



# *The Siren*

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## *A view from the Eastern Sierra*

*Doug Wayne - President - OPD - Retired*

### **2019 Cioppino Feed - Recap**

WOW! What a great turnout for the annual Cioppino Feed. We were at least 120 strong! The food was great! I heard from many that they thought the cioppino was the best they'd had in years. We were entertained by comedian/magician Brad Bonar who not only

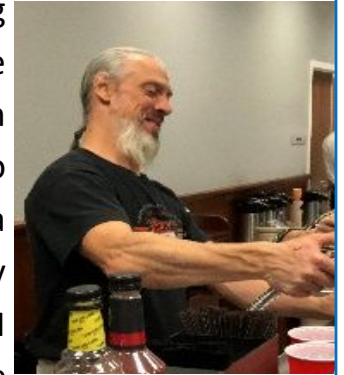


had us all laughing, and occasionally groaning at his jokes, but left many of us saying, "How'd he do that" at his magical tricks. We changed up the raffle a bit, at the direction of LaRene Hodson, as we let the attendees choose which prizes they wanted to win by placing their tickets into the corresponding prize boxes. Among this year's many prizes, we had autographed footballs, a baseball and even a hockey puck as well as raffling off a certificate for four seats to a 2019 Oakland A's game. I

solicited prizes from every professional football, baseball, basketball and hockey organization in California. I'd like to thank the SF Giants, SF 49ers, Oakland A's, SJ Sharks and the Los Angeles Chargers who were generous enough to support the MMOC this year. As I said during the cioppino feed, please keep these teams in mind when choosing which teams you may elect to support. The big winner of the 50/50 raffle was Flip Morton, from the Blue Knights Monterey Chapter, who pocketed \$350! After the raffle we turned it

over to our DJ, Rynell Williams, who got those dancers on their feet and movin' the rest of the night. We even had the SJSU students out there showing us some moves. What a sight!

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Nick Nicosia for donating his famous sausage and chicken this year, Bob and Arlene Rowe from Bronco Wineries for the wine, and lastly, Phil and Lizzie Pitts for the wonderful cakes they brought. As far as those who made this feed a great night, kudos go out to Matt Koch, the bartender, who was running around all night behind the bar. We were down one bartender and he really stepped up to keep up all night. Others who were instrumental in putting on this year's feed were Rich Baily and Kim Wirht, who do so much behind the scenes work that without them there would not be a cioppino feed. Also deserving thanks were MMOC officers, Gene Gray and Rhoda Brown and as previously mentioned, LaRene Hodson. And, I would remiss if I didn't give a big shout-out to the San Jose State



University students who did a fantastic job for us. Agencies represented at this year's cioppino feed were Alameda S.O., Alameda DA's Office, Albany P.D., Antioch P.D., Bakersfield P.D., Los Angeles P.D., Oakland P.D., Oakley P.D., Pasadena P.D., San Francisco P.D., San Jose P.D., and San Leandro P.D. Also, we had in attendance the Monterey Chapter of the Blue Knights and the Santa Cruz Harley Owners Group (HOG). By Gene Gray's (our treasurer) count SFPD had the most attendees at 23, with Oakland P.D. right behind them at 22. Just an FYI to SFPD, one of my Oakland first time attendees, sitting at my table, said he was so impressed with the event that he is bringing a table of 8 next year, which will count for more Oaklanders, so the challenge is on! We'd love to build this back up to the numbers we had years ago, so please let all your friends know we'll be doing this again next year. We've set the date, Saturday, 21 March 2020. Rhoda Brown has volunteered to chair the event so who knows what she has in store for us next year, but I for one know I am not going to miss it. If any of you suggestions, or comments, on how to make next year's cioppino feed even more of a hit please send me an email at [dwayne@mmoc.org](mailto:dwayne@mmoc.org) or leave me a message at (707) 948- 6662. HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU THERE!

### **MMOC's "Every 15 Minutes" 2019 Campaign**

Last year your Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California organization began donating money for selected California high school "Every 15 Minutes" programs. If you are not familiar with the program it is a real-life experience without the real-life risks. This emotionally charged program is an event designed to dramatically instill in teenagers the

potentially dangerous consequences of drinking alcohol and texting while driving. This powerful program challenges students to think about drinking, texting while driving, personal safety, and the responsibility of making mature decisions when lives are involved.

This year MMOC has chosen two deserving schools to which we are donating \$500 each for their “Every 15 Minutes” campaign. They are Quincy High School in Northern California and Canyon High School in Southern California.

Please, if you know of a deserving school for the 2020 campaign contact me with that information at [dwayne@mmoc.org](mailto:dwayne@mmoc.org) or leave me a message at (707) 948- 6662.

### **90th Annual Convention**

I just returned from La Quinta, CA where I visited the Embassy Suites, site of our upcoming convention. What a beautiful hotel, with a large atrium, restaurant and lounge area. Some of the amenities include, a large pool, a reading and board game room, workout room, billiard and pinball room, and the enticing Hibiscus Spa (costs ranging from \$15 to \$195 w/reservations required). There are so many things to do, day or night, in the greater Palm Springs area that you are surely to find something to interest you. There are many nice restaurants across the street from the hotel, as well as world class restaurants throughout the valley. For you golfers there is a night golf course in Indio, and the La Quinta Silver Rock course ten(10) minutes from the hotel. For you shoppers, El Paseo, in Palm Desert, is the place to go. For the really adventuresome how about a “Red Jeep” excursion or maybe the BMW Performance Driving School? Although the famous P.S. Aerial Tramway will be closed I think you’ll find there is plenty to do during our convention! Lets have a big turnout this year, especially from you SoCal folks! Here’s hoping to see you there !



### **2019-2020 Membership Dues Notification**

Yes, it’s “Dues” time again. For those of you on the annual payment plan (about 60 % of you) you will be receiving your annual renewal letter soon. Those of you on the pre-payment plan will receive your membership cards, shortly.

For those on the yearly payment plan, who want to get your cards sooner than later, I have included, in this issue, the renewal letter. You can also go to the website and pay on-line, via PayPal.

Thank you for continuing your membership in the MMOC!

Doug Wayne

## **Upcoming MMOC Events**

### **7 – 13 July 19 – The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle Ride** **Destination SoCal & Big Bear Mountain.**

Folks, this is Director Ed Pressnell's first attempt at taking the reins from Dennis Brown who "retired" as MMOC's Ride Director. Ed has put together a great ride, which will include touring the Ronald Regan Presidential Library. We are going to try something a bit different this year. This year you will have the opportunity to choose your ride groups and the times you want to depart each day from the hotels. There will not be long riding formations. If that appeals to your riding style let's show support for Ed and sign-up for the ride. For more information please see Ed's article in this Siren issue.

### **9 - 12 Sept 19 - 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention – La Quinta**

Last year's attendee numbers were small, but we had a great time! I encourage all of you to check out this year's convention at the Embassy Suites La Quinta Hotel & Spa. You can't beat the accommodations and the low cost. Oh, and don't forget your swim suit. It should be warm!

Please see the flyer in this issue for more information and registration details or you can go to our website [www.mmoc.org](http://www.mmoc.org) to register.

### **Saturday - 21 March 20 – Annual Cioppino Feed** **San Jose POA Hall**

The date has been set. Please mark your calendars. We have changed the host hotel for next year. Actually, we are returning to the "old" hotel we used years ago. It's even closer to the SJPOA and has a nice restaurant inside, and no "Parking" surcharge. Full details will be in the September Siren issue and you will also receive an email containing the informational flyer.

***Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California***  
***90th Annual Convention***  
***September 9 - 12, 2019***



***Embassy Suites La Quinta Hotel & Spa***  
**50-777 Santa Rosa Plaza**  
**La Quinta, California, 92253**



**ROOMS**

**All Suites - \$110.00 + tax**

**Hotel Registration**

**(Deadline is 1 Aug 2019)**

**Register by Phone – (760) 777-1711– Reference “Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California”**

**Register Online by simply clicking [Here](#)**

**\*\*Embassy Suites La Quinta is 30 miles from Palm Springs Intl. Airport – [Click here for more info.](#)**

**Convention Itinerary**

**Monday** - Registration 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm - Luncheon 1:00 pm - Annual Membership meeting 2:00 pm

**Tuesday** – Free day or possible TBD excursion.

**Wednesday** – President’s Ball

**Thursday** – Checkout

**MMOC REGISTRATION (Remove and Return with Payment)**  
**(Please Print)**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_**

**OR Register online @ [www.mmoc.org](http://www.mmoc.org) using PayPal. Registration deadline is 1 Aug 2019. If you have questions please contact us at - [2019convention@mmoc.org](mailto:2019convention@mmoc.org) or call (707) 948-6662 and leave a message.**

**Attendance Fee \$110.00 Per Person – Payable to MMOC – Mail to 208 S. Barranca Ave, #8, Glendora, CA. 91741**

**Wednesday Night’s Dinner Options - Please indicate number for ea.: \_\_\_\_\_ > Orange Soy Glazed Salmon**

**\_\_\_\_\_ > Chicken Stuffed w/Pepper Jack cheese & Ham w/Bechamel sauce, \_\_\_\_\_ > Filet Mignon w/cabernet sauce**



## **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride – A New Beginning**

**Edward Pressnell – Director**  
**Retired Police Officer**  
**Oakland Police Department**

As many of you know, last year's ride to Mt. Rainier was Dennis Brown's last as MMOC's Ride Director. He will continue to ride but his planning days are over and as such I volunteered to take a shot at it. This will be my first year planning the MMOC ride. Doug Wayne and I have put together a great route, including highways 33, 166, 2 and Big Bear Mountain. Of course, I ran it by Dennis who gave it his blessing. As many of you have requested, we will make a stop at the Reagan Library in Simi Valley. We will spend an entire day in Simi Valley, visiting The Reagan Library and relaxing by the pool. We will be staying at the Best Western Posada Inn less than 3 miles from the Museum. (Big pool and bar).

We will try to make this year's trip a little different than the other years. The format will be more like a rally. You will have the planned route for each day, giving you the option to leave at anytime with your chosen group. Along the route we will have a designated place to meet up for lunch, time permitting.

I have reserved 15 rooms at each hotel. Make sure to mention Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California (or MMOC) when making reservations. A word of caution to **PROCRASTINATORS**: a couple establishments will only guarantee room availability up to 30 days out with a credit card transaction. Make your reservations early!

Sunday, July 7, 2018: Meet and greet

Best Western Plus Forest Park Inn, 375 Leavesley Road, Gilroy, CA. 95020,  
(408) 848-5144

Room rate \$129.00 Book by 6/7/2019 for preferred rate  
24-hour cancellation prior to arrival

Monday, July 8, 2019

SpringHill Suites by Marriott Paso Robles Atascadero, 900 El Camino Real, Atascadero, CA.  
93422

(805) 462-3500

Room rate \$129.00 Book by 6/4/2019 for preferred rate  
72-hour cancellation prior to arrival.

Tuesday and Wednesday 9-10 July 2019 (2 nights)

Best Western Posada Royale Hotel 1775 W. Madera Rd Simi Valley Ca.  
(805) 584-6300

\$139.00 for a deluxe room, \$159.00 for an executive room. Book by 6/4/2019 for preferred rate.

24-hour cancellation prior to arrival

Thursday and Friday 11-12 2019 (2 nights)

Hilton Garden Inn Victorville 12603 Mariposa Rd. Victorville Ca. 92395

(760) 952-1200

Room rate \$105.00

Use MMOC 18 for this hotel's preferred room rate. Must be booked by 6/4/2019.

If you have any questions, ask them; please confirm your attendance by either sending an email to me at deweys76@aol.com or calling me at (510) 301-1804. I will forward the initial detailed routes, gas and food waypoints in Feb/March 2019. Should there be updates I'll keep you posted via email.

With one exception, gas up at each day's end and as always, prepare your bike for the long haul. (especially tires and battery) The weather should be warm and probably no need for rain gear, but that decision is ultimately yours to make.

As always, Rhoda and I hope to see you on this historic ride. Inizio!

Dewey Pressnell Touring Understudy Ride Director.

## A BIT OF HUMOR

### "A Wreck"

A lady had just totaled her car in a horrific accident. Miraculously, she managed to pry herself from the wreckage without a scratch and was applying fresh lipstick when the CHP arrived.

"My Goodness!" the trooper gasped. "Your car looks like an accordion that was stomped on by an elephant. Are you OK ma'am?"

"Why, yes officer, I'm just fine," the lady chirped.

"Well, how in the world did this happen?" the trooper asked as he surveyed the wreckage.

"Officer, it was the strangest thing!" the lady began. "I was driving along the road and began to doze off. When I woke up this tree from out of nowhere pops up in front of me. So, I swerved to the right, and there was another tree! So, I swerved to the left and there was another tree. So, I swerved to the right and there was another tree. So, I swerved to the left and there was..."

"Uh, ma'am, 'the trooper said, cutting her off, "There isn't a tree on this road for 30 miles. That was your air freshener swinging back and forth on your rear view mirror."



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Of California



**2019-2020  
MEMBERSHIP  
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Retired

Dear Member,

It's time to renew your 2019-2020 membership. Dues are \$36 per year, or \$150 for 5 yrs, a savings of \$30.00, and are payable by 30 June 2019.

You may pay by mail or online (via PayPal) at [www.mmoc.org](http://www.mmoc.org). Click on "Dues" on the main page to begin your renewal. It's fast, safe and secure!

**PLEASE** – If you pay by mail please **RETURN** this form with your current information, **INCLUDING an EMAIL ADDRESS**, if you have one. Make your check payable to MMOC and mail it the following address:

**MMOC  
1604 Jones St.  
Minden, NV 89423**

If you pay online there is also a place to indicate your choice of decals.

We appreciate you being an MMOC member. Without you, MMOC would not be able to continue promoting traffic safety in California. Thank you!

**RENEWAL INFORMATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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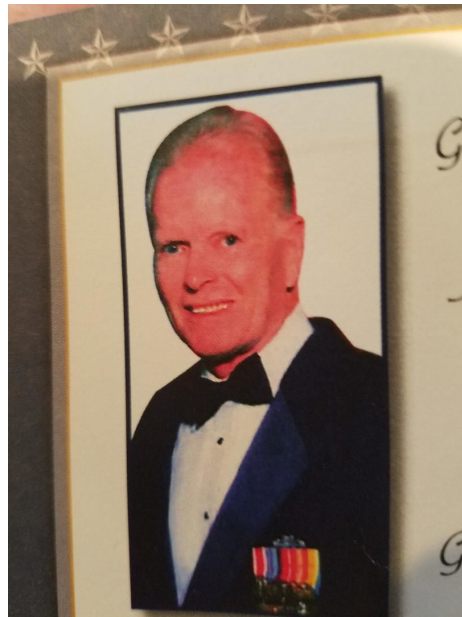
- ☐ Active  
☐ Associate  
☐ Honorary  
☐ Past President  
☐ Widow

**2 Decals, Preference**

- ☐ Interior Decal  
☐ Exterior Decal



## ***Retired Officer George J. Hofstetter***



***July 11, 1941 - February 11, 2019***

George passed away February 11<sup>th</sup> at 77 years young after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. His storied history at LAPD began in 1966 shortly after he served a 4 year enlistment in the Marine Corps and saw active duty in Viet Nam. Known as Deputy Red for his crimson locks, George worked Patrol and maintained a strong and vocal presence in LAPD's Police Officers Association. That dedication to duty segued into more than 2 decades on Motors, joining MMOC in February, 1976 while he was a Drill Team Leader. George also was forever present in MMOC's Annual Conventions, particularly so in the south of the state.

Ever the patriot, George belonged to the American Legion and was a Coast Guard reservist in 1990 and 1991 when he was called up for active duty during Desert Storm, deploying to Kuwait to ward off the evils of Saddam Hussein's regime. Not fulfilled and back stateside on his Department, he completed his Coast Guard duty then joined the Army as a reservist! After nearly 27 years on LAPD and retiring off Motors in 1992, he joined the ranks of many fabled Motor Men who worked the City of Los Angeles's storied Movie Detail.

George leaves behind his wife Dorothy, daughter Vanessa and son George B. Hofstetter, himself a 29 year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and likewise, a long tenured Motor Officer. Many likeminded compatriots who were proud to call him their friend dearly miss his presence. Rest in peace, George.

## ***RETIRED SGT. JERRY ALBERICCI***



**Badge 1193  
Born April 27, 1944  
Appointed Sept. 13, 1965  
Retired Jan. 2, 1997  
Died Feb. 5, 2019**

Long tenured San Jose Police Department Motor Sergeant Jerry Albericci passed away February 5, 2019, at Kaiser Hospital, Roseville, after suffering from congestive heart failure for several years. A 32-year member of San Jose's force, Jerry and his wife Robbie moved to Placerville after his retirement in 1997, where he pursued his love of riding motorcycles and building hot rod Mopars and engines.

Jerry was very active in his support of MMOC, both in the golden era original Cioppino Feeds and an ever-steady presence with Robbie on our Annual July Rides. As a senior Motor Sergeant, he always had hilarious tales to spin on many of his "colorful" minions who he "coached, guided and cajoled" to see them to retirement. Deep voiced and usually reserved, many a fable had us often in gut wrenching laughter as he described his charges, who shall remain anonymous to protect the innocent.

Jerry leaves behind his wife Robbie, daughter Kari and her husband Karl, their two children Jesse and Meghan and their other daughter Denell and husband Travis along with their two children Kelsi and Tanner.

You will be missed my friend for you were a true warrior !

## **RETIRED "PI" ROBERT ROHLAND**

**Died 18 September 2018  
Joined MMOC 1993 as an "Honorary" Member**

Bob was a very private man, working for Allstate and Mercury Insurance companies and in private investigations with Jim Smith in the San Jose area. He is survived by his wife, Carmen.