



SCMA NEWS

June is Here. The Road Beckons



Find your road with SCMA and its affiliated clubs. One-day, two-day or our premier events. You will find it here.

June 9: BMW Club of So Cal Ojai, Lake Casitas Ride

June 16: SCMA Meeting. Nominations for Vice Chair, Treasurer, Correspondence-Membership Chair and Referee-Risk Manager.

June 23: Pasadena MC 105th Birthday BBQ Newcomb's BBQ

June 24: South Coasters Dana Point Picnic.

June 23-24: BMW Club of So Cal Big Bear Northwoods Resort (NOT the BB Rally)

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SCMA Elections for 2012: We Need a New Vice Chair and Referee!

Elections are underway for the expiring two-years terms for Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Correspondence-Membership Chair plus a short one-year term for the vacant Referee-Risk Manager position. Dennis and Sally say they will run for second terms, but the Vice Chair position and R-R Manager are wide open. Both are great place to commit to SCMA and begin to exert long term

leadership. Interested? Talk to Blake or Huey. Think about it!

All SCMA members in good standing are eligible to hold office. Nominations are at our June 16 meeting. ballots will be distributed starting June 18 and must be received at the Norwalk PO Box by July 13, completed ballots will be counted and announced at the July 14 meeting.

Road Signs by Blake Anderson

More on the Upcoming Election: We need YOUR involvement

The Vice Chair and Referee-Risk Manager offices need to be filled. The Vice Chair is for a two-year term and the Referee-Risk Manager for one-year. The incumbents in the other two offices (Treasurer and Correspondence-Membership Chair) have graciously volunteered to run for re-election.

Vice Chair sits on the board of directors, fills in for the Chair during his/her absence, votes on board matters and provides counsel to the Chair. This office is an important link between the other board members and the Chair. We are looking for wise and cool leadership that understands teamwork.

“Referee” is an AMA-designated office responsible for ride event record keeping and accident reports to AMA for our premier events: Three Flags, USA Four Corners, California Mission Tour, California Parks Adventure and Best 15 US Roads Challenge that are AMA-sanctioned. This position also negotiates and procures our annual insurance policy and sees to it that we are managing our risk exposure.

If you have considered getting involved in SCMA in a meaningful way, consider running for one of these offices. Questions? Call me.

We Have Hired a Web Designer.

On May 15 the Board hired

“Assist My Business” to build SCMA a new website and provide better visibility. The use of social media like Twitter and Facebook and improved search engine hits are some of the tools they will provide.

It is hard to say when their work will be completed and the new website will be launched. We are fielding a few of their questions now. There is a lot to making a functional and modern-looking website. The external “look” and the internal technical workings of the site will make a difference to us all.

Stay tuned...

First New Ride Pin Issued

Those of you on the Blazing Saddles Ride were given a new ride pin that is our new prototype for one-day and two-day riding events. It is a square pin with a diagonal gold slash. In the upper corner is the SCMA shield. In the lower corner is the ride logo. Hanging from the pin is the year. Subsequent years can be hung off the first. Now we can issue pins without suffering the high cost of short production runs.

The design was created by Barbara Fox. Thanks Barbara!!

Look for this new ride pin format at the July 15 Dog Days of Summer ride, the October 6-7 SCMA Grand Tour, the October 28 Cemetery Tour, and the November 18 Turkey Run.



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Stay up to date about SCMA and its affiliated clubs. Receive fliers and detailed information about upcoming events. Have current contact information at your finger tips.



Membership Report

By Sally Bishop, Membership

Regular Members as of April 15, 2012	758
New Members:	20
Renewals:	39
Regular Members as of May 15, 2012	778
Sponsoring Corporate Members as of May 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: You Really Are Invisible!

You may have already seen the email about how other objects disappear when you fix your gaze on a single object. As the story goes, World War II aviators were trained to constantly move their scan outside and inside the cockpit. They were warned that if they fixed their gaze at a particular location for too long they would lose their ability to spot an incoming bogie.

Yeah, right. BS. Certainly our peripheral vision will take care of that. Don't moving objects "catch our eye?"

Not always.

Take a look at this website:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motion_induced_blindness

When you fix your gaze for a few seconds at the dot in middle, the other dots disappear. When I first showed this to my wife she concluded that the other dots were intermittently on and I was simply joking with her. But as soon as she stopped her gaze at the center dot it was quite apparent that all of the dots were always on.

This is scary and it is one reason why "I just didn't see him" kills and injures so many riders.

Many drivers, hands clinched on the wheel, gaze fixed on the road ahead and careful not to be distracted are doing EXACTLY the thing that leads to motion-induced blindness. Those of us with elderly parents, for instance, have admonished them with,

"for God's sake mom, keep your eyes on the road. Stop looking around!" Its no wonder that they are the ones that later say "I am am sorry, I just didn't see him".

Riders report that the drivers that made a left in front of them were looking right at them. Actually, they were staring past them. The driver had motion-induced blindness by staring intently down the road.

We often read news reports that these kind of accidents occur on lonely country roads with no other cars in sight--just the lone motorcyclist and the lone driver. Is it possible that this is the most dangerous combination, given this information about stare-induced blindness? On a busy street where we are all constantly looking around for other cars, perhaps that's a better place to be.

The lesson here is for motorcycle riders to maintain situational awareness at all times. Constant scanning does two things. It eliminates our own motion-induced blindness and it allows us to look, notice, anticipate and act.

Remember this most important truth: you really are invisible. This requires defensive driving.

Think about this when a lone farm truck approaching you is slowing down to turn into the dirt driveway on your side of the road. Is he looking at you or staring through you? Don't let him later say, "Gee, I just didn't see him!"

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 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

Madawaska Says Hello



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 fireplace. 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" or 12"x24" or 24"x24" red tone granite paving stone engraved with your name and message. You can share your passion for motorcycling by inscribing any message 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 and a permanent part of the Madawaska community.

To order your personalized granite paving stone, become a sponsor, or make an outright donation, please complete our online order form found at http://www.madawaskafourcorners.org/order_form.html and send it with your check or money order payable to:

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

If you are on the USA Four Corners Tour, please stop at the park. It is a ready-made location for taking a photograph of your bike as your proof of visit, relax and get a view of Canada to the north. Mail your proof of visit envelope at the Madawaska Post Office conveniently located a few blocks east of the park. Come inside and see the rider's photos on the wall. And be sure to give a wave and a hello to my fellow Madawaskans. Everyone in town knows about the USA Four Corners Tour and will give you a friendly wave and hello back.

We consider you to be part of our community.

Joe LaChance
President and Founder
Madawaska Four Corners Park Association

*2012 Three Flags Classic
Tickets and the Three Flags
Classic Website and Forum*

Ticket sales for the 2012 TFC are closed. However, some tickets will be resold by original purchasers for the original face value.

Find sellers online on the SCMA forum. Go to www.sc-ma.com, scroll down, click on "Three Flags Classic", click on "Forum" and find "Tickets" and other subjects posted by other Three Flags Classic riders. By late July and August there should be plenty of ticket sales to meet your needs.

All TFC riders should visit the TFC forum from time-to-time for news. New riders can find a wealth of advice about ride preparation and traveling tips.

*We Are Seeking Proposals for
the 2013 Classic*

The 38th Annual Three Flags Classic occurs Aug. 30-Sept. 2, '13. The banquet Sept. 3. The SCMA Chairman and the Board will select the TFC chair and form the committee.

If you are interested in chairing the 2013 Three Flags Classic or being on the committee, please contact Blake at your earliest

convenience.

BlakePAnderson@gmail.com

We are seeking new blood. If you are new to SCMA or are one of our longtime members looking to get involved, now is a good time to step up and grab an oar for 2013.

People seeking the 2013 TFC Chair position are asked to submit a written proposal to Blake by July 1, 2012. The proposal should include your name and contact information, names of any your team members and any proposed details about the ride.

The SCMA board of directors will consider the proposals at its July 17 meeting and launch the committee.

The first objective of the 2013 TFC Committee will be to select the starting and ending cities. If the committee can manage to announce those cities at the September 4, 2012 Nelson BC banquet, that would be nice. But it isn't necessary.

Huey Ward, the 2012 TFC Chairman would be happy to answer any questions about what the job entails.

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

SCMA's 2012 Dog Days of Summer Ride Set for July 15th

The Sixth Annual Dog Days of Summer Ride is set for Sunday, July 15. It starts in La Canada at Los Gringos Locos Restaurant and ends in Solvang at the Vintage Motorcycle Museum. Most of the ride will be in on those great mountain and canyon roads between the two. There is a flyer in this newsletter that provides more information.

Sell It Here...

For Sale: Smart Antenna for Zumo 550. Used. \$100. This is the GMX 30 Smart Antenna (the "hockey puck") required with the Zumo 550 GPS to provide satellite radio, traffic and weather conditions. An XMSirius service contract is also required. I have two. Location: Santa Ana. Contact Blake at (714) 801-3931

Remember we accept free 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 remaining General Membership Meetings for 2012 are:

- June 16 (Nomination of officers)
- July 14 (Count ballots announce results)
- August 18
- September 15
- October 13
- November 17
- December (No meeting)

Growing Pains: Change a System and You Will Have Problems

They say the road to hell is paved with good intentions. Well, if that is true, our road south will be well paved. I am here to take responsibility for our occasional rough spots, to reveal that we are not through them all and to ask for your patience. The next few months may have problems.

The SCMA Board of Directors and the Three Flags Committee have been busy at work to accomplish one set of objectives: to make SCMA more efficient, web accessible and convenient. This means a new website, a new newsletter, a common database and online orders for event and ride tickets and (eventually) online orders for merchandise.

Some of you that attempted to use the new online Three Flags Classic ticket ordering process earlier this year know there were a number of problems that caused double orders and incomplete submittals. What many of you experienced was having to exchange the reliable method of mailing

off a personal check for the drawing for a snaggy, unknown and frustrating online process. We think those bugs are fixed. Our intention is to have a better data base, less recording errors and a super convenient way for our members to sign up. Please bear with us.

On another front, our emailed newsletter (now in its sixth month) is saving us a boat load of money but we are still short of reaching all of our members. A full cycle of membership renewals will fix this problem.

In the next few months the new website will be up and running. We will endeavor to make the startup problem-free. We will see.

Please call or email me and any other member of the board when it becomes too too much. Your advice and complaints will help us to continue to craft a better SCMA while we avoid adding new paving stones to Hell Road. *Blake Anderson*



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Jan Staws: A Legacy of Commitment and Service

Jan Staws is one of those people who is all things to all people. For nearly 40 years she has been our younger sister--now our older sister. Our grand lady. Our mom. Our "go to". Our favorite aunt. She is the lady down the street that is always the first to come by with a pot of soup when someone at home is sick. You can not figure out how she knows what is needed, but she knows.

She started riding when she was 40 years old--late compared to our other Legacy Recipients. But she has made up for the late start with full emersion involvement in motorcycling. She started with SCMA at that time, bought a bike and dove right in. No big surprise there--if you know Jan.

She was around when the SCMA was very rough around the edges. Many of our affiliated clubs were rough-hewn Harley guys. The Loners, Nuggets, Never Readies and California Pleasure Riders were part of the crowd that kept things interesting in the old days. Amongst all of that was gentle Jan. She was as comfortable with that breed of riders as she is now with the more civilized breed we see today. Her rough honesty and willingness to work hard and take on any and all assignments made her the most well-known personality in the SCMA family of riders and clubs. No one has worked harder for SCMA. No one.

Jan has put more time in with SCMA than anyone else. Much of her work has been behind the scenes, but she has also contributed many years of up front leadership. She's been SCMA Chair, Vice Chair, Newsletter Editor, Treasurer, Jamboree Chair, TFC Chair, TFC Publicity, TFC Graphics and Art Work, Triple Crown Chair, chaired a bunch of day rides, resurrected Blazing Saddles and invented the Sweetheart Ride. She has been on most TFC committees from 1982 to 2009. That's more than three decades of dedication to SCMA. In all of those assignments she has worked tirelessly and with great skill. She embodies the ideals we look for in our leaders and volunteers. She is the kind of person that is essential to the long-term and legendary successes of SCMA.

I asked Jan what it is about SCMA she finds most rewarding. She said, "the people, the relationships and the memories". She also said that volunteering made the experiences much more richer.

That is something for all of us to think about.

Jan, thanks for supporting and leading SCMA in so many ways for so many years.

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. Ms. Staws is one of five individuals who received the award in 2012. This is the third of five articles

Report on the 2012 Blazing Saddles Tour

Well, did you miss a great ride! It contained a little bit of everything.

Most of the 23 riders arrived in San Juan Bautista on Friday evening and walked the four blocks to an outstanding local legendary Mexican Restaurant called Jardines de San Juan.

As advertised, as the rooster crowed, we were off to the hills immediately west of SJB. It was a dew-filled morning and the Old Salinas Road, badly worn and covered with tar snakes, was slick as a wet door knob. After that winding start it was out to Watsonville and then up the coast to Santa Cruz and into the Redwoods.

Again we were faced with wet and foggy conditions that lasted for miles until we dropped off Skyline Highway and headed east to round the southern end of San Francisco Bay and head north and northeast to the Delta.

Crowds of families parked roadside to participate in the annual pick-your-own-tree-fruit festivals slowed us down a bit but the weather was great at this point and the Delta beckoned.

Riding over bridges and on delta levees we wandered up through the rolling farm country to reach the foothills of California's Gold Country. This is where the word "twisties" was invented, of that I am certain!

These are some of the most outstanding motorcycling roads that California has to offer. The Fiddletown Road, in particular, provided the thrilling twisties that we all

seek. After a steady diet of roads like this we found ourselves in Angels Camp for the night at the Angels Inn. Dinner at the local Chinese Restaurant in the McDonald's shopping center was close to perfect. And it was a lot cheaper than OC prices!

Dennis Even's route gave us two options on Sunday: the Alpine option and the Foothills option.

A few of us took the Alpine option and, boy, were we glad we did! It had snowed the day before. Basically everything at 7000' and above was covered in the white stuff and we were early enough that a melt was just underway. God bless the CalTrans crews. Everything had apparently been plowed and brushed the night before. The roads were basically dry, warmed by the morning sun as we arrived at Emmet's Pass around 8:30.

We were up and over this pass with ease. Had breakfast at Ali's Cafe in Markleeville, headed south on CA 89 and US 395 (skipped the prescribed short Nevada loop) and headed up and over the fabulous Sonora Pass. We took the sweepers and twisties of CA 49 south to CA 41 and then a beeline to Fresno. What a spectacular day!

The foothills option consisted of Calaveras County roads including Copperopolis and O'Byrnes Ferry Roads. La Grange Road and Red Hills Road took us past Don Pedro Reservoir to Cathey's Valley. The last leg was through Mariposa and Millerton Lake before reaching the Dog House Restaurant in Fresno on East (Dennis, that's EAST) Shaw Ave. Yum!



This ride will basically follow the route developed by Bill Allen for the ride in July 2011.

This is an opportunity to explore the roads through the Sierra Nevada Mountain Passes from Bakersfield to South Lake Tahoe in a three day ride. The routing information and GPS files have been posted for viewing and downloading from the Club the web site calendar for July 19, 2012.

It is suggested the ride participants stay in Bakersfield Thursday night July 19, 2012. I will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express at 3001 Buck Owens Blvd. in Bakersfield.



The ride will begin in Bakersfield on Friday morning July 20, 2012. We will meet at 8:00AM at Zingo's Café (3201 Buck Owens Blvd in Bakersfield) for breakfast and an overview of the ride.



Friday morning we will ride Hwy 178 east over Walker Pass and turn north on 395 to SR 120 and over Tioga Pass at Yosemite and then onto Sonora for Friday evening. I am staying at the Inns of California in Sonora. Saturday morning we will leave Sonora and head east and north over Hwy 108 (Sonora Pass) to the 395 north and Hwy 89 over Monitor Pass and then onto to a lunch and fuel break at Marklee Station. Then on over Ebbetts pass. We will head north



towards Tahoe over Carson Pass and Luther Pass. We will take Hwy 207 over the Kingsbury grade onto meet up with Hwy 395 south into Bishop.

I plan to stay Saturday night at the Ramada Limited Inn in Bishop. Sunday morning we head south on the 395 with a stop at Kramer Junction and then onto I-15 and home. I have posted the route instructions and the GPS files to the calendar for this event.



The ride will consist of 132 miles from LA to Bakersfield. There are 398 miles Day 2 (Bakersfield to Sonora). Then 500 miles Day 3 (Sonora to Bishop). The final leg is 300+ miles for the ride home on Sunday.

There are several long twisty sections of mountain roads, this is probably not a good candidate for a ride two up.

The hotel addresses and telephone numbers are shown within the Route instructions file.

Those of you considering this ride should make your hotel reservations quickly as these hotels fill up early for the summer months weekends.

Attention 2012 Three Flags Classic Riders: Tee Shirt Orders

Half of our 2012 Riders have not yet indicate their tee shirt size. You will get an XL at the El Paso check-in if do not specify a different size. If you are NOT XL, NOW is the time to complete the order form. Use the form below. We would prefer that you copy, complete, scan and email this form to the email address below. Or, if you can't do that, then copy it, fill it out and mail it to the PO Box below. Please do this right now. Thanks



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2012 Three Flags Classic Updates

Hotel Reservations

To make **START** hotel reservations at the Best Western Airport Inn, 7144 Gateway Blvd. East, El Paso, call 1-915-779-7700. Make sure you are talking to the actual El Paso desk and that you haven't been automatically rolled over to Best Western's national reservation desk. Ask for the Three Flags Classic rate. The block of double beds is exhausted at the Best Western but singles are still available at press time. The Best Western has made arrangements with its sister property, the Ramada Inn, 8250 Gateway Blvd. East for overflow. If you are interested in the Ramada Inn and the smokin' hot block rate we negotiated, then make sure that the person at the desk knows about this arrangement. If all else fails, talk to Anel Labrado at the BW who knows all of this.

To make **FINISH** hotel reservations call Prestige Lakeside Resort call 1-877-737-8443. Ask for the Three Flags Classic rate. The Prestige consists of two properties. We have reached overflow conditions so you may find yourself in the nearby Prestige Inn.

Buying and Selling Tickets

No additional tickets will be sold by the committee. We have sold 221 rider tickets and that is the number we will be using for ordering buckles, plaques and the other rider merchandise that will be provided to everyone in El Paso and in Nelson.

Ticket resales occur every year. 2012 is no different. Sales occur on the Three Flags Classic Forum. Go to www.sc-ma.com, scroll down to Three Flags Classic, click there, click on "Forum" and click on "Tickets". Tickets can not be sold for more than \$275. They can be sold for less. If you buy a ticket from someone else, you must immediately notify the TFC committee. Your contact information is essential for the committee for administering the ride and knowing your emergency contact information. Go to the SCMA website, click on Three Flags Classic and click on "Application". Copy it, complete it and send it to the Norwalk PO Box.

2012 Three Flags Classic Calendar and Schedule

For your convenience, here is the complete schedule for the 2012 Three Flags Classic. Remember that all times are local. Mountain Daylight Savings Time applies to the start and the three checkpoints. Pacific Daylight Savings Time applies to the finish in Nelson. The Three Flags Classic is not a race, but it is a time-managed long-distance riding event. The clock rules. All starting and finishing times will be strictly enforced. Its a 37-year tradition around here and we intend to keep it.

Check-in and ride registration

Thursday, August 30; 2 PM-6 PM and 8 PM-9 PM; Best Western Airport Inn, 7144 Gateway Blvd. East, El Paso. All riders must check-in and register. Steps include: establishing SCMA membership, signing release of liability forms, having your photo taken, receiving your starter's package and fixing your photo in the Three Flags Classic Passport. The passport serves as your verification document that will be stamped, dated and signed at the three checkpoints and the finish.

The Start

Friday, August 31; 3 AM-6 AM; Front Lobby Best Western Airport Inn. All riders must complete a "starter's card" that is provided in the starter's package and hand it to a member of the TFC committee. You are free to get on the road, have breakfast or go back to bed. THERE WILL BE NO FRIDAY MORNING ride registration.

The Checkpoints

There are three checkpoints. Each must be visited in order for a rider to be a qualified "finisher". Riders will provide their passports to be dated, stamped and signed at every checkpoint. Beverages and snacks will be available as part of the ride fee.

Checkpoint #1: Buena Vista, Colorado; Friday, August 31, noon to 8 PM and Saturday, September 1, 6 AM to noon, MDT.

Checkpoint #2: Little America, Wyoming; Saturday, September 1, 8AM to 8PM and Sunday, September 2, 8 AM to 2 PM, MDT.

Checkpoint #3: Wisdom, Montana; Sunday, September 2, 8 AM to 8 PM and Monday, September 3, 8 AM to noon, MDT.

The Finish

Prestige Lakeside Resort, Nelson, BC; Monday, September 3, noon until 9 PM, PDT. Riders will have their passports dated, stamped and signed. Riders will be provided with a finisher's package that includes a limited-edition belt buckle. Drinks and light snacks will be available as part of the ride fee.

The TFC Banquet

Prestige Lakeside Resort, Nelson, BC; Tuesday evening, September 4, (hours to be announced). A banquet ticket will be provided to every registered rider as part of the rider fee. We will give away a number of terrific door prizes including two \$1000 Aerostich gift certificates. Extra \$50 banquet tickets will be on sale in Nelson. A member of the TFC committee will be on site selling tickets. Further details will be announced in El Paso and in Nelson.



**THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
MOTORCYCLING ASSOCIATION
PROUDLY PRESENTS THE
6TH ANNUAL**

2012 Dog Days Of Summer

Sunday, July 15, 2012

Sign In: 8:30-10am

Ride closes at 3pm



ENTRY FEE
\$ 10.00
Per Person

Start: Los Gringos Locos
631 Foothill Blvd
La Canada Flintridge, CA

Finish: Solvang Vintage
Motorcycle Museum

Check Web site www.SC-MA.com for updated Information or Call: (760) 638-0303
For Pre-registration: Mail to SCMA, PO Box 487, Norwalk, CA 90651
Or simply Register at start

RIDER

PASSENGER

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State ___ Zip _____

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Telephone _____

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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 held March 2nd in 2013 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Santa Ana, California. More at www.sc-ma.com Registration information for the banquet will be in this newsletter.

Application for SCMA Membership

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY. Mail to SCMA, PO Box 487, Norwalk, CA 90651-0487

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ Apt.# _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Address Change

EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

CONTACT _____ PHONE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ GENDER Male Female

I am interested in volunteering for:

Day Rides Three Flags Classic Board Positions Other _____

	One Year	Two Year
New Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45
Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45
Renewing Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Free	

Existing Membership # _____ Expires _____

Club Name _____ Outrider

In making this application for membership, I hereby agree to comply with the rules governing the Southern California Motorcycling Association while holding membership.

SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

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S.C.M.A #	Expires

Three-Month Running Calendar

June

- 2 South Coasters GMM and Tour of Nethercutt Auto Museum
- 9 BMWCOOSC Ojai & Lake Casitas Ride
- 16 SCMA General Membership Meeting (incl. nominations)
- 23 PMC 105th Birthday Bash & BBQ at Newcomb's Ranch
- 23-24 BMWCOOSC Big Bear Ride (NOT the BB Rally)
- 24 South Coaster's Dana Point Picnic

July

- 1 South Coasters Ventura GMM and Tour
- 13 SCMA Deadline to receive ballots
- 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

August

- 4 BMWCOOSC Ventura Coast & Buellton Ride
- 10-12 South Coasters Kings Canyon Campout
- 11-12 BMWCOOSC Paso Robles Wine Country*
- 18 SCMA General Membership Meeting
- 18 PMC Movie Night
- 30 Three Flags Classic Sign-in, El Paso
- 31 Three Flags Classic Tour (August 31-September 3)



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

*Qualifying Travelers Award Events

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