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2023 Post Convention Edition

Doug Wayne, President

Oakland P.D. - Retired

Here we are, winding down in 2023. Our annual ride has passed along with the recently completed annual convention in Santa Maria. For those 96 % of you who did not attend, you missed another good one.



If you'd like to see more photos of the fun we had click on this link; [Santa Maria](#)

In the past I've heard comments that the registration fee is too high, this year being \$125 per person. To give you an insight into what that \$125 fee provided the attendees this year, they received five MMOC paid lunches or dinners, welcome gifts worth \$100, free hospitality room, gift cards for food and beverage at the hotel's lounge, and free door prizes which included **two** TV's, artwork and many more prizes for everyone in attendance. Personally, I feel

everyone got their money's worth at this year's convention.

Next year's convention will be the cruise to Alaska in August. A couple big POSITIVES for some of you are, there are no convention fees and MMOC is reimbursing members \$300 for an excursion of their choice. If you have not signed up you still have time to climb aboard the Celebrity Edge and enjoy the cruise. Our annual membership meeting will be aboard the ship. It will be a relatively short meeting. For those members cruising I will contact you next year with the time and location for the meeting. A flyer for the cruise is included in this Siren issue.



I'm glad to announce that a convention attendee, Tom Bailey, volunteered to fill a Board of Director position. Tom is no novice in that role as he was a director in the early 2000s and was the MMOC President in 2004. Welcome aboard, again, Tom!

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Notwithstanding Tom Bailey's addition as a board member, we still have not had anyone step up to volunteer for any of the positions and duties I've listed in every issue of the Siren. Please remember, if these positions are not filled by the 2025 Annual Convention (Sept 2025), the membership has voted to cease operation in 2028. **Once again, the decision is yours!**

The 2024 Ride takes a U-Turn

Ride Director Pressnell had originally planned the 2024 annual ride to be the "Four-Corners of California". However, in early September I received a request from MMOC member Ken Culwell. He asked for assistance in participating in a motor escort for veterans riding bicycles, traveling from Santa Cruz to Port Hueneme, CA. in the 2023 California Challenge. The organization is "We Are Project Hero" (weareprojecthero.org). After doing a bit of research I contacted Director Ed Pressnell who indicated he was in on this endeavor and an endeavor it was, which is probably nothing I want to



put in print but will be happy to share in person should you be interested.

On 15 October we rode to Santa Cruz and met Ken, his wife Jan, and their dog Sam, as well as all the riders who were "building" their bikes in the rear of the Hampton Inn. This group came from all parts of the USA, (Ken & Jan trailering his Honda from Kentucky). The people we encountered throughout the week were truly amazing, and after learning



their stories it was a very humbling experience. One quick note, okay a bit of gloating on my part before I proceed; I bet not many of you have ever ridden a motorcycle along the "17-Mile Drive" in Monterey, as motorcycles are prohibited. Alas, not for Ken, Ed & myself!



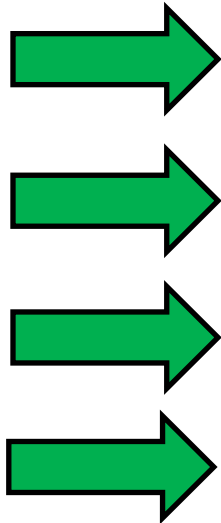
That short putt (pun intended) around Pebble Beach and Cypress Point is one I'll never forget! But to get back on track on why Director Pressnell has made a U-Turn on next year's ride were the roads we traveled during this motor escort. Ironically, we found some of the best roads back down where we had just completed the annual convention, Santa Maria. From Carmel to Santa Maria, to Solvang and Santa Barbara, we traveled on beautiful backroads. Now, we did travel many of these hilly backroads at 4 mph, which just fried our Harley's, but as we did it both Ed & I were thinking, "These would be fantastic roads to ride at normal motoring speeds". We talked about making that area a "Destination" ride, where we would choose one hotel to stay at and take day rides from that jump-off point, similar to what past Ride Director Brown put together in Utah & Oregon. You can read Ride Director Pressnell's 2024 Ride article later in this Siren issue.

Bad Choice

At the cocktail party, one woman said to the other, "Aren't you wearing your ring on the wrong finger?" The other replied, "Yes, I am. I married the wrong man."

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 reimburse
member up to \$300 for**

excursions.

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 (Filled-Bailey)
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:

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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.

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- ♦ **PRE-PAID GRATUITIES**
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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.

31st Annual Ride **Exploring the greater Los Padres** **National Forest Area**



President Wayne and I had quite an experience earlier this month as we had the privilege of escorting military veterans and their supporters as they bicycled along the Pacific coastline and



throughout the Los Padres National Forest area during Project Hero. During that escort we found several great motorcycle roads. This included Stagecoach road starting southeast of Solvang, and Hwy. 154 which started northwest of Solvang and



ended just above Santa Barbara. That road had a nice high speed 2-lane highway with light traffic and sweeping turns. One of the other roads was East Carmel Valley road, which runs from Carmel to King



City. This road is freshly paved and climbs up to 4500 ft. Other roads, mostly county roads, all had light traffic and good to great road surfaces. There are more than enough roads to keep us happy for several days. When we pass thru the Santa Inez valley we have a photo opportunity at the gates of Neverland. Right now my plan is to take two days to ride to and stay at the Santa Maria Inn and use that as our home base. We are looking at a mid-to-late May time. Hope to see all the MMOC riders then.

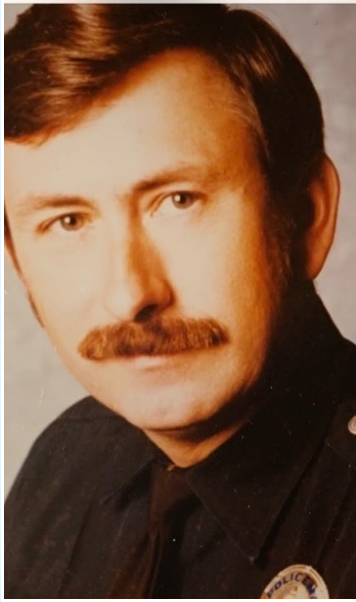
Please contact me if you intend to join us, or if you have any questions. I will provide the hotel information when you get in touch with me.

Ed "Dewey" Pressnell — Ride Director

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END OF WATCH



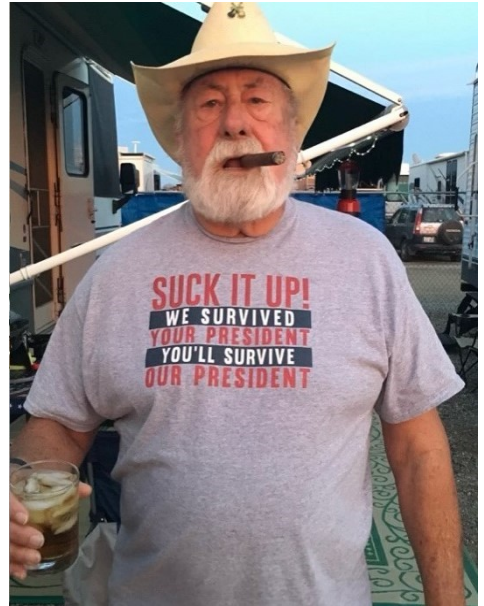
Ron Stringer

Born: 09 January 1939

EOW: 30 July 2023

Los Angeles PD '73-'99

Joined MMOC in 1984



Ron was born in Guthrie, Oklahoma in 1939. He joined the Los Angeles Police Department 06 Aug 1973. Ron was assigned to motors from 1983 to 1999 at which time he retired on 01 Aug 1999. He is survived by his wife, Leida, daughters Cynthia, Kay Lynn, and Darla, as well as many grandchildren. Ron could be seen at many recent conventions and it was a pleasure knowing such a fine man!

Raymond A. Koenig

EOW: July 2023

San Francisco Police Department

Joined MMOC in 1982