

MEETING AGENDA

October 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 available on the MMA website. 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. 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.
4. **President's Notes:**

Thank you for your continuing support of MMA of California. September has been a very busy month for us.

September 25-28 the Secretary, V.P., and myself traveled to Shreveport, Louisiana for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) annual Meeting of the Minds conference. A big topic that was discussed in multiple sessions was attrition. How many people at your local meeting are under 40? At some meetings, not many I imagine. If we do not start to bring in some of the younger generation soon, our work will not be carried on. We need new blood to carry on and to bring fresh ideas to our organization.

We have secured a new business sponsor for the MMA of California that will be assisting with the funding of our lobbying efforts as well as our annual toy run.

Planning for the annual toy run is under way and the boards' primary focus. Our previous location of the past three years is no longer available. We are now moving it next door at the Subaru dealership. Our business manager has

procured a large number of toy collection boxes. Please let us know if you have a location that would allow us to leave one. We are also now adding a QR code on the collection boxes. If you don't have a toy to give, we have now made it easy to make a monetary donation to purchase more toys for the children.

As always, we appreciate all volunteers. Please contact a board member if you are interested in helping.

Dave (Top Gun) Battles

MMA of California, President

ITEMS TO WATCH:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 74

Relative to Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California. [Filed with Secretary of State June 25, 2025.]

ACR 74, Wilson. Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California. This measure would designate the month of May 2025 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California.

WHEREAS, Motorcycle riding is a popular form of efficient transportation and recreation for Californians and visitors to our Golden State. Motorcycles travel approximately 21,000,000 miles per year in the United States, riding an average of 2,500 miles each. Motorcycles provide a means of transportation that uses fewer resources, causes less wear and tear on public roadways, and increases available parking areas; and

WHEREAS, Through the Department of the California Highway Patrol's California Motorcyclist Safety Program, the state has trained over 1,200,000 riders out of the 1,400,000 total riders licensed since the start of the program in the 1980s. Along with the assistance of the California Office of Traffic Safety, through education, and the Department of Transportation's freeway message boards, these efforts have led to a 2.66-percent decrease in motorcycle fatalities over the last decade, while at the same time, nonmotorcycle traffic fatalities in California have increased, and nationwide motorcycle fatalities have increased by an average of 10 percent. California leads the way in training and safety for motorcyclists, and we are saving lives; and

WHEREAS, it is important that drivers of all vehicles be aware of one another, learn to share the road, and practice courtesy; and

WHEREAS, California was the first state to legalize lane splitting; and

WHEREAS, The American Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education (ABATE) of California, which is a motorcyclists' rights and safety organization, the American Motorcyclist Association, the Bay Area Riders Forum, the Modified Motorcycle Association of California, and the California Motorcycle Dealers Association are organizations that actively promote the safe operation of

motorcycles, advocate for more rider training courses through California Highway Patrol provider Total Control Training, and advocate increasing motorist recognition of motorcycles; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the month of May 2025 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California, acknowledges the need for awareness on the part of all drivers, especially with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles, and honors motorcyclists' many contributions to the communities in which they live and ride; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

AB 1421 Vehicles: Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee.

Existing law requires the Chair of the California Transportation Commission to create a Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation to guide the development and evaluation of a pilot program assessing the potential for mileage-based revenue collection as an alternative to the gas tax system. Existing law additionally requires them to implement the pilot program. Existing law repeals these provisions on January 1, 2027.

This bill would extend the operation of the above-described provisions until January 1, 2035.

States with no helmet law

Unrestricted, no limits: New Hampshire, Illinois, Iowa

Riders 25 and under: Missouri

Riders 20 and under: Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Utah

Riders 18 and under: Delaware

Riders 17 and under: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio

And again, I am a huge fan of helmets and helmet use, I just hate helmet laws!

Crazy Fact: The Airbus A380's Paint Job Adds Up To 2,425 Pounds In Weight (Jalopnik)

Consider the Airbus A380 has a 262-foot wingspan and a length of 239 feet, painting the double-deck airliner is a monumental task. It takes 950 gallons of paint to adequately cover the outside of the flying behemoth. For comparison, it takes five gallons at most to paint a full-size SUV. The paint can add up to

2,425 pounds to the A380's weight. That's as much weight as a Prius or a Porsche 911!

It is a lengthy process to paint the Airbus A380. The paint process takes seven days and seven layers of paint over the 33,100-square-foot exterior. Each layer of paint is 0.0047 of an inch thick. It begins with a primer, followed by a sealer. Then, three coats of white paint. The final two layers are a clear coat, then the airline's logos and tailfin design.