

# MEETING AGENDA

## June 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:**

### Major Victories for Motorcyclists on Capitol Hill

This past month, hundreds of motorcyclists from around the country converged on Washington, D.C. for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (MRF) annual Bikers Inside the Beltway grassroots lobby event. The MMA was represented by me, our secretary, Kathy Battles, and our event coordinator, Tom Love. During this event, motorcyclists visit every legislative office with a packet of information pertaining to priority issues for the motorcycling community. This year, Bikers Inside the Beltway occurred just as committees were meeting to finalize the surface transportation reauthorization bill, which happens every five (5) years. This unusual juxtaposition created opportunities for significant input on the upcoming bill.

The MMA now applauds both the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Committee for advancing H.R. 8870, the BUILD America 250 Act (the highway bill), with measures supporting motorcyclists. The finalized bill will likely contain four of the MRF's and MMA's top legislative priorities for America's motorcyclists when voted on by the full House of Representatives.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee advanced provisions extending authorization for the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC), ensuring riders continue to have a formal voice in federal transportation discussions. The legislation also strengthens protections against motorcycle profiling by expanding existing language. It prohibits profiling based on the appearance, mode of transportation or attire commonly associated with motorcycling culture. Special thanks to Representative Andre Carson of Indiana and Representative Chris Pappas of New Hampshire for their last-minute efforts to ensure these victories.

In addition, the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over portions of the highway bill, included several motorcycle-related priorities supported by the MRF and the MMA. Among those provisions are enhanced protections for the Right to Repair, language ensuring emergency braking technologies can detect motorcycles, and the inclusion of the Know Before You Drive Act (H.R. 7377), which helps ensure consumers are informed about what their vehicle's automation technologies can and cannot do before purchasing a vehicle.

The MRF also gratefully acknowledges the ongoing efforts of state motorcyclist rights organizations such as the Modified Motorcycle Association (MMA), American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education (ABATE), as well as the National Council of Clubs (NCOC), the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), the National Council of Informed Riders (COIR), and independent riders everywhere, for their engagement and advocacy efforts on these issues.

Dave (Top Gun) Battles  
MMA President

### **ITEMS TO WATCH:**

#### **Lane Splitting in California: (Abate)**

SACRAMENTO — Following outreach from a student advocacy group exploring legislation to restrict or modify motorcycle lane splitting, the MROs of California intervened to protect riders' rights. Our lobbyist met with Transportation Committee members, original lane-splitting staff, committee staff, and notified motorcycle-friendly legislators of our position. As a result, no bill to change or prohibit lane splitting was introduced.

While this is a positive outcome, we remain vigilant: the advocacy group may attempt to advance similar language through the state budget process or a budget trailer bill. We will continue to monitor developments at the Capitol and stand ready to respond to protect the interests and safety of California motorcyclists.

#### **The FBI Wants 'Near Real-Time' Access to License Plate Readers Across the US**

While US lawmakers stealthily proposed to prohibit the use of automated license plate readers across the country recently, it has also been revealed

that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is planning to buy nationwide access to the cameras and access “near real-time” data about vehicle movements.

Recently published procurement records for the FBI Director of Intelligence show the agency is gearing up to pay millions for access to data captured by roadside FLOCK cameras. These cameras take images of every passing vehicle, adding their license plate, location, time and data, into searchable databases that are often accessed by local law enforcement agencies and some federal agencies.

“The FBI has a crucial need for accessible FLOCK to provide a diverse and reliable range of collections across the United States,” a statement of work says. “This data should be available across major highways and in an array of locations for maximum usefulness to law enforcement.” Further documents said the access to data must be provided in “near real time.”

...Ever feel like you're being watched?...

In an unrelated yet related story:

### **Unsure With How to Cancel Service, City Officials Are Covering Flock Cameras with Trash Bags Until They Can Be Removed**

Dayton, Ohio's utility poles are sporting new accessories this week in the form of a black trash bag. Police and local authorities are working to cover Flock cameras installed throughout the city as they try to figure out how to sever ties with the company. The rush to cover them follows reports as "months of resident outrage, a scandal in which the city was sharing Flock camera data for immigration enforcement apparently on accident, and a \$30,000 audit into how the cameras are being used."

It's been a chaotic several months for Dayton to deal with its Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) data and Flock. Last October, officials found out data was "accidentally" shared with the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

This month, the city's own Dayton Daily News published an investigative report that also found "law enforcement agencies across Ohio and the United States conduct thousands of searches of local police data every single day. In January alone, hundreds of local searches listed "immigration" as a search reason." It also found that some agencies were not clear why they were requesting ALPR data, with either vague responses or in some instances just put down as "other."

If it looks like mass surveillance, it might be mass surveillance...

### **The Evel Knievel Experience Is Opening in Las Vegas**

Evel Knievel was a daredevil legend in the 1960s and 1970s, and he continues to inspire today. Personalities like Travis Pastrana not only break his amazing records but also break their bones almost as much as he did. Visitors to Las Vegas will soon be able to explore his legacy for themselves at the Evel Knievel Experience, opening on June 27.

The attraction is part museum, part interactive experience. It started as the Evel Knievel Museum in Topeka, Kansas, featuring artifacts from Knievel's history. Topeka isn't exactly a tourist hotspot, so it's packing up, moving, and expanding to a new location in the downtown Las Vegas arts district. Exhibits include some of the motorcycles he jumped with, and the jumpsuits he wore while doing it. The helmet he wore when he jumped the fountains at nearby Caesar's Palace in 1967 is on display. He came up short on the landing and spent 29 days in a coma, so it's no exaggeration that this helmet saved his life.

Also on display is Big Red, Knievel's Mack truck and trailer that transported him, his crew, and his bikes from one show to another. Big Red is not only a major part of Knievel's history, but the Evel Knievel Experience as well.

A favorite artifact on display is the X-2 Skycycle, which famously tried, and failed, to jump across the Snake River Canyon in 1974. As a side note, much of that jump ramp still exists in Twin Falls, Idaho.

It's not just about artifacts and memorabilia, though. The rebrand to "Evel Knievel Experience" emphasizes the interactive exhibits beyond Knievel's old stuff on display. A virtual reality jump puts you on a motorcycle and simulates a death-defying jump over 16 cars. The jump planner lets you set up your own virtual jump and see if you can make it, without the risk of broken bones. But if you're into broken bones, a "Bad to the Bones" exhibit lets you explore the numerous injuries Knievel collected over his career as well.

The Evel Knievel Experience doesn't open until June 27, but tickets are already available.