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Doug Wayne, President
Oakland P.D. - Retired

****Great News****

MMOC IS HERE TO STAY!!

After many years of pleading with all of our members for help running this organization, four current members and one new member finally took the bull by the horns, stepped up, and volunteered to take on many of the tasks needed to keep MMOC running past the dissolution deadline we had set for 2028.

In May, I was approached by retired OPD motor, Jim Gordon. He expressed his genuine concern that he and others did not want to see MMOC dissolve. We discussed all the positions I had outlined in every Siren newsletter, since 2021, that needed to be filled. He informed me that he would find individuals for those positions. Within a month Jim had lined up three other longtime members and one other new member who would be the "core five." I set up a zoom meeting with these five members to discuss the issues. I was very clear that "saying" they could do the job wasn't enough. I told them in order for the Board of Directors to okay this plan I would need names of members who were assigned to specific tasks. We went down the long list and discussed what each task would entail. I advised them that I, as well as the entire Board of Directors, would provide all the guidance they would need to accomplish their tasks.

Upon completion of discussions regarding task duties and expectations we assigned names to tasks. I presented their names and associated tasks to the Board of Directors who unanimously approved their appointments as new staff members. Here are the members names associated with the task(s) to which they have volunteered (I have included their email addresses):

Jim Gordon - OPD (jgordon@mmoc.org) – **Membership, Recruiting, Events (including the annual convention)**
Scott Koller – Hayward PD (skoller@mmoc.org) – **Events & Quartermaster**
Rodger Haley- OPD (rhaley@mmoc.org) – **Siren newsletter**
Ed Callejas – SFPD (ecallejas@mmoc.org) – **Recruiting**
Kevin O'Rourke – OPD (korourke@mmoc.org) – **Assistant Ride Director – New Board member**

These individuals have many new ideas to make our organization better and more attractive to you and to prospective new members. If you have any ideas, you think would help them, or if you would just like to thank them for stepping up, FOR YOU, drop them a quick email.

I would like to thank Past President Jim Davis for stepping up at a crucial time for MMOC with the passing of Past President and current treasurer, Gene Gray. Jim has stayed involved in MMOC affairs long after his 2005 presidency. Jim will assume the treasurer's position, which puts us all at ease. **Thanks Jim!**

2025-2026 Directors, Officers & Staff

President	Doug Wayne Oakland P.D. Retired
Vice President	Larry Hodson Oakland P.D. Retired
Director/Ride Dir.	Ed Pressnell Oakland P.D. Retired
Director	Tom Bailey (PP) Santa Cruz P.D. Retired
Director/ Asst. Ride Dir.	Kevin O'Rourke Oakland P.D. Retired



Safety

or

Sorrow

Secretary	Rhoda Nishiyama (Brown) ALCO Superior Courts Retired
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Membership/ Recruiting/ Events	Jim Gordon Oakland P.D. Retired
Siren Editor	Rodger Haley Oakland P.D. Retired
Recruiting	Ed Callejas San Francisco P.D. Retired
Quartermaster/ Events	Scott Koller Hayward P.D. Retired



Our recruiters are already hard at work. As I am writing this newsletter, Jim Gordon & Scott Koller are in Redding, CA judging the competition and recruiting new members at the "Big Bike Weekend", along with new member Casey Bokavich. As of today (12Oct) they have signed up FIVE new members. Way to go men! Hey, check out the new MMOC canopy.

A Blueprint for preparing for an MMOC convention

Convention planning starts within the month following the end of the prior year's convention. It is the second most time-consuming task we have at MMOC, with the annual membership renewals taking the most time out of a given year. Below is a breakdown of what must be done for a successful convention:

This the basic itinerary for our conventions:

- 1) Past Presidents dinner, which is usually onsite (Sunday night)
- 2) The welcome luncheon and General Membership meeting (Monday noon)
- 3) A group excursion/outing (Tuesday)
- 4) President's Ball (Wednesday night), sometimes with an optional midday event.

The convention coordinator is responsible for the following:

- 1) Shortly after the past convention the coordinator finds a site for next year's convention based on the following criteria:
 - a. We try to rotate the convention's site between NorCal and SoCal.
 - i. The hotel must have a meeting room and a ballroom with banquet facilities
 - ii. An on-site restaurant or one within a short walking distance
 - iii. A room that can accommodate a hospitality room (usually a suite of some kind)
 - iv. Must be reasonably priced and preferably one that does not require MMOC to pay for rooms not booked (very difficult)
 - v. A swimming pool is preferred
 - vi. Relative ease of access (not located in some remote area)
- 2) Securing a contract with the hotel and arranging for the caterers
- 3) Securing a contract with a DJ for Wednesday night's dinner and dancing
- 4) Making "goodie/welcome bags" for attendees
- 5) Securing door prizes for Wednesday night's drawing
- 6) Buying alcohol, soda, water, ice, food, and supplies for the hospitality room
- 7) Getting all the equipment and supplies to the hotel, usually a day prior to the convention, depending on the distance to the hotel
- 8) Setting up the hospitality room (includes added chairs and table(s) as necessary) and breaking it down at the completion of the convention
- 9) Arranging for people to maintain/monitor the hospitality room
- 10) Identify and arrange for Tuesday's excursion, which includes entering into a contract with the site and transportation to and from said site(s)
- 11) Making a flyer, which includes MMOC registration as well as hotel registration (including online links) and dinner choices (when appropriate)
- 12) Sending that flyer and promo photos to the webmaster for publication
- 13) Emailing the flyer to all members
- 14) Coordinating registration/payment info. with the MMOC Treasurer and webmaster
- 15) Keeping a log of registrants and continuously providing updates to caterers and site administrators of those numbers
- 16) Provide a written recap of the convention, along with photos, for the Siren newsletter and website

Keep in mind, no one from MMOC is getting paid for any of these tasks. Back in the day, there were paid employees who would take care of this. That is no longer the case. So, when someone steps up to take this on, please be patient with them and consider offering them a hand. I appreciate everyone who lent hands to me over the years. Jim Gordon and Scott Koller are now taking on this task. I've provided their email addresses on page one, if you'd like to give them a hand.

2025 Convention Recap

The following is a recap of the September convention. This was a very unique and one of the most significant conventions in MMOC's history. It was unique because it was FREE, which you will not see again. I had hoped to get more than just the old stalwarts, which is why the convention was free. However, with the exception of the "core-four" **(would have been "five" but Ed Callejas had a terrible run-in with a chihuahua who bit his fingernail thus preventing him from traveling to the convention)**. The significance of this convention could not be understated, deciding if we were going to dissolve the organization in 2028. With those two factors stated, the attendees consisted of the usual suspects: Dennis & Rhoda Brown, Steve & Irene Armbruster, Baron & Kathy Laetzsch, Tom & Renee Bailey, Jim & Winnie Davis, George Firchow & his son, Robert, Pearl Lucas, Ed Pressnell, myself and my wife, Cathy. Four new faces attending were: Jim Gordon, Kevin O'Rourke, Scott Koller & Rodger Haley. We did have a bit of MMOC royalty attending a few events. Diane Lofthouse, the Daughter-in-law of our founding member, Thomas Lofthouse, came to the Past President's dinner and the President's Ball. She brought many old photos and provided some memorable "back-in-the-day" stories. Diane lives minutes from the Temecula Creek Inn, our host hotel, which made it very convenient for her. We did miss some of our favorites due to illnesses; Larry & LaRene Hodson, Cliff & Mickie Heanes and what was most saddening was the passing, one week prior to the convention, of our longtime member, Past President and current Treasurer, Gene Gray. I had hoped that having the convention about an hour away from his home would allow Gene and Nancy to attend, but life is cruel at times and it just wasn't meant to be.

At Monday's General Membership meeting we discussed many issues. Here are some of the highlights:

- Membership is currently 260 members
- We continue to be financially sound
- We may reopen the MMOC store, however it may not be online, rather it would be included in the Siren newsletter
- We will make a more concerted effort to recruit new members by attending Police motor events/rodeos and potentially going to motor schools to talk to motor trainees.
- I introduced the "core-five" (minus bedridden Callejas) to the membership highlighting what tasks each of them was taking on
- We voted to donate \$1000 to be a sponsor at the SFPD motorcycle competition in late October

At the end of the meeting, we held the Thomas Lofthouse drawing. The winner receives one free registration fee for next year's convention. This year's winner was Tom Bailey.

Tuesday's excursions were a hoot! First, we went to SoCal Axe, which we had all to ourselves for 1 ½ hours. Some in the group, Scott & Rodger, were pretty darn good. Right from the beginning they were nailing all their throws. I



doubt this was their first rodeo. The rest of us did okay but fun was had by all. We left there, walking around the corner to Shogun restaurant, where we were treated to a very tasty teppanyaki style lunch. Later that night we had some really good laughs in the hospitality room as we watched comedy videos on the movie screen.



For those who signed up for it, Wednesday morning was the acrylic art pour project, hosted by Cathy Wayne. Participants were treated to deli sandwiches and finished with some colorful artwork.



We finished the convention with a very nice steak and salmon buffet dinner followed by a raffle prize game and wouldn't you know, two Oakland guys, Kevin O. & Jim G., won the women's purses, which they proudly modeled. The end of the night was followed by a little dancing, mostly by the women, which is usually the case.



Not sure, yet, where next year's convention will be held, but I know it is in the able hands of Jim Gordon & Scott Koller, so let's show our support and have a good turnout!

Thank you, Prez Doug



Past Presidents Dinner



Diane Lofthouse



A thank you letter from an MMOC member:



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April 10, 2025

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Dear M.M.O.C.,

Yesterday, April 9, 2025, I received in the mail my M.M.O.C. current membership card along with the "Lady's Card" that I will certainly forward to Ms. Tonya L. Fowler (who has put up with me going in forty years now) and along with my membership card(s).

Included in the shipping envelope was an outstanding rendition of a challenge coin (also a bottle opener) that I will proudly carry. I want to thank the M.M.O.C., the designer of this wonderful challenge coin, the people who facilitated the design, ordering, shipping and distribution of this wonderful addition to not only my challenge coin collection but also everyone who has received one as it is an incredible homage and memento of membership in historic and important organization, The Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California, founded in 1928.

Thank you to everyone at the M.M.O.C. who has accepted the challenge to keep this organization viable and possible. I know from experience that leadership in any organization can be stressful, demanding and sometimes difficult. My thanks and appreciation to all who currently serve and to all who have served in the past to preserve the goal to promote traffic safety in the State of California.

Please convey our thanks and appreciation from both Tonya and me to Doug Wayne, Larry Hodson, Ed "Dewey" Presnell, Tom Bailey, Gene Gray and Rhoda Nishiyama and everyone who works so hard to continue the traditions of the M.M.O.C.

Woz...

*** MMOC would like to thank Mike Bernstein for his generous donations over the past years. Mike has been an Honorary member of the MMOC for the past 31 years.

32nd Annual Ride Recap – from Doug W.

What a beautiful few days!

If you are looking for a recap of the planned annual ride to Hells Canyon, you won't read it here. That ride had to be canceled due to an emergency weeklong dog trip to various veterinary clinics for our ride director and his Frenchie, Charlie. Since the only other MMOC member (Kerry Ray – LAPD) joining us (Dewey and me) on the planned ride, and because Kerry was coming from Idaho, it was an easy decision to cancel the ride. If this had been one of past Ride Director Dennis Brown's epic rides, with twenty to thirty riders, you'd be reading the Hells Canyon recap right here.

Wanting to get some semblance of an MMOC ride in for this year and taking into account requests from some members to have shorter rides in duration, I threw together this 3-day, 2-night ride in NorCal. This was a very "short-noticed" ride (2 weeks). As such, I knew participation would be limited, but I wanted to give it a shot just the same.

We did the usual "meet-and-greet" Tuesday morning (19 Aug). Nah, not really. There were only three of us and we know each other pretty darn well. All three of us have been on many MMOC annual rides, including the cross-country trip we did a few years ago. The three blind mice were Kent Dalrymple (SFPD), Ed "Dewey" Pressnell (OPD – MMOC Ride Director) and me.

We met in Concord and headed to Bodega Bay and Hwy 1. The beautiful Pacific Ocean welcomed us with those smells of fresh salt water. The weather could not have been better. It was clear and crisp, but not cold. We did pick up a bit of a light marine layer around Point Arena, but that didn't put a damper on our day. As we meandered north on Hwy 1, unfortunately there was an ominous sign that would plague us for the next few days, regardless of which roads we choose to ride; "FLAGMAN AHEAD. BE PREPARED TO STOP." It was a minor nuisance on Hwy 1 but became a real pain in the a** the next few days.

I had not ridden on Hwy 1 since the 2018 MMOC ride. I looked back at Dennis Brown's recap of that ride and realized I was experiencing DeJa'Vu, all over again. ROADWORK, nothing has changed! Also,



my memory also failed me about the length of time it takes to travel the 240 miles from Bodega Bay to Eureka, especially the 150 miles of twists and turns getting from Hwy 1 to US 101. Long day, but we did have a nice lunch at Cove Azul Bar & Grill in Gualala and a "tip of me cap" hearty dinner at

Gallaghers Irish Pub.



As would be expected, the next day's weather would change drastically, leaving Eureka at 60°, tracing the 2018 route, east on CA-299 into Weaverville for a lunch break and then CA3 to CA 36 and into Red Bluff, where it was 102°. One day, long after I'm gone, weather won't be an issue, as you'll be able to use the Star Trek transporter (I would have transported back to the coast for the night).

For Day-3 we wanted to put some miles on the road before returning home so instead of just heading south on I-5 we headed east on CA-36 towards Chester. Wanting to get a jump ahead of the impending

heat and construction, we were on the road by 0645 hrs. We did beat the heat, for a time, but not the road construction. I guess those crews wanted to beat the heat, too, as we hit delay after delay. The longest delay, 15-20 minutes, which wasn't too bad, was when we got to the Chester city limits, at the junction of CA-36 and CA-89. That one was a major project, the Chester Causeway Rehabilitation Project, along Lake Almanor.

One of the many benefits of riding motorcycles is you get to pull around and in front of those long lines of vehicles stopped for construction. The stoppage allowed us to get off our bikes and stretch our legs. We met Joey, a nice young flagman. Now Joey is a mechanic by trade, who also rides & races



motorcycles. However, his wages as a mechanic are no match for holding a stop sign at \$64 per hour (okay, that's on Sundays), with medical benefits (very important to he & his wife).

I'd estimate we stopped no less than 12 times for road construction over the 3 days we were on the road. For people who say they can't find work, I'd say they haven't looked in the right places because road work is BOOMING!!!

We finally got our "pilot vehicle" escort and we were off on Ca-89 to Ca-70. That section of CA-70 riding through the canyon along the north fork of the Feather River could not be more breathtaking!

Our final leg of the trip took us on a detour orchestrated by none other than our Ride Director, Dewey Pressnell. If you've followed any of his past trips you know if he even sniffs a Harley Davidson dealership, he is going to stop. This trip was no different, but a detour through the city of Yuba in 100° heat was not what I would say is ideal, but in Dewey's defense his purpose was admirable as he wanted to get a T-shirt for a dear friend who is battling cancer.

So that wraps up the 32nd annual ride that wasn't and then was again, just a little bit shorter than originally planned. We have new people coming onboard to help take over many of the tasks a very few of us have been doing by ourselves for years, including Kevin O'Rourke (OPD & SFPD), who will be taking over for Dewey as Ride Director whenever Dewey decides he has had enough. In the meantime, they will collaborate on future rides.

Til' then, keep the rubber side down (as long as you have enough rubber on your tires – I won't go into that one) and be safe.

DDub – The Prez

***** New Siren Newsletter Editor*****

This will be my last issue as the Siren newsletter editor. As listed on page 1 of this issue, Rodger Haley has volunteered to take over this position. I anticipate his first issue will be in late January 2026. To make his job a bit easier, I encourage you to submit articles, or suggestions for articles. His email is rhaley@mmoc.org.

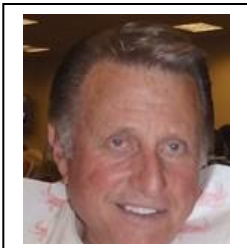


Lou Barberini
DOB: 14 March 1931
EOW: 28 February 2025
San Francisco Police Department
Joined MMOC: 1963

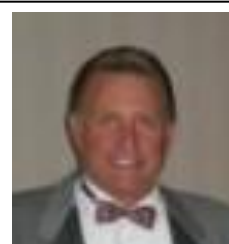
(Legacy Obituary) For the San Francisco Natives: Sacred Heart, Class of '49. The son of Lou and Margaret, Lou was 1 of 12 children raised in Noe Valley. One of Lou's proudest accomplishments was in 1947, when he and his friends created an annual Thanksgiving Day touch-football game that is still played today by the descendants.

In 1953, he joined SFPD, and rode a motorcycle for the majority of his career. He prided himself on giving drivers the option, "the ticket, or the talk." In 1955, he married Kathleen and had four children, followed by 13 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. Lou finished his career as a sergeant at Taraval Station, retiring in 1983.

A voracious reader. Loved sports. Devoted to watching Lawrence Welk with Kath. In his 40s took up jogging, and completed one marathon. The most concise description of Lou was that he was family first—nothing beat spending time with his family.



Robert L. Holland
Born: 04 August 1935
EOW: 17 June 2025
Oakland Police Department
Joined MMOC: 1976



*****Correction to the March issue of the Siren Newsletter*****

I have finally done it! After five+ years as the Siren Editor I published the passing of a living MMOC member. After I published the March issue I received a message from Martin Kilgariff. I immediately had a bad feeling in my stomach as I knew that name was in the obituary section of the Siren if had just published.

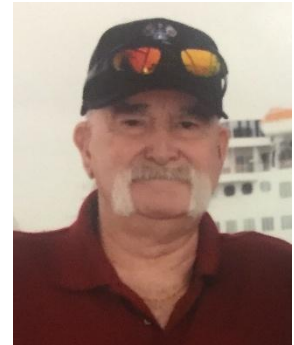
When I called "Jr." he thanked me for the nice obituary for his father, however, his father was never an MMOC member. "Jr." is the MMOC member and he indicated that he would still like to be an MMOC member and asked that he be removed from the "deceased" listing. With sincere apologies, I took care of that matter. So, if you see your name in print in this section, you had better get in touch with me, ASAP.



Carroll Eugene Gray
Born: 05 January 1941
EOW: 07 September 2025
Pasadena Police Department
Joined MMOC: 1978

Past President:
1987, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
Treasurer 2014 to 2025

"On Sept. 7th 2025 Carroll Eugene Gray IV, my father passed away. Gene was taken by Cancer. My dad was a Pasadena Police Officer for over 30 years. He was a Pasadena motor Sgt. For 14 years, longer then any other at that time. He lead the start of the Rose Parade for many years. He was a detective Lieutenant and part of SET unit (Special Enforcement Team) and ran the Jail. He was also a Traffic Court Judge for Pasadena. After he retired, he was hired at Sierra Madre Police detectives to assist with cold cases and current cases. My father was also a Master Mason at Pasadena Lodge 272 and a Scottish Rite Mason 32nd degree. He was the Chief of Security at Santa Anita Racetrack, President and Treasurer of MMOC (Municipal Motor Officers of California). Before he became a Pasadena Police Officer, he worked making missile parts and was a dog obedience trainer and a dog show judge. Dad really enjoyed taking long rides on his motorcycle with the guys. He had a great time on the Canada to Mexico ride. Gene Gray is survived by his partner Nancy, his two sons, Corky and Curtis, three Grand Kids C.E. Chris and Erin and his four Great Grand kids. He was loved and will be missed. +"



Carroll Eugene Gray V (Corky)

I met "C.E." Gene Gray in 2012 when I volunteered to be the MMOC webmaster. When Gene heard I was going to be the webmaster, he commented, "Who the hell is he"? I responded to that comment with, "I wouldn't know you, either, from the vacuum salesman at my front door," to which he called for a board meeting so we could meet in person. Many years later, he asked me to be on the board. Back then, volunteers for the board were few and far between. After some years of basically having "involuntary" Presidents, and not being able to find anyone else, Gene convinced me that I should be the one to step up and take the position, which I did. From that day forward, Gene mentored me in the day-to-day activities and responsibilities as the MMOC President. He was invaluable as I found my way through the myriads of tasks needed to be completed to keep MMOC running. I simply could not have done the job without Gene's guidance. I am not sure my words can express my profound appreciation and gratitude for all the time and effort Gene dedicated to the Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California, as a director, past president, treasurer, and mentor. When you hear the term "Motor God," Gene is at the top!

Doug Wayne - President