

# MEETING AGENDA

## April 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 2026 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:**

Some of us are getting older and we need the next generation to carry the torch. I have been thinking about why younger riders should care about motorcycle rights. Motorcycling isn't just transportation — it's a culture, community, and independence. For younger riders, protecting motorcycle rights matters now and for the future. Here's why they should care, and what they can do about it.

Freedom of choice: Laws and regulations affect what bikes you can ride, where you can ride them, and what equipment you must use. Changes can limit personalization and access to certain motorcycles.

Access to roads and events: Local ordinances, noise rules, and parking restrictions can shut down group rides, track days, and meetups that build community.

Representation: Lawmakers are often older and may not understand younger riders' needs.

Without youthful voices, policies will reflect others' priorities.

## **Real risks right now in California that will impact our younger riders:**

- Vehicle code changes that increase costs or add restrictive requirements.
- Local noise and zoning ordinances that close community riding spaces or block events.
- Insurance or licensing proposals that disproportionately impact new, younger riders.
- Misguided safety campaigns that stigmatize motorcycling rather than educate.

## **Why younger riders bring unique power:**

Numbers and energy: Younger people are a growing demographic of riders and bring energy for grassroots action.

Digital reach: social media and video storytelling let younger advocates amplify issues quickly.

Fresh perspectives: Younger riders can push for modern, practical policies that balance safety with access.

## **What younger riders can do — practical steps:**

- Get informed: Learn California Vehicle Code basics relevant to motorcycles, plus pending state bills and local ordinances in your area.
- Join or start a local Division of the MMA or start a youth-focused wing to coordinate outreach and events.
- Engage locally: Attend city council and county meetings when noise, zoning, or street-safety laws are on the agenda. Speak up or submit written comments.
- Use social media smartly: Share short, personal stories about what riding means to you. Tie emotional narratives to specific policy asks.
- Organize community events: Safety clinics, group rides, and charity events build goodwill and recruit new advocates.
- Train to lead: Take public-speaking and advocacy workshops; learn to write concise testimony and meet your representatives.
- Vote and mobilize voters: Encourage peers to register and vote on local measures and for candidates who understand rider issues.

Getting involved doesn't require decades of experience, just passion, clear facts, and consistent action. When younger riders in California organize, speak up, and show how motorcycling contributes to local life, they protect their freedom to ride and shape policies for future generations.

David (Top Gun) Battles  
MMA President

## **ITEMS TO WATCH:**

### **AB 1392: Smog Check: exemption: collector motor vehicles**

Leno's Law is back! Not as good as originally written, but a step in the right direction.

Existing law establishes a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (smog check) program that is administered by the Department of Consumer Affairs. The smog check program requires inspection of motor vehicles upon initial registration, biennially upon renewal of registration, upon transfer of ownership, and in certain other circumstances. Existing law requires all motor vehicles to biennially obtain a certificate of compliance or noncompliance, as provided. Existing law exempts specified vehicles from obtaining the certificate of compliance or noncompliance, including, among others, all motor vehicles manufactured before the 1976 model year. Existing law also exempts specified portions of the smog test, both biennially and at transfer, a collector motor vehicle that is insured as a collector motor vehicle, is at least 35 model years old, complies with the exhaust emissions standards for that motor vehicle's class and model year as prescribed by the department, and passes a functional inspection of the fuel cap and a visual inspection for liquid fuel leaks. Existing law defines collector motor vehicle for this purpose to mean a motor vehicle owned by a collector, as defined, used primarily in shows, parades, charitable functions, and historical exhibitions for display, maintenance, preservation, and not used primarily for transportation.

This bill would redefine collector motor vehicle to mean a vehicle that is at least 35 years old, is used primarily in shows, parades, charitable functions, and historical exhibitions, as provided, and is not used as the owner's primary mode of transportation, and is insured as a collector motor vehicle, as specified. The bill would exempt a collector motor vehicle manufactured before the 1981 model year from the requirement to obtain a certificate of compliance or noncompliance. The bill would extend the applicability of this exemption by one model year each year, beginning on and after January 1, 2028, until the final extension takes effect on and after January 1, 2032, that would exempt a collector motor vehicle manufactured before the 1986 model year from the requirement to obtain the certificate of compliance or noncompliance.

Here's the summary:

Expands smog check exemptions in California to certain collector cars.

- Eligible cars must be:
  - **35+ years old**
  - **Not daily drivers**
  - **Used mainly for shows/events**
  - **Insured as collector vehicles**

Exempts these cars from smog checks if they were made:

- Before **1981** at first
- Gradually expands each year until **1985 and older** are exempt by 2032

**Bottom line:** More classic cars get out of smog checks—but only if they are true collector vehicles, not everyday transportation.

**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> \*

<b>April 11</b>	<b>Boozefighters Grass Valley</b>
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<b>April 18</b>	<b>Sacramento 81 Spring Fling</b>
<b>April 25</b>	<b>Soldiers for Jesus Bike Blessing</b>
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Vituscan Riders Annual Corn Hole Tourney</b>
<b>May 16</b>	<b>Local Locos Whiskey Row Bike Show</b>
<b>May 16</b>	<b>Wanderers Spring Fling</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Grateful Ones Forever Freedom Party</b>
<b>May 23</b>	<b>Freed Spirits Anniversary Party</b>
<b>May 30</b>	<b>Henchmen Summer Luau</b>