



# SCMA NEWS

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## *Candidates and Volunteers Needed*



## **We Need You!**

Nominations are now open for SCMA Board Vice Chairman, Treasurer, and Correspondence Secretary/Membership Services Director. These are critical positions for conducting SCMA's business. We are also looking for volunteers to assist running our one-day and two-day local rides and the 2014 Three Flags Classic. Ever run a newsletter or website content? Want to start up a new volunteer position called "Ride Master"? We could use your help. The summer is the time to ride. We get that. Grab your gloves. And grab an oar. Look for more details inside.

### **Upcoming Events**

*(See club websites for details)*

*\* SCMA Traveler's Award Event*

May 3-4	Shamrocks Out-of-the-Blue Weekend Ride	May 17-18	South Coasters Laguna Mountain Overnighter
May 16-19	BMWCOSC Old Road San Diego Ride	May 24-26	SCMA Blazing Saddles*
May 17-18	PMC Greenhorn*	May 25	South Coasters Malibu Hills Sunday Ride

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## Road Signs

By Blake P. Anderson

### 2014 Mid-year Election

SCMA has a six-member board of directors, each elected to a two-year term. In odd-numbered years the chairman of the board, recording secretary, and referee/risk manager/insurance manager are elected. In even-numbered years, vice chairman of the board, treasurer and correspondence secretary/member services manager are elected.

SCMA will conduct this year's election as follows:

1. Nominations are now open until the general membership meeting of June 14. Nominations can be made by any current SCMA member for any current SCMA member. Self-nominations are acceptable, but the bylaws require two seconds at the June 14 general membership meeting. Nominations can be made by e-mail to [chairman@sc-ma.com](mailto:chairman@sc-ma.com) or by mailing a note to SCMA, Nominations, PO Box 487, Norwalk, CA 90651-0487. E-mailed nominations must be received by 8pm, June 13. Mailed nominations must be received in Norwalk by 10am, June 13. Nominations can be made at the June 14 general membership meeting.
2. Ballots will be available by June 16 for download on the SCMA website and will appear in the June newsletter. Ballots will also be e-blasted to SCMA's 1200 person distribution list. Ballots can be requested by e-mail to [chairman@sc-ma.com](mailto:chairman@sc-ma.com) or by calling any member of the SCMA board of directors.
3. Ballots must be completed and placed in an envelope to SCMA.

The member's return address and SCMA number must appear on the outside of the envelope. One ballot per envelope must be mailed to SCMA, Ballot, PO Box 487, Norwalk, CA 90651-0487 and received by July 12, 2014.

4. All envelopes will be verified as coming from a current SCMA member. The envelope will be opened at the July 13 general membership meeting, each ballot will be removed and separated from its envelope.
5. Ballots will be counted in public and the results announced to all in attendance.
6. The results of the election will be effective at the end of the July 13 meeting.

### Buy a Lebanon Brick

Lebanon, Kansas (the center of our USA 4 Corners True X Ride) is promoting its unique place in motorcycling by building a Community Wall. They are selling bricks as a fund raiser. This is an opportunity to promote long distance motorcycling.

[www.uscenterfoundation.com/PDF/USCF\\_BRICK\\_FORM\\_part3.pdf](http://www.uscenterfoundation.com/PDF/USCF_BRICK_FORM_part3.pdf)

### 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 10 tickets left as of this writing. Current SCMA membership is required to register. We encourage online transactions to streamline the



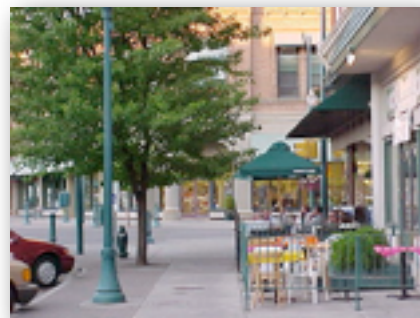
*US 50, one of our Best 15 US Roads*

administrative tasks of our volunteers.

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*Walla Walla, Washington  
Checkpoint #3 of the 2014 Three  
Flags Classic*

*Motorcycle History: Brands of the Past*

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*AZRATPack Presents The Alien Abduction Tour  
By Victor Castaneda Jr.*



Join us June 27 for a journey that starts at Go AZ Motorcycles in Scottsdale, Arizona then leads up to Page along Lake Powell and a stop for the night in Kanab, UT. Day two will start off with a blast through Zion National Park then a lunch stop outside the infamous Area 51 in Rachel, NV. We will then head south towards Las Vegas via Valley of Fire and the shores of Lake Mead to our stopping point for the night on the Las Vegas Strip.

The ride will be moderately paced but entertaining. Great for all level of riders! We will break up the group into two if necessary. Please feel free to download and print the map and route sheet below. Email [victor@azratpack.com](mailto:victor@azratpack.com) if you'd like a GPX file of the route for your GPS.

*This is an SCMA Traveler's Award Ride.*

To qualify you must be a member of the SCMA ([www.sc-ma.com](http://www.sc-ma.com)). For proof that you participated and completed the ride, you must take a photo with El Chino Loco and/or El Presidente at the start at Go AZ and at the end in Las Vegas.

*Day 1 Itinerary*

Meet at Go AZ Motorcycles at 8:30 am with a rider's meeting at 8:50 where we will go over the route and discuss gas stops, then kick stands up at 9:00 am. Lunch stop will be at Brandy's Restaurant & Bakery in Flagstaff. Stop for the night at the Parry Lodge in Kanab, UT. It is highly recommended that you make reservations as soon as possible.

*Day 2 Itinerary*

Side stands up at 8:00 am from the Parry Lodge and head towards Zion National Park. Please note that the entry fee for the park is \$25. National Park Passes are accepted. The 15 mile scenic ride through the park is well worth it! Lunch stop will be at the Little A'Le'Inn in Rachel, NV outside of Area 51 along the Extraterrestrial Highway. We will then head south towards Las Vegas via Valley of Fire and the shores of Lake Mead. The stop for the night will be at the Luxor Hotel on the Las Vegas Strip.

*Day 3 Itinerary*

Let's meet for breakfast at the buffet in the Luxor at 8:00 am then head back to the Phoenix area with side stands up by 9:30 am. Optional lunch stop in Wikiup, AZ

## USA Four Corners Park in Madawaska, Maine

If you are riding the USA Four Corners Tour for the first time, here is something you might not know: The northeast corner in Madawaska, Maine is our overall favorite. Why? Because of the Madawaska Four Corners Park and Joe LaChance.

The photo tells the story of what you can see and experience at the park.

If the park is not enough to convince you that Madawaska is a special place, then certainly getting to know the people living there will. Our

riders are welcomed and cheered on by the folks they encounter behind the post office counter, working in the gasoline stations, restaurants and small hotels and the people you meet on the street.

Madawaska's goodwill ambassador is Joe LaChance. He is a character and just the guy you want to meet while visiting Madawaska for a beer and a good story.

Joe is the guy behind the town's one-of-a-kind park that celebrates long distance riding in a very big way.



*Madawaska's Four Corners Park. Park your bike in front of the black monument at the left for a photo op. Sit and eat a picnic lunch. Use the bathroom (out of picture). Granite pavers between the monument and the fountain (hidden behind the red canopy) can be purchased to memorialize your tour. Canada is in the distance. Sweet.*

### SCMA's Affiliated Clubs

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Pasadena Motorcycle Club  
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Shamrock Road Riders  
[www.sc-ma.com/shamrock.htm](http://www.sc-ma.com/shamrock.htm)

Victor McLaglen Motor Corps  
[www.thevmc.com](http://www.thevmc.com)



*Hey Kids! Be the first one on your block to own one of these nifty Madawaska USAFC patches. They are new and oh so hip. Find them at <http://www.madawaskafourcorners.org/Shirtan>. There is other cool stuff too.*



*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 are 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, "Cherochala 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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*Victor McLaglen Motor Corps Commander, Harry M. Fisher  
1945-2014*

Harry M. Fisher passed away in March. Born in 1945, Harry was a mainstay in the VMMC and its commander for many years.

Harry was well-known all over the United States for motorcycle stunting on one hand while promoting motorcycle safety training on the other. He participated in charity rides throughout his riding career. He rode as a special escort for the thousands of riders that participated in the Ride For Kids Program.

Friends posting on the VMMC site remember him as generous, funny and wonderful to be around.

Harry is one of those great guys we have the privilege of knowing because of motorcycling.

A donation to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (Ride for Kids) in Harry's name would be nice.

More photos here: [photo.yumaapril20th2013058\\_zps0e709732.jpg](http://photo.yumaapril20th2013058_zps0e709732.jpg)



*Harry M. Fisher*



*Love Ride Performance, October 2013*

*Introducing the SCMA Grand Slam Award*

*By Gonzo and Blake P. Anderson*

The SCMA Board of Directors has approved a new award. The Grand Slam requires completing all SCMA riding events in a single calendar year:

- USA Four Corners Tour (or USAFC True X)
- Three Flags Classic
- Best 15 US Roads Challenge
- California Mission Tour
- California Parks Adventure Tour
- Traveler's Award, Gold Level (13 qualifying events)

Every year the board will authorize a suitable trophy, certificate and other merchandise that suitably marks this important long distance motorcycling achievement.

All events must be completed in strict accordance with the rules for each event. All miles of the event must be completed on a motorcycle, trike or motorcycle with sidecar. In the event of a conflict of meaning or terms, the more strict interpretation shall prevail.

All events must be completed in the same calendar year and proof of completion must be mailed to SCMA no later than December 15 of that qualifying year.

Only SCMA members can compete for the award and all must be current during the entire year.

Ron "Gonzo" Gonzalez will administer the SCMA Grand Slam during 2014. Gonzo can be contacted via email at: [GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com](mailto:GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com)

*An Open Appeal Letter to SCMA Members  
from Joe LaChance, Madawaska Four Corners Park Association*

As SCMA members, you are recognized as an elite group of riders with long-distance tours under your belts. For those of you who haven't yet explored the four corners of the United States, we invite you to saddle up and experience SCMA's USA Four Corners Tour of the True X version of the tour. After straddling a bike over so many miles over so many days, you will find a welcome distraction from your grueling ride to be welcomed into the Madawaska Four Corners Park, a comfortable oasis specifically created with you in mind.

Thousands of motorcyclists and tourists visit the park every year to gaze at the granite "testaments in stone" of those riders who have completed the SCMA True XTour and the USA Four Corners Tour.



If you have recently made either of these two tours, why not let the motorcycling community know about your achievement by having your own granite stone installed in the park's walkway? Let me add that

if you have not had the opportunity to record your tour in stone--especially if you completed your ride before the inauguration of the park--now is your opportunity to order your own granite paver. Simply go to our website [www.madawaskafourcorners.org](http://www.madawaskafourcorners.org) for an easy-to-use order form.

On a slightly different tack, you should know that, this year, we will be building a 35-ft wide by 16-ft high archway entrance to the park that is being funded entirely by donations (mostly from SCMA



members like you and me). You can see an artist's representation of the arch on our website. Give whatever you can. If you donate \$100 or more to this project, however, we will have your name engraved on the gateway stone at the base of the archway, identifying you as a sponsor.



With your help (either by buying a paver to commemorate your SCMA tour or by donating directly to the archway), the park will continue to be a first-class example of what the motorcycling community can accomplish when we work together in uplifting our image as a hardy and law-abiding breed. If you believe that what we're doing here at the most northeastern corner of the United States promotes motorcycling as the sport it is and as the lifestyle it often becomes, send your donation to the Madawaska Four Corners Park, P.O. Box 261, Madawaska, Maine, 04756. You can also include your donation in your tax return, since we are a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization.

Thanks, in advance, for your help in promoting our latest project and for your continuing support of the world's only long-distance motorcycle park.

Joe LaChance  
President and Founder  
Madawaska Four Corner Park Association



## *EPA Acknowledges That Ethanol May Damage Engines*

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has publicly acknowledged that ethanol in gasoline can damage internal combustion engines by increasing exhaust temperatures and indirectly causing component failures, the American Motorcyclist Association reports.

The EPA statements are found in a rule proposal issued by the Federal Trade Commission regarding a new label for pumps that supply fuel blends high in ethanol.



*Reported E15 damage to a carburetor*

According to the EPA, ethanol impacts motor vehicles in two primary ways. First, ethanol leans the [air/fuel]

ratio (increases the proportion of oxygen relative to hydrocarbons) which can lead to increased exhaust gas temperatures and potentially increase incremental deterioration of emission control hardware and performance over time, possibly causing catalyst failure. Second, ethanol can cause materials compatibility issues, which may lead to other component failures.

"In motorcycles and nonroad products [using E15 and higher ethanol blends], EPA raised engine-failure concerns from overheating."

These EPA statements, contained in the FTC document, back the long-held position of the AMA.

"The American Motorcyclist Association has fought the distribution of E15 fuel blends in an effort to protect motorcycle and all-terrain vehicles from the damage that ethanol causes," said Wayne Allard, AMA vice president for government relations. "Now the EPA acknowledges that ethanol itself is harmful to emissions hardware and other components on all motor vehicles. It is time for the federal government

to pause, take a hard look at this product and change its entire approach to ethanol in fuels."

E15 is a gasoline formulation that contains up to 15 percent ethanol by volume.



None of the estimated 22 million motorcycles and ATVs currently in operation can use fuels with blends higher than 10 percent ethanol. Doing so could void the manufacturer's warranty, in addition to causing damage to the vehicle.

The AMA applauded the EPA's decision in its proposed rule to roll back the requirement for wider distribution and use of E15 under its Renewable Fuel Standard.

The AMA also is concerned about the continued availability of E10 blends and E0 fuels -- gasoline with zero ethanol content -- if E15 is allowed to permeate the marketplace.

*Editor's note: While editing this piece for the May newsletter, I searched the internet for some dramatic photographic evidence to illustrate the anti-E15 position. I found only two relevant and usable photos. One is posted here. I then did a key word search to find professional journals with refereed articles. In particular, I searched SAE for technical articles on E15 damage. I was looking for documented teardowns and inspections of engines with significant highway miles or bench tested engines.*

*I found nothing. It is hard to decided what to make of that.*

*I find it troubling that with all of the outrage about E15 fuel there is damn little hard technical evidence supporting the pro or anti camps--at least on line. Had I submitted a senior thesis to my engineering advisor at Cal Poly Pomona back in '72 that supported or opposed E15 fuel without the evidence to back it up, he would have handed it back to me with a provisional incomplete and a new deadline to turn it into something defensible.*

*Perhaps my search was not sufficiently rigorous.*

*A Four-Day Solo Ride From Las Vegas to Northern Arizona*  
By Steve Fuquay

Yes, once again your road raconteur and rascal, Trash and his Goldwing trike, Olde Skool, have cheated death. This time it was a solo 5-day wild west ride across northern Arizona. The total mileage was around 1200 miles. It was an easy ride with outstanding scenery --- wow! The weather was good with brisk days. Temperatures were in the 50-60's with some wind the last day. I took my trike down to 511 Trikes to get it serviced and I was ready to go on another adventure.

*Friday, March 28 - Las Vegas to Flagstaff AZ = 260 miles*

This is a route I have been on many times. So, it was comfortably familiar and pleasant. I passed through Kingman AZ and headed east to the highest mountain in AZ, 12,600 foot Mt. Humphreys and Flagstaff AZ.

This is classical American southwest country. It has wide open spaces with distant butts and mountains. The highway, Interstate 40, in Arizona directly replaced the Mother Road - U.S. 66. The famous US 66 was decommissioned in 1985, after the last section of Interstate 40 opened on October 13, 1984.



I soon start climbing to Flagstaff AZ (founded 1876, 6,900 feet, 134,000 people in the area) as pine trees replace the flat open country. This area can be rough in the winter months, but is just brisk now. I arrive and head over to the Holiday Inn Express and then later I went over to the Cracker Barrel for a nice meal.

*Saturday, March 29 - Flagstaff AZ to Chinle AZ (Canyon de Chilly) = 308 miles (by way of Show Low, AZ and the Hubbell Trading Post, AZ)*

The next morning I had a light breakfast at the Holiday Inn. I rode east to Holbrook AZ (90 miles). There I turned south and passed a large petrified log business. I want to stop there later this year when we come this way with the SUV. What a great collection to buy some samples. Soon I approached the beautiful resort community of Show Low AZ (47 miles, 6,345 feet, 10,000+ people) for lunch with my buddy, John. I played HS football with him 48 years ago and we did a lot of backpacking together in the college years. I took a picture of him next to my trike on his driveway.

After a great lunch at a local eatery with John, I headed to the famous Hubbell Trading Post about 133 miles away and north of Chambers AZ and Interstate 40. This unique place has been open since 1878. One of my trip goals was to buy some elegant Navajo turquoise jewelry that the wife could wear every day. A lot of this jewelry is too big for simple everyday use, so I was looking for something unique.

I did not find anything I wanted at the trading post, so I headed 38 miles up the road to Chinle AZ (5,500 feet, 4,500 people) and the world famous early-man site of Canyon de Chelly. This was the main goal of the ride.

## *A Four-Day Ride Report*

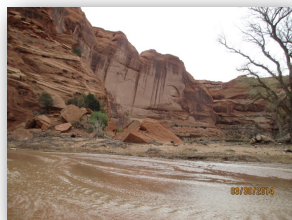
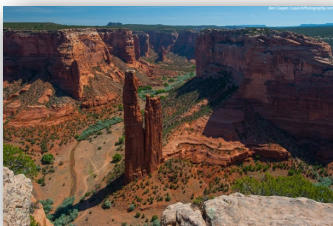
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My wife and I had seen it from the rim years ago and I always wanted to come back and take a tour of the canyon floor. This trike adventure gave me that opportunity. I arrived in town and headed over to the Holiday Inn Express. I made plans for a tour driver to pick me up the next day for a 3-hour private tour of the great canyon. I was really looking forward to it and hoped the weather would hold.

### *Sunday, March 30 – Canyon de Chelly National Historic Monument*

My driver from Antelope House Tours, Ben, who was born in the canyon in 1938, picked me up at 9:30 AM. The trip would take 3-hours and cost \$150. It was worth every penny --- wow! If you every have a chance to do this, you will not be disappointed.

It is a dirt road in the canyon past the ranger entry station. You go across the river many times as you weave back and forth to one side of the canyon to the other. It is bumpy, but fun and so unusual to be in there.



The scenery is fantastic all around you with vertical red stone walls hundreds if not thousands of feet above you. The ruins look down at you from many locations --- fantastic!

At the far end of the canyon there was a rest stop and Ben's grown children were selling things at the base of the White House ruins on the canyon wall. I bought a nice little vase and was happy to get it. What a great adventure to

see 1000-year-old sites all over the place in the canyon walls, plus the small Navajo farms.

Later after the tour the wind really picked up, so I was very glad to have taken the tour in the morning. I wandered



over to the inn gift shop and looked at jewelry. Now I know that we pretty people always get a better price than ordinary folks and tourists. Finally, I found some things that I liked for the wife. But when I started to negotiate, the price went up instead of down. What did that mean?

### *Monday, March 31 - Chinle AZ to Page AZ (Lake Powell) = 277 miles (by way of the Four Corners Monument)*

Early in the morning I started to ride to the Four Corners Monument (northeast 101 miles). The wind had died down and the whole day was pleasant. This is where AZ, CO, NM, and UT come together.

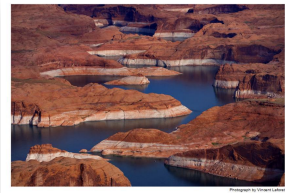
After the Four Corners, I headed out to the west to Lake Powell (176 miles). I was on a high from all the wild west country around me. The wide open spaces made me feel alive and ready for some unique adventures. Then I had an outstanding inspiration of biblical proportions.

Eventually, after a scenic ride, I approached north central AZ and mighty Lake Powell and Glen Canyon Dam. This is a beautiful area with



*A Four-Day Ride Report  
(Continued from previous page)*

much recreation. It is the largest reservoir in the Nation. But not all is well. Officials recently announced that millions of adult Quagga mussels have been found from Glen Canyon Dam to Bullfrog Bay, some 95 miles up the lake. These snails have caused extensive damage across the country since landing in the Great Lakes in the 1980s.



Another problem is the low water levels --- far lower than the picture. Lake Powell has reached its lowest level since 2005, the year of its historical low. Where is economical ocean desalination anyway?

*Tuesday, April 1 - Page AZ to Las Vegas NV = 276 miles*

I got up and headed west over to Interstate 15 and the route south to Las Vegas. I stopped at the Cracker Barrel in St. George UT for lunch. These restaurants are my favorite places to eat. I just happen to find a gift card in my wallet to use that I had forgotten earlier.

The ride back to Las Vegas (121 miles) was a little windy for half way, but then died down. Since I was on a trike I motored rapidly and triumphantly past a group of motorcycle riders in the windy Virgin River canyon area southwest out of St. George as they fought the wind and curves. ☒

*Conclusion*

The ride was fun, adventurous, and a sight-seers dream. The Goldwing handled the miles with ease and kept any weather off me. I just went along for the ride and really did not have to do much, except enjoy the scenery and see

if there was any mischief I could get into. When I stopped, the amazing Cannon Image Stabilized 12X36 binoculars made viewing the countryside much more enjoyable. I wished I had it on my previous rides too --- highly recommended.



I should pass through some of the route next fall when I do the 2000 mile+ 3-Flags Classic ride again. This year it is from Tucson AZ to Harrison Hot Springs Resort and Spa in British Columbia. It was super fun, but I am hoping not to be sick like last year when I did it from Deming, NM to Winnipeg, Canada.



Faithfully recorded and respectfully submitted -  
Your obedient servants and road rascallions,  
Trash and Olde Skool the Trike

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## *And What About Motorcycle Sales This Year? Let's Check Harley Davidson*

*According to Bloomberg Business Week*

MILWAUKEE, April 22, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Harley-Davidson, Inc. (NYSE: HOG) first-quarter 2014 diluted earnings per share of \$1.21 grew 22.2% from the year-ago period on higher motorcycle shipments and continued improvement in operating efficiencies. First-quarter net income was \$265.9 million on consolidated revenue of \$1.73 billion, compared to net income of \$224.1 million in the year-ago period on consolidated revenue of \$1.57 billion.

"Harley-Davidson delivered gains on many fronts in the first quarter, with shipments up 7.3%, strong margin improvement and solid growth in dealer new motorcycle sales," said Keith Wandell, Chairman, President and CEO of Harley-Davidson, Inc.

Dealers worldwide sold 57,415 new Harley-Davidson™ motorcycles in the first quarter of 2014 compared to 54,254 motorcycles in the year-ago quarter. In the U.S., dealers sold 35,730 new Harley-Davidson motorcycles in the quarter, up 3.0% compared to sales of 34,706 motorcycles in the year-ago period. In international markets, dealers sold 21,685 new Harley-Davidson motorcycles during the first quarter, up 10.9% compared to 19,548 motorcycles in the year-ago period, with sales up 20.5% in the Asia Pacific region, 8.2% in the EMEA region and 8.9% in the Latin America region, and down 2.4% in Canada.

In 2013, for the sixth consecutive year, Harley-Davidson was the number-one seller of new on-road motorcycles in the U.S., both 601cc-plus and across all displacements, to young adults age 18-34, women, African-Americans and Hispanics ("outreach" customers) and Caucasian men age 35-plus ("core" customers), according to Polk 2013 U.S. new motorcycle registration data from IHS Automotive. The Company grew its U.S. market share and also increased its share gap to the

nearest competitor in each of these segments, compared to 2012.

According to Harley-Davidson's internal data, retail sales of its motorcycles to U.S. outreach customers grew at more than twice the rate of sales growth to core customers in 2013 compared to 2012.

### *Harley-Davidson Motorcycles and Related Products Segment Results*

First-quarter operating income from motorcycles and related products grew 25.6% to \$347.7 million, compared to operating income of \$276.8 million in the year-ago period. Operating income in the quarter benefited from higher motorcycle shipments and higher gross margin compared to the prior-year period.

Revenue from motorcycles grew 13.1% to \$1.31 billion, compared to revenue of \$1.15 billion in the year-ago period. The Company shipped 80,682 motorcycles to dealers and distributors worldwide during the quarter, in line with guidance and a 7.3% increase compared to shipments of 75,222 motorcycles in the year-ago period.

Revenue from motorcycle parts and accessories was \$198.1 million during the quarter, up 7.7%, and revenue from general merchandise, which includes MotorClothes™ apparel and accessories, was \$64.1 million, down 11.1%, compared to the year-ago period.

Harley-Davidson continues to expect to ship 279,000 to 284,000 motorcycles to dealers and distributors worldwide in 2014, an approximate 7% to 9% increase from 2013. In the second quarter of 2014, the Company expects to ship 92,000 to 97,000 motorcycles, up from shipments of 84,606 motorcycles in the year-ago period.

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## *The Latest on the 2014 Three Flags Classic*

*By Blake P. Anderson*

### *Registration Information*

As of May 1 we have sold approximately 290 ride tickets. In the last month we have sold only a few. Sales were crazy in March but quiet in April. Registration for the 39th annual Three Flags Classic is open now until May 15 or until 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](http://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):**

## *The Latest on the 2014 Three Flags Classic (Continued from previous page)*

Saturday, August 30, 11AM to 8PM

Sunday, August 31, 6AM to Noon

### **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](http://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](http://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.

*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](http://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](http://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](http://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.*

## SCMA Ride Application - 2014 (page 1 of 2)

**Member Information: (You must be a member of the SCMA).**  
**Note - If this data is different than your member profile check this box.**

Last  First  M.I.  SCMA Number

Address  Date of Birth  Male/Female

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City  State  Country  Zip/Postal Code

Home Phone:  Cell Phone:  E mail

Rider  (check one) Passenger

Emergency Contact Information:  
 Name  Phone  Email

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**Motorcycle Information:**  
 Motorcycle Make:  Model:  Year:  Trike:

License Plate:

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**Ride Information:** (Check one) **Rider Fee:** (Check or PayPal)

Application Date:  (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

## SCMA Ride Application - 2014 (page 2 of 2)

### 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.

Name

Last

First

M.I.

Suffix

Citizenship

Date of Birth

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### Your Tee Shirt Size

Small \_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_ Large \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ 2XL \_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_ 4XL \_\_\_



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## *2014 Traveler's Award: May Update*

As of April 30, riders completing qualifying events are as follows:

- Eight riders have completed all six events
- Six riders have completed 5 of the six events
- Three riders have completed 4 of the six events
- Two riders have completed 3 of the six events

Ten events remain on the calendar for 2014 and at least one premier riding event can be used as a substitution. That means that all riders can qualify for a gold award and eight riders can still qualify for a platinum award.

Sign-up has closed for this year's award. 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](mailto:mitcho399@gmail.com)

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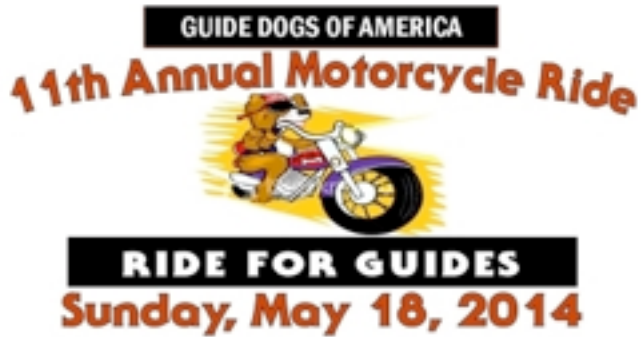
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**Entry is \$60.00 and ride must be completed within the calendar year.  
 For Information and Rules Visit:  
[www.sc-ma.com](http://www.sc-ma.com) and Register On-Line.**

For more Information,  
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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 39<sup>th</sup> 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.

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*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:

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



*Beartooth Pass in Summer  
Get Out There!*



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

## May

- Cancelled SCMA Board Meeting
- Cancelled SCMA General Membership Meeting
- 3-4 Shamrock's Out of the Blue Weekend Ride
- 16-19 BMWCOSEC Old Road San Diego
- 17-18 South Coasters Laguna Mountain Overnight
- 17-18 **PMC Greenhorn\***
- 24-26 **SCMA Blazing Saddles\***

## June

- 14 SCMA Board Meeting, Coco's Covina, 8am
- 14 SCMA General Membership Meeting, Coco's Covina, 10am
- 19-23 BMWCOSEC Seven Passes Ride Camping and Hotels
- 21 South Coasters Summer Solstice 5:30am
- 27-30 South Coasters Grand Canyon to South Utah Ride
- 27-29 AZRATPack Alien Abduction Ride

## July

- 12 SCMA Board Meeting, Coco's Covina, 8am
- 12 SCMA General Membership Meeting, Coco's Covina, 10am
- 13 **SCMA Dog Days of Summer Ride\***
- 19-27 BMWCOSEC Central Rockies Tour, Hotels/Camping

## Other SCMA Events in 2014...

- 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](http://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)*

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Email newsletter submittals to: [BlakePAnderson@gmail.com](mailto:BlakePAnderson@gmail.com)

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