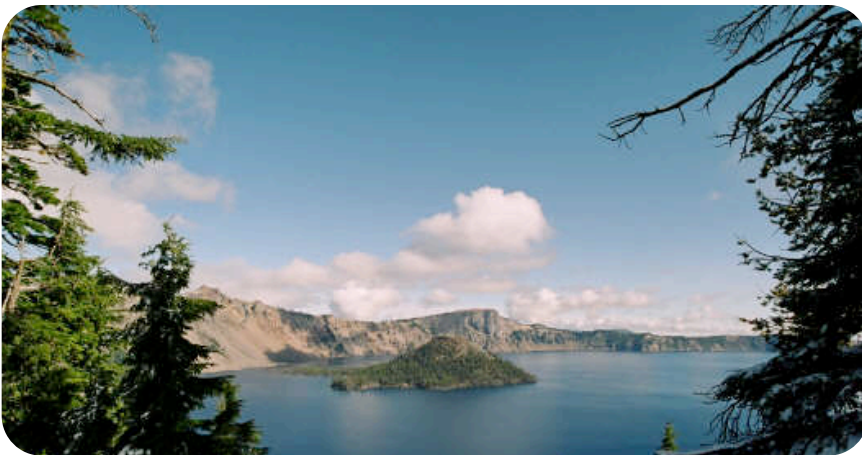


# SCMA NEWS

*July Is Hot. Cool it on the back of your motorcycle in places like...*



Crater Lake Oregon

July 1: The South Coasters have a GMM followed by a free ride thru Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. Meet for 9 AM breakfast at the Harbor Cove Cafe at the end of Spinnaker at the Ventura boat harbor.

July 7: The 2012 TFC Committee meets at Coco's Covina at 9 AM.

July 14: SCMA's GMM at Coco's Covina at 9 AM. Count ballots and announce the 2012-13 Board of Directors.

July 15: SCMA's Dog Days of Summer Ride begins in La

Canada at Los Gringos Locos 8:30-10:00 AM sign-in. Ends at Solvang Motorcycle Museum \$10 fee.

July 20-22: The South Coasters present the Seven Passes Ride. Meet at Zingo's in Bakersfield at 8 AM. 400 miles on Friday. 500 miles on Saturday and about 400 miles to home on Sunday. This is the best that the California Sierra Mountains have to offer. Don't miss it.

July 28: BMWCOSEC Santa Monica Mtns Day Ride. Meet at Starbuck's Topanga Canyon Blvd & Ventura Blvd at 8:15 AM.

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## Road Signs

### *Our Team Is Growing!*

This month's election ballot is filled, I am happy to report. Steve Shulman has stepped forward to run for Vice Chairman. Joel Briggs has agreed to run to complete the term of the vacant Referee-Risk Manager position. Dennis Even will return with his first full-term as Treasurer and Sally Bishop has agreed to a second full-term as Correspondence-Membership Secretary. Add Barbara Fox continuing as Recording Secretary and me as Chairman through June 2013 and you have the oldest young board I have ever experienced.

Add Charlie Hart running USA Four Corners, Huey Ward continuing as Chairman of the 2012 Three Flags Classic, Greg Harris assisting Dennis on the California Adventure Rides (Missions and Parks), Dannie Fox as Traveler's Award Chairman, Monica Short chairing Dog Days of Summer, Steve Howe as our Publicity Chairman and Kenn and Phyllis Hatke covering the Grand Tour and the Awards and Appreciation Banquet and you've got quite a team. Add the volunteers working behind the scenes and on the Three Flags Classic Committee and its no wonder we are able to take on so many outstanding riding events.

Things are looking up. The second half of 2012 should be awesome.

### *Your Face Up in Lights!*

Well, maybe not up in lights, but how about on the new website? Our new website will feature a front page "slider". Photos will rotate in a slideshow. We want to include SCMA and affiliates personalities, events and roads. We are looking for great photos that feature a human being plus stuff that makes SCMA unique. Digitize an old TFC. Dig through your computer, digital camera and smart phone for your favorite photos and send to [BlakePAnderson@gmail.com](mailto:BlakePAnderson@gmail.com) at your earliest convenience. It will eventually appear on the website or in this newsletter or maybe both. Don't be shy. If you have a dramatic, beautiful, noble, interesting, old or just plain goofy snap shot we want it. Really we do.

### *We Need a Chair for the Turkey Run (presently set for November 18)*

We have just gotten word that the chair for this year's Turkey Run must resign for a number of pressing issues at home and work. So we are looking for a replacement.

How about you? Pick a start, intermediate turkey stops and a finish. Design a route on your favorite roads or ones you have wanted to ride. Surprise us. Make start and finish arrangements. Make route sheets. Questions? Call or email a board member.



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**Let's Ride!**

## Membership Report

*By Sally Bishop, Membership*

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## Three Flags Classic Update

### Pre-ride Report

The pre-ride team just returned from Nelson, BC after having driven every mile of the route to confirm it. They said it is gorgeous, challenging and varied. It promises to give us many good miles as we ride from El Paso to Nelson. The start, finish and three checkpoint locations are ready for us. Here's the latest:

### The 2012 Three Flags Schedule, August 30 to September 4 (No change, re-posted as an FYI)

- Registration and check-in at El Paso is Thursday 2-6PM and 8-9PM.
- The start in El Paso is Friday 3-6 AM.
- Checkpoint #1 in Buena Vista, CO is open Friday noon-8PM and Saturday 6AM-noon.
- Checkpoint #2 in Little America, WY is open Saturday 8AM-8PM and Sunday 8AM-noon.
- Checkpoint #3 in Wisdom, MT is open Sunday 8AM-8PM and Monday 8AM-noon.
- Finish in Nelson is open Monday noon-9PM.
- Banquet in Nelson is Tuesday evening.

### Start & Finish Hotel Reservations (as of June 23):

El Paso: Only singles still available at the Airport Best Western. Singles & doubles available at the Ramada Inn (our overflow hotel). Ramada Inn is 3.5 miles east of the Best Western on the same highway. Call (915) 779-7700 and mention SCMA Three Flags Classic. Make sure you are talking to the El Paso Airport Best Western front desk and that you haven't been rolled to Best Western's national call center.

Nelson: Singles and suites available at the Prestige Lakeside Resort. Singles, doubles and suites are available at the Prestige Inn. Trolley service connect the two. Call (877) 737-8443 and mention SCMA Three Flags Classic.

### Checkpoint #2 in Little America, WY

Keep in mind that Little America is little more than an over grown truck stop with limited accommodations. It will be better to find lodging elsewhere along the route.

### Checkpoint #3 in Wisdom, MT

This checkpoint is in a four-block-long town with a tiny motel and a restaurant. Lodging is essentially unavailable. This year the committee intentionally selected checkpoints that

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Looking east. Nelson, BC on the shore of Kootenay Lake. Finish point of this year's Three Flags Classic. Kootenay Lake is narrow, 160 miles long and up to 450 feet deep.

## *Three Flags Classic Update (Continuing)*

would encourage the riders to be curious and creative in seeking out suitable lodging along the route. The checkpoints are essentially not your default choice.

### *The Finish, Nelson BC*

The Prestige Lakeside Resort and the Prestige Inn will combine to become our finish hotels. They are separated by a large parking lot and a street. A trolley is available to transport guests back and forth. Singles, doubles and suites are available at the Inn. Singles and suites only are available at the Resort.

### *Crossing back into the USA*

Our pre-ride team is back with one note of concern. US Border Patrol agents seemed to be spending an extraordinary amount of time inspecting vehicles for contraband. This backs up the line quite a distance and it means that you may spend some serious time at the border crossing. Remember to build this into your considerations as you plan your route home.

### *Official Passports*

Passports are essential for entering Canada and entering the US. You must have a current passport. Check yours today.

### *Wrist Bands*

We will issue wrist bands again this year. Please wear them until you get to the finish. They are an important personal identifier and they allow start point and checkpoint volunteers to confirm that you are registered for the ride.

### *Tee Shirt Orders*

The deadline to order your tee shirt size has passed. The default size is extra large for riders that did not specify a size.

### *Buying and Selling Ride Tickets*

If you need to buy or sell a ticket to the 2012 Three Flags Classic, go to the SCMA website, scroll down to "Three Flags Classic", click on "Forum" (in the upper lefthand corner of the page), click on tickets. Forum first timers must register. Buy and sell activity really picks up in August.

### *Check the TFC forum for updates*

Be sure to check the TFC forum and read this newsletter for the latest about what's going on. Get your questions answered there. Stay connected.

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## *Dannie Fox: A Three Flags Classic Legacy and a Willingness to Serve*

Dannie Fox received a Cushman Scooter when he was 10 years old. That was 1955. He would bang around on that scooter on a San Joaquin Valley oil lease. He will tell you that beat-up scooter had only two speeds: idle and full blast. What a sight that must have been!

He had sense enough to stop riding in junior high but picked up riding again in 1966 as a student at Fresno State College when he bought a brand new 250cc Yamaha. He graduated to larger and larger bikes over the years including the Goldwing and the BMW R1200RT he owns today.

Dannie's biggest claim to fame is this: he has completed 33 of the 36 Three Flags Classic Tours that SCMA has presented every year since 1976. He missed the first two (because he simply had not heard about it) and crashed early on the ride in 1986. That's a remarkable record. In 2012 he will ride his 34th. As youthful and healthy as he is today, we bet he will continue to extend his record for years to come.

But more than completing the TFC 33 times and the USA Four Corners 4 times, Dannie has been a TFC volunteer on several committees and has been our Travelers Award Chairman since 2008.

We asked Dannie what is it about long distance motorcycling that attracts him and said this, "knowing that my favorite road is going to be the next road because I never know what I will find around the next corner"



That pretty much sums it up for most of us and its one of the reasons that Dannie is one of SCMA's inaugural Legacy Award recipients.

*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. Fox is one of five individuals who received the award in 2012. This is the fourth of five articles highlighting each of these initial Legacy Award recipients. They represent the best of SCMA and are examples of what we look for in others and in ourselves.*

## Ride Safe: A Dangerous Trend

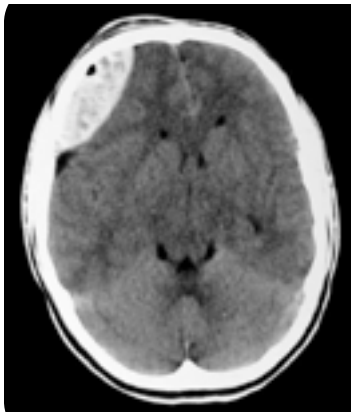
By Blake Anderson

You may have seen the recent news. Michigan no longer mandates helmets for motorcyclists over 21 years old. The legislature passed a bill and the governor signed it. Michigan is the 31st state to succumb to the pressures of freedom-loving motorcyclists that want the right to decide.

Nationally-respected motorcycling organizations and manufacturers actively lobby against helmet laws. AMA spent \$3.8 million in the last decade lobbying Congress about various laws, including promoting helmet choice. And the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration has been issued a gag order by Congress to stop educating, outreaching or lobbying state legislatures about the dangers of riding without a helmet. Federal funding for motorcycle-only safety checkpoints designed to inspect motorcycles and helmets to promote our safety and welfare has been crushed by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, ABATE and AMA.

Is this just a bit nuts?

Talk about restricting riding rights. Following a serious head injury, imagine the months not riding--plus the pain, suffering, impact on your loved ones, economic dislocation and perhaps permanent impairment. What



motorcycling gives us can be taken away by our own careless moment or the careless act of another driver. Injured riders with inadequate insurance coverage cost local and state government hundreds of millions of dollars.

Last month I talked about the measurable phenomena of motion-

induced blindness. Given that reality, there is even more reason to protect ourselves from the real possibility of a high speed accident.

Skulls have a lot in common with eggs. They contain the contents but they are not very strong. Our skulls are only 1/4" thick. As we evolved, human beings were never exposed to high velocity head injuries we face today--with perhaps the exception of a blow from a stone ax. We moved no faster than a walk or a run. Two hundred

years ago we still moved no faster than the speed of a galloping horse and very few people owned a horse. Less than one hundred years ago motorcycles came into common use. By our very nature, our skulls are simply not designed for a high speed get-off

Here are some relevant facts:

- 47 states had helmet laws in the late 1970s.
- 19 states have helmet laws in 2012.
- Motorcycle fatalities have doubled since the mid-1990s. Ridership has not.
- The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration estimates that helmets saved 1,483 lives in 2009.
- A 2008 NHTSA study estimated that \$1.3 billion in medical bills and lost productivity would have been saved if all motorcyclists had worn helmets.
- According to NHTSA: "No other single countermeasure offers a comparable body of scientific evidence confirming its potential for saving lives of motorcyclists."
- Michigan's recent repeal of its helmet law was opposed by a coalition of two dozen medical and public health groups led by the Brain Injury Association of Michigan. Eighty percent of Michigan voters were in favor of keeping the helmet law.
- A 2011 Johns Hopkins University study reviewed 40,000 motorcycle collisions and found helmeted riders were 22% less likely to suffer cervical spine injury, debunking the myth that helmets cause broken necks in an accident.
- Researchers from Michigan State University discovered an unexpected, life-saving benefit when Florida and five other states jettisoned their helmet laws. "Our central estimates show that organ donations due to motor vehicle accidents increase by 10 percent when states repeal helmet laws."



SCMA requires its riders to wear a helmet as a condition of participation. There are 802 reasons why.

If you have a different point-of-view, send it along and we will publish a page worth of the best.

*Ride Safe...*

### *We are Seeking a Chair Person for the 2013 Three Flags Classic*

We continue to seek proposals for chairing the 2013 Three Flags Classic scheduled for August 30-September 2. If you are considering this challenge, now is the time to act.

Send proposals to Blake Anderson at [BlakePAnderson@gmail.com](mailto:BlakePAnderson@gmail.com). Include your name and contact information, any committee members that you are proposing and your qualifications.

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.

### *The Kootenay Lake Ferry Toward Nelson*

TFC riders take note: If you have not already read the discussion in the Three Flags forum about the ferry ride across the lake to reach Nelson, do so now. Go to [www.sc-ma.com](http://www.sc-ma.com). Scroll down to "Three Flags Classic" and click. Click on "Forum". Click on "Route" and find the ferry discussion.

Long story short, if you haven't reached Creston, BC by 6PM PDT on Monday Sept 3rd, then going north from there on Highway 3a to the ferry and then west on Highway 3a to Nelson will be risky, time-wise. It will be better strategy to leave Creston heading west on Highway 3 and then north on Highway 6 to Nelson. A look at a map and a read of the forum discussion will clarify this for you.

Basically, the anticipated holiday traffic, limited ferry capacity and not allowing motorcycles to move up to the front of the line on this ferry may mean you will run out of time and miss the 9PM PDT arrival deadline in Nelson. Ferry information is at [http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/marine/kootenay\\_ferry.htm](http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/marine/kootenay_ferry.htm)



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**7 Passes Ride July 19 - 22, 2012**  
 By Dan Burtt

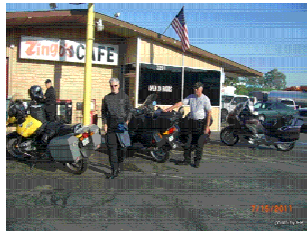
This ride will basically follow the route developed by Bill Allen for the ride in July 2011.

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 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.

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### Three Flags Classic *(an 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 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.sc-ma.com](http://www.sc-ma.com) for more on this year's event.

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Triple Crown Awards are presented at SCMA's Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet that will be held March 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2013 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Santa Ana, California. More on our website. Registration information for the banquet will appear in this newsletter in the fall.

### *Introducing SCMA's latest sponsoring corporate member*

SCMA is proud to introduce our latest sponsoring corporate member: Helmet House.

The name may be very familiar to some of our members. They have been in business for 44 years. They have contributed merchandise to the Three Flags Classic banquet door prizes for years. They manufacture and distribute motorcycle helmets and gear. Starting from humble beginnings selling seconds and blems out of the back of a pickup truck at local swap meets, they have become a dominant wholesale supplier to 8000 power sport dealers throughout the United States. Today Bob Miller and Phil Bellomy run a \$100 million company. If you have ever owned and valued products from

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### *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 on those great mountain and canyon roads between the two. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

### *October 6-7: Join Us for the Annual SCMA Grand Tour*

We start in Acton, ride north past Lake Isabella, up the Kern River, the western Sierra foothills to Yosemite, across the Central Valley, through the Coastal Range to PCH and then through Paso Robles to finish in Santa Paula.

### *Look for SCMA's 2012 Cemetery Tour scheduled for October 28*

The ride will start at Zingo's in Bakersfield and will lace through the old cemeteries of the foothills and farmland of the south end of the Central Valley.

### *Mark your Calendar for the November 18 Turkey Run*

The Turkey Run will take us through some great roads in Southern California. We are looking for someone to chair this ride. Interested? Call Blake Anderson.

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### *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. One left. 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 22nd 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.  
(just south of San Bernardino Road)  
Covina, CA

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. No one is doing what SCMA is doing. No one.

Our next 2012 General Membership Meetings are:

- July 14
- August 18
- September 15
- October 13
- November 17
- December (No meeting)

## Three-Month Running Calendar

### July

- 1 *South Coasters Ventura GMM and Tour*
- 13 *SCMA Deadline to receive ballots*
- 14 *BMWCOOSC Los Padres Nat'l Forest 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 Seafood Ride*
- 10-12 *South Coasters Stony Creek Campout*
- 10-12 *BMWCOOSC Los Robles Wine Ride\**
- 18 *SCMA General Membership Meeting*
- 18 *PMC Movie Night*
- 30 *Three Flags Classic Sign-in, El Paso*
- 31 *Three Flags Classic Tour (Aug 31-Sept 3)*

### September

- 1-3 *Three Flags Classic Tour (Aug 31-Sept 3)*
- 4 *Three Flags Classic Banquet, Nelson, BC*
- 9 *BMWCOOSC Lompoc Day Ride*
- 15 *SCMA General Membership Meeting*
- 28 *BMWCOOSC Colorado Tour (Sept 28-Oct 4)*



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

*Club websites (page 4) have more information. Consultant them before a ride to look for last-minute changes.*

## Some valuable fine print (really)

Articles and advertising must be received by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month in order to appear in the next published issue of SCMA News.

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