



LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

About six years ago I involved myself with the SCMA when in 2009 I signed up to do the USA Four Corners tour. I've enjoyed many SCMA day rides since and I've had a wonderful time. I served 3 ½ years as the Vice Chairman, and as a result of Blake's unexpected passing, will have served 1 year as Chairman of the SCMA on October 14, 2015.

Days before Blake passed he asked me to Chair the 2015 Three Flags Classic and take care of SCMA business the way we had discussed. In the months that followed the Board completed the membership package, at minimal cost to the SCMA. The remaining 500 cards will be mailed within the next 4 weeks. We completed a logo modification, and brought many new faces to assist with SCMA business. My intention was to complete these projects by the end of the 2015 Three Flags Classic and this has been achieved with the support and effort of the Board, ride chairs, and volunteers.

In the middle of 2015 I was re-elected as Chairman. I made it clear I planned to give up the position due a recent move to eastern Washington State. I believe this is best for the organization. As promised, I will



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resign in October 2015.

The time has come to tell you I've fulfilled my promises to my friend Blake Anderson and to the Southern California Motorcycling Association. The very last thing I did at Blake's request was to take his ashes to Victoria on the Three Flags Classic ride. Some of us had a small ceremony where we read a nice card written by Giovanna, his widow. Not that all promises aren't important, but this one was extremely important and personal to me. I am thrilled you allowed me to remain Chairman of the organization during this time. Thank you all!

The 2015 Three Flags Classic helped emphasize the importance of SCMA relationships. During the TFC July pre-ride, Gonzo and I stopped at the Kamloops Harley Davidson dealership. I mentioned to Larry and Kathy Lamarche we were coming and they waited for us at the dealership. Larry and Kathy are the epitome of riding and relationships. They ride together, make friends, and supported the SCMA in many ways, the least of which was completing several SCMA premier rides, multiple times. On the day we arrived in Kamloops, Larry, Kathy, Gonzo and I ended up having dinner that night. Two days later Larry was killed in a motorcycle collision with Kathy on her bike behind him. Only a few weeks after that devastating event Kathy would be at the Kamloops Harley Davidson dealership greeting everyone who arrived. She then travelled to the Victoria banquet with her son Stephen where she celebrated the finish with everyone. It was a bittersweet time, but only highlights how this organization and the

people who become part of it are very special. She described the SCMA as part of her family. It certainly is!

This past year has been a test of fortitude on many levels, but I'm pleased with what we accomplished. I think the results were good, all the while bringing more people in who believe in our mission. We have hurdles to overcome in technology, which will leave the Board with projects and challenges. I am leaving the organization in the hands of competent people who have the same passion I do. I am confident they will work together to take the organization to the next level.

Effective October 14, 2015 at 11 PM I will resign my position as Chairman. This is the approximate date and time (one year ago) Blake passed and I assumed his role as Chairman. On Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 9:00 AM, I will conduct the SCMA Board and General membership meeting for the last time. I look forward to seeing those of you who will attend.

R. "Gonzo" Gonzalez will take my place, and I ask that you give him the same guidance, support, and respect you have given me. With all my heart I wish you all well and ask that you always remember this organization belongs to you. It survives because of volunteers who want it to prosper, get better, and provide services

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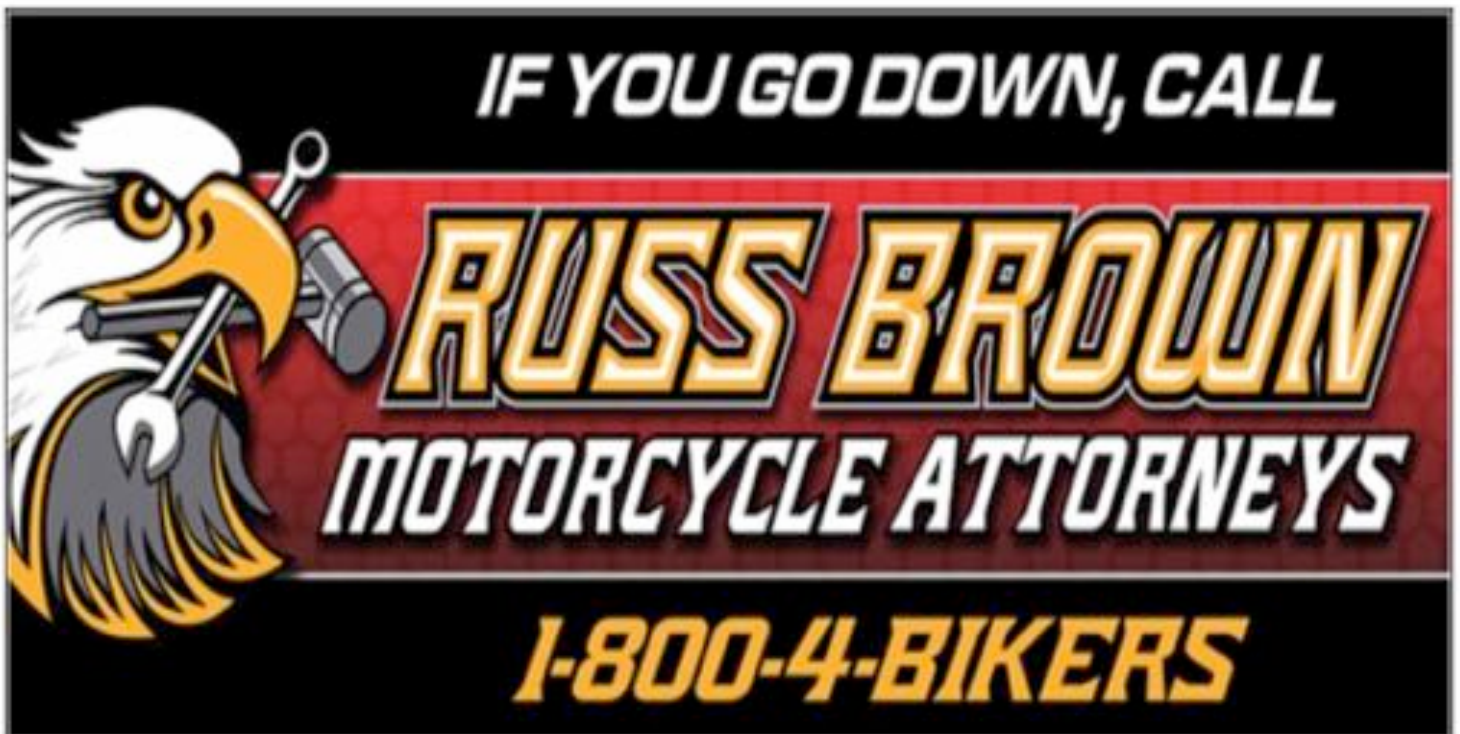
FOR YOU. Offering your skills in some way will keep the organization moving forward and make it better. Remember, without volunteers, the organization will cease to exist. Making a contribution at any level is always welcome and helps to secure the future of the SCMA.

Thank you all for allowing me to be the Vice Chairman for several years and the steward of the SCMA for the past year. It's been one of the best "rides" of my life and I look forward to seeing you out there on the road!

Respectfully yours,

Steven Shulman
Chairman, SCMA
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"We don't stop riding because we get old, we get old because we stop riding!"



THE BIKE STOPS HERE



By Steve Shulman #24462

THE THREE FLAGS CLASSIC “STAND DOWN”

I rode the Three Flags for the very first time a few weeks ago. I've been following the forum and noticed people commenting on not hearing the “stand down” this year. Some people were quite disappointed. What is it and why was it not done. I had a great time and thought the ride was incredible.

Craig – San Francisco, California

Craig,

We both learned something this year. I learned that the “stand down” is something very important to riders and it should have been included in the program. I am the person responsible for it not being done and I apologize to those who missed it. It will return next year.

We identified some long-time riders, but did not identify first-time riders. We also did not show the number of returning riders for the number of years they have ridden. The stand-down basically has all riders stand and we ask those with fewer years sit down. As we eliminate riders with shorter years, riders who have done the Three Flags for decades remain standing. It demonstrates (and honors) riders who have ridden a few rides as well as those who have ridden a significant number of years.

-----Steve

THE THREE FLASGS CLASSIC... WOW!

This was my first time riding the Three Flags Classic and man, what an adventure! I've lived in Southern California all of my life and had never heard of the ride until this year. I registered a little late but still managed to get a ticket. I knew it was supposed to be a long ride, but didn't realize just how long until observing my average speed was far below freeway speeds, making for longer days. I knew it was a back roads ride but it just didn't “click” that speeds would be slower.

Because of the scenery during the day, the time just seemed to fly by and it was wonderful taking these back roads knowing they were supposed to come out somewhere. It was also enjoyable seeing someone with the same orange streamer I had, knowing I was going the right direction! Often times hundreds of miles later I'd pull into a gas station and meet someone on the ride. We'd chat during the break and occasionally I'd ride with someone for a hundred miles. On one segment Brian and I took a well-deserved hamburger break with another rider.

The scenery, as we got further north, was amazing. The Sonora Pass, the Spiral Highway out of Lewiston was off-the-charts cool. I've got to come back to do some of these roads again. When we left Lewiston it was foggy. I was certain this is what the morning ride was going to be like until the sun broke through or we hit rain. I got on the Spiral Hwy and within 5 minutes I was above the clouds. Within 10 minutes I was above the mountains. This was the coolest damn thing ever!

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THE BIKE STOPS HERE



By Steve Shulman #24462

The ride through British Columbia was fantastic. I saw an astonishing amount of wildlife, rivers, farms, mountains, forests and snow... it just didn't get any better than the ride from Kamloops to Horseshoe Bay. I was so sorry to actually see traffic as I approached the ferry.

I just wanted to let you know I thoroughly enjoyed this adventure and look forward to doing it again!

Terry – Santa Clarita, California

Terry,

We are glad you're hooked and we look forward to seeing you again next year!

-----Steve

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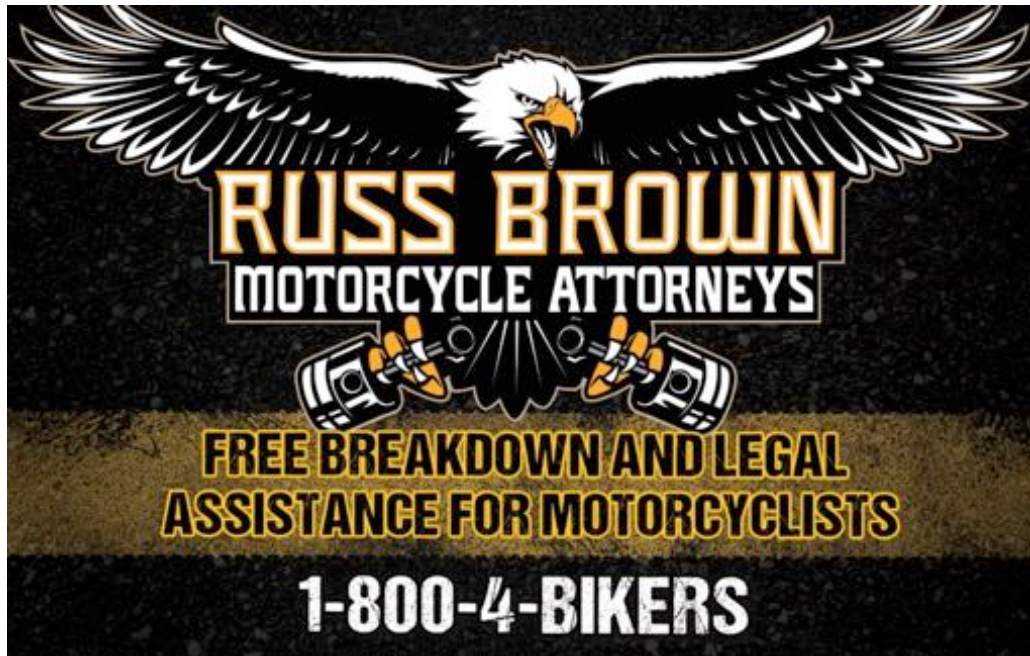
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NEWS RELEASE!!!

Effective August 1, 2015 Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys became the official SCMA's official exclusive attorney firm.

Russ Brown, the original motorcycle lawyer who rides, founded Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys in 1975. His lifelong passion for riding naturally led him to help fellow bikers who were being taken advantage of in personal injury cases. As his attention to bikers' rights and participation in political debates propelled him into the limelight, he became a legal resource for riders all across the U.S. In 2013, Russ was honored to become the first lawyer ever to be inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum Hall of Fame.

Today, Russ & his law partners Chuck Koro & Jim Romag (Brown, Koro & Romag, LLP) are leaders in the field of motorcycle accident law—both as personal injury litigators and as consulting motorcycle experts to many of the best attorneys in the country.

We welcome Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys to the family of the Southern California Motorcycling Association!

THANK YOU Three Flags Classic Volunteers

The 40th Annual Three Flags Classic (TFC) was one of the best rides ever and was thoroughly enjoyed by all !

And the reason everyone enjoyed this classic event? Because the volunteers listed below did their utmost to make it a fun, exciting, and enriching event.

Whenever you see these guys and gals please take the time to thank them for their wonderful contribution of their time and effort.

(Inevitably, a few names may be missed....not intentionally. Please let Gonzo know who has been omitted and we will make that correction.)

40th TFC Command Post: Ray Davis

Check-in, San Diego: Karen Butterfield, Ron Farkas, Bob Bencivenga, Manny Smith, John "CRS" Schuster, Richard Dipboye, Mike Barber, Steve Howe, Jennifer Shulman, Sandra Downs, Ginne Mistal, Dannie Fox, Ray Davis, Bob Hickey, Gonzo, Steve Shulman, and a very special thank you to Giovanna Piazza (Blake's wife) for manning our message center, creating the information boards, and renewing memberships!

There were three ladies who assisted with the San Diego Rider Check-In process. Unfortunately I do not know their names, but I do have their photo ☺

"First Timers" Briefing: Victor Castaneda, Rodney Chew

Check Point #1 – Oakhurst CA: Captain Ralphine Andrus and Steve Andrus (GWTA Region B Directors), Co-Captain Joe Spencer, Char Hunrath, Jack Everett, and Steve Andrus.



Unnamed Lady Volunteers

Check Point #2 – Alturas CA: Captain Bob Prosser, Lloyd Stewart, John and Linda Caudle, Cliff Schrader, Glenn Smith

Check Point #3 – Lewiston ID: Captains Joan and Ron Gehring , Chuck Peery, and Pomery. Help from Gayle and Jack Turner and Bob Cooper of the GWRRA ID-B . **Special Thanks to Joan and Ron** for picking up the slack and traveling 350 miles one way to make sure this site was manned !!! They are former TFC riders and knew how important it was to SCMA and TFC Riders !

Check Point #4 – Kamloops BC: Captain Andrea Perrett, Kathy Lamarche and her family of Stephen, Jason as greeters, Channa - photographer, Leanne -main person on check in desk, Cheryl Robinson-desk and baked all the goodies, Dennis and

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Cheryl Georget-desk, Len and Isobel Lamarche-desk, Kyla Schaff-desk, Spencer and Maryellen Coleman-map, John Buchanen-directing riders into parking area. Channa, collected over \$600.00 from her relatives to purchase meat and cheese trays, pickles, 2 extra large cakes, all the fresh fruit in honor of Larry.

Finish - Victoria, BC: Cathy Crespo, Harold Henn, Marg Lang, Ian Miller, Mark "Foggy" Wade, Chris White, George White, Joanne White, Kyla White, Jane White, Lynn White

Route Design: Carroll Walker (USA), Chris White (CAN)

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SPOTWALLA Tracking: Ray Davis

Advertising: Ginne Mistal

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Vice Chair: Gonzo

Chair: Steve Shulman



TOUCH THE FENCE (TTF) RIDE

by Gonzo #25051

For the 2nd year SCMA hosted a TTF Ride. This year riders departed the Wyndham Hotel Bayside on Harbor and rode south on I-5 to Dairy Mart Road.

From there they continued south on San Ysidro Blvd, rode past the Post Office where many a USA Four Corners rider has take an evidential photo of being at the southwest corner of the USA. Riding south on San Ysidro Blvd gave riders the feeling of being in Mexico as the community is predominately Latino.

A right turn on Camino de la Plaza bridged riders over I-5 and they could see the border port of entry between Tijuana, MEX and San Ysidro, USA.

Once at the Outlets at the Border, riders rode directly to the outdoor stage and parked their bikes in a large area between the podium and the many shops at the Outlet. Before starting the welcome ceremony the Chula Vista High School Mariachi Band entertained the group of riders with a fantastic performance! While listening to the Mariachis riders helped themselves to coffee and Mexican pastries provided by Coffee Bean and Outlets at the Mall.

The Border Patrol arrived to display their fast reacting four wheelers and lined up in formation. They posed for photos with our riders and graciously allowed our riders to sit atop their four wheelers. The leader of the Border Patrol group offered to lead interested riders, at the end of the welcome ceremony, to the outermost corner of the USA.....USA/MEX border fence and Pacific Ocean....a bit of dirt road riding but certainly would be a fun excursion for those participating. Unfortunately, just before the ceremony,

the agent's radio fired up calling the four of them to promptly mount their four wheelers and race west on the dirt track paralleling the border.

The event got underway with an address from San Diego Councilman Mr. David Alvarez (San Ysidro). He warmly welcomed SCMA riders to San Diego and particularly to San Ysidro. San Diego PD Lieutenant Jerry McManus took the podium welcoming the group with wit and words of safety.

Photo's were taken of the many opportunities and then riders mounted their bikes and headed off to breakfast. A large group availed themselves to the warm welcome at Achiote Mexican restaurant that provided the best breakfast ever!! From there riders headed through horse country to get on west heading Palm Ave and rode the turn north through The Strand of sand that connects Coronado to Imperial Beach. Along the way they passed the Navy Base where the US Navy Seals are stationed before entering Coronado proper and then riding the 200-foot tall Coronado/San Diego Bay Bridge back to the Wyndham.

All arrived back at the Wyndham in time to enter the check-in hall to register for the event and receive their 40th Annual Three Flags Classic welcome bag of hat, t-shirt, challenge coin, plaque, pins, decals, route sheet, membership package with new membership card, and their Three Flags Classic Passport!

Only thing left to do now was to head over to the mobile bars set up in the lobby of the BBQ room and have a brewski while meeting old friends and making new ones!



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Outlets
AT THE BORDER

SETTING UP FOR THE 40TH TFC

Tuesday, August 25th, Shulman departed Walla Walla for San Diego with the intent to visit family along the way. Friday, August 28th, Gonzo headed south from Orange County CA towards the Wyndham. He was pulling his 14-foot bike hauler that was empty of bikes. Instead it was full of boxes that he and Bob Torres loaded the day before. These boxes contained all the SWAG needed to stuff the welcome bags to be distributed to riders as they checked in for the start of the 40th Annual TFC.



At the Wyndham the boxes were then hauled into the West Ballroom where tables were set up to facilitate the check in process for riders as they proceeded through each station.

Five minutes after Gonzo unloaded the trailer, Shulman pulled into the Wyndham's entrance on his black Honda Gold Wing looking cool as ever in his Joe Rocket leathers. Talk about great timing!! Within ten minutes of Shulman's arrival, he and Gonzo began arranging the tables for the

various check-in functions.

Gonzo then jumped back on I-5 heading north to Orange County while Shulman began opening and positioning 300 bags, provided by San Diego Harley Davidson, for stuffing of TFC goodies.

On Saturday, Karen Butterfield, Ron Farkas, and Robert Bencivenga of the Red Hot Riders of San Diego were on hand to assist Shulman in opening the boxes of goodies. First task was labeling, setting up the "goodie" bags and laying out the lanyards with the passport holders done by Karen and Robert. Ron and others were assembling the passports. On Sunday we had small mountains of 300 T-shirts on three big tables. Steve had started folding shirts but had challenges keeping the stacks straight. Karen and Steve worked out a method that would provide a nice display and Karen made tall neat stacks of the largest groups of sizes. This was a long process closed out with the help of Manny Smith and Ron Farkas who were drafted to complete the wall of shirts at the end of long day.

Slowly but surely the bags began to fill with the welcome items as Ron and Manny stuffed bags with pins, patches, challenge coins, and raffle tickets. The first two TFC riders, Richard Dipboye and John Schuster, arrived on Monday after validating San Ysidro for their USA4C tour. They promptly volunteered to help Shulman and company with the T-shirt folding and lanyard attaching. Route sheets were collated and placed into envelopes which were then placed into the 300 rider bags.

By Monday, much of the room had been set up and the TFC committee was well on its way to meeting the Wednesday check-in start time of 11:00 when riders would be

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returning from the "Touch The Fence" ride.

Check-in day arrived and helpers were aplenty with Mike Barber, Steve Howe, Ginne and Al Mistal, Giovanna Piazza, Bob Roger, Manny Smith, Karen Butterfield, Bob Hickey, Miles Ladue, Dannie Fox, Sandra Downs, and Jennifer Shulman, positioned at various stations helping riders complete their check-in process and obtain their TFC Passport, intact with photograph, ready for checkpoint volunteers to stamp upon arrival.



The pre-start BBQ was to be held just down the hall with doors closed until 5:00. The lobby was positioned with two bars to accommodate a thirsty crowd and before long there were 300 riders telling stories, enjoying drinks, laughing, all having a good time. The doors finally opened and all strolled in, claiming tables with friends, for an evening dinner and fun time with friends.

Gonzo began the BBQ with a few words of welcome and introduced the TFC Chairman, Steve Shulman, to the podium. Steve covered the basics of the TFC Rules and introduced the committee members, Chris White and Carroll Walker, who had designed the route. Unfortunately Carroll was in bed getting some shuteye for his 2am wake up and 3am departure, so he didn't get to hear the round of applause for his work! Not to worry though, we planned on recognizing him at Finish Banquet. Steve also mentioned the SPOTWALLA site that Ray Davis set up for anyone who wanted to use it. By going to the site, viewers could see the locations of the various riders who signed onto the service. Members began serving themselves at the buffet line and all enjoyed a great meal of beef and turkey hamburgers, salads, breads and a great array of dessert!

New York Mike, owner of San Diego Harley Davidson, addressed the riders with an enthusiastic welcome to San Diego and encouraged everyone to ride safe and have fun. NY Mike sponsored this TFC start point providing financial support, materials, store discounts, head of the line maintenance service, and displays of the new Harley Ultra touring motorcycles. The support received from the San Diego Harley folks greatly contributed to the success of this year's 40th TFC.

During dinner, many door prizes were raffled and then Steve wrapped up the evening with announcing the First Timer meeting being presented by the AZRATPack.

As riders wandered off to their rooms or their bikes, still telling stories to each other, Gonzo and the cleanup crew packed all the leftover material into Ray Davis' SUV for return to Orange County.

It was a long night, some sleep was caught by chance, then it was 3am and time to suit up, turn in start cards to Jennifer Shulman, Ray Davis, and Steve Howe, mount our motorcycles and depart a dark San Diego for the first check point in Oakhurst, CA.



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www.sc-ma.com/shamrock.htm



The 40th Annual Three Flags Classic

by Gonzo #25051

DAY 1: Thursday morning, 2:50 am, Ray Davis and Jennifer Shulman were standing by the rear doors of the Wyndham, leading to the rear parking lot, where everyone's bikes were positioned. There were around 50 riders already at their bikes loading gear into saddlebags, donning riding gear, holding last minute coordinating instructions with a riding buddy.....one rider was wiping his windshield cleaning off residue from the ride home to San Diego.

The line formed and at 3:00 am Ray and Jennifer began collecting the start cards.

Riders quickly mounted their bikes and began an orderly exit out the Wyndham Hotel's back parking lot and onto Pacific Hwy heading for Oakhurst. More and more riders began arriving from their rooms with start cards in hand. Jennifer, Howe and Davis wrapped it up at 6:00 am, the last opportunity for a start card to be turned in.

Departing San Diego between 3:00-5:00 am was a breeze and soon riders were on I-15 heading north passing well-known SoCal locations such as Temecula, Riverside, San Bernardino and connecting to CA-138 heading to Bakersfield to connect onto CA-99 north to Visalia for CA-198 (General's Highway) to head east through Sequoia National Park. A few riders used this opportunity to obtain a verification stamp and photograph for their CA Parks Adventure as they

were concurrently finishing that event to qualify for a Triple Crown. Exiting the Sequoias via CA-180, riders entered Fresno and

headed north on CA-41 towards Oakhurst, the first check point of the ride.

Ralphine Andrus had her checkpoint station set up in the parking lot of the Best Western Plus, Yosemite Gateway Inn. Their set-up was well stocked with water and soft drinks, fruits, snacks,

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Gatorade, and good cheer! Early arrivals took this time to rest a bit before resuming their ride to further points north with the plan to arrive in Victoria at a time well before 9:00 pm on Monday. Many riders, typically arriving after 4:00 pm, used Oakhurst as the stopping point and checked into the motel for a night's stay and plans for an evening dinner with riding buddies and any fellow TFC rider they bumped into.

DAY 2: The air was crisp in Oakhurst at 5:00 am. And it should be

as this small town of 2,900 souls lies about 15 miles southwest of Yosemite at an altitude of 2,300 feet. It is the southern end of the Gold Country in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Riders were soon heading north on CA-49, a delightful curvy road that follows the western edge of the Sierras. Riders were entertained by names of the small towns they passed thru. Towns such as Ahwahnee, Bootjack, Mormon Bar, Mariposa, Moccasin, and Chinese Camp all had a history going back to the historical Gold days of California.

Soon the connection was made onto CA-108 in Jamestown and, heading

east, riders were treated to the beauty of crossing the Sierras on one of the most scenic roads in the territory. Once again, riders experienced the joy of a twisting and roller coaster ride as CA-108 followed the contours of the Sierras. Surprisingly, there were no deer strikes on this leg!

On the west side of the Sierras, we rode past the USMC Mountain



Warfare Training Center and then south on US-395 towards Bridgeport. This was a good location for many to refuel their bikes and themselves with a nice lunch at one of the local restaurants.

Just south of Bridgeport was the CA-182 connection to head north alongside the Bridgeport Reservoir into Nevada where the highway became NV-338. This stretch of road was a bit of a surprise to see a different desert than what NV has around the Las Vegas area. We continued north onto various connections and on Alt US-95 heading into Fernley. The highways now are going to be long and

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straight other than a few long sweeping curves.....after all, we are in the desert and not subject to the contours of mountain ranges.

From Fernley the route headed north into Wadsworth to connect onto NV-447 and head to Gerlach. Some SCMA old-timers like to come out here and have a camp out and shooting fest in the flat dry lake area. Our weekend passing through the Gerlach area coincided with the Burning Man annual gathering in the Black Rock Desert. On 9/1 reveler's experienced and unbelievable sandstorm, but held on for the 9/5 Burning of the Man ceremony!

Riders then re-entered California and the road became County Rd 1 leading to Cedarville. In Cedarville riders picked up CA-299 heading west to junction with US-395 and headed south into Alturas, Check Point #2.

Bob Prosser, Lloyd Stewart and team manned this checkpoint, set up behind the Miles Hotel, and stocked it with every imaginable treat a distance rider would need or want. On day 2, this check point was struck with rain, hail and lightening but they energetically repositioned their setup from the exposed SE corner to a spot up against the Hotel wall that shielded them from the brunt of the storm! Well done team !!

Day 3: Out of Alturas the route was straight up US-395 along Goose Lake and Lake Abert and into Riley where riders could get a needed tank of gas. Gonzo, Bob Roger and Joe Fitzsimmons arrived in Riley and were greeted by Jean and Claudette Fradette riding their Slingshot. Riley is a unique spot as it is an outdoor Archer Hunter's store selling Hi-Tech bows and doing repairs. Continuing on US-395 riders passed through Burns and head to John Day where they then headed east on US-26, through Prairie City and connected onto OR-7, another delightful road with curves, climbs, descents, and twists that finally ended in Baker City. A number of our riders moteled here while others continued on via I-84 to La Grande to get on OR-82 that took them to Elgin and then Enterprise.

In Enterprise, riders were treated to awesome views of the rolling hills and mountains of WA when they jumped onto OR-3/WA-129 headed for Lewiston.

Lewiston was another fantastic treat of a Check Point. Joan and Ron Gehring, along with Gayle and Jack Turner had a wonderful arrangement at the Red Lion Hotel with a designated parking lot and a hallway dedicated to the check point. They had wonderful treats and HOT COFFEE to warm us up from the cold

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rain.

Day 4: Rolling out of Lewiston we were immediately confronted the lingering rain storm and the fantastic twisting and climbing Old Spiral Hwy. All during the climb up the hill we were treated with fantastic views of the Snake River and Lewiston. Connecting onto US-195 it was a 100-mile ride through the rolling WA hay fields to Spokane. A quick ride through the city found us heading north on US-2, WA-211 and WA-20 heading for Nelway via WA-31. Customs was a relatively easy process to get through since they were prepared to expect over 250 riders coming through their port of entry.

In Canada we headed north on CAN-6 to Selmo and then CAN-3 towards Castlegar and 3A to Crescent City where we got back onto CAN-6 for the long ride through gorgeous BC mountains and lakes and rivers. WOW !!!

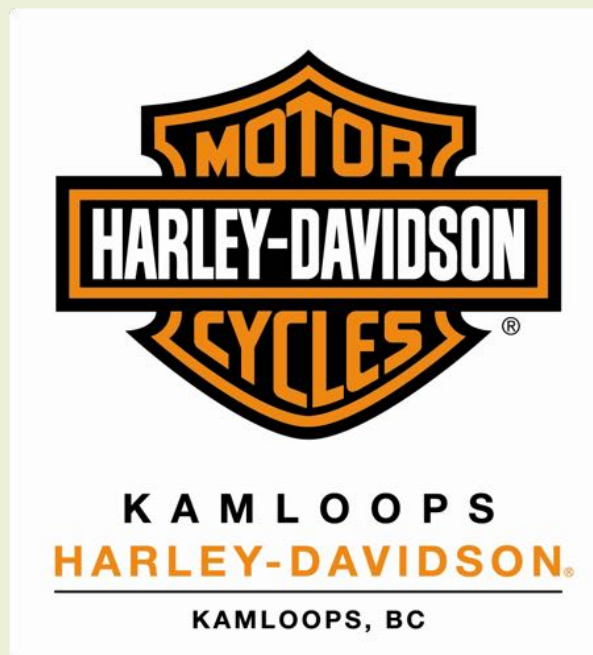
Finally arriving in Nakusp we obtained the required gas receipt at the Esso station on the corner of CAN-6/23

and received a free bottle of water courtesy of the owners! From there it was south to Broadway street where some riders stopped at Chumbley's for a late breakfast or lunch before continuing on to Fauquier and the cable ferry crossing Upper Arrow Lake. As riders headed onwards to Vernon, they were treated to an introduction to the beautiful riding in BC mountain country. From Vernon it was an easy and fun final leg on CA-97 and CAN-1 into the Kamloops Harley-Davidson sponsored Check point.

A huge surprise awaited us at Kamloops. Andrea Perrett, daughter of the famous European Enduro and Baja 1000 rider, Al Perrett, captained the site and honored Larry Lamarche (1945-2015) with making the checkpoint a memorial in his honor. By the way, Al Perrett is the owner of

Kamloops H-D dealership and gladly supported our TFC.

Kathy Lamarche (Larry's wife) and her family made Check Point #4 into a fantastic memorial for Larry. They provided sandwiches, baked goods, a huge cake and displayed Larry's



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photograph and obituary. Riders fully enjoyed this checkpoint and we were all honored to have been a part of Larry's memorial.

Day 5: Today riders need to arrive in Victoria no later than 9:00 pm to qualify as a finisher and receive the coveted brass buckle of the 40th Annual Three Flags Classic.

SPOTWALLA, the software depiction of riders wearing SPOT devices, showed riders stretched out between Castlegar and Victoria.

Undoubtedly there were many others south of Castlegar and all hoped that they would all make it to Victoria on time. There were already about 31 riders in Victoria, and they were all looking forward to welcoming the remaining 257 finishers.

It was a nice feeling to wake to a clear day with no rain! For most riders it was an easy ride to get gas and jump onto CAN-1/97 heading west to Cache Creek then north about 10 miles to connect on CAN-99, the 3rd last leg to Victoria. I say 3rd because the next leg is the ferry ride to Vancouver Island, and the last leg is

the ride south from Nanaimo or Sydney depending on the route riders took.

By the way, some riders combined their Best 15 Challenge and USA Four Corners Tour with the Three Flags Classic tour to meet the Triple Crown requirements. Bob Roger and Charles Lamb are two riders that immediately come to mind that did this. Bob departed Kamloops and

headed to Blaine WA to complete the USA Four Corners, then headed north to Tsawwassen BC to catch the ferry to Swartz Bay and ride south to the Empress Hotel.

Charles finished the TFC in Victoria then boarded the ferry in Swartz Bay for Tsawwassen and headed south to Blaine. Interestingly enough Bob and Charles bumped into each other in front of the Blaine Post Office and posed for joint photographs!

But the real treat was ahead for those riders who connected onto CAN-99 to ride that magnificent road through beautiful mountains, lakes, and rushing river streams. They were treated to the joy of riding through the Fountain Valley Indian Reserve,

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Lillooet, alongside Duffey Lake, Mt Currie, Pemberton, Whistler (home to the 2010 Winter Olympics), and finally into Horseshoe Bay to catch the ferry.

Ferry riding is really a lot of fun. You get to ride down the ramp into the vehicle-loading bay. Motorcycles, especially when there are about 30 of them, all get their own parking line from bow to stern. You park your bike, tie the rope hanging from the bulkhead around handlebars or whatever, and walk away. For those bikes positioned a row away from the bulkhead, the ship provides large blocks to place under the bike to prevent it from tipping over.

After securing your bike you then head up to the top level where you can purchase coffee, breakfast, lunch or souvenirs. There are plenty of tables and rows of chairs to relax with fellow riders and enjoy conversation. You can stroll around the ship's railing and enjoy the fresh sea air while searching the horizon for islands, other ships, whales or Orcas. Yes, there is a lot of water out there between departing and arriving ports. This is the 2nd last leg of the 40th

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Annual. Two hours later the ship's Boatswains Mate announced that vehicle owners must descend to their vehicles and prepare for debarkation. Riders felt the shifting of the ferry as engine propellers swirled in reverse, slowing the ferry as it was guided into its port landing. The ramp dropped, and motorcyclists twisted their throttles, rolled out of their parked positions and across the ramp, into sunny daylight, and up onto the highway leading them to Victoria.

The final leg is afoot! From Nanaimo it is a 1-hour ride on CAN-1 south into Victoria. From Swartz Bay it is a 30-minute ride on BC-17 into Victoria, 2 blocks from the Empress.

Pulling into the Empress riders were greeted by fellow SCMA'ers guiding them to parking in front of the entrance lobby. Empress staff had cordoned off the entire front parking for



motorcycles only! After

Blake's Place ©

dismounting their iron steeds, riders could then check in with the TFC finish point, receive their coveted buckle, and then return to the hotel check-in counter to obtain their room assignment. When all was completed they returned to their bikes and rode them into the SCMA designated parking.

The ride was finished. The buckle earned and received. Friends were greeted and congratulated. Cheers were abundant from groups of riders. The day ended. 300 riders signed on. 283 riders departed San Diego, 271 riders claimed their buckles.

The 40th Annual Three Flags Classic is now entered into the record books!

40th Annual Three Flags Classic Banquet

by Gonzo #25051

Wow!! Victoria, and the Empress Hotel, what a wonderful combination to wrap up the 40th Annual TFC! Riders had a number of options on Monday after checking in to the finish desk while waiting for the Banquet to begin on Tuesday at 4:00 pm.

There were fantastic restaurants in the hotel providing delicious (tho' pricey) meals, there was afternoon tea (served with amazing pastries), there was the beautiful port to stroll around, shops and restaurants all within walking distance. Yes, it was a wonderful location to celebrate SCMA's 40th Annual Classic!

Riders began strolling to the Crystal

Garden, located across the street from the Empress. The Crystal Garden has quite a history. The Crystal Garden's structure, inspired by the famous Crystal Palace that was built for London's 1851 Great Exposition, opened in June 1925 as the largest salt-water swimming pool in the Empire. It was a most popular social center for the city for decades and a haunt for many celebrities in its heyday including Johnny Weissmuller of Tarzan fame who set a 100 yard freestyle world indoor record in the pool in 1925.

The huge pool became the area for the 40th Annual Banquet and the area above became the

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Sam Bedolla of Mexico



Brydon Marchand of Canada
Tammy Mathews of USA



meeting place for mingling and visiting the bars that were set up to serve the gathering.

At 5:00 pm the drummer began a drum roll so the bagpipers would begin the march leading the Canadian, United States, and Mexican flag bearers down the stairs and onto the stage. All stood in honor to the three nation's flags being that were marched into the room. The drummer and bagpipers were introduced to the assembly and then the flag bearers, Brydon Marchand of Canada, Tammy Mathews of USA, and Samuel Bedolla of Mexico all received a round of applause.

Gonzo, acting as the amateur MC then introduced Kathy Lamarche and her son Steve. Kathy and her family helped support the Kamloops checkpoint #4 with sandwiches and baked goods in honor of Kathy's husband, Larry Lamarche, who was tragically killed in a traffic accident. Check Point #4 was a memorial to Larry and all TFC riders had an opportunity to meet Kathy and honor Larry, one of the SCMA's great distance riders. In recognition of her support to SCMA and the TFC members gave her and her son Steve a standing ovation of appreciation.

Dinner began with the Maitre D'Banquet leading guests to the buffet line where salmon, chicken and halibut was being offered with an assortment of salads, vegetables and breads, etc. Dessert was a wonderful assortment of cheesecakes **continued on Page 24**

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and pies.

Steve Shulman, Chair of the 40th Annual TFC, was introduced to the podium and he congratulated everyone on their successful finish of the 5-day ride.

Lisa Helps, Mayor of Victoria City, was the guest speaker for the banquet. She welcomed all to her city and gave an insight into the economic development in progress to ensure Victoria's future as a good and happy place to live. Listening to her speech, one could not help but recognize the strategic and long-range planning approach the Mayor and City Council were implementing to ensure future success.



The group was treated to Roman Danylo, a Vancouver comedian, who had guests laughing at his antics and impersonations of SCMA members. Unfortunately, the speakers were not loud enough in the back half of the room and the sound system did not do him justice (a lesson Gonzo and Rodney learned for 2016). Roman had a great routine that involved members of the audience and Judy Chester, Mike Lawson, Rodney Chew and Viktoria Lawson were great assistant performers when called to the stage to help with the

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entertainment.

Steve then introduced the SCMA Board of Directors, and the 40th Annual committee members. This was a unique year as all members of the Board were able to ride the 40th Annual Classic! Committee members were introduced and we were all treated to a most enthusiastic, impromptu speech of joy by Chris White who couldn't contain his excitement over the fact that the 40th Annual TFC finished at the Empress in Victoria BC.

Steve reiterated that many of the riders in attendance had been riding this event for many years and he called to the stage those riders who had ridden the event 30 years and more.

Prizes were raffled off and there were many winners of the Irv Seaver BMW gift certificates, \$100 Debit cards (as in cash for gas), an Aerostich riding suite (\$1,000 value), and the free, #1 ticket to the 2016 TFC was won by first time TFC rider Tim Wannamaker! How cool is that for a "First Timer"?



George White and family, of Victoria, enjoying their banquet and George's trophy as youngest rider

With that the evening was called a wrap and everyone headed out back to the Empress. Early ferry catchers headed to their rooms for a night's sleep, and others headed to the lounge for one more beer and more stories to embellish.

The Crystal Garden was an excellent choice to hold the 40th Annual Classic Banquet, a special place for a special occasion. It was an event everyone rider will remember.



Ralphine and team-CP#1, Oakhurst, CA



Gonzo, Joe and Bob at Lamarche Memorial Cake

We can do it!

by Tammy Mathews,
rider #7, SCMA #33732

Women On Wheels California Ambassador

"It'll be fun," she says. "It'll be scenic," she says. "We all should do a Three Flags!"

And with those motivating words from Sue Childress, seven time Three Flags Classic veteran, a motley crew of nine ladies from the Gold Country Riders (GCR) chapter of Women On Wheels® (WOW), plus two support fellas, were inspired to participate in the 2015 TFC. "Now this isn't just any Three Flags," she warned, "this is the 40th Annual Classic, so be sure you register early!" Thus, at the stroke of midnight on Dec 31st, while many were either sleeping or ringing in the New Year, several of us attending a New Year's party had our hostess pause the count down until we successfully signed up and could toast the New Year and the TFC adventure to come.



Tammy Mathews ready with iPhone in hand. Poised with her iPad on the SCMA Three Flags page is Jennifer Hughes rider #3

What next? Well, being women of course that meant for



At Checkpoint #3 a very wet Jeanie Thurston and Max Van Orsdel

the next eight months we had fun gatherings to plan for the journey. Thanks to newbie Three

Flagger Max Van Orsdel for graciously

hosting our parties. We are after all strong, independent women who gladly

accept the help of men. ☺

After a few meetings, a GPS clinic, and hundreds of emails and Face Book posts later, the day finally arrived and we gathered in San Diego. How cool to see so many riders



left to right: Tammy Mathews, Denna Patton, Janet Davidson, Ronnie Sorgi, Jane Lynch, Jennifer Hughes, Sue Childress, Dee Dee Gray and Jeanie Thurston

in one place with the same goal. And what a bonus it was to get to embark on this journey with friends. One of the best parts though was getting to experience how warm and welcoming all the riders were to each other and us ladies in particular. As a TFC first timer, I had previously heard stories about how nice SCMA members are and how "well done" the event was, my expectations though were truly exceeded! Everyone was wonderful, fun loving and seemed genuinely happy to see us ladies turning out for the event in what I've heard suggested were record numbers. And as someone that has attended many, many professional conferences and events this is by far one of the best-run events that I've experienced. Kudos, and huge thank you's, to everyone involved in the planning and execution of this TFC.

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Once the ride began it wasn't without its challenges for some. "This TFC was a true test of patience, strength and perseverance," says three time TFC veteran and WOW member Denna Patton. "We had just about every kind of weather, and some mechanical problems, but we made it because people pulled together and didn't give up. It makes the finish that much sweeter." Denna's riding group, which included Crazy Jane Lynch and Ronnie Sorgi, had difficulties in Prairie City Oregon when Ronnie's bike began idling very high. "Jimmy" a TFC veteran and friend who used to be a Harley mechanic, tried to help us but it didn't work" shared



Denna. "So Ronnie got towed to his hotel in Baker City where we luckily got the last room available for the night. The next morning Jimmy woke up, found us and



Ronnie Sorgi, Mark, Jimmy Reese, Denna Patton and Jane Lynch

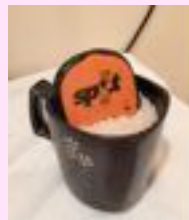
shared a dream he had about what might be the problem. He then proceeded to tear Ronnie's bike apart under the Super 8 awning while it was pouring down rain. Jimmy was right, he fixed the problem and, thanks to him, we made it to Victoria without any further issues!" Now that's the Three Flags spirit, riders helping riders.

While most in our motley crew buddied up to ride together, some, like Jennifer Hughes and myself, decided to solo it (for the most part). As Jennifer shared, "This trip was a personal growth opportunity for me but with the bonus of having a safety net". I couldn't agree more. I too appreciated that it felt like all the other riders were looking out for me. Many times, when I stopped along the side of the road to take pictures, Three Flaggers would slow down or pull over to make sure I was okay. This was my first attempt at a solo long



Omen for our very wet Day 3?

distance ride so knowing that other riders had my back gave me the confidence that "I can do it!" And if something went wrong, I wasn't alone.



Tammy's SPOT getting a rice bath

We were all so happy to make it to New Denver BC, we wound up gathering for a little impromptu dinner/drying out party.

Camaraderie is the word that best describes the TFC, and no place is that more true than at the checkpoints.

Throughout the journey, the checkpoints served as a place to re-energize while grabbing a stretch and a



Janet Davidson, Jennifer Hughes, Denna Patton, Max Van Orsdel, Dee Dee Gray, Sue Childress, Jane Lynch and Ronnie Sorgi

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snack. We were greeted by warm, smiling faces and the folks working them were phenomenal! My helmet is off to all of you for giving up your day to help us riders successfully complete this journey. Special kudos to the folks at the Kamloops HD for going the extra mile and having baked goods, hot coffee and sandwich fixings. Your kindness was a beautiful, loving tribute to the memory of Larry Lamarche.

Another highlight was arriving in Victoria. In addition to being greeted by all the terrific checkpoint folks, us Women On Wheel members received a bonus when three of our WOW buddies, who had been following our journey on FaceBook, made it up to BC to celebrate our success at the ending TFC Banquet. How cool is that? Thank you to Tinker Christoferson, Vicki Hubbs and Kathy Johnson for making the journey!



As I returned home and was asked to describe the journey, lots of stories and fun times come to mind but I think Janet Davidson, second time TFC veteran and WOW member said it best; "Three Flags is about camaraderie, pulling together, laughter, adventure and believing in yourself. It's truly a "We Can Do It!" experience".



To all those that participated in the Three Flags 2015, thanks for making it such an awesome experience for my WOW friends and me. And for those that have considered a TFC but haven't yet done it, what are you waiting for? You can do it! Go for it! Adventure awaits you.

Giggling over a stolen dessert are Tinker Christoferson, Vicki Hubbs and Tammy Mathews

Tammy Mathews doing a happy dance after carrying the US Flag in the Banquet's opening ceremony

Editor's note: This is Tammy's first article in the SCMA Newsletter. My unverified count of 35 women riders on this 40th Annual Classic may be a record for SCMA! We look forward to seeing more women riders in our events and to more articles by the enthusiastic Tammy Mathews.



SOME 2015 3FC First Timer Quotes

By Rodney Chew #24784

SCMA Thanks ALL the First Timers for coming out to ride the Three Flags Classic with us !
Below are some quotes from a few TFC First Timers.



Candace Hartley, Ventura, CA

Wow what an adventure! I arrived friendless but right away found many. I arrived clueless but was quickly offered survival lessons. I needed better gloves, I put trash bags in my boots and I survived by day on dried berries like a pioneer. I saw animals, beautiful scenes, took ferries and traversed tall bridges. I rode fearlessly in the rain, got help from other 3 Flagger when I bent my bark-busters, and learned to help other riders pass cars. Most of all I learned that Long Distance riding and its population are having the best time on the planet. Count me in again!

Editors Note: Candace returned to a hero's welcome from family and friends. She went out to look at a new bike the next day ☺ See ya next year Candace. Candace also hit a bird or bird hit her and sent her GoPro flying off her bike ☹



Steve Fanizza, San Juan Capistrano, CA

The GOOD: Riding and hanging out with a group of friendly, like-minded people who love motorcycling as much as I do!

The BAD: "What? We don't stop for lunch?"

The UGLY: Passing logging trucks in the rain.

Bottom line: Loved it, looking forward to more rides with the group!

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Wayne Turnbow, Modesto, CA

First TFC ride for me. This included one of the longest seat times and greatest miles I have done in a single day! Didn't think I had it in me. Rode with a fantastic group of folks who had each others backs and kept me encouraged. I miss them all. Next

year!

Stephen Stoops, Phoenix, AZ

Going into this ride I was not sure what to expect. But everyone was very friendly and welcoming. The ride and route was really spectacular. I had a blast and can't wait till next year. Now I seem to find myself thinking, hmmm I could do a Four Corners Tour with this ride next year! Drinking the Koolaid !



If you're a first timer and would like to tell us briefly about your experience send us:

YOUR NAME:

WHERE YOUR FROM:

2 to 3 SENTENCES ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE

2016 Three Flags Classic Chairman Announcement

At the 2015 TFC Banquet in Victoria, Gonzo announced to the assembled riders, that Rodney Chew of Scottsdale AZ, and member of the AZRATPack, was selected to be the Chairman for the 2016 Three Flags Classic.

Rodney took a brief two minutes to address the group and express his excitement of being next year's TFC Chairman. He took the time to explain that traditionally, at the TFC Banquet, the next year's start and finish locations were announced.

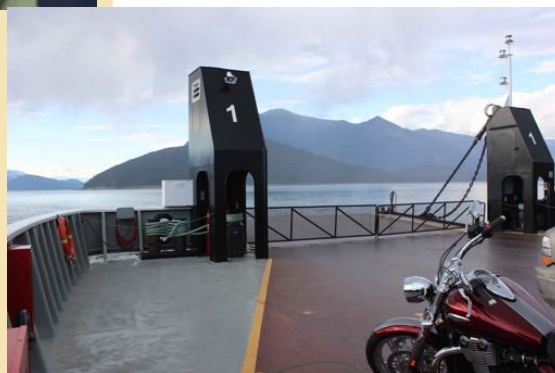
Unfortunately, due to his recent acceptance of the assignment, he had not the time to conduct his research into various locations. He asked everyone to be patient with him as he begins a diligent review of potential locations, and then presents his choices to the SCMA Board of Directors for their approval.



He expects to have the choice made by the next Board Meeting to be held at **9:00 am on October 10th at Marie Callender's Restaurant, 3117 Garvey North, West Covina, CA**



He welcomes volunteers willing to join the committee to help with the many tasks involved in holding another fun TFC like this one was.



New Membership Cards

The first 300 membership packages were delivered to riders checking in to the Three Flag Classic at the Wyndham Hotel in San Diego on Wednesday September 2nd. The Membership Package consisted of the Chairman's welcome letter, Membership card (with the member's name, membership number, expiration date, and a QR scan code), an SCMA pin depicting the new logo, and SCMA decals. Beginning the 26th of this month I will begin mailing packages to members not at Three Flags. We estimate all members should have their packages by the mid- November.

The QR (Quick Response) code will be capable of containing member's emergency contact information and other information to be developed in the future. In the next few months we will be revising the registration process to require members to input key data in order to complete the registration/renewal process.

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

----- Mike Barber, Membership Services Director



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SCMA is now on Flickr

At the end of the 40th Annual Three Flags Classic the SCMA has launched its Flickr Photosite. The first event posted are the photos taken at the 3FC.

To see the 2015 3FC Flickr photos iclick on this link: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskkAsRVt>

If you search Flickr for SCMA our site should be found.

We hope you enjoy all the photos ! You can download images you like from the site.

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then enter this password: ThreeFlagsClassic (case sensitive)

Please follow the instructions and NOTE: The upload for 2015 Three Flags Classic photos will end Nov 1, 2015.

Would you like to see more fun photos and information about this year's 3FC? Well check

out Brian Hooker's fun, fun website: www.brianhooker.com/3Flags2015

also check out: [AZRATPACK 3 Flags Posse pics by Victor Castaneda Jr](#) ,

and Chris White website www.cwrides.com and Mike Barber at [View Album](#)

If you have 2015 3FC websites or links to pics you would like to share please send the information to the editor, Gonzo @ gonzocrossusa@gmail.com

Lets Share all the Fun !

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2015 Cemetery Tour

by Steve Howe #24784
SCMA Ride Chair

The 2015 Cemetery Tour will start up on the mountain at Hell's Kitchen on Ortega Highway. Check in between 8:00 and 9:00 am on Saturday Oct 24 and take off on your own, or wait for the Group to leave at 9:05. We will descend to Lake Elsinore and then travel out toward Lake Henshaw, stopping at graveyards and visiting folks long gone along the way. We've ridden several of these roads in the past but probably too quickly to notice these resting places. For Mission tour participants there will be a stop at the San Luis Rey cemetery and a photo op for your tour book.

We will get together at 2:30 for a late lunch at the final destination, The Hunter Restaurant in Oceanside, CA. When you arrive, be sure to walk out to read the plaque in the sidewalk. Some might find it chilling or even ghoulish.

Happy Halloween!



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BLAZING SADDLES

The SCMA 2015 Blazing Saddles Ride will start in Riverside; the same address we used for the Shamrock's Saint Patrick's Day Ride: *Malcolm Smith Motorsports is at 7599 Indiana Avenue, Riverside*. The staff will welcome the SCMA with coffee and donuts being served Saturday October 3, between **7AM & 8 AM**.

Blazing Saddles is a sanctioned event with the AMA, as well as a SCMA Traveler's Event and is open to all riders.

Day 1, Saturday's ride will leave Riverside, crossing over Big Bear Lake and out to Barstow, then venture through Tehachapi to Lake Isabella. The end of Day 1 and the overnight will be at La Quinta Inn, 5438 W Cypress Ave, Visalia, CA - (559) 739-9800 near the airport.

Day 2, Sunday morning, the riders will head out west to the Parkfield Café and then to San Miguel Mission, along the California central coast. The path of the ride from Parkfield will follow the San Andréa's fault line south to Taft and the I-5 home.

The final checkpoint will be the new motorcycle shop in Santa Clarita: *Mamba Motorsports, 21095 Center Point Parkway Sunday October 4, 2015 3 PM - 4 PM*



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

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.

October

- 3 *Blazing Saddles 2-day ride
- 10 SCMA General Membership Meeting, 9am, Marie Callender's
- 24 *Cemetery Ride (North San Diego County)

November

- 7 SCMA General Membership Meeting, 9am, Marie Callender's
- 14 Turkey Ride

December

- 19 Almost Winter Solstice
- There will be no GMM in December

Happy Holidays to All

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2015 Triple Crown and Best 15 US Roads Challenge

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 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!



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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. "Cherochala 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 new Risk Manager, Rodney Chew, 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.

An alternative to having your signature notarized is to have your signature witnessed by a Member of the Board.

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



Check out the TFC photos on Mike Barber's Picassa Photo site:
<https://picasaweb.google.com/lh/sreidir?uname=118085165278786462832&target=ALBUM&id=6193774274888491585&authkey=Gv1sRgCP7FpZyX59vW1gE&eat=email>

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

YAAAYYYY !!!!
Membership Cards have been produced !!!!!
Mailing of Membership packages has begun.
280 TFC riders received their packages upon TFC check-in at the Wyndham Hotel.
Each weekend we will be mailing out approximately 50 packages. (.....hmmmm, at that rate, it's gonna take a lotta weekends to finish!)

Routes of Past Three Flags Classics
Reuben Friesen could use your help in collecting information on Three Flags routes of the past.
If you have information on routes from past years please contact him at:
3fc-history@sc-ma.com

WHO WAS THAT GUY ??
The winner of the Pole Position, the #1 Rider for the 2016 Three Flags Classic was Time Wannamaker. This was Tim's first time on a TFC and he wins the Grand Prize.....how cool is that ??

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR
We are in need of someone to handle our monthly ride announcements to riding websites. This is a task that would involve about 5 hours a month. Please contact Gonzo.

2015 Travelers Award: August Update

Everyone not registered for the TA is still welcome to ride each event although not qualifying for the Traveler's Award. Currently we have three members with all 10 rides completed, two with 9, one with 8, one with 6, and one with 5 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, BMWCOOSC 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 "Suite 16" cannot be substituted. That level will still require all

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

Ride Chairs for 2016. Start thinking about the 2016 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.

1996 Harley Davidson, Yellow, S1 Lightning, 982 miles, \$4500, Pierre SD, VH muffler, Corbin seat, stock muffler and seat incl. Will be in CA in December.



Contact: billysnsd@pie.midco.net

GMM SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER !!

The next General Membership Meeting will be the at **9:00 AM on October 10th** 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 Kawasaki Concours 14 ABS, Neutron Silver, 18040 miles, 1 yr Transferable Factory Extended Warranty, Many Extras. San Diego Always garaged, Never dropped. Asking \$7375
Contact: StevieConcours14@aol.com



SCMA's Premier Events

USA Four Corners Tour/USA Four Corners True X Tour (an AMA "Extreme Grand Tour")

Imagine the adventure and satisfaction of visiting San Ysidro, CA; Blaine, WA; Madawaska, ME; and Key West, FL in 21 days or less. The USA Four Corners Tour is a self-guided tour visiting these four locations in any order you select and at any time of the year. Add Lebanon, KS between each corner and do it in 26 days or less and you've got a "True X". Starters shall receive a numbered towel, pin, hat and t-shirt. Certified finishers receive a plaque, patch and finisher's decal. Visit our website for complete information and online registration for this World Class event. More people have topped Mt. Everest than have completed this challenging long distance pinnacle. Dannie Fox is chairing this event.

Three Flags Classic (an AMA "Extreme Grand Tour")

The planning for the 2015, 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 doozy of a time !!!

California Adventure Series

The California Adventure Series includes two different rides: The California Parks Adventure (CPA) and the California Mission Tour (CMT). Completing one or the other helps to qualify for the Triple Crown award. 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

Email Newsletter submittals to:
GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com

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