



SCMA NEWS

*Keep the Month Filled With Joy:
Ride-A-Lot, See Friends, Love Your Family.*



*November is your "Great Escape" Fall riding. Days off.
Collecting around a family table. May you find the month to your liking.*

November Events: (See club websites for details)

Nov. 2-4: BMWCOSEC Julian Weekend.

Nov.10: South Coasters Day Ride. Hell's Kitchen to Palomar, 10 AM.

Nov. 11: South Coasters Vintage Ride. San Clemente, Camp Pendelton back roads, Pt. Loma. 9 AM.

Nov. 13: SCMA Board, Shakers Restaurant, Glendale. 10 AM.

Nov. 17: SCMA Turkey Run. Newcomb's Ranch, Angeles Crest Hwy. Poker Run.

Nov. 17: "Bite the Wieeenie" at Pink's on North La Brea, LA. Late Night, 10 PM to 1:30 AM.

Nov. 18: Three Flags Classic Committee, Shakers Restaurant, 801 N. Central, Glendale. 9AM.

Nov. 21: AVR Dinner Ride. Carl's Jr. 6:30 PM.

Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Day



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Road Signs

Our 2013 Calendaring Session is set for January 19...

Every year SCMA sits down with its affiliated clubs to coordinate our riding calendars--as best as we can. We are conducting it later than usual to give the clubs time to meet and consider their 2013s.

The session is voluntary. Our hope is to give the clubs a chance to consider shifting here and there to minimize double-booked weekends. This gives the riding community and their own members more riding opportunities.

See you January 19.

...But remember that early 2013 SCMA Events are Already Set

For the sake of early notice and making necessary arrangements, the SCMA Board of Directors has set a few early 2013 event dates: The Soup Run on Sunday, January 20, the Sweetheart Ride on Sunday, February 17 and the Awards and Appreciation Banquet on Saturday, March 2. Our General Membership Meetings are set on the day before the Sunday rides. Mark your calendars.

No SCMA General Membership Meeting in November: Turkey Run 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. This is a hi-lo poker run with \$25 grocery certificates going to the two winners. A fall mountain ride plus the chance at turkey money? What more does it take to entice you?

Our New Website

Look for SCMA's new website coming soon. It will be the same web address www.sc-ma.com as the old site. There's nothing for you to do. When it is up you will be automatically directed there.

Sunshine Report: A Quiet Month

Nothing to report.

Please email Phyllis at pshaw2003@verizon.net with any health or accident news about our members.

January 20 Soup Run

This is the first announcement for the 2013 Soup Run. It is set for Sunday, January 20. Steve Shulman is the chairman. Huey will reprise his world-famous Cincinnati chili. "What's that?" we hear you ask. It's a midwest staple of spaghetti covered in chili. Add cheese and onions if you like. Yum. It will start at the Filling Station Cafe one block north of the traffic circle in Old Orange, wind up through Ortega Highway, down into San Diego County and end at a spot in OC. Bring more than two cans of fresh soup as your entry fee. All riders and all bikes are welcome. See the flyer on page 13.

February 17 Sweetheart Ride Needs a Chairman

Looking for a mission or a way to contribute to our fine motorcycling efforts? How about a stint as the chair of the 2013 Sweetheart Ride? We need your help. Find a starting point, set a route, find a finishing point, conduct the registration on the morning of the ride and make arrangements for the ride pin with help from SCMA's Barbara Fox. It's a lot of fun, very rewarding and deeply appreciated. Call Blake at (714) 801-3931 to volunteer.



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Bill Allen is our new USA 4 Corners Tour Chairman. He is actively reducing the backlog of finisher's packages. Consider the possibilities of taking 21 days to visit all four corners in 2013. There's plenty of time to visit friends along the way.

October Membership Report

By Sally Bishop, Membership

Renewing Members During October	5
New Members During October	1
Lapsed Members	300
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Nominations for 2013 Legacy Award

We are actively seeking nominations for the 2013 SCMA Legacy Award. A selection committee made up of SCMA board members and prior Legacy Award recipients will meet to consider the nominations and select one as the 2013 recipient. The formal presentation will occur on March 2, 2013 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Santa Ana, California. The 2013 Legacy Award Recipient and guest will be hosted by SCMA.

Nominations can come from any current SCMA member. Self-nominations will be accepted. Please provide a one to two page letter to: SCMA Chairman, PO Box 487, Norwalk, CA 90651-0487. Please provide a sufficient detailing of the nominee's accomplishments, volunteer and board assignments and the approximate dates of service so that the selection committee can make an informed determination. Letters from other riders can be submitted to help make the case for the nominee. Nominations must be received by December 20.



SCMA's Legacy Award Trophy. It sits atop the award given posthumously to Josef Usatin and atop the Perpetual Trophy inscribed with the names of all recipients.

In late 2011 the SCMA Board of Directors authorized the SCMA Legacy Award. In March of 2012 we inaugurated the award and honored the first five recipients. They were Josef Usatin, Joe Mandeville, Jan Staws, Kenn Hatke and Dannie Fox. Jane Usatin was presented Josef's award posthumously. Josef has the distinction of being the award's first recipient and will always be remembered for creating the Three Flags Classic and the USA 4 Corners Tour. All five represent the best of SCMA: long-term committed motorcyclists

that have devoted decades of time to our organization. They have served in various volunteer capacities and have helped to make SCMA what it is today. Each of them has three decades of service and involvement in SCMA.

If you know of someone that has provided this kind of committed service to SCMA we would like to hear from you. The 2013 recipient's name will be added to the perpetual trophy and will be presented with a special Legacy Award jacket suitable to be worn at all motorcycling events.

Help us honor our best.

The SCMA Board of Directors

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BMW Club of Southern California
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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



To All of our Rockwell and non-Rockwell families and friends: May your Thanksgiving be filled with delights, love and great food.

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!

Cemetery Tour Photos, Oct. 28



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What Will SCMA Do About 3rd Party Charity Events?

From time-to-time SCMA receives inquiries from our riders about third party charity efforts. The question often sounds like this: "I'm about to go on the USA 4 Corners Tour. I was thinking about raising money for my favorite charity. I want to get people to pledge money for the miles I travel. Is that okay?" A similar question-- actually, more of a statement sounds like: "I am going to raise money while on the Mission Tour". Or the Three Flags Classic or the Best 15. You get the point.

At first blush, the easy answer is sure, why not? Well, the board took a very hard look at the question and has developed a policy. You will see it in our ride registration materials and on the back page of the newsletter:

"The SCMA neither endorses nor sanctions any fund raising activities by its members or riders participating in its events for any purpose benefiting or on behalf of third

party charities unless expressly stated otherwise. All such activities are outside of the control and view of SCMA and no support of any kind should be construed"

Simply stated, we have little to no information about the rider, the method of collection, the fate of the funds once collected and the charity itself. Without the ability or interest in auditing the charity effort, SCMA and its directors have no informed understanding of what is happening well outside its view and purview.

And so, the SCMA has taken the position quoted in red.

This policy does not preclude SCMA itself from deciding to support a charity on its own. If it were ever to do so, it would be under the condition of being able to sufficiently manage and audit the collection, the retention and the distribution of the funds to a worthy charity of its choosing. Short of that, we decline all involvement.



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Our Visit With Patricia Thompson (Don Davis' Daughter)

Back in August we received word that an old SCMA member had passed away. Don Davis, who had lived up in the Central Valley, had been an active member in the 70s and 80s. Patricia sought us out for two reasons. One was to get the word out to other old timers about Don's passing. The other was to offer Don's old riding vest and collection of riding pins to SCMA. She asked whether we would have any value in them. We said certainly so. We have a roomy storage unit in Buena Park and we would be very interested in archiving Don's old treasures.

As it turned out, SCMA's Grand Tour was scheduled for October 6-7 and would pass right through Exeter where she lives. The SCMA Chairman and other SCMA members could drop by, hear some stories and receive the vest and pins.

We met with Patricia. She provided us with take out from her favorite Mexican restaurant. She told us how proud her dad had been of his years with SCMA. She said that her dad always did things big and became very devoted to riding with SCMA and its affiliated clubs. Back then, SCMA was divided in Areas (see related article in this month's issue). He was an Area B guy.

He participated in the rides put on by the Saddlites, Bakersfield Red Tops MC, Bakersfield Road Riders, Big Valley MC, Los Amigos MC, Los Padres MC, Taft MC, Simi Valley Road Riders and the Valley Drifters.

He spent time on the big Jamborees of the mid-70s and early-80s produced by the SCMA and the SRRA (Sierra Road Riders Association). SCMA and SRRA also did Las Vegas events together as well. Campouts were big with SCMA back then and benefit rides were held for charities from time-to-time.



She gave us his 1977 TFC belt buckle. It was marked SCMA and BCRR. That ties in with the other significant treasure she gave us. Among the pins that we received



from Patricia was a 1978 Three Flags Classic Pin that included the initials of SCMA and BCRR (British Columbia Road Riders). During the early years of the Three Flags Classic the Canadians were

partners with SCMA in putting on the TFC. As a young teenager, Patricia rode with her dad on the Three Flags Classic. Those are memories she will carry with her all her life.

Don was a member of SCMA for at least 15 years and the SRRA for at least 6 years, judging from the pins he left behind.

Patricia, SCMA will be ever-grateful to you for your generosity. We promise to keep the pins and the vest in good keeping. Your dad's memory will remain renewed by his collection.



Patricia Thompson presented her dad's riding vest to SCMA Chairman Blake Anderson. Blake has given her one of SCMA's newly issued old patches that coincidentally is the same design as her dad's old patch.

Patricia shows us some of the dozens of her father's pins that she presented to SCMA in Exeter on October 6.



Madawaska Four Corners Park Needs Your Help

Madawaska has a fundraiser underway to improve the Four Corners Park including acquiring the adjoining property. In October they received a \$10,000 challenge grant by the Charles Lamb Family Trust. The grant will match other contributions dollar for dollar. This means that other contributions will be doubled by the challenge grant dollars. Every dollar provided by other sources (such as SCMA members and USA Four Corners riders) is that much more powerful.

So far, the Madawaska Four Corners Park Association has raised \$7500 to match the grant. They are looking for another \$2500. That could be from people like you and me. If they meet this first \$10,000 challenge, then additional challenge rounds from the Lamb Family Trust totaling up to \$35,000 are possible. If matched, that will mean a grand total of

\$70,000 and the property acquisition and other improvements can move forward. A wonderful park becomes a greater park.

The park's treasurer has set up a special acquisition account. Please help them achieve the fund raising goal and expand the park. All donations in any amount will be truly helpful and appreciated.

If you have not yet been to Madawaska you are in for a treat. Joe LaChance reminds us that the park is all about the USA 4 Corners Tour.

Please send donations to: Madawaska Four Corners Park Association. P.O. Box 261, Madawaska, Maine 04756. It is a registered 501(C)(3) non-profit organization. www.madawaskafourcorners.org



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When Did the SCMA Start-up? What Is its Early History?

Some of us having been asking the question how SCMA got started and what the early history was like. Its hard to imagine that "ancient history" for this club starts years after many of us had graduated high school. Ancient history? You have got to be kidding! But, in fact, it has been to some degree. The "old timers" we have talked to started in the late 70s and early 80s. We know that the club started up in the late 60s. Ten years are missing.

During the Cemetery Tour registration in the lobby of the Best Western Crystal Palace, Steve Howe and Steve Shulman were approached by a woman who introduced herself as one of the early SCMA members. She is Marti Neumann, married to Harold Neumann. He was SCMA member #375 and one of the early secretaries.

Marti told us that the SCMA was formed in 1968 when members of their club were denied access to an AMA event. The men had ridden in on motorcycles and their families came by car or pickup. AMA wouldn't allow the non-motorcycle family members to enter the event. Be that way! said the group and SCMA was formed that year. The next year they formally chartered. Clubs in Southern

California formed SCMA. Back then clubs were large and very active. The Eagles, Loners, Nuggets and Never Readies were riding. Some of them were rough and tumble. Rides, rallies, campouts and jamborees were frequently conducted.

In 1974 talk about conducting the Three Flags Classic began. In 1976 the first Three Flags Classic was conducted. It began in Tijuana and ended in Vancouver. It was a straight ride up Interstate 5.

Back in those days SCMA was divided into Area A, Area B and Area C. Clubs within each area would meet together because of the logistical problem of the distances members had to travel to a general membership meeting serving the entire large geographic area covered by SCMA.

We are interested in hearing more. Marti gave us her email address. We will interview her and Harold soon and share more of the old days. If you have some history from the 60s and 70s we would love to hear from you. Help us learn about SCMA's past.



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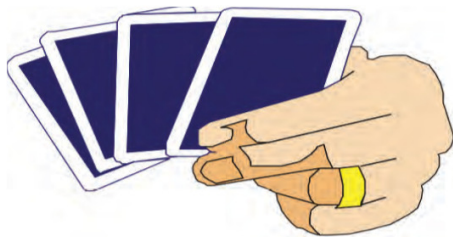
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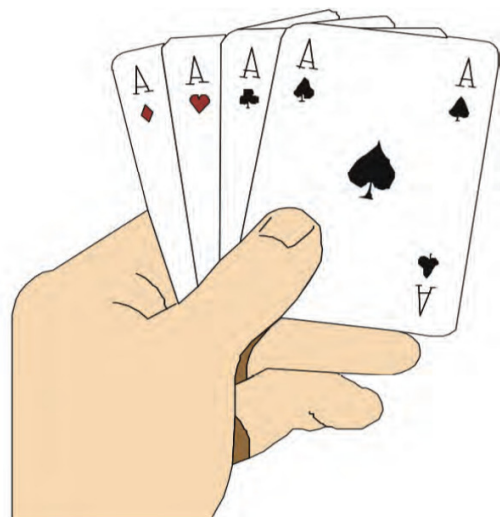
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Ride Safe: Maintaining a Safe Following Distance

By Blake Anderson

A news item caught my eye a few weeks ago. Three riders were heading eastbound on OR 126 west of Redmond, Oregon. The lead bike braked for traffic and the trailing rider ran up on the second rider. Her front tire hit his rear tire and her bike bucked upwards very violently throwing her off the bike. Despite wearing a helmet she died at the scene from traumatic head injuries.

In mid-October you may have seen the TMZ video of the crash that occurred a few feet behind Leno during the 2011 Love Ride. An overtaking rider crashed into the rear of another rider. Too many bikes, too much speed and way too close. 2011 was also the year of the Love Ride fatality caused by the same thing during the ride to Castaic.

A decade ago, a riding friend of mine was on a six person group ride. The group was surprised by deer crossing the road, the lead bikes hit their brakes and a trailing rider destroyed the leg of the rider he was following. The rider bled out and died on the scene. Imagine THAT ride home.

These are stories told far too often. Stories that can be prevented. Following close looks cool and provides riders with a sense of unity and flow with the lead rider. But the risk is too great.

At 60 MPH, your front tire is spinning at 88 feet-per-second. If it comes in contact with the rear tire of the bike in front of you, the combined converging speed is 176 fps. Your violent upending is certain to occur. If your tire hits the lead rider's saddle bag it may tear it off in a split second and dump the lead bike (look at the Leno tape). Against the leg of another rider, it is likely to rip it clean off.

Short following distances and unsafe passing are the bane of group riding. Be it two riders or the Love Ride's 20,000 riders, the most significant safety measure anyone can take is to keep your distance. Staggered riding and a two second following distance are absolutely necessary to limit the likelihood (not prevent) a serious accident like I have just described.

Two seconds should be the absolute minimum safe following distance. Out on the open road (like riding the Three Flags Classic, for instance), why limit it to only 2 seconds? How about 4 or 5 seconds instead? When you travel the roads that make the TFC so enjoyable, don't you sometimes fix your gaze off to the side of the road for more than 2 seconds? How many times have you unintentionally run up next to a lead rider when he/she slowed down for something on the road ahead? How many times have you been passed by your knuckle-headed riding buddy because he was looking off to the side as you slowed for traffic or to avoid an animal?

We have gotten away with it because of dumb luck. Only dumb luck.

So, I propose that everyone talk to your riding buddies about riding etiquette and riding safety before your next group ride. Consider the consequence of rear-ending one another. And then set a new agreement about following distance.

Remember the sound advice of Yosemite Sam.....



Ride Safe, Varmint

VA 16 (“Back of the Dragon”) Goes Big Time

What began as a passion for riding and a love for an amazing stretch of highway has turned into a tourism destination and one of the roads that on SCMA’s Best 15 US Roads Challenge. A Virginia highway that rivals Tail of the Dragon is destined to become just as famous. It is now officially designated as the Back of the Dragon.

On October 22, Tazewell County Board of Supervisors Chairman, D. Michael Hymes, announced that the 32-mile stretch of Virginia State Route 16 between Tazewell County and Smyth County has been designated as “Back of the Dragon” by the State of Virginia. The Virginia Department of Transportation has produced “Back of the Dragon” signage that will be posted along the route.

Fifty local, regional and state officials and supporters gathered to mark the occasion and participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The two counties worked together to promote a tourism asset with potential economic benefits to the region--not to mention riding thrills to motorcyclists like you and me.

The initiative began in 2010 when a local citizen named Larry Davidson had an idea. As an avid motorcyclist, Larry had ridden across the three mountains, 32 miles and 260 curves of VA 16 many times. He had also ridden the 11-mile Tail of the Dragon in North Carolina. The big difference between the two highways was not the challenge of the ride; it was the the marketing of the Tail. Based on that realization, Larry invented the idea of marketing VA 16 as the Back of the Dragon and he set to work.

Blake noticed the road’s website in early 2011 and sent an email inquiry. Larry called him back a few minutes later. By the end of the conversation, Blake had decided to add it to his USA 4 Corners Tour after Larry offered a guided tour, a home cooked meal and a night’s rest in his home near the west end of the route. As a result of that riding experience, Blake added the Back of the Dragon to the 2012 edition of SCMA’s Best 15 US Roads Challenge. Its one bitchin’ road. Where the Tail is down in a creek bottom and mostly in shadow and closed-in, the Back is open ridge line and hill top riding.

Meanwhile, with Larry’s unrelenting promotional acumen, the enthusiastic support of the local towns and business community and the bscking of the Virginia legislature, the designation of VA 16 as Back of the Dragon was inevitable.

What impresses SCMA is how one guy very much like you and me can marshal two communities and make a difference. The success of the Back of the Dragon concept demonstrates how an individual can convert an idea into a real thing that is a significant economic asset for the people living there.

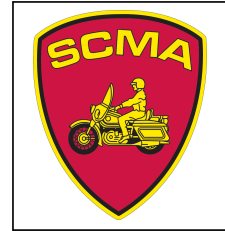
Ron Thomason, Smyth County Tourism Director, stated that the Town of Marion (on the east end) is already seeing the results of marketing Route 16 as Back of the Dragon at their local restaurants. Motorcyclists and motorists are seeking the BOTD for its challenges and beauty.

Larry says it has been a team effort from day one and will continue to be so. In the last year they have seen riders and drivers from all over the United States and several foreign countries enjoy the 32 miles now called the Back of the Dragon.

For those of us in SCMA that will eventually arrive in Tazewell and Marion to ride the BOTD, have a meal and perhaps find overnight lodging, all we can say is hurray to Larry. You have given us one more reason to love long distance riding. We will see you on the road.



SOUP RUN 2013



Come one, come all... to the 2013 annual Southern California Motorcycling Association's SOUP RUN. Bring no less than two cans of (non-expired) soup and ride for free. Bring more than two cans and get that warm feeling inside you get from giving since all cans go to a local homeless shelter. After you finish the ride you'll get that warm feeling again, because we're serving CHILI, Cincinnati style! Oh yeah, don't forget to bring your motorcycle because we'll be riding 180 miles of Southern California roads.

When: January 20, 2013

Ride Start: 8:15 a.m.

Where: Filling Station, Café and Coffee House
201 N. Glassell, Orange, CA. 92866
714-289-9714

(Restaurant is located on the corner of Glassell and Maple Street.
www.fillingstationcafe.com It opens at 6:30 a.m. and the food is terrific. Gather in the FREE parking lot 50' east of Glassell on Maple Street)

Route: Route sheets will be handed out in the parking lot and a link will soon appear on the SCMA web site (www.SC-MA.com). The route is about 180 miles and will take you through back roads of Orange County and North San Diego County for a wonderful day of riding. Ride by yourself or with friends. Everyone leaves at the same time, and rides at their own pace. We'll end in the Newport Beach area where "Huey" will be serving up his old-fashion Cincinnati Chili... oh yeah, not Huey's first rodeo. And, the price of admission - the cans of soup you donate at the start of the ride.

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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 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.

SCMA Grand Tour was a great ride!

We started in Acton, rode 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 weather was great. Vistas from where ever we traveled were clear and beautiful. Great route Kenn Hatke. Thanks!

A look back at SCMA's October Cemetery Tour

The ride started in Bakersfield at the Best Western Crystal Palace Inn on Buck Owens Blvd. and laced through the old cemeteries of the foothills and Kern River Valley. Steve Howe did a terrific job of finding out-of-the-way cemeteries with interesting gravesites of children, WWI vets and other residents of the rural and farming communities of this historically important area.

The Turkey Run is Saturday, Nov 17

Steve Howe is chairing this poker run. \$25 gift card 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: HONDA 2006 VTX1300 16k miles \$5,600. Bike is equipped with a J&M CB/MP3 player, saddle bags, windshield, hwy boards, driver back rest, rack, handle bar extenders, hwy light bar, vista cruise, cruise control. Please call John at (714) 974-4569

For Sale: Smart Antenna for Zumo 550. Used. \$50. 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 XM/Sirius 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 25th 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 currently 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:

- November 17 (CANCELLED)
- December (No meeting)
- January 19 (Our annual calendaring session with our affiliated clubs. Be the first on your block to know what the 2013 is going to look like)
- February 16

Three-Month Running Calendar

November

- 2-4 *BMWCOOSC Julian Weekend Ride*
- 10 *South Coasters Hell's Kitchen Ride*
- 11 *South Coasters Vintage Ride through Camp Pendleton*
- 13 *SCMA Board Meeting*
- 17 *CANCELLED SCMA General MM CANCELLED!!*
- 17 *SCMA Turkey Run, Newcomb's Ranch Start**
- 18 *2013 Three Flags Classic Committee Meeting, Shakers, 9AM*

December

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

January

- 6 *South Coasters GMM and Day Ride*
- 15 *SCMA Board Meeting, Shakers, 10 AM*
- 19 *SCMA General Membership Meeting*
- 20 *SCMA Soup Run**
- 26 *2013 Three Flags Classic Committee Meeting (TBC)*
- 28 *SCMA Cemetery Tour, Bakersfield Start**



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 25th of the month in order to appear in the next published issue of SCMA News. Send written correspondence to: Southern California Motorcycling Association, PO Box 487, Norwalk, CA 90651-0487

Email newsletter submissions to:
BlakePAnderson@gmail.com

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.

The SCMA neither endorses nor sanctions any fund raising activities by its members or riders participating in its events for any purpose benefiting or on behalf of third party charities unless expressly stated otherwise. All such activities are outside of the control and view of SCMA and no support of any kind should be construed.

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Advertising space is provided to our members only. Regular membership is \$25 for one year or \$45 for two years. Want ads are free for regular members. Sponsoring corporate membership is \$400 per year and includes a one-half page ad in the newsletter for 12 months and prominent mention at SCMA's March Awards and Appreciation Banquet and the September Three Flags Banquet.