like the best day for a round. Please contact the MMOC office to reserve a spot at (818) 884-5576.

Gamblers: You'll have the luxury of trying to outsmart the local Chumash Casino just outside of town. The Casino supplies free transportation every hour on the half hour from the main entrance to the Inn 24 hours a day. During your free time, you can indulge in their \$8.95 buffet lunch or \$14.95 buffet dinner — the food is great and there is plenty of it! ☺



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