

The Siren

May 2018

"Safety or Sorrow"
The Choice is Yours



From the Desk of The President - Doug Wayne

So here we are, well into the 2018 year. We have accomplished many things since our last convention, September 2017.

- For nearly the last 30 years MMOC has been guided under the internal operating rules of our By-laws, last revised in 1989. In reviewing those By-laws, we felt that many of the "Articles" in the By-laws had become outdated. This was mainly due to much lower membership numbers, which has resulted in how we conduct business. We also realized that many of the "Articles" cited California Civil Codes are no longer in existence. After a thorough review and many revisions, we had an attorney review the updated By-laws and upon his recommendations we came up with a final revised edition. On March 10, 2018, at the Board of Directors meeting, the Directors voted to accept the new revised By-laws.



Now, what does the revised By-laws mean to you, the general membership? You will see no change in the way we currently conduct business. Many of the changes were an incorporation of Board of Directors voted upon amendments, which were passed over the years, but were not reflected in the 1989 By-laws. I'd like to thank the following individuals for their work in moving this process to its conclusion: Gene Gray, Dennis Brown and Kim Wirht.

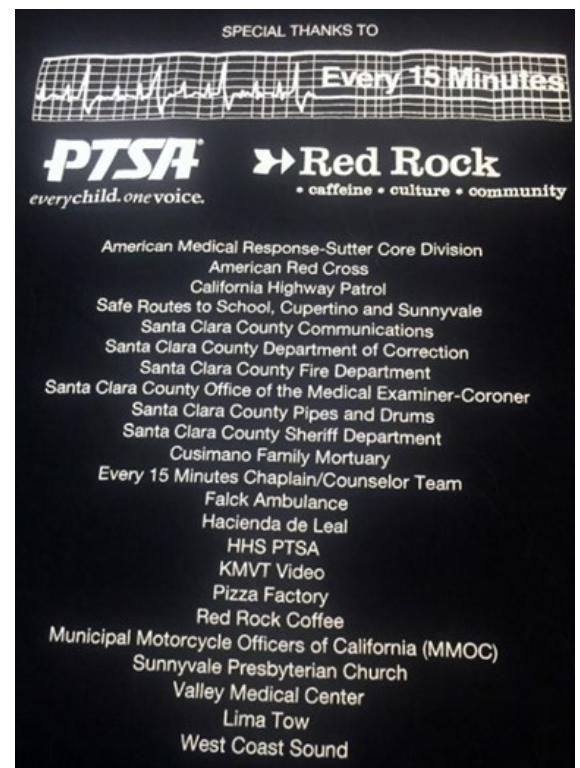
- Another issue addressed at the March 2018 Board of Directors meeting was our primary charitable mission, which in the past has been bicycle safety programs in our schools. Since the membership numbers have decreased over the years, the result is we have many more retirees than we have active law enforcement officers. When we had more active law enforcement members it was much easier to promote the bicycle traffic safety program as we had direct access to

department's Juvenile or Youth Services Divisions, where we could funnel our charitable resources.



MMOC is classified as a 501(c)(4) charitable organization. There was a discussion, at the meeting, that we needed to do more to meet the requirements to fulfill our 501(c)(4) status. The Directors felt, in the best interest of our organization, we change our primary focus of MMOC's charitable donations to the California high school's annual "Every 15 Minutes" program. The "Every 15 Minutes" program is a two-day program focusing on high school juniors and seniors, which challenges them to think about drinking, driving, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, their community, and many others. The board voted unanimously to make the "Every 15 Minutes" campaign the primary focus of donations, while still realizing the need for the bicycle traffic safety program.

The board also voted to make our first \$500 donation to Homestead High School, in San Jose. Ideally, we would like to make two \$500 donations each year to schools who we feel are in the most in need of the funds. One would be in Northern California and one in Southern California. Next year, the Northern California school selection is assigned to Mark and Helen Murray. If any of you in So. California would like to seek out a school to receive funding, please contact me and I can give you the specifics as to what will be required.



- The last hurdle we got over was the transition of the annual Cioppino Feed coordinating team. For years, Rich Baily and Kim Wirht had been spending countless hours organizing the Cioppino Feed in San Jose. Last year, when they decided to step down (however, not out) of that position, there were serious doubts whether we could continue with this event. It was not until Mark and Helen Murray stepped up, to take the reins handling the coordinating duties, that we realized we were going forward, putting on the annual feed.

Although our attendance was not as high as we'd like, this year's Cioppino Feed was again a success. The cioppino and Nicosia's Famous Sausage were outstanding! Michael Mancini, the "World's Funniest Cop", was hilarious. It was good to see some faces I had not seen in quite a while, including an old comrade from Oakland motors, Vic Sandoval. We even had a couple new faces, Bernie Updike and Randy Hill, from San Diego. Another good time was had by all. I'd like to thank everyone who was involved in making this year's feed successful. You can view photos of the Cioppino feed, as well as all our events, at <https://www.mmoc.org/category/photo-gallery>.

Also, so there is no doubt about next year, the Director's voted to confirm there will be another Cioppino Feed next year. The date has been set for Saturday, March 9, 2019. Mark your calendars and save this date.



Uncle Sam WANTS YOU!

He is reminding everyone "We Need You" to get involved with your organization. We hold three functions, annually. The Cioppino Feed, Annual Motorcycle Ride, and the Convention. Many of you remember the days when there were many more events, such as the Christmas party in SoCal, the BBQ in Oakland, southern motorcycle rides, and Days on the Bay in Santa Cruz. The reason those last four went by the wayside is due to lack of membership participation. As I men-

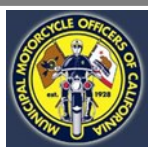
tioned earlier, attendance for this year's Cioppino Feed was down from previous years. While we consider the event a success, we did end up "in the red" for the first year, ever. We need a good showing from everyone to keep this event afloat. If you attended this year, thank you, and for next year try and bring just one more person, which would really make a difference. If you didn't make the feed, we'd loved to see you there next year.

As for the upcoming events, first, the annual motorcycle ride in July to Mt. Rainier. To date, we have sixteen (16) people scheduled for the ride. Certainly, we'd like to see more participation. If you can no longer ride, don't think you cannot attend. There's no reason you cannot enjoy the beautiful scenery and drive to each stop to join in the festivities and camaraderie. If you intend to join us, please contact Dennis Brown. Remember, this will be Dennis' last ride as coordinator so let's show him some support for all his work over the past twenty-five years! Read "Swan Song Redux" in this issue.

The last event of the year is our annual convention, in September. This year it is in Santa Rosa. We are headed back to the site of four past conventions, the Flamingo Conference Resort and Spa. Logistics dictated a change in our wine tour itinerary. We have now scheduled an excursion to the beautiful Ferrari-Carano Winery in Healdsburg. To date, we have seventeen (17) people signed up for the event. I know we can do much better than that. Please read the Convention article in this issue.

I realize by the time you receive this Siren issue the annual motorcycle ride will be two months away and the convention will still be five months away. Please remember the rooms we have reserved, at the various hotels, have deadlines and at a certain point rooms not booked will be released. After that deadline has passed we cannot guarantee the price negotiated, nor that rooms will be available. The point is, DO NOT PROCRASTINATE!

The flyer and registration information for the convention can be found later in this issue.



2018 Staff

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Membership – Doug Wayne

The Humor Corner

"An FBI Investigation"

The phone rings at FBI headquarters.

"Hello? I'm calling to report my neighbor, Clifford. He is hiding marijuana inside his firewood!"

"Thank you very much for the call, sir."

The next day, FBI agents descend on the neighbor's house. They search the shed where the firewood is kept. Using axes, they bust open every piece of wood, but find no marijuana. They swear at the neighbor's and leave.

The phone rings at the neighbor's house. "Hey Clifford, did the FBI come?"

"Yep"

"Did they chop all your firewood?"

"Yep"

"Great, now it's your turn to call. I need my garden plowed."

Swan Song Redux“2018” MMOC 25th Annual - Anniversary Ride

July, 2013, I wrote of my desire to pass the reins of MMOC Ride Director off to a more youthful, exuberant and dedicated Homo sapiens. Unfortunately, due to a couple last minute glitches, that never came to fruition.

Since inception in 1994, when LAPD's Bob Hossfeld and I schemed a last minute mid-California 2 or 3 day ride, our ranks have swollen ten-fold as has mileage, duration and states traversed. For the love of discovery, scenery and all things on two wheels, MMOC has ridden mountaintops, canyons and gorges, low and high desert and some of the world's most serpentine tarmac bisecting lush forests. And, in those 6 states, we've only fractionally touched on the wonderment of the north and southwest quadrants of the U.S.

However, the upcoming **25th Anniversary Ride** noted below shall be my last endeavor to spearhead, scrutinize and administer our yearly event. Considering the 3 years I organized July *and* September rides, 28 MMOC tours accompanied with at least 35 more Blue Knights and private group multi-week treks during that time span across 6 other central states as distant as Montana, Wyoming, the Dakotas and Colorado's Pikes Peak dictate it's time to pass the torch. While I did not research and lead each and every ride above, the lion's share that I did taught me it's far easier and much less time consuming to let others do so. At 75 years old, I have absolutely no desire to quit riding; blend in mid-pack and worry about the precious cargo on pillion is my wish, follow the leader if you will. The decision to continue our fun and very camaraderie-centric annual exploratory rides rests with the Board of Directors *and* their ability to find a replacement, if desirous. I trust their wisdom will prevail.

Care to join me as we take in the verdant Pacific Northwest state of Washington to ride the impossibly beautiful waterfall-laden east and south side of Mt. Rainier, then revisit Mt. St. Helens the next day? Rainier hasn't changed in centuries; St. Helens has been far more evolutionary, particularly since she blew her top May 18, 1980. New routing and vastly divergent scenery await us.

I have reserved 20 rooms at each hotel, all in the name of “MMOC Group”, and with one noted exception, each establishment will have a 7 day reservation cutoff and 72 hour cancellation clause. A word of caution to PROCRASTINATORS: Because these reservation blocks (in some cases by written contract with me) have not been prepaid by MMOC, a couple establishments will only guarantee room availability up to 30 days out with a credit card transaction! Apologetically, also note this year, peak season hotel rooms are a minimum of 10 to 15% higher than in the recent past and I believe reflective of the burgeoning economy.

Sunday, July 8, 2018: Meet and greet @ the Best Western Shadow Inn, 584 N. East St., Woodland, Ca. 95776 **(530 666 1251)**. I have requested interior pool view rooms and the rates are \$90.00 + tax for MMOC. For early arrivals, some rooms will be available after 1300. Chevron just yards away @ 596 N. East St.

Monday, July 9, 2018: Cerulean Hotel, 100 Main St., Klamath Falls, Or. 97601 **(541 882 4666)**. All rooms \$90.00 + tax. Because there's no convenient quality stations coming into town, we'll gas up in the morning on our way out @ Chevron, 3730 Hwy 97 N, Klamath Falls.

Tuesday, July 10, 2018: Cousin's Country Inn, 2114 W. 6th St., The Dalles, Or. 97058 **(541 298 5161)**. King rooms \$105.00, dbl. qn. \$115.00 + tax. Shell @ 1700 W. 6th St. **This hotel has a 30 day cutoff and 24 hour cancellation clause.**

Wednesday and Thursday, July 11 and 12, 2018: Red Lion, 510 Kelso Dr., Kelso, Wa. 98626 **(360 578 4017)**. All rooms \$94.00 + tax. Gas stations across the street.

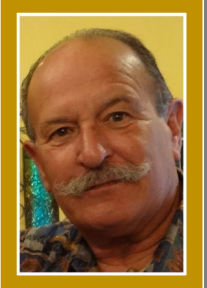
Friday, July 13, 2018: Best Western Miners Inn, 122 E. Miner St., Yreka, Ca. 96097 **(530 842 4355)**. King rooms \$100.00, dbl. qn. \$105.00 + tax. Gas stations across the street.

Our 25 year milestone deserves commemorate memorabilia for this momentous occasion. What better way than a monogrammed T-shirt from my friend and supplier Mark Thomas, a retired OPD Patrol Sgt. who does excellent embroidery and artwork? My vision, not open to debate BTW, is navy blue men's regular and women's V-neck T-shirts with gold and white lettering. I will need an email with your exact size and "name" spelling in quotes before the **ordering deadline of April 30, 2018, NO EXCEPTIONS!** Price is TBD, I suspect in the \$25.00 to \$30.00 range and I will arrange for delivery to our kickoff hotel where we'll collect the \$\$.

If you have any questions, fire away; please confirm your attendance by sending me an email and I will forward the initial detailed routes, gas and food waypoints in Feb/March, 2018. Should there be updates I'll keep you posted. As one unannounced attendee discovered last year, our routes and waypoints are always fluid thanks to the wrath of Mother Nature and various states and counties DOT road closures. With the one noted exception above, gas up at each day's end and as always, prepare your bike for the long haul (especially tires and battery) and bring 4 season clothing. The worst snow, hail and ice storm I've EVER been caught in on a motor was coming home from upper Washington through Oregon in the month of AUGUST nearly 20 years ago! Go figure.

Rhoda and I hope to see you on this historic ride. Finito!

His Own Self, Dennis M. Brown, Touring Executive Ride Director.



"2018" - 89th Annual MMOC Convention

The devastating October, 2017, wildfires of Northern California left an indelible and destructive mark on the region, incomprehensible unless you have been witness to this form of Mother Nature's fury before.

To our many members who suffered through the heartache and pain firsthand, Rhoda and I feel your shock, anguish and disbelief. We were one of 3,200 plus homeowners who grieved after a total loss in the October, 1991, Oakland Hills Firestorm. Far too many months *and* years of meetings, planning and reconstruction angst delivered us back to the same terra firma, albeit now with overzealous protection of our reborn and green skyline.

Sitting as a Santa Rosa oasis amidst scorched earth just a few miles distant on the periphery lies the Flamingo Hotel and Resort, 2777 Fourth St., Santa Rosa, 95404 (707 545 8530), site of our 89th Annual MMOC Convention to be convened September 10, 11 & 12, 2018. She remains beautifully verdant after being closed to the general public for a month while serving as one of the hundreds of hotels in Sonoma and 6 surrounding counties to similarly house the *THOUSANDS* of first responders present from all over the western states.

As site of our 1983, 1985, 1995 and 2005 conventions, the Flamingo just wrapped up another extensive three year remodel of the rooms; after a November, 2017, site visit, I found them more plush and comfy than ever. This will be our 5th Convention and 35th anniversary of frequenting the Flamingo's hallowed grounds; a feat I believe never before equaled in the history of MMOC, and why not, the grounds and rooms continue to beautifully evolve. The ambience is exquisite!

Our 89th promises to outdo previous endeavors. We've secured 2 adjacent ground floor hospitality suites in the most recently renovated 2 story 300 wing facing the expansive pool and indoor/seasonal outdoor restaurant. For your convenience, the Board and Flamingo have reserved 20 more *discounted* rooms in the 300, and for overflow, the next door 400 wing ranging from \$139.00 Superior King or Double/Double Queen to \$199.00 Pool View Suites. These configurations bracket the available and expansive \$169.00 Executive King rooms.

Officially a 3 day, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday convention, Directors, Past Presidents and staff will arrive Sunday, September 9, 2018, to ensure your every need is attended to. That evening we convene our traditional Past President's Dinner in the hotel restaurant, ordering off the menu. Should you care to extend your vacation and join us for another day and evening of frivolity, you are welcome to attend our special dinner. Protocol dictates if not a Past President, your bill will be separate from ours, but your voice and inclusion are camaraderie centric and we welcome your input, histrionics and laughter.

89th Annual MMOC Convention Continued

Tuesday, September 11, 2018, is an open day during our Convention and many of you have signed up for the optional wine tour aboard our reserved 37 passenger bus. **However, since that article was penned, then posted in the January Siren, much has changed. We will not be frequenting 3-4 close proximity wineries southeast of our hotel because each demanded outlandish fees for tasting after they discovered we were on a “tour bus”.**

Held in abeyance was the coup-de-grace. Santa Rosa's Past President Keith Thomas and 3 other MMOC members living throughout California and Nevada were “instrumental” (read: pulled in favors) in arranging a visit to the Ferrari-Carano Vineyards and Winery in Healdsburg. Arguably, some of the best wines in the world, inarguably, the most beautiful grounds and estate in North America. Absolutely beautiful! While we'll double our travel time, at **\$20.00 per person** for 5 varietals (2 white, 2 red and a dessert wine) you will be treated like kings and queens by their sommelier, receive handouts and a souvenir then allowed to stroll the grounds and gardens at your leisure or purchase wine and other gifts. Time permitting, we may visit another smaller winery in the Dry Creek valley region if our 4 hour tour bus reservation window allows. Please note the new tour hours, now 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM to better take the summer heat into consideration. Transportation will still be door to door from the Flamingo's front lobby; see the criteria elsewhere in this Siren to reserve your space and please remember, the early bird gets the worm!

Wednesday night's President's Ball Dinner Dance (not to be confused with Sunday's *Past President's Dinner*) will again feature the music of phenomenally talented professional DJ Rynell Williams who has played many years of Cioppino Feeds and 2016's excellent Pismo Beach Convention. Rynell has a massive play list and give him a shout out at showbizriz@gmail.com if you'd like to order a special song or list in advance. Title your email subject “MMOC Convention songs” and he'll come locked, loaded and armed with your request(s). No guns allowed on the dance floor!

Please note: The Convention registration deadline is August 1st, 2018, as are the notifications for attending Sunday's Past President's Dinner and our scheduled Tuesday Wine Country Tour. Please complete the Convention flyer/registration form included in this Siren and follow the mailing instructions on the form. You may also register online by going to our website, www.mmoc.org where it appears on the opening page. Any further questions, please contact Doug Wayne at 2018convention@mmoc.org.

We hope to see you at our milestone. We're MMOC, and thinking of our brethren who have gone before us, damn proud of 89 years!

Dennis Brown, in conspiracy with Gene Gray, Doug Wayne and the Board.

Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California

89th Annual Convention - September 10 - 13, 2018



Flamingo Conference Resort and Spa

2777 4th Street, Santa Rosa, CA. 95405

ROOMS

Superior Double/Double/King \$139.00

Executive King (with sleeper sofa bed) \$169.00

Pool View Suite \$199.00

Hotel Registration (Deadline is 1 Aug 2018)

Register on-line @ Municipal Motorcycle Officers of CA (MMOC) Convention

Register by Phone - (707) 545-8530 Ext. 1 – Reference Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California or MMOC Convention

Convention Itinerary

Monday - Registration 10:00 am to 12:00 pm - Luncheon 1:00 pm - Annual Membership meeting 3:30 pm

Tuesday – 10 am to 2 pm - Wine tasting Ferrari-Carano Vineyards via Pure Luxury Bus Transportation

(additional fee required - see registration form, below, on page 2, below)

Wednesday – President's Ball

Thursday – Checkout

Check with MMOC.ORG for convention event and excursion updates

MMOC Registration (Deadline is 1 Aug 2018)

Online at: <https://www.mmoc.org/event/2018-annual-convention>

or

By Mail: Mail your completed registration form. See page 2 (below).

MMOC REGISTRATION

Registration deadline is 1 Aug 2018

Member _____

(Please Print)

Spouse/Guest _____

(Please Print)

Department _____

Members Phone _____ Email _____

How many in your party are attending the no-host Past President's Dinner (9/9/18)? _____

How many in your party are going on the Wine Tasting Tour (9/11/18)? _____

(The wine tasting tour transportation cost an additional \$25 per person, plus the cost at winery)

Attendance Fee \$115.00 Per Person + added Wine Tour transportation cost

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Please make checks payable to MMOC

Print this Page and Return with Payment to 208 S. Barranca Ave, #8, Glendora, CA. 91741

If you have questions please contact us at - 2018convention@mmoc.org





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FROM THE SOUTH;

Thought I would take a little time to let all the MMOC members know that our brothers in the South are still upright and breathing, mainly those from the Los Angeles Police Department.

Every month I get the pleasure of mingling with LAPD actives and retirees at their monthly breakfast. We all meet at the Elks Club in Ontario, CA. at 9:00 am, have a great breakfast after which we have an informative briefing by our volunteer staff. Our last get-together was February 22, 2018 where 104 live warm bodies showed up, note it's not just LAPD as you can tell I'm retired from Pasadena and I'm there. Many of the participants are still Active members of MMOC and have been for years, note the two men with me in the photo above joined MMOC in 1960 and were brought into MMOC by Past President Norm Winjen, also LAPD.



Also, with great pleasure, let me introduce to all reading this blurb BERT FERNALD who just turned 95 years old and retired from LAPD 37 years ago and still attends the breakfast. Sadly Bert passed at 2am on April 19, 2018.

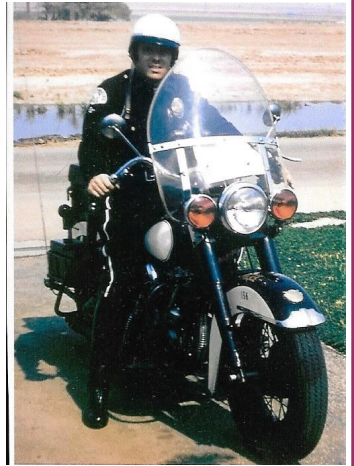
Gene Gray, MMOC Treasurer & PP

Charles Kenneth "CK" Williams

May 4, 1933 - March 18, 2018

The Los Angeles Police Department's CK Williams passed on to the golden heavens above March 18th of natural causes at 84 years young. In his youth, CK joined the USMC and served in Korea from 1953 to 1955; upon discharge he entered the hallowed ranks of LAPD serving valiantly from 1955 to retirement in 1980, his last 24 years on motors with proud membership in the Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California (MMOC) since April 1973, to the very end.

He and his beautiful fun-loving and hilarious wife Clary raised 3 boys, Buzzy (Marilyn), Kenneth (Gwen) and Ryan (Cam), 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. They were an unusually tight-knit family; CK as the nucleus was always there to lend an ear, offer a suggestion and provide guidance, although Clary and the boys would often humorously chide him on his "suggestions and guidance". Ever the proud Marine! Earlier in their youth, the boys were weaned on motorcycles, trips into Mexico and high school/collegiate sports.



After retirement, CK and Clary moved to Oceanside allowing them quick and easy launch of their 28-foot twin-screw sport fishing boat, appropriately named the *Rum Runner*. There's fabled tales of navigation down the Baja coastline into the Sea of Cortez with Bob and Vi Hossfeld as deck hands and several 55-gallon drums of gas lashed to the deck; sustenance was the fish they caught, the gallons of water they carried for drinking and mixology and the fuel they carried for bravado: rum, whiskey and vodka.

I first met CK at the 1983 Santa Rosa Flamingo Resort MMOC Convention when he and Bob Hossfeld crashed our Oakland hospitality room one dark night very early in the morning hours. After a brief introduction, a couple minutes sizing each other up like cowboys and Indians then extending a hand shake, we became the best of friends. At 50 years old, he still had the Marine Corp flat top with buzzed sides haircut. Over the years Rhoda and I visited the Williams in Oceanside several times, boated with them, and had the wildly hilarious experience of vacationing alongside them and the Hossfelds in Hawaii and the island of Cozumel, Mexico.

Predeceased by his loving wife in February 2003, just 4 months shy of celebrating their 50th anniversary of matrimonial bliss, CK will be interred alongside Clary at Eternal Hills Memorial Park, 1999 El Camino Real, Oceanside, 92054 May 5th following a 1pm memorial service in their chapel. In lieu of other charitable donations, CK requested of the family donations be made to the MMOC Thomas S. Lofthouse fund, 208 S. Barranca Ave., Suite 8, Glendora, Ca. 91741 as he considered MMOC his second family. Please visit www.mmoc.org, scroll to "about us" and click on "Lofthouse Memorial" for information on donations. I will be the first to donate in CK's honor and hope you are inclined to do so, too.

Rhoda and I hope you can join us in Charles Kenneth Williams celebration of Life on May 5th to pay tribute to a great man and loving husband and father; CK was a man with purity of heart, a wry smile and benefactor to so many. Rest in peace my friend and be in comfort reunited once again with Clary. You will be missed by those of us who benefited from your earthly friendship.

Dennis M. Brown