



# SCMA NEWS

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## Farewell to Blake

*The Journey is the Destination ~ Blake*

Over 40 SCMA members were in attendance at Blake Anderson's



Memorial and almost all of them were on their motorcycles. Many of them rode their bikes long distances, some flew in from the east and rented bikes, all rode to honor our friend. On Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, the first group of riders on The Blake Anderson Memorial Ride departed Bert's Mega Mall in Covina and headed to Irv Seaver's

BMW to form up with the 2<sup>nd</sup> group of riders.

Steve Shulman, SCMA Chairman, and Joseph Piazza, Blake's brother-in-law, led the group to the Memorial that was graciously held by Blake and Giovanna's neighbors, Jessica Carr and Joy Ridout. The column of riders was a



sight to behold as it traveled down the freeways led by Steve

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## Upcoming Events:

SCMA'S Winter Solstice SS 1000 Challenge: DEC 21

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on Blake's yellow Gold Wing and Joseph on Blake's BMW. Approaching the memorial site, riders were greeted with applause and cheers from family, friends and neighbors that had gathered for the event.



Everyone was warmly greeted and treated to kegs of Blake's favorite brews and an Ice Cream Truck was positioned outside serving scoops of Blake's favorite ice cream flavors. Inside there were posters of photograph collages of Blake, his family, friends and numerous shots of SCMA members. A large banner depicting Blake standing next to his Gold Wing was affixed to the wall and guests were encouraged to ink a remembrance comment upon it.



On the half hour the microphone was available to guests to offer their toasts and tributes to Blake and family. Listening to the tributes we learned of Blake's family, his favorite activities (did you know that he liked cigars with his beer??) and joined in the laughter in the retelling of a humorous event and became misty eyed with the heartfelt expressions of loss.

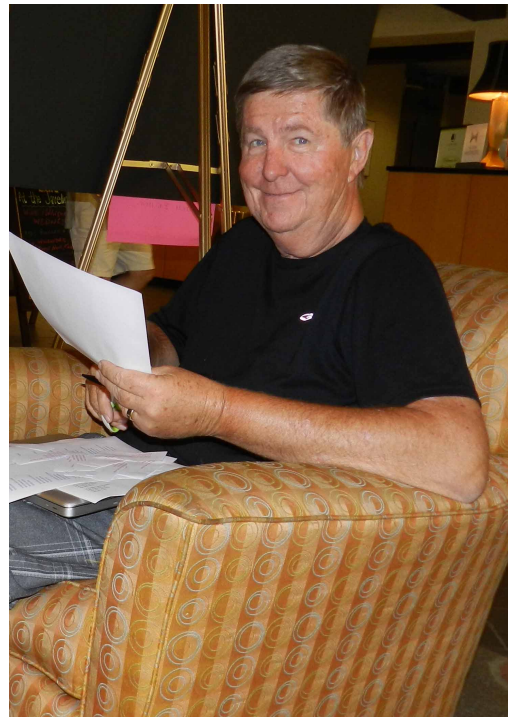
It was a wonderful Memorial, we were all:

Joyful in our sadness

Uplifted by his memory

Motivated in feeling his goodness

Warmed by the love felt by all



*The Journey is the Destination ~ Blake Anderson*

## Letter from the Chairman



Greetings All:

It wouldn't be appropriate to begin this letter without a brief comment and tribute to Blake Anderson. Blake had a passion for the SCMA and a vision about its future. He frequently talked about taking the SCMA to the next level

and in his tenure as Chairman he instituted monthly Board/Membership meetings. He constructed a newsletter that was classy, informative, educational and enjoyable to read. He embraced other motorcycle groups and brought them in as Affiliated Clubs. He Chaired the 2014 Three Flags Classic. Surveys indicated the ride was a tremendous success. But most importantly, Blake's engaging personality and warmth caused people from all over this country and Canada, to feel his passion for motorcycling. He once told me, "Once you get the SCMA under your skin, you're hooked." He was right.

Blake's mantra was "The Journey IS the Destination" and I can tell you he enjoyed every moment of his journey. He will be sorely missed.

Blake would not want us to dwell on his passing. He would want us to be inspired as we continue with the business of the SCMA. As Chairman I intend to maintain the standards set by Blake and in the past few weeks since his passing we have continued with that theme.

At the last Board Meeting I asked the Board to place **R. "Gonzo" Gonzalez** as **Vice Chair** of the organization, replacing my vacant position. The Board agreed to do so. Gonzo has a passion for riding, enjoys people, and likes solving problems. These are important characteristics critical to

running this organization. He will be an asset in the coming year and I look forward to working with him. "Gonzo" will also maintain the responsibilities of the **Member Services Director**.

We also appointed **Lori Anttila** to a Board position and she will serve as **Secretary** of the organization. Though she feels a little overwhelmed at the moment, there is no doubt in my mind she has the ability to fill the position, and be a valuable contributor to our team.

**Steve Howe** is a Board Member and the **Risk Manager** for the SCMA. He is a very important asset in our organization. In this capacity he keeps us out of trouble and usually explains to me and other members of the Board the "risks" of our actions. I value his opinion, input, and research as this is probably the single-most important volunteer assignment in the organization.

**Steve Howe** also designs and administers many of the SCMA rides throughout the year. He does a great job putting these together. For a guy who still has a full-time job I don't know where he finds the time to get these done. But since he does get "it" done, we'll likely give him more responsibility! No good job goes unpunished!

**John Mickus** is a Board Member, was elected **Treasurer** in July 2014, and is doing a great job of keeping our finances in order. He manages funds for a number of his clients outside the SCMA and is also an attorney. This work comes easy for John and I look forward to working with him in the coming year as we make some administrative changes in recording keeping. I am happy to report the Association is in sound financial condition.

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The following people are Ride Chairs but not Board Members -

**Dannie Fox** will continue to be the **USA Four Corners Chair** as he has done a great job in his inaugural year. We are getting ready to order materials for 2015 as we complete the finisher packages for the 2014 riders.

**Charlie Coyner** will retire as the **"15 Best Roads Chair"** and we are currently talking to a few potential replacements for 2015. Charlie did a terrific job of keeping this ride on track. I personally think the patch that goes with the successful completion of this ride to be one of our best.

**Dennis Even** will continue to Chair the **Parks Adventure/Missions Tour** for 2015 and I look forward to having someone as experienced as Dennis administering this ride. I will look to him as an important, longtime, SCMA resource.

**Alan Hirst** is our Quartermaster. Alan maintains an inventory of all the things owned by the SCMA. From flags to pins... when were looking for items we need to use we look to Alan to provide us those items in our inventory.

I will be the **2015 Chair for the Three Flags Classic**. I am building a small team that will facilitate a great 40<sup>th</sup> annual ride. I'm excited about a great route, banquet, and a few surprises. Once we "ink" the Finish hotel we will provide more details, but we preliminarily believe the ride will commence in the San Diego, CA area and finish on Vancouver Island B.C. Canada. More information will come out in December 2014 and Registration will commence on January 1, 2015 as usual. Keep an eye on the forum for more details.

In the coming year our Board hopes to accomplish a number of things that will make 2015 a remarkable year. I will discuss some of those things in future newsletters.

In short, the Association is in great shape and we are going to have a great year designing and administering rides for you. I look forward to meeting many of you on these rides and taking the organization to the next level! Don't hesitate to bring a friend to one of our next rides.

Please e-mail me at anytime with questions. If you're in the Southern California let me know so I can meet you for coffee, soda or sandwich.

Respectfully yours,

Steven Shulman  
Chairman

"We don't stop riding because we get old, we get old because we stop riding"

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## Greetings from the Vice Chairman



In my second year of membership, in August 2012, coming off the 15 USA Best Roads Challenge, I arrived in El Paso to ride my first Three Flags Classic. Within 30 minutes of arriving I was chatting with Blake, and before I knew it he had me and others in tow riding to a nearby Mexican restaurant.

Thus began my recruitment and involvement with SCMA. Four years a member and I am still hooked by our rides. SCMA gave me a format to learn about and experience LD riding. SCMA gave me 5 Major Events to ride, without which I would never have seen all that I saw of this wonderful country from atop a motorcycle. SCMA gave me a gift of multiple journeys and I wanted to payback that gift. I began doing that last year by chairing the Turkey Ride, then the Awards Banquet this year, and then becoming your Membership Services Director.

I look forward to working with the members of our Board in keeping our Association operating, in improving processes where possible, and ensuring our members receive the best of service.

R. "Gonzo" Gonzalez

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## Editor's Corner



My thanks to all of you for patiently awaiting our newsletter and for your understanding the circumstances surrounding its tardiness.

Blake covered a lot of territory but our newsletter was his biggest passion. He thoroughly enjoyed assembling a work of art that entertained readers while using it as a tool to communicate to all. He was constantly searching for the interesting story as well as trying to advertise the opportunities that SCMA offered its members.

The greatest act he did with our newsletter was make it available to everyone and anyone regardless of membership status. What a novel idea !! This unique approach was indicative of Blake's persona and his desire to communicate distance riding stories and events to everyone.

I do not have the Blake "Set of Tools" to smoothly slide into his writing chair. But I do have the same passion. I have experienced the fun of riding the SCMA events, the adventure of meeting many Americans across the USA and introducing them to the SCMA, and the pleasure of learning from all of you riders out there on the highways. All I need now is to learn how to sit at the desk and continue to produce our newsletter in the Blake fashion. What a nice goal to have!

This month's issue has been difficult to publish. It has been difficult emotionally, creatively and technically. My thanks to Rodney "ElChinoLoco" Chew of the AZRATPack, affiliate club located in Arizona. He solved the technical issue and recreated Blake's format for the newsletter thereby allowing me to focus on communicating.

Our December and subsequent newsletters will begin to evolve into the standards set by Blake. I look forward to being part of that and encourage you all to send me your ideas and stories and join me in making our newsletter a fun 'rag' to read.

R, "Gonzo" Gonzalez  
Editor

### SCMA'S Affiliated Clubs

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## 2014 Three Flags Classic



Mike Barber and I tagged up in Lake Forest and headed south on I-5 for Tucson. Our anticipation to ride this year's 3FC was heightened with the opportunity to meet up with Charles Lamb in San Diego and ride along I-8 and I-10 for about 250 miles with him. For those of you that haven't met Charles, he is a major benefactor to our Four Corners Park in Madawaska and is almost finished with his two year goal of riding 12 USA Four Corner Tour events – one for each month.

The three of us arrived at the Double Tree Hotel at Reid Park that Wednesday afternoon and were

warmly greeted by the 3FC welcoming committee. Giovanna Piazza (Blake Anderson's wife) and Jack Knorst (IT guru) had the registering table manned, cold water bottles, passport photograph station and the perfect location....right in front of the lounge/bar !!



Thursday morning about 70 riders headed to Nogales to participate in the "Touch the Fence Ride" arranged by Chuck Gatecliff and his son Brent. The Assistant City Manager, Chief of Police, SCMA Chair Blake Anderson and President of the Nogales Mexico M/C took turns addressing the group and welcoming all to Nogales. The event was extremely well organized and managed by members of

the City Police and Customs/Immigration. After getting "Touching the Fence" photo about 20 of us followed the of the Nogales M/C as he escorted us into Mexico. We photos at their town "square" and then the Nogales Motorcycle Policia escorted us on a tour of their city with



our president took Mexico their sirens



and lights announcing our ride. The highlight of the event was watching one of their Police Officers stand on his BMW and ride it all the way to the border! Sure wish I had a photo of him doing that!

Once back at the Double Tree Hotel, many of us took advantage of the charity bike wash. They detailed bike and wheels for only \$20 and it all went to a good cause helping folks retrain for new jobs. Inside the Banquet Halls was

the Isabella Ice cream's antique truck serving riders with cups of REAL ice cream made the old fashioned way. Ride Now Powersports had two 2015 Honda Gold Wings on display as well as two lovely young ladies on hand to answer questions (I'm not sure but I think there was a young man there also). Steve Shulman had rider registration



leaned out to a one location, flow down the line, check-in process. At the very end of the

line, rider's passports, with photo, were awaiting their owners! Many thanks to volunteers Steve Howe, Jack Knorst, Steve Andrus, Sandra Downs and her husband, Holly Fee, Rhonda Fussel and others for attending the various stations and processing riders through their check-in.

Next stop was the evening BBQ catered by the Double Tree. The buffet line was stocked with salad, potatoes, rice, chicken, ribs, breads, green beans, and finally an assortment of desserts. While everyone was enjoying the BBQ and camaraderie, Sandra Downs was



awesome in selling 3FC T-shirts and tickets for the 50/30/20 raffle. Close to \$1,000 in door prizes were then raffled off to riders. The highlight of the evening was the *J&M Corporation's* representative awarding the motorcycle Bluetooth headset; he had everyone laughing with his stand-up comedy routine. At the end of the affair, Blake addressed everyone, adjourned the meeting and encouraged them to ride safe.

First time riders were invited to join in a presentation conducted by Victor Castañeda Jr. Rodney "ElChinoLoco" Chew, Allen "AK" Kelley, Dave Simkins and Phillip Jackson the "3FC Posse" of the AZRATPack.



Engines started cranking at 3:00 am as early riders headed to the front of the hotel to present their credentials and depart for the first check point in Torrey Utah. First time 3 Flaggers-Mike Barber, Steve Ogden and Lori Antilla-Ogden joined me for my usual late 6am departure.



Along the first day's route we enjoyed sights at Old Town Globe, the Vermillion Cliffs of UT, Cliff Dwellers on US89 and the famous Red Canyon. Arriving in Escalante about 7:30pm we stopped to don warmer clothing anticipating the colder temperatures as nightfall came upon us. That

last 65 miles to Torrey was in ridden in complete darkness, took almost 2 hours, and surprised a lot of cows on the road!!

Day two: We had a light breakfast at the Red Sands Hotel and also checked in with Ralphine Andrus' team manning the Torrey checkpoint. Then we were riding out of Torrey by 7am. We didn't get too far before the road began climbing into the mountains and topped us out upon a gorgeous vista. We just had to stop and get photos. Returning to our bikes we heard a lone motorcycle coming along the road; it was the familiar yellow Gold Wing with Blake and Giovanna aboard, waving as they glided by. Riding the Utah countryside was a complete joy and we all wanted to keep to the route. But I needed to get to the Twin Falls HD for a brake repair before the service department closed. So we deviated from the route at I-80 and slabbed the remaining distance to Twin Falls ID.



Check Point #2 was at Snake Harley Davidson in Twin Falls Idaho. Riders took a good

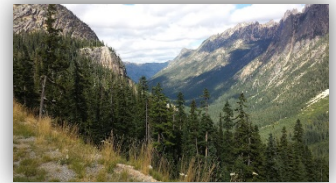


break here feasting on the snacks provided by the dealership while the Snake HD service team inducted my decaled Road King into the repair shop. Dinner that evening was at a Mongolian Buffet where we relaxed with good food, beer and stories of the day's events.

At this point the first timers were now seasoned distance riders....and pressed me to get up earlier! So start time out of Twin Falls was in the cold dark until reaching Boise for a fast food breakfast and warm coffee. Then it was out onto beautiful ID55 riding north on fun curves paralleling flowing streams and rivers and into New Meadows. Our next stop was at the famous Oxbow Dam area. We were tired and hungry so we ate some Clif Bars and totally forgot to get a group photo at the famous dam!



From there it was on into Oregon riding the gorgeous rolling hills and countryside into Baker then north where we finally arrived at Checkpoint #3 at the Hampton Inn of Walla Walla Washington. The checkpoint team had to position themselves outside in the hotel's parking lot. And, as would be expected, they



got strong winds, some rain, and then sunburn! Kudos to them for soldiering through it all and greeting us riders with enthusiastic smiles.

Once again the group made me get up even earlier! We headed off to our first stop at the Grand Coulee Dam. From there the adventurous group headed to Omak to begin their first ride through the Cascades! Wow!!! We were all blown away by the magnificent beauty of the Cascade Mountain Range.

We finally caught our breaths once out of the Cascades and headed to the border on WA9. Patiently moving inches at a time (long lines) we finally passed customs and headed to Harrison Hot Springs! The end to a fantastic 4 day ride was now in sight. At the hotel finishers were warmly greeted by the Greater Vancouver M/C



and awarded their commemorative buckles. Festivities began as soon as riders arrived at the finish line. The Hotel's lounge was the perfect place to relax, enjoy a cold brew and retell the events of the last four days with only slight exaggeration.

Morning found many a rider with a slight headache as they toured the small town on foot and strolled along the lakeshore. Some ventured to the hot springs pools and recovered in the warm mineral waters. Others just relaxed in the hotel's comfortable luxury.





## 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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The evening's festivities soon began with everyone randomly selecting tables. The Canadian, American and Mexican Flags were carried into the ballroom by an honor guard led by a Canadian Mountie. With the posting of the Flags, Blake addressed the assembled riders and welcomed them, and Pastor Giovanna Piazza gave invocation with a recognition of Glenn Gelman, a rider fatally injured during the ride.

Our most entertaining speakers included Leo Facio, Mayor of



Harrison Hot Springs, Staff Sergeant Dale Somerville of the Royal Canadian Mounties, SCMA Chairman Blake Anderson, and Vice Chairman Steve Shulman.



During the sumptuous dinner, recognition was given to the youngest and oldest male and female riders, to the rider who traveled the farthest from his home to the start in Tucson, to the rider of a bike with the smallest engine, etc. The to Miles for getting a fellow broken hip. Over \$4,000 in the final give away being the year's pot was over \$5,000! The "50%" winner was the same last act of the evening was to invite riders, who have ridden the Three Flags Classic for 25 years or more, to join each other onstage and enjoy everyone's applause in recognition of their accomplishment.



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All agreed that this year's Classic was the best ever. Many of the first time riders were wide eyed with the event and vowed to ride the Classic next year.

Thank you Blake and Steve for a memorable 2014 Three Flags Classic. Memorable in so many ways on so many levels.



## 2014 3FC Factoid

Bikes :        Honda: 97            BMW: 59        HD: 49            Yamaha: 12  
                  Kawasaki: 7            Triumph: 5     Victory: 3        Suzuki: 3  
                  Ducati: 2              Can-Am: 1     Unknown: 2

Total Bikes = 240    Total Passengers = 7

Smallest CC Engine : Gary Duncan - Suzuki Burgman – 638cc

Oldest Male Rider – John Pursley – 88            Oldest Female Rider – Judy Chester – 70\*  
Youngest Male Rider – Eric Bulger – 17        Youngest Female Rider – Holly Turton – 41\*  
Oldest Female Passenger        - Yvonna Allen – 79\*  
Youngest Female Passenger    – Susie Bae – 30

Longest Distance to Tucson: Brian Douglas  
3,760 miles from Delta, BC, CA

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## California Adventure Tour Reminder

The SCMA 2014 event calendar for the California National Parks Tour and the California Missions Tour closes on December 15, 2014.

The Passport and photos must be in to qualify as a finisher for Tour in which you registered as well as for the "Triple Crown Award"

Send you completed passport book, with photos, to :

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The pin and plaque will be ordered in your name after the close of the event (December 15<sup>th</sup>). Normally, we return your passport and provide a memorial plaque at our annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet conducted this year on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Please check the SC-MA.com website for details.

Dennis Even,  
Chair, California Adventure Tour

# Reports from the Officers

## Secretairies Report :

It is an honor to be the new Secretary for our SCMA. I look forward to ensuring our meetings are properly recorded and contributing to our Association as a member of the Board of Directors. My immediate goals are to ensure all required filings with the State are current.

My husband Steve and I joined membership after riding the Grand Tour and Cemetery Tour in 2012. We were hooked, great people, great rides. This year we have been riding the Traveler's Awards rides and rode the Three Flags Classic for the first time. It was an experience not to be forgotten and look forward to repeating in 2015. We look forward to meeting you out on the highway, keep the rubber side down and the shiny side up.

Lori Anttila-Ogden

## Risk Managers Report:

My passion is motorcycle riding and, to paraphrase Blake, the SCMA got "under my skin". I have enjoyed riding all the Traveler's Rides and recently completed my third Three Flags Classic. Being involved in the administration of our Association is my way of paying back what you all have done for me. I want to be sure our Association is successful and, in that regard, as a member of the Board and Risk Manager, ensure our risks are mitigated. I look forward to seeing you on the road.

Steve Howe

## Membership Services Director's Report

Membership services involves tracking membership renewals, recruiting corporate sponsorship, managing membership communications, addressing membership issues, managing social media, and seeking ways to improve our processes.

The primary task at hand is to establish the process of making membership cards for all our members and providing a welcome package with each renewal. My original goal was to establish this process by the end of November. Due to current circumstances, this process may not be implemented until the end of January, so I ask for your patience and understanding.

If at any time you have a question in regards to your membership please do not hesitate to email or call me so that we can immediately resolve it.

R. "Gonzo" Gonzalez



## 2014 Travelers Award: *November Update*

As of July 1, two riders have completed 10 of 10 rides, one rider has completed 9 of 10, five have completed 8 of 10, one has completed 7 of 10 and 5 riders have completed 5 or less.

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 cannot be used for the Platinum "Suite 16" award level. It stands alone without substitution

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  
Contact him at  
(310.345.9799  
or

[mitcho399@gmail.com](mailto:mitcho399@gmail.com)



*Mitch*

## SCMA's Help Wanted

1. **Ride Chairs for 2015.** Start thinking about the 2015 riding calendar. Are you ready to jump in as volunteer? How about designing and presenting one of our one-day or weekend rides? Do you have a dream route or idea that you would like to share with your fellow riders? Make start and finish arrangements, design the route, pre-ride it to prove it, create a flyer and manage the sign-in at the start.

*If you are interested in these volunteer possibilities, call or email or talk to Steve Shulman or any member of the SCMA board of directors*

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

**2011 Harley Davidson** \$14,800, ONLY 2,275 miles, Black Heritage Softail, perfect condition. Contact Steve [Steven1050@aol.com](mailto:Steven1050@aol.com) or 949.769.1726

*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. Unless announced otherwise, 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 Next General Membership Meeting will be:

December, 13<sup>th</sup> 2014 at CoCo's at 9am, address above..



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For Information and Rules Visit:  
[www.sc-ma.com](http://www.sc-ma.com) and Register On-Line.**

For more Information,  
Contact Charlie Coyner, SCMA Best 15 Chair at (719) 432-8856 or [charlie.coyner@gmail.com](mailto:charlie.coyner@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 planning for the 2011, 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Three Flags Classic is gaining momentum. The ride will finish in Victoria, Vancouver, British Columbia. The ride will be 5 days in duration (anniversary rides are always longer than normal year rides. Stay tuned !! a lot of exciting things are happening and its shaping up to be a doozy of a time !!!*

## **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.

## **The SCMA 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 Triple Crown Winner.

## **The SCMA Grand Slam Award**

New for 2014. Complete the USA Four Corners Tour, the Three Flags Classic, California Parks Adventure, California Mission Tour, The Best 15 US Roads Challenge and the Travelers Award Gold Level in a single calendar year.

## **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. The next banquet is March 7, 2015.

## This Grand Slam is not at Dennys

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  
Three Flags Classic  
Best 15 US Roads Challenge  
California Missions Tour  
California Parks TourAdventure  
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 the qualifying year.

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

Ronald "Gonzo" Gonzalez will administer the SMA Grand Slam during 2014. Gonzo can be contacted via email at:  
GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com

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### *Some Valuable Fine Print (REALLY ! )*

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Email Newsletter submittals to:  
[GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com](mailto:GonzoCrossUSA@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 more information, applications and other resources. Links to all our affiliated clubs are there also.

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Advertising space is provided to our members only. Regular membership is 30\$ for one year and 50\$ for two years. Wantads are free for regular members. Sponsoring corporate membership is 600\$ per year and included a on-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.

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