



The holidays mean different things to many people. However, everyone who celebrates this holiday all share in the common custom of giving gifts.

This is the time when we all try to find a special gift to give to those we have in our lives. We search for that special gift to make the recipient feel happy, joyful, loved, and appreciated. We look forward to this time so we can spend it with family and friends, and share this special time of giving and receiving. This is the time when we receive that special little "farkle" for our motorized steed(s). Or,

perhaps that new addition or replacement riding gear. The horizon of surprises is unlimited, usually expected, but sometimes a real surprise. Either way, it makes your riding year pretty enjoyable.

One thing we know our members like to do is ride. Perhaps a gentle hint to a family member, reminding them you've always wanted to ride the USA Four Corners, the Three Flags Classic or the 15 Best Roads would be a great gift... to you!" It never hurts to drop a hint

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SCMA'S Winter Solstice SS1000	Dec 21
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*Safe & Happy Holidays from the SCMA to all your family and friends*

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## Chairman's Letter



Happy holidays!

As we end 2014 and bring in 2015 we reflect on what a great year we had. We also had a

devastating loss in Blake's passing. That said, Blake would not have us dwell on that, so I'm hear to tell you we have an exciting year ahead of us. We have some new Board Members, and others have changed positions in the organization, (including yours truly). There is a lot of energy brewing and we're excited about the new riding year.

So, here are a few of the things we have in the works:

- We are looking at creating a new look for the Newsletter and the SCMA logo.
- We are updating the design on the USA Four Corners Plaque and adding a shirt in the 2015 Starters package.
- We are planning an exciting 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Three Flags Classic (Labor Day week), which will commence in the San Diego area and finish on Victoria Island.
- We are constantly re-designing our Traveler's Award rides and we're

always looking for ways to improve the Premier Rides.

- In 2015 we will have a new 15 Best Roads Chairman in Bob Roger who lives in Ohio.
- Joe La Chance, President and founder of the Madawaska Four Corners Park Association is adding some great features to the Four Corners Park. I encourage you to go to [www.madawaskafourcorners.org](http://www.madawaskafourcorners.org) and take a look.

We are a work-in-progress and we're always searching for new ways to make riding more interesting. So please reach out to me, or any of your Board members, and provide us feedback. We exist for only one reason... to provide you great motorcycle rides, and to have fun.

I look forward to seeing many of you on our rides in the coming year.

Sincerely,

**Steven Shulman**  
Chairman, SCMA

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



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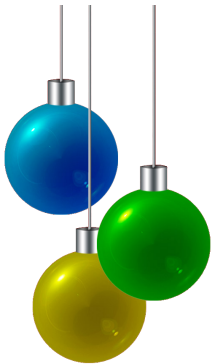
and besides people probably don't know what to get you anyways!

And all around us there is the gift of friendship. SCMA members have given their gift of friendship to each other. They have given their gift of friendship across borders, between coasts, and amongst different bike families. This gift of friendship is often observed at chance meetings during stops at one of the four corners, in Deal's Gap, at a

Mission, during meals at the end of a Traveler's Award Ride, and especially at the gathering of the Three Flags Classic.

We wish you a Happy Holiday Season and a joyous New Year, may you enjoy your gifts throughout 2015.

***From the Board of Directors, Event Chairs and numerous volunteers***



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**Remember the 2014 AZRatPack Alien Abduction Tour ?**



Grand Tour



This year's October Grand Tour began on October 4<sup>th</sup> with riders checking in at 7am at Denny's Restaurant on Delone Street in Canyon Country. The twelve riders enjoyed breakfast and then departed on their individual rides, heading for Scotts Valley, east of Santa Cruz.

The route took riders along CA126 into Ventura (home to Mission San Buena Ventura) and onto US101 north. The weather was perfect Southern California weather and perfect for a 350-mile ride along the beautiful Pacific coast. Continuing through Santa Barbara, riders turned onto CA1 south of Buellton and headed toward Lompoc and Vandenberg AFB (one could ride by the Mission La Purisima Concepcion just outside of Lompoc and avoid passing through the center of town).

From there CA-1 ventured into San Luis Obispo and then split off US101, angling northwest toward Morro Bay. Riders had a beautiful view of the famous Morro Rock.



Departing Morro Bay, all were

anticipating the beautiful vistas of the Pacific Coast ride, one of the 15 Best USA Roads Challenge. Just north of Cambria riders passed through San Simeon with its view of famous Hearst Castle high in the hills, and about four miles later, riders could observe the Elephant Seals sunbathing on the beach.

At Ragged Point some took a lunch break enjoying excellent sandwiches at the local restaurant while others continued another 15 miles or less to Gorda and enjoyed lunch there while viewing the Pacific Ocean. Fuel at both Ragged Pt and Gorda was in the \$5 range. Another 12-15 miles up the coast

riders passed the obscure entry onto the challenging Nacimiento-Fergusson Rd. This is the only road between Morro Bay and Carmel that cuts over the mountains, connecting to US101 at King City via Hunter-Liggett Army Base. If you take this road be prepared for challenging climbs, descents, turns, and very tight spots. It's not a road for beginners. If you do take it, you'll find yourself at the Hunter-Liggett Army Base and the Mission San Antonio de Padua. The Mission has the first recorded marriage in Alta California taking place here in 1773.



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# October's Cemetery Tour



By Gonzo, SCMA #25051

During a ride planning session, Steve Howe (Ride Chair), Lori Anttila (Secretary) and Steve Ogden (Ride Co-chair) were sitting back in their chairs pondering dark thoughts. They were challenged to find cemeteries for the Cemetery Tour that hadn't been visited before and taking routes that went to new and interesting places.

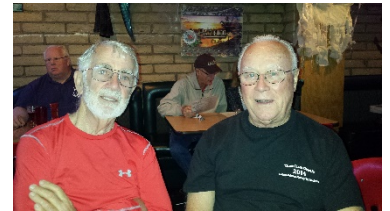
That's when Lori came up with the idea of heading north.....as in REALLY NORTH! She proposed this year's start point to be in Bakersfield and end in Bishop.



There were a number of desert roads and cemeteries that could be found between those two points that many of our riders hadn't experienced before. It was an excellent idea! Steve Ogden and Lori also found the perfect starting point at Zingo's Café located on Buck Owen's Blvd just off CA99.

The "Cemetery Trio" (Steve, Steve and Lori) conducted the sign-ins and issued ride pins

while Alan and Pat Veth contributed to the fun with an occasional witticism while enjoying their breakfast. Riders signed in using the backbone and leg bone shaped pens provided by Lori and "gifted" to riders to take home as a souvenir. We had 17 riders on 15 bikes show up for the event and everyone agreed that Zingo's Ham, eggs, potatoes and pancakes were the biggest servings they had ever seen!! We got a group shot of the last riders before they headed out on their ride into the past! Unfortunately forensics was unable to identify the bodies in the photo.



The route took riders out of Bakersfield heading east on CA178 into the delightful curves of Kern Canyon road thru Lake Isabella, back onto 178 towards the small town of Onyx and Cottage Grove Cemetery just a little bit more east. They continued onto CA14 north to US395.



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Exiting on 190 riders then headed northwest on CA136 to find the Keeler Cemetery. Once riders found the site their only option was to park their bikes on the shoulder and hike across the

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desert sand to see the markers.

From there it was about 16 miles to Lone Pine to find the Pioneer Cemetery and the Old Lone Pine Cemetery where, if the rumors were correct, two riders dropped their bikes in the soft dirt road. Before departing Lone Pine some folks made a pit stop and then headed north eleven miles for Manzanar NHS. Manzanar is on the SCMA's Parks Adventure Tour and has one of the best informative Visitor's Center telling the story of how the Federal Government incarcerated and relocated American citizens of Japanese descent to this barren, cold desert location. Visiting the cemetery was a challenge however, as riders had to traverse the soft dirt road. So most opted out and just visited the Center.



Next stop was about 7 miles north into the town of Independence to visit the Independence Jewish Cemetery. By the way, for

those of you who enjoy camping while motorcycling, Independence has a nice public campground about ½ mile from the city center. It is well maintained with restrooms, next to the gurgling Independence Creek, and only costs \$10 a night.

The last stop was about 40 miles north to Bishop where riders found the Sunland Cemetery out in the southeast

edge of town where Barlow Lane dead-ended (pun intended).

Bishop was the end point and most riders had reservations at the Travelodge (formerly Ramada Inn). Twelve riders met up at the *Back Alley Grill* located in the bowling alleys and had a fun time enjoying a casual dinner and sipping their favorite brews.

Many thanks to Steve Howe, Steve Ogden and Lori Antilla for putting this ride together and also to Mike Barber for helping with the pre-ride! The ride and the camaraderie were enjoyed by all as the event was well planned and provided new places to see.



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Pasadena Motorcycle Club

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*See ya Next Year !!!!*

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This Mission is off the beaten path and doesn't benefit from numerous visitors. Despite that they are valiantly trying to restore the mission.

About 25 miles north of the Nacimiento side road, all passed through the Big Sur and then Bixby Bridge about 20 miles south of Carmel. Soon riders passed Carmel, then Monterey and headed into Santa Cruz turning onto I-17 east towards Scotts Valley where they spent the night at the Best Western. Some riders went out to dinner while others got fast food and beer and chilled beside the pool enjoying the evening.

The next day's ride was to be an adventurous one taking riders south to Watsonville and onto state/county roads through the beautiful coastal hills south to riding G12 to US101 into Salinas. Next was CA68 to Laureles Grade Rd (G20) heading south on that until ending at G16. Now, a little word about G16, this is an absolutely beautiful road. It actually originates out of Carmel and is named Carmel Valley Road, West and East. It will take you through some of the most beautiful hills in California. Past ranches, farms, cottages, shacks, climbs, ascents, switchbacks, tree tunnels, State Parks, vineyards, you name what you are looking for and you will find it here. G16 finally drops into Greenfield, at US101 back on the western side of the central valley.

Riders then headed south to the small town of San Lucas, heading east on CA198 to Coalinga. It was here that some of the riders deviated from the route and continued to Harris Ranch and its superb restaurant for an excellent lunch. After a long leisurely lunch they decided to just head south on I-5 and return home. Others, continuing on the route, headed south on CA33, west to CA41 to CA229 enjoying a nice local road before turning onto CA58 and riding through the hills and joining onto CA33 for the beautiful ride into Ojai. These roads are forever favorites of SoCal motorcyclists. They offer awesome views, curves both gentle and tight, and the natural scented air of the coastal hills.

In Ojai they turned east and then south on CA150 leading them into Santa Paula where the ride ended. After riding all these exciting roads it was tough to get on interstates and slab it back home. But the lingering memories of the Pacific Coastal vistas helped the miles pass under the wheels.

Many thanks to Kenn Hatke and Phyllis Shaw for planning and arranging another Grand Tour of this beautiful State of California !!!



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## Indians and Indian Summer

By The HalfBreed, Bob Roger SCMA #24383

The 2015 two tone Indian Chiefs seemed like they would never appear at my local Indian dealership, but in late September, an Indian red and thunder black Chief Classic finally arrived. That day I



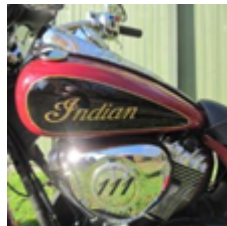
bought it...still in the crate, before it had a chance to reach the showroom floor, and the eyes of other Indian hunters.

A couple of days later, I rode the Chief home to meet his new stable mate, my olive green and black 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Harley Davidson Heritage Softail Springer. The colors of these bikes, as well as



their brands, are diametrically opposed, but they must become blood brothers 'cause

they're both stayin' here until further notice! The first thing that had to be done was to clear up the 111 controversial number on the chief's air cleaner cover. At first glance, it seems to mock Harley's biggest motor of only 110 cu. in. Well, we've come to an agreement here...that same number also appears on the Springer's odometer, which today



reads exactly 111,000 miles. The Springer has issued a challenge to the Chief to run that many miles! The Chief has accepted the challenge, and therefore will be allowed to retain those seemingly offensive numbers on the air cleaner cover, but only as a constant reminder of what is expected!



Okay, now that we've gotten past the formalities, it's time to ride! The Chief is from Spirit Lake, Iowa, so now I need to show him the roads we travel around here. It's early October, and we've had a few warm and sunny "Indian Summer" days, perfect riding weather, and the trees are starting to show some nice fall color.

For the Chief's first trip, I'd thought of riding north up through Huron, Seneca, and Ottawa counties to cruise along the Lake Erie shoreline, but after reconsidering, decided to head south. I laid out an afternoon loop of about 200-miles, starting with a cut across Tuscarawas County over to New Rumley, Ohio, birthplace of Lt. Col. George Custer... the Chief already knew where he had died! From there we rode along Tappan Lake to

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*The Southern California Motorcycling Association Proudly Presents*

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual

# Winter Solstice

## SS 1000 Challenge Sunday, December 21, 2014



### A 2014 SCMA Travelers Award Event

All riders and motorcycles are welcome on this 24 hour / 1000+ mile Saddle Sore Ride from Costa Mesa, to Colusa, Ca\*, and back, on this, the shortest day of the year. Collect your gas receipts and document your mileage to gain the coveted Iron Butt Association Saddle Sore Certification.

Rider sign in from 4:00 TO 5:00AM

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Witness forms and logsheets will be provided.

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*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.

You can 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. All 15 rides must be completed in the same calendar year (Jan to Dec of the same year).

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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# Grand Canyon North Rim Ride – Fall 2014

By Trash (aka Steve Fuquay) SCMA #26167



Yes, once again your road raconteur and reporter, Trash, and his Goldwing trike, Olde Skool, have cheated death. This time it was on a solo 550-mile ride to the North Rim of



the Grand Canyon was García López de Cárdenas from Spain, who arrived in 1540. The north rim lodge was originally built in 1928 and is the only lodge-cabin

complex in the national park system. In 1937 it was partly



the Grand Canyon. During this ride the trike turned over for two years of mostly solo adventures and great memories.



rebuilt after a fire. When I arrived the temperature is in the upper 40's at the rim and only a little snow in the shaded areas.

The road to the North Rim lodge stays open until December on a daily use basis depending on snow. The lodge itself closes in mid-October. Also, I wanted to test out my new Roadcrafter jacket and Shoei J-Cruise helmet in the late fall riding conditions – worked great. On this ride the temperatures were from 40's to low 60's and little snow.

There are lots of pine trees on the north rim side of the GC at over 8,000 feet.

The pictures show that the North Rim



## Thursday, Nov. 20 - Las Vegas NV to North Rim, AZ = 275 miles

I rode to just north of St. George UT (120 miles) and turned east through scenic southern Utah and northern AZ. I passed my motel at Jacobs Lake Inn and headed to the north rim only 42 miles away. The road after I entered the park did have some minor icy sections, but nothing serious for a trike.



Lodge can get serious snow in the winter. Looks like about 6 feet near the front door. The other picture shows it in the summer. Afterwards I head back to the inn for dinner (including hot bean soup) and my warm room TV. I make it back just before dark (4:30PM).

## Friday, Nov. 21 - Jacob's Lake Inn to Las Vegas, NV = 230 miles

The first European known to have viewed

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**SCMA Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet**  
**March 7, 2015**  
**Highlighting the Achievement of the**  
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Come one, come all. Everyone is invited to enjoy an evening with fellow motorcyclists. Participation in motorcycling events is not necessary. No membership is required.

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A special ride that also qualifies for the Traveler's Award, is scheduled to start in the morning on the day of the Banquet. Check in is between 7-8am in the hotel Lobby. The length of the ride will be 150 miles or less depending on weather conditions.

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- 2014 Events Completed**
- \_\_\_ Traveler's Award
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Deersville, and on around Clendening Lake. After another hour of riding through the woods, across fields and meadows, and along the Tuscarawas River, we reached the town of Coshocton, got gas for the Chief and water for me. The ride continued west along the Walhonding River before turning north toward the Mohican State Forest and into the Mohican State Park. The road in there is through pine forest and along the Clearfork of the Mohican River. This is truly beautiful countryside, and I often do a hundred mile loop from home, just to ride through this state park.

I didn't want to shock the Chief with a sensory overload, so we headed home...me to the house, the Chief to the barn. I think the Chief is going to like it here. I tried to impress him on this ride... and I haven't even shown him Seneca Lake, the Indian Mounds, or Flint Ridge. However, when we got home, the only problem was, the Springer wanted to know where the hell we'd been all day!

### Grand Canyon North Rim Ride continued from Page 11

It was expensive to stay and eat at the inn, so I beat a hastily retreat early in the morning (38 degrees). It was 150 miles to the St. George Cracker Barrel breakfast and I arrived in good riding temps. There the trike seems to automatically park itself, so I can see it from my table --- an old Harley habit. I eat and relaxed and read some of my magazines for an hour or so. Then it was off for home (120 miles).



It is always fun to ride through the Virgin River Gorge just south outside of St. George. It was the most expensive part of the interstate road system to build. Eventually, I arrived home around noon.



### Conclusion

This was a very nice ride to a great world-class destination --- the mighty Grand Canyon. I had a good time and adventure. It would have been better to have stayed at St. George and made the CG ride a day ride. In a few weeks, the next late season trip looks like the scenic and historic Prescott and Sedona AZ areas.



The new jacket and helmet worked fine, but back home I ordered new warmer riding pants --- I had worn my trusty ventilated riding chaps.

In a few weeks, the next late season trip looks like scenic Prescott and Sedona AZ. This should be about 650 miles in 3 days. I will use Prescott as my base camp for area riding. The Comfort Inn is only a mile from the Cracker Barrel.

Accurately recorded and respectfully submitted ---  
Your obedient servants and road rascals.

Trash and Olde Skool the Trike



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### Membership Profile Data

Gonzo, Membership Services Director, asks that members update their profile to include their mailing address, phone number, email address and emergency contact. Attempts to contact members renewing their memberships have occasionally been held up due to lack of contact info.

Membership cards and welcome packages will begin to be mailed to members starting the end of January 2015. These mailings will be retroactive to include members who have not received these packages in 2014.



### January Soup Run

This ride will be starting somewhere in Orange County, riding the North San Diego hills and ending at Cook's Corner for lunch. More information will be posted on the website when arrangements are finalized.



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## STOCKING STUFFERS CONT

### Newsletter Design and Layout

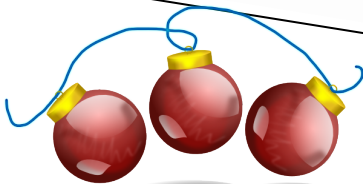
I have been the beneficiary of many compliments in regards to last month's newsletter. I thank you for that, but I must say it is one thing to write articles, and a completely different thing to produce the creativeness in design and layout to make the Newsletter attractive to the eye. Hence, I must confess, design and layout is not within my skillset. However, it is within the skillset of Rodney Chew "El Chino Loco" (SCMA #24784) who has invested numerous hours in Nov and Dec preparing the newsletters. Please drop a note of recognition to Rodney when you get a chance.



### Best 15 USA Roads Challenge

December will be the last month that Charlie Coyner (SCMA #20180) will chair this event. Charlie has superbly administered this event for its initial 4 years increasing its appeal to the long distance riding community. We can't thank him enough for all that he has accomplished in growing this event to its current recognition as an extremely challenging ride.

Bob Roger (SCMA #24838) will be assuming the chairmanship beginning January 2015. Bob, is a Best 15 finisher, has ridden a number of the roads twice and enjoys riding around the USA finding interesting roads. We welcome him to his position and greatly appreciate his supporting the SCMA.





# Stocking Stuffers cont..

## CA Assembly Bill 51

Bill Quirk, Representative (D-Hayward) has introduced a bill that may go to committee in Jan 2015 that would codify lane splitting. Below is an excerpt from the summary.

This bill would authorize a motorcycle to be driven between rows of stopped or moving vehicles in the same lane if the speed of traffic is 35 miles per hour or less and the motorcycle is driven no more than 10 miles per hour faster than the speed of traffic.



## Looking for Writers

We are always looking for Articles from our riders that showcase their travel experiences or events, unique perspectives about equipment or maybe your account of a GREAT TIME.

If you're interested send an email to the editor "Gonzo" at [GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com](mailto:GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com)



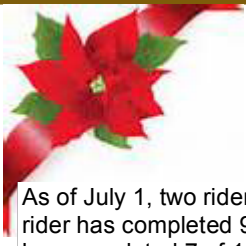
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## 2014 Travelers Award: December Update

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 12, 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 24-25, 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, BMWCOSE Park 'n Ride
14. October 25, SCMA Cemetery Tour
15. November 15, SCMA Turkey Run
16. December 21, SCMA Winter Solstice SS1000 or an SCMA TA ride to Lompoc for a meal.

### 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" cannot 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 rider's sheet and the release of liability form 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 a 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  
[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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*We accept free motorcycle-related ads from our members. Send your ad to the newsletter editor by the 25th of the month.*

*The two motorcycles below belonged to Blake Anderson, former SCMA Chairman, who passed away Oct 14<sup>th</sup> and are being sold by Steve Shulman, for Giovanna Piazza-Anderson, Blake's wife. They may have options not listed here. Both bikes have been well maintained. You may **contact Steve at 949.769.1726** for more information.*

2001 Honda Gold Wing, Pearl Yellow, 146,368 miles, custom seat, TPMS, luggage rack, highway pegs. Asking \$10,000 (KBB lists \$10,015)

2008 BMW R1200RT, sand beige metallic, 65,653 miles. Asking \$9,000 (KBB \$9,645)

*SCMA's Help Wanted (cont'd)*

**Publicity Chair:** List upcoming rides in M/C websites, social media, and other venues.

**Membership Services Committee:** Assist in registering members and handling member support. Become Director when and if interested.

**Three Flags Historian:** Collect stories of past rides and assemble the history of the Three Flags Classic.

The next General Membership Meeting will be Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 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 off ramp.

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



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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". Starters shall receive a numbered towel, pin, hat and t-shirt. Certified finishers receive a plaque, patch and finisher's decal. 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 2015, 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 doozey 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. Dennis Even is chairing this event.

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 2015, 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 in 2014 and Bob Roger will chair it in 2015.

### **The SCMA Triple Crown Award**

Imagine completing the USA Four Corners Tour, the Three Flags Classic AND either one of the California Adventure tours or Best 15 Challenge in a single calendar year (Jan to Dec of the same year). It is a rare achievement--completed 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. Gonzo will be chairing the selection committee in 2014.

### **The SCMA Grand Slam Award**

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. Gonzo is the event chair.

### **Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet**

Triple Crown Awards and others awards are presented at SCMA's Annual Awards and Appreciation Embassy Suites in Santa Ana, California. The next banquet is March 7, 2015.



## Winter Solstice SS1000 and TA Ride

1000 Motorcycle Miles on the shortest day of the year, 21<sup>st</sup> of Dec?  
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We're inviting one and all to ride the SCMA 2014 Winter Solstice Challenge - AND earn IBA membership in the process.

Meet with us at the sign in on at the Denny's on Harbor in Costa Mesa between 4 and 5 a.m. and join the SCMA's longest 1-day ride of the year. Jet up I-405 and US 101 past the east of San Francisco Bay, head north east through the bustling metropolis of Colusa, California, turn south onto SR70 and I-5 swiftly returning to the Costa mesa

Denny's where the morning began.



For Traveler's Award participants, (and those who still need to shop) we will offer a shorter burst up US101 with a suggestion for a breakfast stop. After breakfast, head for home, head to the mall, or head wherever your heart desires, knowing that your Travelers Award journey is complete.

Check out the flier in this issue for the rest of the info !

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



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Advertising space is provided to our members only. Regular membership is \$30 for one year and \$50 for two years. Want ads 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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