

MUNICIPAL MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA

The Siren

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OF THE MUNICIPAL MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA

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Not Much to see here Folks!

Doug Wayne, President
Oakland P.D.—Retired

Hello members:

For some reason (maybe because it is 0430 hrs.) I sit here at my computer with my cynical side glowing. My creative side is waning. There is very little to report to you in this issue.

This issue would usually focus on the “recently concluded” annual cioppino feed, which was one of three events MMOC had been left with over the years. Due to COVID, and other factors, the cioppino feed no longer exists and we as a group, including all of you, have yet to come up with an acceptable alternative. If you have suggestions please get in touch with me and we can discuss those ideas.

Also, in the past I have encouraged the membership to feel free to breakout their inner Mark Twain and submit articles for our Siren newsletter. With the exception of a few who submitted photos, and Past President Dennis Brown’s articles, submissions have been few and far between. **Turn to “page 12”** to get further information on how the Siren may appear in the future without your input.

What I can report on is the upcoming 29th annual motorcycle ride, 10-16 July. Director Ed Pressnell,

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also the ride coordinator, indicates we have a very small number of riders and a few cars signed up as of this writing. There is still time to sign up, however, you may not be able to get the “MMOC rate” at the hotels listed at this late date. I have included Director’s Pressnell’s article and hotel booking information in this issue.

Also, the Annual Convention is happening 26-29 September in La Quinta, CA. There is still time to register with MMOC, however, before registering you will need to check with the hotel (Embassy Suites) to check on room availability and current pricing. To date, we have a decent turnout for the convention, mostly with the usual suspects attending. The hotel has a beautiful atrium and is a really nice place to relax, as well as nice restaurants within walking distance. It would be nice to see some SoCal people join in the festivities. I have

included the convention flyer in this issue if you need further information.

Annual dues renewal notices have been mailed to everyone without a credit account balance. If you have not received your renewal notice I have included one in this issue. Remember, dues are payable by 30 June.

MMOC's "Every 15 Minutes" (E15M) charitable contribution campaign is back on-course, SOMEWHAT! These past two years have put the E15M events on hiatus due to COVID. In the past I have reported to the Board of Directors (and I may have mentioned this in a past Siren issue) how difficult it is to donate \$500 to high schools, holding an E15M event. Once again, dealing with the California Highway Patrol is a lost cause! And don't think my wife, a retired CHP Captain, hasn't heard my rant about them. But, they are not alone. Many schools fail to return emails or phone calls even after I have stated the purpose of such contact is to donate \$500 to their program. It just boggles my mind! As a result, one of this year's recipients is a past recipient, Canyon High School (Anaheim). The other is Mother's Against Drunk Driver's (MADD), Northern California Chapter. If you know of a school in California holding an E15M event at their school in future please contact me and I will do the follow-up work (unless someone would like to volunteer for that position).

Speaking of volunteering for a "position", in the last Siren issue I detailed the vote of the members at the General Membership meeting regarding the future of MMOC. The motion up for vote was if we have no new directors to replace the current directors by the 2025 Annual convention (which would be the 2026 session) we would cease operation as an organization by 2028. The vote was nearly unanimous, with one "no" vote, to accept the motion. **I will place in every issue of the Siren the list of positions available.** It is up to you to decide the future of your organization.

Divorced

When I was married, my wife used to call me handsome. As a matter of fact, we are now divorced but she STILL calls me handsome. Every time I have money, she says, "HANDSOME OVER."

MMOC Positions and Duties



I've listed the positions and duties that make up 99% of the work to keep this organization functioning. You will see that many "Positions" are currently filled, however they are all available as ALL of the people in those positions have been there for many years. If you are not sure if you want to become a Director but would like to know a bit more about how we operate you can certainly take on one of the "Duties" listed to get your feet wet. Also, ANY MEMBER can attend the Zoom board meetings, which will also give you some insight as to MMOC's inner workings. I have formulated a list of functions for the below listed positions and duties which I can either discuss with you or send to interested members.

Once again, the future of the organization is up to you!

Positions

Director 2-year terms
President (Filled)
Vice-president (Filled)
Director (Filled)
Director (Vacant)
Director (Vacant)

Staff – no specific time limit

Treasurer (Filled)
Secretary (Filled)

Duties

Siren Newsletter Editor
Membership Renewal Coordinator
Website Webmaster
Annual Ride Coordinator
Annual Convention Coordinator
"Every 15 Minutes" Donation Coordinator
Events Coordinator (vacant)

Doug Wayne - dwayne@mmoc.org

2022 MMOC 29th ANNUAL RIDE

NEVADA to CALI- WESTBOUND & DOWN

The 2022 MMOC ride will start on Sunday night July 10th in Carson City, NV. This year we will meet and spend the night at the Gold Dust West Casino Carson City. The Gold Dust offers an outdoor pool and an on-site restaurant. This Hotel must be Booked by June 1, 2022 for quoted rate.

Monday morning, we will head south on 395 to Lone Pine Ca. and the Dow Villa Hotel and its 24 hour a day outdoor pool awaits us. There are many restaurants and a bar nearby to choose from. The Museum of Western Film History is a 4-minute walk from the motel. (<https://www.lpmuseum.org/>) Seasons restaurant is highly rated and within walking distance with a well-stocked bar. <https://seasonslonepine.club/>

Tuesday leave Lone Pine riding south on 395 to Highway 178 west to Highway 155 west (both great motorcycle roads with combination of 25 mph turns and long sweepers). We will ride around Lake Isabella until we get on Highway 155 when we will ride to the Saddle Sore Saloon (661) 536-8114 for lunch.

There are 3 gas stations near Lake Isabella on Highways 178 and 155. All of the articles I have read about riding on highways 178 and 155 have stated the roadway surface is in great shape and lots of fun riding. After lunch we will ride Highway 155 west to Woody Road then southwest to Bakersfield Hill House Best Western. It has a Pool, Bar and Restaurant on site.

Wednesday we leave Bakersfield in the morning heading west on Highway 58 (another great motorcycle road) to 101 Stopping at J's County Kitchen 22412 El Camino Real

Santa Margarita (805) 365-7022 for lunch. Then finishing our ride at the Santa Maria Inn. Very nice hotel, perhaps too nice for us, with a Bar and Restaurant on site with a good menu. There are also other restaurants nearby.

Thursday's ride is to San Luis Obispo. Check in at the Inn at San Luis Obispo, with an on-site outdoor pool. We can take the shuttle to downtown SLO to enjoy the Farmers Market and lots of BBQ.

Friday, I want to go to Hearst Castle, but it is still closed. I will be checking on tours of Hearst Castle and add them if it opens before we ride. We will ride to Gilroy and spend the last night at the Hampton Inn Gilroy before riding home. Corbin seats close by if anyone wants a new seat.

Dewey

Ride Director

(Hotel booking information on next pages)

Both Sides of the Law

A police officer arrives at the scene of an accident, in which a car is smashed into a tree. The cop rushes over to the vehicle and asks the driver, 'Are you seriously hurt?' 'How should I know?' the man answered. 'I'm not a lawyer!'

MMOC RIDE 2022 Central California HOTELS

Sunday, July 10th, 2022. *Check out* Monday July 11th

Gold Dust West Carson City

2171 E. William St. Carson City Nv.89701

Tel. (775) 885-9000 Toll Free (877) 519-5567

All Rooms \$90.00

Rooms must be Booked by February 20, 2022, for quoted rate.

<https://www.gdwcasinocom/Carson/stay/hotel/>

Monday, July 11, 2022. *Check out* Tuesday July 12, 2022

Dow Villa Hotel.

310 S Main St, Lone Pine, CA 93545

Phone: (760) 876-5521

All Rooms 131.00

<https://dowvillamotel.com/>

Tuesday July 12, 2022, *Check out* Wednesday July 13, 2022

Best Western Plus Hill House

700 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield, Ca. 93301

Phone (661) 327-4064

All Rooms 107.99

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotels-in-bakersfield/best-western-plus-hill-house/propertyCode.05593.html

Wednesday July 13, 2022, *Check out* Thursday July 14, 2022



SANTA MARIA NN

801 South Broadway Santa Maria Ca.

(805) 928-7777

All Rooms 104.00

<https://www.santamariainn.com/>

Thursday July14, 2022 *Check out* Friday July 15, 2022

Inn at San Luis Obispo

1895 Monterey St, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

(805) 544-0973

All Rooms 140.00 or less

<https://www.innatsanluisobispo.com/>

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Friday July 15, 2022, *Check out* July 16

Hampton Inn Gilroy

16115 Condit Road Morgan Hill Ca,

(408) 770-7660

All Rooms 140.00 or less

https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/sjccrhx-hampton-morgan-hill/?SEO_id=GMB-HX-SJCCRHX&y_source=1_MjA4MjU2Ni03MTUtbG9jYXRpb24uZ29vZ2xlX3dlYnNpdGVfb3ZlcnJpZGU%3D

The Hampton Inn Gilroy and the Inn at San Luis Obispo room rates will not be final until mid-February. I was told the price will be lower than the advertised rate which is shown on both hotels. All hotel rooms unless noted otherwise have a 30-day cutoff June 11th booking deadline. **Gold Dust West Carson City must Book by February 20 to receive quoted rate.**

All room reservation under MMOC

All hotels have 3 Kings and 7 Double Queens reserved.

Please contact me when you have booked your rooms

Dewey Pressnell

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Twelve Reasons To Ride A Motorcycle

(reprinted from Motogarage.com)

Motorcyclists pick up riding for different reasons and we have identified 14 such reasons which definitely would relate to your reason to ride. Do you connect with these?

1) Passion

Anything that gets your blood racing is probably worth doing. For many bikers riding a motorcycle is not a hobby or need, it's Passion. All they want in life is to travel to every corner of the world on their motorcycle. There is a deep fire in their belly for riding which will make them achieve impossible miles, paths & terrains. Bikers will not mind devoting a good amount of time and income for their motorcycles. In the hierarchy of needs, for them it's motorcycling that stays on the top. Passion when turned into profession gives birth to champions like Joey Dunlop, John McGuinness, Giacomo Agostini, Valentino Rossi, Stephane Peterhansel, C.S. Santosh and several other world class champions. Such passion influence billions around the world creating impressions of a lifetime.

2) Freedom

Riding a motorcycle gives you a sense of freedom. You are in total control of the moment, you are not just riding, you are flying and there are no set limits to stop you. You can travel to any place with complete freedom. It lets you be you without anyone's permission. Just like a kid who was always restricted to his space but as soon as he gets on his bicycle, it's the moment of freedom, he now breaks those chains and flies through the street on his bicycle with the widest smile on his face.

It might sound like a cliché but it's true, when on your bike you experience the open air with the wind brushing through your face, all the colors around is vivid and vibrant. The sound of the motor and the

vibration which you feel. The obscured view going on around you. It's an embracement of senses and acts as oxygen to your soul. We just love it, the sheer enjoyment of being on a motorcycle.

3) Speed

For most of the riders its speed and thrill that keeps them on their motorcycles. Motorcycles are legal drugs that make you high and take you into a transcendent state of nirvana. The high of power and the acceleration they get at the flick of their wrist is something that they look for and can't keep themselves away from. The thrill of clocking high speeds on their odo after hitting the rev limiter beyond its limit on each shift is something they are addicted to, which gives the best adrenaline rush a motorcyclist can ever ask for. It's a good addiction and a good high provided they ride on safe paths or tracks with all the protective gears on.

4) Friendship

Motorcycling is one thing that keeps friends together and it will till the end of times. Everybody taking out time from their schedule and then going out for a ride is something that you will see only in the motorcycling community. The bond of friendship grows deeper when it is associated to a motorcycle. Be it a break-fast ride, a night ride or a long road trip, they are always up for it.

5) Brotherhood

You will meet some of the nicest people on your rides. When you ride a motorcycle you always wave to each other even when you don't know each other which is not something car drivers do. No matter which motorcycle you are riding nor does it matter from which part of the country you belong, there is always the bond of brotherhood that gets motorcyclist together. They are always there to help each other at any point of time. It makes you less introvert as it is the best way to socialize and know new people during two-wheeled events, including bike shows, rallies and other rider get togethers.

6) Stress Buster

Have you ever seen a motorcycle parked outside a psychiatrist's clinic? We are pretty sure the answer you will have is No, because riding a motorcycle takes away all the tension and stress, like you have rebooted your system. Riding a motorcycle brings a sense of calm and ease to your mind and body, which could be achieved otherwise only through meditation. Also, many riders refer to their bike as their therapist, as motorcycles make you feel energized and refreshed after each ride. It is a therapy, a way of life that helps bind love for a couple riding together. It lets you have your own space while getting time to forget everything that has been bothering you.

7) Wheels Of God

Open your map, choose a destination, pack your bags and there you go. No matter what destination you choose, motorcycles are ready to take you there. Into the jungle, over the mountains, between the woods, across the river or beneath the caves, motorcyclists love the solitude and freshness these places give to them. Motorcyclist will research intensively on such places and head towards the destination no matter how tough the road is. Travelling to known places do not interest them, they would prefer over landing where the goal of the ride is the journey itself.

8) Improves Mental Health

As already stated, it's a true fact that you never see a motorcycle parked outside a psychiatrist's clinic. A riders brain is stimulated and becomes more active while riding a Motorcycle. Riding on your motorcycle

daily definitely has positive effects on mental and emotional health, it helps you with stress reduction, it helps you get out of depression and to flush out all your worries. It surely proves to be the best antidepressant in the world which blows the cobwebs from your mind. Bikes are magical that they can turn tragedy into triumph.

9) Improves Physical Health

There is no age bar to ride your motorcycle. We have seen Motorcyclist who say, “82 years old. Ride every day, depending on the weather. Only medication, one baby aspirin a day. No health issues” and they still aspire to ride for another 100 years, which surely is a source of inspiration to us. People suffering from different physical injuries forget their pain when they are riding. All of the activities involved in steering a bike, moving it at slow speeds, etc., serve to strengthen muscles in the abdomen and also helps you with, healthier, stronger knees and thighs. You burn calories while setting up things before a ride or while pampering your motorcycle with a wash. It requires effort while riding to maintain balance, shift, brake, control the clutch, battle headwinds, etc. which ultimately burns a lot of calories and also strengthens those muscles.

10) Fun

All of you would agree to the fact that, Motorcycles are fun to ride. There is a lot of entertainment filled within it that awaits you to get it out. You can pull those amazing wheelies or stoppies by just playing with the throttle. It can make you fly in the air on those humps or make your kiss the road on those curves. Motorcycles gets the best out of you by making you an ape while performing the ape hanger or by making you an acrobat while performing the Hyperskin, Switchback, Christ or De activator. We all know that smoking is injurious to health but not when it is coming out of a burn out, which gets us to the fact that, no biking event is complete without the smoky burnout.

11) Easy-Peasy

Environmentalists choose bicycles over motorcycles and motorcycles over cars. They do believe that the motorcycles cause lesser harm to the environment in terms of pollution and traffic. Over these are the bikers who didn't choose motorcycle but motorcycle chose them, meaning, motorcycle is their last resort for transportation. With the city's hustle and bustle, opting for a motorcycle for travelling comes in handy helping you to cut through any packed traffic with ease, saving time and money. For these riders going on long ride doesn't amuse much and such thoughts wouldn't cross their mind. They are very happy with their bike which gives them the convenience to maneuver in the city, better parking options and low maintenance cost.

12) True Love

Have you ever noticed that the motorcyclists will always have a gender to their bike? Guys will refer to their machine as “She” and lady riders refer to their bike as “He”. It's because the relationship between a bike and its owners is not about ownership but about love. Motorcyclist get committed into a serious relationship with their motorcycle and it so happens that the motorcyclist would choose a motorcycle over their lover. There is a romance between them, with all the selfies that they take with the bike and update statuses on social media every now and then.

So think twice before asking a motorcyclist to stop riding his bike! We have warned you.

Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California
92nd Annual Convention
September 26 - 29, 2022



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



ROOMS

One King Bed Suites - \$129.00 + tax & Two Queen Bed suites \$144 + tax

Hotel Registration

(Deadline is 15 Mar 2022)

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.](#)**

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 **1 Aug 2022**. If you have questions please contact us at (707) 948-MMOC (6662)

Attendance Fee \$125.00 Per Person – Payable to MMOC – Mail to 208 S. Barranca Ave, #8, Glendora, CA. 91741

Wednesday night dinner options - Please indicate the number for each selected meal: Filet Mignon w/cabernet sauvignon sauce _____ - Chicken stuffed w/ham & pepper jack cheese w/bechamel sauce _____
Seared Salmon w/orange soy sauce _____

If you are attending the no-host Past President's dinner, please indicate how many in your party: _____



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2022-2023
**MEMBERSHIP
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Dear Member,

It's time to renew your 2022-2023 membership. Dues are \$36 per year, or \$150 for 5 yrs. Dues are payable by 30 June 2022. FYI - There may be a delay in processing your renewal if it is received after June 2022.

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!

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 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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

CELL _____

EMAIL _____

1 Decal

(Indicate Preference)

____ Interior Decal

____ Exterior Decal



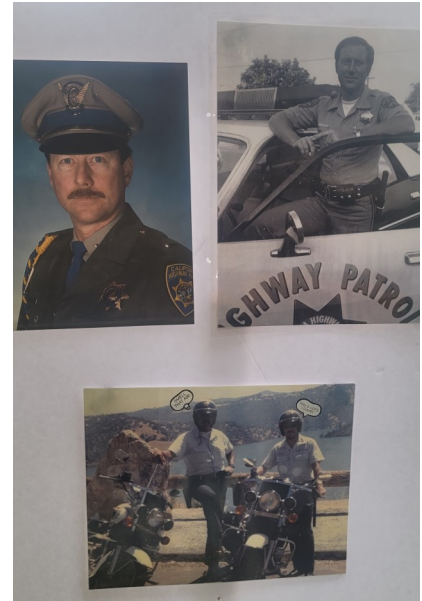
Capt. James A. Young

Born— 30 July 1944

EOW— 01 January 2022

California Highway Patrol

Joined MMOC— 2008



On Saturday, 04 June 2022 Cathy and I attended Jim's Celebration of Life at the Mormon Station Historic Park, in Genoa, NV. It was a most fitting location to celebrate an old motor officer's life as we heard Harley after Harley, and motorcycle after motorcycle, pass by enroute to the oldest bar in Nevada, "Genoa Bar and Saloon", just down the street from the park.

At the Celebration Rich Bond, a retired Alameda County Sheriff's Commander, gave Jim's eulogy. In it he said Jim was born in Highland Park, MI and grew up in Whittier, CA. Jim married Roxanne (Roxy) in 1985 and both were avid in the horse cutting community, competing in Nevada and California. Jim eventually traded-in real horses for an "iron horse" and rode his Harley for a number of years.



The following was posted by the CHP, Solano Area upon Jim's death:

The Solano Area is saddened to report the passing of retired Captain James "Jim" Young, ID 4918. Captain Young passed away on January 1, 2022, after a four-year battle with leukemia.

Captain Young began his career with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) in 1966. Upon graduating from the Academy, he was assigned to the Baldwin Park Area. Captain Young also worked as an officer in the Central Los Angeles, Santa Fe Springs, and Humboldt Areas. In 1980, he promoted to the rank of sergeant and was assigned to the Academy, and later worked in the South Sacramento Area. In 1985, Jim promoted to the rank of lieutenant and was selected to work in the Long Range Planning Section. Jim also worked in the Solano Area and Cordelia Inspection Facility as a lieutenant, before promoting to captain in the Redding Area and then retiring as the commander of the Solano Area in 2000.

In retirement, Jim worked for the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Regional Training Center as an EVOC instructor, where he trained hundreds of recruits and in-service personnel for over 17 years. In addition to his many years of law enforcement service, Captain Young honorably served in the United States Air Force Reserve as a sergeant from 1966 to 1972.

Captain Young is survived by his wife, Roxanne Young; his son, Alex; his grandson, Sawyer; and his sister, Karen.

In Memoriam

Robert C. Alberigi

EOW - 18 May 2022

San Francisco PD

Joined MMOC—1981

NOTHING HERE TO SEE

(Your article could go here)