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Upcoming Events

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* SCMA Traveler's Award Event

Apr 12	SCMA Board, Coco's Covina, 8am	Apr 26-29	South Coasters North to Fort Bragg
Apr 12	SCMA General Membership Meeting, Coco's Covina, 10am	May 2-3	South Coasters Yosemite Falls Weekend
Apr 18-20	BMWCOSEC Central Valley Basque Tour	May 17-18	PMC Greenhorn*
		May 24-26	SCMA Blazing Saddles*

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Road Signs

By Blake P. Anderson



Perfect!

2014 Legacy Award

SCMA presented its 3rd annual Legacy Award to Max Marker on March 1. Max is our seventh recipient. See his profile on page 4.

Our new Quartermaster

SCMA now has a quartermaster to maintain our storage unit in Buena Park. Alan Hirst has volunteered to do it for us. He will retrieve banners, promotional material and merchandise; maintain an inventory of what is in stores; and, keep the storage unit straightened out. SCMA has been talking about opening an online store to sell excess merchandise from past years and this is the first step toward that long-term goal. Alan's contact information is shown on the

Lebanon Kansas Wants Your Pics

Lebanon would like to display some of the photos you took when you visited their U.S. Center Park & Monument, post office and service station. They will post them on their site: <http://lovesmalltownamerica.com/smithcountyks.php>. Please send them to

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www.uscenterfoundation.com/PDF/USCF_BRICK_FORM_part3.pdf

A vision for a new Membership Services Chair

SCMA needs your help. Sally Bishop has resigned and we are looking for a creative person to take SCMA's membership services to a new level. Imagine service to our regular and corporate members. Imagine a new membership package that includes a nifty membership card that is computer-generated. Imagine an effective membership drive that attracts new corporations that sponsor our events and receive high profile ads in the SCMA newsletter (now reaching over 1000 long distance riding enthusiasts). Now imagine the creative force behind these new initiatives to be you.

The work includes inputting membership data for folks that register and pay by mail and overseeing the membership records of our regular, lifetime and corporate members.

Registration is open for the 2014 Three Flags Classic!

Online registration and payment is open until May 15 or when we sell out. There are only about 10 tickets left as of this writing. Current SCMA membership is required to register. We encourage online transactions to streamline the administrative tasks of our volunteers.

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April is AMA Go Ride! Month
April marks the fourth annual "AMA Go Ride! Month." It is a celebration of all things motorcycling and encourages motorcyclists nationwide to celebrate the thrill of riding on the street, track and trail.

This year's AMA Go Ride! Month will include weekly prizes and a monthly grand prize.

April 7-11, AMA Go Ride Together week showcases riding with others. Use #AMARideTogether.

April 14-18 is Go Ride for a Cause week. Use #AMARideForACause.

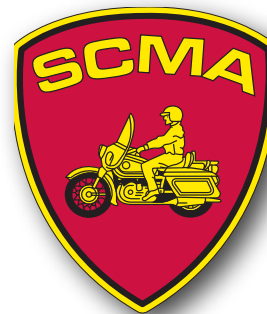
April 21-25 is AMA Go Ride Safely week. Use #AMARideSafely.

Helpful tips and tools for all riders are at www.americanmotorcyclist.com/riding/street/resources and www.americanmotorcyclist.com/riding/dirt/getstarted.

Motorcycle History

- 1987 HD goes public
- 1996 Peugeot offers all-electric scooter
- 2006 EVA Products/BV Holland produce diesel-powered bike
- 2006 BUB 7 Streamliner breaks 350 mph at Bonneville
- 2009 Honda offers a flex-fuel bike in Brazil
- 2013 Indian is back thanks to the Polaris Company

Next month we will highlight defunct motorcycle brands...



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*Max Marker: A Legacy of Service and Quality**By Blake P. Anderson*

Back in 2011, the board began to discuss the idea of honoring those men and women that have contributed their time and talent and spirit to SCMA for two or three decades--those long-term folks that make a big difference around here. The board thought that candidates for the award could be board members. Or, they could be volunteers. Or, they could be long-term loyal riders that had ridden with us and exhibited a welcoming attitude or special care for the other riders around them. In other words, the award would go to those individuals that were dependable, dedicated and had the interests of SCMA at heart. They made a difference by their presence.



Max Marker with his new SCMA Legacy Jacket

On March 1, a seventh name is added to this honor roll. Our 2014 recipient is Max Marker.

Max came to motorcycling rather late in life. He started street riding in the 1970s when he was in his 40s. The bug bit him hard and he has been dedicated to motorcycling ever since. He started on a Suzuki 550, moved to Honda and has been on BMWs for the last 30 years.

Like so many people that ride with SCMA, the Three Flags Classic is his favorite riding event. Last year he completed his 22nd Flag. But simply participating was never enough for Max. He wanted to contribute as well. Max has been on 12 Three Flags Committees and chaired two. He will tell you that while it was a lot of work, it was also a lot of fun. He worked with wonderful teams that produced great Three Flags riding events.

As the owner of a small business, Max has always believed that the secret to success is customer service and an excellent product. He transferred that belief in how volunteered for and managed the

Three Flags Classic. He also knew that public relations is part of leading Three Flags.

Max looked for ways to enhance Three Flags every year. They added merchandise over the years. He got the Baja Tourism office involved and actually managed to get a border crossing gate assigned to us for to speed through the crossing time. He also got a tourism office rep to ride on one of the Three Flags. Max also pushed getting a pre-start dinners into ride and that has been repeated in many other years since then. Max also admits that one year they tried something different than a plaque—it was more like a paper weight. What the hell is this was the common response. It was back to plaques the following year.

Max spent a lot of time building relationships within SCMA and with the folks that volunteer at the checkpoints and finish. Max has been thought of as a goodwill ambassador because of his obvious love for riding and his reputation as a gentleman. Those of you that know him understand what a great guy he is. Many call him their friend.

And that's why SCMA calls him a Legacy.



Max with the Legacy Perpetual Trophy flanked by previous Legacy Award Recipients Joe Mandeville, Kenn Hatke and Dannie Fox.

*A Recap of AVR's Bags 4 Kids Ride
By Gonzo*

It was a cold ride up CA14 heading to the Antelope Valley Harley Davidson store in Lancaster. This was the starting point of the Antelope Valley Riders annual Poker Run to raise funds for the valley's young school children in need of school supplies. But cold be damned, about 30 riders showed up for the event's registration and immediately availed themselves to hot coffee and donuts. If the coffee wasn't used for drinking it was surely used to warm up the hands!



The AVR guys and gals designed a ride offering early morning coffee and donuts, numerous awards such as 50/50 raffle, High and low hands, and raffle prizes such as jackets, jr golf clubs, gift certificates, etc., an awesome route, and BBQ lunch with a live band playing some great riding sounds.

Check-in was quick and easy and the first location to draw a card. The route sheet was well laid out with turns and mileage and was easy to follow once out on the road. Riders who had already ridden 80-100 miles to reach the start point were pleased to see that only 130 miles had to be ridden to get back in time for the BBQ.

AVR designed this event with the theme being "Sons of Anarchy"! The roads were new roads to a number of riders not from the Lancaster/Palmdale area and consisted of leisure country roads such as Sierra Hwy and Soledad Canyon with the first stop at a roadside Mom & Pop motel featured in a "Sons of Anarchy" episode. The next stop took riders into downtown San Fernando and over to the "Sons..." office spaces as seen on almost every episode. Notice the burned out building used as a prop?

Next up was the fun part of the ride heading up Little Tujunga Canyon and Bouquet Canyon Roads. The ascending and descending twisties were a perfect change-up to riding thru traffic lights in San Fernando! The last checkpoint before the finish was at The Big Oaks located on Bouquet Cyn Rd. This is a really great place to ride to for a nice lunch. Located in the hills they feature good sandwiches, loud music, full service bar, outdoor/indoor seating and dirt parking.

Back at Antelope Valley H-D riders drew their last card then headed out back for the BBQ'd Dogs and Burgers, chips and drinks, and the live band. This was also a great opportunity for Beamer and Honda riders to get a good look at the 2014 Harleys gleaming in display!

The day warmed up perfectly to make this ride a wonderful Saturday event; kudos to the AVR guys and gals for putting this fun event together for our riding enjoyment. We're all definitely looking forward to next year's Bags 4 Kids Ride and to July's Dog Days of Summer also being planned and organized by the AVR team.



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JoAnne Gamble: Goodbye to a Good Friend and a Good Egg

Our old friend and longtime SCMA regular, JoAnne Gamble passed away on Sunday, March 9 at the age of 77. JoAnne was one of those cheerful, helpful and generous souls that we found so easy to be with. Like a warm fire on a cold night, JoAnne was one of those unique individuals that added so much to a room full of people. She asked very little of us and gave back so much to us as an SCMA volunteer.

JoAnne chaired the USA Four Corners ride for several years and could be found signing riders into our day ride and performing other volunteer tasks during the years. Ask for a hand and JoAnne would always show up.

She was our Sunshine Lady for years and was always one of the first persons to greet a new member with a friendly hello.

JoAnne had spent much of her adult life here in Southern California. Her most recent job was as a Human Resources Director for a skilled nursing home in Fountain Valley. After she

retired from work and from SCMA she moved back to Joplin, Missouri to be close to her family in December 2008.

A little more than two years later she, her family and most of Joplin experienced the devastating May 22, 2011 tornado that killed many and flattened so much of the city. Thankfully, Joanne and her son emerged from the wreckage of their home all around them with all worldly possessions, including their cars destroyed. That was a tremendous monetary and spiritual loss for our old friend.

They had built a new home and had begun to enjoy a return to routine life when JoAnne's health began to fail. The last year was a tough one for her.

May we remember her for all that she gave of herself so freely. Perhaps we use her as an example of how good it is to be a bit more kindly and a bit more patient with one another.

She was a good egg.

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Let's Ride



*The 2014
Best 15 US Roads
Challenge*



We are offering the Best 15 US Roads Challenge for the 4th year. The challenge started spontaneously in the Spring of 2011 when the American Motorcyclist Association published its Best 15 Roads article. We looked at the list and said, "hey, that sounds like a challenge!" Game on!

Two riders took the challenge that year: Kathy and Larry Lamarche from Kamloops. In 2013, eight riders signed up and six completed the ride. We adjusted the challenge roads in 2012 and made one change in 2013. The 2014 list is the same as the 2013 list.

Tour all 15 in any order, any direction and at any time during 2014. Riders may complete the challenge in segments but all miles back and forth to home and on the roads themselves must be on a motorcycle, trike or motorcycle with side car. Gas receipts and photos required to document your tour.

1. NH 112, "Kancamagus Highway" with a side trip up the Mt Washington Auto Road, New Hampshire.
2. US 212 and WY 296, "Beartooth Pass" and "Chief Joseph" Highways, Red Lodge, Montana to eastern terminus of WY 296 in Wyoming.
3. CA 1, "Coast Highway", Monterey to Morro Bay, California.
4. US 12, "Lolo Pass", Lewiston to Lolo, Idaho.
5. TN 165, NC 143, US 129, "Cherohala Skyway" and "Tail of the Dragon", Tellico Plains, Tennessee to Robbinsville, North Carolina to Hopewell, Virginia.
6. Going to the Sun Road, Glacier National Park, Montana.
7. US 550, "Million Dollar Highway", Durango to Montrose, Colorado.
8. Blue Ridge Parkway, Any 150-mile continuous segment, North Carolina, Virginia.
9. WA-20, "North Cascades Highway", Concrete to Omak, Washington.
10. VA-16, "Back of the Dragon", Marion to Tazewell, Virginia.
11. Texas Ranch Roads 335, 336 and 337; "The Twisted Sisters", Texas.
12. US-16, Custer to Mt Rushmore, South Dakota.
13. US-191, "Coronado Trail", Springerville to Three Way, Arizona.
14. UT-12, "Journey Through Time Highway", Torrey to Bryce Canyon, Utah.
15. US-50, "The Loneliest Road in America", Ely to Carson City, Nevada.

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The 15 Best U.S. Roads Motorcycle Challenge

On California Route 1 at Bixby Bridge; the fog lifted to expose ocean views.

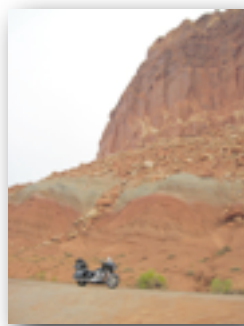
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The Southern California Motorcycling Association produces an annual Best 15 U.S. Roads Challenge. The 15 roads are announced annually as the "collection" for that year, with some being retained from year to year. The entire distance of each road must be traveled between the locations listed for the road. The roads for each year can be taken in any order at any time during that calendar year. All miles (including getting to the challenge roads) must be completed on a motorcycle, trike or sidecar. Participants must be members of SCMA, and must assemble a logbook of the 15 roads that displays a photo in front of a recognizable point-of-interest at the start of each road and a gasoline receipt showing the date and time. For more information, visit <http://sc-ma.com/rides/best-15-us-roads-challenge>.

Author Bob Roger completed the Best 15 challenge in 2013 and, in this article, highlights his trip along each of the 15 roads in a logbook style.



Red Rock country on Utah Route 12.

My challenge ride began on July 3, 2013, with a trip to Waynesboro, Virginia, to the north end of the **Blue Ridge Parkway**. The next morning, I got an early start to ride the required 150 miles on the

Parkway. This scenic highway follows the ridge tops, offering many panoramic views of the Shenandoah Valley on one side and row after row of the blue Appalachian Mountains on the other. Traveling around sweeping curves, through the woods and over the meadows, I saw numerous deer, a few groups of turkeys and even fox. The road is a casual cruise along the heavily wooded mountain ridges and, even at 35-45 miles per hour, the 164-mile tour to Floyd seemed to be complete before I was ready to finish. The Blue Ridge Parkway would be on anyone's list of top 10 favorite roads.

I continued my ride through Virginia and arrived in Tazewell by late afternoon. I was ready to begin my ride on the **Back of the Dragon**, also known as Virginia State Road 16, which took me 32 miles south to Marion. This road has great mountain-style twisties as it ascends and descends a couple of mountains on the way to Marion. Unfortunately, many of the tight curves have gravel on the road surface about halfway through the turns...very unnerving! If the locals want to compete with the

Tail of the Dragon for motorcycle riders, they'll have to keep this gravel off their road.



The Road Glide and I are ready to take on this Dragon.

Speaking of the **Tail**

*Best 15 Article in Rider Magazine**By Bob Roger*

of the Dragon, I rode that and the **Cherohala Skyway** the very next day. I started in Tallassee at the U.S. 129 Dragon Harley-Davidson, and rode the 11 miles and 318 curves to Deal's Gap. The Tail is a unique road having so many curves in such a short distance. I've told friends who've wanted to ride the Tail of the Dragon, "Do not do so until you can operate all of your motorcycle controls at the same time!" The Cherohala Skyway is a very different ride from the Tail. It has sweeping curves and an elevation change of a couple thousand feet as you ride over the mountain from North Carolina into Tennessee, then on to Tellico Plains. It's a more relaxing ride, not a white-knuckler like the Tail of the Dragon. They're a nice contrasting combination of roads to ride together.

Unless you're doing a Four Corners tour, the Kancamagus road group in New Hampshire is a little out of the way. I started up the hill from Wentworth, New Hampshire, on State Route 118, then rode down the mountain, through the tree tunnel, to North Woodstock and Lincoln. Here, the road name changes to State Route 112, the **Kancamagus Scenic Highway**. It's an easy mountain road over Kancamagus Pass with great views of the White Mountains. From the pass, the highway takes you down to Conway and State Route 16. Mount Washington Road is a different story...it is a narrow, two-lane road, 1½ lanes wide, with no guardrails! The top few miles are not paved and the dropoff is very steep. This mountain road is not for the faint of heart, especially with its windy conditions! The rest of the ride north to Berlin was a breeze. I'm not sure why I had to ride any further after returning to "ground level" and coming out of the clouds of Mount Washington, but I did ride to Berlin to complete the prescribed route, and finished the challenge roads east of the Mississippi River.



After riding U.S. Route 16A south through the tunnel, I had to stop to get a look back through the tunnel to see Mount Rushmore.

My western loop, to ride the 11 roads west of the Mississippi River, was to be my route to the sign-in for the 2013 Three Flags

Classic. The first western road I encountered was **U.S. Route 16A** in South Dakota. Riding east from Custer, then north toward Mount Rushmore, I believe two of the three tunnels frame the presidents as you ride through, presenting a very impressive approach to the national monument. Unfortunately, I rode this one in the less preferred direction due to my overall ride plan. Not to disappoint the southbound traveler, the third tunnel also frames the presidents in this direction. I've ridden this road a few times before, and always love the ride through the pine woods with all the granite outcroppings. This is probably the best scenic road in the Black Hills and is one of my favorite roads.

Onto Wyoming and the **Chief Joseph Scenic Highway**, which follows the Nez Perce Trail. I rode it in the opposite direction in which the Chief led his tribe. The view from Dead Indian Point was impressive, as I imagined how Chief Joseph guided them all up that steep mountainside, with just their horses to carry them and all they owned. At the end of the Chief Joseph Scenic Highway, a sharp right turn put me onto U.S. Route 212 toward the **Beartooth Pass**. Again, I'm riding in the wrong direction! Approaching the Pass from Red Lodge is much more impressive because of the steep climb. However, my ride up the mountain from Wyoming was still pretty spectacular, especially at the pass, which is alpine zone and all the rock is bare! The ride down the hill toward Red Lodge requires your full attention since those switchbacks are just as

*Best 15 Article in Rider Magazine**By Bob Roger*

sharp in this direction. These roads absolutely belong on anyone's top 10 list!



From Dead Indian Point, these are a few of the switchbacks on the Chief Joseph Scenic Highway.

Tuesday, August 13, was a busy day at

Glacier National Park in Montana and, with construction underway, the parade of cars moving through was slow. That was OK because the scenery along the **Going to the Sun Road** should be enjoyed. The large lakes on each side of the Continental Divide (at Logan Pass) are surrounded by spruce forests and high, bare rock mountains—some over 10,000 feet high! Glaciers are visible in many places on these mountains, and I even saw a big-horned sheep across the road from the visitor's center at Logan Pass. This was a great ride through one of the most beautiful of our national parks!

The next morning I left Kalispell early, heading south to Missoula and on to Lolo. I got gas and a photo, then headed west on the **Lolo Pass (U.S. Route 12)**. I did have to stop for a photo of the 99 Miles of Winding Road sign, which some people might take as bad news, but I saw it as a blessing. I rode the curves along the Lochsa and Clearwater rivers to the Snake River in Lewiston, Idaho, finishing another of the 15 Best. Arriving in Lewiston at mid-afternoon, I decided to get a jump on the next day's ride by continuing 120 miles to Spokane, Washington. This seemed like a great idea at the time, but I woke up in the middle of the night realizing that I had not taken a photo of myself crossing Idaho on U.S. Route 12! I knew I had to go back in the morning, so I rode at dawn. When I made it to Lewiston, I rode about 35 miles east on U.S. 12 to Orofino for the photo, then back to Spokane—300 miles later—by noon. I was a half-day behind schedule, but I had a nice morning ride!

U.S. Route 12 hugs the Clearwater River all 175 miles across Idaho to its confluence with the Snake River at Lewiston.



I made it to Omak by 3 p.m. to get gas. At the station, I spoke to a fellow Harley rider and learned that **Washington**

Route 20 was closed due to a mudslide a few days earlier. To make a valid ride on the road, I needed to ride to the closure, supposedly 15 miles west of Winthrop. I had to ride 35 miles west of Winthrop to find the Road Closed sign at Rainy Pass (which it was). I had ridden 83 miles from Omak, coincidentally half of the 167 miles to Concrete, the required ride on Route 20. I returned to Winthrop for the night. The ride through the American Alps was worth the effort in spite of the rain and road closure.

The rain, along with the Road Closed sign at Rainy Pass, just added insult to injury in Washington.



The next day, I got gas and a photo of the "Welcome to Monterey" sign in California, then rode the **Pacific Coast Highway** south. It's just a short ride through a stand of redwoods before the Pacific Ocean comes into view! The road then hugs the shoreline, through twisty curves. About halfway up the mountainside, the fog turned to clouds just above my head, exposing views of the ocean for the next 120 miles to Morro Bay. This road is another one of my top three favorites because it has woods, mountains, twisty roads and ocean views.

At sunrise, I started the day in Sacramento by jumping onto Interstate 80 east. Soon, I crossed over Donner Pass into smoke from a forest fire in Yosemite National Park. By the time I reached Lake Tahoe, the smoky fog almost completely hid the lake from my view. I stopped in Carson City, Nevada, for my ride beginning photo and gas receipt, then set out on **“The Loneliest Road in America”** into the desert in the smoky air. I rode to Austin, about halfway across Nevada, before the air cleared and I once again saw blue skies. I made enough of the required stops along the way to earn my “I Survived U.S. 50” certificate, and ended up staying in Ely that night. The next morning, I continued on **U.S. 50** to Baker and the Great Basin National Park for a short visit. Next, it was on to Utah!

Along Washington Route 20, I saw some campers, so I stopped for this photo op in the Northern Cascades, also known as the American Alps.

Utah Route 12 was the only road on the list that I had not ridden before. I knew about this road and have wanted to ride it for about 10 years. Over those years, the few times I’d been riding in Utah, I’d been in the wrong places to include Route 12. I had developed ideas of what this road would be like, but I found that I was way off. The road and the scenery were 10 times better than I’d imagined. Just when I thought I’d seen every possible combination of colors, sizes, shapes and textures of rock formations, I’d go around a corner and find another variation. I wasn’t sure why it was called the Grand Staircase as I didn’t seem to be changing elevation much, but then I came around a corner and found myself at the top of the stairs! The road was the highest surface in all directions, and there were steep drop-offs on both sides of it. I had never been



on a mountain road that fell away on both sides! I am thankful that the road was fairly straight and level across the top. The varying rock formations and the breathtaking surprise at the summit absolutely make this road another one of my top three favorites.

After spending the night at the Americas Best Value Inn in Springerville, Arizona, I awoke rested and ready to ride. **U.S. Route 191** begins with sweeping curves through the pine and spruce forests, with signs warning of elk crossing. As I got further along, the curves got tighter, finally becoming mountain twisties—very different from the start of the ride. At the end of these mountain curves and switchbacks, I came upon the Morenci Mine, a totally unexpected and very different scene. The copper mine has been in operation for about 100 years, and the size of the hole is indescribably large...the earth movers on the other side look like tiny toys, though their wheels are probably 10 feet in diameter. I continued on through town, then into more of a desert terrain. I made it to Three Way for gas and a photo to complete my ride on another of the 15 Best Roads. Don’t blink though, or you’ll miss this intersection called Three Way. With these different types of terrain, U.S. 191 was yet another great ride, and another favorite road!

I rode north on U.S. 195 out of Lewiston. A few miles out of town, at the top of the hill, I stopped to look back south at this panoramic view of the Snake River dividing Lewiston, Idaho, and Clarkston, Washington.



Having completed 13 of the 15 Best U.S. Roads, I headed east on Interstate 10 toward Texas Hill Country to ride the **Twisted Sisters!** Leaving Van Horn, Texas, I spent most of the morning riding

*Best 15 Article in Rider Magazine**By Bob Roger*

I-10. At Sonora, as I headed south off the Interstate, the drizzle started. I had light rain on and off for the rest of the day, but it was little more than an inconvenience. I did enjoy riding these Texas Hill Country ranch roads, each with its own character. My first encounter with one of the three Twisters Sisters was Ranch Road 335. With its undulating vertical changes, this road was like a roller coaster ride, while RR 336 was the ridge runner with many long distance vistas. Later, RR 337 was a cruise across the valley toward Medina, though she also contains sections with the attributes of both of her sisters. I saw another bighorn sheep on RR 337, but this one was a road kill and the main course for a dozen feasting buzzards. On RR 336, I was surprised to spot life-sized sculptures of an ostrich family of three, which was just before sighting a herd of ibex. The sisters are full of surprises—let them entertain you!



I started out of Deming, New Mexico, beginning Day 1 of the Three Flags Classic, a four-day ride to Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Three Flags Classic, also an SCMA offering, would allow me to incorporate **U.S. Route 550**, the 15th and final road on my list! I rode the nearly 500 miles to Durango, Colorado, before starting to document my ride on the **Million Dollar Highway**. I got my gas receipt and a photo before riding into the mountains. Views of the Rocky Mountains from this road are probably my favorite. The mountains, up to the alpine line, are covered with green spruce and pine forests with splotches of yellow aspen groves. The aspens were just starting to show their fall colors to add some contrast. The rocks were incredible too. I could not begin to describe the colors on Red Mountain Pass. The canyon into Ouray is also difficult to describe with its close, vertical walls and treacherous drop-offs. I made it to Montrose alive and, having ridden the length of the Million Dollar Highway, I completed the challenge of riding the 15 Best Roads. U.S. 550 is yet another of my 20 or 30 top three favorite roads!

I'd ridden most of these roads a few times before, but including the 11 western roads of the 15 Best into one loop made this my ride of lifetime!

Rewards for finishing the 15 Best U.S. Roads Challenge include a certificate, pin and patch. First-time finishers also receive an engraved pocket knife.

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View of Red Mountain from U.S. 550, 10 miles north of



Silverton, Colorado.

I cruised across the Kancamagus Scenic Highway to New Hampshire Route 16 north to the Mount Washington Auto Road, then up to the summit.

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The scenery along the Going to the Sun Road was more enjoyable due to the slow moving, heavy traffic.

Editor's Note:

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*SCMA Rocks! (with the help of ZROCK)**By Steve Shulman*

ZROCK, an internet-based rock radio station.

What is internet radio you ask? Well let me tell you it's one of the coolest things you'll ever experience, especially if you are a rock and roll fan. ZROCK has an ever-changing line-up of songs that run on the internet 24 hours-a-day.

The SCMA is working to improve its outreach and customer service in a number of way. This means branching out and finding new opportunities to get the word out on our riding events. No one is doing the kind of rides SCMA offers. Our challenge is to let more of the riding world know about us.

Two years ago we began to publish our newsletter on line and distributing it electronically. Last year we added online transactions for membership and event purchases. Our website is modern, deep and open to everyone. It contains over 100 pages of information.

In recent months we have been talking to a European group about their new European Four Corners Tour. We will actively cross-promote each other's events. See the article elsewhere in this edition of the SCMA Newsletter that describes all of that.

In April, the SCMA Board will consider adopting a new modern SCMA logo to attract a new generation of riders.

And now SCMA can be found on the radio.

Radio? Are you kidding? Yes radio! Not your average radio station. A local land-based radio station would not make any sense because our riders and potential new members are spread out all over the world. So we decided to hook up with

They call themselves "biker" radio and they promote motorcycling and the motorcycling lifestyle. They provide promotional information about clubs all over the United States. Their business plan is to become heard in motorcycle shops, roadhouses and online on your home computer and smart phone.

Go to the internet and find them at www.Zrock.us and download the application on your cell phone to check them out. Once you install the application you can listen to the music. You can also listen to the station directly from your computer, internet radio, smart TV, tablet (such as iPad) and of course your cell phone with a click or two. The songs do not loop like similar applications, and Mike Ryan, the Australian genius behind ZRock does the programming on a daily basis.

SCMA currently has 11 different radio spots on-air, so download, tune-in, listen and enjoy the music! You might even hear about the Three Flags Classic or the USA Four Corners! We are also linked to their home page so that visitors to ZROCK can find us with a single click.

ZRock will be happy to coordinate installation in any business and also run advertising for companies at reasonable rates. For more information contact Mike Ryan at info@zrock.us.

*Riding With The AZRATPack to Lake Havasu**By Gonzo*

There are 7 motorcycle clubs affiliated with the SCMA. Have ya'll had a chance to ride with them? Get to meet their members? Share a ride? Share a meal?

Mike Barber, Steve Howe (Risk Manager) and I had the opportunity to tag up with the AZRatPack, Triumph enthusiasts extraordinaire, and join them on a 150 mile ride through the Arizona desert over first time roads for us three.

We departed OC on Saturday morning heading to AZ to tag up with the RatPack on Sunday. Steve planned a 530 mile ride on CA and AZ two laners thru Anza Borrego and Mojave Desert, old Route 66 and into Wickenburg by 5:30pm. Unfortunately the route had to be modified when Mike's clutch handle broke in Borrego Springs. Steve and I were able to get a replacement handle from the NCY-Triumph dealer in San Marcos and Mike did a field replacement getting the bike back into riding condition. With the loss of three hours riding time Steve re-routed us north to I-10 to Quartzsite and onto US60 east to get the Tres Amigos into Wickenburg before nightfall.

Sunday morning began with a short 3-mile ride north from the motel to the start point at Union Station at US93 and Vulture Mine Rd. Twenty or so riders individually rolled in for the 8:30am meet-up on their Triumphs, BMWs, Harleys, Hondas, one Kawasaki and one Ducati. True to El Presidente

welcome in the club and on the rides. There was much camaraderie amongst the members as they greeted each other, checked out each other's bikes, and cracked jokes. And of course, true to the AZRatPack tradition, it was Kick Stands Up at 9:00am as we headed south on Vulture to intercept US60 west to connect with AZ72 heading north to Parker.

The skies had a solid grey overcast as we headed west on US60. In the distance we could see an ending solid line to the clouds, sending hopes for warm, bright sunshine. What we got was totally unexpected. The sunshine arrived but with it was a non-stop 20 mph wind gusting to 30 or more mph. The winds hammered us all the way to Parker, along with debris, tumble weeds and grains of sand as the group barreled through it chasing a semi that wanted to race us at 85-90mph. This semi had split the group and insisted that no one was going to pass him. So the second group just rode a mile behind him and watched as the trailer blew up stinging sand from wheels that occasional went off the road. Finally we all grouped back up in Parker, tanked up with gas, and then rode the short 40 mile run to Lake Havasu City via Parker Dam Rd along the CA side of the Colorado River. At Parker Dam Rodney rode ahead of us and positioned himself to video tape the group crossing the Dam. Videos and photos can be seen at <http://www.azratpack.net/Welcome.html>.

We crossed over the London Bridge and lunched at the Javalina Cantina sitting out on the patio deck over looking the bridge. These AZRatPack guys are a high energy group and had a great time talking about rides, especially the Three Flags Classic. At least 4 of the riders at the table are already signed up and one or two were getting interested. Mike, who's considering buying a new Triumph to replace his American, picked up some



Victor Castaneda's philosophy, all bikes are

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*Riding with the AZRATPack
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good tips from NY-Steve who rides a Triumph Trophy.

This was my first time riding along this part of the Colorado River and seeing the beauty of this blue water contrasting with the desert sands. We saw power boats

pulling skiers, Seadoos exhausting vertical tails, shops galore, and all under sunny skies. Now I understand why many a tourist heads out there for a lunch date or a weekend on the water in Lake Havasu.



After lunch we posed for a group photo then Los Tres Amigos saddled up and headed back to SoCal before the sun set in the water. We rolled south to Parker on US95 then headed west on CA62 through the Mojave Desert to CA177 south and joined the I-10 at Desert Center. We were all home by 7pm, an easy 4.5 hour jaunt from the Javalina Cantina.

We're looking forward to riding again with this group in their SCMA sponsored "Alien Abduction Ride", a Traveler's Award event scheduled 27-29 June. The ride will start Friday morning from Scottsdale, run thru the South Rim and overnight in Kanab. Saturday morning the ride will pass through Zion National Park, lunch in Rachel, NV and end in Las Vegas.

Sunday morning riders head home on their own from Vegas.

Mike, Steve and I all agreed it was

a great ride and great being with the AZRatPack riders. We really enjoyed riding the roads in AZ and seeing the sights but the best part was meeting many new friends in the AZRatPack. We really enjoyed the warm welcome they extended to us and are looking forward to riding with them again.



*Four Corners European Style**By Bernard Chaix*

We are proud to announce the creation of the EMTA (European Motorbike Tour Association) which was inspired by SCMA's mission to offer you, the long distance touring motorcyclist, challenges in Europe. Born from Bernard's initiative, EMTA is now one year old. We invite you to ride with us and tour Europe or France.



Our two main challenges are:

European Four Corners

21 days to visit Aberdeen, Scotland; Tallin, Estonia; Catanzaro, Italy; and, Portimao, Portugal in any order you want, without returning to the departure city. This is a challenge of about 9800 km (6100 miles), depending on your selected route. You will discover over 10 countries. Under the European Union Accord, you will encounter different cultures without border problems and a common currency almost everywhere. You will need a passport at your initial port of entry, of course, but once in Europe the continent is yours! This is a real journey of discovery and a real motorcycling challenge with few border hassles!

*Five Corners of France*

France is rich in a wide variety of regions: sea, mountains, great plains, and a variety of people with different attitudes from north to south. Traveling about 3000 km (1900 miles) depending on your route options will lead you from Bretagne to the Basque Country through Alsace and the French Riviera!

Going through Camaret sur mer you will be at the edge of the Atlantic Ocean, near the end of Europe! You can reach Zuydcoote on the north coast, near Belgium where great beaches and fresh sea wind are guaranteed. Then head to Seltz for its Old World charm. It is close to Alsace and its cultural and gastronomic riches. Then down south you will get the beautiful village of Sospel using the famous "Route des Alpes". This is a road with passes with breathtaking landscapes. Finally, your last step is Espelette in Basque Country. Find cultural, architectural and culinary specialties like no where else with the bonus of the friendly people of the Pyrénées. You'll tell me, this is not 4 corners, but 5. Honestly is France a square country? Not in any sense of the word!



To learn more, watch for new challenges and to keep up on motorcycling here in Europe, log on www.euro4cornerstour.org and do not hesitate to get started. See you on the roads of Europe, we are counting on you!

Bernard Chaix

E.M.T.A. Chairman

Look for the English translation button at:

www.euro4cornerstour.org

*First Day of Spring in Ohio**By Bob Roger*

It has been a long winter here in Ohio, and I have been looking forward to an early spring since Halloween! Traditionally, a couple of friends and I do a January 1st ride just to tell Old Man Winter that we've had enough, and we're ready to start our riding season. This year, due to nearly 12 inches of snow on the ground, we had to postpone that first ride. We still held out hope for an early ride knowing



that within a month, Punxatauny Phil would be checking on the situation, and could possibly promise us an early spring. Well, Phil let us down...again...and scrambled back into his den for another six weeks! That meant no Sweetheart Ride here on Valentine's Day!



At this point, January had passed, February was fleeting, and we were about to enter into March. Hey, March 21 is the first full day of Spring...how could I not be able to get my first ride in on THAT day? My new Road Glide was gassed up and ready to roll, I was bundled up so I wouldn't freeze...but the sky was overcast, and it started to snow! Oh no, not again...no ride today!! Fortunately, I had plan B which involved a nice warm indoor fire, and pickin' some fiddle tunes with a couple of old friends.

I will live to ride again, but had I been a younger man, I probably would have ridden on that first day of Spring in 2014!

*Charles Lamb On the Road Once Again**By Blake P. Anderson*

Charles Lamb from Virginia is attempting to ride the USA Four Corners Tour 12 times and do them in each of the 12 months. He has to work for a living so it will take him a few years to accomplish the goal. The winter months are the toughest to accomplish and he has completed most of them. San Diego is not so bad, but Madawaska is a different story....

*First Rider Out for 2014 USA4C**Springtime in Madawaska*

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The Latest on the 2014 Three Flags Classic

By Blake P. Anderson

Registration Information

As of April 7 we have sold approximately 288 ride tickets. Registration for the 39th annual Three Flags Classic is open now until May 15 or we sell 300 tickets. Most of the information I am about to share can also be found on SCMA's website www.sc-ma.com Please visit there to register online.

We urge you to register online because you can be assured that your information is entered accurately. Online registration eases the administrative tasks that the TFC volunteers must complete.

But, if you prefer to mail a check and a form, then print and complete the two-page version that follows this article and mail your check and form to SCMA, PO Box 487, Norwalk, CA 90651

If there is other information we should know about you, please add it to the form (as far as SCMA is concerned, that's what margins and white space are for)

We will sell up to 300 ride tickets this year. We sold about 220 tickets in 2012 and 2013. Tickets are \$275 USD (approximately \$290 Canadian).

What you get for your 275 bucks

What you get for your riding fee will be high quality merchandise, some meals and a saddle bag full of memories.

You will receive a Thursday evening BBQ at the start, snacks at the checkpoints and the Tuesday night banquet at the finish. Riders merchandise will include stuff like a hat, shirt, pin, patch, decal and plaque. Certified finishers will receive a limited-edition brass buckle. Door prizes will be awarded at the banquet.

You will also receive our traditional Three Flags Passport that describes the route and provides places for our checkpoint volunteers to stamp, sign and date your journey from Arizona to British Columbia. It provides proof of your ride to certify you as a finisher and it provides a one-of-a-kind memento of your journey.

And, you will receive a ticket for the September 2 banquet we will serve in Harrison Hot Springs.

Touch the Fence Ride, Welcome to Tucson BBQ

For the first time, we will have a "Touch the Fence Breakfast Ride" on Thursday morning, August 28. It is free, but please sign-up online so we get a count. This is an optional event for early arrivals. We will leave Tucson at 8am, ride to Nogales AZ (approximately 75 miles) buy our Mexican breakfast, touch the fence and roll back to Tucson.

We will arrive back in plenty of time for participants to attend the TFC check-in, sign a release of liability form and receive starter's packages.

On Thursday, we will provide a 4pm to 7pm Southwest BBQ for all participants.

Mandatory Check-in

All riders must check-in on Thursday, August 28 between noon and 7PM at the Tucson Doubletree (Reid Park). There are two Doubletrees in town.

The Start

Our start hotel is the Double Tree Reid Park located at 445 S. Alverton, Tucson. Rooms are \$77/night. Mention the "Three Flags Classic." We ended the 2010 TFC here and we are excited to be back. You can start anytime between 3am-6am on Friday, August 29. You must hand us your start card that is provided in your starter's package.

Checkpoints

The checkpoints are tentatively set to be open as follows:

Checkpoint #1: Red Sands Hotel Torrey, Utah (Ride Milestone 656):

Friday, August 29, Noon to 8PM

Saturday, August 30, 6AM to 9AM

Checkpoint #2: Snake Harley Davidson Twin Falls, Idaho (Ride Milestone 1270):

Saturday, August 30, 11AM to 8PM

Sunday, August 31, 6AM to Noon

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Checkpoint #3: Hampton Inn

Walla Walla, Washington (Ride Milestone 1800):

Saturday, August 30, 6PM to 8PM

Sunday, August 31, 6AM to 8PM

Monday, September 1, 6AM to 9AM

Lodging Along the Way

You are responsible for making your own lodging arrangements during the ride.

For the convenience of our riders at checkpoint #1, we had blocked the 35 rooms at the Red Sands Hotel for Friday night, August 29, in Torrey. All of those rooms are gone. Try the Chuck Wagon Hotel nearby at (435) 425-3335.

Checkpoint #2 is at Snake H-D. We have blocked rooms at the Shilo Inn for \$71. Call them at (855) 201-7819 and mention Three Flags Classic.

We have reserved 50 rooms at the Hampton Inn in Walla Walls that serves as checkpoint 3. (509) 525-1398. Find it on the south end of town.

Remember that where you stay should NOT be dictated by the location of the checkpoints--set your own riding pace and schedule your overnight stays accordingly. On Friday, August 29, along Utah 12 and Utah 24, for instance, there are 370 rooms at Ruby's Inn at milestone 550, and hotels in Escalante (milestone 600), Boulder (milestone 625), Torrey (milestone 660), and Loa (milestone 680). Any of those would be good first day choices.

Finish

The finish hotel is at the Harrison Hot Springs Resort in British Columbia. This is a beautiful hotel on the south end of Harrison Lake. A large block of rooms has been reserved. There are three room options (east tower, west tower and cottages) at \$125 per night and main for \$114 so its best to visit the Harrison Hot Springs Resort website at www.harrisonresort.com to make an informed decision.

The Banquet

On Tuesday evening we will hold our Three Flags Classic Banquet. Your ticket is printed in your Three Flags Classic passport and you must bring it to dinner for entry. Or, we may use wrist bands to verify your entrance into all of the activities of the 2014 TFC. We'll let you know.

Extra banquet tickets can be purchased at the finish for \$50. We will have plenty of information about where they will be available. We will have extra banquet tickets available for sale for your un-registered passenger and your non-riding guests joining you at the banquet. Banquet tickets will not be sold to free-riders.

A no-host bar will be opened an hour before the start of the banquet. Door prizes will be drawn for riders attending the banquet. Attendance is required to receive a door prize.

Ticket Resales

SCMA encourages the resale of ride tickets. If you discover you can not attend the ride, then simply post the availability of the ticket on the Three Flags Classic forum. We believe that tickets should be sold for their face value only. This preserves the re-sale market for the sellers and for the buyers. Only current SCMA members can post on the forum, so there is some level of security for that reason. But if you are not sure, contact the TFC committee and we will check our records to make sure the ticket is legit. If you buy a ticket we will need all of your information found on an application.

Stay Up to Speed on All Things Three Flags Classic

Go the SCMA website at www.sc-ma.com and click on the posting "2014 Three Flags Classic Update" over on the left hand side of the home page. We update that posting every few days and include the day of the update in the title of the posting. The status of ticket sales, for instance, is posted there. It is a good idea to check out the website weekly.

*The Latest on the 2014 Three Flags Classic:
The Route (February 24, 2014 Version)**

*Riders are cautioned and advised that this route is subject to change. TFC volunteers will pre-ride it in the Spring to prove-out the ride and may adjust it accordingly.

Distance (Miles)	Action	Location
0	Depart	Doubletree Reid Park
0	RT	Alvernon Way Northbound (N/B)
4	BEC	River Road
8.9	RT	AZ 77/Oracle Road
104	LT	US 70
106	BEC	US 60 in Globe, AZ
111	RT	AZ 188
172	RT	AZ 87 N/B
187	FYI	Arrive Payson, AZ
225	LT	Lake Mary Road
279	RT	US 89a in Flagstaff, AZ
280	RT	Forest Meadows
280	LT	US 89/Milton Road
391	LT	US 89a
446	FYI	Arrive Jacob Lake, AZ (gas is here)
483	BEC	US 89 in Kanab, UT
543	RT	UT 12
666	LT	UT 24 in Torrey, UT
667	STOP	CK PT #1 Red Sands Hotel
685	RT	UT 72 in Loa, UT
721	LT	UT 10
769	LT	UT 31 in Huntington, UT
816	BR	US 89 in Fairview, UT
845	LT	US 6 Westbound (W/B)
859	Ramp	I-15 N/B
865	Ramp	US 189/Exit 263 in Provo, UT
894	LT	US 40 in Heber City
911	Ramp	Stay on US 40/I-80 W/B
925	Ramp	UT 65 Exit 134
925	RT	UT 65
944	LT	UT 66
958	LT	Ramp I-84 W/B
964	Ramp	UT 167/Exit 96
964	RT	W 4300 Road N
964	LT	Old Highway Road
968	RT	UT 167/Trappers Loop Road
977	RT	UT 39
979	RT	Remain on UT 39
1028	LT	Remain on UT 39/UT 16 N/B
1068	LT	US 89/Logan Highway
1108	LT	US 89 in Logan, UT
1108	RT	UT 30 W/B
1127	LT	I-15 S/B
1133	Ramp	I-84 W/B
1222	Ramp	ID 81/Exit 228
1222	LT	Yale Rd
1222	RT	ID 81 W/B

1242	LT	US 30 W/B
1280	RT	Hankins Rd in Twin Falls, ID
1281	LT	E 3900 Rd N
1282	STOP	CK PT #2 Snake H-D in Twin Falls
1283	BEC	Addison Ave. W/B
1284	JOIN	US 30 W/B
1331	Ramp	I-84 W/B
1422	Ramp	Eagle Road/Exit 46 in Boise, ID
1422	RT	Eagle Road N/B
1429	RT	ID 44
1431	LT	ID 55
1541	BL	US 95 S/B in New Meadows, ID
1588	RT	ID 71 in Cambridge, ID
1628	LT	OR 86
1635	Hard RT	NF 39/Pine Road
1647	CONT	NF39/Wallowa Mtn
1688	LT	Imnaha Hwy
1696	RT	OR 82/Main St in Joseph, OR
1702	CONT	OR 82 in Enterprise, OR
1747	RT	OR 204 in Elgin, OR
1788	BR	OR 11 N/B
1800	BEC	WA 125 N/B
1804	LT	Myra Rd in Walla Walla
1804	RT	Dalles Military Road
1805	RT	Kelly Pl
1805	STOP	CK PT #3 Hampton Inn
1805	RT	Dalles Military Road
1806	LT	WA 125 N/B
1807	LT	Ramp to US 12 E/B
1852	LT	WA 261 W/B
1882	LT	WA 260 W/B
1913	RT	WA 17 N/B
1953	FYI	Arrive Moses Lake, WA
1995	RT	US 2 E/B
1999	BL	WA 155
2026	FYI	Arrive Grand Coulee
2079	LT	US 97 S/B in Omak, WA
2084	RT	WA 20 W/B
2116	FYI	Arrive Twisp, WA
2251	RT	WA 9 N/B
2292	FYI	Arrive Canadian Border
2292	CONT	Hwy 11
2301	BR	Ramp toward Hwy 7
2302	LT	Horne St
2302	RT	Glascow
2302	RT	Hwy 7 E/B
2331	BL	Hwy 9 N/B
2335	LT	Esplanade Ave
2336	STOP	Finish Harrison Hot Springs

*2014 Three Flags Classic
Where and When**

Start: Tucson, Arizona
Hotel: Tucson Doubletree Reid Park, 445 S Alvernon
520-881-4200
August 28: Optional Touch-the-Fence Breakfast Ride
August 28: Mandatory Check-in, Noon to 7PM
August 28: Send-off BBQ 4PM to 7PM
August 29: Start 5AM to 6AM




Checkpoint #2: Twin Falls, Idaho
Snake Harley Davidson
2402 Addison Ave. E
www.snakehd.com
August 30: Open 11AM-8PM
August 31: Open 6AM-Noon



Checkpoint #1: Torrey, Utah
Red Sands Hotel, 670 E Highway 24
www.RedSandsHotel.com (435) 425-3688
August 29: Open Noon to 8PM
August 30: Open 6AM to 9AM



Checkpoint #3: Wall Walla, Washington
Hampton Inn, 1531 Kelly Place
1-509-525-1398
August 30: Open 6PM-8PM
August 31: Open 6AM-8PM
September 1: Open 6AM-9AM



Finish: Harrison Hot Springs, BC
Location: Harrison Hot Springs Resort
www.harrisonresort.com (866) 638-5075
September 1: Finish Open Noon to 9PM
September 2: Banquet



** NOTICE: Locations and times subject to change. The late spring pre-ride and last-minute road conditions (fires, detours) determine final route, timing, locations and other logistics. The TFC committee will endeavor to keep the arrangements as shown here, but unanticipated factors may dictate changes we simply can not predict at this time.*

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Member Information: (You must be a member of the SCMA).			
Note - If this data is different than your member profile check this box.			<input type="checkbox"/>
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Ride Information: (Check one)		Rider Fee: (Check or PayPal)
Application Date:	<input type="text"/>	(mm/dd/yyyy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	USA 4 Corners	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best 15 US Roads Challenge - 2014	\$60.00
	California Adventure Series - 2014	
<input type="checkbox"/>	California Mission Tour	\$75.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	California Parks Tour	\$75.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Three Flags Classic - 2014	\$275.00
Mail To:	SCMA P.O.Box 487 Norwalk, CA 90651	

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Required For Three Flags Classic Only.

Customs Information - Please provide your name below as it appears on your Passport.
This information is given to US Dept. of Homeland Security and Canadian Customs.

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Citizenship

Date of Birth

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2014 Traveler's Award

You have until March 15 to sign up for this year's Traveler's Award. Once again, we will offer our Traveler's Award that is open to all SCMA members. Our 16 qualifying events for 2014 are:

1. January 16, SCMA Charity Soup Run (*Cancelled. No replacement event. All riders receive credit.*)
2. February 8, SCMA Sweetheart Ride
3. February 23, PMC Poker Run
4. March 1, SCMA Banquet Day Ride (*Rained Out. No rain date. All riders receive credit.*)
5. March 15-16, Shamrock's St. Patrick's Day Run
6. April 5, Antelope Valley Riders Bags 4 Kids Run
7. May 17-18, PMC Greenhorn Ride
8. May 24-26, SCMA Blazing Saddles Ride
9. June 21, South Coasters Summer Solstice Ride
10. June 27-29, AZRatPack Alien Abduction Ride
11. July 13, SCMA Dog Days of Summer Ride
12. October 4-5, SCMA Grand Tour
13. October 11, BMWCOSEC Park 'n Ride
14. October 26, SCMA Cemetery Tour
15. November 22, SCMA Turkey Run
16. December 21, SCMA Winter Solstice SS1000

Award Levels

Bronze Award

7 completed events* earns a Traveler's Award Pin

Silver Award

10 completed events* earns a pin and a specially designed trophy.

Gold Award

13 completed events* earns a pin, a trophy, a free March banquet ticket and a chance at a \$100 discount certificate for the 2015 TFC to be drawn at the March 2015 Awards and Appreciation Banquet. Winner need not be present.

Platinum Award (aka "The Suite 16")

Complete all 16 events with NO substitutions and earn everything already listed plus a \$100 discount certificate for the 2015 Three Flags Classic plus a surprise. Not planning on attending the 2015 TFC? In that case, \$100 cash will come your way instead.

**Substitutions*

This year, SCMA makes it easier than ever to achieve the award levels listed above. One of SCMA's Premier Events can be substituted for our Bronze, Silver and Gold award levels. However, substitutions can not be used for the Platinum "Suite 16" award level. It stands alone without substitutions.

We are offering a new "Triple Crown Bonus". If you complete the Triple Crown in 2014, then you can use ALL THREE of its premier rides to count toward your Traveler's Award for the Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. However, the Platinum level "Suite 16" can not be substituted. That level will still require all 16 listed qualifying events.

How to Sign Up

Signing up was easy for current SCMA members. Sign-up was at any event through the March 15 St. Pat's Day Run through Mitch Friedman, Traveler's Award Chairman. For an annual fee of \$20 you are registered and a wallet card to maintain your riding record. Your rider fee pays for SCMA's administrative costs--including the cost of the awards listed above.

Other fine print

- Sign the riders sheet and the release of liability form that are provided at the start of each qualifying event.
- Report to the Traveler's Award Chairman (TAC) at the start of each event and receive his initialed endorsement on the wallet card that you received when you registered for the Traveler Award Program.
- Complete the entire qualifying event on a motorcycle, trike or motorcycle with sidecar.
- Show evidence of your visit to any checkpoints established for the event.
- Complete the event in the time specified by the organizer, if specified.
- Report to the TAC at the end of the ride in accordance with his requirements announced at the start of the event.
- If a qualifying event is cancelled because of rain, you will receive qualifying credit unless a "rain day" had been previously announced and calendared by the organizer. In that case, participation on the rain day is necessary to receive credit.
- If a qualifying event is cancelled in advance for a non-rain related reason, the TAC, in consultation with the SCMA board, may schedule and announce a replacement event that requires participation to receive credit. You will receive qualifying credit if a replacement event is not scheduled.
- All decisions of the TAC can be appealed to the SCMA Board of Directors in writing and submitted at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board.
- Decisions of the board are final.

Traveler's Award Chairman (TAC)

Mitch Friedman is the Traveler's Award Chairman (TAC). Contact him at (310) 345-9799 or mitcho399@gmail.com

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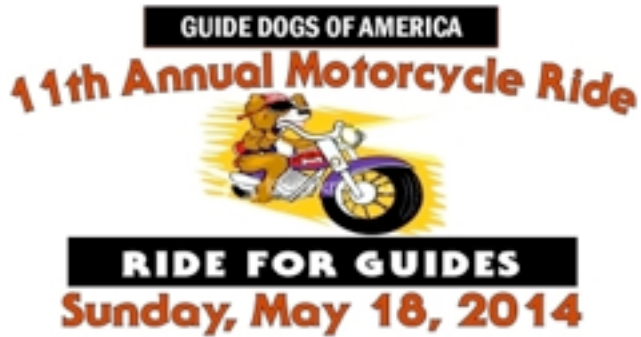
Southern California Motorcyclist Association's

Best 15 Roads in the USA



**Entry is \$60.00 and ride must be completed within the calendar year.
For Information and Rules Visit:
www.sc-ma.com and Register On-Line.**

For more Information,
Contact Charlie Coyner, SCMA Best 15 Chair at (719) 432-8856 or charlie.coyner@gmail.com



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Welcome to 11th Annual Ride for Guides 2014

IMPORTANT: If you have attended our ride in the past, please note that this year's ride will start/finish at Old Road Harley-Davidson, 21130 Centre Pointe Pkwy, Santa Clarita.

Come join us for everyone's favorite ride of the year! Registration is from 9:00am – 10:00am, and each registered person will receive a pin, lunch, a poker sheet, and a fun-filled day. We will have plenty of our guide dog puppies-in-training to greet you at registration and at each stop along our Poker Run route. Plenty of raffles to win and puppy kisses to receive! Anyone who registers BEFORE MAY 10th will receive \$5 off of the regular registration fee PLUS will be entered into a raffle to win a 2014 Custom Harley-Davidson! If you would like to just join us for lunch and not participate in the Ride, the cost is \$15, and these tickets can be purchased online or at the event.

Please note: This is not an SCMA event. This flyer is published only as a courtesy to the organizers of this event. Use your own considerations and due diligence to determine the suitability of your own participation.

SCMA's Premier Events

USA Four Corners Tour/USA Four Corners True X 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. Add Lebanon, KS between each corner and do it in 26 days or less and you've got a "True X". Plaque, pin, patch and hat to certified finishers. Visit our website for complete information and online registration for this World Class event. More people have topped Mt. Everest than have completed this challenging long distance pinnacle. Dannie Fox is chairing this event.

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

The 39th annual Three Flags Classic is set for a Tucson, Arizona start on August 29, 2014 and a Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia finish on September 1. There is an August 28 mandatory sign-in and a September 2 banquet. 240 riders will travel 2300 miles through the mountains, canyons, farmland, high desert and rolling hills of Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. Watch the SCMA website and the TFC forum for unfolding information. Blake Anderson is chairing the 2014 event.

California Adventure Series

The California Adventure Series includes two different rides: The California Parks Adventure (CPA) and the California Mission Tour (CMT). Completing one or the other helps to qualify 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

SCMA Best 15 US Roads Challenge

During 2014, 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 in a single calendar year. Rules, application information and details can be found on our website. Charlie Coyner is chairing this event.

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 10-15 riders per year. SCMA honors this significant accomplishment with a limited-edition plaque that marks you as a very unique long-distance rider: A winner of a Triple Crown.

Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet

Triple Crown Awards and others awards are presented at SCMA's Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet at the Embassy Suites in Santa Ana, California in early March of every year. The 2014 event was March 1. The 2015 event has not yet been scheduled.

SCMA's Help Wanted

1. We need someone to replace Sally Bishop as Membership Services and Correspondence Chair.
2. We need a publicity coordinator and door prizes coordinator for the 2014 Three Flags Classic.

Sell It Here...

California Scientific Large Wide Windshield \$75. Fits 2005-2010 R1200RT BMWs. Originally \$210 new. Orange County. BlakePAnderson@gmail.com

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 or tell it. We'll print it.

Everyone is Welcome at Our General Membership Meetings. 10am Start

We meet once per month on Saturdays beginning at 10 AM. We meet at:

Coco's Restaurant
306 N Azusa Ave. (near Badillo Road)
Covina, CA
1 mile north of I-10 or 2 miles south of I-210
use Azusa offramp.

Please join us any time. Hear first hand about what is planned for the upcoming rides offered by SCMA and its affiliated clubs. Get to know the people that put these amazing events together. Tell us what you think. 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 2014 General Membership Meetings are:

- April 12
- May 10
- June 14
- July 12
- August 16
- September 20
- October 25
- November 15 (includes 2015 calendaring session)
- December (No meeting)



The new Indians are in town. Ready to join the tribe? We know of one SCMA rider who has.



Three-Month Running Calendar (with qualifying Traveler Award Events in Red)

April

- 4-6 South Coaster El Capitan Campout
- 5 *Antelope Valley Riders, Bags for Kids Ride**
- 12 SCMA Board Meeting, 8am, Coco's Covina
- 12 SCMA General Membership Meeting, 10am, Coco's Covina
- 13 AZRATPack Breakfast and Ride to Shriners Antique Bike Show
- 18-20 BMWCOOSC Central Valley Basque Tour

May

- 3 SCMA Board Meeting, 8am, Coco's Covina
- 3 SCMA General Membership Meeting, 10am, Coco's Covina
- 16-19 BMWCOOSC Old Road San Diego
- 17-18 South Coasters Laguna Mountain Overnight
- 17-18 *PMC Greenhorn**
- 24-26 *SCMA Blazing Saddles**

June

- 1 SCMA Annual Award and Appreciation Banquet, Santa Ana
- 21 South Coasters Summer Solstice 5:30am
- 27-7.1 South Coasters Grand Canyon to South Utah Ride

Other SCMA Events in 2014...

- *July 13 Dog Days of Summer Ride**
- *Aug 28 Touch the Fence Breakfast Ride, Tucson to Nogales*
- *Aug 28 Three Flags Classic Mandatory Sign-in, Tucson*
- *Aug 29 Three Flags Classic Start, Tucson*
- *Sept 1 Three Flags Classic Finish, Harrison Hot Springs, BC*
- *Sept 2 Three Flags Classic Banquet, Harrison Hot Springs, BC*
- *Oct 4-5 Grand Tour**
- *Oct 26 Cemetery Tour**
- *Nov 15 Turkey Run**
- *Dec 21 Winter Solstice Saddle Sore 1000 Challenge**



Here's what's on the road ahead. For more information, check the SCMA website www.sc-ma.com and the websites of our affiliated clubs. Club websites have more information on their events and are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. ALWAYS consult them before a ride for last-minute changes.

**Qualifying Traveler Award Event*

Rained-out events are credited to the rider unless a rain date has been calendared and announced well in advance of the event.

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. Newsletters are circulated electronically and posted on the SCMA website. Send written correspondence to: Southern California Motorcycling Association, PO Box 487, Norwalk, CA 90651-0487

Email newsletter submittals to: BlakePAnderson@gmail.com

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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. 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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Advertising space is provided to our members only. Regular membership is \$30 for one year or \$50 for two years. Want ads are free for regular members. Sponsoring corporate membership is \$600 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.