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2023 New Year Edition

Doug Wayne, President
Oakland P.D. - Retired

Greetings from the still snowy confines of Northern Nevada. A bit more snow shoveling than we are used to here but after watching news reports of the severe flooding in California, a little extra sweat here isn't so bad.



Future events in the works for MMOC include the upcoming cross-country motorcycle ride, the 93rd Annual Convention in Santa Maria, September 2023, and the 94th Annual Convention, an Alaskan one in August 2024. There is more information for all three events in this issue.

Every "15" Minutes Program

If you know of a California High School participating in this year's program, MMOC will donate \$500 to their school. Contact me ASAP with that information.

30th Annual Ride 13(14) - 26 May 2023

Update for the 2023 MMOC Cross-country motorcycle ride. On January 17 2023 Doug Wayne hosted a ZOOM meeting with 6 MMOC members.

We talked about ride dates and a starting point. We will be arriving on the east coast on the weekend of the May 13-14, 2023 & getting on the road Monday May 15, working our way home on a course for adventure. Cliff Rezentos contacted Federated shipping, which is a company I have used in the past. Looks like we'll be shipping the bikes from Milpitas with Federated Shipping. They'll be delivered to their warehouse in Laurel, Maryland, 20 minutes from the airport. The cost is \$1125 per bike. So, if you have some extra time in the last two weeks of May come join us. It will be a "bucket list" ride for many.

I can be contacted via email at: deweys76@aol.com or by cell at: **510 301-1804**.
Dewey Pressnell - Director
Ride Director

**Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California
93rd Annual Convention
September 11 – 14, 2023**



**Santa Maria Inn
801 S. Broadway
Santa Maria, CA 93454**



ROOMS

All Rooms \$90 + tax & fees

Hotel Registration

(Deadline is 01 July 2023)

Registration is by phone only – (805) 928-8000 – Reference “MMOC Convention”

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

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____ Department _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Amount enclosed _____

Registration deadline is 01 July 2023

Attendance fee is \$125 Per Person – Payable to MMOC - Mail to 208 S. Barranca Ave. #8, Glendora, CA 91741

Or register online @ www.mmoc.org using PayPal or Zelle (if paying by Zelle use: dwayne@mmoc.org as recipient)

(We will have a plated lunch on Monday if we do not meet the 30-person minimum requirement for a buffet)

Monday Lunch options:

Indicate number meals for your selections: Santa Maria Tri-tip sandwich with fruit salad _____

Southwest Chicken Sandwich with Cole slaw _____

Wednesday night dinner options: 1) Roasted Prime Rib of Beef _____ - 2) Chicken Cordon Bleu _____

Dijon honey glazed cedar plank salmon _____

If you are attending the no-host Past President's dinner (Sunday 09/10), indicate how many in your party _____

If you have any questions contact us at (707) 948-MMOC (6662)

The 94th Annual Convention is an Alaskan Cruise!!!



We are sailing on the Celebrity Edge, leaving out of Seattle Friday, 16 Aug 2024 & returning to Seattle Friday, 23 Aug 2024.



If you book by 1 Mar 2023 you'll receive \$500 worth of credits (per couple) + prior or active military gets an additional \$100 credit.

All money is refundable until 18 May 2024.

MMOC will be paying for at least one excursion (TBD) for members.

We have 60 cabins reserved so you are welcome to invite family and friends. See the cruise flyer on the next page.

Discovery of Electricity

Most folks believe that Ben Franklin discovered electricity with his famous kite experiment. Actually, a woman made the discovery possible. The real story was that Ben Franklin was lying in bed with his wife one night, when he leaned over and whispered something in her ear. She told him, "Go fly a kite." The rest is HISTORY!

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 discuss with you.

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

Positions

Director 2-year terms

President (Filled—Wayne)
Vice-president (Filled—Hodson)
Director (Filled—Pressnell)
Director (Vacant)
Director (Vacant)

Staff – no specific time limit

Treasurer (Filled—Gray)
Secretary (Filled—Nishiyama)

Duties

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

Contact me for further information:

Doug Wayne - dwayne@mmoc.org



Fri, Aug 16th, 2024 Celebrity Edge 7-Night Alaska from Seattle

Day (Date)	Port/City	Arrive	Depart
FRI (Aug 16)	Seattle, Washington		4:00 PM
SAT (Aug 17)	Cruising		
SUN (Aug 18)	Ketchikan, Alaska	7:00 AM	4:00 PM
MON (Aug 19)	Endicott Arm & Dawes Glacier	5:30 AM	10:00 AM
MON (Aug 19)	Juneau, Alaska	1:30 PM	10:00 PM
TUE (Aug 20)	Skagway, Alaska	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
TUE (Aug 20)	Inside Passage (Cruising)	6:30 PM	10:30 PM
WED (Aug 21)	Cruising		
THU (Aug 22)	Victoria, British Columbia	5:30 PM	11:59 PM
FRI (Aug 23)	Seattle, Washington	6:00 AM	



GROUP PRICING (INCLUDES TAXES & PORT FEES)

- Deluxe Interior (DI) **\$1,586.48 p/p*** **\$268 Payment****
- Oceanview Balcony (E2) **\$2,216.48 p/p*** **\$394 Payment****
- Concierge Balcony (C2) **\$2,396.48 p/p*** **\$430 Payment****

* Above Prices are total per person based on double occupancy.
INCLUDES: A \$100 discount per person (expires 03/01/23), Port fees of \$280 per person, Government fees and taxes of \$277.48 per person.
****AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN** amount listed assumes a \$500 deposit with double occupancy with ten (10) automatic payments to be completed by 05/18/2024. There is no charge for this service.
 Price, promotions & availability subject to change until deposited.
PAYMENTS FULLY REFUNDABLE UNTIL 05/18/2024

OUTSIDE SALES AGENT FOR:
Travel Adventures Unlimited
 Walnut Creek, CA CST # 2074362-10

Ron Clark
(925) 587-9692
ron@bookrct.com

FREE BONUS OFFER



RECEIVE ALL THREE

- ◆ **CLASSIC BEVERAGE PACKAGE**
- ◆ **PRE-PAID GRATUITIES**
- ◆ **CLASSIC WI-FI PACKAGE**

Bonus offer is for Guest 1 & 2 in a cabin

EARLY BOOKING OFFER
Book prior to March 1st 2023

- ◆ **ONBOARD CREDIT \$100 PER PERSON**
- ◆ **SAVINGS OF \$100 PER PERSON**

\$100 savings per person is reflected in the group price listed. Price increases by \$100 per person after the early booking deadline of March 1st, 2023.

ATTENDANCE AT THE CHP MOTORCYCLE ACADEMY

by MMOC member Jim Husing ,MVPD (retired):

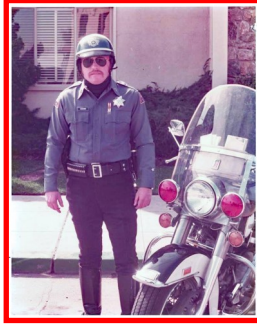
My career with the Mountain View Police Department (MVPD) began on Monday June 3, 1968. I had gotten out of the Army in July 1967 and was looking for a job in law enforcement as my step-dad was a deputy sheriff for Alameda County and influenced me.

I spent the first three and a half years working patrol. In late 1971, an opening for a position assigned to our traffic team riding motors came open starting on January 1, 1972. I applied for the assignment and was picked. I had never ridden a motorcycle, but I figured I could learn. Officer Merv Marty, Sr. a former motorcycle officer and a canine officer in 1971 took time to teach me how to ride a police motor after getting off his shift at 5am. I was working graveyard at the time, so it worked out well. Merv taught me all aspects of riding and maintaining the Harley-Davidson 1200cc motors in the MVPD fleet. I was able to obtain my motorcycle endorsement on my driver's license.

On January 1, 1972, I started my police motorcycle riding career. I was assigned to Officer Max Rhinehart who was a senior officer on the MVPD traffic team. Max was my FTO. We spent a couple weeks riding together. At the end of the two weeks, Max figured I was capable of being let go on my own. The winter of 1971/72 was one of the coldest that I could recall. It was colder than hell riding that motor as I was working the day shift. I wore long johns, double pairs of socks, turtle neck sweater, Tuffy jacket, ski gloves, and scarf just to try and keep warm. I also wore a watch cap under my helmet.

In the spring of 1972, MVPD had a change of sergeants in charge of the traffic team. Sergeant Dave Kelso a friend of mine took charge of the traffic team. Dave decided that one of the first things he wanted to do was to send all new traffic team motorcycle riders to the CHP Motorcycle Academy in Sacramento. Up to this point, all new riders only received "in house" training from a senior member of the traffic team. Dave notified me that I would be going to be a test case. I had no idea what to expect.

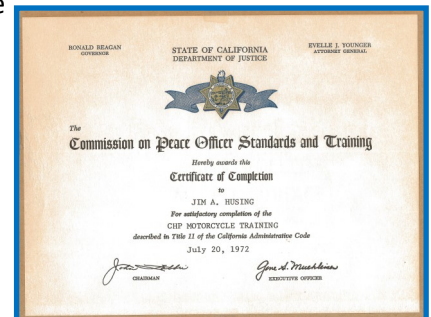
So, in July I was off to the CHP Motorcycle Academy at the old Academy location.



There were twelve of us in my class from various agencies. I remember we had three CHP officers, two Idaho State Police, an officer from Concord and one from Walnut Creek. I don't recall where the others were from. We lived in the barracks at the CHP Academy. I remember it being very hot that summer in Sacramento. Temperatures were over 100 degrees every day. We started early at 6 am to avoid the afternoon heat. The first week was spent in house at the Academy grounds on stripped down CHP Harley motors. We learned how to maintain the motor as well as safety and riding techniques. We did dirt riding, hill climbing, speed breaking, had slow races where the slowest motor in the race won. It took coordination with using the clutch and throttle and balance to win those slow races. I won several. I also found if I sit forward on the gas tank it put more weight on the front tire to slow down the motor in the race. We had a lot of fun. At the end of the first week, we received written evaluations. Our instructors were two CHP officers, one a sergeant and the other a traffic officer from Santa Fe Springs. Both riding officers and great instructors. Two of our classmates "washed out" after the first week of training. Ten of us began our second week of training.

Our second week of training was spent riding "full dress" CHP Harley motors. Our uniform as in the first week was a coverall type uniform with department patches on them along with sidearms. We rode mostly in pairs practicing car stops, freeway riding, and all aspects of enforcement riding. On that Wednesday night we had a night riding exercise. That Thursday we had a graduation ride to Columbia near Sonoma. We had a nice lunch at Columbia and then it was back to the CHP Academy. On Friday was our graduation.

I had a great two weeks of extensive training! When I got back to work at MVPD, Sergeant Kelso said I would be training all new officers that were assigned to the traffic team prior to them going to the CHP Motorcycle Academy. I did that during my three year assignment to the traffic team. The thing I'm most proud of is that all the MVPD officers I trained ended up graduating from the CHP Motorcycle Academy.





Donald Hugh Winslow
Born: April 29, 1939
EOW: November 18, 2022
Pasadena Police Department
Joined MMOC in 1961 &
Honorary Past President



A little less than a year ago I had a phone conversation with Don. I had never met Don but I certainly knew of him, especially since he was the leader of MMOC's Motorcycle Drill Team. I found his long career, starting as a police cadet and then at both Pasadena PD and at Los Angeles PD, as a civilian retired motor, in their film unit, quite intriguing. I asked him to give me a brief write-up as I wanted to do an article for the Siren. I never thought I would use it in his obituary.

Below is what Don sent to me in March 2022, in his exact words:

"Pasadena from 1958 to 1980 and retired. I then went to LA as a Police Coordinator on the Film Unit. This was a uniformed motor job for the full time and was a win-win deal. In order to work the Film Unit I had to be retired and be motor qualified. I was the only one from an "outside agency" that was allowed to work in LA as a motorcop on the Film Unit. As a Police Coordinator I was responsible for supplying the police motor officers on filming locations. We also were on locations to enforce the filming permits issued by the LA City film permit office. We actually worked in some areas around the state that had no motorcops. I had motor cops in Yosemite National Park, Death Valley, Calexico, Bishop, San Diego and many cities in between. Motorcops were required because we had to escort special movie equipment, camera cars, close roads, traffic control, do high speed running shots and many other jobs on movie sets. The motors were police bikes but owned by us. One of the neat things is that we rode our motors to all the locations and were the first motor cops ever to be on duty in Yosemite. We sure got some funny looks in out of the way places that never had motorcops. I even worked in uniform in Utah at the Great Salt Lake along with the Toole County Sheriff and the Nevada Sheriff.

While LAPD set our pay rate, inspected us and our motors, issued our work permits and ID, the studios were required to put us on their payroll. This meant that we also get full social security and if some studio didn't pay us, the State Board of Labor went to court for us and jammed them with a heavy fine. I think that only happened twice for me and the fine was huge.

And finally, if the studio wanted a motorcop in the scene they were filming, they used us which meant on top of cop pay, we were actors and got to double dip."

Because of Don's long and enduring commitment to MMOC and the drill team, some years ago he was awarded the title of Honorary Past President.

Rest in Peace Don,
President Wayne