

MEETING AGENDA

November 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:**

As the holidays approach we'd like to thank you all for your continuing support of the MMA. The board's main focus at this time of year has been with our annual toy run which will be held at the Miata Subaru dealership at 2912 Auburn Boulevard, directly next door to last year's location.

Our business manager and his elves have been busy decorating a large number of toy collection boxes. Please let us know if you have a location that would allow us to leave one. A QR code has been added for monetary donations and the funds will be used to purchase more toys for the children. We will be adding a page to our website listing the locations of our collection boxes. If you place a box, please give us the location to add to our listing. We also would like to give a shout out to the businesses that host a box.

A big thank you to Shark Law, our new sponsor, which has been a big help in assisting with the funding of our lobbying efforts, as well as a generous donation for our toy run.

We are aware that the coming months are full of holidays and many of our regular division meetings will be on hold until next year. Be sure to check the meeting calendar on the website to make sure that your meeting is still on for this month.

Both our Event Coordinator and Business Manager have been working very hard on getting us some press through local television stations to make this year our biggest and best toy run yet. LET'S DO THIS!

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:

This time of year - especially with the added slowdown from the federal government shutdown - legislative activity has been a bit quiet. While things are moving slowly in Sacramento, your MMA has remained active, keeping a close eye on bills that impact riders and continuing to protect motorcyclists' rights across the state.

As we wrap up the season, let us take a moment to **recap a few key bills we have been tracking** and **highlight some of the major successes your MMA has achieved** on behalf of California riders.

Legislative Update: SB 791 – Vehicle Dealers' Document Processing Charge

We covered **SB 791 (Vehicle Dealers: Document Processing Charge)** back in September, and it is time for an update.

What the Bill Proposed

Under existing California law, vehicle dealers are allowed to charge a **document processing fee** for handling the paperwork required by state and federal regulations—including titling, registration, and disclosure documentation.

Currently, the law caps this fee at:

- **\$85** for dealers who are DMV industry partners, and
- **\$70** for all other licensed dealers.

SB 791 would have **dramatically increased** these limits. The bill proposed allowing dealers to charge **up to 1% of the total vehicle price**, not to exceed **\$500**. That means a Street Glide costing around \$25,000 could have come with a **\$250 doc fee** - more than triple today's limit.

The bill also exempted vehicle sales to the State of California, meaning only consumers and private buyers would face the increase.

What Happened

The bill **passed the Legislature**, but in a positive turn for California riders, **Governor Nuisance vetoed it**.

That veto prevents what could have been a significant added cost to motorcycle buyers across the state - especially those already navigating high registration and dealer fees.

Why It Matters

This was another example of the MMA's vigilance paying off. While we did not sponsor this bill, our watchful eye and communication with lawmakers helped ensure riders were not hit with unnecessary fees that do nothing to improve safety or service.

Bottom line: Thanks to rider advocacy and a timely veto, SB 791 will not take effect - and California motorcyclists avoided yet another hidden cost at the dealership.

Legislative Update: SB 480 – Autonomous Vehicles

We first covered **SB 480 (Autonomous Vehicles)** in our July update, and now that the legislative session has wrapped up, here's where things stand.

What the Bill Does

Under current California law, autonomous vehicles can be tested and operated on public roads **if** certain safety and licensing requirements are met and a properly licensed driver is present.

SB 480 builds on that framework by adding new **visibility and safety requirements** for vehicles equipped with **automated driving systems (ADS)**.

Starting **January 1, 2026**, autonomous vehicles will be required to use **ADS marker lamps** - special lights designed to signal when a vehicle's self-driving system is engaged.

The bill defines an “**ADS marker lamp**” as a device that emits a distinct light to indicate when the automated driving system is active and in control of the vehicle's operation.

Why It Matters

For riders, this is an important safety and awareness update. These marker lights will let motorcyclists and other road users **know when a nearby vehicle is operating autonomously** - information that could be crucial in anticipating vehicle behavior and maintaining safe distance.

The Outcome

SB 480 passed and will take effect beginning in **January 2026**. Once implemented, riders should begin to see **indicator lamps on vehicles** that are operating in autonomous mode.

This is a small but meaningful step toward better transparency on our roads - and one that could help improve safety for all road users, especially motorcyclists.

MMA will continue to monitor the rollout of this new law to ensure that implementation standards are consistent, visible, and effective in keeping riders informed and safe around autonomous vehicles.

Fighting for California Riders: Legislative & Advocacy Wins

Your MMA has been hard at work defending the rights, freedoms, and safety of California's motorcyclists. Working alongside our state and national motorcycle rights partners, we have taken on legislators, agencies, and committees to make sure riders have a voice at every level of government.

Here are some of the key victories we have achieved together:

Protecting Rider Choice

- **Defeated CARB's proposed motorcycle sales ban.** The California Air Resources Board (CARB) attempted to restrict the sale of certain motorcycles and push zero-emission models starting in 2028, with a goal of 50% by 2035. We stopped it.
- **Kept motorcycles free from speed limit governors.** We amended legislation that would have required motorcycles to use a "speed assistance" system that alerted riders every time they exceeded the speed limit by 10 mph.

Lane Splitting & Road Policy

- **Defeated the bill outlawing lane splitting** by Assemblywoman LaFollette, preserving our right to split lanes safely.
- **Helped guide CHP in drafting official lane-splitting guidelines**, paving the way for its legalization.
- **Partnered with Caltrans** to display "Look Twice for Motorcycles" and "Share the Road" safety messages on freeway signs statewide.

Awareness & Safety Wins

- **Passed resolutions in the State Assembly and Senate** declaring **May as Motorcycle Awareness Month**.
- **Passed Senate Resolution 41** (Caballero, D-Salinas), denouncing **motorcycle profiling** by law enforcement.
- **Protected the Motorcycle Safety Trust Fund every year** - ensuring registration fees continue to support safety and training programs for riders.

Legislative Victories for Riders' Rights

- **Legalized motorcycle use of HOV lanes statewide.**
- **Redirected helmet violation fees** to fund motorcycle safety education.
- **Blocked “noise camera” enforcement bills** and stopped automated speed ticket proposals - six times!
- **Fought back against motorcycle-only police checkpoints.**
- **Prevented mandatory reflective vest requirements and stopped annual smog test proposals.**
- **Defeated plans for motorcycle transponders** for autonomous vehicle recognition.
- **Protected riders’ rights to customize their bikes**, passing laws grandfathering pre-2016 exhaust systems and legalizing handlebars above shoulder height.

Constant Vigilance

Every year, your MMA **monitors more than 2,500 bills** introduced in the California Legislature to ensure riders’ rights, freedoms, and safety are protected at all times.

Together, we are making sure California remains a state where riders can ride free and safe.

Thank you for standing with us—and for being part of the fight to protect the motorcycle lifestyle we all love.