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RIDGECREST CHAPTER 60

# Desert Footprints

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Organized by Law Enforcement in Fresno, California in 1929



**Chief Mike Avery** was our speaker at the June meeting. He gave a very informative talk about the current status of the Ridgecrest Police Department and the planned growth over the next five years.



## Officers

### President

Mike Thomas

### Vice President

Jim Tooker

### Secretary

Nicki Johnson

### Treasurer

Nicki Johnson

### Counsel

Ken Pritchard

### Sergeant At Arms

Ron Smith

### Grand Director

Vacant

### Directors

Paul Hape  
Diane Guignet  
Lee O'Laughlin  
Skip Bennett  
Paul Homer

### Trivia

What is the bandit chaser?

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## Purpose

To foster good fellowship, mutual respect, and helpfulness between Peace Officers, Federal Law Enforcement agencies, Business and Professionals and all persons having a sympathetic attitude and understanding toward Law Enforcement and Law Enforcement Agencies; and to promote the

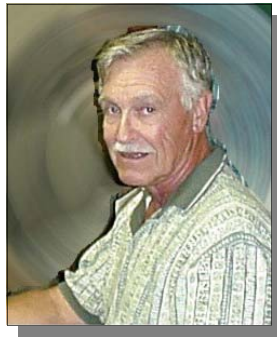
President's Corner

This will be my last President's Corner article. I have enjoyed being the President for the past two years. However, it is time to pass on the gavel to someone else. The recent elections have brought back some prior officers and board members as well as some new people. I believe that this is healthy and will be good for the chapter.

The new Officers and Board members are: President, Mike Thomas; Vice President, Jim Tooker; Secretary/Treasurer, Nicki Johnson; Council, Ken Pritchard; Sergeant at Arms, Ron Smith; and Board Members, Lee

O'Laughlin, Paul Homer, Diane Guignet, Skip Bennett and Paul Hape. I wish the new Officers and Board Members the best and let's all get behind them as they lead the chapter this next year.

You will notice that there is one position not listed and that is the Chapter's Grand Director. Ernie Harris was re-elected to that position. As we are all aware Ernie left us soon after the



Don't forget to RSVP for dinner.

elections. I believe that there will be special chapter recognition for Ernie as the new officers and board discusses a replacement for him.

At the June dinner meeting the guest speaker was Ridgecrest Chief of Police, Mike Avery. The Chief discussed where the police department is at and what the plans are for the next five years. I found the talk to be very informative. Thanks Chief for a very good presentation.

The dinner was prepared by master chef Paul Homer. If you missed the meeting you missed a super Tri Tip dinner. Well done Paul!

At the July meeting there will be the installation of Officers and Board members. It was agreed at the last Board meeting that Skip would prepare a special dinner and the cost would be \$10 per person. Please RSVP for the dinner to Jim Tooker, phone number 377-4922 or email at [greyfeather-ranch@verizon.net](mailto:greyfeather-ranch@verizon.net) by Wednesday, 7/12/06.

I want to thank the Officers and Board members that I have served with over the pass two years.

Thanks for your help and support.

Yours for Bigger and Better Footprints,

*Jim*



Ernie Harris, 1920 –2006, passed away on June 17th at Loma Linda University Hospital. He was 86. Ernie was a member of the International Footprint Association for 56 years. He served as President, Director, and Grand Director of Chapter 60. Ernie also served as our chef for many years. He will be sorely missed.

Harris' law enforcement career began in the Bakersfield Police Department where he was one of the first three motorcycle officers in the department. After leaving law enforcement, Ernie earned a living as an industrial salesman.



As a member of the Old West Mounted Lawmen Association Ernie had fun dressing up as a U. S. Marshal from the late 1800's and leading his horse mounted group of friends in parades in a pickup truck.

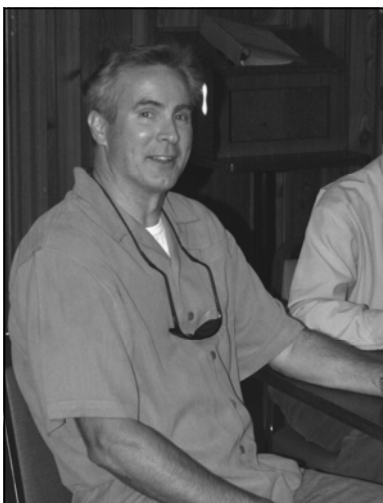
Ernie is survived by several sons and daughters and many grandchildren.

**Trivia answer** from Page 1

The "bandit chaser" was the first official police car, which was introduced in Denver, Colorado, in 1922. It was equipped with a big Cadillac engine and had a machine gun mounted on the hood.



**Jim Tooker** was the lucky winner of last month's 50/50 drawing. Sergeant at Arms, Ron Smith presents the cash to Jim.



**Mike Scott**, Kern County Deputy joins us for dinner.



**Paul Homer** volunteers as our cook last month filling in during the absence of Skip Bennett. Paul prepared a delicious tri-tip meal for our members and guests.



Wow, What a treat!

In 1934 engineer Paul Galvin and his associate, William Lear, invented the automobile dashboard radio they called the Motorola, meaning "sound in motion," from which the two-way radio system used in police cars was developed.

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**July 4** - Independence Day

**July 12** - Dinner meeting at K of C Hall, 725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.—also **Flag Day**

**July 26** - Board of Directors meeting Knights of Columbus Hall, 725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.

*August 2006*

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**August 9** - Dinner meeting at K of C Hall, 725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.—also **Flag Day**

**August 30** - Board of Directors meeting Knights of Columbus Hall, 725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.

**Announcement:** For a monthly automatic meeting reminder send your e-mail address to **IFA.60@verizon.net**. Newsletter articles & questions welcome.



We're on the web  
[www.footprinter.org/60ridgecrest.html](http://www.footprinter.org/60ridgecrest.html)

Next Meeting—Wednesday, July 12, 2006