



From the President:

For those of you who did not attend our March Cioppino Feed, you missed another outstanding job by Rich, Kim and the staff. Attendance was very good considering the weather forecast of doom and gloom. I would like to offer special thanks to the members and spouses who, behind the scenes, helped with set-up and cleanup, and those who pushed the 50-50 and raffle ticket sales.

The Board met Saturday morning in a scheduled meeting at the Holiday Inn San Jose Airport. Among the items on the agenda and discussion were membership and dues.

The Board passed a motion to accept memberships for ALL categories (Active, Associate and Honorary) at the current rate of \$36.00 per year if one were to pay annually, OR \$150.00 for a Five-year membership. This would save members \$30.00 over 5 years. Originally this offer was for new Active members only; it is now being extended to renewals as well as Associate and Honorary.

Also discussed was the current financial status of MMOC. One of our largest expenses is the printing and mailing of the *SIREN*. The board is considering offering the *SIREN* to members via email instead of USPS mailing. I know that some of you will probably object to this and we understand. There are probably a few members that don't know what e-mail is or don't have a computer and therefor would continue to receive a snail-mail "hard copy". Eliminating *half* of the printing and mailing costs would save MMOC around \$2400.00 per year. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

MMOC will be sponsoring the 23rd annual ride in July. Dennis Brown, (retired annuitant) has come out of retirement to organize this ride after stepping in at the last minute in 2015 to organize and lead that unofficial, non-MMOC ride. This year's ride to Cedar City, Utah is a destination ride. See the MMOC website for updates and information. Also, Dennis has advised the Board in his own eloquent style that he is done, finito after 2016. MMOC is therefor in need of a person to step up and organize the 2017 and future rides. I hope there is someone out there to carry on this time honored task. Contact Dennis or myself with any questions or offers of help.

Cliff Heanes, our Quartermaster, reports slow sales from Café Press and from stock on hand. Shirts, pins, hats, challenge coins and certain other items are still available thru Cliff.

The Board is considering a cruise for the 2017 Convention. Research is still underway.


We continue to refine our Pismo Beach 2016 MMOC Convention schedule-of-events. The wine tasting will now be an option at your expense. Under consideration is a "beach day" with an oceanside BBQ. There will be more from Director Chuck Rabaut.

Hope to see you at the General Membership meeting during the September Convention.

"Remember, let's be safe out there"

Mark Murray, San Leandro PD retired

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MMOC Honor Guard @ Laguna Niguel Christmas Parade

(or the BCMC – Part Trois)

This was not an uneventful event with another drenching and stormy ride down south on Friday, December 11, 2015, which thankfully morphed into a gorgeous and sunny parade day on Saturday the 12th. Last minute issues with participating Motors and conflicting Movie Industry schedules, caused the depletion of our ranks and the defection of our eminent Emir and illustrious leader Don Winslow. That left 4 of us to carry on the good will of MMOC Honor Guard; with Pat Armstrong and Steve Ellis in the lead, then Wayne Morris and yours truly as tail-gunners.

The parade was Laguna Niguel's 26th Annual and this year's theme was California Dreamin'. With nearly a thousand spectators & participants, it stretched for over a mile. MMOC was the 30th featured group, near the front with another 70 plus groups to our rear. The parade route was very colorful and well decorated throughout. They even had 2 beautiful balloon arches, one at the beginning and another at route's end for the participants to parade under and through. With Pat's huge 6x8 American Flag long-staff- mounted on his Harley and waving majestically in the crisp clear breeze, our team looked stunning as we began our stately procession. The crowds were waving happily and our riders responded in kind, waving back magnanimously. It would've been a flawless routine, save for Pat cutting loose all those beautiful balloons across the arched exit with the sharp tip of his huge mounted flag pole. We garnered the Parade Marshall's consternation as well as laughs and cheers from the many kids in the crowd as the scattering balloons floated away on the horizon.

This was MMOC's 9th annual participation at Laguna Niguel's Christmas Parade; and as always, our MMOC Honor Guard looks forward to next year's event... if they, ahem, invite us back!

Chuck Rabaut, Director

Hour and half online video— <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctBu2mAepUc>



Carroll William "Lefty" Wright: December 25, 1938 - February 11, 2016



During the mid 60's and early 70's my Patrol, Motor and gym partner was the late "Big" Fred Foster, an elongated 55 gallon drum with arms, legs and a basketball head. Early on, Fred spoke highly of fellow Alameda resident Lefty Wright, a childhood school classmate and likewise obsessive hot rodder who elected to follow in his father's footsteps and work for Southern Pacific out of Oakland's train yards.

Inseparable since childhood, Lefty joined the ranks of OPD on June 4, 1969, falling prey to Fred's nightly war stories and influence; an honorable profession that would allow him to "drive fast without repercussion" [not always, Ed.]. He excelled academically and in the grueling physical agility program, yet daily could be found after school in our basement gym pummeling the speed and heavy bags; Lefty was a prolific boxer with unparalleled stamina, speed and strength, his nickname well deserved.

Lefty joined us on Motors in April, 1973, then MMOC in July, 1975 and after many years transferred to our Air Support Squadron flying helicopters. Always eager for a new challenge he then joined our Mounted Patrol Unit riding horseback throughout the city. What's next? A walking beat, oftentimes in the seediest districts of Oakland, with who else but Fred Foster. Extremely mild mannered, yet self-confident and tough, he feared only the Lord.

After 20 years' service, he retired then joined the East Bay Regional Parks Police Department and for the next 10 years worked their Patrol and Marine Units with, you guessed it again, Fred Foster; they were inseparable from early youth to semi-geriatric states.

Feeling the need for open spaces, Lefty moved to Whitefish, Montana and built a beautiful dream home surrounded by 40 acres of pasture and tranquility. I visited him for several days in August, 2008 while on a 6 state motor ride. Surveying his stately compound, there was the requisite speed and heavy bag residing in the attached 3 car garage that still saw daily pounding and his new Suzuki Hayabusa. The monstrous and heated detached garage housed his beloved original 409 El Camino, healthy 56 Chevy Bel Air and big block Chevelle, all cars from his youth. Also therein, Lefty plied his excellent body, fender and paint-work skills that allowed him to do frame-off rotisserie restorations on each. We spent a couple days riding around beautiful Flathead Lake then through the incomparable Glacier National Park, just miles from his backyard and later, visiting the Kalispell/Whitefish regional airport where he hangered his small airplane.

In July, 2011 he joined us at our 18th Annual MMOC Ride visiting the National Parks outside Cedar City, Utah, never complaining of discomfort on his Hayabusa's crotch-rocket ergonomics during the thousand mile "commute" he amassed; however, he did grumble because our host hotel's gym didn't have a speed or heavy bag! Nightly sunset runs took the edge off his frustration.

I last talked to Lefty just days before this past Christmas, a routine we did for several decades, wishing him a happy birthday that falls on Christmas Day. He was in very good spirits even though just a few months earlier a diagnosis revealed he had terminal cancer. Always a religious man, Lefty looked at the positives in life and awaited his final journey to Heaven. Upbeat, he sounded like the Lefty I knew for 46 years. With a click of the phone, I was reduced to an emotional wreck for days.

Lefty is survived by his wife Jane, a brother and sister, two daughters and five grandchildren. Rest in peace with the Lord my friend, you were truly were a model for all mankind.

Dennis M. Brown



The 23d Annual MMOC July Ride: Revised

In the January 2016 issue of the Siren, I posted lodging and rate information for our upcoming July ride to and from Cedar City, Utah. Publishing deadlines necessitated hotel negotiations during August, September and October, 2015. In late December I was made aware mandatory revisions were necessary and demanded an explanatory posting to the web and email notification to past participants. The dates remain the same, and with one exception, the venues too. However, there were 2 price revisions. Please read on.

As before, Cedar City will be a destination ride; Rhoda and I going on the northern route of I-80 and US-50 and returning home via the 40 mile shorter southern route of I-15, Ca-58 & I-5. We'll kick off this adventure with a meet and greet in beautiful downtown Fernley, Nevada and here's all the lodging information. Revisions are noted in **RED**. Note that all rooming rates were negotiated and booked under "MMOC Group Reservations." With one exception, there's a 72 hour cutoff and 24 hour cancellation clause.

If you care to join us on our easterly trek, Rhoda and I will depart from the Chevron Station/Starbucks, 4490 Central Way, Fairfield, 94534 @ exactly 1000 hrs. Monday the 18th and head east on I-80 to:

Monday, July 18, 2016: Super 8 Fernley, 1350 W. Newlands Dr., Fernley, Nv. 89408. 775 575 5555. 15 Rooms reserved. **Price REDUCED to \$55.00 king and \$65.00 dbl. queen, + tax.**

Tuesday, July 19, 2016: Jailhouse Motel, 211 5th St., Ely, Nv. 89301. 775 289 3033. 15 rooms reserved in the "west wing" @ \$53.00 + tax.

Wednesday, July 20 thru and including Saturday, July 23, 2016: Ramada Inn, 1575 West 200th North, Cedar City, Utah. 84720. 435 586 8888. 20 rooms. **Price INCREASED to \$95.00 dbl. queen, and single king if available, + tax. Thirty day reservation cutoff and 72 hour cancellation clause!**

Sunday, July 24, 2016: Mariah Country Inn, 1385 Highway 58, Mojave, Ca. 93501. 661 824 4980. 5 double queen rooms reserved @ \$84.99 + tax.

As I write this article at the end of March, 2016, we have 24 riders, 2 chase vehicles, 31 participants and 17 rooms (that I know of) booked in Cedar City. Interestingly, we have 7 new attendees and inexplicably, 5 past participants who have not responded. I mention this because the maximum number of rooms I could block @ Cedar City is 20 and the reservation cutoff deadline was modified to 30 days before arrival: June 20th.

Remember 1) Utah is Mountain Time zone 2) Cedar City and the massive Dixie National Forest region we'll be in during our daily rides will see 5,000' elevation swings and can be a 3 season micro-climate riding area in July, therefor plan your riding gear accordingly 3) prep your bike for the long haul, including tires and 4) with at least 3 NP entry stations, bring your National Parks Senior Pass if you qualify to waive multiple entry fees.

Please RSVP if you're joining us and where you will filter in. This can greatly affect enroute lunch reservations that I make in advance to expedite wait-staff service. Also, if you sign up, I'll be posting a participant list and if solo, glad to assist in finding a bunk mate to save some \$\$ if you so desire.



His Own Self, Dennis M. Brown hos6350@sbcglobal.net

THE SAN JOSE CIOPPINO FEED RECAP BY RICH BAILEY AND KIM WIRHT



We had another fantastic Cioppino Feed, this March. If you missed it, you also missed a really great bowl of Cioppino, brimming with clams, mussels, scallops white fish and other goodies including the 'kitchen sink'. Due to our late crab season here in CA, Bob Collins, (SJPd) of San Jose's Pasta Market, pulled from his Oregon sources to acquire and procure Dungeness crab and Snow crab. We served it along with chicken (for those not crazy about seafood) and pasta, salad and wicked good garlic bread. We had a lot of help from Nick Nicosia who brought in his delicious 'Nicosia's Gourmet Sausage. If you weren't paying attention, you would have missed a delicious treat.

Overall, we had roughly 135 attendees along with 20 or so volunteers and staff. Along with a robust raffle drawing and other prizes, we barely had time to get to the dance floor. Which, by the way, was packed! Our DJ, Rynell Williams, knows how to spin those tunes!

Our host hotel was the Holiday Inn, who provided us with a great hospitality room so MMOC members and friends could come let their hair down and visit.

We sure missed Ben Vandevender (LAPD) and longtime friend and former LAPD partner, Mac Rhodes this year. They reunited after 20+ years when the first resurrection of our Annual Cioppino Feed was held in San Jose in March of 2006. Until this year, due to health reasons, they could not attend.

Dick Tush brought 11 of his clan and graced us with multiple pictures. He has supplied us with many historical accounts from his days of Cioppino Feed which started originally back in the early 70's.

Great turn out from San Francisco, Oakland, Milpitas and San Jose PD's who have always filled several 'Tables of 8.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL of the attendees from the following departments:

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And, A BIG call out to Oakland PD for many of the volunteers who helped us put this event together; including Dennis and Rhoda Brown, Larry and LaRene Hodson, Cliff and Mickie Heanes, Jeff and Celeste Heanes and Larry and Pearl Lucas.

We also want to recognize and send a HUGE THANK YOU to our donors:

Sergeant Eddie Chan, San Jose PD and SJPOA Director, for donating his time as Facilities Manager

Nick Nicosia of Nicosia's Gourmet Sausage For his excellent Italian Sausage

Arlene and John Rowe of Bronco Wines for the Table Wine. Liz and Phil Pitts, SJPD retired, for donating 4 MMOC Sheet Cakes.

Chi Pi Sigma Fraternity, San Jose State University Criminal Justice for their Time and Service setting up, serving and clean up.

Another great year, "THAT'S ALL FOLKS".



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Friday 9/9

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