

# SCMA NEWS

## April is Get Out and Ride Month



The Three Flags Classic Drawing was held April 1 at Fullerton Harley Davidson. 205 riders are set for the 37<sup>th</sup> annual offering of this major SCMA event. It departs from El Paso on August 31 and arrives in Nelson, BC on September 3. The TFC committee has decided to continue to offer tickets for a limited time. If you

are still interested in riding this year's event, see the article inside.

SCMA honored its volunteers and riders at its Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet. Look inside for a recap of that event and see the article on Josef Usatin, an "SCMA Legacy"

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## THREE Important Changes To the 2012 Riding Calendar

The Shamrocks annual St. Patrick's Day Ride has been rescheduled to April 14-15 because of a mid-March rain-out. The ride begins at Telly's in Castaic. See the flyer inside for more details. The Shamrocks have created a terrific two-day riding experience you don't want to miss.

The South Coasters are delaying the Seven Passes Ride. The Sierra passes may open late, so the delay until July

20-22. Starting early Friday morning at Zingo's Café on Buck Owens Blvd. in Bakersfield. Ride the seven Sierra passes in a challenging weekend. Plan for Friday night in Sonora and Saturday night in Bishop.

The BMWCOOSC rescheduled their Kings Canyon and Three Rivers ride to April 14-15. See their website for more information.

## Road Signs

### *Building the Organization: One Person at a Time*

I am happy to report that our list of volunteers continues to grow. In the last month we added eight.

Over on the Three Flags Classic Committee, Les Gullery has agreed to be treasurer. There is an amazing amount of work to put the annual TFC together. Managing the 200+ entries falls to the registrar (Steve Howe) and to the treasurer. Having two sets of hands to manage the tasks associated with the riders, plus all the checks that are written to vendors, hotels and contractors will be very helpful.

The Three Flags Committee is also announcing that six volunteers from British Columbia and Alberta have agreed to help with the Nelson, BC Finish. These folks are relatively close to Nelson—certainly as compared to the Southern California riders—and can provide help as we plan and execute the 2012 TFC.

And over at the SCMA General Forum, Mark Lenson has agreed to try his hand at building a following around this important communication tool.

### *The SCMA General Forum: A New Commitment.*

SCMA set up the General Forum in mid-2010. The forum for the Three Flags Classic and the forum for the USA Four Corners Tour had been very successful, so we wanted to add a third

forum where the chairs for our one-day and two-events could answer questions. We also thought it would be a place for our affiliated clubs to promote their riding events.

Unfortunately, the traffic to the General Forum has been very light. We haven't emphasized it and it never really caught on with our riders. Perhaps it's just been the best-kept secret at SCMA. Mostly, it just needs some TLC.

Mark Lenson has experience managing forums and will give ours a shot in the arm. You can find it on the front page of our website.

You can help in two ways: First, if you have a topic like an upcoming ride, please post information on the general forum. Second, if you have any suggestions, please email Mark.

Mark has one other attribute that fits our game plan. He's not from Southern California like the rest of us. No, he lives in Florida. So he will provide a new perspective to SCMA's volunteerism and bring some fresh ideas.

### *And speaking of new perspectives...*

Remember that we are looking for new volunteers. Referee and Risk Manager. Help with a pre-ride for one of our day rides.



### *It's EASY to Subscribe to SCMA News*

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Stay up to date about SCMA and its affiliated clubs.

## Membership Report

*By Sally Bishop, Membership*

Regular Members as of February 15, 2012	741
New Members:	10
Renewals:	19
Regular Members as of March 10, 2012	751
Sponsoring Corporate Members as of March 10, 2012	2

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

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## *Ride Safe: Group Riding Techniques\**

*\*Adopted from Group Riding Tips from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation*

For most SCMA riders, motorcycling seems to be either a solo activity or with one or two riding buddies. But for some riders, riding as a group is the epitome of the motorcycling experience. In any case, nearly every rider will find himself/herself in a group-riding situation at some point. Here are some tips to help ensure a fun and safe group ride:

Arrive prepared. Arrive on time with a full gas tank.

Hold a riders' meeting. Discuss things like the route, rest and fuel stops, and hand signals. Establish a meet-up point so that if the group becomes separated there is a point certain to reassemble at a prescribed time. Assign a lead and sweep (tail) rider. Both should be experienced riders who understand group-riding procedures.

Ride your own ride. The leader should assess everyone's riding skills and the group's riding style and lead accordingly. Other riders in the group should be clear about their own riding skills. They should not ride above their skill levels simply because they are being pushed by an overly aggressive group leader. An aggressive leader may push you beyond what you can safely manage. If that occurs, back off and ride at your skill level.

Keep the group to a manageable size. Ideally, limit yourself to no more than five riders in a group. If necessary, break the group into smaller sub-groups, each with a lead and sweep rider. A large block of riders is inviting trouble with motorists trying to pass you or move through you.

Ride prepared. Pack a cell phone, first-aid kit, and full tool kit, so the group is prepared for any problem that they might encounter. Consider a GPS and a satellite-based locator like SPOT for long distance rides.

Ride in formation. A staggered riding formation allows a proper space cushion between motorcycles so that each rider has enough time and space to maneuver when reacting to hazards. The leader rides in the left third of the lane, while the next rider stays at least one second behind in the right third of the lane; the rest of the group follows the same pattern. A single-file formation is preferred on a curvy road, under conditions of poor visibility or poor road surfaces, entering/leaving highways, or other situations. When traveling single file, increase the following distance to at least two seconds between riders.

Avoid side-by-side formations because they are dangerous. If one of you must suddenly swerve to avoid a hazard, there will be no room to do so. Tangled bikes mean two riders down.

Periodically check the riders following in your rear view mirror. If you see a rider falling behind, slow down so they may catch up. If all the riders in your group use this technique, the group can maintain a fairly steady speed without pressure to ride too fast to catch up.

Wait for the rider behind you. If the group makes a turn and you can't see the rider behind you, wait at the turn until the other rider comes into view and then make your turn.

Ride safe...

## 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 only for 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. 04/14/12 | SHAMROCKS ST. PATRICK DAY RUN (Rescheduled date)                       |
| 06. 04/07/12 | ANTELOPE VALLEY RIDERS POKER RUN                                       |
| 07. 05/19/12 | PMC GREENHORN                                                          |
| 08. 05/26/12 | SCMA BLAZING SADDLES                                                   |
| 09. 07/20/12 | SO.COASTERS 7 PASSES TOUR (designated make-up ride) (Rescheduled date) |
| 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 PARK AND RIDE RALLY                                           |
| 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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## *SCMA Honored its Volunteers and Riders on March 3rd*

The Southern California Motorcycling Association conducted its Awards and Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Santa Ana, California. Over 70 riders and guests attended this annual event that allows us to reflect on last year's accomplishments and to look forward to next year's riding events. This was the inaugural year for SCMA's Legacy Award given to those officers and volunteers that have contributed decades of loyal service to making our long distance riding events the great experiences they have become.

Legacy Awards were given to Josef Usatin, Joseph Mandeville, Janet Staws, Dannie Fox and Kenn Hatke. These five individuals represent over 150 years of service and dedicated participation in the Three Flags Classic, the USA Four Corners Tour, our day rides and weekend rides and the administration of SCMA. Jane Usatin accepted a trophy of a retro touring motorcycle rider on behalf of Josef Usatin, the father of the Three Flags Classic and the USA Four Corners Tour. As recipient #1, only he will be honored with an individual trophy. All others honored at the banquet and honored in the future will have their names inscribed on a perpetual trophy that carries the same lone figure presented to Usatin. The four living recipients were presented with dark blue jackets carrying the SCMA Legacy Logo. They may wear these jackets at all SCMA events as walking examples of the individuals we look to for leadership and dedicated service.

2011 Outstanding Service Awards were presented to Sally Bishop, Dennis Even, Dannie Fox, Kenn Hatke, Phyllis Shaw-Hatke, Chuck Jones, Joe Mandeville and Gaylord "Huey" Ward. These individuals each filled multiple roles during 2011 and provided hundreds of hours of service to SCMA and its riding community.

Triple Crown Riding Award Trophies were presented to Timothy Barlow, Rodney Chew, Danny Graham, Gordon Jaap, Larry Lamarche, Kathy Lamarche, Vernon Lucero, Brian Neagle and Monica Short. Triple Crown Riding Awards are presented to those riders that complete the USA Four Corners Tour, the Three Flags Classic and one of the California Adventure Series events in a single calendar year.

SCMA's Best 15 US Roads Challenge was initiated for 2011. Two riders, Larry Lamarche and Kathy Lamarche completed the Challenge and were awarded a custom engraved Swiss Army Knife and SCMA Best 15 US Roads Challenge pins and patches.

SCMA Traveler Award Certificates and Pins were presented to Dannie Fox, Greg Harris, Lisa Harris, Joe Mandeville, David McDannel, Linda McDannel, Henry Mieske, Bill Schmitt and Randy Shull.

It was a terrific evening filled with plenty of laughter, great food and appreciation for the community of riders that are dedicated to long distance riding.

### *Three Flags Classic Status Report*

We completed our annual draw for tickets on April 1. This year's procedure was different than prior years. We announced late last year that we would provide reserved rider ticket status to the first 150 entrants and we would conduct a drawing for the remaining entrants, providing up to 250 total riding tickets.

Reserved status was also provided to members of the Three Flags Committee and Travelers Award Recipients

By the morning of January 17 we had received the first 150 entries and those individuals did receive reserved status.

The final deadline to receive entries had been set for 5 PM on Monday, March 26. Those entries above 150 were carried to the drawing and drawn for rider numbers.

As it turns out, we now have approximately 205 riders. That number may adjust up or down slightly as the TFC registrar reconciles double entries and returned entries. Obviously, we are short of the sales we were hoping for (although the number is actually fairly in line with what we sold in 2011). Apparently the economy is

still dogging some of our riders and keeping our numbers down.

And here's the good news for those of you that missed the March 26 cut-off, the TFC committee has decided to continue ticket sales for a limited time for a few more tickets. **Watch the TFC website for news about ticket sales.** Our advice is to get your entry mailed-in right now while there is some availability.

The final rider count is the single most important factor that drives our operating budget for covering fixed costs (like set-up charges, the pre-ride and checkpoints) and setting variable costs (like buckles, plaques and meals). Combine that with the production deadlines and hotel arrangement drop dead dates we face and you begin to appreciate why so much has to be fixed early so that we have confidence to sign contracts and finalize production orders.

The TFC committee is facing deadlines for final artwork that will be used for our logo that appears on everything. And by everything we mean pins, patches, shirts, decals, plaques, awards, belt buckles, hats and letterhead.

It's a busy time.

## SCMA's Affiliated Clubs

Antelope Valley Riders

[www.avts.av.org](http://www.avts.av.org)

BMW Club of Southern California

[www.bmwcosc.com](http://www.bmwcosc.com)

BMW Club, South Coast Riders

[www.scbmwrc.com](http://www.scbmwrc.com)

Motorcycle Touring Association

[www.mtaca3.org](http://www.mtaca3.org)

Pasadena Motorcycle Club

[www.pasadenamc.com](http://www.pasadenamc.com)

Shamrock Road Riders

[www.sc-ma.com/shamrock.htm](http://www.sc-ma.com/shamrock.htm)

*AMA calls SCMA "Extreme"*

Yes folks, the AMA has called us extreme. It's right there on page 41 of the April edition of "American Motorcyclist". And if SCMA is extreme, I guess that means we are extremists. Normally I might be offended by that label, but not under this circumstance.

It turns out that AMA has coined a new term for some of our Premier Events. We asked AMA for "Grand Tour" status for SCMA's USA Four Corners Tour, Best US 15 Roads Challenge and the Three Flags Classic. AMA recognized them for what they are and instead called them "Extreme Grand Tours".

Can you see us smiling? We are.

As we look toward 2012 and beyond we continue to craft our image and our message to the riding public. How do we increase awareness and increase ridership? Where do we take SCMA? Are we relevant? Are we effective?

We feel pretty special about what we do and spend a considerable amount of time asking ourselves how others view us. For those of us leading our various events and initiatives, that's one of the ways we try to remain sharp and improve our game.

Extreme? Yes indeed. Nice outcome.

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*Everyone is Welcome at Our General Membership Meetings*

We meet once per month on Saturdays beginning at 9 AM. We meet at:

Coco's Restaurant,  
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From the I-10 Freeway, head north on Azusa Ave. 1.0 miles. Coco's is on your right.

Please join us any time. Hear first hand about what's planned for the upcoming rides offered by SCMA and its affiliated clubs. Get to know the people that put these amazing events together. And get a feel for what it would be like to join our efforts in providing the best that riding has to offer.

Our next General Meeting is April 28.



*SCMA's 2012 Blazing Saddles, May 26-27: Old California Road Trip*

San Juan Batista was the finish of last year's ride and the starting point for this year's! When the chickens start to crow, we will begin our journey from the coastal hills above Salinas Valley to Monterey Bay. Leaving the bay at Santa Cruz, we wander up to Alice's restaurant through the Big Basin Redwoods. After crossing the Bay, we will follow the fence line of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and arrive in Contra Costa Country, which provides a view of the California delta.

Riding over bridges and on delta levees we will wander up the Sacramento River to reach the foothills of California's Gold Country.

Touring the foothills we will see historical early California names like Daffodil Hill, Fiddletown, Volcano, Rail Road Flat Rd., and Sheep Ranch Rd. until we reach the Murphy's Historic Hotel. We overnight at The Angels Inn Motel in Angels Camp.

Day two opens with more gold rush history from Calaveras County including Copperopolis and O'Byrnes Ferry Rd. at the Tulloch Reservoir. The roads of La Grange and Red Hills will take us past Don Pedro Reservoir to Cathey's Valley. The last leg will take us through Mariposa and Millerton Lake before reaching the Dog House Restaurant in Fresno and our finish.

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## Josef Usatin: A Legacy of Imagination

Josef Usatin (1936-2007)

Joe Usatin was behind much of what has made SCMA great. He is the reason we do what we do.

He is the Father of the Three Flags Classic and the USA Four Corners Tour. He is largely responsible for recruiting most of the SCMA leaders of the last two decades. He coached, mentored, encouraged and celebrated so many of the SCMA volunteers that are contributing today.

He was the first person to greet the new riders and was the oldest riding friend of everybody else. He was SCMA's idea man. He was a great friend, artist and organizer.

And he was one hell of a rider.

We will remember Joe for his white shirt, string tie, windbreaker, sandwiches in his tank bag, first one at the finish, dual landing lights on his BMW and love of classical music.

One word sums up Joe: unconventional.

He intentionally did not seek the chairmanship positions for the Three Flags Classic or the SCMA board of directors. Instead, he led from the rear. This is not to say that Joe was soft spoken or hidden from view. He was outspoken and persistent. And people listened to him.

This is a very rare skill that allowed him to leverage his ideas into action with substantive results.

If you doubt it, just look around. We say he is the Father of the Three Flags Classic because he came up with the idea after reading an old story about a fellow that traveled on a motorcycle from Mexico to Canada fifty years earlier. But beyond that, much of what we expect from the Three Flags experience were influenced by Joe's ideas.

Joe also came up with the idea of the USA Four Corners Tour and pressed the board to approve the concept. It was a wild idea at the time—and to some degree it still is to the majority of motorcyclists. But Joe knew that there would be riders that would take the challenge. Those riders now number approximately 1300.

People certainly listened to Joe, but just as important, Joe listened to them. He had a special talent of converting an individual's complaint into action to correct the problem. He challenged people to step up and fix what was broken.

Joe was the first name that came to mind when the SCMA Board of Directors contemplated the idea of a Legacy Award. Joe embodies as much of what SCMA values in its volunteers as any single individual. SCMA's ability to sustain our great events and provide riding experiences that people will remember for the rest of their lives.

Joe's can-do attitude and optimism changed long distance motorcycling for SCMA and North America.

*Note from the Editor: In late 2011 the SCMA Board of Directors voted unanimously to create a "Legacy Award" to be presented to individuals providing outstanding and long-term service and leadership to SCMA and its riders. Mr. Usatin is one of five individuals receiving the award in 2012. This is the first of five articles highlighting each of these Legacy Award recipients.*

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## SCMA's Premier Events

### USA Four Corners Tour (AMA "Extreme Grand Tour")

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### Three Flags Classic (AMA "Extreme Grand Tour")

The 37<sup>th</sup> 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. Drawing for tickets is April 1. Entrants need not be present to be drawn. Visit [www.3FlagsClassic.org](http://www.3FlagsClassic.org) for more on this year's event.

### California Adventure Series (AMA "Grand Tours")

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](http://www.californiaadventures.org)

### SCMA Best 15 US Roads Challenge (AMA "Extreme Grand Tour")

During 2012, travel our list of America's Best Roads. Every mile from your home to the roads and back again must be traveled on a motorcycle, trike or sidecar. Rules, application and details can be found at [www.sc-ma.com](http://www.sc-ma.com) Scroll down the front page of our website and click on the Best 15 Challenge.

### And Tie It All Together with the 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 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2012 at the Embassy Suites in Santa Ana, California. More at [www.sc-ma.com](http://www.sc-ma.com) Registration information for the banquet is in this newsletter.

## 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\*
- 14-15 Shamrocks St. Patrick's Day Tour (NEW DATES)
- 14-15 BMWCOOSC Kings Canyon and Three Rivers (NEW DATES)
- 20-22 So. Coasters El Capitan Campout
- 21-22 BMWCOOSC Kings Canyon and Three Rivers Ride

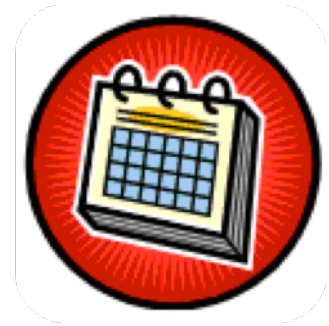
## May

- 6 So. Coasters Santa Paula AP GMM & Ride
- 6 Ride for Kids, Pediatric Brain Tumor Fundraiser
- 12 BMWCOOSC Redondo Beach & Long Beach Ride
- 19-20 Pasadena MC Greenhorn Ride\*
- 24-28 BMWCOOSC San Felipe Ride
- 26-28 SCMA Blazing Saddles\*

## June

- 2 South Coasters GMM and Tour
- 9 BMWCOOSC Ojai & Lake Casitas Ride
- 16 SCMA General Membership Meeting
- 23 PMC 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday & Chili Orgy
- 23-24 BMWCOOSC Big Bear Ride (NOT the BB Rally)

## Three-Month Running Calendar



Here's what's on the road ahead. For more information, check the SCMA website [www.sc-ma.com](http://www.sc-ma.com)

\*Qualifying Travelers  
Award Events

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