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*From an INCREASINGLY SMOKEY LOCATION of The President
Doug Wayne - Oakland PD - Retired*

Okay, I am writing this section in a semi-depressed frame of mind, at least as far as MMOC is concerned. Due to the "COVID-CURSE", we have had to cancel, first the Cioppino Feed in March, and then the Annual Motorcycle ride in July, and now, as of a few weeks ago, we made the decision to cancel the Annual Convention, which was to be held in September. Looking on the positive side of things, when we do get to resume holding our functions, with the exception of a change of a hotel or two, we are basically doing exactly the same thing we would have done this year, so most of the leg work is done.

By the way, I certainly don't want to minimize the stress and hardship the COVID-19 pandemic has caused everyone. Most MMOC members are in the virus "high risk" category. If you, or any of your family members or friends have become ill due to Covid-19 I am very sorry and hope for a complete recovery for all concerned.

Also, I know of many MMOC members are living in the California fire zones. Some of us are fighting those fires. All of us, including myself, here in Nevada, have been effected due to smoke. Remember what Sgt. Esterhaus said in line-up, "Let's be careful out there!"

2021 Cioppino Feed

Yes, we are going to try this again!

SAVE the DATE:

Saturday, 20 March 2021. San Jose POA Hall

More information is listed on the flyer in this issue.

2020-2021 Annual Dues

If you have not already paid your 20-21 dues (there are about 50 of you out there), you are now delinquent.

You can 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. I have included a Dues Renewal Form on the last page of this issue.

If you have any questions or are no longer interested in being a member please contact me at: dwayne@mmoc.org.

MMOC's General Membership Meeting

As you know, the 2020 Convention has been canceled. I did some research and found the only other time the three-day convention was canceled was in 1942. For the following three years the convention was a one-day event. It eventually returned to the three-day format, with some very intriguing events, parties and excursions. Aw, the "good ole" days.

I bring this up because, per our by-laws, we must hold an annual "General Membership" meeting. This has, historically, been during the convention. Recently it has been held on the first day of the convention. Since there will not be a convention this year we have decided to hold the meeting on-line, via Zoom. We have used Zoom for our last two Board of Director meetings and it has worked nearly flawless. If there were any glitches they were insignificant and due to user error, not Zoom.

The meeting will be held on the same day it was originally scheduled:

Monday - 14 September 2020 @ 10 A.M.

As it is with all our meetings, every member is entitled to attend. If you would like to attend the Zoom meeting from the comforts of wherever your computer/laptop/cellphone is located please let me know and I will send you a Zoom invitation. I will also send you an agenda and any other documents we will be reviewing.

You do not need to sign up for Zoom to join a meeting. However, prior to the meeting you do want to download the Zoom app/program on your device. To get started you can go to Zoom's website at this address:

<https://zoom.us/zoomrooms/software>.

If this will be your first time on Zoom you can contact me after you have downloaded the software and we can test it prior to September 14th to ensure it is working properly. I did that with all our board and staff members and it proved to be very beneficial.

If you have any questions please contact me at dwayne@mmoc.org.

NEW MMOC OFFICAL ADDRESS

In another cost saving measure, and effective immediately, we are discontinuing the use of the P.O. Box in San Lorenzo. **Please simply follow the mailing instructions on any form (i.e.; dues, cioppino feed, convention, etc.) for the proper address to mail your document.**

MMOC's letterhead will now show this address:
208 S. Barranca Ave. #8, Glendora, CA 91741

MMOC's New Storage Facility

If you recall, one of our cost-cutting measures agreed to at last year's convention, in LaQuinta, was the closure of the storage locker which we were renting annually to the tune of \$1800. In June, Cliff Heanes, Ed Pressnell, myself and two of my kids emptied the locker. I transported everything to our new storage facility. I'd like to



thank the board of directors for erecting this new facility in my backyard.



As you can see in this picture, I am keeping the MMOC products safe and secure while only using approximately 40 sq. ft.

I am not sure what I am going to do with the other 960 sq. ft. but I will keep you posted. Maybe this:



Thank you MMOC!

(disclaimer — don't believe everything you read)

The Humor Corner

I was out for a walk the other day when the cable guy drove up and shouted, "Hey buddy, what time is it?"

I yelled back, "Sometime between noon and 4 P.M."

A guest column [unsolicited, ed.] from His Own Self

Since the inaugural ride in 1994, MMOC has sponsored an annual single track event across most north and southwestern states. For three consecutive years, we even ventured out twice per annum to better satiate our curiosity of these vast states and the splendid roads, topography and scenery therein. Camaraderie, also a prime motivator, is a wonderful feeling and not to be taken lightly; as a dyed-in-the-wool motorcyclist, I know of few other recreational activities that Editor Wayne will allow me to discuss in this tome [thank you, ed.] as cohesive, endearing and sensory laden.

Two years ago, Ed “Dewey” Pressnell agreed to take over my reign as Touring Executive Ride Director, often *affectionately* voiced by the minions who followed me for decades as the TERD. I never looked at that acronym as derogatory for I knew our exploits captured the summer of love spirit, Zen-like with an organic warm halo wafting above; a casual pace and picturesque scenery will do that to those in rapture. Moreover, I felt their love daily at post ride meditations poolside, naturally. [NOT, ed.].

Last year, Dewey, a more adventurous twit than I, one who erroneously feels SoCal has “scenery” beyond vast concrete slabs and asphaltic ribbon jungles of 4, 5 and 6 lane roadway, [careful Brown, we’re a statewide organization, ed.] put together a fantastic ride through Southern California starting on diabolical and challenging State Hwy. 33 into Ojai and ending in “rustic” Victorville. In between, we spent a day at the must see and extremely informative, patriotic and massive Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley; then, another wending on serpentine California Route 2 in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests, later exalting Lake Arrowhead’s wonderful beauty and choking on \$30.00 cheeseburgers and iced tea as the cool water lapped at our feet.

This last July, we were to once again ride Oregon and Washington, taking advantage of new routing and mostly uncharted sights. If anyone knows the time and effort required to bring these rides to fruition, regardless of locale, it is this scribe.



However, as the saying goes, the best laid plans of men and mice....are often not to be. For this year’s 27th anniversary edition, Dewey spent months and countless hours of research and planning, all pre Wuhan Virus [c’mon Brown, to be PC, it’s Covid 19, ed.], then, unfathomable uncertainty hit. As the epidemic surged, states’ rights guaranteed a muddle of varying guidelines from border to border, exacerbated by fluctuating restrictions and political affiliations across county lines. By my calculations, at a minimum, we were scheduled to frequent at least *14 counties in those 2 states, each with ever evolving regulations*. Oftentimes weekly! At the 11th hour in June, Dewey, I’m sure by now highly perplexed, made the wise decision to cancel this 27th edition.

In all my years of spearheading the annual rides, including those at inception with LAPD’s Bob Hossfeld, we were never challenged to this degree with incessant, myriad uncertainty. Forest fires, sure. Nonscheduled road closures, absolutely. Undisclosed and very inconvenient closings of motel restaurants, yeah. Very shallowly (pun intended), motel pool closures, too. But our challenges of yore were miniscule in measure and I personally feel we all owe Dewey a heap of gratitude for his endeavor.

No, the 27th MMOC Annual Ride did not come off as *extremely well planned*, but it was not for lack of effort and it behooves all past, present and future annual ride participants to give major props to Dewey (Deweys76@aol.com) for his unrelenting effort. Politics aside, few of us would have had the patience to deal with or anticipate the vacillating ethos of each jurisdiction.

HOS Dennis M. Brown, esq.

The (modified) 27th Annual Ride

Yes, the official ride was canceled, but not to be deterred, I loaded my HD Police Special on my trailer and headed to the Bay Area. OK, the real reason I had to leave was that woman, whom I referred to in my May Siren article, planned on me being away on the annual MMOC ride. She had a party planned while I was supposed to be away and far be it from me to ruin a good party, so I headed to the Bay Area. Oh, and you ask why I trailered my motorcycle? Well, I had to haul a bicycle and a 50 lb. pop-up canopy with me and, although I consider myself a pretty good rider, I'm no magician. So there you have it.

Monday, 13 July, instead of being in The Dalles, Oregon, I met MMOC Ride Director and board member, Ed Pressnell, in beautiful Antioch, CA. We headed out on one of my favorite Bay Area roads, Hwy 160 through the Delta. Traveling through the historic towns, like Isleton and Locke and then over to Walnut Grove and past the Grand Island Mansion, are always some of sites you'll see. Our planned crossing over a Sacramento River tributary was scratched when we saw the sign indicating the ferry was closed. All that meant was we were going to spend a bit more time along the river, which was certainly okay with me. We meandered our way into West Sacramento and back down I-80 to Dixon, where we met another MMOC member, Cal West, for lunch. Just so all of you know, we respected Governor Newsome's edict and as soon as the helmets came off, the face masks went on. After a nice, outdoor, lunch we said goodbye to Cal and headed home, via backroads into Rio Vista and back over the bridge into Antioch.

Day two had Ed and I meeting my old motor partner, Matt Grab. We rode the backroads through the ultra expensive Blackhawk community and into Dublin where we grabbed a to-go lunch. No place to eat there, due to COVID (of course), so we rode over to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Regional Training Center, where Matt is the lead instructor for the police motorcycle training. There we enjoyed our box lunches in the shade (whoo-hoo!). There was one very distinct difference between that training facility and the one I trained at, the Oakland Coliseum; at the Coliseum I never had to

deal with snake, coyotes, mountain lions, etc. Geeze! After lunch we headed home our separate ways. Unfortunately, I took what I thought would be a nice leisurely ride from Dublin into Concord on the Morgan Territory Rd. Now, I have been riding for 50 years and I can honestly say, that road is the one of the worst paved and most dangerous roads I have traveled, especially in the direction I was traveling. They don't bother painting a center stripe on the road because most of the time there is only room for one car and if you have to stop for a car, good luck finding an spot where you can actually put your foot down without going ass over teakettle down the embankment. With the tree shaded road, you can barely decipher the off camber turns and road imperfections to pick your line. It was definitely a pucker-factor of 10! I made it, but that will be the last time I travel that road, at least in that direction!

By contrast, day three was a dream ride. Once again I met up with Ed. This time he was on the side of the I-780 freeway, along with fellow MMOC members, Kent Dalrymple (SFPD) and Cliff Rezentes (Antioch PD) as I blasted past them. They caught up and off we were to meet others in Cotati. There we met a whole host of retired police offers who meet up there once a month. MMOC member, Ed Callejas (SFPD), usually does the organizing for that group. Not all riders were MMOC members, but a few were, including, Mike Puccinelli, Brian Canada and Dave Herman (all SFPD), and "Honorary" MMOC member Robert LaPrevotte. We headed up US-101 for a bit and then off and onto River Rd., which is where the fun began. We headed into Russian River and Rio Nido area and over to Occidental. That section is actually part of the (at least during my time) Oakland motor school's graduation ride on the last day of motor school. Every time I'm on that road it brings back fond memories of my motor school, back in 1982. But I digress. From there Ed Callejas led us over to the Pacific Coast and south on US-1, eventually heading back through the redwoods towards US-101 on Lucas Valley Rd. (Yes, that's George Lucas of Star Wars fame). We stopped for lunch at The Club at the McInnis Park Golf Course in San Rafael. What a great ride and a great day.

We took a break on Thursday but on Friday Ed met me in Concord for a half-day ride. 

The (modified) 27th Annual Ride

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Even in the crowded confines of the East Bay you can still find some lesser traveled roads on which to cruise. We headed to the backroads of Martinez and into the Moraga/Lafayette area. I took Ed by the new multimillion dollar homes just outside the Caldecott tunnel on the Lafayette side. Some really uniquely styled homes in the canyon. I'd say most people don't even know they exist as they travel eastbound through the tunnel. We meandered our way over the hill into the Danville area and had a nice lunch in downtown Walnut Creek.

So, that was the (modified) 27th Annual Ride. It wasn't quite Oregon and The Dalles, but it still was a good time, getting together with some MMOC members. I am really looking forward to next years ride into Oregon. I encourage all of you who still ride to give next year's ride serious consideration, especially after such a bleak year we are experiencing right now. Also, if you no longer ride there is no reason you can't join us.

Everyone is welcome!

Take care and ride safely,

Doug Wayne

Husband's Temper

A woman goes to the Doctor, worried about her husband's temper.

The Doctor asks: "What's the problem?"

The woman says: "Doctor, I don't know what to do. Everyday my husband seems to lose his temper for no reason. It scares me."

The Doctor says: "I have a cure for that. When your husband is getting angry, just take a glass of water and start swishing it in your mouth. Just swish and swish but don't swallow it until he either leaves the room or calms down."

Two weeks later the woman comes back to the doctor looking fresh and reborn.

The woman says: "Doctor that was a brilliant idea! Every time my husband started losing it I swished with water. I swished and swished and he calmed right down! How does a glass of water do that?"

The Doctor says; " The water itself does nothing. It's keeping your mouth closed that does the trick."

A Debt of Gratitude for Cliff Heanes

Thirteen years ago we closed our MMOC office in Southern California and moved all the contents, which included all our products for sale,

to a storage locker in San Lorenzo. At that time, Cliff Heanes became MMOC's Quartermaster. I have known Cliff for over 40 years. He was my training officer when I graduated from the Oakland Police Academy in 1979. I hold Cliff in highest esteem. Cliff is one those rare people who always volunteers for any task, especially those tasks no one else wants. Cliff also has been our Membership Coordinator and assists in set-up and take-down at all the cioppino feeds and annual conventions. If you need a hand, Cliff will be your go-to guy.



I cannot thank Cliff enough for his work as Quartermaster for the past 13 years. His knowledge and expertise was invaluable to the Board of Directors and MMOC staff. Cliff can now kick back for awhile, that is until the next function where he will be right in the middle of things, lending a hand.

Cliff, my heartfelt thanks go out to you!
Doug

Homing Device

Wife #1: Hey, Lynn . tell me this. How do you get your husband from staying out late?

Wife #2: Well, every time he would come home I would simply say, "Mike, is that you?"

Wife #1: I still don't understand. How did that keep him from staying out?

Wife #2: My husband's name is Andrew.

Upcoming MMOC Events

Cioppino Feed

Saturday, 20 May 2021
San Jose POA Hall

28th Annual Motorcycle Ride

July 2021
Oregon

Annual Convention

12 – 15 September 2021
Carson City, Nevada

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In Memoriam

John “Jack” D. DeMartini

Born — July 14, 1934

EOW—2017

San Francisco Police Department

Joined MMOC—June 28, 1973

John DeMartini joined the San Francisco Police Department on February 16, 1966. and began his motor career in December 1971. John received two Meritorious Awards for his for the successful outcomes of two very dangerous incidents.

MUNICIPAL MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CIOPPINO FEED



SATURDAY - MARCH 20, 2021
SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION HALL
1151 N. 4th 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**

Deadline to purchase tickets is 1 March 2021 - Tickets will not be sold at the door

Doors Open at 6 PM & Dinner served at 7 PM

(Early entry WILL NOT be allowed nor will alcohol be served prior to 6 PM)

****MMOC's Hospitality Room** will be in the California Room at the host hotel, one block from the SJPOA hall. It will be open on Saturday from 2 PM to 6 PM. You are welcome to relax there prior to coming to the SJPOA Hall.

****Host Hotel:** Country Inns & Suites, 1350 N 4th St, San Jose, CA 95112

Room rates: King or Queens - \$116 + tax & fees (Rate Good until March 4, 2021)

(Includes Complimentary Breakfast, Parking & Airport Shuttle)

Call (408) 467-1789 for reservations (Use MMOC Cioppino Feed) **(no online reservations)**

Please complete this section and return with your Payment – If paying by Zelle use dwayne@mmoc.org when prompted and please check this box . You can also register online by going to our website at:

<https://www.mmoc.org/mmoc-news/2021-cioppino-feed>

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Department/Organization _____ 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 – 6148 Buena Vista Ave, Oakland, CA 94618
Please direct questions to either 2021cioppino@mmoc.org or call (707)-948-6662**

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Dear Member,

It's time to renew your 2020–2021 membership. Dues are \$36 per year, or \$150 for 5 years, and are payable by 30 June 2020.

You may pay by mail or online (via PayPal or Zelle) at www.mmoc.org. Click on "Dues" on the main page to begin your renewal. It's fast, safe and secure! **If you use Zelle, you will need to enter this email (dwayne@mmoc.org) in order for your payment to go directly into MMOC's Chase bank account.**

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 to the following address:

MMOC

1604 Jones St.

Minden, NV 89423

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

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

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One (1) Decal only

(Indicate Preference)

____ Interior Decal

____ Exterior Decal