



SCMA NEWS

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HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

Letter from the Chairman

Greetings and a Happy New Year to Everyone!

Since this is the first newsletter of the year I thought it appropriate to comment on all that the SCMA has to offer its members and non-members alike.

The SCMA has been around for 47 years and its sole purpose is to design fun motorcycle rides and build comradery within the motorcycling community. The way it does that is by organizing one and two day rides available for members and non-members, at little or no cost. Non-members are also entitled to participate in these rides and we hope

you will find them enjoyable. Unlike many motorcycle clubs the SCMA rides are NOT convoys. You show up, get a route sheet, and do the ride by yourself, with friends, or with someone you meet at the start. We are also not brand specific. We don't care if you ride a Harley, a trike or a Vespa. If it has two or three wheels, you're invited to the "party."



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The SCMA also has five long distance rides called Premiere Rides. We are internationally known for some of these rides that include the USA Four Corners, the Three Flags Classic, 15 Best Roads, and California Parks/Mission Tour. These five rides are long distance and usually suggested for the more experienced rider. Each of these rides has something different to offer and come with special rewards besides the intrinsic value of completing the ride. Riders must join the organization to get credit for the premier rides. Information is available on the web site.

If you review the newsletter you'll also find a section discussing our Traveler Awards. Our riders are rewarded if they complete all or most of our one and two day rides. Imagine getting a reward for doing something you love to do!

In addition, if a member completes the USA Four Corners Tour, the Three Flags Classic and any of the other three Premier Rides in a single calendar year, January 1 through December 15 they will receive the Triple Crown award, a beautifully engraved award, and a jewel of a trophy.

On March 7, 2015 the SCMA annual awards banquet will be held, recognizing those for their accomplishments in 2014. Since this is the beginning of 2015, you now have the opportunity to be a recipient in 2016 and I invite you to plan your riding season with us. Please check the calendar on the front page of the SCMA web site for all riding dates. The premier rides are done at your own pace with the exception of the Three Flags Classic which is during the Labor Day week. All rides completed for the 2016 banquet must be done in the calendar year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending Dec. 15, 2015.

I hope you'll come out and ride with us. We look forward to seeing you in 2015!

Steven Shulman
Chairman, SCMA

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



THE BIKE STOPS HERE

By Steve Shulman #24462

COMBINING USA FOUR CORNERS & THREE FLAGS CLASSIC

Frank D - Austin, Texas - I plan on doing the Three Flags Classic in 2015 and want to do the USA Four Corners at the same time. Are any time considerations given for the 21 day time limit I have to do the ride?

Frank, it is not uncommon for some riders to do both rides concurrently. Since you are in Texas, and this year the Three Flags Classic starts in the San Diego area, you could make your first corner San Ysidro the morning you leave Three Flags getting your picture and gas receipt at the post office within the first hour. Your next corner would be Blaine, but I would suggest hitting that corner the day after the Three Flags banquet by taking the ferry into Port Angeles and then heading to Blaine. From that point you'd most likely go to Madawaska and then Key West where the ride would be complete. You'd have 15 days left if you stayed in Victoria the 8th and left the following day in order to complete the Tour within the 21 day limit. You are not given extra days if doing both rides. Have fun!

---Steve

"LOCAL" MOTORCYCLE RIDING

Kelly G – San Diego, California – I'd like to become a member of the SCMA but most of your rides are in the Orange and Los Angeles County area. Do you have any plans on doing rides that are more geographically desirable for me?

Kelly, You are correct, most of the one and two day rides are in the areas you indicate, but we do have rides that take us into San Diego County which included the recent Turkey Run. We also go north into Kern County and other areas as well. If you have the time, you might consider doing one of the Premier rides that cover much of California such as the Parks Adventure or Missions Tour. Because the organization has its roots in Orange and L.A. County, and most of the volunteers come from these areas, this is the reason most rides are in those regions.

---Steve

RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORMS

I recently sent in a Release of Liability form which was required as part of my registration for the USA Four Corners Tour. I was told I had to re-submit the form in color. What's up with that?

Mike M – Los Angeles, California

*Mike, we make it clear in the instructions that all Release of Liability forms must be printed in color and submitted with an original signature and witness name. This is a requirement of our insurance company. As of this writing, all Release of Liability forms must now be submitted having the rider's signature **notarized**. Those who didn't complete the USA Four Corners Tour last year have 2-years to complete their ride. We will be requesting those people re-submit their ROL forms with a **notarized** signature. We know it's a headache for everyone, but having the insurance is what allows us to offer these cool rides. Thanks for your understanding in advance!*

---Steve

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November Turkey

By Gonzo #25051

Amazingly, the weather was perfect for this year's annual Turkey ride. The sun was shining and temperatures were forecast to be in the 70's/80's along the route. Last year's ride was impacted by a night's rain which made some mountain roads a little risky from mud runoff. This year, co-chairs Carroll Walker and Gonzo elected to take riders over more reliable roads.....just in case.

Meeting up at Bravo Burger's in San Juan Capistrano is

always a good start as everyone feasts on good options from their breakfast menu. Steve Howe (Risk Manager)



and Gonzo conducted the sign-ins and everyone individually trotted up the Ortega Hwy to Lake Elsinore. From there it was off to Perris via CA74 that continued taking riders into Hemet, Homeland, and the twisties through the San Jacinto Mountains leading to Mountain Center. The air was fresh and clear offering riders some gorgeous views as they headed south to intersect with CA371 heading east towards Anza to connect onto CA79 after a nice 20 mile ride through the ranches, farms and gentle hills of this part of Southern California.

Heading south on CA79 for 20 miles riders passed through Warner Springs where CA79 turned west towards Santa Ysabel. But a short 8 miles out of Warner riders headed north on CA76, riding through the western side of the mountains that are home to the Palomar Observatory. In fact, about 2 miles later, after passing by Lake Henshaw, riders passed the entry to the steep and twisting state

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road S7 that leads up to Palomar Observatory. Continuing about another 12 miles or so Pauma Valley appeared and it was only about another 8 miles to Pala Resort and Casino.



Eleven riders joined Gonzo out on the Amigo's Mexican Restaurant Promenade for lunch. Amigo's has an excellent menu and everyone found something to their liking.

After lunch, Gonzo used a chip basket, with a cloth napkin, as the "bucket" from which casino poker chips, ranging in values of \$1 to \$100 could be drawn. Each participant drew a chip from the

basket as it was held over their heads. The bucket began at one end of the table for two riders, then back to the other side of the table for another two riders. Then the bucket was taken to the far end of the table to do both sides at that end. It was at this point that Steve Howe

announced he would draw last (Steve is a Member of the Board and felt that it would only be appropriate to allow other members to draw ahead of him). As Gonzo took the bucket to the last 4 members he observed each of them actually touch or select the \$100 chip, only to release it, and end up selecting another chip of lesser value. Finally, the bucket only contained two chips. One

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was for \$5 and the other was \$100. The rider picked the \$100 chip, then released it for the other one !!

Steve Howe, by default, was the winner of the \$100 chip! Just goes to prove that sometimes being thoughtful has its own reward!

We thank our Co-Chairs Carroll Walker and Gonzo for arranging the ride and Mike Howe for registering riders at the Start Point.



We wish you the best of the New Year, may the chips fall your way in 2015 ☺

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WINTER SOLSTICE

By Gonzo #25051

It was a dark and cold morning, but riders were checking in at Denny's on Harbor Blvd and I-405 for the start of the Winter Solstice SS1000.

Eight riders signed up for this last event of the year. We had six




ride the Saddle Sore and two opt to ride the Traveler's Award. Steve Howe, Winter Solstice Ride Chair, collected signatures on Release of Liability forms and checked riders in for Traveler's Award credit. Steve

Shulman, SCMA Chairman was there to sign IBA start forms, verify mileage and record time of start for each SS1000 participant. Gonzo showed up fashionably late (despite waking up at a ridiculous early hour) just in time to capture photos of Alan and Darlene Hirst along with Mike Barber and



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Steve Howe at the sign in table.

John Cooper arrived in time to get registered and get his photo taken with Steve Shulman while verifying the start mileage on John's steed. Danny Fox arrived on his Gold Wing and referred to it as his "New BMW". Seems that he started the morning on his RT1200 but only got three blocks from his house when the engine started running rough and then the transmission warning light illuminated. Being less than foolhardy he decided to return home for the Honda and claims that just as he pulled into the driveway the EJECT! EJECT! warning light lit up on the BMW's console.

Riders participating in the Saddle Sore headed north to Colusa via I-405, US101, I-680, I-80, I-5 and SR-20 to get a turn around receipt. The outbound route tallied 560 miles and then riders headed back to Costa Mesa or home for another 490 miles to finish the required 1000 mile ride in under 24 hours. The return trip was simpler – get on I-5 south to CA-55 south, to I-405 north, exit Harbor Blvd and



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AZRatPack
www.azratpack.com

BMW Club of Southern California
www.bmwcoocs.com

BMW Club, South Coast Riders (aka South Coasters)
www.scbmwrc.com

Pasadena Motorcycle Club
www.pasadenamc.com

Victor McLaglen Motor Corps
www.thevmmc.com

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turn into Denny's. However, we heard that Alan and Darlene had to head back to their previous gas station stop in San Jose. Seems one of them had left their SPOT device there. After successfully retrieving the device they continued home on US101 making it a very long SS1000! They successfully arrived at 3:05 AM racking up around 22 hours to complete the ride. We think Danny Fox was the last one to check in and suspect he worked it that way for the bragging rights ☺.



Traveler's Award Riders who elected not to ride the SS1000 were provided with a route that took them north 230 miles via 405, 101, CA-1, SR-154 and Stage Coach Rd where they could stop at the Cold Springs Tavern for a light brunch before heading home.

Steve Howe and Gonzo were back at Denny's at 7pm and enjoyed a light dinner while awaiting Pat Veth's return to have us verify his arrival time and mileage. Since Pat rode up from southern San Diego County he elected to motel for the event and have a good night's rest before returning home. As riders checked in at the finish of their 1,000 miles in under 24 hours, they were tired, but very happy to have finished and to be receiving their combined SCMA/IBA Winter Solstice certificates.



Big Kudos to the Co-Chairs, Steve Howe and Mike Barber, for arranging this ride and designing excellent routes for both Saddle Sore and Traveler's Award Riders.

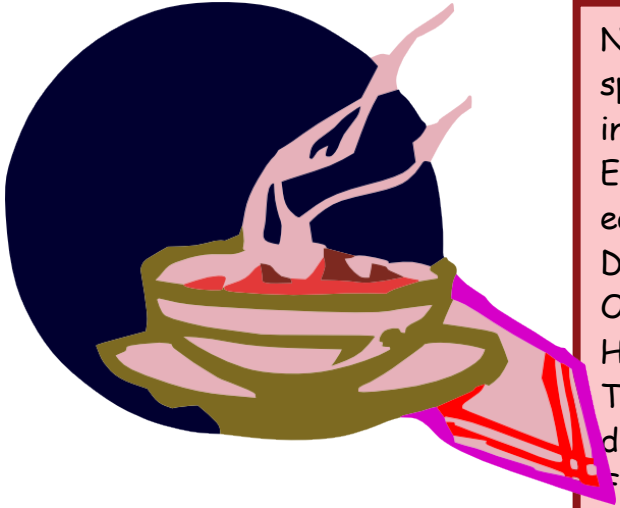


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Soup Run-Charity



No Membership Required! We are Non-Bike specific. If it has two or three wheels you are invited!

Enjoy the 141 mile ride south to Oceanside, then east to the hill country and ride through North San Diego Hills, heading to Lake Elsinore and then ride, Ortega Hwy up the mountain to the finish point at Hell's Kitchen.

This is a charity ride and entry fee is \$15 with a discount for AMA/SCMA members (option to waive). Fee includes a \$5 Coupon towards lunch at Hell's Kitchen.

The balance of the money will go to **Families Forward**, a charity that helps those in need of getting back on their feet. Even if you are not riding we will accept donations at the registration table.

This is a qualifying SCMA Traveler's Award event. Walk up registration.

When: January 11th

Registration: 7 – 8:00 am

Where: Bravo Burgers

31722 Rancho Viejo Rd

San Juan Capistrano

(Off I-5 exit Ortega left, RT at Rancho

Viejo

Route Sheets will be handed out at registration





2015 Triple Crown and Best 15 US Roads

By Gonzo #25051

Befitting for the 2015 New Year, the Board of Directors approved including the Best 15 as one of the rides that qualifies for the Triple Crown Award.

The Board acknowledged the traditional intent of the Award was to recognize those riders who accomplished riding three of the majors in a given calendar year (i.e., Jan 2015 thru Dec 2015). In 2008 Riders qualified for the Triple Crown if they completed the Three Flags Classic, USA Four Corners, and the CA Parks Adventure. At the time these were the only Major riding events sponsored by SCMA.

The idea of the Triple Crown, initially proposed by Mitch Friedman (#24102) who joined the SCMA in 2007, was championed by key members of SCMA and was first awarded in 2009. At some point the Missions Tour was added to the list of major events and included as an option to the CA Parks Adventure to qualify for the Triple Crown.

In the spring of 2011 SCMA added the Best 15 to its roster of major events. Our first finishers that year were Kathy and Larry Lamarche of Kamloops, Canada. Since inception, the event has only had eleven members, who have successfully finished the event sixteen times, a testament to the difficulty of the ride.

In acknowledging the mileage involved in completing the ride, and the inherent challenge incurred when riding each of the 15 roads, the Board unanimously approved, beginning with 2015, to include the Best 15 USA Challenge as an option to the Parks or Missions tours. Either of those three can be combined with the USA Fours Corners and Three Flags Classic to qualify for the Triple Crown.

To be eligible for the 2015 Triple Crown Award, awarded at the 2016 Awards Banquet, riders must complete the USA Four Corners, Three Flags Classic, and either one of the CA Parks Adventure, CA Missions Tour, or the Best 15 USA Roads Challenge.

Good luck to all in your pursuit of the 2015 Triple Crown!





2015 Best 15 US Roads Challenge



Plagiarized by Gonzo from Blake Anderson's original in April '14

We are offering the Best 15 US Roads Challenge for the 5th 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 2015 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 2015. 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 (i.e., Jan 2015 to Dec 2015).

Beginning this year, 2015, the Best 15 qualifies for the Triple Crown as an option to the Parks Adventure or Missions 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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Our Risk Manager, Steve Howe, has perhaps the most interesting position in our Association. His task is to ensure that our rides are properly insured. Currently we are insuring rides through the American Motorcycling Association (AMA) who provides us the opportunity to be insured and provides the rules and guidelines to ensure that our waiver and release of liability (ROL) process is as robust as possible. This ROL process, in fact, is one of the cornerstones of the structure that allows us to offer great motorcycling events and challenges.

AMA requires all participants in an event to supply a notarized ROL unless there is a starting point sign-in where a Board member is a witness to the ROL such as we have at the Three Flags Classic and at the Travelers Award rides.

This means SCMA requires a notarized ROL when registering for Four Corners, 15 Best, Parks, and Missions. When preparing your registration forms for any of these four major events, please take the blank ROL (in color) to a Notary Public. Fill in the form as follows:

Location: Norwalk, CA

Sanction #: use the appropriate Sanction Number (Four Corners is 44723, 15 Best is 44724, Missions is 44725, Parks is 44726).

Date(s): 01 Jan 2015-15 Dec 2015.

Print and Sign in the presence of the Notary, and obtain their notary documentation to be submitted with your application. Your notary is your witness when the appropriate notary documentation is submitted.

We understand the inconvenience this creates, and share the pain. Thank you for your understanding, patie

By Gonzo
With edits by Steve Howe
and Steve Shulman





SCMA Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet
March 7, 2015
Highlighting the Achievement of the
Triple Crown Award Participants

**California
Adventure**



**USA 4 Corners
Motorcycle Tour**



**Three
Flags Classic**



When: Saturday, March 7, 2015
 5:00-6:45 PM Registration and Social Hour
 7:00 PM Dinner
 8:00 PM Program

Where: Embassy Suites (Orange County Airport North)
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 Hotel reservations call (714) 241-3800 or 1 (800) Embassy (362-2779)
 Mention SCMA for special rates at \$119 plus tax for king;
 \$139 plus tax for double Queens
 Parking and breakfast are complimentary
Cut-off date for discount rate is February 13, 2015

Banquet: Cost is \$ 50.00 per person. **Cut off date for banquet reservations is February 23, 2015.**

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.

For more information refer to the Reservation Form (www.sc-ma.com/Newsletter) or contact Gonzo at GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com.

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.

**SCMA'S AWARD AND APPRECIATION BANQUET
HIGHLIGHTING THE TRIPLE CROWN AWARD
RESERVATION FORM**

March 7, 2015/

**California
Adventure**



**USA 4 Corners
Motorcycle Tour**



**Three
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Dinner Choice: Sliced NY Strip Loin Chicken Picatta Vegetarian Pasta

- 2014 Events Completed**
- Traveler's Award**
 - 15 USA Best Rides**
 - California Parks Adventure**
 - California Missions**
 - Four Corners Motorcycle Tour**
 - Three Flags Classic**

2nd Name _____ Email or Phone # _____

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Dinner Selection: Sliced NY Strip Loin Chicken Picatta Penne Pasta

- 2014 Events Completed**
- Traveler's Award**
 - 15 USA Best Rides**
 - California Parks Adventure**
 - California Missions**
 - Four Corners Motorcycle Tour**
 - Three Flags Classic**

If you have an interesting story that you would like to share at the banquet, please Email your story to GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com or call at 949-588-5433. Dependent on the number of responses, your story may or may not be selected from those received. Thank you.



SCMA 2015 SWEET Ride



When: February 14th

Where: Jinky's Café

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Registrations: 7:30-8:30 am

Fee: Ladies 14 cents
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curves with the final
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CONSUMER REPORT:

**TIRES AND
COLD WEATHER**

AUTHOR: JIM ALTON

STATUS: IMPORTANT



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I installed a brand new 130/70/18

Bridgestone Battlax BT45 tire on my 2006 Honda ST1300 in August 2012. Seven months later in March, I was about to depart on a 1000+ mile weekend ride when I discovered, during my pre-ride inspection, that both sidewalls and the center tread had damage with cracks radiating out from them. Some splits were more than 12 inches long. Though still holding air, I had only put approximately 4,000 miles on the tire — yet it was damaged beyond repair and obviously unsafe to ride on. Being somewhat annoyed that a relatively new tire prematurely failed due to no fault of mine, I decided to contact Bridgestone about the problem.



I emailed Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations' Technical Service Coordinator; they told me "...the tires have experienced this type of cracking due to being in freezing and below conditions. Unfortunately, this condition is not covered under the workmanship and materials warranty." Even though temperatures had in fact dropped to -20 degrees Fahrenheit in Milan, New Hampshire, this had never happened before on any other motorcycle or

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TIRES AND COLD WEATHER

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automobile tire I had ever owned.

Like many of you, I ride year-round and, therefore, wanted to know the specific temperature ranges for these tires. Bridgestone replied, "Anything below freezing is not going to hold up on any high performance tire, whether it is a motorcycle or passenger high performance tire. There is no exact temp this will happen at. A high performance tire is rated to hold up during extreme high temps. Not extremely low."

Under the principle of *caveat emptor*, a buyer cannot recover damages from the seller for defects on the property that render the property unfit for ordinary purposes — unless the seller actively concealed latent defects or otherwise made material misrepresentations amounting to fraud. Since Bridgestone clearly did not misrepresent its product, I have no recourse. While I hope that my experience with this BT45 was a freak occurrence, it reinforces the importance of regularly conducting pre-ride inspections — especially during the winter or after a cold spell. Since other tire manufacturers probably have the same policy, it behooves us all to be particularly vigilant in this regard.

You may not be so lucky to have visible damage like I did; your damage may be hidden internally. Unless you can store your motorcycle in temperatures above freezing, save those tire swaps for a warm day in spring. If you live in a cold weather state, your life could depend on it.



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BuzzCap7 (AKA Mark Lenson #24800) resides in Boca Raton FL and will be submitting riding safety and educational articles to our Newsletter.

Wheels on the Road

By Gonzo #25051



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.

We Want Your Stories !!

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 ride.

Please send your story to "Gonzo" at GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com

TRAVELER'S AWARD INFO

As of this date, we were only able to schedule 15 Traveler's Rides for 2015. And that number is at risk of having two rides cancelled. We hope to design and schedule a full sixteen rides so that we can continue with Dennis Even's "Suite 16" event like was done in 2014. Keep an eye on our website (sc-ma.com) and this newsletter for updates

Three Flags Classic registration now open

Registration for the Three Flags Classic opened midnight Dec 31st and spaces are already filling up fast.

Log onto sc-ma.com to register.



2015 Travelers Award: January Update

The 2015 Traveler's Award rides are open for signups. Registration is open thru Mar14 after which the event is closed to be eligible for TA recognition, though you are welcome to ride each event without registering for the Traveler's Award.

1. January 11, SCMA Charity Soup Run
2. February 14, SCMA Sweetheart Ride
3. February 22, PMC Poker Run
4. March 7, SCMA Banquet Day Ride
5. March 14-15, Shamrock's St. Patrick's Day Run
6. April 3-5, AZRATPack Alien Invasion Tour
7. April 25-26, PMC Greenhorn Ride
8. May 23-25, SCMA Grand Tour
9. June 21, SCMA Summer Solstice Ride
10. July 18, SCMA Dog Days of Summer Ride
11. October 3-4, SCMA Blazing Saddles
12. October 10, BMWCOSEC Park 'n Ride
13. October 24, SCMA Cemetery Tour
14. November 14, SCMA Turkey Run
15. December 19, SCMA Almost Winter Solstice SS1000 or an SCMA Traveler's Award ride.

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



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

Sell It Here...

2011 Harley Davidson \$14,800, ONLY 2,275 miles, Black Heritage Softail, perfect condition. Contact Steve at 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.

*The two motorcycles below belonged to Blake Anderson, former SCMA Chairman, who passed away Oct 14th 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 10th 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 what SCMA is doing. No one.



Nominations for 2015 Legacy Award

Plagiarized by Gonzo from B. Andersons's original article in December '12

We are actively seeking nominations for the 2015 SCMA Legacy Award. A selection committee made up of SCMA board members and prior Legacy Award recipients will meet to consider the nominations and select one as the 2015 recipient. The formal presentation will occur on March 7, 2015 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Santa Ana, California. The 2015 Legacy Award Recipient and guest will be hosted by SCMA.



SCMA's Legacy Award Trophy. It sits atop the award given posthumously to Josef Usatin and atop the Perpetual Trophy inscribed with the names of all recipients.

Nominations can come from any current SCMA member. Self-nominations will be accepted. Please provide a one to two page letter to: SCMA Chairman, PO Box 487, Norwalk, CA 90651-0487. Or contact the Chairman at steven1050@aol.com, or the Vice Chairman at GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com. Please provide a sufficient detailing of the nominee's accomplishments, volunteer and

board assignments and the approximate dates of service so that the selection committee can make an informed determination. Letters from other riders can be submitted to help make the case for the nominee. Nominations must be received by January 20.

In late 2011 the SCMA Board of Directors authorized the SCMA Legacy Award. In March of 2012 we inaugurated the award and honored the first five recipients. They were Josef Usatin, Joe Mandeville, Jan Staws, Kenn Hatke and Dannie Fox. Jane Usatin was presented Josef's award posthumously. Josef has the distinction of being the award's first recipient and will always be remembered for creating the Three Flags Classic and the USA 4 Corners Tour. All five represent the best of SCMA: Long-term committed motorcyclists that have devoted significant time and resources to our organization. They have served in various volunteer capacities and have helped to make SCMA what it is today. Each of them has years of service and involvement in SCMA.

If you know of someone that has provided this kind of committed service to SCMA we would like to hear from you. The 2015 recipient's name will be added to the perpetual trophy and will be presented with a special Legacy Award jacket suitable to be worn at all motorcycling events.

Help us honor our best.

The SCMA Board of Directors



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, 40th 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 Banquet at the Embassy Suites in Santa Ana, California. The next banquet is March 7, 2015.

Some Valuable Fine Print (REALLY !)

Articles and advertising must be received by the 25th of the month in order to appear in the next published issue of the SCMA News. Newsletters are circulated electronically and posted on the SCMA website. Send written correspondence to: Southern California Motorcycle Association, PO Box 487, Norwalk, CA 90651-0487

Email Newsletter submittals to:
GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com

The SCMA neither endorses nor sanctions any fund raising activities by its members or riders participating in its events for any purpose benefiting or on behalf of third party charities unless expressly stated otherwise. All such activities are outside of the control and view of the SCMA and no support of any kind should be construed.

SCMA's website is always your best source for complete and current information on our rides and events. Our membership application is there. For more information go to

www.sc-ma.com, 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. Want ads are free for regular members. Sponsoring corporate membership is \$600 per year and included a 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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