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Welcome to the Future

Gene Gray
President
Pasadena P.D., Retired

Welcome to the future with the Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California and our newly appointed Board of Directors. Mentioned in the October *Siren* and worth mentioning again, last September brought the Board of Directors two new additions: one from the City of San Jose, as in Rich Bailey, and the other from the City of San Francisco, Lionel Hess. Additionally, Mike Oliveira (Oakland P.D., retired), Jim Davis (LAPD, retired) and I (Pasadena P.D., retired) were re-elected to serve one more year on the Board.

Rich Bailey (retired) began showing his strong dedication and support of MMOC in April 1989 and then two years ago, he reinstituted the infamous Cioppino Feed. With the assistance of his life-support system, MMOC Secretary Kim Wirht, they put MMOC back on the map. We are all looking forward to this year's Cioppino Feed on Saturday, March 1!

Lionel Hess (retired) has been supporting MMOC since December 1973 while actively employed by San Francisco P.D. and now as an MMOC Director of the Board. The September Convention and Lionel's election to the Board was still warm in everyone's mind when he took the reins and started a one-man membership drive at his old stomping grounds with his wife Helen alongside. Look out, San Francisco; and thanks to Doug Foss and George Firchow, both San Francisco retirees, for lighting his fire.

MMOC Vice President Mike Oliveira has taken us a step further into the future by securing a Northern website company, WSI, to upgrade and maintain our site. The new site, still in the making as I write this, will give us a futuristic design, links to other police networks and vice versa. Our online store will have a complete makeover, allowing for complete viewing and purchasing online. I thank Cliff Heanes, retired Oakland P.D., for agreeing to continue managing the store. Upcoming events, including our own as well as other jurisdictions we're affiliated with, will be advertised on the Calendar link. I encourage everyone to go to the site and give us some input; pro or con, all comments are welcome. Our web address is www.mmoc.org currently and is not likely to change.

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Forging Ahead



Mike Oliveira
Vice President
Oakland P.D., Retired

In the interest of resource management (saving space for other articles), this will be a quick update on the website project. In short, we're really close to the launch date. We were hoping to announce the new site by this newsletter, but it looks like that will happen after this newsletter is printed.

The website will include many new features, making it accessible to all of our members and the law enforcement family. Most important will be a membership listing that will be controlled by the individual member as to any information that member wishes to make available to a secured membership inquiry. In other words, there will be a section where the member will assign his or her own password to enter this area, post his contact information that s/he wishes (home number, e-mail address, home address, etc.). Should a member wish to contact another member or group of members for, let's say a ride or attending an event or just to say hi, this information is accessible only to the registered members and by a selected password known only to the member.

Also, dues can be paid, along with an updated and fully stocked online store, using Internet payment methods including credit card, check and PayPal.

I highly encourage members to send in digital photos of our events and functions for posting on the Internet so all can enjoy. Newsletters will also be available for download from the website and other registration forms for events.

We're really excited about this progress in improving the MMOC! Should you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at moliveirammoc@sbcglobal.net or via the MMOC office.



From the Desk of Jim Davis...

Past President/Treasurer
LAPD, Retired

There is no article this quarterly, so look for my article next issue. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Stepping Up to the Plate

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

First let me get in the line-up to wish all a very Happy and Safe Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year. I also genuinely THANK those sending me all those notes congratulating me. I feel I made a great decision.

Now let me introduce myself. As you can see listed above, my name is Lionel Hess, San Francisco P. D. retired — yes, retired 23 years to date. My career began in 1956 working for Daly City. Eight months later I moved across County lines and went to work for San Francisco P. D., where I stayed for 27 years. In 1967 I was lucky enough to be transferred to Solos. Just after graduating from Motor School, I was called by a friend telling me that the Sergeants List was out. Twelve days after the list came out, I was back on four wheels setting an all-time record for having the shortest time as a Solo. Six years later I got the best job in the business: Solo Sergeant. Five years later the Federal Courts got involved, and I was promoted to temporary Lieutenant. During the next five years, I tried to convince the Chief into giving me my Solo position back; he never budged. So at the old age of 50, I retired. My wife Helen and I have enjoyed retirement immensely.

Assuming the position of Director on the MMOC Board allows me to take an important step into what I believe in — all phases of Traffic Safety, which begins with involvement in the recruiting process. I began my new tour of duty with MMOC by contacting friends at my old stomping grounds, the San Francisco P. D. From there, I went to our credit union in an attempt to reinstate the payroll deduction system to enhance recruitment. I am hopeful that the credit union's representative will attend our upcoming Board meeting in January. This will give the Board and the credit union a chance to revisit the payroll deduction structure.

San Francisco P. D. currently has 68 dedicated, loyal supporters of MMOC. The membership ranks have dropped considerably over the years, and I feel it might have been because of the payroll deduction system being discontinued. To explain the process, MMOC connects with the credit union wherein MMOC removes its membership dues from a member's payroll check over a period of one year. If you divide the annual dues of \$36 into 12 monthly payments, it comes to \$3 per month or \$1.50 bimonthly. This amount per month supports an organization that supplies Bicycle and Traffic Safety materials throughout the State of California for free. I believe that this is a small contribution to keeping our families safe. I leave you with my thoughts. E-mail me at lhessmmoc@sbcglobal.net or call the office Monday through Wednesday should you have any comments or questions at (818) 884-5576.



2008 Annual Cioppino Feed

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

Within a couple of months, we will celebrate our 3rd Annual MMOC Cioppino Feed. Roger Malcolm and the "Good 'ol Boys" have agreed to take time out of their busy retirement schedules to make it happen again. What they do with that Cioppino is a miracle, and we all greatly appreciate their dedication. We welcome one and all to gather around for lots of fun, laughter, "fellowship," and damn good food at the San Jose POA Hall located at 1151 N. 4th Street, San Jose Calif.

Please make it a point to purchase your ticket(s) as soon as possible after the sale date arrives, January 5, 2008. We offer only 160 tickets at the low price of \$35 per person to attend this spectacular adult event. As an MMOC pre-registration special, we will offer MMOC members — be they Active, Associate or Honorary — the chance to purchase tickets first from January 5 through 12 through the MMOC office at (818) 884-5576. From January 12 through February 22, sales will go public to other Departments. All sales will end on February 22 or when we reach our cutoff attendance figure. We also have registration availability on our website, www.mmoc.org. Pull up the Cioppino Feed Flyer, fill out the sign-up form at the bottom and mail to the office with your remittance. No sales at the door.

As mentioned earlier, we want to thank Roger Malcolm (Head Chef) and his crew of very hard workers for bringing us together again. Roger will head up the kitchen staff once again and Larry Reuter, recovering from double knee surgery, is in charge of seafood procurement. Dennis (His Own Self) Brown is taking time out of his busy schedule talking with Nick Nicosia. Nick is the Great Sausage man who will again bring us his famous and tasty sausage.

Thanks to Chris Billawala, general manager for the Clarion Airport Hotel, for once again rolling out the red carpet and graciously keeping our room prices more than reasonable. Mention MMOC when you call to make reservations, and your room price will be the same as last year: \$69 plus tax, which includes a buffet breakfast and their free shuttle to and from the San Jose Airport. For reservations, please call (800) 453-5340 or their local number (408) 392-2419, or online at www.clarionsj.com. They are taking reservations now so don't hesitate.

Don't get left out — get your tickets early!



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Jumping a bit forward in the year, and as mentioned in the last *Siren*, our 79th Annual Convention is set in concrete. The Royal Scandinavian Inn in Solvang (that's in California, by the way) is hosting our event from Sunday through Thursday, Sept. 7-11, 2008.

Please review the Convention flyer in this issue for detailed info on Inn registration, room rates and deadlines for registering and submitting your attendance fee. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office Monday-Wednesday at (818) 884-5576, or e-mail me at ggraymmoc@sbcglobal.net.



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.

P.O. Box 9903

Canoga Park, CA 91309-9903

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.

2nd Annual MMOC Southwest Ride Recap

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

Let's begin our recap of this year's excellent adventure in "beautiful downtown" Westley, California, on Monday morning, October 1 at 7:30 a.m. — where Mark Murray, Burny Matthews, Rhoda and this esteemed Blovinator met up with Doug Foss and Steve Armbruster, who ventured 620 miles south from Salem, Oregon, on Sunday to enjoy our annual festivities. Neither looked any worse for the wear, considering their first 245 miles were in a torrential downpour! On this cool and crisp



morning as we suited up for the ride to Barstow, Foss donned his flamed-out half-shell helmet that was all but destroyed.

Seems that during the rain ride, he looked over the windshield to wash his glasses and the wind ripped the piece of crap chopper-style lid off his 3XL bucket head! Armbruster, riding to the rear, stopped to retrieve the tumbling remains. Clear 60- to 70-degree weather delivered us refreshed to Bakersfield, where Armbruster plied his Motor Cop trade until retiring a few years ago and headed north to Silverton, Oregon. It was lunch time and he steered us to a neighborhood Basque restaurant for a delicious feast. Luckily,



we had Foss to clean up the leftovers and no one left hungry! Two hours later, after strafing the Tehachapi's on 58, we were in Barstow in time for cocktail hour, a couple hours of pool time and a sideways jaunt to the gourmet Straw Hat Pizza next door.

We had a relaxing ride on Tuesday the 2nd, with a lunch stop at the Lake Havasu City exit off IS 40 and a one-hour visit with former OPD Traffic Division Commander Connie Blevins, who moved to the warm confines of Lake Havasu to heal his long-standing Marine Corp and OPD wounds. He continues to be a chiseled leader of men and one that helped guide me through my career in Traffic Division, although I did give him cause to pull his hair out! Thanks, Connie, it was great seeing you again.

With Wickenburg several hours away, we dropped the hammer and arrived at 1530 to begin the official kick off for this year's ride. Jerry and Aillene Swain, Baron and Kathy Laetzsch, C.K. Williams, Kenny and Gwen Williams, Bob and Vi Hossfeld, Phil and Debi Dudley, Dick Studdard, Kevin Northam and Robyn Hossfeld greeted us poolside with refreshments in hand. Beautiful grounds and perfect 80-degree crystal-clear weather was a further inducement to sack suck, frolic and BS until the sun set on the horizon and reality dictated it was time to crawl next door to the "gourmet" Denny's for vittles. Many of us continued our liquid training exercises after dinner, knowing

that Hossfeld and Studdard were "guiding" us, via top-secret route, to Payson in the morning and Show Low in the afternoon. Liquid courage, indeed!

Side stands up at 0800 hours — all the while protecting C.K. Williams in the primary chase vehicle, who had the mobile bar he so generously donated — our intrepid guides led us on some top-secret route (apparently Arizonians speak a foreign language and don't use highway numbers; everything is referred to as "Valley of the Squaw" or "Dancing Wolves Trail," etc. as if we're supposed to find those references on a map!) to Payson where Bill and Christine Herzig opened up their beautiful house and fed us freeloaders



a fantastic lunch. Bill is a retired Motor Cop from Tucson and a member of Blue Knights, Chapter AZII. They are truly wonderful and gracious people, and we couldn't thank them enough for their hospitality. After lunch, SR 260 through the Apache National Forest to Show Low proved to be a beautiful curvy and scenic roadway that begged us to pick up the pace to our next three nights lodging

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at the Days Inn. Ever mindful of the numerous elk signs posted roadside, some of us elected to forego formation riding and sprint to the hotel. You know, it's 5:00 someplace in the world. Cocktails flowed, as did BS at our impromptu parking-lot cocktail party as Hossfeld passed out the "route and itinerary" for the next two days rides. More references, such as "turn north at the third telephone pole with three amber reflectors in a horizontal pattern 6 feet from the base," had many of us questioning his sanity and C.K. agreeing; he had to work with him in L.A.

Thursday dawned cool, overcast and promised of intermittent rain showers as we suited up for the day's ride. Perhaps this was an omen, as Mark Murray turned the key and his Harley was lifeless. Just three days earlier at Westley, he had bragged about having the original battery in his '99 Harley Davis and how it always started. Not this time, Reggie! Relegated to shotgun passenger with C.K. at the rear, Baron in the lead vehicle led us on a beautiful scenic route via US 60 and 191 to Alpine for breakfast.

Just a few miles from the New Mexico border, over hot coffee and home-cooked food, we marveled at our 85-mile autumn journey through golden aspen, blue spruce and the world's largest stand of pinion pine. While the Eastern seaboard may paint a slightly more vivid picture this time of year, we were in awe, as the Left Coast has few opportunities to view a canvas as spectacular.

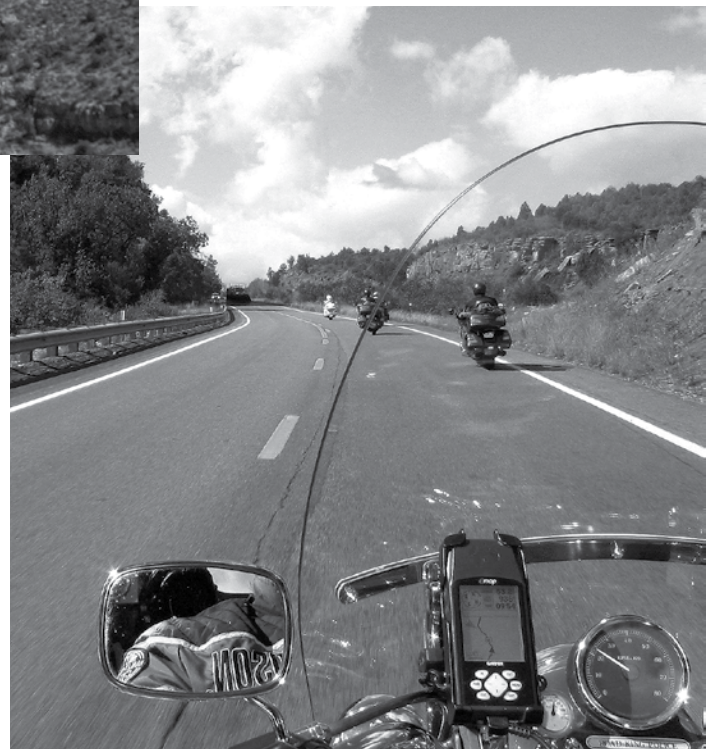
Murray was anxious to return to Show Low and find a battery for his bike, so he, Baron, Armbruster, Foss and I departed under very threatening skies while the others elected to sightsee on this gloomy day. We experienced about 10 miles of light rain en route. Quoting Herr Hossfeld leading the "others": "The gallant legion consisting of Phil, Debi, Kevin, Robyn, Kenny, Gwen, Burny, Vi and yours truly, followed by C.K. and Rhoda in the other chase vehicle, headed north in search of the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest. During the first 90 miles, we experienced intermittent rain showers as we approached IS 40. There, the wrath of God spoke in the form of thunder, lightening and heavy rain. With a stroke of luck, we spotted a self-service car wash with three covered bays, where we huddled in terror for more than a half hour as the heavens dumped on us and the lightening show dissuaded further travel. During a respite, with the storm moving east and our group west, we headed toward our destination and away from the storm, or so we thought! (In police jargon, Bob, we call black ominous clouds and the clap of thunder and lightening overhead a clue — HOS).



Five miles down the road, we headed into another cell with heavy rain cutting our visibility to 50 feet. This lasted for 10 to 15 minutes, then we broke into the clear and welcomed sunshine as we viewed the sights we braved the elements for."

Back in Show Low, Baron and Mark were busy procuring and charging the new battery, as I tested the warm waters of the pool and mysterious built-in spa that offered jets but no heated water. Cocktails helped numb the chill until we all conspired to install the new 12-volt device. Houston, we have ignition! More cocktails, and the intrepid sightseers arrived with war stories of bravery and tenacity, as they conquered the elements to view dead trees and a landscape of brown rocks interspersed amongst the sand! The parking lot on this evening was a noisy and boisterous affair, interrupted often by the sound of C.K.'s car alarm on his new Ford Fusion. He had mastered the driving elements of the car, but command of the remote key fob continued to present a serious challenge 'til Kenny took it away from him! The inhabitants of surrounding rooms unanimously thanked number two son. Two excellent restaurants across the street again provided the needed sustenance to see us through more libations later, and then lights out.

Friday morning we awoke to cloud cover and



very strong northerly winds. Again breaking into two groups, Foss, Armbruster, Matthews and I headed for the Grand Canyon, while Hossfeld's "Gallant Legion" reformed for a scenic ride to the much more miniscule and "girlie" Salt River Canyon. As we Macho

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Men motored north, tail winds all but blew us to IS 40, where our westerly trek was met with constant 50-mph crosswinds and the requisite 30-degree lean into the wind. We made good time to Flagstaff, where new off ramp construction for the scenic U.S. 180 route to the canyon thoroughly confused all three GPS units and left us going in circles for an hour. Finally Steve found one 4"x12" sign in a residential district pointing us in the right direction. Eighty miles later, we were at a scenic overlook marveling at this giant crevasse in the earth and laughing, for no sooner did we get there, but it was time to turn back. We took pictures, glad-handed and high-fived each other, then immediately beat feet on the 235-mile return leg as head and crosswinds pummeled us to Show Low. It proved to be a long ride in less than ideal conditions; however, no rain.

How did Herr Hossfeld's Gallant Legion do? "We headed south to the canyon (remember, this is a play canyon, a miniscule fissure compared to what we visited — HOS) losing the winds and gaining sunshine. Not only was the scenery great, the road provided great twisties to the delight of all, especially Ken and Gwen. After lunch, we visited Fort Apache and a brief history lesson is in order ... Fort Apache was established in 1870 and remained in continuous service as the last active Cavalry Post until 1923. That same year, the Teddy Roosevelt Indian School was established at the site and

is still in operation today. While standing on the parade grounds, I had the feeling John Wayne was at the head of his troops, passing in review."

This was to be our last night in town, and the Laetzsches opened up their GINORMUS house to the collective "we." They have more square-footage in their garages (six or seven at last count) than most people do in their entire lot! Kathy prepared a feast of German brats and Italian sausage ensuring we ate like kings. Baron, Kathy and Gwen ferried our liquid selves the short distance to and from the hotel, so you could say there was an inducement to partake of their hospitality and that we did 'til the late hours, when it was time to say our goodbyes until next year.

The 2nd Annual Southwestern Ride is now in the history books as a fun-filled event: great scenery, company, levity, food and camaraderie. Old and new riders alike, everyone had a blast and I thank you all for your commitment to MMOC. And a special thanks to C.K. Williams and Baron and Kathy Laetzsch for providing the chase vehicles. We couldn't have done it without your generosity.

Next year we're off to the Hoover Dam at Boulder City and then three days of sightseeing at Death Valley.

Until then, I remain Dennis M. Brown, His Own Self, Touring Executive Ride Director.



Recruitment BBQ

On Thursday, November 15, 2007, MMOC members Mark Murray, Dennis Brown and Cliff Heanes hosted a recruitment barbecue for the students of the Alameda County Sheriff's Department Motor School. They were treated to sumptuous cheeseburgers prepared by Dennis, as well as chips, sodas and dessert. Mark gave a presentation extolling the benefits of obtaining membership in MMOC and presented each student with copies of past issues of the *Siren* in addition to membership applications.

Included in this photo are students (Left to Right):

Wayne Whitfield
Keith Wilkerson
Leendert Verbarg
Douglas Adams
Daniel Peters
Rob Dehner
Robert Banks
Patrick Bayani
Kevin Warkentin
Craig Collom

Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Alameda County Sheriff's Office
Alameda County Sheriff's Office
Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Oakdale Police Department
Tiburon Police Department
Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Santa Cruz Police Department
Los Banos Police Department
San Mateo Police Department

We hope to see them at future MMOC events. ☼



79TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

**2008
is upon us**

Municipal Motorcycle Officers Of California



**Annual Attendance Fee
\$150 per person
Deadline: 8/1/2008
Mail to MMOC
P.O. Box 9903
Canoga Park, CA 91309
(818) 884-5576**

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

September 7–11

(Sunday through Thursday)

Website: www.royalscandinavianinn.com

Reservations: (800) 624-5572

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

3rd Annual MMOC Southwestern Ride

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

The 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 September 2007 when we pre-rode the area, very comfortable mid-day temps of low 80s to mid-90s are the norm through October and beckon our arrival.

Let's meet on Monday, September 29, at the Dow Villa Motel, 310 S. Main Street, Lone Pine, CA 93545, phone (760) 876-5521 or (800) 824-9317. It's a little pricey at \$94 for a double queen and \$85 for a king plus 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'll 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. U.S. 95 and 93 South will then deliver us to Boulder City 150 miles distant. Lodging Tuesday, Sept. 30, 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 plus tax. Because restaurants are more than 1 mile distant, our reoccurring theme of poolside 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 hours, 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, Oct. 1, 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 and our next three nights lodging. Make your reservations for October 1-3 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 per night plus tax; reservations are in my name and MMOC — request a room overlooking the pool.

With Beatty as a homebase, 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, Oct. 4, we'll 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 (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 during peak season, I must call and confirm our arrival three WEEKS IN ADVANCE, and at that time release any of the remaining rooms or be liable for the cost. Therefore, make your reservations early and PLEASE SEND ME AN E-MAIL to hos6350@sbcglobal.net BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8 so that I can confirm your attendance with each establishment. AFTER THAT, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN!

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

MMOC BILLBOARD

The Cioppino Feed

Saturday, March 1, 2008
POA Hall, 1151 N. Fourth St.
San Jose, CA

15th Annual MMOC Ride

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

79th Annual Convention

Sept. 7-11, 2008
Royal Scandinavian Inn
Solvang, CA

3rd Annual Southwestern Ride

Sept. 29-Oct. 3, 2008
Lone Pine, CA to Beatty, NV

Thanks, Bud!

The MMOC wishes to give a special thank you to Edward "Bud" Harper for donating our 2008 pocket calendars. Bud is a Past President of the MMOC and retired from LAPD motors. Bud and his wife Madeline live in Oklahoma and travel to attend the MMOC Conventions.

If any member wishes to receive a calendar, please e-mail the office at btoninmmoc@sbcglobal.net or telephone the office at (818) 884-5576.

We will mail out the calendars while supplies last.

Again, thank you, Bud!

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. ☸

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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 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!



Get the Rubber Side Down Soon

Our Past President & current Director Jim Davis met with one of those left-turners we all know about. Jim is currently recuperating at home with a compound fracture to his right forearm arm and a broken wrist. Rumor has it this was a way to get his new Harley!

Jim we all wish you well, should you need anything please contact us, I’m sure you know who “us” is.

— Your Following

Motor School Madness: Alameda County



September graduates of Alameda County Motor School: Scott Miller and Michael Sheldon, Alameda County S.O.; Robert Dekas and Joe Molentieri, San Leandro P.D.; Tom Helfrich, Napa P.D.; Victor Caraz, Jackson P.D.; Brendan Boyle, San Mateo P.D., and Don Warshma, Stanislaus County S.O., and class instructor Richard Cadamatori (Oakland P.D., retired).

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All 2007–2008 delinquent membership dues must be received by March 15, 2008, or you will no longer receive the quarterly *Siren* or the annual *Siren*.

Please check your records or call the MMOC office at (818) 884-5576 Monday through Wednesday. We don’t want to lose you!



MUNICIPAL MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA *PRESENT*

MMOC'S CIOPPINO FEED REUNION SATURDAY, MARCH 01, 2008

SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION HALL 1151 N 4th Street, San Jose, CA

THE GOOD OL' GUYS ARE AT IT AGAIN!! COOKING UP THEIR FABULOUS CIOPPINO LIKE OLD DAYS!! DON'T MISS OUT SEEING YOUR OLD MMOC PALS!

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Rates: \$69/+Tax. Reservations 1-(800) 453-5340 (408)392-2419 or click on <http://www.clarionsj.com/>
INCLUDES: Buffet breakfast. *Free Shuttle* to/from SJC Airport Mention **MMOC** for this rate.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MMOC Cioppino Feed, P.O. BOX 9903, Canoga Park, CA 91309
OR MMOC Director Rich Bailey, SJPD (Ret) at: C/O P.O. BOX 2422, APTOS, CA 95001

For further information: Visit <http://www.mmoc.org/> **Group Reservation** Contact Rich Bailey (408) 316-6114;
Or Contact the MMOC Office at (818) 884-5576 leave message.

Remember CIOPPINO FEED DATE: MARCH 01, 2008

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