

MEETING AGENDA

July 2026



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 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. **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 I sit at the MMA fireworks booth, I'm thinking to myself about how motorcycles and the 4th of July share a deep connection rooted in the American ideals of freedom, independence, and the open road. Independence Day weekend is one of the busiest times of the year for motorcycle rallies, community parades, charity runs, and patriotic custom bike displays.

There are a number of major 4th of July Motorcycle Events

1. Hollister Independence Rally: Located in Hollister, California, this is considered the birthplace of the American Biker. This historic Hollister Motorcycle Rally brings thousands of enthusiasts together every 4th of July weekend for live music, vendors, and massive bike showcases.
2. Summerfest & Harley-Davidson Partnership: In Milwaukee, the iconic motorcycle brand sponsors massive July 4th celebrations, including waterfront firework shows, food drives, and live entertainment.

3. Community Parades: Across the country, local riding groups and Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) chapters are invited to lead or participate in town parades, often flying large American flags from their sissy bars.

4. Patriotic Custom Culture

Independence Day is a major showcase for custom bike builders who display red, white, and blue paint jobs, stars-and-stripes detailing, and heavy chrome work. Iconic custom designs, like Captain America-themed choppers, frequently resurface in media and regional bike shows during this holiday.

I hope you all have a great holiday and a big thank you to all of the volunteers that helped us out with a shift at the booth.

David (Top Gun) Battles
MMA President

ITEMS TO WATCH:

Are Speed Cameras Coming to Your Area? 185 of Them Are Planned, and if Effective, May be Arriving Near You in the Future (California Motorcycle Dealers Association)

The number of speed cameras ready to snitch on lead-footed drivers is set to explode across the Golden State where at least seven cities have installed, or plan to install, cameras as part of a state pilot program.

The expansion follows what officials say was a successful launch in San Francisco. With a series of laws passed in 2023 and 2024, state officials paved the way for dozens of cameras to be installed in seven cities: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Long Beach, Glendale and Malibu.

So far, only cameras in San Francisco and Oakland have begun issuing tickets. Officials in San Francisco say that it's working: Speeding decreased by 72% on average at 15 locations after cameras were installed last year. That city caught 400,000 violators in its first six months of operation.

But the number of cameras will soon grow exponentially across the state: Los Angeles became the latest city to give the final OK for plans to install roughly 125 cameras this week. Work is underway to bring cameras online in Long Beach, Glendale and Malibu in the coming months.

Per California law, cameras can only be installed in state-defined safety corridors, school zones, and areas with a history of street racing or sideshows. They must also be placed evenly throughout different socioeconomic neighborhoods. As part of the new laws, signs are supposed to be posted to alert drivers that speed safety cameras are operating in that area.

Once a city installs its cameras, a 60-day warning period begins. That's when drivers will get notices when the cameras catch them speeding. After that 60-day period is up, drivers will receive fines based on how far over the speed limit they were going:

- 11-15 mph over: Written warning for the first time, \$50 for repeat offenders.
- 26 to 99 mph over: \$200 fine.
- 100 mph over: \$500 fine.

The effort is intended to serve as a pilot program through 2032 to measure the impacts and best practices before more speed cameras are installed around the state.

NYPD Bans City's Second-Most Ticketed Driver From Driving Squad Cars (Jalopnik)

It's difficult to imagine that breaking the law behind the wheel with reckless abandon is good for anyone's job security. Traffic cameras around New York City have caught James Giovansanti committing 547 violations since 2022. He's also an officer in the New York City Police Department. After at least four years of infractions, the NYPD revealed on Wednesday that it banned Giovansanti from driving squad cars. The ban, as it stands, is only temporary as the department conducts an internal affairs investigation.

Giovansanti's Ram 1500 pickup became a common sight on Staten Island as it sped in school zones and blew through red lights. Streetsblog revealed he received 187 camera-issued tickets just last year. The eye-watering total ranks him as the second-worst driver in the entire city. The official didn't receive any blowback from his employer because the city's camera-issued tickets don't appear on your record unless you don't pay the fine. Giovansanti paid every penny of the \$36,650.02 he owed.

However, public fervor for authorities to take action against Giovansanti exploded once the spotlight shone on his atrocious driving record. His ban and internal affairs probe became public at a precinct community meeting when a Staten Island resident asked, "Officer Giovansanti almost ran over someone, and we don't know how his crimes are being addressed. We'd like to know." Only time will tell if the investigation results in a more substantial punishment.

Speed limiters gaining popularity with state governments

While we have to wait and see if the NYPD actually holds Giovansanti accountable, the State of New York has already begun a crackdown on serial speeders. Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation in May that will require any driver with 16 or more traffic violations in 12 months to have Intelligent Speed Assistance technology installed in their vehicles. She said at the signing, "We have to protect people and if someone is so flagrantly violating the laws that there's a callous disregard of human life-that's the only way I can describe it - there have to be consequences have to be."

The law isn't retrospective, so Giovansanti won't have a smart limiter put in his pickup truck. New York isn't the only state that has enacted this kind of legislation. Virginia's version is far harsher. Starting on July 1, any driver

caught going over 100 miles per hour in the Old Dominion will be required to have a speed-limiting device installed on their car. The broad idea is that fines and license suspensions don't deter people from driving recklessly; only direct action to improve road safety gets tangible results.

Coming Events:

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

June 27- July 4	MMA Fireworks Booth
July 3	MMA Fireworks Booth Bike Night
July 25	Freed Spirits Stick's Memorial Ride
July 25	Hellbent/Vituscan Riders Double Trouble Deux
Aug 1	Dirty Freed Event
Aug 8	Henchmen Party
Aug 8	SBF – SAC2BAY
Aug 15	Sober Riders Poker Run
Aug 15	Boozefighters Hangtown
Aug 23	Vituscan Riders Run for TJ
Aug 29	VNV/LV Poker Run