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Southern California  
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# NEWS



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California*

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# Happy

# Thanksgiving

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NOVEMBER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

✓ Marks Travelers Events

NOVEMBER

- 12-13 BMWCOSEC Bakersfield Basque Dinner
- 19 SCMA General Membership Meeting 9-11 am Sunland  
Angeles National Golf Club  
9401 Foothill Blvd.  
818-951-8771
- 20 ✓ SCMA Turkey Run
- 27 BMWCOSEC Breakfast Ride

DECEMBER

No Meetings — HAPPY HOLIDAYS

- 11 BMWCOSEC Apple Valley



From SCMA

SUBMISSIONS WANTED

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) to the SCMA Editor:

Sally Bishop
SallyJBishop65@gmail.com

Legend

AVR	Antelope Valley Riders <a href="http://www.avt.av.org/">http://www.avt.av.org/</a>
BMWCOSEC	BMW Club of Southern California <a href="http://www.bmwcosc.com/">http://www.bmwcosc.com/</a>
MTA	Motorcycle Touring Association (Calif. Ch. 3) <a href="http://www.tac3.org/">http://www.tac3.org/</a>
PMC	Pasadena Motorcycle Club <a href="http://www.pasadenamc.com/Pasadena_Motorcycle_Club._Est._1907..htm/">http://www.pasadenamc.com/Pasadena_Motorcycle_Club._Est._1907..htm/</a>
SCBMWRC	South Coast BMW Riders Club <a href="http://www.scbmwrc.com/">http://www.scbmwrc.com/</a>
SCMA	Southern California Motorcyclists Assn. SCMA Website.webloc
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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**

## ***A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN***

### **The 2012 Riding Calendar is Taking Shape—Starting with the Soup Run**

In 2012 we will offer 5 one-day rides, 2 two-day rides, the USA Four Corners, the Three Flags Classic, the California Mission Tour and the California Park Adventure. Add the weekend and multiple day rides of our affiliated clubs and there will be something available nearly every weekend. The dates for the weekend rides will be negotiated at the November 19 calendaring session.

Mark your calendars now for the Soup Run on January 15. This kicks off our riding year and is a charity run for a local food bank. Entry is two cans of soup. The ride will end at a local park to be announced later. Instead of blending soups, we'll donate all of them for charity. Huey Ward will make his "Cincinnati Chili" and will be prepared to make it "three-way, four-way or five-way." If you attended the 2011 Soup Run you know what that means. If not, show up and see. Yummy!

### **November 19 Calendaring Session**

SCMA will host a calendaring session for its six affiliated clubs on November 19 during our monthly general membership meeting. It will be held at the Angeles National Golf Course in Sunland beginning at 9 AM. All interested riders are invited to attend.

A draft of the calendar has been provided to all club officers as a start. The idea is for the clubs to sit down together and cooperatively and voluntarily attempt to reconcile double-booked days. The advantage to the clubs is to increase participation. The advantage to the riders is to give them more riding opportunities.

### **Help Wanted: SCMA Newsletter Editor**

Are you a natural communicator? Do you enjoy writing? Are you looking for a meaningful challenge? Here's your chance to contribute to SCMA by editing our monthly newsletter

### **Ride Chairs for 2012**

We are still in need of some ride chairs for 2012. The June 3, Dog Days of Summer Ride, the October 28 Cemetery Tour and the November 18 Turkey Run are in need of chairs. Chair duties include establishing a starting point, laying out a route, pre-riding it to confirm mileage and road conditions, drafting the route sheet, and managing the event with help from others.

Being a ride chair is rewarding and it is fun. Pouring over maps, planning the ride and working with others is the essence of a ride chair. Being a ride chair gives you an opportunity to contribute to this great association and create riding experiences for your fellow riders. Help us make 2012 the best riding calendar ever.

**Blake Anderson, SCMA Chairman**  
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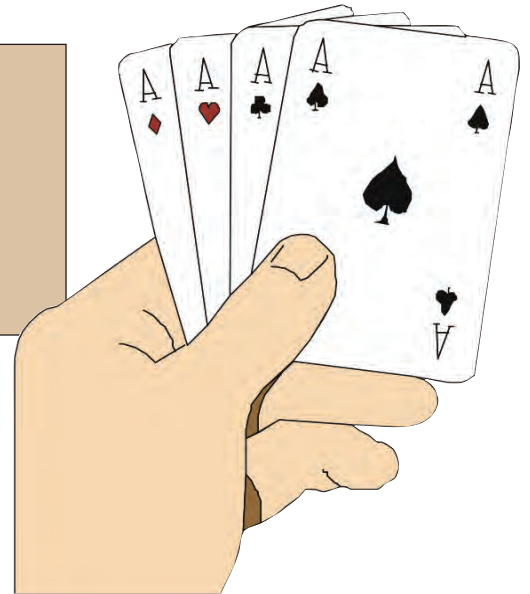
# Turkey Run 2011

Sunday, November 20

## Hi/Lo Hand Poker Run



Traveler's Award



**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, 2011**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ AMA # \_\_\_\_\_ SCMA # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

## EDITOR'S CORNER

I am pleased that we got no complaints or comments about printing our newsletter only every other months! I know that most of you out there are suffering from this economy as much as the SCMA is so costs have been prohibitive and we've had to "tighten our belts" as much as anyone else. We do appreciate your patience and tolerance.

I had a great time at the start of the 3 Flags Classic last month in San Ysidro! It was really neat to meet so many people in person that I have corresponded with in recent months. The 2012 committee has already gotten together and we are still looking for someone to join us with ideas to add to ours. Do you have any comments regarding past runs or new ideas that might be appreciated by new riders? We would sure like to hear them. It is a fun committee and we would love to have more people. Get in touch with Huey Ward at (760) 954-9054 if you want to join the fun.

I received so many renewals and new members at the 3 Flags run that I'm still haven't caught up on making membership cards for all of these people. Hang in there folks, I will get to each and every one of you and you will get your card in the mail.

Meanwhile, ride safe and we'll see you down the road.

Sally Bishop



## Editorial Submissions

Please adhere to the following guidelines when submitting editorial content for the SCMA Newsletter:

**Articles/Text** — Submit as a Word Document after making necessary changes using Spell Check.

**Photos/Artwork** — Submit as jpeg files. Images will be printed at 300 dpi.

**Flyers** — Submit in PDF format. Make sure all fonts and images are collected and not corrupt. Images should be flattened.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### OCTOBER 2011

We have 676 members as of September 9, 2011.  
156 of them get paper Newsletters mailed to them.  
Eight members are in Canada.

#### INCOME:

#### NEW MEMBERS:

REGULAR:	5 @ \$25.00	\$125.00
NEWSLETTER:	0 @ \$45.00	\$0.00

#### RENEWALS:

REGULAR:	4 @ \$25.00	\$100.00
NEWSLETTER:	4 @ \$45.00	\$180.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$405.00
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#### EXPENSES:

POSTAGE: Newsletter	\$0.00
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Respectively Submitted,

**Sally Bishop, Membership**



## ***SCMA Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet***

***March 3, 2012***

### ***Highlighting the achievement of the Triple Crown Award Participants***

*California  
Adventure Tour*



*USA 4 Corners  
Motorcycle Tour*



*Three  
Flags Classic*



- When:** **Saturday, March 3, 2012**
- **3:00-5:00 PM** Meet and Greet
  - **6:00-7:00 PM** Social Hour
  - **7:00 PM** Dinner
  - **8:00 PM** Program

**Where:** **Embassy Suites (Orange County Airport North)**  
**1325 E. Dyer Road**  
**Santa Ana, CA 92705**  
 For Hotel reservations call (714) 241-3800  
 or 1 (800) Embassy (362-2779)  
 Mention SCMA for special rates @ \$99 rate plus tax  
 Parking and Breakfast are complimentary  
 Cut off date for discount rate is February 3, 2012

**Banquet:** **Cost is \$35.00 per person**  
**Cut off date for banquet reservations is February 3, 2012**

**Come one, come all. Everyone is invited to enjoy an evening with fellow motorcyclists. Participation in motorcycling events is not necessary. No membership is required.**

**For more information refer to the Reservation Form (on SCMA Website or Newsletter) or contact Phyllis Shaw-Hatke or Kenneth Hatke at (951) 677-3644 or email [kenn2006@verizon.net](mailto:kenn2006@verizon.net)**

# Southern California Motorcycling Association

*presents:*



## Sunday January 15, 2012

Start and Finish  
to be Determined

This year's soup run will have a bit of a twist...instead of soup we are going to have... Cincinnati Chili. Your choice of a 3-Way, 4-Way or a 5-Way. I hear you say that you don't know what that is....well come on out, enjoy a pleasant ride and then indulge in your choice of Cincinnati's favorite! I guarantee you will love it!



**SCMA Members ride *FREE***  
**\$10 for non-members**

**All riders must bring 2 cans of soup for entry**

*(Please do not bring outdated cans. Both cans of soup, along with proceeds, will be donated charity this year )*

Cincinnati Chili is being served,  
cooked by our own Vice-Chairman Huey Ward  
at the finish from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ride closes at 3 p.m.

**CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION OR  
CALL 760-954-9054 OR 714-801-3931**

Rain Date is Sunday, January 22, 2012



# **PARK HONORS FOUR CORNER TOUR**

Dear friends and fellow motorcycle enthusiasts,

As a fellow motorcycle enthusiast, I share your enjoyment of motorcycling, long distance touring and the great outdoors. In this spirit, the Madawaska Four Corners Park Association has created a park to honor SCMA's USA Four Corners Tour finishers and participants.

Located in downtown Madawaska, Maine on US 1, our park features an impressive 12-foot tall blue pearl granite monument and a lighted water fountain, surrounded by granite benches and tables, a drinking fountain, a storyboard, and a fire-place. The park landscaping includes flowers and trees to create shade and beauty for our visitors to enjoy. The park also features paths paved with engraved paving stones celebrating USA Four Corners Tour finishers and participants.

Through countless volunteer hours and generous donations from motorcycle enthusiasts like you and our community leaders, we are well on our way to completing the park. But the work is not finished. As a fellow motorcycle enthusiast, I invite you to commemorate your USA Four Corners Tour and help us complete the park.

Celebrate your USA Four Corners journey and your visit to Madawaska by purchasing a (12"x12") (12"x24") or (24"x24") red tone granite paving stone engraved with your name and message. You can share your passion for motorcycling by including the make and model of your motorcycle, if you like. Red tone stones are reserved exclusively for Four Corners Tour Finishers, Gray tone stones can be purchased by anyone to pay tribute to a person, group or event, to promote a business or to mark a special occasion. Your message will become a permanent part of this park.

To order your personalized granite paving stone, become a sponsor, or make an outright donation, please complete our online order form and send it with your check or money order payable to:

The Madawaska Four Corners Park Association  
P.O. Box 261  
Madawaska, Maine 04756

Donations are tax deductible, of course, because we are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information and to view photos of the park please visit us at [www.madawaskafourcorners.org](http://www.madawaskafourcorners.org). To learn more about the SCMA and its USA Four Corners Tour, visit [www.usa4corners.org](http://www.usa4corners.org) If you would like to speak with me directly please feel free to contact me at 207-436-7451 or [smokinjoe3@roadrunner.com](mailto:smokinjoe3@roadrunner.com).

Please help fund this one-of-a-kind park devoted to long distance motorcycling

Thank you for your support,

**Joe LaChance**  
**President, Madawaska Four Corners Park Association**

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Truly, did you know about Motorcycle Consumer News? It is a monthly publication of BOWTIE NEWS, a division of Bow Tie, Inc., and it is full of good reading material.

Whether it is a technical issue, a health issue, or in letters to the editor, it is about motorcycling and each article always has something new and informative.

Go into the website just for fun. Then think about treating yourself.



SCMA PRESENTS



## THE CALIFORNIA PARKS ADVENTURE



THERE ARE 24 NATIONAL PARKS AND MONUMENTS IN CALIFORNIA. THEY INCLUDE YOSEMITE, LASSEN AND ROSIE THE RIVETER. THEY ARE AS FAR SOUTH AS THE CABRILLO LIGHTHOUSE ON POINT LOMA AND AS FAR NORTH AS THE LAVA BEDS IN THE REMOTE NORTHEAST CORNER OF CALIFORNIA. DURING A CALENDAR YEAR AND IN ANY ORDER, VISIT ALL 24 SITES.

JOIN THE FUN BY PURCHASING A PASSPORT BOOK FROM SCMA DETAILING ALL 24 LOCATIONS. ADD A PARK STAMP AND A PHOTO OF YOURSELF AT EACH OF THEM. RETURN THE COMPLETED PASSPORT TO US AND WE WILL SEND IT BACK TO YOU ALONG WITH A PIN AND A PLAQUE. THIS IS ALSO ONE OF THE QUALIFYING CALIFORNIA ADVENTURES EVENTS FOR SCMA'S TRIPLE CROWN AWARD.

HERE ARE THE DETAILS ON HOW TO JOIN THE FUN AND MEET THE CHALLENGE:

1. COMPLETE A CALIFORNIA ADVENTURES REGISTRATION FORM\* AND INDICATE "CALIFORNIA PARKS ADVENTURE" ON THE FORM, AND;
2. COMPLETE AN AMA LIABILITY RELEASE FORM\*, AND;
3. COMPLETE AN SCMA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION\* IF YOU ARE NOT NOW A MEMBER, AND;
4. SEND THE FORMS AND \$50 FOR THE RIDE AND \$25 FOR SCMA DUES, IF APPLICABLE, TO:  
 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLING ASSOCIATION  
 CALIFORNIA ADVENTURES  
 PO Box 487  
 NORWALK, CA 90651-0487
5. YOU WILL RECEIVE A FULL COLOR ILLUSTRATED PASSPORT CONTAINING DETAILS ABOUT ALL SITES.
6. AT THE END OF THE YEAR, BUT NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15, SEND YOUR COMPLETED PASSPORT CONTAINING THE 24 PARK STAMPS AND PHOTOS OF YOU TO THE SCMA PO BOX.
7. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [WWW.CALIFORNIAADVENTURES.ORG](http://WWW.CALIFORNIAADVENTURES.ORG)
8. COMING SOON: ONLINE ORDERING AS AN OPTION. WATCH FOR DETAILS.

\* ALL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE SCMA WEBSITE AND IN THE NEWSLETTER. YOU MUST COPY THE AMA LIABILITY RELEASE FORM IN COLOR SO THE RED SHOWS TO MAKE IT AN ACCEPTABLE BINDING DOCUMENT



Southern California Motorcycling Association



California Adventures  
Registration Form\*

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Rider or Passenger\*? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a minor? \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In Which Event are you participating? *Mark Only One:*

California Parks Adventure

California Mission Tour

Motorcycle Make/Model/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

SCMA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ (If "applying", indicate that)

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Passenger registration is optional, but all participants must sign an AMA "Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement" that is printed in color so the red shows. All participants who register and pay the \$50 fee will receive a passport and are eligible to earn completion pin and plaque. Minors must obtain parent/guardian signature and complete AMA "Minor Release and Waiver of Liability..." All forms available on SCMA website. Use one registration form per registering participant.*

*Send \$50 check or money order to:*

Southern California Motorcycling Association

California Adventures

PO Box 487

Norwalk, CA 90651-0487



*SCMA Presents  
The California Mission Tour*



The twenty-one Spanish missions established from 1769 to 1823 extend from the coastal seaport of San Diego to the Sonoma Valley. All are beautifully restored to capture the era that defined the character and culture of California. Complete the tour of all 21 in any order within a single calendar year.

Join the fun by purchasing a passport book from SCMA detailing all 21 locations. Add a mission stamp and a photo of yourself at each of them. Return the completed passport to us and we will send it back to you along with a pin and a plaque. This is also one of the qualifying events for SCMA's Triple Crown Award.

Here are the details on how to join the fun and meet the challenge:

1. Complete a California Adventures registration form\* and indicating "California Mission Tour" on the form, and;
2. Complete an AMA liability release form\*, and;
3. Complete an SCMA membership application\* if you are not now a member.
4. Send the forms and \$50 ride fee and \$25 SCMA dues (if applicable) to:  
     SCMA  
     California Adventures  
     PO Box 487  
     Norwalk CA 90651-0487
5. You will receive a full color illustrated passport containing details about all sites.
6. At the end of the year, but no later than December 15, send your completed passport containing the 21 mission stamps and photos of you to the SCMA PO Box
7. For more information visit [www.californiaadventures.org](http://www.californiaadventures.org)
8. Coming soon: online ordering as an option. Watch for details.

\*All forms are available on the SCMA website and in the newsletter. You **must copy the AMA liability release form in color** so the red shows to make it an acceptable binding document.

**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (R)**

**CHARTER NAME, LOCATION, AND SANCTION #**

**EVENT DATE (S)**

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to compete, officiate, observe, work for, or participate in any way in the EVENT(S) or being permitted to enter for any purpose any RESTRICTED AREA (defined as any area requiring special authorization, credentials, or permission to enter or any area to which admission by the general public is restricted or prohibited), EACH OF THE UNDERSIGNED, for himself, his personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin:

1. Acknowledges, agrees, and represents that he have or will immediately upon entering any of such RESTRICTED AREAS, and will continuously thereafter, inspect the RESTRICTED AREAS which he enters, and he further agrees and warrants that, if at any time, he is in or about RESTRICTED AREAS and he feels anything to be unsafe, he will immediately advise the officials of such and if necessary will leave the RESTRICTED AREAS and/or refuse to participate further in the EVENT(S).
2. HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES, AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE the promoting organizations, participants, sanctioning organizations or any subdivision thereof, track operators, track owners, officials, motorcycle owners, riders, pit crews, rescue personnel, any persons in any RESTRICTED AREA, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, owners and lessees of premises used to conduct the EVENT(S), premises and event inspectors, surveyors, underwriters, consultants and others who give recommendations, directions, or instructions or engage in risk evaluation or loss control activities regarding the premises or EVENT(S) and each of them, their directors, officers, agents and employees, all for the purposes herein referred to as "Releasees," FROM ALL LIABILITY TO THE UNDERSIGNED, his personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin FOR ANY AND ALL LOSS OR DAMAGE, AND ANY CLAIM OR DEMANDS THEREFORE ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY TO THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OR RESULTING IN DEATH OF THE UNDERSIGNED ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE EVENT(S), WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.
3. HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Releasees and their insurance carrier, and each of them FROM ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST they may incur arising out of or related to the EVENT(S) WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.
4. HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE arising out of or related to the EVENT(S) whether caused by the NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.
5. HEREBY acknowledges that THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EVENT(S) ARE VERY DANGEROUS and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. Each of THE UNDERSIGNED, also expressly acknowledges that INJURIES RECEIVED MAY BE COMPOUNDED OR INCREASED BY NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS OR PROCEDURES OF THE RELEASEES.
6. IF, DESPITE THIS RELEASE, I OR ANYONE ON MY BEHALF MAKES A CLAIM AGAINST THE "RELEASEES" NAMED ABOVE, I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASEES AND THEIR INSURANCE CARRIER, AND EACH OF THEM FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEYS' FEES, LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COSTS THEY MAY INCUR DUE TO THE CLAIM MADE AGAINST ANY OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED ABOVE, WHETHER THE CLAIM IS BASED ON THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEE OR OTHERWISE.
7. Hereby agree that in the event that I sustain any injury while in any Restricted Areas that any rescue personnel or medical personnel may release such medical information about my condition to representatives of the promoter, sanctioning organization, track operator, or track owner, as necessary to allow such individuals to properly report that information to appropriate representatives of the sanctioning organization and/or insurance carriers.
8. HEREBY agrees that this Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement extends to all acts of negligence by the Releasees, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the Province or State in which the Event(s) is/are conducted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding continue in full legal force and effect.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

PRINT NAME HERE	SIGN NAME HERE	PRINT NAME HERE	SIGN NAME HERE
I HAVE READ	THIS RELEASE	I HAVE READ	THIS RELEASE
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SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

ADDRESS

PHONE#

# THREE FLAGS ADVENTURE

By Dannie and Barbara Fox

It might well be said that the 36th Annual Three Flags Classic is one for the books.

One of us has been doing Three Flags for a long, long time, 33 years. The other, this writer, has about 26 less tours. Yet it is agreed upon that this was the best, most varied, scenic, challenging-but-not-dangerous route ever, with more deer than anyone could recall.

For the 35th Classic in 2010 the route was from north to south. At the very end of the planning process the decision was made to not enter Mexico. The organizers had to play it "off the cuff" and the finish hotel corporation was accommodating. The finish was a little confusing but it got done. It worked.

This year the route was reversed. Because of the continuing internal unrest that our neighbor to the south still suffers, the organizers got as close to the border as possible, staying on the U.S. side. The funny thing (or "fun" thing) that evolved from this was that the whole departure process went on for a day and a half before riders left, with a relaxed (but not rowdy) party mood. Veteran riders kept thinking, "Wow. There sure are a lot of bikes here already." Old and new riders had leisure time to visit! Wonderful! Perhaps this is the way to go. Who would have thought?

The route for 2011 was great, with curvy roads and beautiful country to see. It had something for everybody. The weather was not hot or cold, and there wasn't even a hint of rain. The artwork and the plaques turned out nice. The finish banquet was delectable, so professionally presented and served.

For novice or veteran participants, this Three Flags may be near the top of the "favorites" list forever.

All that happened to us personally is typically nuts, the norm from Pandemonium Palace which is what we call our house. "This writer" will now switch to narrating in the "first person."

The last time I was on a Three Flags was in 1993, and it was the first time I rode my own bike. I felt so confident after 4,000 miles. But 18 years is a long time between rides, and one or two weekend jaunts in 18 years isn't really experience. I was a ratty, nervous wreck, starting out on this ride, perhaps due to yet-unknown reasons underlying my capabilities.

Only 105 miles from home and still 75 miles away from the start, my bike developed "hiccups" going over bridge-joints. Dannie was in the lead, I was in the middle, and our friend and riding partner from British Columbia, Eleanor, was at the rear.



*We have a friendly rivalry concerning our brand preferences.*

She "had my back" again, as on past rides. Dannie saw my lag and disappear. I did not like the way the bike was running; there we girls were on the shoulder of the busy, terrifying I-5 freeway. We were able to ride up an off-ramp into a nice residential neighborhood, and the little bike just wasn't going to start again. At last Dannie joined Eleanor and me on the frontage road. We waited for Triple AAA, who took me and the BMW to a dealership in San Diego. There was a lot of cell phone activity. Dannie gets such a kick out of this picture.

It turned out to be wise to go down Wednesday due to our committee responsibilities. This gave San Diego BMW a whole day to work on my bike. They found a bad condenser and I got the bike back at the end of the following day. I was able to depart on Three Flags with the rest of the participants!

The bike was running stronger than ever. I was having such a good time. This lasted until the first checkpoint in Hawthorne, NV.

My bike wouldn't start! Click-click-click. Dannie push-started me down a slight hill and we were on the way for about 60 miles. I thought it was odd that the tachometer kept dropping though I wasn't slowing down and the bike sounded normal for 70 mph. Then it sounded hungry so I switched the fuel petcock to reserve. It didn't "pick up" and we faded to a stop on the side of Hwy 95, south of Fallon, NV. Three motorcycles clinging to the shoulder of a busy two-lane highway in the middle of nowhere at the beginning of a three-day-holiday weekend is not good.

A young couple (The Nevada Kids) in a well-worn Toyota pick-up had been traveling with us and they stopped, too, even though I think they were supposed to meet the lady's parents for dinner. The young man had a neat piece of equipment he kept handy in his truck—a combination car charger/battery pack. He and Dannie connected the pack through my electric vest connector to my bike battery, all while a Nevada highway patrol unit materialized from nowhere and guarded our line-up on the narrow shoulder of the road. We bungeed the battery pack onto the rear of the seat and the Nevada Kids put my luggage into their truck.



*That's a Big Bike.*

When there was a safe break in traffic (and with the highway patrol's OK) we push-started Dannie on my bike and then switched drivers since I am NOT equipped to ride the "Honda Horse in Battle Dress."

We must have been a strange procession, as The Nevada Kids led us to a nice, flat, abandoned gas station in downtown Fallon, NV, across the street from the Nugget and the county courthouse. We watched a sheriff chaperone two trusties in black and white stripes as they took the flag down for the evening. Then we began unwiring the battery pack and repacking our clothes.

We had items all over the station lot as we condensed two motorcycles' worth of gear into one. I know Dan was on a Gold Wing, but even it has carrying limitations due to his appreciation for T-Shirts. Our beloved Eleanor packed up an overflow of our belongings. Eleanor later described this as "the yard sale in Fallon." We locked the least necessary stuff into my saddle bags as we waited for our dear friend Scott, from Sierra BMW in Sparks, NV, who said he would come out after work and take my bike to the dealership. It's wise to keep important people in your cell phone contacts.

When Scott got to us, he said he could "...probably fix it in about 20 minutes in his backyard—come on along, spend the night at my house." Wow. He was my bike's mechanic 30 years ago while working for Reg Pridmore when Reg had the BMW dealership in Ventura, CA. Scotty knows my bike.

I opted to have Scott just take the bike and leave us for the following reasons. This was the 2nd case of trouble and

time was getting short to complete Three Flags--I just couldn't blow this for Dannie and Eleanor, who have successfully finished so many Three Flags Classics. I didn't want Scott to have to hurry through a repair. We were already repacked as though I would become a passenger. (Damn it.)

Scotty left. The Nevada Kids left without their battery pack but not without cell phone numbers. We were able to reach them before we saddled up for our motel destination in Quincy, CA. The owner was waiting up for us, and did that shower and bed feel god at 11:30 PM. We decided to finally relax and just do the ride. So for the next couple of days our son stayed in touch with Sierra BMA and relayed test messages to us while we were en route, unsure of the hated roaming charges. Texting is a nice feature.

The late arrival on the first night skewed the rest of the trip. We sure didn't feel like getting up and out on the



*Left to right: Dannie, Barbara, and Eleanor, calm just before the "twisties."*

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road at 6 AM that first morning, which put us in at midnight on the 2nd night. By the 3rd night we pulled in to Sandpoint, ID at about 1 AM. Everything was pretty much closed and we didn't want to go exploring for a restaurant at that hour. We did the resourceful "college-kid thing" and walked across the street to a Chevron station which had a Food Mart. Back at the room we dined on microwaved Spaghettios, lasagna, and burritos after hors d'oeuvres of Club crackers and cashew nuts.

Ever since I learned to drive a bike I've been a grumbly passenger. I was very sad, this time. Learning the seating position for passenger foot pegs was strangely painful on my knees.

The very best thing about becoming a passenger was that I became The Photographer. Not that I am good at it, but last year Dannie got me a fool proof camera for Mother's Day that also does videos with sound. I shot stills, I shot video, and there are the usual shots of the inside of a pocket. I held the camera backward and eventually got a shot of Eleanor behind us, riding at her professional best as always. I got some great video as we paced a speed boat on the Snake River and rode the "twisties."



*The "twisties" on Forest Road # 39 west of Enterprise, OR.*

The scenery was beautiful and the weather was warm and dry, but I just wanted to get to the finish! I was looking forward to seeing Penticton again after 24 years, and to the banquet, and to the people. We have made so many friends over the years. This is the most special part of Three Flags for me.

This year, with our committee involvement, we never got out of the conference room. I had expected that we would work, of course. You don't serve on a committee and think you are not going to work. I don't regret a minute of it. We only saw Penticton as we came into and left town, and from the hotel.



*Lake Okanagan, Penticton, British Columbia as seen from the window of our hotel room.*

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We had about an hour to change into presentable clothes for the banquet celebration. (Days later I told the guys at Sierra BMW that they'd had my evening dress the whole time. One of them piped up and said, "I didn't wear it, I promise!")

It was over all too soon. I went downstairs alone very early the next morning and people were already leaving! I can't fully describe the emptiness I was beginning to feel as everyone pulled away.

And then we left, too, heading west to spend a day or two at Eleanor's house to be ridiculously lazy. We got our annual supply of Canadian coffee shipped home with the rest of our clothes stuffed in the boxes, since we would no longer have Eleanor and her bike to carry the overflow.

Back in the states we saw my best college buddy for the first time in 40 years, my "brother" Bill, who now lives in the Seattle, WA area. We spent a night with Dannie's

cousin and family in Oregon, and finally had time to really visit with their neighbor Ted, who was on Three Flags, his first.

We used cuz's computer to check on our favorite dog kennel in Oregon, but the kennel's website said there were no available litters.

We went to the kennel anyway to look at prospective parents, talk with the owners, re-visit old times about getting our first dog from them...and guess what??? A litter had been born just three days prior. Now we have a Gordon Setter puppy. He won't be old enough to come home for several weeks. Care to guess where we are going for Thanksgiving?



Setters are from the British Isles but the Gordon is the only one from Scotland. Springset Kennels has a long line of field competition winners and show dogs. Our puppy can't compete since his little tail has a 90 degree bend at the very tip, and all we want is a pet, anyway. Given his heritage and his tail, we have named him Bentley.



In Northern California we spent a night with our daughter, wondering if she'll be off work for a family trip to the kennel. Or did we plan her Thanksgiving? The next morning we headed to east to Sparks, NV to get my bike.

Oh, my. The 2nd problem that had developed in Fallon was alternator brushes. We settled up the bill and set off to do the Highway 50 tour across Nevada, "The Loneliest Road in America."

This leg of the trip lasted for about three miles before we were back in Sparks at the BMW dealership. My lit-

tle antique BMW didn't sound right or respond at high revs. The 3rd problem was a bad diaphragm in the left carburetor. The diaphragm looked as limp as the last glove you drop just before take-off. They were able to get a diaphragm for each carb. Why do just one??? It would take two days to order and install them so we left the bike again.

I was still a passenger on the Gold Wing for two more days as we did the Highway 50 ride "back to back" through four construction zones each way.

One more time, we went to Sparks, NV to get my bike. The carburetors were healthy again, along with everything else. I am so glad I didn't take the chance in Fallon for a quick fix, and then have the carburetor problem happen. I'm certain that at least one of us would not have finished Three Flags if I had been greedy. At least I got to ride a few hundred miles more and the bike ran flawlessly all the way home.

Coincidences along the way made it a funny trip.



*Out in the "beautiful nowhere of Hwy 50" we met people whose kids take their BMW's to Sierra BMW.*



When we got back to Sparks from the Highway 50 tour, a BMW rider from Oregon (whom we met while sitting in a construction zone) happened into Sierra BMW.

One of Sierra BMW's regular customers recommended a place to eat in Carson City, NV, called "Red's Old 395 Grill." When I went to park in front of the restaurant the manager came out and told me to park right by his BMW. "It's reserved for "BMW's". Dannie had to park the Wing in the overflow lot. (Just kidding.) The restaurant manager knew about Sierra BMW—he takes his BMW there for service.

Chatting with a couple at a rest stop, we learned that they live about two miles from us. Funnier, their

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son works as a stone mason in facilities at the university where Dannie works. Funnier still, four days after we got home there was an article on the front page of our local newspaper about a memorial project at the university, complete with their son's picture.

A day or two later we shared a continental breakfast at a motel with a couple from Northern California who live in the same town as our daughter--about ten blocks from her!

All in all, this was a great Three Flags. It might be our goofiest ever, since our very first in 1978. That was before there were riding suits, when we bundled up in black plastic trash bags and duct tape.

One or both of us will see you next year. I may still be training a young dog, or vice versa.



*Clockwise from left: Horse in Battle Dress, the Fossil, the antique (1979 BMW R65)*

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Does anyone remember the Spokebenders Motorcycle Club and Manfred "Fred" Lenk?

My dad, Fred Lenk, deceased, was in the Spokebenders Motorcycle Club in the 1950s here in Southern California. He lived in and around Hawthorne back in those days. His wife, my stepmother, designed the original Spokebenders logo that can be seen at: <http://www.jeffnet.org/~mlenk/spokebender/>. There are a couple pictures of my dad there too.

I am looking for any information or memories about the club. I would really appreciate anything that folks can recall. I suspect the club was initially a non-affiliated local club, but then later morphed into an AMA member club.

I remember he really liked BSA singles. I was pretty young back then. It would be fun for me to own one of those vintage rides now. I drive a sidehack lower on the page at <http://www.lenk.net>.

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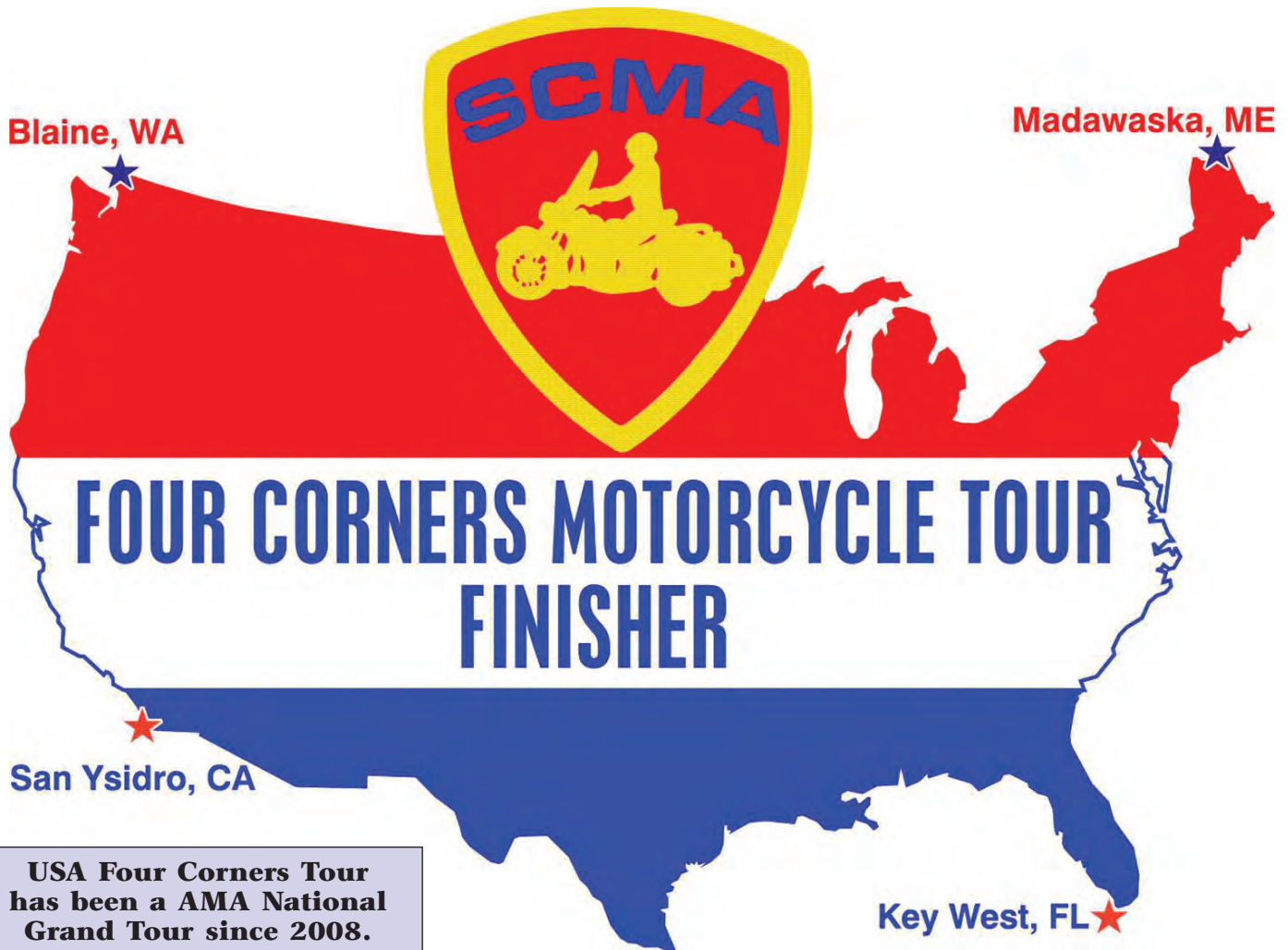
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