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Riders tell their stories of the Four Corners
and Three Flags Classic Rides

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

✓ Marks Travelers Events

OCTOBER

- 9 & 10 ✓ SCMA Grand Tour Victorville
760-508-7819 / 714-801-3931
- 16 SCMA General Sunland
Membership Meeting 9-11 am
Angeles National Golf Club
9401 Foothill Blvd.
714-801-3931
- 24 ✓ SCMA Cemetery Run San Juan Capistrano
714-801-3931
- 31 SCMA Cemetery Run (Rain Date)

NOVEMBER

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Angeles National Golf Club
9401 Foothill Blvd.
714-801-3931
- 14 ✓ SCMA Turkey Run Fullerton
Start: Fullerton Harley Davidson
310-387-3974
- 21 SCMA Turkey Run (Rain Date)



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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 —

Blake Anderson 714-801-3931

EDITOR'S CORNER

Well here I am again, WOW, what a month I have had. It started out looking like I would not be able to make it to Tucson to help with the Three Flags finish but as it turned out I was able to be there.

Sunday morning at about 7:30 a.m. we left Murrieta knowing we had at least a 7 or 8 hour drive ahead of us. We, being Kenn & Phyllis Hatke and I. It was a very pleasant trip and we arrived at the Double Tree around 4 p.m. We got our rooms, unpacked and relaxed the rest of the day. Kenn located Camille (Gaylord's wife) and set a time to start unloading all the promo items and riders gifts that Camille had brought down in a trailer. Once everyone had settled on the way to set up the finish room it was no time before we had everything out of the boxes, set up, ready to head out with ease when the riders started checking in on Tuesday afternoon. There were quite a few finishers there on Monday just relaxing and having a good time, waiting until the finish opened on Tuesday noon. After the first rush of riders, things slowed down to a crawl as they usually do. We have a great crew of volunteers working the better part of the whole afternoon and part of the evening Tuesday.

Wednesday people went out and about and come 6 p.m. the lobby where the goodies were given away started to build up with all the finishers. I don't know if they will have the statistic in this months newsletter or not but I will try to get them in next months for sure if they don't.

I would like to personally thank the SCMA E Board and the Three Flags Classic committee for inviting me to the finish. Unfortunately I have suffered a loss of income recently and it has really made a difference in my life style. I am truly thankful for their support in making attending the finish doable. During the evening of giving away the gifts and such Gaylord handed over the podium to Blake and you could have blown me over with a feather when I was presented with a beautiful plaque, not your normal plaque, it is a "collage" encased in acrylic. Has some nice tributes from Jo Ann Gamble, Max and Clairce Marker, Holley Harrison and several others. Pictures of me with some previous Three Flags committee people, some of our ride logos, you have to see it, fantastic. Rich Vencill and Joe Mandeville both had kind words to say about me, thank you guys. I am truly honored by the response of the riders I was given and promised that I would continue to do my best for SCMA, all their events as long as God granted me the ability to do so. I have been a member since 1976, membership number is 9124 and the memories from these years are priceless. The friends I have made along the way and still see every once and awhile, the friends that have gone on before me will live in my heart and soul forever. It is hard to express how I feel about so many of you who have touched my life in so many ways. I thank all of you for the gift of friendship and the support you have given me and the association for so many years. I would like to thank Blake Anderson especially since I hear he spearheaded this award. Thank you for your respect and friendship Blake.

We have the Grand Tour, Wacky Wrabbit ride, Cemetery Run and Turkey Ride left this year. We are starting to build next years calendar, I have not heard much about it yet but will probably start getting information in order to create the ride calendar for the year. I am hoping that the clubs continue to support the SCMA and put on at least one ride each. I know the E Board is giving a lot of thought to how many rides they want to try and do next year. We are running out of volunteers, makes it very hard to do events without them.

How many of you want to do a brunch for the Sweetheart ride. I have not heard from any of you out there and I have to start making plans where to end the event in order to have a nice ending to the event. I am sure some of you gentlemen would like taking your ladies to a nice place for an enjoyable afternoon brunch, better than hot dogs and chili, you think? You have to let me know before the end of the year or we will not be able to book a decent place. The Sweetheart ride is on February 13th, next year. Get with it you guys.

Well that is all for now, keep the sunny side up the rubber side down, love to all,

**Your Editor,
Jan Staws**



2010 Grand Tour

October 9-10

Entry Fee
 \$15 Member
 \$20 non-
 members

Entry Form

Rider _____
 Passenger _____
 Address: _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____
 Alternate phone _____
 SCMA or AMA number _____
 SCMA or AMA number _____

Complete entry form & mail with
 check or money order made payable
 to SCMA to:

Logan Olds | PO BOX 400771 |
 Hesperia CA 92340

MAIL IN DEADLINE IS

October 1st, 2010

For more information call

760-985-7660 or 760 985-2787

Email: eevee642@aol.com

**START: Molly Browns Café 16575
 Smoke Tree St, Hesperia, CA 92345**

Registration: 6am – 8am

RIDE INFORMATION

Day One: Hesperia - Joshua Tree N.P. -

Salton Sea - Glamis to Blythe.

Day Two: Blythe – Laughlin – Kelso

Depot (finish)

SCMA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Angeles National Golf Course, Sunland • September 11, 2010, 9 a.m.

Officer Reports and Other Standing Reports

Chair's Report – Blake Anderson

Call to Order

Welcome to visitors and new members

Comments from the Chair

Recording Secretary Report – Dennis Even

Approval of July and August Minutes

Vice Chair's Report – Gaylord "Huey" Ward

Treasurer's Report – David Johnson

Correspondence Secretary and Membership Chair's Report – Sally Bishop

Referee and Risk Manager's Report – Joe Mandeville

Newsletter Editor's Report – Jan Staws

DLO Report – Ken Baumgarth

Sunshine Report – Open discussion

Associated Club Reports

AVR – Antelope Valley Riders

BMWSC – BMW Club of Southern California

MTA – Motorcycling Tour Association, Chapter 3

PMC – Pasadena Motorcycle Club

SRR – Shamrock Road Riders

Victor McLaglen Motor Corps

11. SCMA Ride and Activity Reports

SCMA Four Corners – David Johnson

Three Flags Classic, 2010 – Huey Ward

Three Flags Classic, 2011—Joe Mandeville

Travelers Award – Dannie Fox

California Adventure Series – Mitch Friedman, Logan Olds, Cheryl Olds

Old Pin Ride, August 15 – Mitch Friedman or Jan Staws

Grand Tour, October 9-10 – Logan Olds

Cemetery Tour, October 24 – Blake Anderson

Turkey Ride, November 14 – Jan Staws

Old Business

12. Data base for SCMA – Dennis Even, Bill Allen, David Johnson

New Business

13. Board meeting report

2011 Riding Calendar and Need for Coordination

2011 Triple Crown Banquet, January 29

Distribution of insurance costs between SCMA accounts

14. Items added to the agenda by board members

15. Membership communication

Other Business

16. 50/50 Drawing

17. Adjourn Meeting to October 15, 2010 (the THIRD Thursday of the month) at 9 AM at the Angeles National Golf Course



SCMA 2010 CEMETERY TOUR



Traveler's
Award

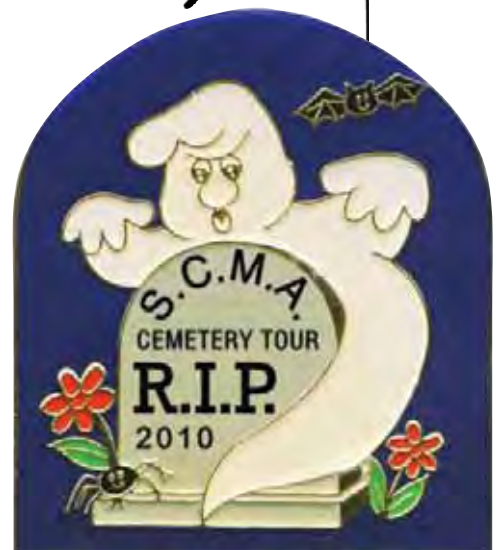


Sanctioned Ride

Sunday • October 24
Sign In: 7-9 a.m. at

Entry Fee
(Includes all discounts)
SCMA Members
\$15
Non-SCMA Members
\$20
\$5.00 food coupon
at start
(Good until 3 p.m.)

Start: Bravo Burgers
31722 Rancho Viejo Rd.
San Juan Capistrano
949-487-2728
Finish: San Luis Rey
Mission



For information call 714-801-3930 or 310-387-3974
Complete entry form & mail with check or money order made payable to SCMA to:
Jan Staws, 1959 Gale Ave., Long Beach, CA 90810
MAIL IN DEADLINE: October 15, 2010

Rider

Passenger

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ ZIP _____

City _____ State ____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____

Telephone _____

SCMA or AMA number _____

SCMA or AMA number _____

Date: October 2, 2010
 Rain Date: October 16, 2010

Time: Start 9:00 AM Finish by: 3:00 PM

A fun endurance type rally but WITHOUT the endurance part. An easy day ride.

Rally Masters: Chris Ogden
 Robert Lamishaw
 email: rallymaster@bmwosc.com
 Web site: www.bmwosc.com/

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- ◆ Discounts: AMA member: -\$2.50
 SCMA member or member of
 affiliated club: -\$2.50
- ◆ All Major Credit Cards Accepted
- ◆ No refunds after September 15, 2010
- ◆ Preregistration is mandatory. No registration on the day of the event.
- ◆ Rally packs will be emailed one week prior to rally
- ◆ Registration forms and FAQ available on-line and for download at www.bmwosc.com



Southern California Motorcycling Association

Turkey Run 2010

Sunday, November 14

Hi/Lo Hand Poker Run



Traveler's Award



Sanctioned Ride

Start:
Fullerton Harley Davidson
Sign-in time 8-10 a.m. Coffee & donuts at the start.

Entry Fee (Price includes all discounts)

SCMA Members — \$10

Non-SCMA Members — \$15

Call 310-387-3974 for more details

Mail Pre-Entry to Jan Staws - 1959 Gale Ave., Long Beach, CA 90810 by November 7, 2009

Name _____ AMA # _____ SCMA # _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ ZP _____

Phone _____ Club _____ Passenger _____

Signature _____ E-Mail _____

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

JULY/AUGUST 2010

INCOME:
NEW MEMBERS:

REGULAR:	11@\$25.00	\$275.00
NEWSLETTER:	5@\$45.00	\$225.00

RENEWALS:

REGULAR:	35@\$25.00	\$875.00
NEWSLETTER:	19@\$45/00	\$855.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$2230.00
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THREE FLAGS CLASSIC REPORT

By Ray Davis

Sorry everyone, but I will not be able to do Three Flags Classic reports this year. I am typing on my Laptop but it is nearly impossible to read anything on the screen because all the letters in every work are double and after about 10 minutes of looking at this screen I thought I was going blind. Nothing we tried seems to cure it. I guess all of that weight on top of it in the big box on the back of Casper was to much weight on it.

We did make it about 1200 miles Tuesday (yesterday) to Bozeman MT at about 5 p.m. Pacific time. Today we left Bozeman in a light rain at 5:30 a.m. and hit many small shows all day. It never got warmer then 64 all day. We came only about 650 miles today and got here to the Ramada Inn in Bozeman at about 4pm. All times are Pacific times, but we are now in the Mountain standard time zone.

We thought we were getting here ahead of the crowd by getting here a day early, but when we pulled up to the Ramada Inn Regina we were met by at least a dozen biker in front and many, many more when we went in to register. So much for planning ahead.

We also came across some very bad construction zones that were all dirt, but thank goodness it was dry at those spots. If we have to go back that way and it is raining Friday morning it is going to be hell. We are going to look for a way around it. The problem is that both roads that go South from Regina SK. both have long areas of construction, one with a 6 mile stretch.

Tomorrow we get to rest and sign in for the Friday morning 5am start of the 2010 SCMA 3 Flags Classic. I hope that when you read this it is not as hard to read as it is for me to type.

Now I wish I had brought the Toshiba Net Book.

God Bless one and all.

73 Ray KD6FHN
From Regina SK, Canada

Grand Tour 2010 Hotel/Dinner Plan

America's Best Value Inn - Saturday October 9th
Blythe, CA

Phone Number 760-922-5145

Mention SCMA Room Block

Rate \$54 plus tax for single queen/king room

Rate \$65 plus tax for double queen room

Dinner at Sizzler across the street at 7pm

Cemetery Tour October 24

The 2010 Cemetery Tour is set for October 24. We will start in San Juan Capistrano at Bravo Burgers at 31722 Rancho Viejo just off Ortega Highway and 1/2 mile east of the I-5 Freeway. We'll visit 7 cemeteries, ending at the Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside. The route will take us over Ortega Highway and then through the back roads of Riverside and San Diego Counties. We'll visit historic public and mission cemeteries where the famous and not so famous are resting. It's about 150 miles of great riding. Plan for an early breakfast at Bravo Burgers with the rest of us or grab a bite at one of the great roadside joints along the way. Registration opens at 7 a.m.

Questions? Call Blake Anderson at (714) 801-3931.



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Three Flags Classic to PENTICTON, B.C., CANADA

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A SPECIAL FEATURE FOR 2011

The SCMA Board of Directors have agreed in principle to overlaying our conventional Three Flags Classic route and check points with an Iron Butt Border-to-Border ride. The working concept is that the TFC start, check points and finish would operate as normal but would also double as check points for the Iron Butt event running in parallel to ours. Arrangements for the two rides including number of riders, ticket drawing protocols, starting and ending hotels, banquet arrangements and other details will be worked out between now and the fall of 2010.

EVENT DATE	: Sept. 2 - Sept. 5, 2011	MAIL DEADLINE	: Post Marked January 15, 2011
START	: Tijuana, B.C., Mexico	ENTRY DETAILS	: Max. Two Entries per envelope One Entry per person Must be a SCMA member
ENTRY FEE	: \$300.00 (U.S. Funds only)	MAIL ENTRIES TO	: Three Flags Classic P.O. Box 92496 Long Beach, CA 90809
DRAWING DATE	: January 29, 2011 12:00pm		
DRAWING LOCATION	: To Be Determined		

More details will follow in mailers, flyers, Newsletters, magazines and the website.

WEB SITE INFORMATION: SCMA : [www.sc-ma.com / motorcycle runs / 3 flags classic](http://www.sc-ma.com/motorcycle%20runs/3%20flags%20classic)
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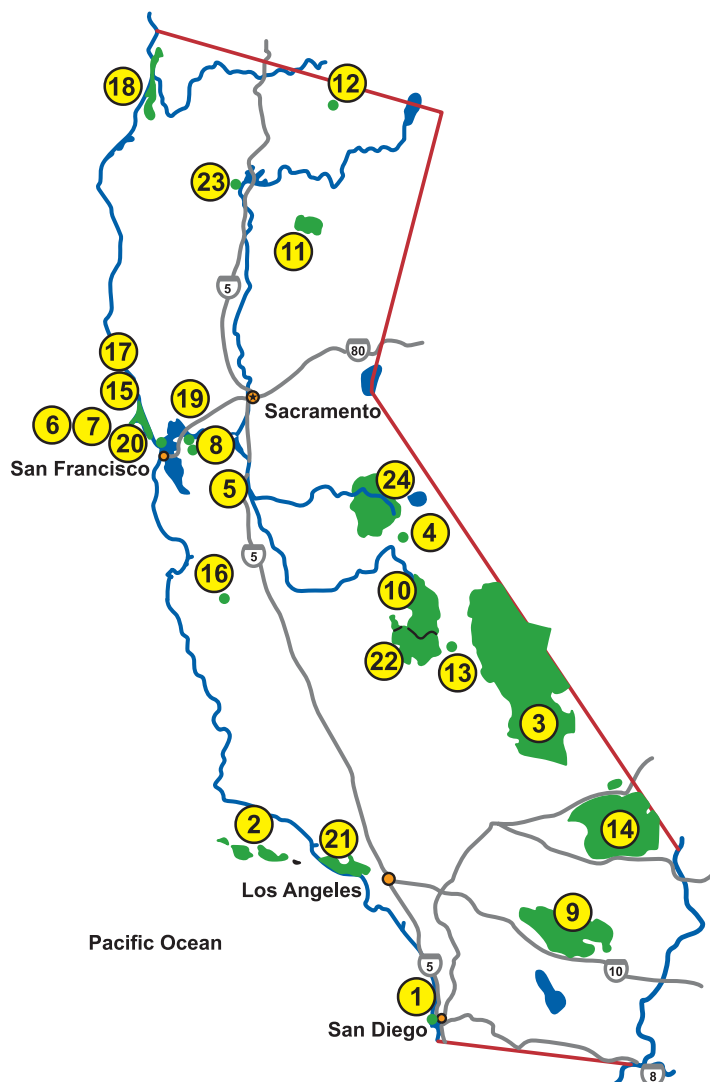




SCMA's California Parks Adventure

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
Email us at: Mitcho399@gmail.com

SCMA's California Parks Adventure

\$ 60.00 Non-Members

\$ 50 for SCMA members

Please print clearly

SCMA # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Please make checks payable to: **SCMA Park's Adventure**
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Beverly Hills, CA 90211

SCMA's California Parks Adventure

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FOUR CORNERS RIDE 2010

by Dannie Fox
(Part one)

July 13 has finally arrived. After all the planning and packing and forgetting stuff and driving my wife nuts, it is now time to point the Gold Wing south toward San Ysidro and the starting point for my version of the Four Corners Tour 2010. I can't believe it has been almost a year since Dennis Even and I did the Four Corners in 2009. What a great ride that was, with a great riding partner. Mister Maps (Dennis Even) did find a very clever way around the big cities on the east coast and a very scenic route it was to. And yes I will still incorporate some of that route into this year's tour.

It is 3 p.m. as I point the Wings front tire down the drive way and head south. All is well although there seems to be a lot more traffic than I thought there would be with the recession going on and all. AND THEN WE CAME TO THE 405. They don't call the 405 the world's largest parking lot for nothing, but I will come to eat those words in New York on I-95 at rush hour. I was a good boy until a motor unit went by me splitting lanes and I just dropped right in behind him. Officer on a Harley and myself on the Gold Wing, we split lanes all the way to where the 405 meets I-5. More than once both mirrors were under the mirrors of the vehicles beside me. CLOSE, but we made it. I made it to the Post Office in San Ysidro just before dark and took a picture of the bike next to the big cement sign stating, US POST OFFICE, SAN YSIDRO, CALIFORNIA. Then up to Coco's Restaurant for something to eat and a telephone number. Ever notice the look on the waitress face when she comes up to wait on you and you tell her that you will have a Pepsi and your telephone number. Hey she was cute, but I had to talk my way out of that one real quick. Anyway she opened her cell phone and gave me the restaurant phone number and after eating I found the number on the check. OH WELL, off to Best Western and a good night's sleep. Up the next morning and over to the Arco Station for fuel and that precious receipt. Down to the Post Office and an 8:30 am opening time. Filled out the paper work and included both the restaurant and gas station receipt in the envelope. Being the third person in line gets you in and out fast. Seems the post office lady knew exactly why I was there after she saw the envelope and wished me a safe trip. Nice. North on I-805, I-5, and I-405, and I-101 and home where I repaired the volt meter sticky stuff that holds it on. I guess three almost four years of water and wear and tear finally took its toll. New sticky stuff in place and North we go toward Harris Ranch for some more of that Angus Beef. YUM, YUM. Three hours later and a lot of twisties on Hwy. 198 and we are checked in and consuming dinner. Oh it hurts so good.

Time to drag out the lap top and put this down on paper. The one thing that did surprise me was that while typing this narrative a cock roach dropped down from a ceiling lamp and landed right on the key board of this lap top. After finally coming down from the ceiling myself I brushed him off the lap top and threw him off the balcony. YUCK. I looked up and there was another one in the light. Maybe time to see what they say at the front desk.

Miles today: 490 (7-14-10)

July 15

While packing up at Harris Ranch a thought came to mind about Medford, OR. and peach pie. Remember the pie Dennis Even and I shared from Roosters in Medford? Well anyway I placed a call to Jim at Roosters, and yes they are open today until 8:00 pm and yes peach pie is in season. Threw the rest of the stuff at the bike (hope I didn't forget anything) and away I went. I pulled into Medford, OR. about 3:00 pm. Checked into the Best Western on Barnett Rd just down the road from Rooster's. By 3:30 I was consuming a healthy portion of Meat Loaf and a large piece of Peach Pie. Oh did I tell you about the piece of pie I took back to the room to eat later? NO! Well I just did.

Miles today: 580 (7-15-10)

July 16

I packed the bike for the run to Blaine, WA. . More like a crawl from below Tacoma, WA to above Everett, WA. Elvira of the Black Box (GPS) said I was suppose to arrive in Bellingham, WA. by 3:30 pm. I didn't get to the B/W until almost 8:00pm. And I thought the traffic on the I-405 was bad. WOW. Got unpacked and went to use the facilities and the water tank on the back fell off. Thank God nothing broke and I shut the water off. Let's say I got a new room.

Miles today: 559 (7-16-10)

Up bright and early! I have to meet Eleanor Stevens at 6 a.m. at the Hill Chevron in Blaine, WA. Drove around the last traffic circle and there she was with her bright yellow jacket on. We waited just a few minutes for the attendant to open up. We received our gas receipt and a business card, which we placed in the envelope along with the Blaine Corner paper work. We rode down to the post office for our pictures and the placement of the revered envelope into the mail slot.

South on I-5 (through the morning fog) we rode until we reached highway 20. Yes we were going to play in the Cascades for awhile. Nice curves. Lots of snow and Eleanor liked the switch backs. Lunch at The Duck and down into the heat. We picked up I-90 East at Spokane, WA. and we made a dash for Missoula, MT. Lots of people on vacation this year and they are using the car instead of flying. Eleanor and I had to go to four different hotels before we found one that had a room. Miles today: 599 (7-17-10)

July 18

We were up at dawn for a "biscuit" and coffee before we headed east again on I-90. That number will be burned into our brain before we reach Albany, NY. The higher the sun was in the sky the hotter it got. Remember the dog lying on the ice? Well that was us. Lots of bikes out on the highway and most were NOT going to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Also there was a Blue Knight Rally in Billings, MT that had all the restaurants full. We finally got served breakfast at J and D's truck stop. There were still a lot of motorcycles in the parking lot enjoying the rally. We blew through Sturgis and Rapid City and on to Wall, SD. for a gas and a pick me up stop. By now the wind has picked up considerably and the thunder heads are forming to the south. More throttle was called for and we rolled into Murdo, SD. at about 10:30 p.m. where we collected our reservation from the Best Western. We made a dash across the highway for dinner (pizza brought back to the room) and then into bed. About 2:04 a.m. someone set off a Nuclear Device right over the motel. A thunder head settled over the town and pounded it for the next four hours. The thunder and lightning even set off the car alarms in the motel parking lot. All I heard was a loud bang-boom and the receiver for the bike alarm started crawling across the night stand. I thought WHAT THE HELL IS THIS then the whole room lit up like a search light had been turned on outside. This went on till morning. Lots of rain and Eleanor was proud that her bike got it's yearly bath early this season.

Miles today: 890 "whew" (7-18-10)

July 19

We'll we packed, dried off the bikes, gassed up and headed east on I-90 again with a wary eye on the clouds. I like 75mph speed limits. You can really make time. At Hwy I-35 in Minnesota, we turned south toward Iowa City, Iowa where we will spend the night. Sure was nice to turn into the wind so to speak as the side winds today were bad. Those large flags you see in gas stations were sticking straight out with no sag. We had to push everything back to the other side of the bags so the bikes would track straight. It is time to put this and me to bed. Tomorrow, Albany, NY.

Miles today: 607 (7-19-10)

July 20

Up out of bed at the crack of dawn and I was looking outside to see if it was raining yet. Funny looking sky from a California boy's perspective. By the time we packed and headed east on I-80 there was a light mist falling. It continued to rain until we crossed the Mississippi River on I-280 around Davenport, Iowa, as a detour because I-80 was down to one lane across the bridge on the Mississippi River. We passed a couple on a new BMW LT. Later on down the road they caught up to us at a toll road gas stop. They couldn't figure out how they caught up to Eleanor and myself. I told them it was a breakfast stop. I fill the bike and then I fill myself. After that it was gas and go all day on I-90 east until we rolled into Utica, NY. at 1 a.m. (eastern time). Thank God for reservations. Seems the whole East coast is taking a driving vacation instead of flying to a destination this year. So at about 2:00am we finally got to bed with the alarm set for a rather late wake up. For dinner I had a chocolate chip cookie and Eleanor had a Peanut Butter Granola crunchy bar.

Miles today: 984 (7-20-10)

July 21

After a rather late wakeup call we proceeded to clean up and head for the breakfast bar. Fruit, toast, coffee, cereal, and more coffee was the order of the day. We packed the bikes (I hate second floor rooms without an elevator) (my knees are not what they used to be) and headed east on I-90 again to Albany, NY, where we headed north on I-87 for a few miles and took off ramp #7 and state hwy 7 east toward Vermont where 7 became hwy 9. We drove through Keene, NH which is the home of a previous Three Flags Rider known by everyone as Doc Eads. We did not have time to stop this time, but Doc I promise I will stop in on the way back through when I do my second leg of this year's Four Corners. On to Hwy 101 east all the way to I-95 where we were again robbed by the toll road bandits (booths). North on I-95 it was looking good until we got to Freeport, ME and the clouds crashed to the ground with the thunder showers we had been dodging all day caught up to us. The first motel was already booked, but the nice lady behind the desk gave us a list of the motels in the area that still had rooms along with the phone numbers, the prices, and she let us use their phone to make the reservation. I would highly recommend Hampton Court Inns in Freeport, ME. Of course it was pouring rain as we drove to our nights digs. Pulled up to the Super 8 and bailed into the lobby where I apologized for the water on the floor. Still raining hard while unloading the bikes and rained even harder while we watched from the room. After that pizza party in Murdo, SD. we were not interested in another pizza dinner, but we were even less interested in riding to a restaurant for dinner in

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the down pour going on outside. Eleanor to the rescue by finding an advertisement placard in the room for Antonia's Bar and Grill. Hey Italian food sounded good tonight. So the call was made and within 30 minutes dinner was at our room door, good and hot. We stuffed ourselves with Spaghetti, and Lasagna while watching the Weather Channel tell us it was raining cats and dogs outside. DUH! Like we didn't know that. Anyway after a very satisfying meal we did drag out the Dell and put this to paper as they use to say in the early news paper days. Now it is time to clean up and go to bed. Weather is suppose to be nice for the next two days and we need to be way south by then.

Miles today: 310 (7-21-10)

July 22

Up at the crack of dawn, throw stuff at the bikes while eating breakfast and head north on I-295 again. At least it is not raining this morning. We eventually blend into I-95 and proceed up to Hwy. 11 north, but decide to continue on to Hwy 1 as it is raining to the north of us and the sky is lighter the way we are going. As we found out later that was a false promise. We turned onto Hwy 1 and a few miles down the road there is a sign that says Madawaska Four Corners Park 100 miles; so we stopped to take the necessary pictures and top off the tanks so we would have room to buy gas and get our receipts in Madawaska, ME. Well that rain we had been dodging all morning long has finally caught up to us. And to make it even worse we were stuck behind a logging truck and couldn't pass because of the many small towns spaced about one mile apart. When we did get by Mr. Logger our bikes looked liked rolling balls of mud. Well so much for the wash job. On we drove to Madawaska and our next check. We pulled up to the Gulf station where a lady was standing outside the office smoking a cigarette and hollered at us "are you guys doing Four Corners? YES! So we pumped our gas and she had our receipts ready before we even went inside to pay. Next we went up to Marty's Motel for a phone number and our Certificate from the Governor of Maine declaring we had reached Madawaska, Me one of the Four Corners of the United States. Then down to the post office where we ran into another Four Corner's rider taking pictures in front of the post office. We swapped lies and stories about our rides, when a lady came up and introduced herself as the wife of the person who carves the pavers for the park. WOW. So she grabs all our cameras and starts taking our pictures with us in them. Into the post office and a nice lady behind the counter gave me a piece of scotch tape as in my excitement and being tired I licked the envelope after tearing off the paper strip over the self sealing envelope and it wouldn't stay closed. So the nice postal lady hand canceled our envelopes and off to Lake Side motel (thanks Randy) where we met some wonderful people. The owners were off climbing a mountain; so I did not get to meet them, but they did the Four Corners in 2008. Well maybe next time. Miles today: 467 (7-22-10)

July 23

Up with the sun (yeah right) and the view across the lake was breath taking. Knocked the bugs off the bikes, ate breakfast, and away we go. Asked about reservations in two weeks for here, but looks iffy. So into Fort Kent we go and south on Hwy. 11. In my humble opinion this is the way to come and go into Madawaska. Not as much traffic and definility not as many towns. South we went toward I-95 except for a little road construction (not bad) and someone using a large saw cutting a line down the middle of the road (this is a few miles past the construction) and a water truck washing everything down. Man what a mess. The mud was every where. On the bikes, our coats, and even on our helmets. I-95 South is in sight now and yes you guessed it, I was not paying full attention to Elvira and heard her say turn right and I turned right. The part I didn't hear was in 500 feet. So Eleanor and I got a scenic tour of hwy 11 for a few miles. Finally realized the errors of my ways and turned around and drove back to hwy 158 which connects hwy 11 with I-95. Along the way we passed three ladies out for a walk (exercise) and got a friendly wave as we sailed by and I took their picture. Yes they were cute. Finally back on I-95 and time to kick in the WARP DRIVE. Nice weather(which wouldn't last) for the drive south and we let Elvira take the lead. Down I-95 until we turned off at I-495 to by pass Boston and on to Albany, NY. Asked the lady at a toll booth if there was a B/W close by and she directed me toward Troy, NY where a new B/W was just opened. And yes we got lost and we ended back up at the same toll booth with the same attendant with that expression on her face that says what are you doing here again. So with more instructions (stay on the road to Buffalo) and 16 miles later we found our turn off to I-88 west and were on our way to Cobleskill, NY. Checked in at the B/W and it was time to look for dinner. Not much to choose from at 10:00 pm at night; so we rounded up some local farm animals at the local Subway and that was dinner for tonight. Back up to the room where we viewed the bible of the traveler, The Weather Channel. It will be HOT, HOT, HOT tomorrow. Miles Today (695) 7/23/10

July 24

We drove west on I-88 for about 80 miles and then we connected with I-81 South and headed for Roanoke, VA, and our overnight stay. Part way there we came across a motorcycle accident involving a Harley Davidson, pulling a trailer, that was in the center divider, and both units were still on their wheels. But as we approached the accident scene two ambulances

pulled away from the site with lights and sirens on. Not good, as Virginia does not have a helmet law. The road way going north is at least 500 ft above the south bound lanes. Couldn't tell what happened, as the bike did not appear to have much damage except to the trunk lid area. From the gouges in the grass it appeared that the bike came down from the north bound lanes and ended up next to the south bound lanes. So sad. On south we went and into the heat. 106 degrees the temp gage read on the Wing. Lots of water stops and at one fuel stop in Racine, VA. I watched a couple lose money to Elvis in one of those machines that takes your quarter and pushes other quarters off a shelf for you to win. I asked who was winning and the guy said Elvis. So I wished them luck and down the road to Roanoke. Found our B/W and did the same mistake again as last year and had to take a detour to the motel. They need to take that Valley View sign that is actually 700 ft. past the turn off and move it. We got our room and now what to eat. Olive Garden sounds good and we passed one on the way in. Left Eleanor's bike to cover the parking space and off on the Wing to eat dinner. Wow this place is packed. How about a to go order? Yes! In 15 minutes we are on our way out past the crowd in the lobby and out the door. Yum good food, up date this story and time for bed. Tomorrow is another day. Reservations for tomorrow night at St. Augustine, FL. Time to turn out the lights.

Miles today: 453 (7-24-10)

July 25

On to St. Augustine, FL. Up with the sun (yeah right) Eleanor and I got our stuff together and went down the hall to breakfast. They had biscuits and gravy which I dearly love as it sticks to your ribs. After breakfast we finished loading the bikes while we talked to a few Harley riders that were just getting ready to leave. It was 86 degrees at 9 a.m. and already hot. One of Harley guys complained about how hot it was to go riding even this time of the morning. Back out on I-81 south for the next 60 miles until we turn south on I-77. And HOT is the word for the day. So for the next 230 miles we were gas, cold water, and go. We did meet a local road captain as he wanted to know how my cool vest was working in this heat. Ok I said until it dries out. Which only takes a few minutes. I gave him one of my cards with the SCMA web site address on it and invited him to look us up. I-77 finally dumped us out on I-95 south. With only a few fender benders to delay us and a single gas and water stop, we finally arrived in St. Augustine, FL. Checked into the B/W and our room wasn't ready, as the computer was down; so we couldn't check in, and it was HOT. At least the door lock worked this time. And there was the beck and call of the Cracker Barrel next door. Yes meat loaf and all the trimmings are waiting. Finished our feast and back to the room for a much need shower and to update this story. Good Night

Miles today: 877 (7-25-10)

July 26

Up at the crack of dawn for that final push to Key West, FL. Boy that shower felt good last night with the heat and humidity. And that shower felt good this morning also. Had a B/W breakfast and time to load the bikes and check the room to make sure we didn't leave anything behind. Out the drive way we drove and south on I-95. It was already 86 degrees at 9 a.m. in the morning. Down I-95 until we reached exit # 129 and hwy. 70. This allowed us to pick up the Florida Turnpike which is much better than I-95 through Miami. We stopped for fuel at the last service plaza on the turnpike and a couple of bikes came in while we were there. They came over to talk and were really impressed at our attempt at Four Corners. So I passed out several more cards with the SCMA web site on them. Back on the turn pike we went for the final run to Hwy 1. One hundred miles south we drove on highway 1 and across the bridges that connects the islands to each other. The Gulf of Mexico is on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other. It is wonderful. We checked into our hotel and then headed to the southernmost point of the United States for our pictures. There were some people around the drum, but they made way for us when they found out what we were there for. Pictures taken, we headed for the Chevron station for our gas receipt and over to the post office to mail the completed envelope. This ends the story for round one. Eleanor Stevens will head for San Ysidro, CA. to complete her 4th corner and I will now head for Madawaska, ME. and round two of my back to back Four Corners Tour.

Miles today: 496 (7-26-10)

July 27

Up and time to load the bikes again. It was 91 degrees at 8 a.m. this morning in Key West and at least 120 percent humidity. We ate breakfast next door to the holiday Inn and down to the Chevron station for today's gas receipt and the start of the second four corners. All the information was placed into the envelope, along with the gas receipt and hand canceled by the lady in the post office. Back on the bikes, down to Hwy. 1 and there goes Eleanor by the turn. Oh well, go slow and she eventually catches up to me. Now we can look forward to the long slow drive to the main land. At last the Florida turnpike shows up and away we go north. Once or twice we had a few sprinkles that felt good, but for the most part it was hot and humid. We booked an overnight stay in St. Augustine, FL. as I thought I had an appointment to have the bike serviced, but seems they changed their mind and could no longer do the service. Oh well maybe someone in Jacksonville, FL can do it. I have over 9000 miles on this service and an oil change needs to be done. So time to put this to bed and get ready for tomorrow.

Miles today: 500 (7-27-10)

— *Look for the conclusion of Dannie Fox's adventure in the November issue* —

THREE FLAGS CLASSIC RIDE

by Randy Schull

Left Pasadena Friday 8-27 at 5 a.m., up 395 thru Reno, arrived Susanville 4pm.

Nice temps, low 65 over the grapevine and was 90 thru Reno.

A little wind just south of Reno, did the loop up to Lake Tahoe North shore. 600 miles for the day. Nice day. Still some snow on Mt. Whitney along 395.

Saturday morning, left Susanville at 6 a.m., 45 miles later it started raining and rained most of the way to Lewiston, WA. 11 hours, 700 miles, high was 67 and low was 46 and remained 46 most of the day. Traffic was light and the scenery was out of this world. Even with the rain it was great. Equipment working super. Good diner, Italian, slept like a rock.

Sunday left Susanville at 8 a.m., dry and clear. 67 degrees, up Hwy 95 to Bonners Ferry, just south of the Canadian border. Watching the weather on the GPS, we avoided another big rain and snow storm and from Bonners Ferry we headed due east on Hwy 2 arriving at Kalispell, Montana around 5 p.m. mountain time. Lots of weather this trip and so far we've missed all the snow. Hope our luck holds for a few more days until this massive weather front passes to the east. Another great day of riding, 350 miles, low was 52. Funny story, we were just arriving Kalispell, pulling into town, half mile of road construction, mud city road, were rolling slow, 10 mph, had 50 feet to go to dry pavement when a car passing in the other direction hit a pothole full of water and mud just as Gregg was passing in the other direction. Ka-pow. The mud and water flew and covered Gregg from one end to the other. He looked like a hand grenade went off. Damn, 50 feet more and he would have skated. Oh well. We all had to just laugh. Our motel for the night has rags and water. As I type, Gregg is washing and the Harley survives another one. Greg says he's waterproof. Tomorrow we should be in Regina, Saskatchewan. About 400 miles.









Helmet cam, last 3 days. This is a big ass country. Hour after hour and few gas stops. We planned it pretty good but was still lucky on the fuel couple of times. Weather couldn't have been better for a change. No traffic, no cops.



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