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SCMA NEWS

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

“RIDE FRIENDLY”

Summer is upon us and it IS riding season. As I write this parts of Texas and the Midwest are dealing with flooding, but much of the country is having prime riding weather. Even the Pacific Northwest is getting some remarkable weather.

As you prepare for your summer rides many riders are preparing to do some serious long distance biking. Two of the SCMA premier rides are the USA Four Corners and the Three Flags Classic. Between those two rides SCMA members will travel over 2,000,000 miles. That’s a lot of tires, oil changes, and gasoline not to mention contact with a lot of people you have never met.

When you are on your rides have you ever considered how you come across to those you meet? Many people who don’t ride motorcycles have a general disdain for them. Ever been cut-off or have a car merge into your lane and thought the motorist saw you? (They might have!)

I think part of the stereotype is because movies and gang bikers have given us a bad name (See Waco, Texas biker



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Upcoming Events:

General Membership Meeting (GMM)	June 13
Summer Solstice 1500	June 20-21
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shooting May 17. 9 dead, 18 wounded).

While there is a section of the motorcycle community that IS bad, the vast majority of motorcyclists are not. Obviously, our members fall into the latter category. I believe it is our responsibility to be friendly when on the road, when we stop at a restaurant, gas, station, hotel or any other place. So let me ask you:

Do you take off your helmet when you go into a gas station to talk to the attendant? If not, you might consider doing it. Hiding inside a helmet is not "friendly" and some attendants become worried they might be robbed by someone wearing a helmet. Even if you have a modular helmet or a three quarter helmet, it is much friendlier to remove the helmet altogether.

When you go into a restaurant or hotel do you strike up a conversation with the servers or hotel clerks? If not, a warm, "Hello" or "How are you today?" can go a long way toward helping to change the image of motorcyclists. Most merchants put us all in the same "box."

I remember stopping in a restaurant somewhere in the mountains of Montana a few years ago. It was pouring rain and cold. The elevation had to be somewhere north of 6000 feet. The sign read, "Please seat yourself" so I did. I found a seat near a very large stone fireplace and with a 3 point buck mounted above the mantle. The fire was warm and cozy. It must have taken me 10 minutes to remove my gear, and the woman was in no hurry to serve me. There was one other couple seated nearby,

clearly traveling through the area since they had a rack on top of their car with luggage and Wisconsin license plates. There were probably 15 empty tables.

I laid some on my gear on the enormous hearth in hopes some of it would dry by the time I left. It was warm and inviting as I watched my motorcycle take on lots of rain. I hate getting back on a wet bike but once I'm settled in my attitude completely changes to that "on the road again" feeling!

When the woman came to serve me I saw her name tag read "Sally", so I said, "Hi Sally, how are you today?" She gave a one word response and didn't appear very happy. I ordered a hot tea and she walked away after handing me a menu. Over the kitchen doorway I could see a sign that read, "Sally and Tom's kitchen." Apparently Sally was one of the owners, but not having a very good day. At least she got to stay inside all day!

I noticed she carried on a conversation with the other couple sitting together. I quickly concluded it was likely my disheveled appearance and that "biker" thing that caused her not to chat.

When she returned she said nothing and stood there as if to give me a clue it was my turn to do something. I ordered a hot bowl of soup with some extra crackers and a

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salad. About 10 minutes later she came back and brought me the soup which was exceptional! I tried again to strike up a conversation, but a return smile or conversation was not to be had. I nursed the soup for as long as I could, but the rain continued and I figured it was time to saddle up. Sally brought over my check and I began to don the warm but soggy gear. The bill came to about \$10.00 and change. I got up to find my gear very warm but still very wet. I walked up to the register and handed Sally a \$10 dollar bill and two \$5.00 bills. She said it's \$10.00 and I told her to keep the change.

All of a sudden Sally smiled and started to strike up a conversation. She was interested where I was going, and why I was riding in the rain. We talked for about 5 minutes and I said I better, "hit the road." We said good-bye to each other and I left.

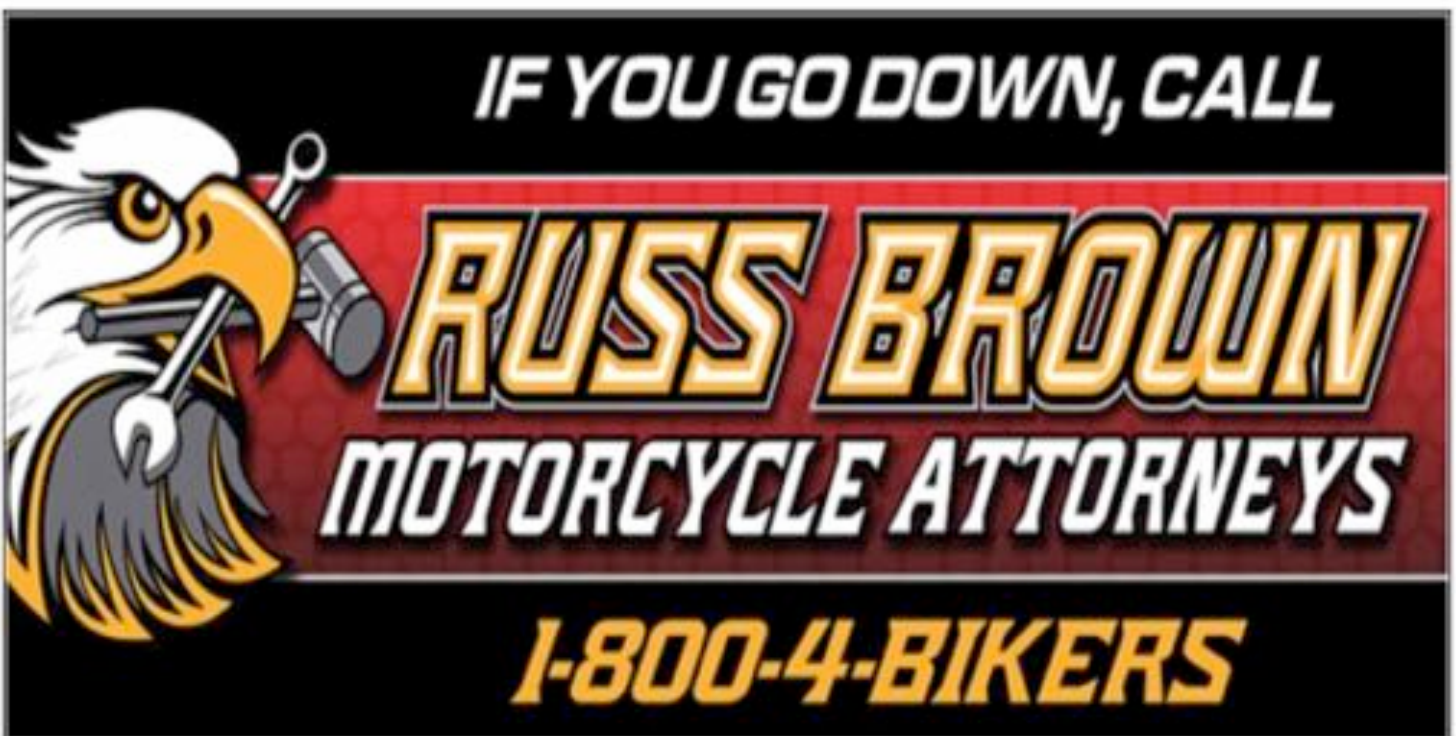
Now I know Sally was happy to get the tip, but I'm certain Sally had a preconceived idea about who I was wearing all this gear, looking like an alien in my Aerostich suit, Joe Rocket Jacket, and Tourmaster rain gear.

I did all I could do with that experience to make it a pleasant one for me and Sally. I tried to leave the impression this soggy, wet, old guy, was as nice as the two tourists from Wisconsin. I think Sally came away with the feeling not all guys on motorcycles are cheap and worth avoiding. She might just give the next biker half a chance, if for no other reason than a generous tip.

Next time you're riding, consider the image people have of us motorcyclists. I think you'll have a better day and experience if you try to convert those that think of bikers as unfriendly. You'll be doing something for the whole biking community if you "ride friendly." Sometimes it costs a little more, but the impression you leave in your path is worth it.

Steve

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



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By Steve Shulman #24462

THE THREE FLAGS CLASSIC – TOUCH THE FENCE RIDE

I have registered for Three Flags and would like to take my son with me as a guest. He and I don't have a lot in common and this would be a great time to bond. He will be riding his own motorcycle and not sure if he will attend the banquet. Is that a problem?

Brad – Phoenix, Arizona

Brad,

We think it is a great way to bond with a son or daughter. We often have people take a grandson as well. The ride is fantastic and the time you'll have with each other would be a valuable memory for both of you. Here lies the problem. Our team has spent a lot of time preparing the route. Another team will actually pre-ride the route to ensure its quality. The team will also produce a turn-by-turn route sheet. We will print these route sheets using registrant's money. Further, our insurance company demands we only allow members and registrants to do our ride and they must sign our release of liability form.

One other matter. 300 people have financed this event. Allowing people to bring guests would be unfair to those who have paid the registration fee. If you provide your son's name we would be happy to place him on the wait-list. We have several people who have registered and will not be able to attend. So far, we have found a home for every one of those tickets.

---Steve

SCMA AWARDS

I noticed the SCMA gives out some exceptional awards for the Triple Crown and other rides, yet the SCMA does not charge recipients for those awards. How are those awards paid for?

Robert – Santa Monica, California

Robert,

You are absolutely correct; the SCMA gives out some very nice awards at the annual awards banquet in March. The last several years this banquet has been held at a hotel in Santa Ana, CA. The banquet venue is subject to change.

There are three classes of awards presented at the banquet: ride awards, special awards, and appreciation awards. Ride awards are distributed to CA Parks, CA Missions, and Best 15 recipients; their respective riding fees cover 100% of these costs. Special awards include the Triple Crown and Grand Slam Awards – these costs are covered by a combination of rider's fees, advertising fees, and general operating funds. Traveler's awards are covered by riding fees and

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general funds.

Finally, our appreciation awards are 100% paid for from the general fund. This is the only way we recognize the selfless effort of our volunteers who administer our association and our rides. We are also very proud of the quality of the awards that are presented, and there are a lot of them.

We charge for a sit-down dinner at the Awards Banquet but we do not make money on the sale of those tickets. Those fees merely cover the cost of the meal. The Annual Awards Banquet is an event for which the Association funds thirty percent of its cost from the general fund. We strive to have our riders attend every year. We love giving out cool awards for the completion of our rides.

---Steve

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Steve Shulman, Chairman's Candidacy Letter

Dear SCMA Membership,

It's a pleasure to talk to you about the election process and brag a little about the organization and our accomplishments in the recent months since Blake's demise. I'm looking forward to being elected as Chairman and completing many of the projects we had started. We have a solid SCMA Board who work well together and who continue to bring you terrific riding events, a great newsletter, 5 premiere rides, a special annual banquet, and first class awards for completing many of our rides.

As many of you know by now I've moved to the State of Washington and prior to the first of the year I will resign and R. "Gonzo" Gonzalez would complete my term, if I'm elected. He has been the Membership Director, has been Vice Chair for 6 months, has a terrific business skillset, great inter-personal skills, and has enough SCMA historical knowledge and current workings of the organization to do the job. Most importantly the current Board trusts him, are loyal to him and to SCMA. He will make an excellent Chairman after I exit the position. I encourage you all to support him and me!

Since Blake's passing, and stepping into his role as Chairman, we have had a number of successes. In addition, we put several volunteers into key positions. Gonzo has moved from his Membership Director position to Vice Chair, taking my old position. Lori Anttila has become the Recording Secretary, stepping into Phyllis Hatke's temporary role once Barbara Fox left the Secretary position. Bob Roger, an avid motorcyclist, is now the Chair for the 15 Best Roads and doing a spectacular job. Mike Barber has stepped up to the plate to handle the membership packages and, upon becoming the Membership Director (running unopposed), will be handling our new membership card package to be rolled out in the next 60 days! Though Steve Howe is stepping down from Risk Management, Rodney Chew is running unopposed for Risk

Manager and will be a huge asset to the organization. Rodney currently runs his own business and brings a great deal of experience to the organization.

The Board works extremely well together and is getting much done this year. We've managed to change the SCMA logo for the first time in 47 years. We're putting it to the side but you'll see it pop up from time-to-time in honor of those who started this organization with a great vision for motorcycle enthusiasts. The former logo represents the beginning of the SCMA and not to be forgotten.

The Board has also managed to assemble an exciting membership package to be rolled out soon. It will contain a letter, new SCMA logo pin, new SCMA logo decals and of course the new membership card produced with the member's name, member number and expiration date. If time allows, we'll include a newly printed brochure. We are looking forward to getting this project completed and getting cards into your hands! We were fortunate to work with the attorney firm of Russ Brown with whom we have formed a partnership to help us acquire the necessary equipment to print the cards. We purchased the equipment at no cost to the SCMA members! Motorcyclists can avail themselves to the Russ Brown BAM network offering a number of benefits once you register free of charge.

I am the Chair for this year's Three Flags Classic and excited about the ride. I anticipate it being another first class event starting in San Diego and finishing in Victoria, British Columbia. We have managed to completely fill the ride with 300 registrants and have a wait list. There's a reason it's filled and that's because last year's committee took the ride to the next level. We look forward to a terrific event in

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September and I'm certain registrant members will find it to be another great year.

So if you're happy with where we've been and what road we're taking, I encourage you to let us continue our journey into providing you great events, designed by a great team of people. I would appreciate you taking the time to vote for me for Chairman in the upcoming election.

Respectfully,
Steven R. Shulman

Clair Milton, Chairman Candidacy Letter

To the membership of SCMA:

I have been honored by several of the members of SCMA, by being asked and nominated, to run for the position of Chairman. I take this honor seriously and with your support will do my best to help the organization grow and prosper. I would imagine many of you would like to know about me. Well I am originally from Wyoming and a cattle ranch. Earned a college degree in Denver and came to California in 79. One of the things I am most proud of was getting custody of my children in 95 after a nasty divorce and did that pro per. I lost my daughter in 2009 due to an automotive accident. My son was a Marine and has two boys. My current employment is as an Aviation Safety Inspector for the Federal Aviation Administration. I have been in this job for over 30 years. I have been Principal Inspector in both Operations (flying) and Airworthiness (maintenance). I also retired from the Army reserve as a Major. I commanded several units and those units took awards for inspections etc. I have over 6 years in Law Enforcement, that include a degree in Criminal Justice.

My motorcycle career began in 63 with a Harley Davidson Pacer. I have over 500,000 on Motorcycles. I have been in all the lower 48 states at least once and all at the provinces of Canada except Labrador and Newfoundland (that's coming and I love Key West, what a ride). I am also a California Motorcycle Safety Instructor with over 6,000 students on the road. I love to teach. It is quite a wonderful feeling, watching someone who cannot handle the clutch, then in 10 hours passing a test the DMV accepts in place of their riding test. So you may be asking what I have done for SCMA. Well here are some of the things I have been the cause of. I suggested the movement of the closing of 3 Flags registration, till after we pay taxes to allow that issue to be considered. The change to the computer registration and getting away from the snail mail we had been doing. I was heavily involved in the route planning for 2 of the 3 Flags Runs. Co chairman on 3 Flags for Huey, till I left for personal reasons. I was the one who suggested we move the renewal of membership from running all year long, to renewal at the first of the year, so there is no issue at every other activity we do. I also was the one who pushed to get this all moved to a computer system. Dennis was the one who saw this to fruition. It was my suggestion that the board (out of our pockets) purchase a ticket to send Sally Bishop to El Paso, by plane, enabling her to participate in the registration, since she could not drive there, and wanted to participate in the event. What do I hope to

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Clair Milton, Chairman Candidacy Letter

accomplish. Insurance to cover the club which we do not currently have, each member of the board and all the people handling one of our events have no liability coverage. This has been the situation for quite some time. Bring the By Laws brought up to date and ensure that they are FOLLOWED. A Sergeant at Arms to control the meetings and ensure personal jabs are not allowed as has happened in the past to other members. Publishing of a budget and an accounting of how the money was spent for each activity. Members of the committee not having to pay for the ride they just planned, so there is some form of appreciation showed for the hours of work this entails. Help to increase membership by doing such things as passing out cards to participants of a ride to give to the public when they are questioned while getting gas etc. Be the kind of Chairman that will encourage participation, and not be making decisions that are mine alone but supporting what the committees feels is best for the organization Have each person who is responsible for any activity develop a book of what they do & how they do it. This is kept so if someone leaves we have a way to continue on without reinventing the wheel each time.

Three Flags needs to be planned 2 years, at a minimum in advance, not the next year thing we are doing now. This is why the dates were changed, for the banquet, because the venue was already booked, so we had to adjust the banquet date. I am a Government Trained Facilitator, which will help the board come to decisions and move things forward, rather than have things stagnate, as they have in the past, such as membership renewal suggestion, made in 2011, and still not decided. My intention is to be in this position for the full period, and hopefully when it is time to reelect a Chairman, I will hear lots of you say "you are going to rerun aren't you?" So I am asking for your vote and your support. BUT PLEASE VOTE

Lori Anttila-Ogden, Recording Secretary Candidacy Letter

My name is Lori Anttila-Ogden, aka Lori Anttila. I ride with my husband, Steve Ogden. Our first introduction and ride with SCMA was the 2012 Grand Tour. I saw an ad about the ride in the Southern California Motorcycling Magazine and asked my then fiancé if he thought we could ride 1000 miles in two days. We thought we were really accomplishing something going to Santa Barbara in one day. We showed up at Crazy Otto's not prepared for the ride. Phyllis and Kenn Hatke were so welcoming, as was Barbara Fox. We signed in, found out about "ride your own ride" and headed out. The ride was an adventure to say the least, and we had a great time. In fact it was on this ride we decided to get married in Yosemite. Neither one of us had ever been and just fell in love!

Our next ride was the 2012 Cemetery Tour. We were hooked!! Any group that would sponsor a Cemetery Tour for Halloween had to be a lot of fun! We joined. We met Blake in January 2013 at the Soup Run. Again we felt very welcomed. In 2014 we decided to "go all out" and signed up for the Traveler's Award and do 3 Flags. We have met several great people from SCMA membership and have forged some wonderful friendships. On 3 Flags, we got to know Giovanna and Blake who encouraged us to sign up for the 2015 3 Flags ride as it was going to be a really big event since it was the 40th anniversary. We promised them both we would be there. That was before Blake knew he was sick.

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Lori Anttila-Ogden, Recording Secretary Candidacy Letter

When word of Blake's illness was announced, I was certain I wanted to be part of this wonderful organization with warm, friendly, people who not only support one another but also keep egos to a minimum for the benefit of this organization. I wanted to see this organization continue to grow and flourish. It provides an opportunity that is not available anywhere else. It has helped my husband and I become better riders. By the way, we always carry our rain gear now. I had the privilege of working with Steve Howe on the 2014 Cemetery Ride and with encouragement from Steve Shulman and support from Gonzo and Steve Howe, Steve Ogden and I chaired the 2015 Sweetheart Ride. I enjoy working with Steve Shulman very much, who is the current Chairman. He is professional, makes sure we adhere to the Organization's Bylaws and he keeps the vision of the organization always first and foremost for the betterment of SCMA. I also enjoy working under Gonzo's tutelage whose wisdom has contributed positively. I am running for Recording Secretary to continue the positive direction SCMA is heading and the adventures yet to come. Thank you.

Mike Barber, Membership Services Candidacy Letter

In 2013 I joined the SCMA on a "Banquet" ride and had so much fun that, at the end of the ride, I bought a ticket to attend the Awards Banquet that evening. For two years in a row I have received the Traveler's Award.

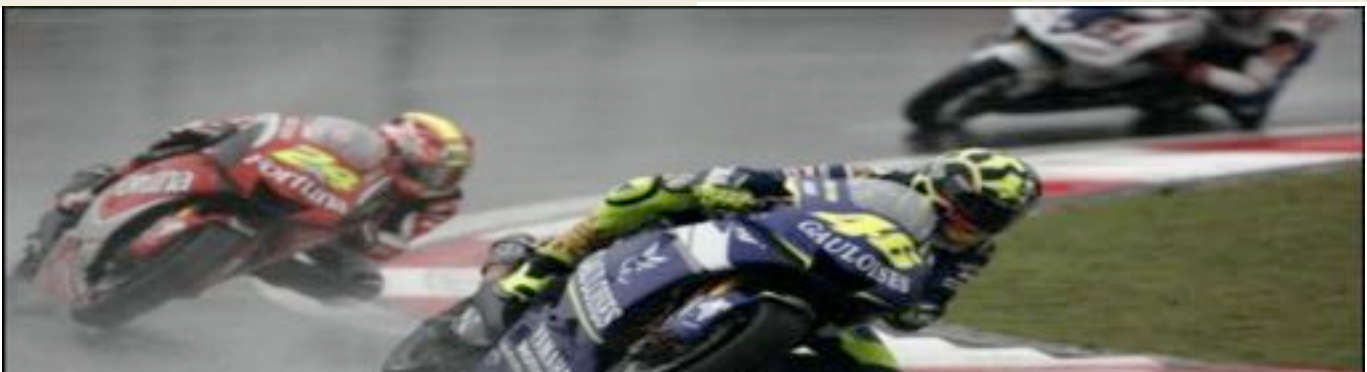
I am a business owner providing fully integrated high-end audio and video systems for residential and commercial clients. In 2013 and 2014, as the Awards Banquet co-Chair, I provided audio and video systems for the banquet.

For two years I have attended almost every meeting and have chaired or co-chaired numerous Travelers Award rides. Last year I finished the Three Flags Classic and also helped with registration at the starting point.

About 6 months ago I joined the Membership Services Committee to assist Steve Shulman

and Gonzo in designing a membership card with QR data and defining the hardware requirements to meet our future applications. I have enjoyed being a participating member of the SCMA and in particular, in supporting Steve and the members of the board. I look forward to being your Membership Services Director and producing and delivering the new Membership Card to all our members.

Steve Shulman has done a fantastic job as Chairman by keeping us on track after Blake's passing. He also has been very innovative by obtaining corporate sponsorship for the SCMA Membership card equipment. I look forward to working with Steve and Gonzo in seeing this project through to completion and shipping membership cards to all our members.



Rodney Chew, Risk Management Candidacy Letter

I am Rodney Chew, 57 years old, a resident of Scottsdale, Arizona, and a motorcycle enthusiast. I own a national IT consulting company and provide services to local and state governments as well as private/public corporations. I am also a contributing member of the AZRATPack, Riders Association of Triumphs.

My riding career began in my teens on dirt bikes and in my 20's I moved up to street riding and became interested in distance riding. My first SaddleSore 1000 was completed in 1985, with the now defunct California Motorcycle Touring Association, and participated in ride planning by pre-running various routes for the Association runs. I was/am a member of the SRRA, Sierra Road Riders Association where I first started riding with various Northern Calif. motorcycle clubs doing poker runs, charity rides, campouts, 500s, 1000s, 1500s, etc. My first trip to Alaska was on a Honda sport bike in 1987. I took a brief break from riding and, sponsored by a Kawasaki dealership, raced Jet Skis. In those days I rode sport bikes, sport touring and my last bike of that time was the first generation 6-cylinder Goldwing.

About 8 years ago I returned to riding and have been a track day instructor for safety and riding techniques for over a year and a half, a promoter of riding through shop affiliations and clubs, and an SCMA member for 5 years. Alaska beckoned and I rode once again to that beautiful state and through the beautiful country of Canada. Also during this time, I rode various sport, adventure and touring bikes including a

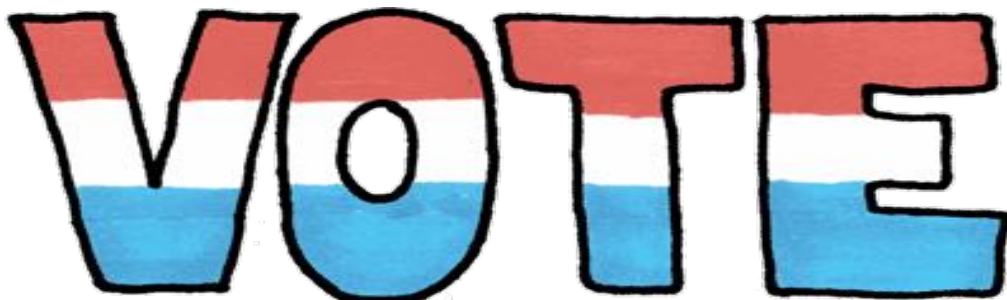
Goldwing. Being a 20-year member of HOG I keep a beloved 1996 Heritage Softail in my stable. The idea/art/pleasure of riding motorcycles encompasses many different aspects of my life. While many people focus on a brand, type of bike, particular discipline or group of people, I say love motorcycling and ENJOY and celebrate all types of riding and people.

As a candidate for Risk Manager I understand the need for club insurance. I would work with the direction of the SCMA board to insure the club and its activities have the most coverage possible for the given resources. I would also recommend/implement procedural change where needed to make sure the SCMA is in compliance of its insurance coverage. I would work with others in the club, senior members and experienced riders, to make sure the SCMA has an understanding of its exposure and identify actionable, correctable procedures for possible problems.

In the last few years I have been working with Victor Castaneda, "El Presidente" of the AZRATPack, to modify our club activities to better cover/control our events within the guidelines of our insurance parameters.

Lastly, I will diligently work to fill Steve Howe's (current Risk Manager) BIG SHOES as I know he works tirelessly for the organization. I will do my utmost to continue his history of ensuring our events have proper liability coverage.

Kind Regards,
Rodney Chew



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John Mickus -Treasurer's Letter

My name is John Mickus and I am SCMA's Treasurer and this year's Three Flags Treasurer. I've been a member since 1992 and completed the Four Corners ride and four, Three Flags events. On two of those Three Flags events I served as Treasurer. I'm also an Iron Butt Association member and successfully completed the 10-day, 48 State ride.

Although I'm well past retirement age, I'm still working full-time as a lawyer in private practice. I am active in non-profit corporation law and have created and advised non-profits for 39 years.

I have been doing SCMA's taxes since 1992 and drafted the current set of SCMA Bylaws. The bylaws were last revised about 15 years ago, and need updating, particularly to reflect the extent to which the Internet has become a primary form of communication. The bylaws are scheduled for review in the August/September time frame and any changes will be submitted to all members for a vote.

I'm finishing my first year as Treasurer, and can state that finances remain on a solid footing. There is a financial reserve and all legacy rides generate sufficient income to cover costs. The Board is provided monthly financial reports and exercises overall supervision over the Treasurer's functions.

My current bikes are a Harley Davidson Switchback and a BMW C650GT scooter. The scooter is a real hoot.

---John

Gonzo - Vice Chairman's Letter

Most of you don't know much about me, so this is a good opportunity to provide you with my background and thoughts on SCMA.

As a first time motorcycle owner in 2010, I wanted to see the USA. Yes, I am a "beginner." Being a 22-year active duty veteran, first as a Marine infantryman and then as a Marine Officer and Naval Aviator of tactical helicopters (also flew single and multi-engine fixed wing props), I had seen more of other countries than of my own. So my plan was simple, retire a second time after 25 years in the business arena, and ride a motorcycle. I found the SCMA on a website, signed up for the USA4Corners, loaded my two Harley's into a trailer and headed to Sturgis. Sturgis was fun but I discovered I didn't like riding the Black Hills with 200,000 other riders. Reaching my brother's place in Maryland, the rig got parked, and I headed to Madawaska to start the 4 Corners....in the last week of

September! It was the perfect time to encounter every thing that could go wrong in long distance riding, especially in the north where snow was already falling! The ride was terminated in Niagara Falls, NY and the journey back to Maryland was difficult with a bruised ego. The rig was hooked up to the truck and it was a sad ride back to Southern California. That was when the vow to learn to be a distance rider took shape.

In 2012 my summer ride covered 25,000 miles with the completion of all five SCMA Premier Rides; I was learning the game. In 2013 the summer ride was over 30K miles, again completing all five Premier events (True X) and the 13 Traveler's Awards rides. 2013 saw me attending the General Membership Meetings and supporting the Board's efforts by helping with various rides including chairing the
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Turkey Ride. The Awards Banquet became my next challenge and that resulted in highly successful banquets in 2014 and 2015. In the 2014 elections the position of Membership Services Director was bestowed upon me; an excellent position to learn the administrative processes of our association. Sometime along the way the IBA beckoned me to complete (2) SS1000, (2) BB1500, (1) SS2000, and a 50cc. Riding IBA events was only doable because of the experience of riding with the SCMA! Although I have 100,000 miles under my belt, I am still a "beginner" and "learner" of this wonderful pastime

My past 25 years in corporate America allowed me to utilize the marketing, finance and strategic planning knowledge received with my Master's of Business from UCLA. For the last 7 years of work, I was the Sr. Operations Manager for a multi-billion dollar program. My whole career has thrust me into the center of operations, planning and executing integrated business plans, and improving the overall performance of business entities. Always "in the thick of things" it was my good fortune to contribute to ensuring goals and objectives were met.

Blake, Steve and I often discussed and planned what was needed to move SCMA to a streamlined process based on digital technology and providing a high level of customer service. We often found that implementing new ideas required more of our time and more people resources. With Blake's passing, a few projects were placed on hold while the Board worked to ensure operations continued without interruption.

Remember, SCMA is a volunteer member organization. The success of our Association is wholly dependent upon the help that members contribute in accomplishing organizational goals.

Steve Shulman stepped up to assume the Chairman's position and immediately undertook a number of functions Blake was handling. In addition to handling Publicity and Membership Services I volunteered to produce our monthly newsletter; in December the Board assigned me to the Vice Chairman's position. Fortunately,

during this "sad" period, our Ride Chairs were able to continue organizing and providing services to members applying to their respective rides. Thanks to Steve's leadership the Board was able to handle the Association's affairs and decide on appropriate courses of action.

It has been our good fortune to have talented members sit on our Board and openly discuss the issues before us. Every issue that is presented receives full discussion before being voted upon. Motions are discussed, occasionally rejected, reworked and resubmitted for approval. ALL Board members have equal input determining the end result.

We have been very fortunate in having John Mickus as our Treasurer. John is a financial expert and an attorney who keeps a vigilant eye on our financial activity. Each member of the Board ensures we operate within the framework of the Association's Bylaws. John revised our bylaws about 15 years ago, bringing them more in line with the "then current" organization. Earlier this year, when the Board tasked John and I to review the bylaws, we identified needed changes but recommended the revision for July/August. We are still rebounding from Blake's demise, and updating bylaws is not an easy task. It requires clear thinking, good wording, and approval by the majority of members.

It takes a cohesive Board to organize, execute and administer the needs of the Association. In the last quarter of this year I will lead our Board in a Director's retreat with a purpose of developing an integrating operating plan.

I look forward to ensuring superior products and services are provided to our members.

---R. "Gonzo" Gonzalez



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www.thevmmc.com

Shamrock Road Riders
www.sc-ma.com/shamrock.htm



A composite image featuring the "GO AZ Motorcycles" logo on the left, which includes a shield with a star and sunburst. To the right is a photograph of a modern storefront with palm trees. On the far right, contact information is displayed: "480-609-1800", "15500 N Hayden Rd", and "Scottsdale, AZ 85260".

SCMA 2015 ELECTION

SCMA has six-members on its Board of Directors. Three are elected each year to a two-year term.

In odd-numbered years, the Chairman, Referee/Risk Manager and Recording Secretary are open for election.

In even-numbered years the Vice Chairman, the Treasurer and Correspondence Secretary/Member Services Director are elected.

This year the Correspondence Secretary/ Membership Services Director is vacant and was opened for nomination to a one-year period of office.

NOMINATIONS CLOSED: Nominations were conducted on May 9th at the Annual Members Meeting. Nominations were received by email, by US Postal mail, and from the floor. Nominees and nominators were validated as being active members.

The board accepted the following candidates for the positions indicated.

Chairman:

Steve Shulman (Incumbent) (nominated by Charles Lamb)

Clair Milton (nominated by Dennis Even)

Recording Secretary:

Lori Anttila (Incumbent) (nominated by Gonzo)

Referee/Risk Manager:

Rodney Chew (nominated by Gonzo)

Correspondence Secretary/Membership Services Director:

Mike Barber (nominated by Steve Shulman)

BALLOT forms are on the following page. This form, with ballot instructions, will also be sent to members via email.

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Only paper ballots are acceptable for this election and must be received at the Post Office Box by **8:00 am July 11th**. Ballots brought to the Board/GMM on July 11th must be delivered to an Election Committee member **BY the voting member**. Ballots hand delivered by 2nd parties will NOT be accepted. USPS mailed ballots is the only acceptable method of delivery if you cannot personally attend the meeting. The July 11th GMM will be held at Marie Callender's Restaurant, 3117 Garvey North, West Covina.

Members are encouraged to print the ballot form and mail it with:

(Member's name)

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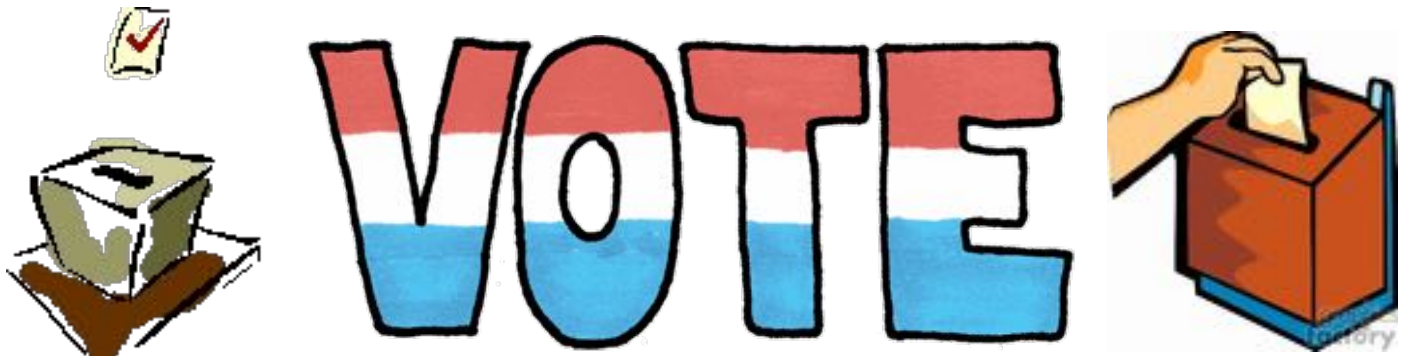
The member's name must appear on the outside of the envelope.

Ballots will be opened in public at the July 11th General Membership Meeting (GMM). The Election committee will validate the active membership status of names reflected in the envelope's return address. Envelopes without the member's name in the return address cannot be validated and therefore will not be accepted for voting.

After validation, envelopes will be set aside until all envelopes have been validated and possible duplicate ballots eliminated. Envelopes will then be opened and ballots tabulated.

The vote count will be announced at the meeting, posted to the website, and posted in the August Newsletter.

The newly elected Directors will assume their responsibilities after the close of



2015 ELECTION BALLOT



Please vote for only one candidate for each position:

CHAIRMAN

- Steve Shulman (Incumbent)
- Clair Milton

RECORDING SECRETARY

- Lori AnTtila (Incumbent)

REFEREE/RISK MANAGER

- Rodney Chew

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP SERVICES DIRECTOR:

- Mike Barber

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OUR NEW LOOK!

As I mentioned in my Letter from the Chairman several months ago, there is a lot of exciting stuff happening at the SCMA. In keeping with that theme I bring to you our new SCMA logo. As I participated in the changed look I'm a bit sad putting the older logo aside as it represents all of the people who worked before us making this great organization what it has become. They say what is old becomes new again and for this reason we are putting it off to the side rather than disregarding it entirely. We should never forget our past or those who are responsible for it.

A lot of thought went into the new design. First and foremost is the motorcyclist. The fresh new motorcyclist doesn't represent a man or woman. Our rider has a full-faced helmet on which indicates the rider could be a man or a woman, symbolic of our membership.

Our motorcycle is not brand specific. We do not care what kind of motorcycle our member rides and therefore the motorcycle in this logo is much more generic.

Our new motorcycle provides us with a feeling of movement, is fresh in style and might appeal to generations of all ages.

Next is the Southern California Motorcycling Association. This is now spelled out in our logo so people know who we are and can now Google us and find us on the internet.

And lastly are our colors. The colors are similar to those used in the previous logo. Colors don't change with time. They represent who we are and they transcend time. They do not go out of style. Therefore we have left the colors very close to the same shades they were in the previous logo.

As time and our budget allows, you will see the new logo appear on everything from the newsletter to our pins, patches and decals.

We hope you like the new look and hope you'll provide comment.

Next month I will introduce to you the new membership cards which I expect to start delivering in late June or early July. I think you'll like the progress we've been making and look forward to having you carry the card in your wallet!

Steve Shulman
Chairman, SCMA



RIDERS NEEDED TO HELP VALIDATE RALLY BONUS LOCATIONS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD! (....well sort of)

The SCMA is evaluating the possibility of a motorcycle rally in 2016.

In doing so we are looking for people who live in the Western States and can help validate interesting bonus locations in California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Oregon, Colorado, and New Mexico.

The destinations are not going to be hard to locate, as this is a medium level challenge.

The next time you're planning to go out for a ride, and think you could validate some interesting places for us in your general area, please let us know!

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2015 GRAND TOUR

Collaborated by Steve Howe, #24027, Pat Julien #26258, and Gonzo #25051

Photos courtesy of Lori Anttila-Ogden #31648 and Mike Barber #26168

Oh-dark-thirty, on the I-5 heading north to Bakersfield had very light traffic if any. Rough roads in the construction areas of Downey were briefly encountered, then clear sailing through LA up the Grapevine past Six Flags Magic Mountain Resort and over the summit at Gorman and then descending to CA-99. The air was crisp and foretold a beautiful day for our Grand Tour Adventure.

Arriving at Zingo's Café in Bakersfield, on the famous Buck Owens Blvd., it was easy to see I was the first arriver, being only 6am. After arranging the "SCMA START" sign on the bike parked next to the curb, I found three tables right at the entrance, perfect for check in.

No sooner had I got things arranged then "Lo and Behold!" who walks in? Gonzo! He looked like hell. I don't think he slept all night. Oh well, the man doesn't like to get up before 10 am, so I cut him some slack, but not much.

Twelve riders checked-in at the start of this year's three day Grand Tour, feasted on Zingo's excellent breakfast fare, and chatted with other riders. Jim Bullen and Nick Balogh checked in and immediately headed out. Danny Fox joined us, woke Gonzo up, and we all had breakfast while having a lively chat of the anticipated roads and past adventures. Dan "The Deerslayer" Hilton checked in and then the more recent perennials walked in: Mike Barber and Pat Julien, Lori and Steve Ogden. Now the check-in really got lively. Manny Smith garnered surprise exclamations when he walked in....we haven't seen him for a few months! Another refreshing face walked in the door

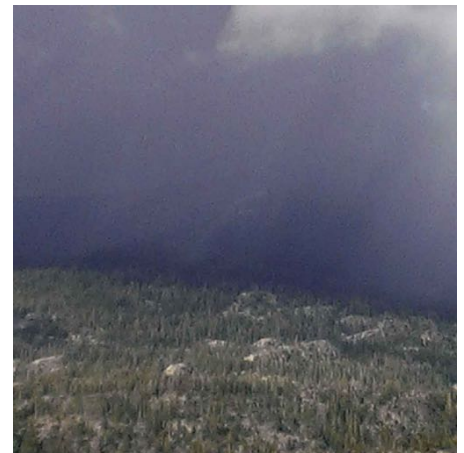
in the form of Dean Sarrocco, another distance riding soul looking for 3 days of roads.

Heading out from Zingo's we jumped onto CA-99 heading north and connected to CA-65 to work our way to Porterville then Visalia, around Fresno and up to Oakhurst (First Checkpoint for the 2015 Three Flags Classic). From Oakhurst, we headed up



CA-49 through Jamestown and onto Jackson where we jumped onto CA-88 to CA-89 heading east to Topaz Lake to connect to US-395. Traveling through Sonora, Angels Camp and the Sierra Nevada Foothills next to Yosemite and the Tahoe

National Forest was spectacular and definitely a great highlight with several riders vowing to return to explore further.



Now, this is where the fun started. We were running through Carson Pass on US-88 when we could see one bodacious dark cloud heading our way. What? The weather report said it was another boring California day....no clouds?

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Obviously, the storm gods had other ideas. The cloud kept getting closer as the winds blew it towards us. Soon we were getting a light mist, which wasn't too bad so we carried on. Suddenly

instead of a mist, we were being blasted with hail the size of bb's so we stopped to don our rain gear. Great Scott Batman!! Our trunks were filling up with ice, and our bikes were being coated in white as were the Sierra's all



around us!! We watched as one of our riders ran into the woods under the trees. We all were thankful for helmets as we were pelted in that wild hailstorm.



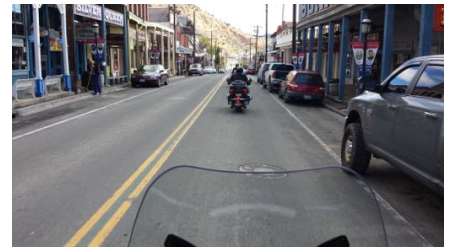
As Cars passed by, one of them stopped

to inquire if we were going to be ok. We were happy to see the traffic as it cleared the road for us giving our tires a better grip on the asphalt. After a few miles of riding in a Winter Wonderland including light rain and a few flakes of snow, we began dropping down into a warmer altitude and finally into the dry desert of Nevada.

Wow!! We just experienced a typical Three Flags Classic of heat, rain, snow, freezing, and back to heat!

US-395 waltzed us into Carson City, the city of silver, and our riders checked into either

the Wyndham's Carson Station or the Super 8. Later we all met at Reds



395 BBQ for a social dinner rendezvous. It was a fun time with excellent burgers, salads and various hot meals accompanied by local microbrews. Sack time came early as we all wanted an early start heading out into the Nevada desert.

Day 2 we departed Carson City bright and early heading to Virginia City, an old historical mining town where Mark Twain stayed from late 1862 to 1864. We stopped to check out the colorful town with many



of the original buildings, then it was back to heading east on US-50 *The Loneliest Highway* towards Fallon, home of the Navy's TOPGUN school and the Navy's "Saints" VFC-31, a famous fighter squadron while observing signs for wild horses, (hoping to see a few). Continuing east another "cool" place was observed, Middlegate intersection of 50 and NV-361. Middlegate was a Pony Express stop back in the day. Now it houses a bar that is the place for rousing Navy pilots, and also a camping site for off road enthusiasts. Inside is a bar and grill with the ceiling tacked full of one-dollar bills signed by Navy, Marine and Air Force pilots.

Heading south on NV-361 we were treated to the beautiful Nevada high desert, mountain ranges

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in the distance. Soon Sherman Peak (Humbolt Toiyabe National Park) came into view as we headed through Gabbs and continued south to US-95 into the small town of Luning where we stopped for our Harley rider to refuel while the rest of us stretched our legs and drank water. The day was not hot, but riding in the desert we've learned to keep hydrated because of the dryness and altitude.



Forty miles later we connected onto US-6 at Coaldale and headed east to Tonopah for a nice lunch and rest stop. From there we headed south on US-95 for the final 90 miles to Beatty where we hunkered down at The Sourdough Saloon for pizza and brews and met the colorful locals (one with a right to carry gun on his hip) and another telling us to watch out for the wild burros that wander the streets before calling it a night.



Day 3 was going to be a revisit to a southwest favorite – we were heading over the low desert mountains into Death Valley before reaching US-15 and Peggy Sue's Diner at the 1016-mile mark in Yermo CA. This was indeed a "Grand" Tour! Peggy Sue's is always a fun place to have a very good meal amidst 50's memorabilia. From there everyone headed off to their respective homes....the end of another great three days of riding!

The nice thing about our rides is that folks can, and do, adjust their rides to their schedules. A few riders departed Carson City for a long day's ride back home to LA. Another two-up rider departed Beatty, crossed thru the north end of Death Valley for a gorgeous sunrise ride through the park with little traffic and for long stretches completely alone in the wilderness. They headed to Mojave and through Palmdale to reach home without battling Sunday's Las Vegas traffic from Peggy Sue's.

This was another Grand Tour for the books. Very well planned by Ken Hatke, Steve Howe and Mike Barber. We're very impressed they were able to arrange for snow and hail !!



Images to Enjoy

Cortes Island BC



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Gonzo "The Great"



Saguaro Milky Way, AZ



Whooyaaa !!

New Membership Cards

This is an exciting time for the Board as the long awaited membership package is nearing its rollout. The package, to be delivered to all 2015 active members, will consist of the Chairman’s welcome letter, Membership card (with the members name, membership number and expiration date, and a QR scan code), an SCMA pin depicting the new logo, and SCMA decals.

The QR (Quick Response) code will be capable of containing member’s emergency contact information and other information to be developed in the future. For now, it is imperative that **members access their profiles and update their personal information**. We will need your current mailing address to ship the membership package to you.

The membership package will be hand delivered to riders when they check into the Three Flags Classic (TFC) in San Diego. Members not riding in the TFC will receive their packages via US Postal Service.

Below are images of the membership cards that will be in random order when printing production begins.



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(it will be inserted in the QR code for Emergency Medical use.)

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2015 Three Flags Classic Route Sheet

The 40th Anniversary of the Three Flags Classic promises to be a most memorable event. The ride will start in the historical city of San Diego and will head north to checkpoints located in Oakhurst, CA, Alturas CA, Lewiston ID, Kamloops BC, and finish at the renown Empress Hotel in Victoria. Below is the turn-by-turn route sheet for the 5 days. This route is only a draft and is contingent upon a pre-ride. We will keep you informed of changes and update to the route as they occur.

2015 3 Flags Classic		
LEG #1 (Start to Check Pt #1)		
Direction	Miles	Total Miles
Depart the Wyndham Hotel		
Ride north on N. Harbor Dr.	0.4	0.4
Turn right onto W Grape St	0.4	0.8
Take the I-5 S ramp to the right	0.6	1.4
Take exit 16 to the right onto CA-163 N towards Escondido	0.1	1.5
Take the CA-163 N ramp to the left towards Escondido	3.1	4.6
Continue on CA-163 N towards Escondido	7.4	12
Keep left onto I-15 N ramp	17.3	29.3
Keep right onto I-15 N	33.9	63.2
Keep right onto I-215 towards Riverside/San Bernardino	34.7	97.9
Take the Barstow ramp to the right towards I-215 N	0.2	98.1
Take the I-215 N ramp to the right towards San Bernardino	5.9	104
Continue on I-215 towards Barstow	4.6	108.6
Keep left onto I-215 N towards Barstow	16.9	125.5
Take exit 131 to the right onto CA-138	0.3	125.8
Keep left on Hwy138	9.4	135.2
Keep left onto Hwy138	32.3	167.5
Enter roundabout Roundabout	0.1	167.6
Take the 3rd right onto E Palmdale Blvd	5	172.6
Take the CA-14 N ramp to the right towards Mojave	38.1	210.7
Take the CA-58 W ramp	0.1	210.8
Turn left onto Hwy58 W ramp	31.3	242.1
Turn right onto Bealville Rd	5.2	247.3

Turn left onto Caliente Bodfish Rd	12.3	259.6
Turn left onto Caliente Bodfish Rd	12.9	272.5
Turn right onto Caliente Bodfish Rd	3.6	276.1
Turn left onto Kernville Rd	11.3	287.4
Turn left onto Buena Vista Dr	0.3	287.7
Turn left onto Sierra Way	24.1	311.8
Turn left onto Mountain Rd 50	6.6	318.4
Turn right onto M107	19.1	337.5
Turn right onto Hwy190	0.6	338.1
Turn right onto Hwy190	2.3	340.4
Turn right onto Hwy190	2.2	342.6
Turn right onto Hwy190	0.2	342.8
Turn left onto Hwy190	14.4	357.2
Turn right onto Balch Park Rd	6.1	363.3
Turn left onto Yokohl Dr	22.6	385.9
Turn right onto Hwy198	36.8	422.7
Turn right onto Generals Hwy	31	453.7
Turn left onto Hwy180	35.1	488.8
Turn right onto Hwy180	5.9	494.7
Turn right onto N Academy Ave	9.5	504.2
Turn right onto Tollhouse Rd 1	15.4	519.6
Turn left onto Auberry Rd	2.9	522.5
Keep left onto Powerhouse Rd	13.8	536.3
Turn right onto Road 222	1.1	537.4
Turn left onto Malum Ridge Rd	14.3	551.7
Turn left onto Hwy41	2.8	554.5
Arrive at the Best Western-CP1		
40530 Hwy 41, Oakhurst, CA, Ph 559-683-2378		

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2015 3 Flags Classic		
LEG #2 (Check Pt #1 to Check Pt #2)		
Direction	Miles	Total Miles
Depart the Best Western in Oakhurst		
Get on Hwy 41 and ride south to Hwy 49	0.6	0.6
Turn right onto Hwy 49	26.3	26.9
Turn right onto Hwy 49 N	0.9	27.8
Turn left onto Hwy 49	36.5	64.3
Turn left onto Hwy120/49	8.4	72.7
Keep right onto Hwy 49	3.5	76.2
Turn right onto Hwy 108	12.3	88.5
Keep left onto Sonora Pass Hwy	61.3	149.8
Turn left onto Hwy108	11.0	160.8
Turn left onto US 395	29.6	190.4
Keep right onto Hwy208	24.1	214.5
Keep left onto Hwy339	56.3	270.8
Turn left onto W Main St	3.2	274.0
Turn right onto Hwy447	158.7	432.7
Turn left onto Townsend St	16.7	449.4
Turn left onto US 395	5.5	454.9
Turn left onto N Main St	0.8	455.7
Arrive at the Niles Hotel-CP2		
304 S. Main St, Alturas, CA		
Ph 530-233-3773		

** Riders are cautioned and advised that this route is subject to change. TFC volunteers will pre-ride it to prove- out the ride and may adjust the route accordingly.*

2015 3 Flags Classic		
LEG #3 (Check Pt #2 to Check Pt #3)		
Direction	Miles	Total Miles
Depart the Niles Hotel-CP2		
Get on S Main St and ride north	0.8	0.8
Turn right onto E 12th St	53.5	54.3
Keep right onto Road	22.5	76.8
Keep right onto Lakeview-Burns Hwy	89.7	166.5
Turn right onto US20	26.8	193.3
Turn left onto N Broadway Ave	0.6	193.9
Keep right onto N Seneca Dr	2.2	196.1
Turn left onto US395	67.6	263.7
Turn right onto John Day Hwy	28.3	292
Turn left onto Whitney Hwy	51.5	343.5
Turn right towards I-84/US-7/Richland/Hells Canyon	1	344.5
Take the I-84 W ramp to the left towards La Grande	41.9	386.4
Take exit 261 to the right onto OR-82	0.4	386.8
Turn right onto Island Ave/OR-82	1.4	388.2
Turn left onto N McAlister Rd/OR-82	17.7	405.9
Turn right onto Albany St/OR-82	44.2	450.1
Turn left onto NW 1st St	79.4	529.5
Turn left onto Hwy129	4.5	534
Take ramp to the right towards Lewiston	0	534
Turn left onto Fleshman Way	0.4	534.4
Take right onto Snake River ramp & Ave north	0.1	534.5
Turn right onto Southway Ave	1.8	536.3
Turn left onto 21st St	0.7	537
Arrive at the Red Lion Hotel-CP3		
621 21st Street, Lewiston, ID		
Ph 855-347-0877		

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2015 3 Flags Classic				
LEG #4 Check Pt #3 to Check Pt #4)				
Direction	Miles	Total Miles		
Depart the Red Lion Hotel-CP3 in Lewiston, ID				
Get on 21st St and ride north to Hwy 12	0.10	0.10		
Turn right onto Hwy 12 East	0.70	0.80		
Keep left onto Hwy128 W	1.00	1.80		
Turn right onto Old Spiral Hwy	2.00	3.80		
Turn left onto Old Spiral Hwy	5.30	9.10		
Turn left onto US Highway 95	0.60	9.70		
Keep right onto US-195 N towards Pullman/Spokane	20.90	30.60		
Turn left onto Us195	16.40	47.00		
Keep right onto US-195 N towards Spokane	56.50	103.50		
Take the I-90 E ramp to the right towards Spokane	4.20	107.70		
Take exit 283B to the right towards Freya St.	0.40	108.10		
Turn left on Freya St.	2.20	110.30		
Keep right onto N Market St	2.20	112.50		
Turn right onto E Francis Ave	0.30	112.80		
Turn left onto N Freya St	0.40	113.20		
Turn right at Roundabout onto US-395 towards Colville	3.70	116.90		
Take the US-2 E ramp to the right towards Newport	25.60	142.50		
			Turn left onto Hwy211	15.20 157.70
			Turn left onto Hwy20	64.30 222.00
			Turn left onto 3	8.80 230.80
			Turn right onto 6	24.80 255.60
			Continue towards Hwy-3a W/Hwy-6 N	0.30 255.90
			Take the Hwy-3A/Hwy-6 ramp to the right towards Castlegar	13.30 269.20
			Keep right onto 6	77.40 346.60
			Arrive Nakusp, mandatory Fuel Stop/Receipt	
			Depart Nakusp - Turn left onto 23 and ride southwest	0.8 347.40
			Turn left onto 23	35.8 383.20
			Board ferry at Fauquier (Cable Ferry)	0.7 383.90
			Get off of ferry at Needles onto 6	83.5 467.40
			Turn left onto 6	0.1 467.50
			Turn right onto 32nd St/Hwy 97	5.9 473.40
			Take the Hwy-97 N ramp to the right towards Kamloops	0.2 473.60
			Turn left onto 97	49.2 522.80
			Take the Hwy-1 W/ramp to the left towards Kamloops	19.7 542.50
			Take exit 368 to the right towards Hwy-5A S	0.2 542.70
			Turn left onto 5A	0.2 542.90
			Turn right onto Rogers Way	0.3 543.20
			Arrive at the Coast Hotel-CP4	
			1250 Rogers Way, Kamloops, BC	
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2015 3 Flags Classic		
LEG #5 Check Pt #4 to Empress Hotel)		
Direction	Miles	Total Miles
Depart the Coast Hotel-CP4		
Get on Rogers Way and ride west	0.2	0.2
Turn right onto Hugh Allan Dr	0.2	0.4
Turn right onto Pacific Way	0.1	0.5
Turn Left onto ramp to Hwy-1W & Hwy-5S	3.4	3.9
Take exit 362 to the right and continue on Hwy 1W & Hwy-97	44.8	48.7
Turn right onto 97	6.9	55.6
Turn left onto 99	46.3	101.9
Turn right onto 99	0.8	102.7
Turn left onto 99	56.1	158.8
Turn left onto 99	88.4	247.2
Take exit 4 to the right to Northwood Dr	0.3	247.5

Turn left onto Northwood Dr	0.1	247.6
Turn right onto Westport Rd	0.2	247.8
Take ramp to the right towards Hwy 1 / Ferry Traffic	1.3	249.1
Take exit 3 to the right onto Hwy 1 towards BC Ferries	1.6	250.7
Board ferry at Horseshoe Bay (2.0 hour ferry ride incl. wait time)	Ferry	Ferry
Get off of ferry onto Road	1.6	252.3
Turn left onto Terminal Ave N	4.4	256.7
Continue on Hwy-1 S towards Victoria	60.1	316.8
Keep left onto Hwy-1 S towards Victoria	5.4	322.2
Ride Total (Miles) (Mileage)	0.1	322.3
Turn right onto Belleville St	0.1	322.4
Turn right onto Government St		
Arrive at the Empress Hotel		
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Three-Month Running Calendar (plus one)
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- June**
 - 13 SCMA General Membership Meeting, 9am, Marie Callender's
 - 21 *SCMA Summer Solstice Ride
- July**
 - 11 SCMA General Membership Meeting, 9am, Marie Callender's
 - 18 *Dog Days of Summer
- August**
 - 8 SCMA General Membership Meeting, 9am, Marie Callender's
 - 9-31 Final 3-weeks to get ready for the Three Flags Classic !
- September**
 - 2 Three Flags Classic mandatory sign-in, BBQ, Wyndham San Diego
 - 3 Three Flags start 3:00 – 6:00 AM
 - 7 Three Flags finish deadline 9:00 PM
 - 8 Three Flags Banquet 6:00 PM, cocktails 4:00 PM

Here's what's on the road ahead. For more information, check the SCMA website www.SC-MA.com and the websites of our affiliated clubs. Club websites have more information on their events and are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. ALWAYS consult them for last-minute changes before a ride.

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2015 Triple Crown and Best 15 US Roads

By Gonzo #25051

Befitting for 2015, the Board of Directors approved the inclusion of the Best 15 as a qualifying ride 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 those rides 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 **Jan Staws** and other 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 finisher's 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 Four 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!

Join Us and Ride the



Southern California Motorcycling Association's

15 Best US Roads



**Entry is \$60.00 and ride must be completed between Jan 1 & Dec 15.
For Information and Rules Visit:
www.sc-ma.com and Register On-Line.**

For more Information,
Contact Bob Roger, Chairman, 15 Best US Roads at (330) 857-8131 or rsroger03@gmail.com



2015 Best 15 US Roads Challenge



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. U.S. 212 & WY 296, Beartooth Pass Highway and Chief Joseph Highway, Red Lodge, MT to north of Cody WY*
2. California 1, Pacific Coast Highway, Monterey to Morro Bay**
3. U.S.12, Lolo Pass, Lewiston, Idaho to Lolo, Montana
4. "Cherohala Skyway" & "Tail of the Dragon", Tellico Plains, TN to Deal's Gap to Chilhowee, NC
5. Going to the Sun Road, Glacier National Park, Montana.
6. U.S. 550, "Million Dollar Highway", Montrose to Durango, Colorado
7. Blue Ridge Parkway, Any continuous 150 mile segment
8. Washington 20, Concrete to Omak
9. Virginia 16, "Back of the Dragon", Tazewell to Marion
10. Ranch Roads 335, 336 and 337, "The Twisted Sisters" or "The Triple 3", Texas***
11. U.S. 16A, Custer to Mt. Rushmore and then to Keystone, South Dakota****
12. Kancamagus Scenic Byway and Mt Washington Auto Road, RT118 east from Warren, NH, to east on RT112 North Woodstock/Lincoln NH becomes the Kancamagus Hwy, to Conway NH, north on RT16 to the Mt Washington Auto Road.
13. U.S.191, Springerville to Three Way, Arizona
14. Utah 12, Torrey to Bryce Canyon Turnoff
15. U.S. 50, "The Loneliness Road in America", Ely to Carson City, Nevada

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Notarized Signatures Required !!!!



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:

Charter Name: Southern California Motorcycling Association

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): 01Jan2015-15Dec2015.

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, patience and participation.



Wheels on the Road



By Gonzo #25051

Read about **Maine** before visiting **Madawaska** on your USA4C
<http://www.ridemaine.net/rmflipbook/rmflipbook.html#p=32>

CA Missions Tour

Unlike the CA Parks, the CA Missions Tour does NOT require a visit stamp. This requirement is waived because most missions do not have a stamp and also have limited operating hours. Hence, the only evidence of proof required by the Chair is a photograph of you and bike in front of an easily recognizable section of the Mission.

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

Travelers Award Changes

The last date to register for Travelers Award "Bronze" is now June 21st. Please read the TA schedule of rides listed on the next page.

IS YOUR PASSPORT CURRENT ??

It is considered poor form to arrive at the border with an expired passport !!

Last year, one of our riders mistakenly placed an outdated passport into the suitcase....oops....had to head back home

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2015 Travelers Award: June Update

The last day to registration for the 2015 Traveler's Award rides will be June 20, at 5:00 AM. After this you are still welcome to ride each event although not qualifying for the Traveler's Award. Currently we have four members with 8 rides completed, three with 7, one with 5, and one with 4 rides completed.

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, BMWCOSE 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. The last day to enter and qualify for this award is June 21st.

Silver Award

10 completed events* earns a pin and a specially designed trophy. The last day to enter and qualify for this award is April 3rd.

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

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.

-- Mitch Friedman

Traveler's Award Chairman (TAC):

Contact Mitch 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



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.

Sell it here !!

We accept free motorcycle-related ads from our members. Send your ad to the newsletter editor by the 25th of the month.

The next General Membership Meeting will be the at **9:00 AM on July 11th** at:

**Marie Callender's Restaurant
3117 Garvey North, West Covina, CA**

Please join us at the June General Membership Meeting and hear 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.

2008 Honda Goldwing
1800, maroon, moderate pin stripping, handlebar set-back riser, trunk rack, Utopia backrest, extra chrome, new tires in Jan'15, mileage 89,500, Mesa, AZ, asking \$11,500
Contact: kleweinleota@yahoo.com



2008 Kawasaki Concours 14 ABS, Neutron Silver, 18040 miles, 1 yr Transferable Factory Extended Warranty, Many Extras. San Diego Always garaged, Never dropped. Asking \$7375
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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. Bob Roger is chairing this event in 2015 and can be contacted at rsroger03@gmail.com

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

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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. 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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