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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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9401 Foothill Blvd.  
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Sign-in: 8-10 am  
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Starbucks  
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- 22 SCMA Old Pin Ride (Rain Date)



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Have you taken any good photos while on a recent ride?  
Do you want to see your writing skills in print?

If you would like to have the memories of your adventures published, please e-mail them, along with pertinent information (location, name of ride, names, and photographer)

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## S.C.M.A. MONTHLY MEETINGS

*The following meetings are open to all S.C.M.A. members and their guests:*

MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m.  
(Except in March, September and October, check date shown on calendar of events and annual calendar)

— CHECK CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ADDRESSES OF MEETING PLACES —

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## FROM THE CHAIR

SCMA's new general use forum is now available for your use. Go to <http://sc-ma.com/proboards.com> or find the link under "forum" on the front page of the SCMA website. You must register once and then login every time to use the forum. It is the place to read and post motorcycling messages. This will be the place to ask and answer questions about the one-day and two-day rides for SCMA and our associated clubs. We will continue to use the existing Three Flags Classic forum and the USA Four Corners forum exclusively for those two events.

We conducted our annual Blazing Saddles ride over Memorial Day Weekend. John Katics gave us a great route from Bakersfield to Lake Isabella to Big Pine to Tonopah to Ely Nevada on Saturday and from Ely to Carson City on the "loneliest road on America" on Sunday. The weather was clear and cool. It was a terrific combination of twisties, sweepers, rolling hills, mountain passes and desert straight aways. There were 20 riders.

Look for the Dog Days of Summer Run on June 13. It starts at Cycle Gear on Lyons immediately east of I-5 in Newhall. Zumer has designed a 160-mile ride taking advantage of the hills and mountains of this neck of the woods and ending up at Logsdon's Café at the Santa Paula Airport in time for lunch and a place to catch up with all of your riding buddies.

Look for the Pasadena Motorcycle Club's two-day 64th Annual Greenhorn Road Tour on June 19-20. This classic run is always spectacular and well-attended. Visit PMC's website at [www.pasadenamc.com](http://www.pasadenamc.com) for more information.

Our biggest riding news is a major change for this year's Three Flags Classic. Because of the escalating border violence and a recent State Department travelers advisory for Mexico Highway 8, we will not enter Mexico this year. Instead, we will ride from Regina to Nogales, Arizona and then fold the ride back north to end in Tucson. There is more about this change in the newsletter and on the Three Flags website. Both the Three Flags Classic committee and the SCMA board of directors voted unanimously for this change because the safety of our riders is our highest priority. If you have already made room reservations in Puerto Penasco there is nothing more you need to do. The Double Tree in Tucson is moving all of our reservations and most of our banquet details from Mexico to Tucson.

When will we return to Mexico again? The truth is, no one knows. We will carefully look at the question every year and make an appropriate decision. The 2011 Three Flags Classic Committee will form-up soon and one of its first tasks will be to recommend whether Mexico will be in or out for the 36th annual ride. Your input will be part of what the committee and board use to deliberate this question.

**Blake Anderson**



# SCMA is proud to present the 3rd annual



Traveler's Award



## Sunday • July 11

**Sign-In: 8-10 a.m.**

**Start: Cycle Giant  
20902 Bake Parkway  
Lake Forest, CA**

***Ride Closes at 4 p.m.***

### Entry Fee

*(Includes all discounts)*

*SCMA Members — \$10*

*Non-SCMA Members — \$15*

*Coffee and Doughnuts at the Start*

*50/50 Raffle*

**Mail-in Deadline: June 30, 2009**

**Make checks payable to: SCMA**

**Mail to: Jan Staws, 1959 Gale Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90810**

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

Hi All,

I would like to thank Cycle Gear in Newhall for allowing us to start Dog Days of Summer ride from there. The morning started out very slow, only had 8 riders sign-in about 8:30am and as a rule most of our riders show up between 7:30/8:30am and are on the road. We did have a nice turn out of 27 participants when sign-in closed and I think they all had a good day of riding. We ended at Logsdon's restaurant in Santa Paula, and as always they were very nice to all of us.

The ride was 163 miles long, through some great riding areas, twisties, straight road, whatever you like we probably provided it for you. I am getting ready to do the pre-ride for Bare Bones event happening in July. Ride will be starting at Wing Stuff in Lake Forest and ending at Pechanga. Hope to see a lot of you out there.

I was disappointed to see a lack of attendance at the general membership meeting this month. Where are all of you who attend the meetings at Conrad's? If the new place is too far or you don't like it, let the board members know. It is very important that the members attend the meeting so we can get your opinions on things that are going on and being done by the board.

Exclusive news: Chairman for 2011 Three Flags Classic will be none other than Joe Mandeville. He has presented a great idea to the E Board for their approval and received it with no problem. The 2011 Classic will be partnering with IBA/Mike Kneebone, more details to follow. I am happy to say I will be participating on the 2011 committee, see info on volunteering for this committee somewhere in this newsletter.

2010 Three Flags Classic has had to make a very hard decision but the right decision in my opinion. They have had to change the finish and take it out of Mexico. They are very fortunate in having a "sister" hotel to go to in Tucson, Arizona and I understand that all reservations were transferred over without a hitch and everyone was sent notices from the Double Tree Hotel, how fortunate is that? I am sure that the event will be a success and the change well received by the riders, since the most important part of that decision was not to put our riders, the committee, the volunteers in any danger. Support this decision and let the 2010 committee members know they did the correct thing.

Well that's it for now, keep the sunny side up and the rubber side down.

**Your Editor,  
Jan Staws**

Are you looking for fun, adventure, challenges?  
Then we are looking for you.

**We Found Who We Were Looking For —  
2011 Three Flags Classic Chairman is Joe Mandeville**

Anyone interested in volunteering for the committee please contact  
Joe at 626-274-2237. Exciting new format this coming year,  
partnering with IBA, more details to follow.

# Missing a Ride Pin?

## Want one from a ride you missed?

*Join the*

**Southern California  
Motorcycling Association**



Traveler's Award

# Old Pin Ride

## Sunday • August 15

### ENTRY FEE

(Includes \$5.00 Starbuck card)

SCMA: \$15.00

All others: \$20.00

**Sign-In: 8-10 a.m.**

## Starbucks

10705 W Washington Blvd.  
Culver City, CA 90232

**Pre-registration Deadline - August 7, 2010**

**Make checks payable to: SCMA**

**Mail to: Jan Staws, 1959 Gale Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90810**

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# BLAZING SADDLES

By Ray Davis  
SCMA # 23510

Ray Davis has also completed the SCMA Three Flags Classic ride 25 times. He has also completed the USA Four Corners ride 13 times and was first to finish the 2008 SCMA Triple Crown Ride.



## Day 0, SCMA Blazing Saddles Ride — Irvine, CA to Bakersfield, CA

Friday, May 28 2010

Pulled out of the driveway in Irvine at 12:15pm. As soon as I got on the North bound I-5, I knew I should have left home earlier. Microsoft Streets & Trips said it was going to be about 150 miles from Irvine to Bakersfield. The way I went was about 20 miles further.

We (Casper & I) took the long way around LA because I figured that the traffic would be horrendous. It was bad and I had to white line (split lanes) for about 40 miles, but still got to Bakersfield Motel 6 South by 2:45pm. I had put on a long sleeve shirt, a sweater, heavy riding pants and the old, old Road Gear jacket. Good thing I did too, because it was 54 degrees coming through the Grapevine (Tejon Pass) at 4200 feet and the wind was blowing pretty good too. As soon as I got to the Motel 6, the first thing I did was call Bonnie from my cell phone and have her worn Charles KF6TXI and Billy KF6WVB on ham radio about the cool weather and high winds.

Every time we were able to get to an area where the traffic was sparse I let Casper have some breathing room. The skies were partly cloudy all the way to Bakersfield, but mostly clear when we got to here. It was cool when we got to Bakersfield and pretty windy too. It is suppose to warm up some tomorrow and the rest of the weekend. After all, this is Bakersfield CA and it is the end of May. We are told that we could get some rain by the time we get to Ely NV tomorrow night.

Billy KF6WVB got to the Motel 6 at 4:45 and Charles got here at 5:19pm. They both had to come from work and had come a lot further then I had to. I can imagine how bad the Friday afternoon traffic plus a holiday weekend must have been. Glad I am retired and can try and miss most of that traffic.

There is a Denny's right in front of this Motel 6 and that is the reason we are staying in this one, we don't have to walk anywhere for dinner. Once I park Casper I like to let him set and walk to dinner if it isn't to far.

Looking forward to the sign in the morning to see who is doing the ride this year. Sure hope to see a big turn out.

## Day 1, SCMA Blazing Saddles Ride — Bakersfield, CA to Ely, NV

We got to Zingo's Cafe at 6am for the 7am sign in so that we could have breakfast and get signed in early if the ride officials got there early. They did and we were the first to sign in and pay our \$15 entry fee, sign the releases and headed to the gas station to fill up. We were on the road at 7am sharp and right from the start we got into the twisties.

I know that you could find a much shorter route to go from Bakersfield to Ely NV then the one we took today, but I am pretty sure you could not find a route that had more curvy roads on it. Of the 515 miles, there must have been 200 miles of some of the most twisty roads that you can could find in Western US. All I can say is "WOW" what a ride. Those volunteers who lay out these rides for the SCMA just do such a superb job of finding roads that really test you skills.

The total route was 515 miles and after a few stretches of those curves I didn't think we could make it to the Motel 6 in Ely before dark. But with a 107 mile stretch on the North bound US 395 it helped make up some time and then they sent us East from Big Pine on SR 168 and SR 266 and that made another 82 miles of nothing but curves. Later we hit the stretch of 166 miles on US 6 and made up some time there again. We made it to the Motel 6 in Ely at 3pm. Connie Sims, Billy's wife was already there waiting for us as she had ridden her Suzuki Bergman 650 scooter down from Salt Lake City UT. She will ride the route with us tomorrow before heading back to Salt Lake City.

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**SEPT 18-19, 2010**



**SAT: GROUP RIDE/ALL DAY PARTY - SUN: BEACH PHOTO EVENT**

Hundreds of Riders Unite Near the Shore to Create a Historic Portrait.

**San Francisco Motorcycle Club is Organizing the Group Ride from Northern CA  
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## *BLAZING SADDLES*

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When we got up in Bakersfield the temperature was 54 and it never warmed up any higher than 63 anywhere along the route. We went through several passes that were over 7,000 feet and many that were between 4000 and 6000 feet, so it was cool and windy most of the day. One of the participants told me, when I was walking over to Wendy's tonight, that the temperature in the morning may be down in the 20's, I sure hope not.

You might not think that the areas in the state of Nevada are all that scenic, but they really are. The mountains with snow capped peaks and the white plains somewhat like those of the Great Salt Lake in UT are beautiful in their own right. True we passed by a lot of sage brush and mesquite bushes, but they too have their own beauty.

It amazes me more motorcyclists aren't riding these rides that the SCMA put's on. Their volunteers put so much time and effort into these rides and the rides themselves are so exciting over some of the best motorcycle roads in the country that you can't help but love them. Yes I mean love those volunteers. Those of us who work so hard to put on the Charity events that the MARC members volunteer for can really appreciate what the SCMA volunteers go through. God Bless them. Please come out and support these rides from the SCMA.

I did get to talk to one person from Virginia on the cell phone, but by noon the phone had gone dead on the bike. For some reason while it is on the motorcycle and hooked up to blue tooth it doesn't last very long. Bonnie did tell me that there were long stretches of back roads where we were that we were not tracking on the APRS. But then we would show up again when we got to a major highway or went through any town of significant size. She said she could track us when we got to the Motel 6 in Ely NV.

### **Day 2 SCMA Blazing Saddles Ride — Ely, NV to Carson City, NV**

We were up at 5:30am after a very good night's sleep. When I went out to uncover Casper the temperature gauge on the bike read 36 degrees. There was a tiny bit of frost on the bike cover too. About 6:15 we went over to the Shell station and topped off our tanks and then went across the street to McDonalds for a fast food breakfast. While we were there 4 or 5 other riders that are on the Blazing Saddles Ride showed up too.

At 7am Charles, Billy & Connie and I were on the road toward Carson City. It was my turn to lead so off we went, West on US-50. Connie on the Suzuki Bergman 650cc scooter only has a 3.5 gallon tank so we would have to make at least and maybe two gas stops for her to make it to Carson City. We had some AZ passports for riding US-50 and we had to stop at Eureka, Austin, Fallon and Fernley to get the passports stamped. Then you send in the passports into the State of AZ will send you a pin, so I am told. But the passport thing actually did make the trip across US-50 interesting. Finding a place in each city was all figured out and on the published directions. Thanks to the person that did all that research for us.

It was still 36 degrees when we left McDonalds in Ely and we never really got warmed up until the last place we stopped to get those AZ Passports stamped at Fernley. But we only took off our jacket liners and I still had the long sleeved shirt, sweat shirt and heavy jacket and First Gear riding pants on. It stayed between 36 and 54 degrees all the way to Fernley. Again like yesterday we were going over passes that were nearly 7500 feet altitude and were always over 4500 feet all the way from Ely to where we finally dropped out of the mountains to about 4500 feet at Carson City. When we got to the Motel 6 in Carson City it was just 62 degrees. Tomorrow morning it is suppose to still be only 40 degrees here.

We got to the Motel 6 in Carson City at about 1:30pm and had trouble getting the rooms we had reserved when this year's Blazing Saddles plans had first come out in Jan or Feb. We finally won out and they gave us the rooms that we had asked for.

All of the Motel 6's that we have stayed at on this trip, have no Wi-Fi. It seems that the company that was under contract with the Motel 6's contract ran out, so that company shut all the Motel 6's off so none of them have a wireless hook up for the internet. I won't be staying at any more Motel 6's at least until they get wireless back. The only way I could get hooked up here was call the Earthlink Customer Support and get a local dialup number from them. Really antic way to have to do email. But it does work as a last resort.

Today's ride was only 338 miles, but it was all good. The weather was cool but no rain or wind.

I did get a quest here at the Motel 6 while I was working on this report. It was Lyle who I have seen for many years on the SCMA 3 Flags Classic. It seems that he lives up here close somewhere and came by the hotel to see if he could find any-

one he knew. He recognized the white Gold Wing with the MARC signs on the saddle bags and stopped to visit. We had a very nice conversation for about an hour or more. I really enjoyed seeing Lyle and we had some fun stories to reminisce about dating back a few years 3 Flags Classics.

We plan to be out of here at 5am for the 460 trip back home and we know about the traffic that will be on 395 all the way home.

Thank you to the SCMA volunteers again for all of their hard work putting on this year very successful Blazing Saddles Ride. It has been another fun weekend riding another SCMA ride.

## *WE GET NICE LETTERS*

**From:**

**Chuck Gatecliff to David Johnson**

It is hard to measure the amount of lives that the work of the officers and volunteers of your association touch regarding the USA 4 Corners Tour, but it is very surprising! It's not just the riders, it's everyone they meet and love.

I heard about this ride a couple of years ago but thought it was an IBA ride and did not check into it at that time. Last year I got interested and called the IBA and they directed me to you. I enjoyed our phone conversation and when the "package" arrived I spent many afternoons and evenings planning my route, allowing for a bike tune-up and visits along the way with family and friends. It all seemed so simple, as in my mind it was just another ride.

I'm 72 and have been doing a lot of long distance riding for the past 12 years after 30 years of not sitting on a bike. I have been running about 30,000 miles a year and so the mileage for this experience was at first thought, just another ride.

To all of the association officers or volunteers and to anyone considering participating in this ride I want to say THIS IS NOT JUST A RIDE IT IS A MIND ALTERING EXPERIENCE.

THE 4 CORNERS OF THE USA TOUR

Talking about the trip prior to going brought a lot of raised eyebrows, while participating everyone I met and visited with had a certain amount on envy and even awe and since I've been home the calls keep coming. Many friendships quickly developed along the way and everyone wanted to receive a note or e-mail when I got home.

Everyone that completes this ride has dozens of "Stories", me too. Telling all my stories would keep you reading a long time so I will only share a couple....

I arrived at my first corner in Madawaska, Maine on Friday and got my picture in front of the Post Office and then went inside to check on the time it would open the next morning. I met Michelle the postal worker who once she found out I was starting the 4 Corners trip said she would come in an hour early to receive and stamp my letter. Then the man that took my picture invited me to his home for strawberry shortcake and ice cream. The next morning in McDonalds at 6:30 am I met another rider, Barry Bullington, who was also starting the 4 corners and we stayed together for 3 corners and then I spent some time at a son's home in California and Barry finished the trip. He had planned to take highway 1 along the coast but the weather pushed him to the super slab. I had no idea of this but 3 days after going our separate ways there he was waving and riding south on I-5 as I was riding North. Unbelievable!

Barry and I worked in an Iron Butt Saddle Sore and Bun Burner ride as we rode across the southern states and my son and grandson road out from their California home and met us in Yuma, Arizona. We spent the night at the Best Western and then my grandson jumped on my bike to ride with me to my third corner as my son followed closely behind and Barry ran sweep.

It doesn't get any better than the experiences incurred while participating in this magical tour. Only when I got home and had time to reflect did I fully understand the difference between a "ride" and a "tour".

A ride is something you do!... A tour is something you live!

Most nights my wife, Alice, was following my progress and keeping family and friends updated through e-mails. By the time I got home she felt like she had also ridden 10,905 miles.

I hope and fully expect if the man upstairs allows, I will participate in this tour again, but the memories will be a big part of me forever!

I have typed up my daily log and will be sharing it with many friends and acquaintances but will always stress the efforts of the officers and volunteers of the SCMA in making this experience possible.

God Bless. Good Health and Ride Safe

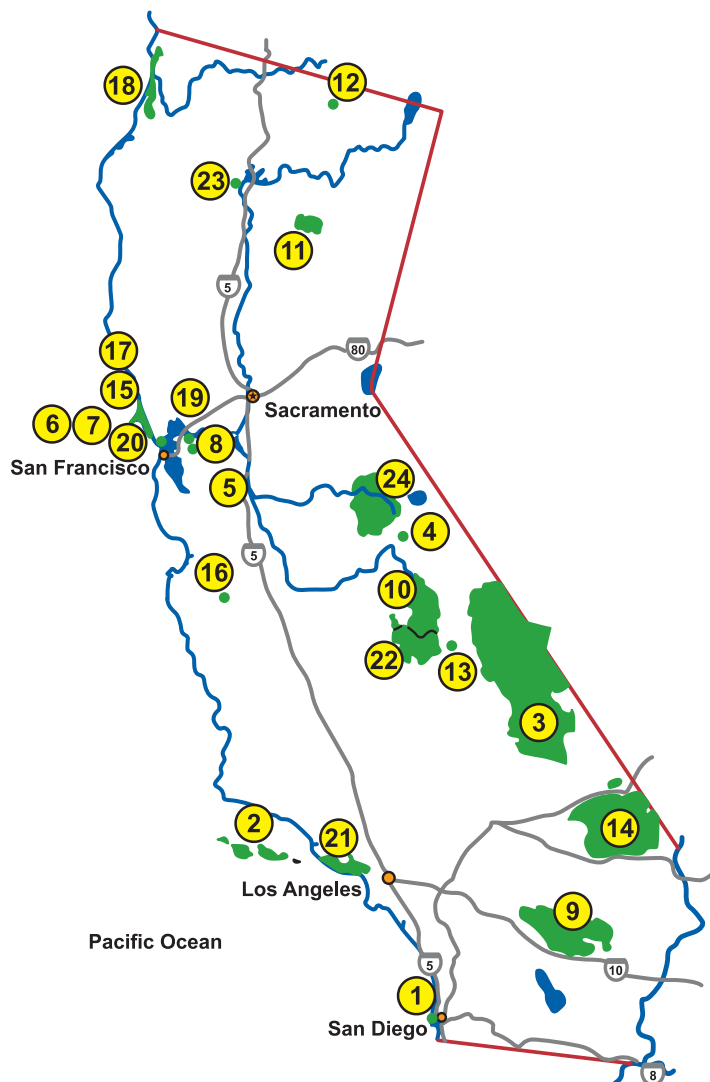
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## SCMA's California Parks Adventure

AMA Grand Tour Event

--- A Year Long Event ---



### Rules of the Tour

- ◆ With each park visit, stamp your Passport w/ that parks' stamp, available at the visitor's center (Please call ahead to confirm visitor center hours).
- ◆ Be sure to take a photograph of you or your motorcycle in front of one of the following: the entrance, the visitor's center, or some landmark within that is unique to that park.
- ◆ All 24 National Parks in California must be visited between Jan. 1st & Dec. 15th of the calendar year.
- ◆ All participants will receive a map of California, a SCMA Parks pin and a AMA Grand Tour Pin. Finishers will receive a finisher's plaque.
- ◆ Return the completed passport postmarked no later than December 15th to:
 

Mitch Friedman  
8306 Wilshire Blvd #246  
Beverly Hills, CA. 90211
- ◆ For more information, please visit our website at: [www.sc-ma.com](http://www.sc-ma.com)  
Email us at: [Mitcho399@gmail.com](mailto:Mitcho399@gmail.com)

## *SCMA's California Parks Adventure*

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\$ 50 for SCMA members

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### SCMA's California Parks Adventure

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## LETTERS

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### Greetings to My Fellow Three Flags Riders,

I hope that your summer riding will be the best in years. I started mine off by riding to my 50th high school reunion in Cincinnati.

Your 2010 Three Flags Committee has been busy with many issues to make this year's ride one that will be enjoyed by all. We have some recent developments that necessitate this letter.

The US Department of State, Consulate Office in Nogales, Arizona has issued a Warden's Message concerning US citizens traveling Route 8 to Puerto Penasco (Rocky Point) Mexico. This may be accessed on the web at:

<http://nogales.usconsulate.gov/uploads/images/HMD4JhZfi8iyNvWOMC6e6g/WardenMessageMay19.pdf>

No one from the SCMA or any Three Flags Committee will knowingly put riders at risk. It is with this in mind that this year's Committee has decided to change our finish to Tucson, AZ. This is an involved process that required the approval of the SCMA E-Board. The vote was unanimous. The Committee's vote was the same.

All reservations that were made at the Penaso Del Sol will be transferred to the Double Tree Inn, Tucson, AZ and the room rates will remain the same. Those that provided their email address have been notified and given new confirmation numbers. Those that did not receive their new confirmation number via email need to contact the DoubleTree at 520-323-5202.

The banquet will be held at the DoubleTree on Wednesday evening, September 8, 2010.

This required some route changes. The checkpoint at Payson, AZ will now be at Springerville, AZ at the Americas Best Value Inn, 136 W. Main St., Springerville, AZ 85938. Their phone number is 928-333-2655. This checkpoint will NOT be open on Sunday September 5, 2010. It will be in operation Monday the 6th from 6 AM to 9 PM & Tuesday the 7th from 6 AM to 1 PM.

The route has changed from this point. We will be riding the so-called "Devil's Hwy". This is state route 191, formally numbered route "666" (the mark of the devil) and changed for political reasons. Anyone that has ridden this route will attest that it is a motorcyclist's delight.

In keeping with the spirit of the Three Flags Classic, we are adding a checkpoint at Nogales, AZ on the US side of the border. From there the route will take you to Tucson, AZ.

The 2010 Three Flags Committee has decided to accept a purchase receipt from any retail store in Nogales, AZ in lieu of a manned checkpoint. This must be a machine printed receipt for any purchase, dated September 6th or 7th, 2010, showing the store address and City of Nogales, AZ on the receipt. Usually a gas receipt will have this information, but be sure to check your receipt. Remember that a machine can malfunction and not show the date, address & city of purchase. Nothing but the above will be accepted

The pre-ride for the entire route has been completed. We inquired at the US/CA Border crossing as to specific information the US Department of Homeland Security wanted from our riders and all non-riders. Non-riders are those riding two up and one is NOT Three Flags ticketed, plus any tag a-longs not ticketed.

They want:

Your full name as it appears on your passport....First, Middle, and Last:

Your Birthdate....Month/Day/Year

Your Gender

Your Citizenship

Please email or send this information to:

2010 Three Flags Classic

P.O. Box 1738

San Juan Capistrano, CA 92693

Or E-mail Bill Allen at [Bill@AllenDesigns.com](mailto:Bill@AllenDesigns.com)

All 2010 Three Flags Classic riders will be given a commemorative tee-shirt. Please include the shirt size you need in the above correspondence. This will insure that you receive the proper size.

We have received questions concerning the format used for posting the route on the Three Flags webpage. The format used is Microsoft Streets & Trips 2010. This format will transfer to a Garmin GPS. Each rider will be provided printed route sheets in their starter pack.

We sincerely hope that these changes will provide you a safe and enjoyable 2010 Three Flags Classic ride.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at:

[huey@ix.netcom.com](mailto:huey@ix.netcom.com) or 760-954-9054.

Sincerely,

Gaylord "Huey" Ward

2010 Three Flags Classic Chairman

# A New Twist!

One extraordinary woman  
and her motorcycle  
are raising money for

Breast  
Cancer Solutions



Non-Profit ID # 33-0765783

**Meet Serena Stewart.** She's a nanny, a bartender and a motorcycle enthusiast. She rides her '06 Harley Davidson Road King a lot. Like around 25,000 miles a year!

**Starting on June 4<sup>th</sup> of this year, Serena is riding from Orange County, California to the four corners of our great country.** Starting in San Clemente, California she will travel south to San Diego, CA, east to Key West, FL, north to Bangor, ME, west to Seattle, WA, and finally south toward home – a very long trip of over 9,200 miles total.

**Did we mention that she will do four to six Iron Butts during her ride?**

**What is an Iron Butt, you ask?** An Iron Butt is a motorcycle ride of 1,000 miles in 24 hours. No easy task! Most people don't even want to be in a car for that long, let alone ride a motorcycle!

**Hence the name of her fundraiser for breast cancer: *The Third Annual Butts for Boobs Ride.***

**You can pledge to donate money to Breast Cancer Solutions for every Iron Butt that Serena does. Or you can pledge an amount per mile. Or you can just make a one-time donation. The point is that you donate!**

**Breast cancer touches all of our lives.** Serena had a grandmother who was a 20-year survivor and has an aunt who is a 12-year survivor. We all know someone who has had breast cancer or someone who *will get* breast cancer. Let's support all those women by cheering on Serena in her cross-country trip and supporting BCS' programs in the process.

**You can even track her progress and learn more about Breast Cancer Solutions on BCS' web site—[www.breastcancersolutions.org](http://www.breastcancersolutions.org)!**

**All money raised will go to Breast Cancer Solutions, a non-profit organization providing financial and other forms of assistance to breast cancer patients in our communities.**

**Call us at 866.960.9222 or visit [www.breastcancersolutions.org](http://www.breastcancersolutions.org) to learn more!**

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**Thank you to our sponsors: Knucklehead's Sports Bar, Our Place, On the Rocks Jewelers, Orange County Harley Davidson, Miller's Auto Care, and The Cigar Lounge in San Clemente.**

## *NEW SCMA FORUM*

The Southern California Motorcycling Association (SCMA) and its associated clubs now have a new communication tool. On June 1, 2010, SCMA's webmaster, Terry Smith, set up a general purpose forum that is linked to the front page of the SCMA website. It will work like the Four Corners and the Three Flags forums. Members can register on the new forum and then have access to reading and posting announcements and comments about SCMA and motorcycling-related issues. SCMA event chairs can easily post announcements about upcoming rides and answer questions. Our associated clubs can post information about their upcoming events as well. I'd also ask our SCMA officers and event chairs to keep an eye out for AMA announcements that we can post on the forum to keep all of our riders up to speed on the larger world of motorcycling.

The Four Corners and Three Flags forums will remain as they are and we will ask everyone to use those forums for those events—exclusively—so that there's no confusion about where to go to find out the latest.

There is also a chairman's corner area and a general area. I'm hoping that these areas can be used for developing new ideas and answering questions of a general nature. What I don't want to do is short circuit the normal and regular communication between event chairs, SCMA board members and the general membership. Most stuff ought to be worked out between the "producer" and the "customer" directly, to the extent possible. Intervention by the chair or by the board on this forum or elsewhere should be kept to a minimum.

I have cc'd many of the people I know in and around SCMA, but the list is not comprehensive by any means. So please pass this along to your club officers.

I urge the SCMA board members, SCMA event and ride chairs, and SCMA-associated clubs to use this new tool often. This will bring life to the forum and give people reason to look to it often for the latest information on what's happening in the SCMA family of clubs.

See you on the road.

**Blake Anderson**

## *ACCESS TO AMA ORGANIZERS WEBSITE*

To the SCMA Executive Board and Key Committee Members,

From time to time we get requests for access to AMA resources like Print and Sign forms, referee reports, accident reports and other forms. There are questions about sanction numbers for rides as well. Here is the link to the front page of the AMA Organizers Website: <http://www.amadirectlink.com/organizers/>

From here you can find the tabs along the top that take you to the various resources.

If you are looking for sanction numbers for our rides you must go to "Event Management". It is password protected. Our user name is our charter number which is 6624. Our password is FT0576. Please don't give this information to just anybody—it ought to be given out on a need-to-know basis.

If you are not familiar with the AMA Organizers Website, I encourage you to explore it to see what they've got that you might be able to use. There are a number of AMA Bulletins that you ought to read to enrich your understanding of the rules of the AMA road under which we are obligated to operate as an AMA-chartered organization conducting AMA-sanctioned events.

Thank you for your extraordinary dedication to SCMA and our community of long-distance riders.



# *25 THINGS ABOUT TO BECOME EXTINCT IN AMERICA*

## **25. U.S. Post Office**

They are pricing themselves out of existence. With e-mail, and on-line services they are a relic of the past. (refer to #9) Packages are also sent faster and cheaper with UPS.

## **24. Yellow Pages**

This year will be pivotal for the global Yellow Pages industry. Much like newspapers, print Yellow Pages will continue to bleed dollars to their various digital counterparts, from Internet Yellow Pages (IYPs), to local search engines and combination search/listing services like Reach Local and Yodel Factors like 20an acceleration of the print 'fade rate' and the looming recession will contribute to the onslaught. One research firm predicts the falloff in usage of newspapers and print Yellow Pages could even reach 10% this year — much higher than the 2%-3% fade rate seen in past years.

## **23. Classified Ads**

The Internet has made so many things obsolete that newspaper classified ads might sound like just another trivial item on a long list. But this is one of those harbingers of the future that could signal the end of civilization as we know it. The argument is that if newspaper classifieds are replaced by free on-line listings at sites like Craigslist.org and Google Base, then newspapers are not far behind them..

## **22. Movie Rental Stores**

While Netflix is looking up at the moment, Blockbuster keeps closing store locations by the hundreds. It still has about 6,000 left across the world, but those keep dwindling and the stock is down considerably in 2008, especially since the company gave up a quest of Circuit City . Movie Gallery, which owned the Hollywood Video brand, closed up shop earlier this year. Countless small video chains and mom-and-pop stores have given up the ghost already.

## **21. Dial-up Internet Access**

Dial-up connections have fallen from 40% in 2001 to 10% in 2008. The combination of an infrastructure to accommodate affordable high speed Internet connections and the disappearing home phone have all but pounded the final nail in the coffin of dial-up Internet access.

## **20. Phone Land Lines**

According to a survey from the National Center for Health Statistics, at the end of 2007, nearly one in six homes was cell-only and, of those homes that had land lines, one in eight only received calls on their cells.

## **19. Chesapeake Bay Blue Crabs**

Maryland 's icon, the blue crab, has been fading away in Chesapeake Bay . Last year Maryland saw the lowest harvest (22 million pounds) since 1945. Just four decades ago the bay produced 96 million pounds. The population is down 70% since 1990, when they first did a formal count. There are only about 120 million crabs in the bay and they think they need 200 million for a sustainable population. Over-fishing, pollution, invasive species and global warming get the blame.

## **18. VCRs**

For the better part of three decades, the VCR was a best-seller and staple in every American household until being completely decimated by the DVD, and now the Digital Video Recorder (DVR). In fact, the only remnants of the VHS age at your local Wal-Mart or Radio Shack are blank VHS tapes these days. Pre-recorded VHS tapes are largely gone and VHS decks are practically nowhere to be found. They served us so well..

## **17. Ash Trees**

In the late 1990's, a pretty, iridescent green species of beetle, now known as the emerald ash borer, hitched a ride to North America with ash wood products imported from eastern Asia . In less than a decade, its larvae have killed millions of trees in the Midwest , and continue to spread. They've killed more than 30 million ash trees in southeastern Michigan alone, with tens of millions more lost in Ohio and Indiana . More than 7.5 billion ash trees are currently at risk.

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## 25 THINGS

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### 16. Ham Radio

Amateur radio operators enjoy personal (and often worldwide) wireless communications with each other and are able to support their communities with emergency and disaster communications if necessary, while increasing their personal knowledge of electronics and radio theory. However, proliferation of the Internet and its popularity among youth has caused the decline of amateur radio. In the past five years alone, the number of people holding active ham radio licenses has dropped by 50,000, even though Morse Code is no longer a requirement.

### 15. The Swimming Hole

Thanks to our litigious society, swimming holes are becoming a thing of the past. '20/20' reports that swimming hole owners, like Robert Every in High Falls, NY, are shutting them down out of worry that if someone gets hurt they'll sue. And that's exactly what happened in Seattle. The city of Bellingham was sued by Katie Hofstetter who was paralyzed in a fall at a popular swimming hole in Whatcom Falls Park. As injuries occur and lawsuits follow, expect more swimming holes to post 'Keep out!' signs.

### 14. Answering Machines

The increasing disappearance of answering machines is directly tied to No 20 our list — the decline of landlines. According to USA Today, the number of homes that only use cell phones jumped 159% between 2004 and 2007. It has been particularly bad in New York; since 2000, landline usage has dropped 55%. It's logical that as cell phones rise, many of them replacing traditional landlines, that there will be fewer answering machines.

### 13. Cameras That Use Film

It doesn't require a statistician to prove the rapid disappearance of the film camera in America. Just look to companies like Nikon, the professional's choice for quality camera equipment. In 2006, it announced that it would stop making film cameras, pointing to the shrinking market — only 3% of its sales in 2005, compared to 75% of sales from digital cameras and equipment.

### 12. Incandescent Bulbs

Before a few years ago, the standard 60-watt (or, yikes, 100-watt) bulb was the mainstay of every U.S. home. With the green movement and all-things-sustainable-energy crowd, the Compact Fluorescent Light bulb (CFL) is largely replacing the older, Edison-era incandescent bulb. The EPA reports that 2007 sales for Energy Star CFLs nearly doubled from 2006, and these sales accounted for approximately 20 percent of the U.S. light bulb market. And according to USA Today, a new energy bill plans to phase out incandescent bulbs in the next four to 12 years.

### 11. Stand-Alone Bowling Alleys

Bowling Balls. US claims there are still 60 million Americans who bowl at least once a year, but many are not bowling in stand-alone bowling alleys. Today most new bowling alleys are part of facilities for all types of recreation including laser tag, go-karts, bumper cars, video game arcades, climbing walls and glow miniature golf. Bowling lanes also have been added to many non-traditional venues such as adult communities, hotels and resorts, and gambling casinos.

### 10. The Milkman

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in 1950, over half of the milk delivered was to the home in quart bottles, by 1963, it was about a third and by 2001, it represented only 0.4% percent. Nowadays most milk is sold through supermarkets in gallon jugs. The steady decline in home-delivered milk is blamed, of course, on the rise of the supermarket, better home refrigeration and longer-lasting milk. Although some milkmen still make the rounds in pockets of the U.S., they are certainly a dying breed.

### 9. Hand-Written Letters

In 2006, the Radicati Group estimated that, worldwide, 183 billion e-mails were sent each day. Two million each second. By November of 2007, an estimated 3.3 billion Earthlings owned cell phones, and 80% of the world's population had access to cell phone coverage. In 2004, half-a-trillion text messages were sent, and the number has no doubt increased exponentially since then. So where amongst this gorge of gabble is there room for the elegant, polite hand-written letter?

### 8. Wild Horses

It is estimated that 100 years ago, as many as two million horses were roaming free within the United States. In 2001,

National Geographic News estimated that the wild horse population has decreased to about 50,000 head. Currently, the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory board states that there are 32,000 free roaming horses in ten Western states, with half of them residing in Nevada. The Bureau of Land Management is seeking to reduce the total number of free range horses to 27,000, possibly by selective euthanasia.

## 7. Personal Checks

According to an American Bankers Assoc. report, a net 23% of consumers plan to decrease their use of checks over the next two years, while a net 14% plan to increase their use of PIN debit. Bill payment remains the last stronghold of paper-based payments — for the time being. Checks continue to be the most commonly used bill payment method, with 71% of consumers paying at least one recurring bill per month by writing a check. However, a bill-by-bill basis, checks account for only 49% of consumers' recurring bill payments (down from 72% in 2001 and 60% in 2003).

## 6. Drive-in Theaters

During the peak in 1958, there were more than 4,000 drive-in theaters in this country, but in 2007 only 405 drive-ins were still operating. Exactly zero new drive-ins have been built since 2005. Only one reopened in 2005 and five reopened in 2006, so there isn't much of a movement toward reviving the closed ones.

## 5. Mumps & Measles

Despite what's been in the news lately, the measles and mumps actually, truly are disappearing from the United States. In 1964, 212,000 cases of mumps were reported in the U.S. By 1983, this figure had dropped to 3,000, thanks to a vigorous vaccination program. Prior to the introduction of the measles vaccine, approximately half a million cases of measles were reported in the U.S. annually, resulting in 450 deaths. In 2005, only 66 cases were recorded.

## 4. Honey Bees

Perhaps nothing on our list of disappearing. America is so dire; plummeting so enormously; and so necessary to the survival of our food supply as the honey bee. Very scary.. 'Colony Collapse Disorder,' or CCD, has spread throughout the U.S. and Europe over the past few years, wiping out 50% to 90% of the colonies of many beekeepers — and along with it, their livelihood.

## 3. News Magazines and TV News

While the TV evening news casts haven't gone anywhere over the last several decades, their audiences have. In 1984, in a story about the diminishing returns of the evening news, the New York Times reported that all three network evening-news programs combined had only 40.9 million viewers. Fast forward to 2008, and what they have today is half that.

## 2. Analog TV

According to the Consumer Electronics Association, 85% of homes in the U.S. get their television programming through cable or satellite providers. For the remaining 15% — or 13 million individuals — who are using rabbit ears or a large outdoor antenna to get their local stations, change is in the air.. If you are one of these people you'll need to get a new TV or a converter box in order to get the new stations which will only be broadcast in = 0 A digital.

## 1. The Family Farm

Since the 1930's, the number of family farms has been declining rapidly. According to the USDA, 5.3 million farms dotted the nation in 1950, but this number had declined to 2.1 million by the 2003 farm census (data from the 2007 census hasn't yet been published).. Ninety-one percent of the U.S. FARMS are small Family Farms.

Interesting and saddening, isn't it?

**QUOTABLE QUOTES: “Be as beneficent as the sun or the sea, but if your rights as a rational being are trenched on, die on the first inch of your territory.”**

— Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803–82), American poet and philosopher

**“We may never have tyrants... but if we should have them, they will seek to accomplish the downfall of free government, not by directly overriding the Constitution, but by using the forms of law to strangle and subvert its spirit.”**

— Charles S. May (1875)

# NCOM BIKER NEWS BYTES

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## INDIANA HARLEY DEALER FIGHTS SUNDAY BIKE SALES BAN

There are some things you can't buy on Sundays in Indiana: alcohol, cars, and motorcycles.

One Hoosier Harley-Davidson dealer thinks this "blue law" against buying motorcycles is ridiculous, and he's teaming up with an Indiana state senator to change it. Mark Forszt owns four Harley dealerships throughout the state and says the law is hurting his business, and that it makes no sense. On Sundays, he's open for business, and he can sell you everything you'd ever need to put a bike together yourself. He just can't actually sell you the bike.

"It's a huge loss to the state in terms of sales tax revenue," said Forszt, who contacted state Senator Ed Charbonneau to address the problem in the legislature, framing the issue as a way to help small business. When you add up all the sales tax, it's also a way to help the state of Indiana, home to some 300 motorcycle dealerships, said Charbonneau. "If every one of those dealerships sold one motorcycle a Sunday, or even one a month, that's a pretty sizable infusion of cash into the state coffers," Senator Charbonneau told local NBC-affiliate WNDU.

The bill to change the law has been drafted and filed, but until something changes, the Sunday choices in this store will be limited. What dealers like Forszt complain about is you could sell a bike through a newspaper, Craigslist, or eBay on Sunday, but in a store it's illegal. It is currently a class D misdemeanor to sell a motorcycle on Sunday.

## WISCONSIN BILLS WOULD HONOR HARLEY-DAVIDSON

A bill has been introduced in the Wisconsin state legislature to create a special license plate commemorating Harley-Davidson, the iconic Milwaukee motorcycle manufacturer.

The legislation would authorize the creation of an automobile license plate available for purchase that would include Harley-Davidson's trademark bar and shield logo and the message "Share the Road."

Available for cars and trucks registered in Wisconsin, the revenue collected by the Department of Transportation from the specialty plate sales would be used for conducting public workshops on motorcycle safety; evaluating basic rider education courses; creating transportation messages at motorcycle rallies; providing funds for motorcycle-related safety and training programs; and grants to providers of motorcycle safety training courses.

"Motorcycling is a huge part of Wisconsin's culture and plays a big role in our state's economy," state Rep. Jim Sullivan told The Business Journal of Milwaukee upon introducing the measure. "This license plate helps us protect that heritage and promote sharing the road safely with all drivers."

The goal is to have the plate ready by May 2010, which is motorcycle safety month in most states.

Wisconsin lawmakers are also currently considering legislation declaring Harley-Davidson the state's official motorcycle, similar to recognizing a state bird or flower.

## AFRICANS IMPOUND THOUSANDS OF MOTORCYCLES FOR LACK OF HELMETS

Lagos State Sector Command authorities in this Nigerian city reportedly impounded 21,300 motorcycles last year because of failure of the motorcyclists to wear crash helmets.

Public Education Officer, Mrs Ijeoma Nwachi, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Lagos that the command has intensified enforcement on the usage of crash helmets in the state. The public education officer also said that the command had confiscated 3,500 substandard helmets since January 2009. She said wearing of crash helmets by motorcyclists and their passengers was in line with section 41(1) (e) of the National Road Traffic Regulations, 2004.

Nwachi also said that overloading with passengers is a serious issue, and added that many motorcyclists were in the habit of riding without side mirrors. "Riding without side mirror is an offence under section 41(1)(p) of the Nation Road Traffic Regulations 2004, which states that all motorcycles shall be equipped with two rear view mirrors," she said.

## PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO LET MICHIGAN RIDERS BUY PERMITS TO RIDE HELMETLESS

Motorcyclists in Michigan would be able to buy a permit to ride without a helmet if a newly-introduced bill becomes law.

It would apply to riders who are 21 years or older, have been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least two years

or completed a safety class, and have at least \$20,000 in health insurance. The \$100-a-year permit would make helmets optional. Any passenger over 21 years riding with a permit holder wouldn't need a helmet.

State Representative Richard LeBlanc (D-Westland) said wearing a helmet should be a personal choice. LeBlanc told Capitol News Service of the Macomb Daily newspaper that he's been involved with the issue since the 1970s when he started riding a motorcycle, adding that he introduced the bill because he believes that wearing a helmet should be a personal choice.

The bill is pending in the House Committee on Regulatory Reform, though ABATE of Michigan reportedly does not support the legislation and is dedicated to working with their new governor to repeal the existing helmet law with no fees, additional insurance or stickers.

Michigan riders, spearheaded by ABATE and the Confederation of Clubs of Michigan, succeeded in passing helmet repeal legislation twice since 2006 only to have both bills vetoed by outgoing Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

## **MILLIONS IN INSURANCE OVERCHARGES DUE TO MASSACHUSETTS MOTORCYCLISTS**

Massachusetts insurance companies have overcharged consumers on premiums by overstating and failing to depreciate motorcycle values.

Attorney General Martha Coakley's Office entered into settlements with several insurance companies resolving allegations that they overcharged consumers for motorcycle insurance by using incorrect motorcycle values to calculate premiums. The settlements, which return \$11.1 million to consumers, stem from an investigation spurred by consumer complaints and ongoing lobbying efforts by the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (MMA).

Investigators found that insurers were not adjusting motorcycle values for their steady depreciation over time and instead were using the same value for a bike for several consecutive years to gauge premium levels.

"The settlements cover alleged overcharges going back to 2002 and require the insurers to pay 6 percent interest to consumers on the alleged overcharges," reports the MMA in a prepared statement. "Average refunds to consumers are anticipated to be approximately \$300 with some consumers receiving thousands of dollars. Tens of thousands of policies are believed to have been affected."

Motorcyclists praised the settlements, but warned that a number of other insurance companies also evaluated motorcycles incorrectly.

Betsy Lister, a politically-active insurance agent who rides a motorcycle, told the Enterprise News that motorcyclists have repeatedly raised this issue with the state Division of Insurance and the attorney general's office. "They've been doing it going back to the early 2000s," Lister said of the insurers' overcharges. "This is something we've been fighting for years."

## **EUROPE SLAPPING RICH DRIVERS WITH MASSIVE TRAFFIC FINES**

European countries are increasingly pegging speeding fines to income as a way to punish wealthy scofflaws who would otherwise ignore tickets. Advocates say a \$290,000 (euro 203,180.83) speeding ticket slapped on a millionaire Ferrari driver in Switzerland was a fair and well-deserved example of the trend.

Germany, France, Austria and the Nordic countries also issue punishments based on a person's wealth. In Germany the maximum fine can be as much as \$16 million compared to only \$1 million in Switzerland. A Frenchman was fined 70,000 francs after being caught on a highway doing 151 miles (243 kilometers) an hour. Only Finland regularly hands out similarly hefty fines to speeding drivers, with the current record believed to be a euro170,000 (then about \$190,000) ticket in 2004.

The Swiss court appeared to set a new world record when it levied the nearly quarter million dollar fine in November, describing the speeder as a "traffic thug" in their verdict as they took into account his prior traffic record as well as his \$20 million in personal wealth. Swiss voters approved a 2007 penal law overhaul that let judges hand down fines based on personal income and wealth for moderate misdemeanors including excessive speeding and drunk driving.

The nationalist Swiss People's Party wants to reverse the 2007 penal code changes, saying the current law could lead to "ridiculously low" penalties without any possibility of jail time for poor people who are caught driving drunk or speeding.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** *"There is good news from Washington today. The Congress is dead-locked and can't act."* — Will Rogers (1879-1935) American humorist

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