

# MEETING AGENDA

## January 2026



1. **PLEDGE of Allegiance**
2. **Introductions – MMA Officers**
3. **General Announcements:**
  - We encourage your participation:
  - **Please visit [www.mmaofca.org](http://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](mailto: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:**

Happy New Year! We'd like to thank you all for your incredible support of the MMA's annual toy run. Due to all the hard work of our volunteers, local clubs and sponsors we had an extremely successful toy run. About 500 families and more than 1,000 children attended the event.

Toys and gift cards that were not distributed on the day of the event were donated to organizations such as Acres of Hope, The Gathering Inn, Pollock Pines Elementary, as well as many other families within our community.

We could not do all of this without all of you. Speaking for myself, this community coming together like this is why I do what I do, and I presume the same for all of you.

As always, we are always looking for volunteers year-round. Any help is appreciated. Please contact a board member if you are interested in helping.

Dave (Top Gun) Battles  
MMA of California, President

## **ITEMS TO WATCH:**

### **New Pilot Program to Crack Down on Extreme Speeding on California Highways**

The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) recently announced a new joint effort by two of its departments, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and California Highway Patrol (CHP), to curb excessive speeding and prevent deadly crashes. The pilot, Forwarded Actions for Speeding Tickets (FAST), is part of a statewide push to reverse the alarming rise in traffic fatalities and supports California's recent Policy on Road Safety — a coordinated strategy to save lives and make the state's roads safer for everyone.

Each month, CHP officers' issue about 1,600 citations to drivers caught traveling more than 100 mph, and in 2024, CHP issued more than 18,000 of these citations. The CHP recently deployed a new fleet of low-profile specially marked patrol cars on the state's busiest and high-risk roads.

Under the new pilot, every driver cited by CHP for exceeding 100 mph will have their citation automatically forwarded to the DMV's Driver Safety Branch — no matter their prior record. The DMV will then review the case and the driver's history to determine next steps, which could include suspension or revocation of driving privileges. This administrative process can proceed independently of any court conviction. The pilot program builds on the DMV's existing Driver Safety Branch enforcement and Negligent Operator Treatment System (NOTS) partnership with CHP.

"Under Governor Newsom's leadership, California is taking bold, data-driven action to confront reckless speeding head-on," said California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin. "The FAST pilot reflects our commitment to innovation, accountability and prevention — using real-time information to intervene before dangerous driving turns deadly. This is about protecting lives and delivering on our shared responsibility to make our roads safer for everyone."

"We want to take immediate action against dangerous drivers before their carelessness leads to a deadly crash," said DMV Director Steve Gordon. "We're being proactive, and together with our CHP partners, we're ready to put the brakes on this reckless behavior."

"Driving over 100 miles per hour is a reckless choice that endangers everyone on the road," added CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. "This new program delivers swift consequences to keep dangerous drivers off California's roadways before their actions cause irreversible harm."

"California is invested in deterring risky driving behaviors and saving lives," Office of Traffic Safety Director Stephanie Dougherty said. "This targeted program serves as a strong reminder that excessive speeding can lead to tragic outcomes and puts everyone on the road at risk. Every time you get behind the wheel, follow the speed limit and drive like your closest friends and family are around you."

Speeding remains a major factor in traffic deaths statewide, contributing to 32% of all fatalities. The DMV-CHP pilot takes a data-driven approach rooted in research showing that swift and certain penalties are the most effective deterrents to high-risk driving. The DMV will evaluate the program's impact by comparing citation and outcome data to the same period in the previous year.

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### **California Judge and DMV Rule Tesla Is Misleading**

Recent developments in California have once again put Tesla's Autopilot and Full Self-Driving (FSD) features under scrutiny. A California administrative judge and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) ruled that Tesla's use of terms like "Autopilot" and "Full Self-Driving" is misleading. They found that this language overstates what the technology can actually do and violates state consumer protection laws.

Regulators have given Tesla a limited amount of time to change or clarify its marketing. If the company does not comply, it could face a 30-day suspension on selling vehicles in California. While these systems are often described in ways that suggest full autonomy, the reality is much more limited. The events in California show that this gap between perception and reality has real consequences on public roads.

This issue is not about opposing technology or innovation. It is about accountability, transparency, and making sure drivers stay alert and engaged. Motorcyclist safety depends heavily on the awareness and judgment of other drivers. Any system that encourages drivers to rely too much on automation increases the risk for riders.

Consumers deserve to clearly understand what their vehicles can—and cannot—do. Accurate marketing, clear communication, and strong oversight are essential to ensure that new vehicle technologies improve safety rather than undermine it.

We will continue to follow regulatory actions, court decisions, and industry practices related to automated and semi-automated driving systems. As these technologies advance, the rules that govern them must evolve as well, with the shared goal of protecting everyone on the road.

### **SB 720 Automated traffic enforcement system programs.**

California SB 720 eyes red-light camera overhaul with major changes to fines and enforcement.

Getting a ticket for running a red light when you're not even in the car? It could happen as California lawmakers consider a red-light redo.

Cameras used to catch an average of 14,000 red light runners each year in Sacramento County, but today they're no longer in use.

Now, this bill could dramatically change the way tickets are issued.

The City of Sacramento stopped using cameras to ticket red light runners in 2024 due to program costs. Now, state lawmakers have considered an updated version that makes it easier to issue tickets.

"The bill should help improve safety, decriminalize traffic violations, reduce fines, fees and insurance burdens," said state Senator Angelique Ashby (D-Sacramento), who introduced the bill.

Traffic safety advocates showed support for the plan by displaying 195 empty chairs at the California State Capitol. They say it's the number of lives lost in 2023 due to red light collisions.

"The stats that we talk about are real people, and what's worse is these are all preventable tragedies," said Damian Kevitt, executive director of Streets Are for Everyone.

Sacramento Police Chief Kathy Lester said fatal traffic collisions involving red light violations nationwide have reached a 10-year high. Lester is among the supporters of the bill.

"The current system doesn't allow cities and counties to hold violators accountable," she said.

Currently, automated cameras take a photo of the driver behind the wheel, and they receive a ticket only if they can be identified by an officer. How would the new red light camera enforcement work?

It eliminates the need for facial recognition and would send the ticket to the owner of the vehicle, even if they aren't the one driving.

The proposal also reduces the current \$500 criminal fine to a \$100 civil penalty and no longer requires traffic school or a point on your driving record.

"There's never been a more crucial time to look at new technology and how we implement it," Lester said.

Ticket revenue could only be spent on local traffic safety projects like crosswalks and bike lanes. Supporters say the enforcement changes could help cut the number of crashes that take so many lives.

"We have an opportunity to actually reverse this trend," Kevitt said.

The bill has currently passed both houses of the state Legislature and was signed by the governor on October 13th.

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### **Do Harley-Davidsons Need to Be Warmed Up?**

If you've ever stood next to a Harley on a cold morning, you know the sound — that deep, uneven idle that feels more alive than mechanical. It's part growl, part heartbeat. For decades, riders have treated warming up a Harley like a pre-ride ritual: fire it up, light a cigarette, wait until the pipes hum just right. But beneath the nostalgia was a very real bit of engineering.

Older Harley-Davidsons (like AMF models), especially those with carbureted engines, relied on precise fuel-air mixtures that didn't cooperate when cold. The oil back then was thicker too, meaning it took time to circulate through the crankcase and lubricate vital components. Warming up let oil reach operating viscosity, reducing metal-on-metal friction and helping the engine expand evenly before taking off.

How long should you let a carbureted Harley warm? Well, that depends. Temperature, engine type, and whatever the manufacturer says all play their part. On most days, a couple of minutes — say, one to three — is plenty to get the oil moving. If it's freezing out, stretch it to maybe five minutes. But honestly, your bike's manual knows better than the internet ever will. When in doubt, read the fine print before you let your garage turn into a sauna.

Rushing the warm-up could mean poor engine operation, increased parts wear, or thermal stress damage. For many old-timers, patience became part of Harley-Davidson culture — a mechanical meditation before the ride.

The problem is, Harley-Davidsons aren't built like that anymore. The soul is still there, but the science has evolved. Modern models use electronic fuel injection, reliable engines like the Evolution, and synthetic oils that flow smoothly even in cold starts. And newer Harleys' Electronic Control Units automatically adjust fuel combination mechanically, meaning they don't need to sit idling for minutes on end or require a choke.

In fact, excessive idling can backfire. Long warm-ups cause carbon buildup and fuel waste — especially in tightly tuned modern engines. The recommended approach? About 15 to 20 seconds is fine for a fuel-injected Harley. Then ride gently until it reaches full operating temperature. Getting in motion warms it more efficiently than standing still ever could.

Yet the debate endures. On Reddit's r/Harley, threads stretch for miles between traditionalists and pragmatists. Some swear that letting the bike purr a little keeps it happier in the long run. Others call that folklore a holdover from carburetor days. The truth probably lies somewhere in between. Modern Harleys may not need to be warmed up, but riders still need that moment. It's not just about oil viscosity or cylinder pressure. It's about a certain connection — that slow, rumbling dialogue between human and machine before the day begins.

## Coming Events:

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

<b>Jan 17</b>	<b>Dirty Whites Anniversary Party</b>
<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Henchmen 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Party</b>
<b>Feb 21</b>	<b>Highlands Great American Spaghetti Feed</b>
<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Vituscan Riders Bikes and Beans</b>