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*Here is what to look for in
September:*

Aug. 31-Sept 3: 37th Annual Three
Flags Classic, El Paso to Nelson,
BC

Sept 4: TFC Banquet, Prestige
Lakeside Resort, Nelson

Sept 15: SCMA General
Membership Meeting, Coco's,
Covina, 9AM

Sept 18: SCMA Board Meeting,
Roady's, San Dimas, 9:30AM

Sept 28-30: South Coasters,
Octoberfest Ride, Santa Cruz

Sept 28-30: MOA Getaway,
Cedar City, Utah

Sept 28-Oct 4: BMWCOSEC,
Colorado Tour

Sept 29: Three Flags Classic
Committee, Coco's, Covina, 9AM



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Road Signs

The 2013 Three Flags Classic Committee is Forming Up

Interested in getting involved? Call Dennis Even at (661) 210-8264.

A New Website

SCMA is working on a new website. We will launch it on October 1. It will remain at the same web address www.sc-ma.com. When it is activated you will see a new look. All of our old content will be there, plus new features.

SCMA is going all-electronic

The SCMA Board of Directors announces our intent to conduct all of our membership and premier ride transactions on line by January 1, 2014. We will be building a common data base for all of our membership information. You will be able to manage your own profile and modify your contact and emergency information. When you sign up for a premier riding event or renew your membership, all of it can be done with a few keystrokes. Payment will be done by credit card or Paypal. Day and two-day rides will become cash on site only.

We will take time to get this reliable and easy to use. Our intention is to give our members and riders an easy path for transactions while giving our volunteers less record keeping drudgery. Watch us build for the future.

Sunshine Report: JoAnne Gamble

We have learned that JoAnne is not doing well and is on oxygen. Send her a howdy if you have her address.

Please email Phyllis at pshaw2003@verizon.net when you learn about an SCMA friend having health problems. She will pass the word.

We are re-issuing our Mid-70s Logo Patch

There are many changes happening here at SCMA. But there are some traditions and symbols from the past that we want to keep. One is the red logo that



has been around since at least the mid-70s. We found the original artwork and have duplicated the patch. They are available to all members that ask. We will have them available at the Three Flags Classic check-in tables at the start and the finish. Just ask. They will be available at other SCMA events as well.

USA Four Corners Finisher's Packages Are Delayed

Charlie Hart, our USA Four Corners Chairman wants you to know that your finisher's package and certificate of completion will eventually come to you--but there will be a delay. And he asks for your patience.

As an all-volunteer organization we have to depend on people like Charlie to provide all of the hours necessary to produce, print, package and mail our documents and merchandise. Charlie is a mid-career guy with a family. Balancing the demands of family, work and SCMA (hopefully, in that order) means it takes time to get the SCMA stuff done. With over 100 finishers, the task is daunting.



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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.



Let's Ride!

Membership Report

By Sally Bishop, Membership

Regular Members as of July 15, 2012	734
New Members:	5
Renewals:	8
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Three Flags Classic Update

Our 24-Hour Emergency Number

During this year's running of the TFC we will have a central number for emergencies, road conditions and passing along information. SCMA's Sally Bishop will be at the ready to take your call at (562) 644-1163. Keep this number on your cell phone. File it under TFC ICE. (Three Flags Classic In Case of Emergency)

El Paso Motorcycle Dealers

Several dealers are conveniently located near our hotels. If you need last minute service, parts or supplies, here are the places to go. We have contacted them and they know we are in town. If you need transportation while your bike is being serviced, talk to us.

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Buying and Selling Ride Tickets

If you need to buy or sell a ticket, go to the SCMA website, scroll down to "Three Flags Classic", click on "Forum" (in the upper lefthand corner of that page), click on tickets. TFC Forum first timers must register. Buy and sell activity on the forum is really late at this point but may be possible. Your best bet is to get your extra ticket to El Paso. You have some chance there will be a buyer looking for that ticket. If you buy a ticket from someone else, make sure you bring the rider's number to El Paso so that we can correct our records and get you a starter's package. Our volunteers will do everything they can to get you on the road. That IS our job.

Check the TFC forum for updates

Be sure to check the TFC forum for last minute announcements.

SCMA's Affiliated Clubs

Antelope Valley Riders
www.avts.av.org

BMW Club of Southern California
www.bmwcosc.com

BMW Club, South Coast Riders
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Motorcycle Touring Association
www.mtaca3.org

Pasadena Motorcycle Club
www.pasadenamc.com

Shamrock Road Riders
www.sc-ma.com/shamrock.htm

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www.thevmmc.com



SCMA's California Parks Adventure and California Mission Tour provide you a great opportunity to see our favorite state in a different light. Check out more in the article found on page 5.

California Adventure Series Update

by Greg Harris, Cal Adv. Co-Chair

The California Adventure Series Tours are going well this year. There are two offerings: The California Parks Adventure (CPA) and the California Mission Tour (CMT).

The California Parks Adventure includes the 24 National parks and monuments in California. They include Yosemite, Mt. Lassen, Devil's Postpile and Rosie the Riveter. They are as far south as the Cabrillo Lighthouse on Point Loma and as far north as the Lava Beds in the remote northeast corner of California. During a calendar year and in any order, visit all 24 sites.

The California Mission Tour includes the twenty-one Spanish missions established from 1769 to 1823 extending from the coastal seaport of San Diego to the wine country of the Sonoma Valley. All are beautifully restored to capture the era that defined the character and culture of California. Complete the tour of all 21 in any order within a single calendar year.

For 2012, a total of fifteen riders have signed up the CPA and twenty riders have signed up for the CMT. Two riders have signed up for both the CPA and the CMT.

SCMA welcomes riders from all over the United States, North America and the rest of the planet. In fact, just last month we had a rider for Coquitlam, BC sign up for the California Mission Tour.

It is not too late to sign up for one of these tours in 2012. It is a great way to explore the open road and discover a new favorite roadway or a special location for a bite to eat.

California weather closes in much later in the year than the rest of the country, so consider a late fall tour. For the CMT, with its low-lying coastal locations for all of the missions, you can depend on mild weather through early December. Rain? Sure. But what long distance rider is afraid of a little rain?

For \$50 the SCMA provides a full-color log book we call a passport. Every park (or mission) has an information page and room to collect a stamp and post a photo of your visit. The passport provides SCMA with the necessary documentation that you have completed the event(s) and serves as a beautiful book of memories to share with your family and friends. SCMA provides a finisher's plaque and other merchandise and we mark your accomplishment at our annual March Awards and Appreciation Banquet.

For more information contact Greg Harris or Dennis Even as listed in the column to the right or visit the SCMA website for registration information.

For all of you that have undertaken the California Adventure Series rides in 2012, may we wish you a safe and enjoyable adventure.

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New Zealand Motorcycle Touring

by Robert Scott, Auckland, NZ

Have you ever considered a motorcycling vacation in New Zealand? You can ship your own bike or rent a motorcycle on arrival in 'The Land of the Long White Cloud' to commence your touring experience.

New Zealand is motorcycling nirvana. It is roughly the same square miles as Colorado but it is long and narrow making it close to the overall distance from San Diego to Seattle. The North and South Islands are roughly the same size and are served by an inter-island car-ferry. Crossing Cook Strait takes three hours.

If you have ever considered motorcycling in New Zealand, you are in for a treat. The North Island has volcanic formations, great beaches and many awe inspiring coastal roads. The South Island has majestic mountains, sweeping forests, un-crowded roads and wide open spaces. If you are pressed for time, two weeks motorcycling can adequately cover the major points of interest throughout New Zealand. Summer is the main touring season (November to March), and in February both islands are jam-packed with touring motorcyclists. Most state highways are tar sealed. South Islands roads are better quality than the North Island roads due to a ready supply of river shingle for seal chip. While there are thousands of miles of gravel roads in the rural parts of New Zealand, nearly all arterial roads are tar-seal.

Three *must rides routes* on the North Island are the 1000km Northland three-day loop, the four-day 1200km Round East Cape Run, both out of Auckland, and the Volcanic Plateau 200km day ride loop from Taupo passing near the three central North Island volcanoes of Mount Tongariro, Ngauruhoe and Ruapehu.

For the South Island the *must ride routes* are the world famous 120km State Highway 94 - Milford Sound Road- which is majestic mountains and alpine scenery and SH6 which goes the length of the South Island and includes the remote Westland coastal forests and accessible glaciers. If you are looking for racing, then the Burt Munro Challenge held in mid-November is a great event. The Challenge is four days of racing at the southern most city of Invercargill.



One thing you can not escape in New Zealand is drizzle and rain--even in the middle of summer.

New Zealand's top selling motorcycles are Suzuki and Honda. Both have dealerships in nearly all the provincial main centers of the country. BMW, Yamaha, Kawasaki and Harley Davidson have fewer dealerships and are more difficult to reach. Like any tour, a well-planned calendar is usually best, but New Zealand is an easy country to wing as well.



So the next time your having your mates around for a few drinks and a BBQ, consider a kiwi motorcycle touring experience next summer.

Learn more at: www.twowheeltouring.co.nz

Ride Safe: SIGN UP!

By Blake Anderson

Every day in the U.S., an average of three motorcyclists are killed at intersections in crashes that involve other vehicles.

Four months ago, the Allstate Insurance Company announced an unprecedented motorcycle awareness signage campaign. You may have seen the press coverage.

In an effort to standardize warning signs for motorcycle safety and help reduce the number of motorcycle crashes at intersections involving other vehicles, Allstate announced plans to permanently install motorcycle warning signs in more than 30 U.S. cities in 2012. Currently, there is no standard sign for motorcycle awareness.

The yellow diamond-shaped warning sign was created following two years of development, which included 140 temporary installations in various U.S. cities between 2010 and 2011.



Allstate set out to create a standardized warning sign to help increase motorcycle safety at dangerous intersections.

They believe that as more

signs are installed across the country, riders and motorists will familiarize themselves with the message and remember to look twice at intersections.

Obviously, Allstate is convinced, based on its own data, that this investment will save lives AND save the company insurance payouts. Talk about a win-win situation. Less blood and less green.

This story is on many motorcycle-related blogs and websites and they are filled with plenty of chatter about the idea. The biggest question riders ask is this: when will THEY put up signs in my town?

What riders accurately point out is the fact that even as generous as Allstate is in its precedence-setting initiative, it will take decades before there will be any appreciable nation-wide coverage. Local and state governments have serious budget shortfalls. Considering all of the other competing needs that government must satisfy, it is unrealistic to think our local city, county and state public works departments are

going to come over the hill like a mounted cavalry with their bugles blowing and their saddlebags full of cash to save the day. It ain't going to happen.

So who do riders turn to get this campaign going? Who? Well, if not us, who? And if not now, when? The fact is that motorcyclists and motorcycling organizations are the only folks that can realistically take on this challenge.

I propose a grassroots "SIGN UP!" campaign. Individuals like you and me would talk to the folks down at city hall and we would each buy them one sign. One sign. Maybe two. Local motorcycling organizations like SCMA would buy ten or twenty. National organizations would buy one hundred or more. An aluminum sign costs about 20 bucks. That is the cost of a plate of pasta at Olive Garden. I would rather forgo one plate of pasta with the hope that my next one is not fed to me through a tube.

I am sure there are plenty of hoops to jump through. But once we have some experience with this idea, then we could write a guidebook to help folks through the process.

What do think of the idea? Please pass it along to your riding buddies and motorcycling organizations. Am I on to something or am I smoking crack?

Twenty bucks.



Allstate agent and fellow rider, Jeff Lincoln stands in front of the first sign placed in downtown Atlanta

Ride Safe...

Oct 6-7, 2012 SCMA Grand Tour Preview

By Kenn Hatke

For those of you wondering where the SCMA Grand Tour is going this year, here is a brief description of what you can expect. It is filled with contrasts. We will cover about one thousand miles in two days. One grand.

The tour will start at Crazy Otto's Restaurant in Acton CA with the sign-in from 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM on Saturday Oct 6. The restaurant opens at 6:00 AM.

I recommend a hearty breakfast there before heading north through the high desert toward Ridgecrest and then north and west toward Lake Isabella. We will skirt the east side of the lake toward Kernville and then north up the Kern River into the Sequoia National Forest high country along the beautiful Western Divide Highway to the turn off for Kings Canyon National Park.



At the turn off we will instead take CA 180 west down through its challenging descending twisties. We will turn north near Exeter and travel through the foothills ending at the south entrance to Yosemite National Park.



Have your Annual or Senior Park Pass ready and they will wave you through at no cost.

Continue through the park to the El Capitan Crossover then head west and exit at the Big Oak Flat Entrance. From there we will continue west to the first night check in at the Holiday Inn Express in Oakdale. Your Grand Tour ride pin will be provided to you at this point.

Oakdale is very walkable and we can gather to find a good restaurant and then overnight there. Hotel reservation information is provided on the flyer in this newsletter.

On Sunday morning, we will cross the Central Valley toward Santa Nella. There we will head west past the San Luis Reservoir and on to Hollister, continue South on CA 25 to CA 198, then on to King City. We will take Jolon Road south, take the very twisty Nacimiento-Fergusson Road 24 miles through the Coastal Range to the coast.

We will enjoy ocean breezes, and hopefully no fog. Continue south past Hearst State Beach and Castle. Continue past Cambria and turn east for the rolling hills and sweepers of CA 46 to Paso Robles. From there, go south to Santa Margarita then turn east for the twisties and sweepers of CA 58 to McKittrick. Follow CA 33 south through Taft, Maricopa and on through the creek bottoms and canyons to Ojai. Finally, we will turn east on CA 150 and follow it into Santa Paula for the Finish at CAVU Restaurant located at the Santa Paula Airport. There we can grab a meal, and head home.

This is two days of some of the best darn roads in all of California.

Have a great ride.

Kenn Hatke
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*Announcing the 2013 Three Flags Classic
August 30-September 2 Tour
September 3 Banquet
Tentative Route: Deming, New Mexico to Winnipeg, Manitoba
Ride Chairman: Dennis Even*

Here we are, days from the start of the 2012 Three Flags Classic and SCMA is already beginning to make plans for the 2013 event. That's pretty much the way it has been from year-to-year. It takes about 15 months to plan, conduct and close the books on a Three Flags Classic. With a budget of around \$90,000, registering 200-250 riders, 2000 miles of route to plan, three checkpoints to staff, two hotels, hundreds of pins, patches, decals, plaques, hats, shirts, passports, rider's gifts, meals and other logistics, it is a huge enterprise.

Ten people will work for a year on the ride. Another 25 will help during the days the tour is running. All volunteers. Wanna help? We can use your head and your hands. If you are asking yourself whether this is the year, this IS the year. Join us. You will be glad you did.

At the moment, we are hedging our bets a little bit by calling the route "tentative". Until we have gotten hotel commitments in Deming and Winnipeg nailed down, we can not be certain that they are both a go. But assuming it works out in the next few weeks, then we will be set.

A first draft of the route is complete. Remember US 191 heading south out of Springerville in 2010? We will definitely see it in 2013 going in the other direction.

We will be registering riders online for sure. Checks and paper registration forms may be okay as well, but we will emphasize online methods. We will announce registration instructions later in 2012, so hold onto your funds for now.

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2013 Legacy Awards

As we travel through life we are privileged to know a few outstanding individuals that make things better for the rest of us. Here at SCMA we certainly experience that in some of the men and women that lead the organization or provide countless hours of work necessary to support our rides and events. Without them we would not be celebrating this year's 37th annual Three Flags Classic or the 29th annual USA Four Corners Tour.

Last year the board of directors voted to establish a Legacy Award program and selected 5 people as our initial inductees into this very select group. Josef Usatin, Joseph Mandeville, Jan Staws, Dannie Fox and Kenn Hatke were so honored in 2012.

We now begin to look forward to the 2013 inductees. The SCMA board of directors and all prior inductees will

be asked to consider the names of candidates for the honor. We have in mind inducting no more than two people per year from 2013 forward. Candidates must have provided long-term and continuous service to SCMA in a number of capacities or otherwise participated in a unique way. People serving SCMA for 20 to 30 years and that are the best examples of what we look for in others and in ourselves will be considered for the honor.

If you know of such a person, we would like to hear from you. Contact Blake Anderson, by the means most convenient for you.



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We Get Letters: Observations about the USA 4 Corners Tour

Hello Charlie

In late June I headed northeast out of California going diagonally across the USA and home to the extreme eastern corner of Maine where I live 200 miles from Madawaska. I had just finished my second USA 4 Corners Tour.

I thought I would send a short letter with some observations.

Twenty three years ago in 1989 I completed the Four Corners on a cushy Yamaha Venture Royale. Now, 23 years older, I did the Four Corners on a Kawasaki Concours. Being on a sports touring bike was a bit harder without the excellent rain and wind protection, the cruise control and the stereo - but for sheer pleasure in the mountains, doing the S's and tracing rivers, I could not have been on a better mount. The torque and passing capabilities take your breath away. This time I started the trip in Madawaska again but after heading south to Key West I then did a Criss-Cross heading northwest to Blaine, then down to San Ysidro, finally heading home northeast.

The Blue Ridge Parkway is always fantastic and I spent a good part of two days on it, more than I had planned because the speed limit is 10 to 15 miles per hour slower than in 1989. Faster was a lot more fun.

Taking US 12 from Lolo, Montana to Lewiston, Idaho was fantastic, despite quite a lot of rain. Fill up first. It is a very long remote stretch of highway.



Another motorcyclist I met recommended I take CA 96 in northern California. What a great recommendation especially since I started from Yreka on CA 263, headed north and then did the circle to the west on CA 96 to Willow Creek. I highly recommend that you include this in one of your future Best 15 US Roads Challenges.

Closer to your home, I liked CA 94 from Casa de Oro to Jacumba. I loved it in 1989 and I loved it again now but it had been "improved" so there were fewer tight corners and far less sand.

Have a look at Ohio 26 - a gully tracing a river with never a dull moment for over 50 miles - running east from Marietta, connecting with OH 800 on the east. A little gem with no traffic.

Regarding your 2012 Best 15 US Roads Challenge, I decided to include VT100 on this ride. I must report that much of the pavement is in bad shape and I would even call it dangerous in places for a two-wheeler. Maybe drop VT 100 and add CA 96 for your 2013 collection of challenge roads.



In 1989 I reached and ended my Four Corners at Key West on the last Saturday of October. 23 years later, this time in June, I found the road congestion very bad and many of the attractions, shops and facilities along the way to Key West seemed run down and tacky. My return there was a disappointment this time.

Hats off to the 4 Corners Park at Madawaska. A must see for everyone, on or off a motorcycle. It is a great photo op, not to mention the fountain, benches, memorial tiles and the tallest monument to motorcycling I have ever seen. The people of Madawaska are very friendly and very supportive of the whole USA 4 Corners idea.



Like all other participants in the Four Corners, I had a huge range of weather: heavy rain, heat, cold, wind, blowing sand--but that just adds to the overall experience and I am so glad I did it again. I will not wait another 23 years for my third.

Thank you for having such exciting riding events like the Three Flags Classic (I did it in 1996) and the USA 4 Corners Tour.

Sincerely,
James (Jim) Stokes-Rees

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A 2012 Travelers
Award event

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE KERN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THEIR
ASSITANCE IN THIS UNDERTAKING!**

To Pre-register send the form below with a check or money order made out to SCMA to:
SCMA - Cemetery Tour, PO box 487 Norwalk, CA, 90651-0487

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SCMA's Premier Events

USA Four Corners Tour *(an 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 our website for complete information about this World Class event.

Three Flags Classic *(an AMA "Extreme Grand Tour")*

The 38th annual Three Flags Classic tentatively is set for a Deming, NM start on August 30 and end in Winnipeg, MB on September 2. There is a banquet on September 3. 250 riders will travel 2100 miles through the mountains and rolling hills of New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota and Manitoba. Watch the SCMA website and the TFC forum for unfolding information.

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 our website and scroll down the front page to these premier rides.

SCMA Best 15 US Roads Challenge *(an 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 on our website. 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 on our website. Registration information for the banquet will appear in this newsletter in the fall.

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. Kenn Hatke is chairing this one. See the flyer a few pages back.

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

The ride will start in Bakersfield and will lace through the old cemeteries of the foothills and farmland of the south end of the Central Valley. Look for the flyer in this edition of the newsletter.

The Turkey Run is Saturday, Nov 17

Steve Howe is planning this ride. Look for details in the October newsletter.

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:

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

Three-Month Running Calendar

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*
- 18 *SCMA Board Meeting*
- 28 *BMWCOOSC Colorado Tour (Sept 28-Oct 4)*

October

- 6-7 *SCMA Grand Tour, Acton to Sierras to Coast to Santa Paula**
- 12-14 *South Coasters Northern Arizona Ride*
- 13 *SCMA General Membership Meeting*
- 20 *BMWCOOSC Park n' Ride**
- 21 *29th Annual Love Ride, Fullerton HD to Castaic Lake*
- 28 *SCMA Cemetery Tour**

November

- 10-11 *BMWCOOSC Julian Weekend Ride*
- 13 *SCMA Board Meeting*
- 17 *SCMA General Membership Meeting*
- 17 *SCMA Turkey Run**



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

*Qualifying Travelers Award Events

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

Some valuable fine print (really)

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

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Southern California Motorcycling Association, PO Box 487, Norwalk, CA 90651-0487

Email newsletter submittals to:
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SCMA's website is always your best source for complete and current information on our rides and events. Our membership application is there too. Go to www.sc-ma.com for information, applications and other resources. Links to all of our affiliated clubs are there too.

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