

MUNICIPAL MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA

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From an Undisclosed Shelter-in-Place location of The President

Doug Wayne - OPD - Retired

So, what's new? "Nothing much", you say? Yeah, me too. It's sad to say but my normal routine has not changed much since the "shelter-in-place" orders have come. For me, the only difference is, over the last few months, I've met a new lady. Not sure who she is, but she hangs around the house more than I have seen in the last thirty-four years. Occasionally, she'll recall something that happened to her many, many years ago and surprisingly, I kind of remember that, too. Damn, what a coincidence! And, unlike when I speak to Rocky, my dog, she answers back, most of the time to my dismay. She also says she has a right to be here, at the house, because she contributes to paying the bills, too. What GALL! She even said hanging around the house is something she could get used to. I guess that's what they mean by COVID-19's unintended consequences. I will update you on how this new relationship develops in the September issue, that is if I am around to write about it after she reads this. And if any of you think you know this woman, PLEASE do not call her and lend your condolences for having to put up with me. There is a good reason why she is known as 'Saint Catherine'.

Cioppino Feed

If you missed this year's Cioppino Feed you were not alone. WE ALL DID !!! We decided on Friday the 13th (go figure), 2 days after our Board of Directors meeting where we finalized plans for the feed, that Governor Newsome's and Santa Clara County Health official's suggestions/restrictions were not attainable. At the time of cancellation, the restriction was for gatherings of no more than 250 people. Shortly after we cancelled, that was reduced to 100 people. Below were the restrictions at the time of cancellation:

- *"Non-essential gatherings must be limited to no more than 250 people, while smaller events can proceed only if the organizers can implement social distancing of 6 feet per person. Gatherings of individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to no more than 10 people, while also following social distancing guidelines."*

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- *Add distance between where individuals sit or stand around tables.*
- *Add additional hand washing stations and restrooms.*
- *Avoid direct physical contact, such as hand-shaking, holding hands, and hugging.*

I think it is safe to say, all things being considered, we made the right choice. Those who requested refunds were mailed checks and the others told us to hold the money for next year's Cioppino Feed, which we have set for **Saturday, March 20, 2021**. I would like to thank everyone who worked on this year's feed, including Rhoda Nishiyama (Brown), LaRene Hodson, Rich Baily, Kim Wirht, and Cliff Heanes. Thanks also goes out to Mark & Helen Murray who did a fantastic job of signing up 16+ people to attend (many from the Plumas County area), all of whom told us to hold their money until next year! I'll bet there are some serious partiers in that group! Can't wait to see all of them next March.

Board Of Directors Zoom Meeting

On Wednesday, 11 March 2020 we held MMOC's very first online BOD meeting, utilizing the now widely known Zoom application. Remember, it wasn't until a few weeks after our meeting that EVERYONE became aware of Zoom due to COVID-19. We were ahead the game on that decision, too. The meeting went off without any hitches, unlike some of the rather bizarre stories of hacking I have heard recently. We will have to keep our eye on that issue as we go forth with these meetings.

As members, you may attend board meetings. I would like to see if this is a viable undertaking with Zoom. If you are interested please let me know and I will send you an email invitation to our next meeting, which should be in early September. If we are overwhelmed with interest (okay, stop laughing) I will decide how we are to proceed.

Please be patient with this new means of communication. It is allowing us to save on expenses, so in the long run, it is a positive change.

2020 Annual Ride to Oregon (12-18 July)

As of this writing, the ride is still a go. We have ten+ riders & drivers signed up this year. Director Ed Pressnell has put together a real nice weeklong ride with some great roads, hotels, an air museum stop, as well as a BBQ at the Armbruster's home, in Silverton, OR. Please see more ride information from Director Pressnell later in this issue.

2020 Convention (14-16 September)

Again, as with the annual ride, the 2020 Annual Convention is still a go. I know it is difficult to know exactly what situation we will all be dealing with in September, but I would ask if you are entertaining the idea of attending the convention to go ahead and make your hotel reservations and convention registration now. If everyone waits until the last minute you will put us behind the 8-ball preparing for this event. As we did with the cioppino feed, if we need to cancel (or postpone), you will have the option to receive a full convention registration refund or carryover until next convention date. Hotel refunds will be based on their terms and conditions. The decision to cancel/postpone will be no later than 06 September 2020. More convention hotel and registration information can be found later in this issue.

2020-2021 Annual Dues

Within days you should be receiving either your annual Membership Renewal Letter or, for those of you who have prepaid, your 2020-2021 Membership cards. Remember, you can also pay online at **<https://www.mmoc.org/dues>**. If you choose to use Zelle, ensure you use my email address, **dwayne@mmoc.org** when prompted by your bank in order for the funds to be transferred directly into the MMOC Chase bank account. By the way, you should only need to set up the MMOC Chase account once in order to continue using Zelle as your payment method. Please contact me if you have any questions. **dwayne@mmoc.org**

Covid-19 Pandemic

I can only say that I am so glad I am Retired. Working the streets of Oakland sounds like double jeopardy since the advent of Covid-19.

I feel for any and all first responders as they are literally on the front line to catch this deadly virus.

The story I would like to tell is the light side of this pandemic and all the things I see as this virus progresses. First there is the hoarding. We did not think about Toilet Paper. We were down to a few rolls and got lucky at a grocery store. To keep busy some people are making and inventing mask technology in their own homes. The enclosed picture shows a Crown Royal mask easily made. Myself, I

would prefer a Jack Daniels version, just saying!

I have gone to the grizzly side

having not shaved for several weeks, and found that your basic Q-tip look is the total wrap around look now. I made a trip to Home Depot to get items to keep me busy at home. With my new look the cashier looked at me and said, "you go home and stay there". Yes, she was young and I looked to be "old" or "compromised", certainly in her eyes. But, I am fully suited up when I go out. I have on: baseball hat, glasses, face mask, gloves and Clorox wipes. It's not the dying so much as the horrible way this virus would take you out and I don't want any part of it. I also notice that different stores are more into "Social Distancing" than others. Store are ramping up and each week more is done to protect everyone. I am all for this. This will protect even those who think they could never get it, and stop them from passing it on. I think most evident is the vacant shopping centers. It feels like some Science Fiction Movie.

I think that we all have learned a thing or two about pandemics and how much smaller this would be getting. I will mention the movie "War of the Worlds" where the Martians were unstoppable until our viruses killed them.



May you and your family and all loved ones stay safe and remain healthy.

Lawrence Hodson, Vice President MMOC

Welcome Aboard !

Please welcome Timothy "T.J." O'Connor, who has graciously volunteered to be our Recruiting Coordinator for MMOC. T.J. rode motors at both Oakland P.D. and Vallejo P.D. before retiring to upstate New York. He has since moved west again and now resides in Northern Nevada. If you have any ideas or suggestions for T.J. please contact him at: toconnor@mmoc.org.



For the Good of the Order

I have been going through the archived "Annual Siren" yearbook. These are the nice ones we used to produce annually, not the tri-annual (or quarterly) newsletters.

In sorting through them I found that I have duplicate copies of the following issues:

1975 thru 2009 and a 1971 yearbook.

If anyone would like one (only one per member) please indicate which year, and I mail it to you, or bring it to you if you attend one of our events.

"1st come-1st served" - dwayne@mmoc.org

The Humor Corner

Only Reason You Married Me

After weeks of getting the cold shoulder from his wife, the unhappy husband finally confronted her.

'Admit it, Linda. The only reason you married me is because my grandfather left me **TEN MILLION DOLLARS!**

'Don't be ridiculous, ' she replied. 'I don't care who left it to you.'

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 12th, 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 13th thru Wednesday July 15th, 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 16th, 2020

Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum

500 NE Captain Michael King Smith Way, McMinnville OR

Thursday July 16th, 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 17th, 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

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UPCOMING 2020 MMOC RIDE

Mt. HOOD & THE DALLES, OREGON

(Follow-up article to January Siren Issue)

The July 12th starting date for the ride is approaching fast. We are less than 3 months away from meeting in Klamath Falls. I hope that everyone is in good health, and that the virus will be behind us when July arrives.

I looked at 4 routes when planning the ride. All the routes had many things to offer, but after comparing the roads and the restaurants on the routes I cut it down to 2 routes.

I believe this will give us the 2 best roads. I watched a video about the northwest route first half which is a combination of long straightaways and sweepers. Farther up the road its tree lined with a few more curves which leads into the curvy corner combinations which last for several miles. The rider said pavement is fine, from the start of curvy area which was re-paved in 2017.

There are two restaurants one for each day the first one named The Cougar Lane Lodge / Rouge River Barbeque (northwest route) and the other named The Zig Zag Inn (southwest route) the latter world famous for its food, rolling papers and a large selection of Bigfoot keepsakes. I watched a short video of the southwest route it shows good roads with nice sweeping curves on highway 30.

Both routes are roughly 200 miles long and each should take about 4 to 5 hours of riding to finish and get back to the hotel.

I believe we should be at the Cousins Country Inn by no later than 3 P.M. every day.

Research of The Dalles area near our hotel found several interesting places to go. The list includes but not limited to these local establishments and several wineries. Check out The Dalles Chamber of Commerce's web site for more info.

www.thedallescchamber.com

These establishments are online they are highly rated and look great.

Zims Brau Haus Bar
604 E. 2nd St. The Dalles, OR 97058
<http://www.zimsbrauhaus.com>

The Baldwin Saloon
205 Court St. The Dalles
<http://baldwinsaloon.com/our-menu>

Rivertap Pub
703 E 2nd St. The Dalles
<http://www.rivertappub.com>

The Bargeway
1535 Bargeway Rd. The Dalles
<http://bargewaypub.com>

Momma Janes Pancake House
900 W 6th St, The Dalles, OR 97058
1 mile east from Hotel
Highly rated, no website Breakfast and lunch only

Casa El Mirador and Bar
1424 w.2nd St. The Dalles
<http://casaelmirador.com/menus>

After two good days of riding at The Dalles we will be off on a short 125 mile to the Evergreen Air Museum (currently closed) in McMinnville Or. We will eventually be spending the night in Woodburn Oregon. We will then head off for the last night's stay in Yreka, and then home Saturday morning.

I have the eastern routes saved if weather becomes a factor with the western routes.

Edward "Dewey" Pressnell — Director

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, at the Prez' home. And, 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 in our newly built garage!

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

Upcoming MMOC Events

27th Annual Ride

The Dalles Oregon

July 12-18, 2020

(see article in this issue)

Annual Convention

Carson City, Nevada

14-16 September 2020

(see flyer in this issue)

The Humor Corner

Getting Married

Bob, aged 82, and Mary, aged 79, were excited about their decision to get married. While out for a stroll to discuss the wedding, they passed a drug store. Bob suggested they go in.

Bob asked to speak to the pharmacist. He explained they're about to get married, and asked,

"Do you sell heart medication?"

"Of course we do," the pharmacist replied.

"Medicine for rheumatism?"

"Definitely," he said.

"How about Viagra?"

"Of course."

"Medicine for memory problems, arthritis, jaundice?"

"Yes, the works."

"What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antacids?"

"Absolutely."

"Do you sell wheelchairs and walkers?"

"All speeds and sizes"

"Good," Bob said to the pharmacist. "We'd like to register for our wedding gifts here, please."

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 using PayPal or Zelle. Registration deadline is **21 Aug 2020**. If you have questions please contact us at - 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 _____

James Ronald Lofthouse



**February 13, 1941
January 26, 2020**

Joined MMOC—1988

Honorary Member



**Francis J. Lofthouse
Jim's mother &
"First Lady of MMOC"**

James Ronald Lofthouse (Jim) 79, of Temecula, California, passed away on Sunday January 26, 2020.

Jim was born in Oceanside, California, on February 13, 1941, to Thomas and Francis "Jean" Lofthouse. Jim was the youngest of five children.

Jim married the love of his life Diane on September 24, 1977. Jim and Diane enjoyed traveling together, going to game shows, winning at the casino, dinner with friends, holiday parties with family and friends, dressing up for Halloween every year, watching movies and loving their little dog, Wiggles.

Jim worked as a food salesman over 42 years. He enjoyed socializing and making people happy. Jim always had a smile on his face which made him very successful in his business and with his customers, some he had for years. He was very well known for his happy, positive personality. Jim was an avid fisherman from childhood and spent his childhood on Oceanside beach. Jim did not just tell fishing stories; he had pictures to prove his amazing fishing abilities.

Jim was a member of the Senior Anglers Club of Escondido, Knights of Columbus of Oceanside, as well as a very proud member of the organization founded by his father in Los Angeles, California, in 1928, the Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California.

Jim is survived by his beautiful wife of 42 years, Diane, his stepson Jerry Jr Williamson (Laura), step-daughter Lisa Williamson, grandchildren and great grandchildren, brother Tom Lofthouse (Barbara), brother Bruce Lofthouse (Carol), sister Nancy Annable, and many nieces and nephews. "Nieces" Onalea Bell (Leonard), Lolena Braun (Mark), and their daughters who all loved "Uncle Jim" very much for over 40 years.

Hike Kazarian

Born - July 25, 1925

EOW - April 09, 2020

San Francisco Police Department

Joined MMOC—1961



Hike Kazarian was born on Saturday, July 25, 1925.

Hike grew up in San Francisco and attended St. Ignatius High School, Class of 1943. Hike played two years of varsity football under the famed local coach, Alex Schwarz . Hike went on to play semi-pro football for the Richmond Boilermakers.

Hike joined the Merchant Marines & U.S. Coast Guard during WWII, serving in the South Pacific region from 1943 to 1945 and being Honorably Discharged from the USCG in 1945.

Hike joined the San Francisco Police Department in 1956 and joined the Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California in 1961.

Hike has resided in Santa Rosa for the past fifty-one years.

Four of Hike's seven children retired as members of the San Francisco Fire Department. One of Hike's granddaughters, Christina, currently is police officer with the Sausalito Police Department.