



# SCMA NEWS

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*Board Vice Chair*



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## *Candidates Needed*

Nominations are now open for SCMA Board Vice Chair, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Membership Services Director/Correspondence Secretary. These are critical positions for conducting SCMA's business. Steve Shulman has announced he plans to run for a second term as Board Vice Chair. No one has announced for the other three positions. Nominations will be accepted from now until the June 14 general membership meeting when nominations will be closed. Ballots will be issued June 16. They must be mailed to SCMA election, PO Box 487, Norwalk, CA 90651 by July 11. They will be counted at the July 12 General Membership meeting. We could use your help.

## *Upcoming Events*

*(See club websites for details)*

*\* SCMA Traveler's Award Event*

*June 14 SCMA Board Meeting,  
Coco's Covina, 8am*

*June 21 South Coasters Summer  
Solstice, Dana Point, 5:30am\**

*June 14 SCMA General Membership  
Meeting, Coco's Covina, 10am*

*June 27-30 South Coasters Grand  
Canyon to South Utah Ride*

*June 19-23 BMWCOSE Seven Passes  
Ride Camping and Hotels*

*June 27-29 AZRATPack Alien Abduction  
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 chair of the board, recording secretary, and referee/risk manager/insurance manager are elected. In even-numbered years, vice chair of the board, treasurer and correspondence secretary/member services director are elected. We also are seeking a new recording secretary to replace Barbara Fox who recently announced she is leaving at mid-term, making this a one-year position for this election.

SCMA will conduct this year's election as follows:

1. Nominations are 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 [BlakePAnderson@gmail.com](mailto:BlakePAnderson@gmail.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 July 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 11, 2014.
4. All envelopes will be verified as coming from a current SCMA member. The envelope will be opened at the July 12 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 July 13.

*Registration is closed for the 2014 Three Flags Classic but re-sales may save your summer!* Registration closed May 15 for the 2014 Three Flags Classic. We sold approximately 296 tickets. However, you can take heart if you had intended to go but procrastinated. Ticket re-sales are possible. Riders that can no longer go are looking for you to buy their tickets. It is easy to participate as a seller or a buyer.



*Help Us in 2014 and Beyond*

Sellers: Go to the SCMA forum tab on the top of the home page at [www.sc-ma.com](http://www.sc-ma.com) Click on Three Flags Classic Forum. Start a new topic and post your ticket for sale. You MUST post it for its face value only: \$275.

Buyers: Find a ticket for sale on the Three Flags Classic forum and make payment arrangements with the seller. SCMA will not be involved in the transaction but we can certainly answer your questions. Buyers: Notify SCMA at [BlakePAnderson@gmail.com](mailto:BlakePAnderson@gmail.com) that you have purchased the ticket, the name of the seller and your complete contact information. Buyers must be SCMA members. Online membership payment is preferred. See the SCMA home page and click on membership for instructions.

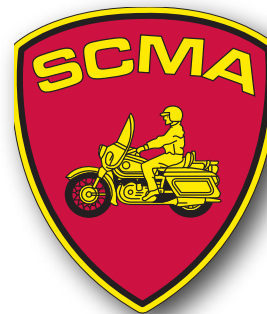
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*Why We Ride: Heard on the Road...*

- It's a bombardment of the senses; everything goes into slow motion.
- It's a passion. This is the thing that makes me happy.
- It's you and your motorcycle--that's it!
- It's just the best feeling in the world.
- It's a love affair like no other.
- It's like a seed, and if you ever put the water on it, and you feel the sensation, it becomes part of your life. It gets in your blood.
- It's a ship of the soul. It's a release.



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



*June 27-29  
Start in Scottsdale, Arizona  
An SCMA Traveler's Award Riding Event*

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.

### *Day 1 Itinerary*

Meet at Go AZ Motorcycles, 15500 N. Hayden Rd., Scottsdale, 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*

We will meet for breakfast at the buffet in the Luxor at 8:00 am then head back to the Phoenix area (or Southern California) with side stands up by 9:30 am. Optional lunch stop in Wikiup, AZ

We really want to urge our brothers and sisters from Southern California to join us on this ride. We believe that we offer a unique motorcycling experience that is always tailored to meet the needs of all riders: the ones new to riding and the ones that have helped write the book. Arizona has a great brand of hospitality. Experience it.



**The 8th Annual  
Dog Days of  
Summer Ride**

**Sunday  
July 13, 2014**



**A Traveler's Award Ride**

**ALL MOTORCYCLES ARE WELCOME AS WE TRAVEL FROM ACTON UP THROUGH THE FAMOUS ANGELES CREST HIGHWAY (CA-2) TO WRIGHTWOOD AND TO A MYSTERY FINISH. DESIGNED AS A 116 MILES RIDE, THIS IS A MODERATE RIDE. IF YOU ARE A NEW RIDER, THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO CHECK US OUT. AND, THIS IS A TRAVELER'S AWARD RIDE FOR OUR VETERANS.**

**WE'LL START AT CRAZY OTTO'S CAFE IN ACTON LOCATED AT 33317 SANTIAGO ROAD WHERE IT MEETS CA-14.**

**WALK-UP REGISTRATION FROM 7:30 TO 8:30 AM**

**\$10 RIDING FEE INCLUDES A \$5 CREDIT BACK FOR BREAKFAST AT OTTO'S. TRY THEIR 12-INCH PANCAKES AND GENEROUS PORTIONS. YOU WILL BE IMPRESSED AND VERY FULL.**

**PRESENTED BY SCMA WITH THE KIND HELP AND SUPPORT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY RIDERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB.**

**JOIN US FOR THE FUN OF IT.**



## *2014 Three Flags Classic Service, Tires, Gear and Advice*

We selected Tucson for the start of the 2014 Three Flags Classic in large part for the considerable resources that a large town like it offers to long distance riders like us. Tucson and Greater Phoenix (115 miles to the north) are both great motorcycle riding cities and have some of the best dealers and shops in the Southwest.

Normally, our long standing advice is to NOT get major service and major repairs done immediately prior to a long distance ride without also first putting a day of riding on your bike to test out the repairs. Remember that it is nearly impossible to correct a service mistake on Sunday, Labor Day or in the middle of Utah. If you aren't riding a HD, you probably already know that dealers for your bike are few and far between in the places we are riding.

Having said that, planning for tires, an oil change or minor service along the way or when you arrive in Tucson is smart. If you still have some miles left on your tires, burning off 1000 or 2000 miles from home to here makes sense and saves money.

SCMA, with the help of the dealers in Arizona, will provide a network of resources that riders can use as they travel toward Tucson for the start and head north out of Tucson on Friday morning toward Canada.

The first two dealers to step up with contact information and special offers are Ride Now Powersports in Tucson and Go AZ Motorcycles in Scottsdale. Both service a wide range of motorcycles. Both understand your circumstances as participants in the Three Flags Classic. Both understand that a clock running. Both stand ready to schedule appointments for your service.

### *Ride Now Powersports, Tucson*

Ride Now Powersports is a full service motorcycle dealership. They are offering a 15% discount on parts and service to our riders the week of Three Flags. Ride Now is located 5 miles east of the Doubletree Reid Park Tucson for your parts and service needs.

They service and sell Can-Am, Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki, and Yamaha and will service other makes and models as well.

Your contacts for service are Robert Sanchez and Josh Boling. If you need specific parts talk to Travis Hedgcock. For appointments and parts call Ride Now at 520-747-9141

### *Go AZ Motorcycles, Scottsdale*

Go AZ services and sells BMW, Ducati, Triumph, Kawasaki, Honda, KTM, Aprilia, Vespa and Ural motorcycles. They are conveniently located on Hayden near the East Side 101 Loop that circles Greater Phoenix. You can schedule online.

Go AZ Motorcycles are offering a 15% discount and priority service if you mention the Three Flags Classic. Find them at [www.goaz.com](http://www.goaz.com)



SCMA will expand and refine the list of resources and will announce it all in a special Three Flags Classic edition that will appear as our August newsletter. We will muster all of our past columns and articles about the Three Flags Classic.

Being prepared for this ride is essential to having a fun, rewarding, memorable, and SAFE ride to Harrison Hot Springs, BC Canada. We're looking for a 100%, on-time, incident-free arrival by all participants in Canada this year. See you in Tucson!

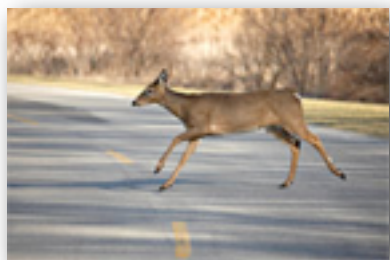


*Ride Safe: Tips for Avoiding a Deer*  
(Based on a Geico article written by Dawn Caslin and adapted for SCMA by Blake P. Anderson)

The summer riding season is here and we will rack up tens of thousands of miles between us as we ride on SCMA tours and other riding events.

We all imagine that, like a scene straight out of a sports car commercial, we will be riding along a winding road in the dead

of night, the eerie glow from your headlight meeting the



narrow asphalt, when suddenly, two green eyes flash in the darkness ahead as a deer steps onto the roadway. However, while we hope, like the television ad, to swerve smartly around the animal and then speed off carelessly into the blackness, we know our encounter may end badly. So, what can we do to stay safe?

### *Deer Statistics*

- Dawn and dusk are the times you are most likely to encounter deer along the roadside.
- Deer breeding season runs from October through early January, and during this time they are highly active and on the move. This is when deer-vehicle collisions are at their peak. But we know that deer strikes happen all year long.
- Though deer may wander into suburban neighborhoods, they are most frequently found on the outskirts of town and in heavily wooded areas. Deer are in every state we ride.

- As herd animals, deer almost never travel alone. If you see one deer, you can bet that there are others nearby.
- Stands of trees that offer cover, all water sources and creek bottoms attract and hide deer.

### *Preventive Techniques*

- The most important way to avoid a deer-bike collision is to SLOW DOWN. If you are riding through an area known for high deer populations, slow down even more and observe the speed limit. The more conservative you are with your speed, the more time you will have to brake if an animal darts into your path.
- At night, watch for the shine of eyes along the roadside and immediately slow down.
- Use your high beam whenever the road is free of oncoming traffic. This will increase your visibility and give you more time to react. Deer can become mesmerized by steady, bright lights so if



you see one frozen on the road, slow down.  
➤ Some experts recommend one long blast of the horn to scare them out of the road.

- Respect road signs warning about deer or other large animals. These signs are specifically placed in high-traffic areas where road crossings are frequent.
- If you're on a multi-lane road, ride in the center lane to give as much space and reaction time to deer as possible.

*Ride Safe: Tips for Avoiding a Deer*  
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*Encountering Deer*

- Your reaction time is very limited. Chances are you will realize you have hit a deer just as you actually see it. A good steering decision is nearly impossible.
- Never swerve to avoid a deer in the road. Swerving can confuse the deer on where to run. Swerving can also cause a head-on collision with oncoming vehicles, take you off the roadway into a tree or a ditch, and greatly increases the chances of serious injury.
- Steer straight, brace yourself and attempt to remain upright in the event of a crash.
- Staying upright with the rubber side down is always preferred to “laying it down”. Upright you have control and better stopping power. Down you have no control and limited stopping power.
- Deer are unpredictable creatures. One that is calmly standing by the side of the road may suddenly leap into the roadway without warning. Slowing down when you spot a deer is the best way to avoid a collision. However, if one does move into your path, maintain control and do your best to brake and give the deer time to get out of your way.
- Don't rely on deer whistles or other devices designed to scare off deer. Most deer have not read the instruction manual on what to do if they hear a whistle.

*After the Crash*

If you do collide with a deer (or large animal), call emergency services if injuries are involved. Call local police if you are not injured and damage is substantial or your bike is no longer safe to ride. Never touch an animal that is in the roadway. Report the incident to your insurance company as soon as possible.

*A Final Note*

Keeping calm and riding smart improve your chances of avoiding a collision and staying safe on the road. Remember that reduced speed, more than any other single strategy, is the most effective strategy for avoiding a crash and limiting the extent of injury if you do crash.

*Ride safe...*

## SCMA's Affiliated Clubs

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[www.avts.av.org](http://www.avts.av.org)

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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)



*You Lookin' at Me?!*



*We Say Goodbye to Joel Briggs  
By Ron "Gonzo" Gonzalez*

Memorial Day Weekend is always an important time for many of us. It is a special day to remember our fallen military men and women, and our friends and family who have passed.

This year was a weekend to remember Joel Briggs, a longtime member and supporter of the SCMA. On Saturday, May 24th, his family held a memorial attended by a number of SCMA riders. It was a beautiful day for the start of the Blazing Saddles ride (that Joel, quite ironically and fittingly helped design with Dennis Even). Joel certainly would have been pleased that the ride occurred as scheduled and several riders attended his memorial before continuing on the event.

Joel was born in January 1946 and passed away this May 1, just a few months after having received a lung transplant. Up until just a few days before his surgery, we could depend on seeing Joel at our board and general membership meetings, always joking, always optimistic and ready to tease and needle anyone deserving a bit of ribbing.

Joel was a USAF Vietnam veteran serving as an engine mechanic on large transport aircraft. After completing his military service, Joel was a longtime sales representative for the Charles Krug and Mondavi vintners. Later he sold precious metals. A salesman and a promoter at heart, Joel served SCMA and the Shamrock Road Riders well as a member of both boards. For several years, Joel was one of the guys that got some of our sponsors in line for the Three Flags Classic. Hand him a phone and stand back. We was amazing at his skill for talking people into anything.

Joel was an adventurer at heart and there were a number of humorous stories told of predicaments in which he and family would find themselves. He traveled throughout the USA and Mexico, in the early years in a car and subsequently on various bikes with his favorite being his BMW.

Many of his riding buddies were also fellow shooters and they often would ride to varied ranges

to keep their shooting, as well as riding, skills in top form.

Joel and his buddies rode numerous Three Flags Classics, as well as a number of the other events offered by the SCMA. He supported a number of the rides, by assisting in their planning or set up. In 2011 Joel became SCMA's Risk Manager. In this capacity Joel was a visionary and effective member of our Board of Directors.

In later years, as Joel struggled with his weakening lungs, we all were amazed at the positive and cheery attitude he brought to each of the board meetings. His greeting to each of us was warm and affectionate, and he always was more inquiring of our welfare with little mention of the seriousness of his own.

As a number of riders commented while on the 2014 Blazing Saddles Ride, it was a great weekend to ride, and a great event to reflect upon Joel's life, his courage, and what he meant to each one of us. He was a special member of our family and will be sorely missed.

Joel and his wife Kris resided in Moorpark for over 20 years.



*Goodbye, Joel.  
We'll see you on the other side.*

**BMW MOA International Rally**

July 24-27, 2014

St. Paul, Minnesota

Minnesota State Fairgrounds

By

*Karol Patzer and Deb Lowe*

You're all invited to enjoy "Rollin' by the River." Roll on in to Minnesota's capital city, and visit St. Paul. The 42nd BMW MOA International rally will be held July 24–27 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Minnesota is best known as the Land of 10,000 Lakes, but is also known for one superior lake and a great river. If you're joining us from any direction, the Lake Superior Circle Tour is a ride not to be missed. Visit Aerostich on the way to or from, or meander along the Mighty Mississippi and join in the Great River Challenge.

*Rally Chair, Karol Patzer*

St. Paul has the ambiance of a historic river town with traditional architecture, and a newly restored riverfront along the Mississippi River. Activities in the downtown area include the Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul's Cathedral, as well as rotating exhibits at the historic Landmark Center.

The Minnesota state capitol is well worth a visit. At the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers is Ft. Snelling, a National Historic Landmark. Head out to Bloomington, just a dozen miles from the Rally grounds, and you can visit the other MOA (the Mall of America), a shoppers' dream with 520 stores, 50 restaurants and attractions galore, including Nickelodeon Universe®, the nation's largest indoor theme park, or just stay on the Rally grounds for shopping experiences that allow you to buy goodies from our vendors to farkle your BMW.

If you'd like some exercise, Como Park Conservatory and Zoo is only a mile away on a great walking path. If you want to explore the area, a 225-mile round trip will take you down the Mississippi on the Minnesota side, and your return on the Wisconsin side will offer dramatic views of the river and surrounding bluffs. Other options are a trip along the Scenic St. Croix River to Interstate Park, for a 100-mile round trip excursion. Duluth, the home of Aerostich and Duluth Pack, is a 320-mile round trip ride. Just a few miles east, in Superior, Wisconsin, you can see one of the few surviving P-38 fighter planes in the Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center. So much to do!

The Minnesota State Fairgrounds roads are all paved, and there's plenty of shade and grassy camping areas. As always, we will have music, seminars, good food, plenty of vendors, and oh, yes....beer. St Paul is the home of Summit Brewery, and who knows, we may even have a "beer bus tour" to chauffeur you around to some local micro-breweries. As always, RPU courses will be offered on site, as well as some GS Giants activities, Camp Gears and more.

*Rally Co-chair, Deb Lowe*

Of course, after you're done with your usual volunteer duties (because our volunteers make this event happen), you are free to relax in the shade in Baldwin Park talking with your family and friends, attend a special raptor presentation, or heckle your favorite seminar presenter.

Watch the BMW Owners News for updates, as well as the BMW MOA website, Facebook and Forums. Get ready to make St. Paul another great rally.



*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. We adjusted the challenge roads in 2012 and made one change in 2013. In 2013, eight riders signed up and six completed the ride. The 2014 list of roads 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 near Robbinsville, North Carolina to Maryville, 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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Southern California Motorcyclist Association's

# Best 15 Roads in the USA



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## *A Grand Slam Ain't Just a Big Breakfast*

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)



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## *US Governor's Report: Motorcyclist Fatalities Are Falling*

*(From An American Motorcyclist Association Press Release)*

For the second time in five years, motorcyclist fatalities are projected to decrease, according to a report released May 6 by the Governors Highway Safety Association, the American Motorcyclist Association reports.

Dr. James Hedlund of Highway Safety North, a former senior official with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, authored the "Spotlight on Safety" report, which projects that the motorcyclist fatality total for 2013 will be 4,610, compared to 4,957 reported in 2012.

Compared with the first nine months of 2012, motorcyclist fatalities decreased in 35 states and the District of Columbia, increased in 13 states, and remained the same in two, the report states. All 50 states and the District of Columbia provided preliminary motorcyclist fatality counts for the first nine months of 2013, according to the governors' association press release.

The GHSA reported 4,469 motorcycle fatalities in



*GHSA reports a significant decline in fatalities*

2009, which represented a dramatic 16 percent decline from 2008.

"The decline in rider fatalities is encouraging news, particularly during Motorcycle Awareness Month when so many motorcyclists are riding," said Wayne Allard, AMA vice president for government relations. "And we hope that these reported

declines signal a positive trend in rider safety on nation's highways.

"But the 'Spotlight on Safety' report is short on hard data regarding the factors contributing to the decline," Allard said. "That is why the AMA is helping fund a comprehensive study of the causes of motorcycle crashes."

The motorcycle crash causation study is being conducted at the Oklahoma Transportation Center, an independent and well-respected research facility at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.

Funding for the study comes from the AMA, the Federal Highway Administration and the NHTSA. A final report is expected in 2015.

The last major motorcycle crash study was completed in 1980, and it provided a wealth of data that has been used to develop training and strategies to help keep riders safer on the road. In the decades since, the traffic environment has changed enormously, prompting the AMA to begin campaigning for a new study several years ago and leading to the Oklahoma research.



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The GHSA is a nonprofit group representing the highway safety offices of states, territories, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Its members are appointed by their governors to administer federal and state highway safety funds and implement state highway safety plans.

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*An Introduction to Our Newest Sponsor*

*By Blake P. Anderson*

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*Interested in Sponsoring SCMA?*

We are between Membership Services Managers at the moment, so you will have to settle for me. Email me at [BlakePAnderson@gmail.com](mailto:BlakePAnderson@gmail.com)



## *Confessions of a Virgin (Long Distance Rider)*

*By David Kent*

This is a virgin long distance rider report, as I have never done more than an overnighter. For a couple of months I had dithered back and forth about either flying back to my 50th high school reunion in Texas, or riding back. I sorta got pushed into riding there by well-meaning friends who suggested I might be too old for this sort of thing. I couldn't let THAT stand, so after a while, I was committed! So here is what happened.



### *Day One*

I truly didn't know what I am getting into with this adventure when I left home on May 10. I had done overnights before but this

was going to be a week+ and I didn't even know how far I could ride in a day as I mounted up on my V-Strom 650 and headed east out of Walnut Creek, California. My Strom is a little overweight and not the prettiest one at the dance, but I love her and we have had fine times together!

I wanted to ride US50 as much as possible but I also wanted to make good time across Nevada. I had already delayed my departure 2 days to try to duck behind the cold fronts going through Utah. Finally on Sunday I had to leave or I would not have made it to College Station, Texas, in time for the reunion. I rode I-80 through Reno and then hit US50 at Fallon. From then on it was just riding...and fighting the wind!

I have had little experience riding long distances or riding in the wind. I got both on this adventure! But



*Over 500 miles in one day! A big milestone for me*

on this first day I put my head down and rode what I thought was an epic ride! And I make it to Ely. It was 24 degrees when I

got to Ely!!

### *Day Two*

It's 24 degrees when I woke up in Ely!! The weather report is talking about winter storms



and blizzard conditions in Utah, so my plans for riding any farther east on 50 get tossed. Time to plug in the vest, turn on the heated

grips and start heading south toward Cedar City, Kanab and northern Arizona. The wind is still blowing like crazy from the north, but as I ride south out of Ely at least it is a tailwind.

This is also the first morning that I become vaguely aware of riding euphoria. I'm disconnected from home and not yet at my destination. I'm fresh...the air is cool (seriously so!)...the bike is running fine and the road is rolling out in front of me with endless possibilities. I'm not really conscious of all this on Day 2, but after 3-4 days I begin to recognize the feeling.

Utah! Now I am really riding through Utah and heading south toward warmer weather.

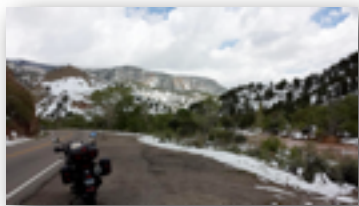
Funny thing is it isn't warming up much as I run down the map. As I ride into Cedar City I begin to see a little snow along the way.



I want to get over to US89, so UT14 east out of Cedar City looks good on the map. When I stop for gas I ask the young woman at the mini-mart if she knew what the conditions were on UT14. A young man standing there said he had just driven over from US89 and the road was clear and mostly dry. Works for me!



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The ride up the canyon is simply magical! The road is smooth (as are most highways once you get out of California), the air is crisp and the scenery is breathtaking. After a

few miles I decide this is the time to try out the Go Pro I had borrowed from my son. So I turned around and rode back down to the beginning of the canyon and shot this video as I rode up the canyon for the 2nd time! Too much of this kind of riding just ain't enough!!

When I got to the junction with UT14/US89 I saw a mini-mart with a crowd of Harleys parked outside, some with British flags on the back. Curiosity won out, so I pulled in and walked into the store. There were 10 Brits milling around inside, getting into the

odd gear they had.

Turned out they were 10 friends who had been planning a Utah adventure for "a bloody long time" and had not expected winter weather! They had not brought any gear



with them, expecting to cruise in T-shirts and shorts! (Roll eyes). They said they had bought all the cold weather stuff they could find...ski jackets and gloves, balaclavas etc. and were still freezing!

Hwy 89 is another wonderfully smooth road with beautiful sweepers following the river. It just invites a little more throttle...and a little more...and a...Oh Crap!

He turns on his lights as I ride past, I wave and pull over and he makes a U-turn and pulls in behind me. I show him empty hands then put down the kickstand and pull off my helmet.

Cop: "You were doing 72 in a 55 zone."

Me: "OK...I can't deny it...you got me"

Cop: "So what year is your bike?"

Me: [Yesssss!!]

We talk bikes and riding for a while, then he runs my license and plates. He comes back, tells me to slow down and returns my license!

A few miles farther down the road I see another trooper parked under a tree. As I ride past (at a fairly legal speed) I see him watching me, and then he gives me this little wave! Think the first cop called ahead and told his partner to watch out for a guy in bright green gear?? You think??

At Kanab I have a decision. Do I stay on US89 or do I take US89a? Both are beautiful roads, but US89a wins the toss. My wife and I spent a couple of days at Jacob Lake a while back, and I'm thinking of maybe spending the night there again...and if the North Rim is open I can always ride there tomorrow.

No such luck...just south of Kanab I see a sign saying the park won't be open for 2 more days. Oh well, the scenery is still excellent as I ride on to Jacob Lake.

Jacob Lake does have a room, but they do not have wi-fi or cell coverage (it seems that Sprint does not have much coverage outside urban areas). Because I

promised to check in every day, I decide to ride on to Tuba City or maybe Flagstaff. It's getting late but I'm feeling good and just feel like riding some more. As I come down off the Kaibab Plateau I can see some pretty dark clouds over the Vermilion Cliffs,



right where I would have been had I chosen US89 instead of US89a! The weather starts to get worse, with occasional rain and more big fat dark clouds.



Tuba City beckons! For the record, Tuba City doesn't have much in the way of lodging. There is a very nice, (as in expensive for me), Quality Inn so I

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pulled in. I'm giving the clerk my very best smile and pulling out every discount card I own; AAA, AMA, senior...the best she can do is \$150 for a non-smoking double or \$140 for a smoking single...and these are probably the last 2 rooms left in Tuba City. Then she looks at me and asks if I am active duty military. "Not any more", I answer. "That's good enough" she says and gives me the double for \$115!! Sweet!

457 Miles today! Piece of cake after yesterday!

*Day Three*

I left Tuba City and headed east on Hwy 160 toward New Mexico. Actually I headed northeast as that is where the road goes, and now it was into a headwind as much as a crosswind. This was close to the worst gas mileage of the trip at 35 mpg! When I'm just riding around the Bay Area with no bags I usually get 50+ mpg on my Wee. With bags, and riding on the super-slab I usually get 42-44 mpg. The several times I rode into the wind on this trip I got mid-30s at best.

Despite the wind it was a beautiful ride across the Navajo Reservation, and again the roads seemed smooth as velvet compared to most of the goat trails we ride around here. The Black Mesa area and the southern end of Monument Valley were particularly nice.

About this time my wife and I started getting calls from the fraud department of our credit card company. It seems that when you use your credit card to buy gas at the pump, the gas station will



*The Pixar artists who created the scenery around Radiator Springs surely found their inspiration here.*

submit a nominal charge just to see if your card is OK. This is what is going on when you see the message "Authorizing" on the screen. Usually they submit a charge of \$1.00 as a test, then later they will consolidate their day's receipts, retract the \$1.00 charge and resubmit the actual amount. When I gassed up at a Chevron station in Kayenta, AZ, they "tested" the card with a charge for \$126.00!!! Needless to say, this set off major alarms and later I spent over an hour (mostly on hold!!) getting it straightened out. Good thing I keep receipts! But all that was to come later.....

Of course, I had to ride north a few miles to visit the "other" Four Corners as SCMA calls it. Last time I was there, 1968 I think, it was a pile of rocks with a plaque and you could walk all around it. Now it is quite the thing and with a \$5 entrance fee.



I gassed up in Farmington (card was still working) and headed for Taos on Hwy 64. Very little traffic except for oil field service trucks. Hwy 64 climbs past Devils Mesa (!) and climbs more...it began to get colder...I started seeing snow along the road again..Now it is getting really cold! I have the grips turned on and the vest plugged in. I put on another shirt and then a sweatshirt on top of the vest. I am beginning to see a few flakes hitting the visor. As I ride through Dulce it begins to come down pretty briskly and I can see little skiffs of snow blowing along the road. The road is still dry, but I am getting really cold even with all the gear!

When I stop for gas in Chama it is really snowing and the road is wet. By now I'm not feeling as cold...sort of numb...and stupid! I am thinking just maybe I had better not try to get to Taos, but it is still only about 3:30, and I am thinking I could keep riding on to Espanola. As I head out of Chama I am glad I am tall enough to see over the [windscreen](#) as I can't see through it BECAUSE IT IS ALL

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COVERED WITH SNOW! ...and now I can see car tracks in the SNOW ON THE ROAD!!

About then I see a motel sign saying they have free wi-fi and that gets through to me. I walk into the office and mumble something about thinking of stopping or maybe riding on to Espanola. The couple running the motel, Kim and Rich Casford, "help" me decide to stay, and I am so cold I can't fill out the register! Rich goes ahead to get the heat turned all the way up in a room while Kim helps with the registration and gets me the number of a pizza joint that will deliver. They also let me park the bike under a cover, and Rich brings me a couple of beers while I am still unpacking. If you are ever in Chama I highly recommend the Vista del Rio Lodge.

Was it just Day 3? Was it just 330 miles?

*Day Four*

5:15 AM and it is 12 degrees outside!! I usually like an early start but today I think I will just wait a bit and let things warm up.

By 8:30 the sun has dried things out and it is up to a balmy 31 degrees so I figure it is time to thank my hosts and hit the road. Once again the riding is euphoric with gorgeous scenery and the wind at my back. I am definitely NOT going to Taos through those mountains. I have had about enough cold weather!

On south and more south through Santa Fe, then southeast heading through eastern New Mexico. Stopped for a bite at that center of civilization, Cline's Corners. I knew I was getting closer to Texas and to my roots when I heard a guy in the next booth order "Swate Tae" (sweet tea)!

Rolled on through Fort Sumner without stopping to see Billy the Kid's grave, followed the railroad tracks for miles and miles (yes, some engineers will whistle back at a motorcyclist if



you wave at them. They must get really bored too).

Stopped in Post, Texas for the night, not realizing it was dry. You know...DRY! As in NO BEER! Being seriously low on fluids after 485 miles I got back on the bike and rode across the tracks (I am NOT making this up) to the next precinct, where I was able to buy a couple of cold cans at Brady's Liquors to take back to the motel. I noticed that you could just pull through Brady's drive through and they would hand your order right out the little window!

Ah Texas! Ain't no place like home!

*Day Five*

I didn't have far to go this day, only to Cedar Park just a few miles north of Austin. Given my usual early start I decided to detour through part of the Texas [Hill Country](#). Despite all the usual jokes about Texas and Texans, the [Hill Country](#) really is beautiful and has some great roads to wander along. Butler has even put out a 2nd edition of their Texas [Hill Country](#) motorcycle rides map. Further, Texas highways must be among the best in the country. They are beautifully smooth and most have wide paved shoulders.

As I ride south out of Post I am very conscious of that early morning euphoria. The air is cool, the wind is at my back (for a change), bike's running great...just an excellent time to be on the road. These are known as the High Plains; dead flat, straight roads, enormous fields of knee-high corn and ripe winter wheat. The wind is making it pretty hazy, but it is obvious that Texas is in the wind-energy business as well as the oil-energy business. I pass (literally) hundreds of those huge, white wind generators. They go as far as I can see, emerging from the haze in front of me and disappearing into the haze behind me.

Along the way I stopped at a picnic area and encountered Gary Ruppert who was riding SCMA's USA Four Corners Tour. Small world.



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As I ride further south the land begins to wrinkle up a bit and the road develops a few curves. The wind generators are now along the ridges.

As I took that picture, three guys on Harleys rode past, going in my direction. We wave, and after I catch up to them in a few miles I drop in behind them. They turn down a county road that looks uninteresting on my map, but I decide to follow on the assumption that local riders probably know the better roads.

Good decision! Nice brisk sweepers and good scenery, and pavement as smooth as butter with more of those wide paved shoulders. In Texas, if a faster car comes up from behind, you are expected to move over and drive on the shoulder to let them pass. Very polite thing to do, although it does create some tense moments coming over a blind hill.

Lunch found me just north of Eden, TX with 1998 miles on the clock. Texas has some interesting town names. Yesterday I gassed up in the town of Muleshoe, which is not too far from Buffalo Gap. Cut and Shoot is over in East Texas, and there are several little town with names like Constitution, Liberty and Liberty Hill, and Old Glory. Railroads recruited lots of Germans, Czechs and other central Europeans during the 19th century with offers of free land (and the promise of an escape from the wars of that era) figuring they would be industrious and grow and make things that would be shipped on their railroads. During WW-I many of the towns they settled changed their German-sounding names to less controversial "patriotic" names.

As I rode through Llano I paused just long enough to get a pic of the old courthouse. The Hill Country has lots of these old stone courthouses. In Central- and East Texas they built



mostly out of wood, and sadly most of them burned down over the years. Then I beat it on to my sister-in-law's place in Cedar Park. Total for the day? Only 345 miles this time even with the wanderings.

*Days Six and Seven*

Got together on Friday with an old friend from grad school who lives in Manchaca--pronounced "Man-Shack" by locals. Mostly we tried to find some of our old profs and ended up drinking beers in his back yard. Also tried, unsuccessfully, to overdose on Texas BBQ brisket. I'll just have to go back and try again!

On Saturday I said goodbye to my very generous sister-in-law and rode to College Station. I made it in time for the morning soiree one of the "girls" threw for our 50th high school reunion. The bike turned up 2284 miles when I dropped the kickstand in front of the place.

Boy, was I well-armed with stories to share with my old high school buddies! Sure beats flying.



*Editor's Note: David Kent lives in Walnut Creek, California. He is a self-confessed long distance riding newbie and new to SCMA. David offered his story to us:*

*"I am a fairly new member of SCMA and so I am not sure if this might be something of interest for the newsletter. I have just completed a ride from CA to TX to my 50th high school reunion. This was my first real motorcycle tour and I learned a lot while doing it. Do you think a ride report might be of interest to SCMA members?"*

*David: Yes, indeed.*

## Three Flags Ticket Sales Have Ended But Getting a Ticket Is Still Possible!

Look for ticket re-sales on the  
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## *The Latest on the 2014 Three Flags Classic*

*By Blake P. Anderson*

### *Registration Information*

On May 15 we closed ticket sales as we had announced back in December. We sold approximately 292 ride tickets. Sales were crazy in March but quiet in April and May. 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).

Big news: Ticket re-sales are now ongoing. Go to the SCMA website, click on Three Flags Forum. Post tickets for sale there or look for tickets to buy. SCMA does not participate in ticket re-sales. Buyers and sellers must manage transactions themselves. Buyers are obligated to contact SCMA and notify us of the sale. Provide us the name of the seller and all of the buyer's contact information that is on the SCMA ride event application form.

Other Big News: If you haven't made reservations at the Harrison Hot Springs resort, do so by June 15 to receive the Three Flags Classic discount.

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

### *What you will 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

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

### **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 had blocked rooms at the Shilo Inn for \$71. Call them at (855) 201-7819 and mention Three Flags Classic.

We had 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. A few rooms are left. **Our blocked rate ends June 15.**

### *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. 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](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)

<b>Member Information: (You must be a member of the SCMA).</b>			
<b>Note - If this data is different than your member profile check this box.</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>
Last	First	M.I.	SCMA Number
<input type="text"/>			<input type="text"/>
Address		Date of Birth	Male/Female
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		mm    dd    yy	
City	State	Country	Zip/Postal Code
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Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	E mail	
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Rider	(check one)	Passenger	
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Emergency Contact Information:			
Name	Phone	Email	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
<b>Motorcycle Information:</b>			
Motorcycle Make:	<input type="text"/>	Model:	<input type="text"/>
		Year:	<input type="text"/>
		Trike:	<input type="checkbox"/>
License Plate:	<input type="text"/>		
<b>Ride Information:</b>		(Check one)	<b>Rider Fee:</b> (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
<b>Mail To:</b>	<b>SCMA</b>		
	<b>P.O.Box 487</b>		
	<b>Norwalk, CA 90651</b>		

## 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*

Eight 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)



## *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. Over 290 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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*Sell It Here...*

*2010 Goldwing* \$17,500, 8000 miles, Honda warranty until 2019. Loaded: ABS, XM, Nav, extra lights and more. Bike is in San Francisco. Scott Reiner. [reiner49@cox.net](mailto:reiner49@cox.net)

*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.

*Our General Membership Meetings*

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)



*SCMA's Four Corners True X Ride  
 Puts You at the Center of  
 It All*



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

## June

- 14 SCMA Board Meeting, Coco's Covina, 8am
- 14 SCMA General Membership Meeting, Coco's Covina, 10am
- 19-23 BMWCOOSC Seven Passes Ride Camping and Hotels
- 21 *South Coasters Summer Solstice, Dana Point, 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 BMWCOOSC Central Rockies Tour, Hotels/Camping

## August

- 9 BMWCOOSC, Ride to Cold Spring Tavern
- 16 SCMA Board Meeting, Coco's Covina, 8am
- 16 SCMA General Membership Meeting, Coco's Covina, 10am
- 23-24 BMWCOOSC, Big Bear
- 28 Touch the Fence Breakfast Ride, Tucson to Nogales
- 28 Three Flags Mandatory Sign-in, Tucson Doubletree, noon to 7pm
- 28 Three Flags BBQ,
- 29 Three Flags Start, Tucson 3 to 6pm

## Other SCMA Events in 2014...

- 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)*

Articles and advertising must be received by the 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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.