



SCMA NEWS

Who Knows What Dreadful Fate Awaits you on The Dark Forest Road Ahead?



Fall Riding Is Ahead. SCMA and its Affiliated Clubs Have Roads Ready for You to Explore--at your Own Risk of Course. Watch out for the Goblins!

October Events: (See club websites for details)

October 5-6: SCMA's Grand Tour, Acton to Oakdale to Hollister to Cambria to Santa Paula. Check-in Crazy Otto's, 6-8:30 AM

October 13: SCMA General Membership Meeting, Coco's Covina, 9:00 AM

October 12-15: BMW South Coasters, Northern Arizona Ride, Start Green River Carl's Jr., 8 AM

October 16: SCMA Board Meeting, Roady's, San Dimas 9:30 AM

October 20: BMWCOSC, Park n' Ride, Various to Alhambra BMW, MUST PRE-REGISTER TO RIDE!!

October 21: 29th Love Ride, Glendale to Castaic Lake, BBQ and rock n' roll! Contact Glendale HD for more information

October 28: SCMA Cemetery Tour, Best Western Crystal Palace Inn, 6:30-9:00 AM



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Road Signs

Calendaring Session in January

Every year SCMA sits down with its affiliated clubs to coordinate our riding calendars. In the last three years we have done so in November--at least we have attempted to do so. The trouble is that most clubs aren't in a position to make commitments in November because they haven't addressed the upcoming year among themselves.

So we are moving the calendaring session to January 19 at 9 AM. We will reach out to our affiliated clubs and ask them to join us.

All of this is cooperative, of course. How the clubs and SCMA set their calendars is completely up to each of them. Our hope is to give the clubs a chance to consider shifting here and there to minimize double-booked weekends so that the riding community and their own members will have more riding opportunities to avail themselves.

See you January 19

No November General Membership Meeting because its a good day to ride instead

We won't hold a November General Membership Meeting. Instead join us for the November 17 Turkey Run. It starts at Newcombs on Angeles Crest Highway midway between La Canada Flintridge and Wrightwood.

Our New Website

SCMA will have a new website. It will launch soon. We had hoped for October 1st but it is more complicated than we had anticipated. It will be the same web address www.sc-ma.com. It will have a new look, a new data base for membership and registering for rides. We will be adding more

features that will make it more convenient to interact with SCMA.

SCMA is going all-electronic

Last month we announced that SCMA is going all electronic by January 1, 2014. Our membership and premier ride transactions will be done online--like most modern organizations do today. We will continue to use cash-only transactions for our local one-day and two day riding events.

Sunshine Report: A Quiet Month

Other than some minor eye surgery one of our members faced it has been quiet. No incidents to report regarding the 2012 Three Flags Classic.

Please email Phyllis at pshaw2003@verizon.net with any news on our members.

Night Vision: Its Even Worse Than We Thought

Please take a look at the September edition of "Friction Zone Magazine". You can find it at <http://www.fz-videos.com/online.html>

There's an extensive article about night vision--night blindness--that is a reality we should all better understand. The older we get, the more tired we are, the more unfamiliar the surroundings are, the more faulty our daytime vision is, and how recently we were in bright light all contribute to a serious loss of visual acuity. Depth perception and color disappear. Our central blind spot is huge.

Remember this as you leave a well-lit restaurant, your home or a Three Flags Classic start hotel lobby.

We are all handicapped by the reality of our own aging physiology.



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These Texas Roads appeared on SCMA's Best 15 US Roads Challenge in 2012. Will they be in the 2013 collection? Wait and see and then ride accordingly. See Charlie Coyner's article inside.

September Membership Report

By Sally Bishop, Membership

Renewing Members During September	85
New Members During September	4
Lapsed Members	291
Life Members	88
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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.

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 Logsdon's 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. Ride pins will be shipped to you after the ride.

Have a great ride.

Kenn Hatke
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Remember Who You Are

By Blake Anderson, SCMA Chairman

A few months ago a manager of one of the Southern California motorcycle dealerships pulled me aside with a story. A local club we know ended its day-long ride at the dealership. The riders were given water and snacks and the comfort of the customer lounge located on one side of the main floor of the dealer. Two of the riders were sitting down and enjoying the hospitality of the dealer and began to complain in very loud voices about the dealer's prices. They opined that they would never shop there and couldn't understand why anyone else would. Regular customers of the dealer were within earshot and the owner happened to walk by. You can imagine how the owner felt. The manager gave me a respectful but forceful accounting of the incident and what he thought of the club.

Tough economic times

These have been tough economic times for everyone. Several local dealerships and apparel shops have closed. Staffs and salaries have been cut by others. SCMA and its affiliated clubs have seen ridership and membership fall. There may be more months of hardship ahead. Times ARE tough.

We are partners

In the best of times and particularly now we all must pull together. SCMA's ability to put on a great Three Flags Classic and provide terrific door prizes requires our loyal dealers and suppliers who generously sponsor us. Our rides oftentimes end at a dealer where food and drink are provided at no cost to the riders. We are very dependent on the goodwill of the dealers and suppliers. They are the source of so much we value as riders.

Common courtesy

My dad was an old school Midwestern who never raised his voice and always did right by his neighbors and friends. When I was a kid growing up in Pomona, he always told me to be kind and respectful in other people's homes, to thank them for anything they provided me and to keep my hands off their stuff. It was a matter of courtesy, it would mean good relations and it would mean I would be invited back.

Remember who you are

My wife's dad was Sicilian. He was old school too. A lawyer and a judge, his name was well known around the high desert. As my wife and her siblings would leave the house he would remind them to, "Remember who you are. You carry this family's name."

As I put this all together, the dealer's story is particularly troubling. Actually, it's close to heartbreaking for me. I have been sitting on this story for several months, trying to figure out what to do with it. I'm telling the story now with hopes of making amends for the wrong and to ask a favor.

I would ask everyone to remember we are all emissaries. As motorcyclists, as club members and as individuals we are visible and noticeable. How we ride our bikes and behave in shops and restaurants is watched by others and remembered for a long time--probably forever. So I ask everyone to remember who you are. You carry this family's name.

SCMA's Affiliated Clubs

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BMW Club of Southern California

www.bmwcosc.com

BMW Club, South Coast Riders

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www.mtaca3.org

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Madawaska is the home of Four Corners Park, the only park devoted to long distance motorcycling. Look back at the September newsletter for information on its fund raising efforts to expand the park. It serves as SCMA's stopover for the northeastern checkpoint.

Announcing the 2012 SCMA Turkey Run

By Steve Howe, Ride Chairman

Fall is here, and it is time to look forward to November and to our annual Turkey Run, the final SCMA Travelers Award event of 2012. Come join us on Saturday, November the 17th as we gobble down some cool weather miles through the lush Angeles Forest. For a mere 10 bucks a head, we will check in for the ride between 7 and 8:30am at Newcomb's Ranch, midway between Wrightwood and La Cañada-Flintridge on Angeles Crest Highway, mount our machines and snake our way through the twists and turns of the nearby roads, collecting playing cards and vying for the best (or worst) poker hand. The Hi/Lo poker winners will be presented with \$25 turkey tickets, which they will be able to trade for fresh turkey, frozen turkey, or the authors' favorite, Wild Turkey.

For more info call Steve at 562-298-6236, or email him at steve_howe@sc-ma.com

Come join the fun, and bring some friends!
Gobble, Gobble!

Bernd Hartenstein: A Three Flags Classic Story of Persistence

From time to time we encounter a personal story that captures the essence of what it means to be a Three Flags Classic rider. Bernd's is one worth sharing.

As we assembled in El Paso for this year's ride, we all noticed Bernd ride up on his Honda ST sporting a unique accessory: a nasal cannula to aid his breathing. He has had his troubles with lung disease--issues that would prevent most of us from ever attempting the TFC. But not Bernd. As a long-time TFC rider he was determined to complete the 2012 event even if it meant taking the extraordinary measure of wiring an oxygen concentrator into his bike's electrical system so he could manage the very high Colorado mountain passes that test all of us.

So there he was in El Paso ready to go. Unfortunately, electrical issues dogged him the entire route. In fact, even his start in El Paso was delayed a few hours by the problems. But he persevered and headed north. He made it as far as the second checkpoint in Wisdom, WY and was just short of Jackson, WY when his bike gave up and he was left stranded.

Unfortunately, the rest of us were oblivious to his plight because we were well ahead of him because of his delay out of El Paso. So, on his own he managed to find help, rent a truck and get his bike home to San Clemente.

What a story, right? How many of us would push it to the very edge for the sake of the journey? How many of us would remain at task despite the hardship? It is difficult to say. But we do know this: there are variations to Bernd's story that we witness every year on this ride. Its one of the reasons we return year after year, looking for a bit of that courage in ourselves.

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South Coasters Northern Arizona 4-Day Ride, October 12-15

The South Coasters will offer a 4-day ride covering 1400 miles. The ride will depart at 8:00AM from Carl's Jr. at Green River off the 91 Freeway on Friday morning, October 12.

Day 1 will include Parker, Prescott, Jerome and overnight in Sedona. Day 2 will include Flagstaff, the Navajo Reservations, a stop at the historic Hubbell Trading Post, lunch in Chinle, the Spider Rock Overlook in the Canyon de Chelly National Monument, Monument Valley and overnighting in Kayenta. Day 3 will include the historic Cameron Trading Post, a quick visit to Grand Canyon National Park, I-40 west to near Seligman for ice cream

at the Snow Cap Drive-In and into Kingman for the night. Day 4 will include Hwy 68, Hwy 163, south on Hwy 95, west on CA 62 through Amboy, lunch in 29 Palms and finally home to Southern California.

IMPORTANT NOTE: make your hotel reservations as soon as possible because the hotels fill up far in advance this time of year. There are no "bargain rates".

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BMWCOOSC's Park N' Ride, October 20

By Howard Meiseles

The BMW Club of Southern California presents this SCMA Traveler's Award event on October 20. It is open to all riders whether you are part of BMWCOOSC or SCMA or not. This ride IS for you.

Have you ever thought how cool those Iron Butt-type rallies are? Rallies where the goal is not to rack up lots of miles but to acquire the highest number of points? Of course, they get those points by going to places, which are often on opposite sides of the country. Truly an event for iron men on iron mounts with iron butts.

Well, if your bottom is more like cotton candy and less like cast iron, we have a perfect rally for you: The Park 'N Ride Rally! Designed for the rest of us mere mortals the Park 'N Ride Rally is an easy-to-complete day ride to some of the most interesting places in Central and Southern California.

This is BMWCOOSC's third annual offering of this very popular event. It has become a fall tradition for motorcyclists throughout southern California.

We will have two classes:

The Novice Class requiring approximately 100 miles and 3 bonus locations to be declared a finisher.

The Open Class for more experienced rally riders and those seeking a substantial challenge. It will cover hundreds of miles and require a full day of riding to be declared a finisher.

We've designed this rally so that it doesn't matter whether you are starting in San Diego,

Anaheim, Bakersfield or Santa Barbara. You can start near home and you won't have to travel long distances to complete the rally and be competitive.

Everyone will end up at the Alhambra BMW dealer for the finish.

What we have done is adapt the "acquire bonus points" goals of the long distance rally into an easy to complete day ride by setting up a series of bonus locations in Central and Southern California. No special equipment is needed and any street legal bike or scooter will do just fine.

So if you're interested in a bit of a challenge and want to enjoy a great day of riding register at <http://parknride.bmwcoosc.com/>

Entry Fee: \$25 due by October 18, 2012 with discounts for AMA and SCMA members.

Preregistration is mandatory because we must provide you with a starter's package in advance of the ride. No registration on the day of the event. You will be provided with a starter's package that includes the bonus locations. The package will be provided to you well enough in advance so that you can plan out your route and your strategy.

Open Class prizes are gift certificates of \$300, \$200, and \$100 to the top three finishers BMWCOOSC and SCMA highly recommend this event as a way to combine riding and planning skills.

Today, Park N' Ride. Tomorrow, Iron Butt?

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The Best 15 US Roads Challenge for 2013

By Charlie Coyner

Hi all! I have accepted the Chairman of SCMA's Best 15 US Roads Challenge. I look forward to leading this event. I need your help.

Let me introduce myself. My name is Charlie Coyner. I have history with the SCMA, as Chairman of the SCMA for two years (2002-2004) and as the 2005 Three Flags Classic chairman. I now live in Colorado just outside of Colorado Springs. I belong to the Iron Butt Association but I haven't done the Iron Butt Rally. I have done four Saddle Sore 1000s and a Bun Burner Gold 1500. I just finished the 2012 Three Flags Classic. I'm retired from the USAF and I retired from Northrop Grumman last December. I am ready to dig in and help.

One of the first things I'd like to say is thank you to those riders that have completed the Challenge. I hope others will consider riding the Challenge in 2013. I look forward to meeting you at the SCMA Awards Banquet this coming

March 2013. We can talk about the Challenge and other long distance riding opportunities.

If you have completed the Challenge, or are familiar with the 2012 collection of roads, I want to receive your comments and suggestions. Help me make the 2013 collection better than 2012's.

I have already heard that Vermont Route 100 is in a bad state of repair and is very rough. For 2013, I want to drop VT-100 and replace it with New Hampshire's NH-112 and NH-16. These roads are included in the list of best roads in New Hampshire. I'm suggesting we put the two together as a single challenge unit. Along the route is a turnoff for the famous Mt. Washington Auto Road. It is in good shape as last reported by other riders but there is some gravel close to the summit.

Are there other changes we should consider for 2013? Let me know soon. I want to consult the SCMA board in October. I have some ideas about the log book as well.

Contact me now. Charlie Coyner (719) 432-8856
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We hear you saying, "Winnipeg? Winnipeg? Out in the middle of the plains Winnipeg? Doesn't that imply miles and miles of boring miles and miles?" Actually, there are remarkably interested roads between the mountains of Colorado and the streets of Winnipeg. Our route magicians have found roads that will delight you. Winnipeg provides some interesting options for USA Four Corners riders and after-ride options like a loop

around the Great Lakes or a group ride down the Mississippi River. Winnipeg is the farthest east we have ever been. 2013 is the year to include visits to Aunt Millie in Ohio, the eastern half of Canada, New England and Washington DC. Make 2013 your favorite TFC.

We have set the ticket price at \$275 and expect to sell up to 250 spots. As we did for 2012, we will sell the first group of tickets on a guaranteed basis up to a cut-off number. If our demand for tickets is greater than 250 we will draw for the last group. If the demand is less than 250, then everyone will get a ticket. All of the ticketing arrangements will be announced soon.

Please **do not** attempt to register for the ride quite yet. We will announce when registration opens.



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Ride Safe: Checking-In and GPS Trackers

By Blake Anderson

A few days after one of our Three Flags Classic rides, a news story caught my eye that remains with me to this day. I do not remember the year. A rider out of Washington State had headed east to attend a family event in Boise. He had taken the long way there and he failed to show up on time. His family was not overly alarmed at first. After a day or two his family became worried and notified the authorities along the route. On the fifth or sixth day he was found down an embankment on US 93. He had been dead for about three days. What was eerie about the news was the TFC had been on US 93 about that same time, probably heading in the opposite direction. Was he down that embankment when we passed by? God only knows.

I will always wonder whether he would have survived had someone realized right away that he had crashed.

When I heard the story I resolved to always check-in with my wife and to give her a flight plan--you never know what might happen. Having that information would be helpful, but only to a very limited extent. She would know my route but I could be anywhere along hundreds of miles of road.

Amazingly effective and affordable technology has since intervened. It literally is a lifesaver.



Today, long distance motorcycling has a friend: satellite GPS trackers. They are made by SPOT, Linxup, LiveView and others. Some are personal trackers that hikers, skiers and motorcyclists can use. Some attach to vehicles. All provide some kind of real-time monitoring that can be seen by a third party.

I own a SPOT unit and I love it. The one I have allows my wife and friends to track me during my motorcycling journeys. I used it first in 2011 when I was on my USA 4 Corners Tour. It provided my

location on an online map every 10 minutes for the month I was on the road. My cousin in Pennsylvania knew within a few minutes when I was about to come around the gravel road leading to his farm near Scranton because he could see me on his laptop. He had a beer waiting.

Beyond that wonderful novelty, the unit allows me to summon 24-hour anywhere-on-the-globe help by pushing a red "SOS" button. Within minutes an international dispatch center plus two persons I can pre-specify before my trip are alerted that I have pushed the button. My position is known to within 10 meters. The dispatch center calls first responders in my area and someone comes to my rescue.



But even if I were completely incapacitated and unable to press the SOS button, it would soon become apparent that I had stopped for an extended period of time at a peculiar location for no good reason. My wife could see me on the online map and deduce its time to call the authorities.

SPOT has widely publicized that it just participated in its 2000th global rescue. That's quite a remarkable record and certainly reassuring to my wife--and to me.

It is my advise that you buy a satellite GPS tracker for yourself and anyone else close to you that is an adventurer that spends time on solitary motorcycle rides, hikes or cross country ski trips. If you don't buy it yourself, then ask Santa for it. I am sure there is room on his sleigh for something as small as this.

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- ◆ Preregistration is mandatory. No registration on the day of the event.
- ◆ Rally packs will be emailed one week prior to rally
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The Southern California Motorcycling Association Proudly Presents



An SCMA
Traveler's award
event

*Saturday,
November 17,
2012*



Turkey Run 2012



HI/LO Hand Poker run!

Starting at:

Newcomb's Ranch

Angeles Crest Hwy 2
Midway between La Cañada-Flintridge and Wrightwood
Sign in time 7-8:30 a.m.

Entry Fee (Price includes all discounts)

Riders and passengers \$10/Head

For more details

Call 562-298-6236 or email steve_howe@sc-ma.com



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 is set for a Deming, NM start on August 30, 2013 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 2013, travel our annual list of Best 15 US 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.

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 only 10 riders per year. SCMA honors this significant accomplishment with a limited-edition 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 at Logsdon's Restaurant at the Santa Paula airport. The ride fee is only \$10. Ride pins for the first 50 riders. 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 at the Best Western Crystal Palace Inn on Buck Owens Blvd. 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 chairing this poker run. Prizes for highest and lowest hands. We will start and end at Newcomb's Restaurant in the Angeles National Forest on Angeles Crest Highway. See the details in this 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 generally 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 General Membership Meetings are:

- October 13
- November 17 (CANCELLED)
- December (No meeting)
- January 19 (Our annual calendaring session with our affiliated clubs)

Three-Month Running Calendar

October

- 6-7 SCMA Grand Tour, Acton to Sierras to Coast to Santa Paula*
- 12-15 South Coasters Northern Arizona Ride, Green River Start
- 13 SCMA General Membership Meeting
- 20 BMWCOOSC Park n' Ride*
- 21 29th Annual Love Ride, Fullerton HD to Castaic Lake
- 28 SCMA Cemetery Tour, Bakersfield Start*

November

- 2-4 BMWCOOSC Julian Weekend Ride
- 13 SCMA Board Meeting
- 17 SCMA General Membership Meeting CANCELLED!!
- 17 SCMA Turkey Run, Newcomb's Ranch Start*

December

- 2 South Coasters GMM and Day Ride
- 7-9 Long Beach Motorcycle Show
- 11 SCMA Board Meeting
- 15 BMWCOOSC Day Ride
- 19 AVR Light Ride/Dinner Ride



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 25nd of the month in order to appear in the next published issue of SCMA News.

Send written correspondence to:

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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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