



SCMA NEWS

Bouquets and a Banquet

February means our Sweetheart Ride on the 12th and time to register for the March 3 Banquet...



Southern California is blessed with good riding weather most of the year. Oh, we have an occasional rainstorm, but basically we can ride when we want. SCMA and its affiliated clubs offer three significant riding events that take advantage of this happy fact.

SCMA offers the Annual Sweetheart Ride February 12. And, there are two President's Weekend rides: The South Coasters BMW Club is headed to Death Valley and Lone Pine. The BMW Club of Southern California is headed to Shafter and Solvang.

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We Honor Our Own on March 3rd

SCMA's Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet is set for March 3rd at the Embassy Suites in Santa Ana. We will recognize those riders that completed the USA Four Corners Tour, qualified for SCMA's Travelers Award and completed the Triple Crown in 2011.

This year we will offer a Saturday morning back roads ride starting from the hotel. This newsletter has details.

This year we will say thank you to our hardworking 2011 volunteers. This is also our Inaugural year for SCMA's Legacy Award. In future years we will give special recognition to those individuals that are certainly the best of SCMA. This year's recipients are Josef Usatin, Joseph Mandeville, Jan Staws, Dannie Fox and Kenn Hatke. Come honor them, share some laughs and plan for the 2012-riding year. Reservation form is inside...

Road Signs

Dear Gentle Readers

Here we are with the second month of the new SCMA newsletter format. Last month we got several nods of approval. We also got a few disappointed groans. We are happy to hear the approvals and we are addressing the groans. The major complaint was the loss of content—"where are the features and details we have learned to expect?" Okay, we hear you. It's a good call and we have added back some stuff. As we said last month, there will be some adjustments to make it a good fit, so please let us know how we are doing. We do take your suggestions to heart.

This is the first month that we are not providing a printed newsletter to the 135 members that have

selected a printed option in the past. They were paying an additional \$20. To make things right for them, we are extending memberships by a year for those folks with six months or more to go before their current membership expires.

Our intention is to use our newly created emailing list to reach all of our membership every month. We have a growing email list garnered from past riding and membership lists. Our list is now approximately 560 people long. But, we know that we are missing some of you. For this reason we need



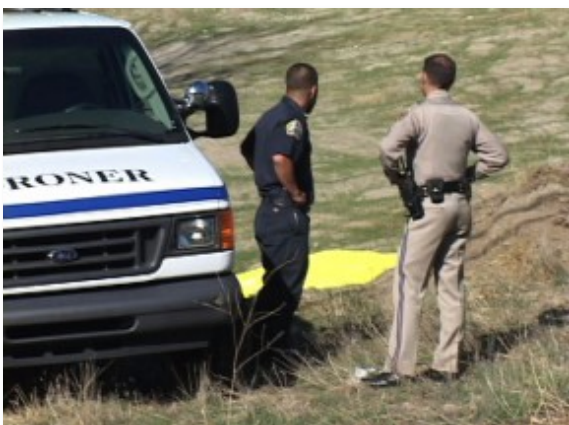
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Ride Safe



*A quick move around a slower
vehicle on a country road.*

Do you remember what you were doing this past New Year's Day? How about a ride on a country road close to home? Samuel Choy of Saugus, California was doing just that. Out on a beautiful Sunday morning, not a care in the world, carving corners, overtaking cars and dancing around them as though they weren't there. Moving like that is so fun and exhilarating!

Choy was on a stretch of road many of us in Southern California know very well. He was riding northbound on a two-lane stretch of Bouquet Canyon Road just south of Vasquez Canyon Road. He was killed when he crossed the double-yellow line to pass a slower-moving car – just as the

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Membership Report

By Sally Bishop, Membership

Regular Members as of December 15, 2011	718
New Members: 14	
Renewals: 14	
Regular Members as of January 15, 2012	732
Sponsoring Corporate Members as of January 15, 2012	1

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SCMA Monthly Meetings are open to SCMA members and visitors. Monthly General Membership meetings are generally held on the 2nd or 3rd Saturday of each month at Coco's Restaurant, 306 S. Azusa, Covina, CA 9:00 a.m. Check calendar for updated info.

2012 TRAVELERS AWARD

SCMA's purpose in life is to offer a wide range of riding opportunities to our members and to our riding guests. More than that, we want to encourage riders to take advantage of the boundless experiences that riding provides. The Travelers Award is one encouragement we offer. Not only does it set a goal for the year, it also has a set of awards that are worthy of your notice and consideration.

RULES Participants must register at an event and travel its designated route (first day of a multi-day events) on a motorcycle, trike, or sidecar. Participants must check-in at the start, checkpoint(s) and finish. Participants must arrive at the finish before the event closes. Participants may be asked to obtain a gas or other receipt at a midpoint. The "Park and Ride" listed below requires check-in at the finish only. Sign-up for the annual Travelers Award is available at the beginning of any qualifying event. Sign up with the TA Chairman. The annual fee for the Travelers Award is \$10. You will be issued a wallet card for the year.

QUALIFYING EVENTS

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|--------------|--|
| 01. 01/15/12 | SCMA SOUP RUN |
| 02. 02/12/12 | SCMA SWEETHEART RIDE |
| 03. 03/03/12 | SCMA AWARDS & APPRECIATION RIDE |
| 04. 03/11/12 | PMC POKER RUN |
| 05. 03/17/12 | SHAMROCKS ST. PATRICK DAY RUN |
| 06. 04/07/12 | ANTELOPE VALLEY RIDERS POKER RUN |
| 07. 05/19/12 | PMC GREENHORN |
| 08. 05/26/12 | SCMA BLAZING SADDLES |
| 09. 06/07/12 | SO.COASTERS 7 PASSES TOUR (a designated make-up ride for the other 14) |
| 10. 07/15/12 | SCMA DOG DAYS OF SUMMER RIDE |
| 11. 08/11/12 | BMWCOOSC SLO WINE COUNTRY |
| 12. 10/06/12 | SCMA GRAND TOUR |
| 13. 10/21/12 | BMWCOOSC DAY RIDE (Tentatively, The Park and Ride) |
| 14. 10/28/12 | SCMA CEMETERY TOUR |
| 15. 11/18/12 | SCMA TURKEY RUN |

MAKE-UP EVENTS One (only) SCMA Premier Event can be substituted as a qualifying Travelers Award event during a single calendar.

01. SCMA USA FOUR CORNERS TOUR
02. SCMA CALIFORNIA PARKS ADVENTURE
03. SCMA CALIFORNIA MISSION TOUR
04. SCMA BEST 15 US ROADS CHALLENGE
05. SCMA THREE FLAGS CLASSIC

AWARDS

Seven (7) completed Travelers Award Events: event pin

Nine (9) completed Travelers Award Events: event pin, certificate, and a reserved spot for a 2013 Three Flags Classic ticket. (This means a participant bypasses the annual drawing for riding tickets but must still pay the full entry fee).

Fourteen (14) completed Travelers Award Events: All the above plus one free 2013 SCMA Awards and Appreciation Banquet ticket.

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Southern California Motorcycling Association's Best 15 US Roads Challenge Beckoned Two Riders in 2011. Are YOU Ready for 2012?

In the spring of 2011 the American Motorcyclist Association published its Best 15 Roads, based on a poll of its readers. It was quite a list. For those of us living in the West, it included many of the roads we have grown to know and love: Bear Tooth, Going-to-the-Sun and the Million Dollar Highway were just a few. And for the East Coasters, the Blue Ridge Parkway and Tail of the Dragon were their legendary roads that fell on the list. With a total of 15, there was a road for everyone.

It occurred to us that the list would make one hell of a challenge event. So we issued a challenge: complete all 15 in a single calendar year and document that you did it. The announcement appeared in our newsletter. Notice enough—maybe. But perhaps it was too quietly spoken and perhaps the spring was a little too late into the year for riders to blend it into their riding plans for 2011. Would anyone take us up on the Challenge?

As it turned out, two riders did and they completed all 15 roads. They are a riding couple from Kamloops, British Columbia, Kathy and Larry Lamarche. They ride a pair of Harley Davidson motorcycles. Their mutual riding passion is evident when you talk to them. And it's recently acquired. As retirement approached and they talked about how to make the next phase of their lives meaningful, long distance riding became a

notion that turned into action that turned into a passion. They tell us their adult children think they are nuts. Aren't we all?

Kathy and Larry are becoming quite a subject of conversation and awe around here. We saw a lot of them in 2010—but nothing compared to last year. In 2011 they completed the USA Four Corners Tour twice, qualified for the Triple Crown and were the only people to ever have completed SCMA's Best 15 US Roads Challenge.

You will have an opportunity to meet and talk to these newly emerged legends at the March 3 Awards and Appreciation Banquet. Buy them a drink for goodness sake—they deserve it!

As far as 2012 goes, we are offering the Challenge for a second year. We modified the list to add new interest and to balance the regions of the Country a little more effectively. We combined adjacent roads. This year's list is:

1. Beartooth Pass and Chief Joseph Highway
2. California Highway 1, Monterey to Morro Bay

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Best 15 US Roads (Continued from page 5)

3. US 12, Lolo Pass, Lewiston to Lolo
4. Cherohala Skyway & Tail of the Dragon
5. Going to the Sun Road
6. Million Dollar Highway, Montrose to Durango
7. Blue Ridge Parkway, Any continuous 150-mile segment
8. Washington Highway 20, Concrete to Omak
9. Virginia Highway 16 "The Back of the Dragon", Tazewell to Marion
10. RR 335, 336, 337, "The Twisted Sisters", Texas
11. US 16A Eastbound from Custer to Rushmore to Keystone
12. Vermont Highway 100, Stamford to Waterbury
13. US 191, Springerville to Three Way, AZ
14. Utah 12, Torrey to Bryce Canyon Turnoff
15. US 50, Ely to Carson City, NV

For more on the SCMA's Best 15 US Roads Challenge visit our website and scroll down on the front page to "Links to Our Major Events" Click there for rules and links to the roads themselves.

Road Signs (Continued from page 2)

your help. Ask your riding buddies whether they have seen the SCMA newsletter in their computer mailboxes. If not, suggest they email us at BlakePAnderson@gmail.com

Join the Morning Breakfast Ride Before the March 3 Banquet

Here's a great opportunity for a day ride before the March 3 Banquet. Join us whether you are attending the banquet or not. If you are an out-of-towner that has flown into the banquet, why not rent a bike for the day? Heck, I have two bikes. I'll be happy to loan one of them to the first person that asks.

Steve Howe will lead a group ride from the Embassy Suites parking lot beginning at 8 AM. There's more in this newsletter.

SCMA's Insurance and Sanctions

SCMA's events are insured through JB Motorsports Insurance located in Henderson, NV. The American Motorcyclist Association sanctions our premier events.

Sell It Here...

Here's something you probably didn't know. Regular members as part of their \$25/year fee can post motorcycling related items in our new Flea Market feature beginning next month. Sponsoring corporate members get a ½ page ad for 12 months. They pay \$400/year for that privilege and get mentioned at our two banquets.

SCMA's Affiliated Clubs

Antelope Valley Riders

www.avt.av.org

BMW Club of Southern California

www.bmwcosc.com

BMW Club, South Coast Riders

www.scbmwrc.com

Motorcycle Touring Association

www.tac3.org

Pasadena Motorcycle Club

www.pasadenamc.com

Shamrock Road Riders

www.sc-ma.com/shamrock.htm

Ride Safe (Continued from Page 2)

driver started to turn left into a driveway. Choy struck the left rear quarter panel of the Kia, flipped over it and was gravely injured as his forward momentum carried him off the road and into a field. What a sad thing to happen.

This accident hits close to home—figuratively and literally. He was a lot like you and me. Many of us have taken that same chance more times than we want to admit.

No lecture here. Just a grim cautionary tale to think about the next time we saddle up and head out on the highway.

Ride safe.

TAKE SPECIAL NOTE:

We Have Moved Our General Membership Meeting Location

Please take note that we have moved the location of our General Membership Meetings. For now until at least the end of 2012, we will be at Coco’s Restaurant, 306 N. Azusa Ave., Covina, CA. The restaurant is just south of San Bernardino Road.

Take Azusa Ave. 2.2 miles south from the I-210 Freeway
OR
Take Azusa Ave 1 mile north from the I-10 Freeway

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USA Four Corners Makes It Into BMW Owners News

A USA Four Corners Tour rider has written a terrific article that appears in the January edition of the BMW Owners News. The article is helpful and interesting because it provides a “how to do it” approach to the ride. For anyone contemplating the tour and seeking some insider’s information, the article does that and more. It also includes a description of some notable points of interest.

We Get Mail

I've been waiting anxiously to see the Best 15 American Roads Challenge for 2012. I think it's a good idea attaching the link to each road on your website as you have done. If that doesn't bring 'em to life nothing will. I have been on WA 20 and VT 100. Both of them deserve top 15 status! I rode WA 20 after completing my USA Four Corners Tour last August. I've also traveled VT 100 numerous times, usually twice per summer to visit relatives. I stay at the Gray Ghost Inn that caters to Motorcycle riders. The owners are bikers and know that they live in amazing riding territory. Check out their website: WWW.GRAYGHOSTINN.COM. Nicely done on Best 15 Collection, and it was a super idea to include those websites.

Bob Roger, Dalton, Ohio

Just got the newsletter email. Read it on my iPhone4 with no problems. You did a great job. You can cross this Canadian off your mailed newsletter list now that you are electronic.

Brian Hooker, Okotoks, Alberta

Got my "new" January newsletter Saturday and attempted to open it up. No workee. It asked me if I wanted to download Adobe and I agreed but it never happened. I have an older version (9) on my computer but that did not do the job.

This new look may be a good thing for the youngsters. I found no info on Three Flags; date, cost, how to sign up, drawing date etc. Are you continuing the Travelers Award system? None of the runs listed said which ones were part of that if it still exists. Doesn't seem like enough information is being provided to the membership so they actually know what is going on for sure! The affiliated clubs are not listed.

Irv Carol



SCMA 2012



SWEETHEART RIDE



Traveler's Award

Sunday, February 12, 2012

Sign In: 8-10 a.m.

Ride closes at 3 p.m



Traveler's Award

ENTRY FEE
\$ 10.00

Sign In: Simi Valley Honda
4346 E. Los Angeles Ave
Simi Valley

For Information call: **805-990-3849**

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

Joel Briggs – SCMA – P.O. BOX 487 – Norwalk, CA 90651

MAIL IN DEADLINE: February 2nd, 2012



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SCMA'S AWARD AND APPRECIATION BANQUET
HIGHLIGHTING THE TRIPLE CROWN AWARD
March 3, 2012
Reservation Form



\$35.00 per person

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Dinner Selection: Prime Rib Halibut Vegetarian

2011 Events Completed California Parks Adventure/California Mission
 Four Corners Motorcycle Tour Three Flags Classic

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Address _____ City _____ State __ Zip Code _____

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2011 Events Completed California Parks Adventure/California Missions
 Four Corners Motorcycle Tour Three Flags Classic

If you have an interesting story that you would like to share at the banquet, please Email your story to kenn2006@verizon.net or mail to Kenn Hatke at 38685 Via Taffia, Murrieta, CA 92563. Depending on the number of responses, your story may be selected from those received.

SCMA Awards and Appreciation Banquet Day Ride

March 3, 2012

On Saturday morning, March 3, 2012, as a part of the celebration of the efforts and accomplishments of our members, the SCMA is offering a day ride through the backcountry of Orange County. We will gather in the Embassy Suites parking lot beginning at 7:30 with kick stands up at 8:00 for a scenic ride that includes twisty Ortega Highway (CA 74) and the beauty of Pacific Coast Highway.



Our destination is breakfast at the very scenic Lookout Roadhouse. The Lookout offers outside seating with a spectacular view of Lake Elsinore below, the snow-capped San Jacinto Mountains in the distance, a tasty breakfast menu and a hot cup of Joe.

Along the way we will view the ocean from Pacific Coast Highway, twist through Live Oak Canyon and Trabuco Canyon roads, and stop at the world-famous San Juan Capistrano Mission (a California Mission Tour checkpoint). The route covers some of the best that Orange County has to offer and will be a real treat, especially for riders who have been off their bikes for the winter

The ride is 110 miles and will take a leisurely 4 to 5 hours, giving the riders a chance to get back to the Embassy Suites Hotel in plenty of time to wash the road off before joining the meet and greet activities leading up to the banquet itself.

There is no charge to join in and those who do will earn a 2012 Travelers Award credit. Banquet attendance is not required, so non-attending locals can join us too.

For more information please contact Steve Howe by phone at 562-298-6236 or by e-mail to santabeard@yahoo.com

Come join us and bring a friend or two! Come for the banquet, stay for the roads.

SCMA's Premier Events

USA Four Corners Tour

Imagine the adventure and satisfaction of visiting San Ysidro, CA; Blaine, WA; Madawaska, ME; and Key West, FL in 21 days or less. The USA Four Corners Tour is a self-guided tour visiting these four locations in any order you select and at any time of the year. Visit www.USA4Corners.org for complete information about this World Class event.

Three Flags Classic

The 37th annual Three Flags Classic will start in El Paso on August 31 and end in Nelson, BC on September 3. There is a banquet on September 4. 250 riders will travel 2100 miles through the mountain and valley roads of New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington and British Columbia. The registration deadline is March 26. Visit www.3FlagsClassic.org for more on this year's event.

California Adventure Series

The California Adventure Series includes two different rides: The California Parks Adventure (**CPA**) and the California Mission Tour (**CMT**). Complete one toward qualifying for the Triple Crown award.

CPA During any single calendar year and in any order and at any pace, visit all of the 24 National Parks and Monuments in California. Join the fun by purchasing a full color, well-illustrated passport book from SCMA that lists all locations. Get a park stamp and a photo of yourself at each location. Return the completed passport to SCMA and get it back along with a pin and a plaque.

CMT During any single calendar year and in any order and at any pace, visit all of the 21 California Missions. It works just like the **CPA** listed above

For more information visit www.californiaadventures.org

Triple Crown Award

Imagine completing the USA Four Corners Tour, the Three Flags Classic and one of the California Adventure tours in a single calendar year. It is a rare achievement—done by around 10 riders per year. SCMA honors this significant accomplishment with a limited-addition plaque that marks you as a very unique long-distance rider.

Triple Crown Awards are presented at SCMA's Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet that will be held March 3rd this year at the Embassy Suites in Santa Ana, California. More at www.sc-ma.com Registration information for the banquet is in this newsletter.

Calendar

February

- 4 So. Coasters Santa Ysabel, GMM & Ride
- 11 SCMA General Membership Meeting
- 12 SCMA Sweetheart Ride*
- 18 Three Flags Committee, Coco's Covina
- 18-19 BMWCOOSC Shafter & Solvang Ride
- 18-20 So. Coasters Death Valley & Lone Pine Ride
- 26 SCMA Sweetheart Ride (rain date)

March

- 3 Banquet Morning Ride*
- 3 SCMA Awards & Appreciation Banquet (Including Triple Crown)
- 4 So. Coasters Hell's Kitchen, GMM & Ride
- 10 SCMA General Membership Meeting
- 11 PMC Poker Run*
- 17-18 Shamrocks St. Patrick' Ride*
- 18-20 BMWCOOSC Beatty & Death Valley Ride
- 24 BMWCOOSC Angeles Crest Highway Ride
- 25 PMC Poker Run (rain date)
- 26 SCMA Three Flags Classic Registration Deadline

April

- 1 SCMA Three Flags Classic Drawing at Fullerton H-D
- 7 BMWCOOSC Pismo Beach Ride
- 7 So. Coasters Elizabeth Lake GMM & Ride
- 7 Antelope Valley Riders Poker Run*
- 20-22 So. Coasters El Capitan Campout
- 21-22 BMWCOOSC Kings Canyon and Three Rivers Ride
- 28 SCMA General Membership Meeting



Here's what's on the road ahead. For more information, check the SCMA website www.sc-ma.com

***Qualifying Travelers Award Events**

Some valuable fine print (really)

Articles and advertising must be received by the 15th of the month in order to appear in the next published issue of SCMA News.

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