



SCMA NEWS

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month and The Time to Ride



Robert and son Chris Pirsig. Robert is author of "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance".

There is no SCMA General Membership Meeting during May to keep the calendar clear for riding:

May 5 & 6 Irv Seaver BMW 100th Year Anniversary Party

May 6 South Coasters to Santa Paula Airport

May 6 Ride for Kids, LA

May 12 BMWCOSG GS Ride

May 19-20 PMC Greenhorn

May 26-27 SCMA Blazing Saddles Ride starting in San Juan Bautista and ending in Fresno

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www.sc-ma.com

SCMA Elections for 2012 Coming Soon

Our annual election will occur from now until mid-July. Elections will be conducted for the expiring two-years terms for Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Correspondence Secretary/Membership Chair plus a short one-year term for the vacant Referee/Risk Manager/Insurance Chair position. (Elections to fill the regular two-year terms for Chair, Recording Secretary and Referee occur in odd-numbered years.)

All SCMA members in good standing are eligible to hold office. Nominations will be taken at the June 16 General Membership Meeting, ballots shall be distributed by email by June 18, ballots must be received at the Norwalk PO Box address by July 13, completed ballots will be publicly opened and counted on July 14 and the results will be announced and will become effective at that time.

Road Signs by Blake Anderson

A Bit More on the Upcoming Election

I want to make a shout out and a pitch for the unfilled position of Referee/Risk Manager/Insurance Chair that will be part of the upcoming election. Its a one-year term this time to fill the vacancy formed by the resignation of Bill Allen last year. This office is normally a two-year office filled in odd-numbered years.

“Referee” is an AMA-designated office that has responsibility for record keeping and dispute resolution for AMA-sanctioned competitive events. It also is responsible for completing accident reports for AMA-sanctioned road runs. While we don't conduct competitive events, our “premier” events Three Flags, USA Four Corners, California Mission Tour, California Parks Adventure and Best 15 US Roads Challenge are AMA-sanctioned and do require an annual end-of-year accident report. This position also negotiates and procures our annual insurance policy and sees to it that we are managing our risk exposure.

There is a lot to do at the end of year, but otherwise its a fairly quiet position. Its the perfect position for starting on the board and providing service back to your fellow SCMA members.

If you have been considering getting involved in SCMA in a meaningful way, consider running for this position this year. Questions? Call me.

We Are Looking Ahead to a New Website and Better Visibility.

At the Board of Directors April 17 meeting it heard a proposal from a firm that would build us a new website and provide better visibility to SCMA. The use of social media like Twitter and Facebook and improved search engine hits are some of the tools they offered to provide.

The Board is seriously considering the proposal and it is very likely that we will avail ourselves of this great opportunity. There are fees, of course, and I will be happy to provide them to anyone that is curious--once the proposal has been accepted and the work has begun.

The Board will be make a decision at its May 15 meeting scheduled to begin at 9:30 at Roady's Restaurant in old downtown San Dimas.

Take This Pin and Re-Stick It

Those of you that have been on our one-day and two-day riding events know that we have discounted ride pins. Some riders have been disappointed by this money-saving practice.

The problem has been this. The set-up charge and minimum pin order (normally 50) is very expensive for rides drawing only 10 or 15 riders. Expensive? Its been plain stupid expensive.

The good news is we are going back to pins for our two-day events. We will produce undated pins that can be used for two or three years. That's affordable.



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Stay up to date about SCMA and its affiliated clubs.

Membership Report

By Sally Bishop, Membership

Regular Members as of March 15, 2011	751
New Members:	7
Renewals:	10
Regular Members as of April 15, 2012	758
Sponsoring Corporate Members as of April 15, 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 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.

Ride Safe: Group Riding Techniques

For our continuing discussion on group riding techniques, here are the basic signals that work for safety, convenience and comfort. Before a group ride begins, the group leader and the sweeper should lead all riders in a review of these signs.

Employing these signals will make the experience better for everyone. Needing to communicate that you need to stop for gas or to take a pee are just two reasons to know these hand signs.

Single File - arm and index finger extended straight up




Double File - arm with index and middle finger extended straight up




Hazard in Roadway - on the right, point with right foot; on the left, point with left hand




Fuel - arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended



Refreshment Stop - fingers closed, thumb to mouth




Comfort Stop - forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion




Often during the meeting, **hand signals** are reviewed so that you can communicate with the other riders during the ride. Hand signals are a useful tool to keep the group aware and cohesive on the roadway. Your group is free to determine its own set of signals, but here's a review of some commonly used ones:

Hand Signals

Stop - arm extended straight down, palm facing back



Slow Down - arm extended straight out, palm facing down



Pull Off - arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swing toward shoulder



Turn Signal On - open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended



Highbeam - tap on top of helmet with open palm down



Speed Up - arm extended straight out, palm facing up



Follow Me - arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward



You Lead/Come - arm extended upward 45 degrees, palm forward pointing with index finger; swing in arc from back to front



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

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 RAIN 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 NEW DATE
10. 07/15/12 SCMA DOG DAYS OF SUMMER RIDE
11. 08/11/12 BMWCO SC SLO WINE COUNTRY
12. 10/06/12 SCMA GRAND TOUR
13. 10/21/12 BMWCO SC 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

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2012 Three Flags Classic Status Report

The Three Flags Classic Committee next meets on May 5 beginning at 9 AM at the Coco's Restaurant in Covina on Azusa Avenue. The committee will be finalizing the design of the tee shirts that will be provided to the riders. The committee will also announce how tee shirt orders will be processed.

Tickets for the 2012 Three Flags Classic are available until May 15. 215 tickets have been sold. The committee had planned to sell up to 250. But time is moving on and the committee has to fix the final number of riders so that orders for buckles, plaques and other long lead-time items can be submitted to its vendors.

Rooms at the start, finish and mid-ride locations are filling up fast. If you haven't made your reservations, now is the time to do so. If you can't find a room at the SCMA hotels, there's several alternate hotels available in El Paso and in Nelson. They are close enough to the SCMA hotels to minimize any inconvenience. Simply consult the web to find opportunities to meet your needs.

There is an active Three Flags Classic forum on the SCMA website. Go to www.sc-ma.com, click on "Three Flags Classic", click on "Forum" and navigate through the subjects that are posted and actively visited by other Three Flags Classic riders. For new riders, in particular, there's a wealth of information about what to expect on the ride. And, if your question isn't there, then post a question and someone will surely give you sound advice and a friendly response.

And what about the 2013 Classic???

Here we are, 4 months away from the start of the 2012 Three Flags Classic and yet its time to start thinking about 2013! Really? Really!

The 38th Annual Three Flags Classic will occur August 30-September 2, 2013. That's all we know for sure. Everything else will be proposed or decided by the 2013 Three Flags Classic Committee.

The SCMA Chairman, with direct consultation with the Board, will select a chair for the 2013 event in July. If you are interested in forming a team and proposing a start, please submit a proposal to Blake by July 1, 2012.

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

SCMA's New Emphasis on Publicity and Outreach

Publicity and outreach is something SCMA has been talking about, but not much has been happening. That is, until now. Last month, Steve Howe stepped forward and volunteered to be SCMA's Publicity Chairman. What started out as a series of good suggestions on his part has turned into a job-his.

Steve had recently observed that SCMA does not do enough to get our events listed in online ride lines and printed motorcycle newspapers. He was right. So he decided to do something about it. And so he quickly agreed to be our Publicity Chairman and to begin a initiative to give the riding public a better picture of what we offer. Steve has single-handedly placed our May Blazing Saddles Tour onto 13 websites and 2 printed publications. That's a major advance in our visibility.

Thanks, Steve, for taking a suggestion and turning it into action.

Sell It Here...

Remember we accept motorcycle-related ads from our members. Send your ad to the newsletter editor by the 15th of the month.

We Want Your Stories and Photos

Do you have a story that needs to be told? A ride you have taken? An interesting person you want to profile? Memories of your first motorcycle and what it meant to you? Maybe you have a good old days story about SCMA. If you have an idea, write it. We'll print it.

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,
306 N Azusa Ave.,
Covina, CA.
The restaurant is just south of San Bernardino Road.

Directions to Coco's:

From the I-210 Freeway, head south on Azusa Ave. 2.2 miles. Coco's is on your left.
Or...
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.

What's In Store for SCMA's 2012 Blazing Saddles, May 26-27

Yes, you may have read this column last month, but it bears repeating. This is going to be a hell of a great ride. Join us. For your careful consideration:

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.

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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Joseph Mandeville: A Long-Distance Legacy

Joseph Mandeville is truly one of SCMA's old timers and a riding fool. He started riding motorcycles in 1955 outside of Dodge City, Kansas, and has been riding long and hard ever since. Joe is the second recipient of SCMA's Legacy Award.

He aims to be the first one person to arrive at the finish of the Three Flags Classic and often is. In 1993 he accomplished an amazing long distance riding feat. In 180 days as a competitor in the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America mileage contest, Joe rode 102,976 miles. During those six months he averaged 570 miles a day. He is currently doing the paper work for BMW's Million Miles Club. He's done the USA Four Corners Tour 7 times. He's a long-term Iron Butt Association rider. He is certainly a rider's rider. Par excellence. The primo guy. Joe will tell you that riding is the one thing he's particularly good at. Like so many long distance riders, he feels he is "one with the bike". But well beyond simply riding, Joe has worked hard for SCMA for 30 years.

Joe got involved with SCMA in 1979 and started doing rides. At the 1982 Three Flags Classic banquet he was grousing about the buckle that year. Joe Usatin recognized an opportunity and asked Joe Mandeville whether he could do better. Mandeville said yes and in 1983 he was on his first Three Flags Classic committee. In 1984 he chaired the whole TFC committee. Since then he has chaired TFC more than any other person and performed many other Three Flags Classic jobs including Vice Chair and Advertising Chair.. He chaired the USA Four Corners Tour for a couple of years. He has been SCMA Chairman many times and Vice Chairman and Referee/Risk Manager/ Insurance Chairman. He has been President of our affiliated clubs including the Shamrocks Road Riders for several terms as well as Chairman of the BMW South Coaster. He is a lifetime Pasadena Motorcycle Club member. He has chaired many of our one-day rides.

Joe is a versatile team member to who we have looked for three decades for significant leadership. And more than that, he is a simply a terrific friend, a wonderful story teller and a person that looks for the best in himself and others. He is a terrific example of what we value in SCMA.

Joe, we are proud to know 'ya.

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. Mandeville is one of five individuals who received the award in 2012. This is the second of five articles highlighting each of these initial Legacy Award recipients.

May Is Motorcycle Awareness Month

Allstate Insurance has announced that it will begin to place permanent warning signs at dangerous intersections to promote motorcycle safety. They will place the first signs in Atlanta, Georgia, as part of Motorcycle Awareness Month. They will install signs in more than 30 US cities this year working with local authorities to identify the most needed locations. Currently, there is no standard sign for motorcycle awareness.

The yellow diamond-shaped warning signs were created following two years of development and testing that included 140 temporary installations in US cities between 2010 and 2011. The signs were designed to establish a standardized warning sign that can be used by any local or state agency. Standardization will make it recognizable to riders and motorists across the country. This initiative, driven by an American corporation is not much different than the sign standardization efforts that began in the 1920s by the Auto Club here in California and throughout the United States. What began as a volunteer effort turned into road signage that we all take for granted today.

Allstate should be commended for seeing a problem and doing something concrete about it. Simply reading “Watch for Motorcycles,” the sign was developed by Allstate as part of its “Once is Never Enough” program—an awareness campaign that encourages people to look twice for motorcycles at intersections. Allstate has said, “As more and more of the signs are installed across the country, we hope that riders and motorists will familiarize themselves with the message and remember to always look twice at intersections, because once is never enough.”



According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, every day in the US, three motorcyclists are killed at intersections in crashes that involve other vehicles.

This is a terrific idea. Perhaps every motorcyclist reading this article should turn to his/her local motorcycle club, homeowners association or city council to urge the funding and placement of these signs in the communities around them. This would be one specific way to reduce motorcycle fatalities.

Of course, nothing replaces defensive driving, wearing helmets, never drinking and riding, and avoiding unsafe speeds.

Together, we can make a difference. Ride safe.



AMA Announces Flash Tours for 2012

Looking for a great reason to ride? Want a challenge? No time to commit to a full-on AMA Grand Tour? Get out and ride the AMA Flash Tours!

AMA Flash Tours challenge you to get on the road to interesting destinations—many off the beaten path—and document the challenge for others. To participate, just email your photos that correspond to the active Flash Tour appearing on the AMA website. AMA will add your photo to the AMA Flash Tours photo gallery on Facebook, and at the end of each Flash Tour, select a winner.

AMA will add new Flash Tours throughout the year. Keep checking the AMA website for more chances to play.

Each tour is a minimum of three days in duration and none lasts longer than a few weeks. Destinations are everywhere, so you have every reason to join in the fun. You could even win a cool prize—a winner will be chosen at random from those who finish each tour.

For information, rules and the current list of challenges, visit AMA's Flash Tours on the AMA website:

www.AmericanMotorcyclist.com/riding

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Registration opens at 8:45 a.m. The escorted ride is sharp, *rain or shine!* The ride will loop back to the start point. After a light lunch, participants will enjoy a Celebration of Life program that features brain tumor survivors interviews with young "stars" of the day. Award presentations to top fundraisers will follow.

The minimum donation is \$35, but the more money you raise, the more **premiums** you earn.

We also draw for a new Honda motorcycle, AGV helmet, Cardo Scala Rider, Dunlop tire, and Tourmaster luggage. (You must be present to win.)



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Registration opens at 8:45 a.m. and closes at 9:45 a.m. The ride starts at 10 a.m.

The ride will loop back to the start point. After a light lunch, participants will enjoy a Celebration of Life program that features brain tumor survivors interviews with young "stars" of the day. Award presentations to top fundraisers will follow.

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SCMA's Premier Events

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

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. Drawing for tickets is April 1. Entrants need not be present to be drawn. Visit 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

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 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

Our General Forum Is Alive and Well and Living in a Computer Near You

If you haven't taken a look at SCMA's general forum lately you are in for a pleasant surprise. Mark Lenson has been hard at work re-configuring it to give it more relevancy and life. You can find it by going to www.sc-ma.com, and clicking on forum.

Now its missing just one ingredient: you.

SCMA's general forum has been around for two years. Its available to anyone with an interest in SCMA, its affiliated clubs, long distance riding or motorcycles in general. Registering on the forum is your key to entering the site, posting information, asking questions and offering suggestions.

SCMA's general forum is good for everything EXCEPT the USA Four Corners Tour and the Three Flags Classic. There are long-standing forums for these two premier riding events and we urge everyone to continue to use them exclusively for those purposes. We want old riders and new riders to remain at those forums for those events. So, please, stay there. Mark has been asked to re-direct traffic about the USA Four Corners and the Three Flags Classic back to those forums.

The SCMA general forum is the place for our affiliated clubs to announce and promote their events to SCMA members and the general riding public. They can post links back to their own club forums if they like. For those clubs that have forums closed to non-members, the SCMA general forum is the perfect solution to getting the word out on upcoming events, promote ridership and raise awareness about what their clubs are doing.

For SCMA board members, committee chairs and volunteers, the SCMA general forum is the logical place to file FAQs (frequently asked questions) and to elaborate on the details of their rides. Chatter about California Parks Adventure, California Mission Tour, SCMA Best 15 US Roads Challenge, Blazing Saddles, the SCMA Grand Tour and our one-day rides can all be found there.

Travel tips, descriptions of your epic riding adventures and simply reflections about what motorcycling means to you are examples of what you can add to the forum to make it uniquely relevant to long distance motorcyclists like yourself.

So check it out. There is a whole community waiting to hear from you.

Three-Month Running Calendar

May

- 6 So. Coasters Santa Paula AP GMM & Ride
- 6 Ride for Kids, LA: Pediatric Brain Tumor Fundraiser
- 12 BMWCOOSC Redondo Beach & Long Beach Ride
- 19-20 Pasadena MC Greenhorn Ride*
- 25-28 BMWCOOSC San Felipe Ride
- 26-28 SCMA Blazing Saddles*



June

- 2 South Coasters GMM and Tour of Nethercutt Auto Museum
- 9 BMWCOOSC Ojai & Lake Casitas Ride
- 16 SCMA General Membership Meeting
- 23 PMC 105th Birthday & Chili Orgy*
- 23-24 BMWCOOSC Big Bear Ride (NOT the BB Rally)

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

*Qualifying Travelers Award Events

July

- 1 South Coasters Ventura GMM and Tour
- 14 BMWCOOSC Cayucos Wine Country Ride
- 14 SCMA General Membership Meeting
- 15 SCMA Dog Days of Summer Ride*
- 20-22 South Coaster 7 Passes Tour*
- 28 BMWCOOSC Santa Monica Mountains Ride

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