

MEETING AGENDA

June 2025



1. **PLEDGE of Allegiance**
2. **Introductions – MMA Officers**
3. **General Announcements:**
 - We encourage your participation:
 - **Please visit www.mmaofca.org**, links are at the top of the page.
 - **The 2025 profiling survey** is now available on the MMA website. If you had filled out the survey before, this survey has new questions. Please take a moment to look it over. It only takes two minutes.
 - **CalGANG letters: - AB 90** If you receive a letter, immediately contest it with your local sheriff's department within 14 days of the date on the letter. The authorities do not go by the date that you receive it. After contesting the letter, contact any MMA board member for further assistance. You can also email us at mmaofca@yahoo.com. **Do not** delay getting assistance.
 - **The new and improved MMA website is up and running this month. You will find meeting locations, days and times on the MMA homepage.**
 - **Bike nights and open houses will also be listed on the MMA homepage.** Only events will be listed on the calendar, but any announcements are welcome at meetings.
 - **Fireworks booth shift signups are now available.** Please get in touch with Tom Love at 916/849-0653.
4. **MMA President / Vice-President's Notes:**

The time for the fireworks booth is actually upon us. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and enables us, as an organization, to host a very impressive, 52 years strong, Sacramento Toy Run! The only way we can help as many families as we do is through our community's participation and generosity. So, sign up for a security shift, or sales shift and help keep the MMA strong and able to contribute at such a high level to our community. As a bonus you get to meet and hangout (on a totally different level than any event) with members of other organizations and independents that are equally passionate about motorcycles and our rights as motorcyclists. Please get with Tom Love and get on the schedule.

The MMA needs assistance. Are you good with numbers? Can you take notes? Are you a social media star? The MMA can use help in any capacity. The handful of board members we have are at capacity and could use a

helping hand. Your board members work tirelessly to bring you the quality membership you enjoy. Imagine what we could bring you if we had a little help!

Keep up the good fight. We are on the winning side.

Chappy / Spit Shine

ITEMS TO WATCH:

H.J. Resolution 88. (MRF)

On May 22nd, House Joint Resolution 88 Passed the US Senate, by a vote of 51 to 44. This resolution will overrule the EPA's rule allowing California to mandate the sale of electric vehicles over the next decade. This foils California's plan to get rid of the Internal Combustion Engine (ICE). This is important not just in California, but the entire country. Several other states have tied their rules to those implemented in California.

We expect this Resolution to be signed by the President.

Why are Californians paying so much at the pump?

A recent in-depth study from the University of Southern California

confirms what many of us have suspected for years: California's sky-high gas prices are not the result of oil company greed or some mysterious market force. They are the result of layered state policies and regulatory mandates squeezing California families at the pump.

California is pursuing two goals at once, lowering emissions and pushing cleaner fuels, without aligning the necessary infrastructure, pricing strategies, or supply chains to support them. The result is a patchwork of overlapping rules that drive up costs at every step. Refineries must produce a special fuel blend called **CARBOB (California Reformulated Gasoline Blendstock for Oxygenate Blending)**, which is more expensive to make and difficult to source from outside the state. On top of that, Cap and Trade fees, underground tank storage requirements, seasonal fuel blend mandates, and a variety of local sales taxes pile onto every gallon sold, steadily increasing prices for consumers.

The pressure does not stop there. New laws like **SBX2-1** empower the California Energy Commission to penalize refiners for earning what the state considers "excessive" profits, even though some refineries have operated at a loss (as highlighted in the study). **ABX1-2** adds even more costs by requiring refiners to stockpile finished gasoline, raising expenses tied to storage, compliance, and logistics. It also created a new Division of Petroleum Market Oversight, adding another layer of regulation on an already heavily burdened system. These policies, while well intentioned, have created a state-inflicted affordability crisis, one that working Californians are forced to pay for every time they fill their tank.

According to the study, \$1.64 of every gallon we pay at the pump goes directly to taxes, fees, and state-imposed costs. That includes:

- \$0.596 in state excise tax (the highest in the country)
- Cap and Trade charges adding \$0.30 per gallon
- A required special fuel blend CARBOB, tacking on \$0.12 to \$0.17
- Seasonal blend requirements that cost an additional \$0.13 to \$0.15

And this does not include sales taxes, storage fees, or environmental program costs. Meanwhile, some refineries have operated at a loss—as much as \$0.14 per gallon—debunking the idea that oil companies are lining their pockets with profits.

These burdens are hardest on families already dealing with California's high cost of living. We rank third in unemployment and second in housing costs, with the median home price around \$866,000. Yet Sacramento continues to implement policies that increase gas prices and limit supply, all while signaling that gasoline itself is unwelcome in our future.

The study shows that California now imports over 60% of its oil from foreign countries, a dramatic jump from just 5.6% in 1982. While the rest of the U.S. has reduced its dependence on foreign oil, California has gone in the opposite direction. And we are paying for it, not just at the gas station, but in energy insecurity and increased emissions from oil tankers traveling across the globe.

Refineries are shutting down—Phillips 66 will close its Los Angeles refinery by the end of this year, eliminating 8.13% of the state's refining capacity. This is not happening because demand is falling. It is happening because current laws and regulations make it nearly impossible to operate in our state. That is basic economics: when supply drops faster than demand, prices go up.

Taking a piss before you ride could save your life.

77.1% of motorcycle accidents are collisions from the front. (11:00 to 1:00). Therefore, you have a high likelihood of going over the front of the bike in an accident. The tank, bars, faring, etc., are all in your way. You are likely to sustain pelvic injuries in an accident. If your bladder is full, you run a much higher risk of rupturing your bladder versus if it is empty. If your bladder ruptures, you run a risk of getting a sepsis infection from the contamination in your body. If you just take a piss before getting on the bike you have greatly reduced the chance your bladder could rupture "IF" you were to get into an accident. And that could save your life.

Coming Events:

***All events are listed on the MMA website <https://www.mmaofca.org> ***