

# MUNICIPAL MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA

## The Siren

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### 2023 Mid-Year Edition

Doug Wayne, President

Oakland P.D. - Retired

Greetings from the ever changing weather conditions here in Northern Nevada. I am starting this writing in early May, and after a beautiful week of warm sunshine and clear skies, thinking we had turned the corner, I awaken to rain here and more snow up the road. Just amazing!

- This issue will be written in two parts; pre-annual ride and post-annual ride. By the time you read this issue it will be the first week of June, and the 30th Annual Ride, a “bucket list” cross-country ride will have just been completed with everyone safely home and hopefully without any major incidents. We have six riders partaking in this adventure. All the motorcycles have been shipped, four from the Bay Area, one from Phoenix and the other, Oregon. All the bikes have arrived in Laurel MD, awaiting our arrival on May 11th (we’ll be on the “red-eye” flights to Baltimore & Uber to Laurel). The 30th Annual ride recap will take it from here.
- The **93rd Annual Convention** is in Santa Maria, September 2023, at the historic Santa Maria Inn. Registration has been slow so, if you are procrastinating, now is the time to register.

In addition to the usual convention itinerary, we will have a Tuesday BBQ. MMOC has reserved a very nice secluded site at a local park. We’ll have some games and such to keep us busy. If you have not been to the Santa Maria area, it is the capital of the Santa Maria tri-tip, with many excellent restaurants, including Shaw’s steakhouse, one block from the host hotel. There are many wineries in the area as well as the city of Solvang, about 40 minutes south of Santa Maria. See the flier in this issue for registration information. **Remember, registration deadline is 01 July 2023, a little more than a month from now. The flyer is on the next page.**

- **94th Annual Convention**— An Alaskan Cruise! We’re sailing to Alaska. We’ve had a very good signup to date. You can certainly still sign up for the cruise. Some of the discounts may not still be available. If you are interested contact our travel agent, Ron Clark. For his contact info. and the itinerary see the flier in this issue.
- **2024 - 30th Annual Ride:** Ride Director Ed Pressnell has indicated he is considering next year’s trip to be the “Four Corners of California” ride. Contact: Deweys76@aol.com

**Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California**  
**93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention**  
**September 11 – 14 (checkout day), 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) 928-7777– 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](http://www.mmoc.org) using PayPal or Zelle (if paying by Zelle use: [dwayne@mmoc.org](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

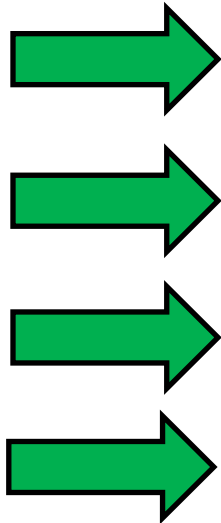
Dijon honey glazed cedar plank salmon \_\_\_\_\_

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)

## Is the End Coming for MMOC ?

**We have 2 years to  
decide. No one, to  
date, has stepped  
up. The choice is  
yours.**



## 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.**



**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.**

## 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:**

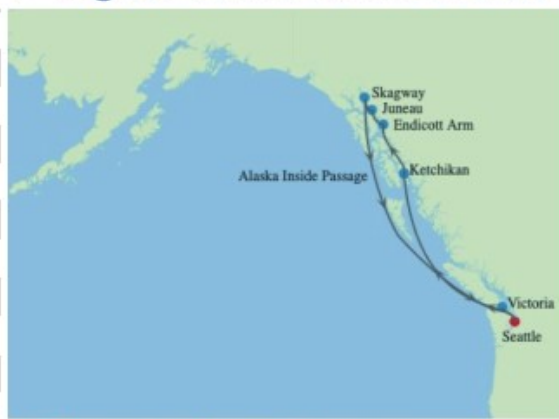
**Doug Wayne - [dwayne@mmoc.org](mailto:dwayne@mmoc.org)**





## 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.

## **Ride Across America** by The Prez'

A motorcycle adventure, such as the one we just completed, riding across the United States, took on many lives. One like this had it's planning stage, including many Zoom meetings to coordinate dates, times, length of the ride, and what we wanted to accomplish in regards to the sights to see and the roads to ride. In actuality, the weather was a big factor in determining which direction we'd travel. Packing the bike, prior to shipping was also a challenge. You had to be prepared for hot & cold weather, as well as rain and possibly snow (came close to snow outside of Denver, but luckily it never materialized). With limited space on a motorcycle it was a guessing game, between clothes, tools, repair kits, spare parts, first aid kits, etc. A great suggestion made by the worker at the location from where I shipped my motorcycle was to bring a jump starter, especially for the Harley's. I purchased a micro jump starter which came in handy twice, once for me when I left my ignition on in Quantico and then for Cliff's BMW in Colorado, when his bike would not start in the morning.

So, all that planning said and done, when we arrived 3-4 weeks after shipping our bikes, we not only couldn't remember everything we packed, we couldn't remember into which nook & cranny we stuffed everything, including that spare part, Allen wrench, cold weather shirt, or a spare set of gloves. The average age for this group was 69+ yrs. old, which meant we could barely remember what we ate the day before, so it was a given that we could only hope we packed everything. It would take a couple days to inventory and rearrange everything to ascertain if we forgot anything, such as Baron who forgot to pack a toothbrush.

Day-1 everyone's flight arrived on time. The four of us who arrived early Ubered to Laurel, MD to pick up the bikes. We immediately had to go to the HD dealership (fortunately only a



couple miles away) to get some minor repairs on Baron's & Dewey's bikes. Kent & Cliff, who arrived a few hours later, met us for lunch. From there we were off to the nation's capital for some picture taking. 1st & 2nd gear only, dealing with the traffic on and around Pennsylvania & Constitution Aves. For an hour+ was



trying, but we managed and then headed off to Quantico for the first night.



Day-2 started at the USMC Museum. Of course, I am going to say it is very impressive. Kent really enjoyed it, because it was FREE!

Upon leaving the museum I had really wanted to take the group to the "Tail of the Dragon" in North Carolina, but as I mentioned earlier, the weather would dictate our

direction and there were torrential thunder storms and flooding in that area. The best route for us was to head northwest, so once we left the museum it was a day long trip thru Delaware (not exactly northwest) but someone in the group thought it would be a nice ride, which it was, crossing over the Chesapeake Bay, through Dover to our hotel in Newark, DE. The next few days took us on some nice roads thru Pennsylvania and western New York to Niagara Falls. Very impressive!





## Ride Across America (cont.)

Once in awhile our navigation systems, whether it be Google maps, Waze, Apple maps, etc., caused us not to trust them or understand their directions. One such memorable time was when we left Niagara Falls enroute to Erie, PA on a Sunday afternoon, with Steve leading this band of MMOC brothers. A bit confused, he decided to stop and double check his readings. This being a quiet Sunday afternoon he thought pulling into this corner business would be no problem, so rumbling in we went (well, the Harley's rumbled). I looked to my right and saw we had pulled into a small funeral home parking lot, adjacent to the front door, and then, to my dismay, I realized "oh damn" there's a memorial service being conducted. We sheepishly got the heck out of there at the lowest possible RPMs.

That night, while staying at a very nice Hampton Inn in Erie, PA we enjoyed a very nice dinner on their 8th floor, highlighted by Kent secretly arranging a birthday celebration for Dewey (just a prank, not his Bday).



Wednesday was a short riding day as we went to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland and then the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, OH.



The next day Dewey's only request was we stop for lunch at "Mom's Diner & Pizzeria" in Archbold, OH. Why, we're not sure, but hey, he's the Ride Director, so off we went. It was a very colorful place with some very good food. The town of Archbold looked like something from a Norman Rockwell collection. We ended the day in Ft. Wayne, IN. Dewey and I went to the HD dealership, one of the top selling dealerships in the country. Their hospitality was fantastic, taking us on a behind the scenes tour of their entire place.

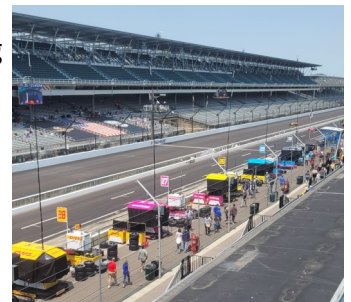


The highlight of the trip was the next day when we went to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It was



the 3rd day of practice for the Indy 500. It was just a stroke of luck that Dewey had to return to his bike which meant we had to wait for him near the entrance, inside the track. As we waited a gentleman, Gary Cornwell, approached us

and began a conversation with us. He certainly was no visitor. He knew too many details of the inner workings of both the speedway and specifically the Indy 500. He said on that day they were trying to get the right settings on the wings of the cars based on wind velocity and direction. Cars would run their laps and then come back into the pit where the data would be downloaded and analyzed. When Dewey caught up with us Gary told us to follow him and he'd show us around. He knew all the security guards and got us



## Ride Across America (cont.)

past all of them walking us into gasoline alley where all the teams have their garages. He said it would normally cost \$500 to get into that area.



It was just amazing to see everything up close and personal, including walking directly behind the pit area as the cars would enter and exit at different intervals. And, to see the cars whizzing by at nearly 200 mph, in person, was certainly an experience you don't get watching it on TV!

Our next day took us into Kansas. This time it was a request from Baron. He served in the Navy with a fellow named Frank. Baron had not seen him in 57 years. He lived about 20 miles outside of Kansas City. Once we got to the Drury Inn & Suites, a newly found gem of a hotel chain (inexpensive, clean, complimentary breakfast & dinner, plus 3 free cocktails) four of us headed to Frank & Beverly's



place for a home cooked Italian dinner. Frank & Beverly's hospitality

was awesome and the food was terrific. It was good to see Baron & Frank reunite after all those years, and boy did they have some stories!

Leaving the next day we had our first, but not last, encounter with rain. Not too bad, about a hour, but never fun first thing in the morning. We powered through on a long, rather mundane, ride to Oberlin, KS.

The 2nd ranked highlight of the trip was the next day as we continued west of SR 36 from Oberlin,

towards Denver. As we rode into the town of St. Francis, KS we saw a sign "Motorcycle Museum". Well, that got our attention.



You'd had thought in this small town of 1,300 people the museum would be on that main road, but it wasn't. They actually had a downtown area. That was their "main" street. All I can say is if you are a motorcycle enthusiast and are ever in that



vicinity it would be well worth your

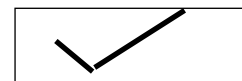
time to stop in and see this collection. The collection is worth millions of dollars. There are 8 motorcycles so valuable that they are kept in a vault for extra security when the museum is closed. The displays, which have each motorcycle's information printed on placards, was jaw-dropping. It really was a hidden gem that we were so fortunate to happen upon.



While the first part of our journey had us riding 250 to 350 miles a day, the last days were long rides, 400+ miles back-to-back days followed by 500+ miles days. The group started to break away in different directions heading for respective homes. We all hit some heavy afternoon rain outside of Golden, CO for about 20 minutes and then four of us had heavy rain, AND lightening the next day with really nowhere to hide.

All-in-all a very successful ride considering all the logistics.

Bucket List







**Jeffrey Dick**

**Born: 1957**

**EOW: April 2023**

**Alameda County S.O.**

**San Mateo P.D.**

**Joined MMOC in 1999**



Jeffrey Dick was raised in Hayward, CA. He graduated from Mt. Eden High School in 1975 and also attended Golden Gate University.

Jeff joined the Alameda County Sheriff's office in 1979 and worked there as a deputy until 1984 at which time he joined the San Mateo Police Department as a police officer until he retired 2012.

In 2016 Jeff began his second calling, as a Law Enforcement Chaplin. He was a Chaplin for many Bay Area Police Departments and Sheriff's Offices. Jeff also served on the Board of Directors for the Northern California Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) as well as being the Chaplin for that organization. Jeff was also an active member of the Blue Knights Chapter 7 organization.

Jeff joined MMOC July 1, 1999. Jeff could be seen at all the annual cioppino feeds, many times commandeering the microphone for various causes.



**Eugene P. Evans**

**EOW: February 2023**

**Los Angeles Police Department**

**Joined MMOC in 1972**