

# MUNICIPAL MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA

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*From in front of the Yule Log of The President*

*Doug Wayne - OPD - Retired*

### **Good News from La Quinta!**

My last article, in the September 2019 Siren issue, addressed MMOC's financial status and subsequent longevity. I felt that if we made no changes to our financial bottom line that we would have a finite number of years left until we would have to close the doors to the MMOC. I encouraged anyone able and interested to attend the convention in La Quinta where we would roll up our sleeves and deal with the issues. Apparently, that plea fell of deaf ears, or blind eyes, as we only had the usual twenty-two suspects (I mean attendees) show up. The good news is those that did attend made it clear they wanted to continue the MMOC, and in order to do that expenses would have to be cut. At the Board

of Director's meeting, Monday morning on September 9th, we agreed to make the following expense reductions:

- Change our bookkeeper
- Change our tax preparer
- Hold board meetings online
- Shutdown the MMOC store
- Print Convention Booklets in-house
- Reduce annual allotment of window decals from two to one

Implementing these six strategies will save us over \$11,000 annually, which brings our income and expenses to nearly a net-zero. Depending on our membership numbers (see later in this issue) there is no reason MMOC cannot continue for at least another twenty years. Having said that, at some

point the current Board and staff will no longer be able to, or wish to, perform the tasks they currently perform. The current Board of Directors has exceeded their terms.



Fortunately, all have agreed to stay in their current positions until replacements express an interest in assuming those roles. If any of you have an interest in being a Director please do not hesitate to contact me or the other directors for information.

**A Brief 2019 Convention Recap**

Twenty-two oldies but goodies showed up for the annual convention. Weather was warm, ok hot, but the accommodations at The Embassy Suites were great. The beautiful atrium was the popular meeting place most

**MMOC Membership**

Active Members.....	246
Associate Members.....	14
Honorary Members.....	45
Widows.....	39
Past Presidents.....	<u>23</u>
TOTAL	367

mornings and late afternoons. At Monday’s General Membership meeting Baron Laetzsch won the Lofthouse Award which entitles him

to one free registration fee for next year’s convention. At Wednesday night’s President’s Ball Irene Armbruster won the grand prize, a 32” Toshiba 4k TV.



Irene had been asking for some unmentionable electronic item throughout the drawing but I think she was very happy

to win the TV.

Everyone enjoyed Tuesday’s excursion to the Palm Springs Air Museum. We broke up into two groups which were led by volunteer docents from the museum.



It is said that, “a picture is worth a thousand words” and, although Dennis Brown does not subscribe to that adage, if you want to get a better feel for the convention and its activities please click the link below to see all the photos from the convention.

**2019 Convention Photos**

If you have the Siren in hard-copy you can go to this link to see the photos:  
<https://www.mmoc.org/photo-gallery/2019-convention-la-quinta-ca>

## 27TH ANNUAL RIDE - THE DALLES, OREGON

This years MMOC ride is bringing us to the Columbia River Gorge, Oregon. The Columbia River Gorge has been called as one of the most scenic areas in America for motorcycle riding with great curvy roads that are rated for all riders except a novice. I mapped out 4 different round trip routes averaging about 150 miles per day covering the areas near the Dalles. The different routes include rides that have scenic roads around Mt Hood, a ghost town, views of the high desert area and curves.

Our base for this ride will be at the Cousin's Country Inn and Restaurant in The Dalles, Oregon. Some of you might remember we stayed there in 2018. After enjoying the roads and the town of The Dalles we will leave heading west for the Evergreen Air Museum in McMinnville Oregon. We will spend Thursday night in Woodburn, OR.



I have reserved 10 rooms at each hotel. Make sure to mention Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California (or MMOC) and/or my name when making reservations. A word of caution, the establishments will only guarantee room availability up to 30 days out with a credit card transaction. Make your reservations early!

When you book your room **call or email me to confirm your attendance**. I will forward the initial detailed routes, gas and food waypoints in Feb/March 2020. Should there be updates I'll keep you posted.

## **(Hotel Information for 27th Annual Ride)**

### **Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Cerulean Hotel, 100 Main St., Klamath Falls, OR. 97601 (541) 882 4666. All rooms \$79.00+ tax. This hotel has a 30-day cutoff and 24-hour cancellation clause.

Room reservation under MMOC.

### **Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Cousin's Country Inn, 2114 W. 6th St., The Dalles, OR. 97058 (541) 298 5161. King rooms \$95.00, Double Queen \$105.00 + tax. This hotel also has a 30-day cutoff and 24-hour cancellation clause. Room reservation under MMOC.

### **Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum

500 NE Captain Michael King Smith Way, McMinnville OR

### **Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Woodburn Or.

120 N Arney Rd, Woodburn, OR. 97071 (503) 982-1727 King rooms \$133.62 Total, Double Queen \$123.65 Total and a 24-hour cancellation policy. Room reservation under MMOC.

### **Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Best Western Miners Inn, 122 E. Miner St., Yreka, CA. 96097 (530) 842 4355. King rooms \$94.00, dbl. qn. \$105.00 + tax. Room reservation under MMOC.

If you have any questions, please call or email me.

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

[Deweys76@aol.com](mailto:Deweys76@aol.com) – (510) 301-1804

# ***It's Cioppino Time***

***Saturday, 21 March 2020 @ SJPOA Hall***

Come join us for another enjoyable night at this year's feed. Great crab cioppino, pasta, sausage, salad (including chicken upon request) & an open bar! We'll have our prize raffle and also the 50/50 raffle. Dancing, with music provided by DJ Rynell Williams.

Bring your friends and family. Everyone is welcome! See the flyer in on the following page for more details. **TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!**



# MUNICIPAL MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA PRESENTS



## THE ANNUAL CIOPPINO FEED SATURDAY - MARCH 21, 2020

**SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION HALL  
1151 N. 4<sup>TH</sup> Street, San Jose, CA**

### **\$48 Per Person Includes:**

**Hosted Cocktails, Cioppino (Chicken upon request), Pasta, Salad, Bread, and  
Nicosia Famous Sausage**

**Raffle & 50/50 Drawing, along with Dancing and Music by DJ Rynell Williams**

**Doors Open at 6 PM – Dinner served at 7 PM**

Deadline to purchase tickets is 7 March 2020 - **Tickets will not be sold at the door**

**Host Hotel: Wyndham Garden, 1355 N 4th St, San Jose, CA 95112**

Room rates: King - \$109 + tax & Doubles - \$119 (Good thru March 9, 2020)

(Includes Airport Shuttle & Complimentary Parking)

Call (408) 453-5340 use "1" for reservations (no online group reservations)

Use Group Code: **032020202** or Group Name: **2020 MMOC Cioppino Feed Group**

Please complete this section and return with your Payment (Please Print Clearly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

(To reserve a FULL "Table of 8", list names of your party on the back of this section)

Contact Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**\* If requesting Chicken (in lieu of Cioppino) please indicate CHICKEN next to the requestor's name**

**Mail your check and completed form to: MMOC - P.O. Box 531, San Lorenzo, CA 94580 (707-948-6662)**

## **State Highway Patrol Organized**

By Rick Mattos, CHP Museum Chair

Cataloging the CHP Museum's archives is often like a treasure hunt. Cleaning, photographing, and describing each item and entering them in the database is a time-consuming job that is rewarded when hidden gold is found. Recently we came across a group of ten publications. They are entitled, "California Highways and Public Works." They were the "Official Journal of the Department of Public Works, State of California." Back in the day, "The Department" was the Department of Public Works and "Division" was the Division of Motor Vehicles. The CHP was a part of just the Motor Vehicle Division.

One issue that caught my eye is from December 1929. It has an article announcing the formation of a statewide highway patrol. This new CHP would consist of approximately 350 men of all ranks engaged in enforcing the provisions of the California Vehicle Act. About one third would be for night patrol work. For that innovative mission, automobiles were purchased because the use of motorcycles at night was deemed hazardous. Officers were to be doubled up and sawed-off shotguns provided to confront the criminals found on the roadways at night.

Prior to 1929, traffic officers were hired by the county. The number of officers would vary depending on how many vehicles were registered in each county. At the inception of the CHP, pay varied from \$150 to \$500...a month. With a statewide CHP in place, a new pay scale was put in place that would be the standard statewide. District Inspectors re-

ceived \$225 to \$285 per month. Captains \$225 to \$250 and Patrolmen \$175 to \$225. Counties were reluctant to give up control to a state force, and perhaps there was a little reluctance to have a non-local group of officers in the counties, so officers were hired from lists given to the state by the county supervisors, and out-of-area assignments



would be temporary assignments only and all officers would return to their home counties.

A standard uniform specification was adopted "in which every detail down to a buttonhole is described." That may be the motto of the present day Uniform Committees. Of course, smoking was not allowed on duty because "Nothing looks worse than to see a man in uniform trying to direct traffic with a cigarette or cigar in his mouth."

Elsewhere, in the journal is a letter from the Women's Christian Temperance Union proclaiming they are "one in spirit with temperance and law enforcement," praising

## **State Highway Patrol Organized**

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the creation of the CHP. Kind of an antique MADD. There's also a letter commenting on how well the new force handled the traffic "emergency" at the big game between Stanford and the University of California. Another article notes there were 80 airplanes parked near the stadium by people who wished to avoid traffic congestion.

The rest of the publication is filled with reports on new roads being built and the most up-to-date ways to convert dirt roadways into paved roads. The idea of building a bridge from Oakland to San Francisco is being explored. There is also an interesting report rejecting an idea to build a San Gabriel dam on the river above L.A. as an unsafe venture. Ten years later, two dams were built.

*This article first appeared in the APB, a publication of the California Association of Highway Patrolmen. Published in this issue of the Siren with the permission of the APB.*

*The CHP Museum is a nonprofit organization independent of the CHP and the CAHP. Funding is dependent on donations from the public. The museum is located on the grounds of the CHP Academy in West Sacramento and is open to the public with a prior appointment. Contact [CHPMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:CHPMuseum@gmail.com).*



You may have noticed this sign on the front page. Do any of you recognize it? For those of you who used to hang out around the old MMOC office in Southern California you just may have seen it hanging over the office door, or so I am told.

A few months ago I was contacted by Candace Hall, from Lubbock TX. She told me this sign was from the old SoCal office. She wouldn't divulge how she came to having possession of it but she did want to get it back to us, so I arranged for shipment. Ms. Hall told me she was an LAPD dispatcher back in the 70's which is when she gained possession of the sign. Many thanks to Candace for taking the time to reach out to the MMOC and get the sign back to us.

### **For The Good Of The Order**

Any of you want to be the next Hunter S. Thompson or maybe Walter Winchell? The Siren is the easiest way to accomplish that small feat. We are always in need of people who want to write articles for the Siren. Just submit them to me and I will ensure they get into the Siren. Your questions or articles can be directed to me at [dwayne@mmoc.org](mailto:dwayne@mmoc.org).

## We now have “Zelle”

In addition to paying for annual membership, cioppino feed and the annual convention with a check or PayPal you can now pay with “Zelle”. “Zelle” is a secure way to pay directly from your bank to Chase, MMOC’s bank. It is more secure than PayPal since you are not using a third party. Also, MMOC is not charged any fees, whereas with PayPal, we are charged a percentage of each transaction. Simply go into your bank account and find your “Zelle” payment method. For instance, my Wells Fargo has an option in the “Pay & Transfer” column that indicates “Send Money with Zelle”. I click on there and get this screen .

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Account Summary

### Send Money

[How do I request money?](#)

**Send To**  
MMOC

**From Account**  
Select Account

**Amount** [Transfer Limits](#)  
\$ 0.00

Remaining send limit for this recipient: \$1,500.00; up to \$1,500.00 can be sent at **Now** delivery speed.

**Memo (Optional)**  
Use letters, numbers, or # / \$ % @

This message will be seen by you and your recipient.

Cancel Continue

The first time you do this you will need to set up MMOC as the recipient of the money. When prompted, use my email address, [dwayne@mmoc.org](mailto:dwayne@mmoc.org). That is all that is needed. If you do use “Zelle” please indicate in the “memo” section for the purpose (Convention, dues, cioppino) of your payment. If there isn’t a “memo” section please send me a short email with the information. Since this is new to most of us, please contact me if you have any questions.



## 2020 Annual Convention

It's already time to mark your calendars for this year's MMOC Annual Convention. This year we chose to keep it in my backyard for many reasons, but ultimately it boiled down to cost and accommodations.

This year the convention will be held in Carson City, Nevada at the Courtyard by Marriott and the adjacent Casino Fandango. We have negotiated great prices for both venues. The casino has five restaurants, including Duke's Steakhouse and the Rum Jungle Buffet. Also, there is a Galaxy Fandango 10 theater on site.

In addition to the usual convention activities we will also have a Tuesday BBQ, either at the hotel or my home (whichever the group prefers). At the request of some of last year's attendees, I am also planning a half-day motorcycle tour Wednesday morning to early afternoon in the Sierra with a lunch stop somewhere on our ride. For those of you who want to trailer your motorcycles you are more than welcome to park them and your bike at my house. We will work out all the transportation issues at a later time, but the bikes will be garaged.

Dates for the 2020 Convention are Monday thru Wednesday (checkout Thursday), 14-16 September 2020. See the attached flyer on the following page for more details.

### Upcoming MMOC Events

#### Cioppino Feed

**San Jose POA Hall**

**Saturday, 21 March 2020**

**(see flyer in this issue)**

#### 27th Annual Ride

**The Dalles Oregon**

**July 12-18, 2020**

**(se article in this issue)**

#### Annual Convention

**Carson City, Nevada**

**14-16 September 2020**

**(see flyer in this issue)**

### The Humor Corner

#### **Let's Pretend**

*A man and a woman who have never met before find themselves in the same sleeping berth of a train. After the initial embarrassment they both go to sleep, the man on the top bunk, the woman on the lower.*

*In the middle of the night the man leans over, wakes up the woman and says, "I'm sorry to bother you, but I'm awfully cold and I was wondering if you could possibly get me another blanket"?*

*The woman leans out and, with a glint in her eye, says, "I have a better idea, just for tonight, let's make pretend we're married."*

*The man says happily, "OK, AWESOME!"*

*The woman says, "GOOD...get your own damn blanket!!!"*

**Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California**  
**91st Annual Convention**  
**September 14 - 16, 2020**



**Courtyard by Marriott & Casino Fandango**  
**3870 S. Carson St, Carson City, NV 89701**



**ROOMS**  
**All Rooms - \$109.00 + tax**  
**Hotel Registration**  
**(Deadline is 21 Aug 2020)**



**Register by Phone – (775) 887-9900 – Reference “Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California”**

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

**\*\*Courtyard by Marriott is 34 miles from Reno/Tahoe Intl. Airport – [Click here for more info.](#)**

**Convention Itinerary**

**Sunday** – Past President’s Dinner – Past presidents and staff. Others may attend but must pay for their meals

**Monday** - Registration 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm - Luncheon 1:00 pm - Annual Membership meeting 2:00 pm

**Tuesday** – Excursion TBD – BBQ late afternoon

**Wednesday** – Morning/early afternoon motorcycle ride - 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 or Zelle. Registration deadline is **21 Aug 2020**. If you have questions please contact us at - [2020convention@mmoc.org](mailto:2020convention@mmoc.org) or call (707) 948-6662 and leave a message.

**Attendance Fee \$135.00 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.: Roasted Prime Rib of Beef > \_\_\_\_\_

Pan Seared Salmon Served with Caper Beurre Blanc > \_\_\_\_\_, Chicken Parmesan > \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are attending Sunday night’s Past President’s dinner, please indicate how many will attend \_\_\_\_\_**

## Larry L. Lucas

May 24, 1948  
September 8, 2019

Joined MMOC—1977  
MMOC Rider of the Year—1997



Larry “The Legend” Lucas was a true-blue American who answered the call to duty serving in Vietnam while in the United States Marine Corps, and then serving in the United States Air Force Reserves and the Oakland Police Department. Larry finished his law enforcement career as Medical Examiner for the State of California.

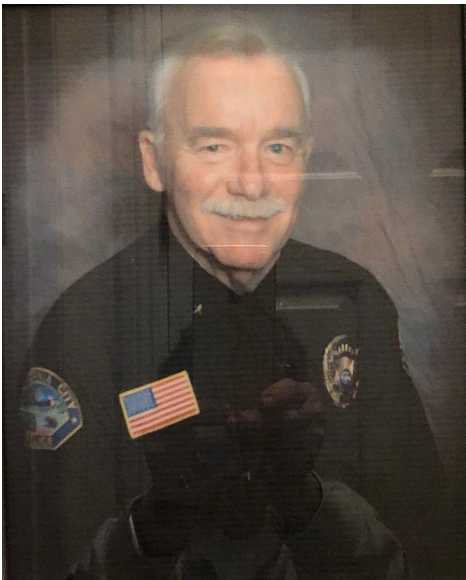
Larry was selected as the MMOC’s Rider of the Year in 1997. You may recognize the above center photo as it is on the main page of the MMOC website.

Prior to Larry’s passing, a local Bakersfield television news station did “A Veteran’s Voice” piece on Larry where Larry talks about his time in the service and as a motorman at OPD.

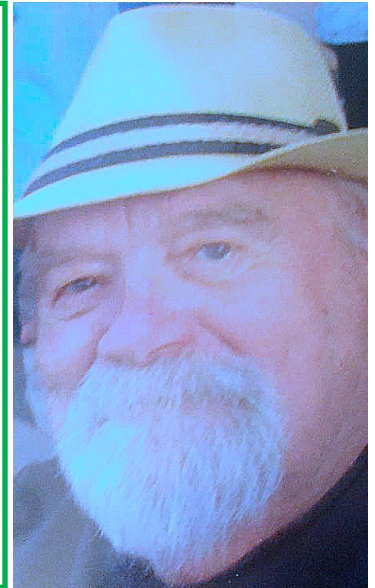
At Larry’s service there was a video tribute to Larry as well. Both the news piece and the video tribute can be viewed at the following links:

News piece: <https://www.turnto23.com/news/veterans-voice/a-veterans-voice-answering-the-call-again>

Video tribute: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/bakersfield-ca/larry-lucas-8850644>



**Guy L. Floyd**  
**End of Watch**  
**November 20, 2019**  
**Joined MMOC—1968**



Guy loved Santa Barbara and his police career which started there. Although most of his career was not spent as a motorcycle cop, a lot of his stories – funny and sad – were of the time he was riding a motor. I think secretly he wanted a Harley until the day he died, but he knew I would not hear of this.

Guy loved living in Lake Las Vegas. He had great joy watching the birds and even the occasional coyote wandering around on the golf course. The hummingbird feeder is right in the line of sight of his favorite chair, and he just got a kick of watching them drink away. The other bird feeder is not in his line of sight, but he commented on the little birds waiting on the fence while the big pigeons ate their never-ending fill.

Guy has two great children, Tere and Guy junior and his beautiful wife Shannon who blessed us with two wonderful grandchildren, Savannah and Hunter. Guy treated my family as his own, and likewise his family will be part of my family as long as I live.

I know he was in the presence of God, meeting up with old friends, and playing with his favorite dogs like Spike, Pudgy and Scruffy.

(above portions taken from an email sent to me from Guy's wife, Renata Floyd)