



LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hello Everyone,

Your Board of Directors and Ride Chairs have been very busy "wrapping" up 2015 activity and preparing for 2016.

The word "wrapping" seems appropriate for this December newsletter because it also involves identifying riders and members who are to receive awards at the 2016 Awards Banquet.....a nice little present for their prior year's accomplishment.

2015 has been an awesomely successful year! We have experienced great success in our international and national Premier Rides and our monthly regional rides. Most of our members have received their membership packages containing their membership cards thanks to the design effort of Steve Shulman and the packaging effort of Mike Barber, your Membership Director.

At the same time, 2015 has been an exciting year and one in which the Board greatly appreciates SCMA's corporate sponsors. We are especially grateful to Russ Brown for making it possible to produce the new high-quality membership card. We are grateful to Irv Seaver BMW, San Diego Harley, and GOAZ Motorcycles for their support to our traveling members, and appreciative to Aerostitch and TCX Boots for

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General Membership Meeting (GMM)	Jan 10
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their online and product support to our members.

2015 has also been a challenging year and one of transition for SCMA as we continue to improve our programs, rides and membership services while recovering from life events and family matters that understandably took precedence over volunteer activities. Members came forward to fill Board positions and provide new ideas for review and implementation by the Board of Directors.

Your directors and ride chairs held a planning session in October and intend to follow that up with another session in the 1st quarter of 2016. Of concern is the challenge to retain SCMA's original foundation as well as adapting to current economic, environmental, and logistic pressures. They are working on strengthening many aspects of your Association to keep it a viable entity as we progress into the future.

Looking forward, the traditional January and February events and rides are coming right up. Watch for specific information in the newsletter.

The 2016 Awards Banquet will be held at the Irvine Wyndham on March 12th. Please see the flyer and registration form enclosed in this newsletter.

Rodney Chew and his 2016 Three Flags Classic Committee have been hard at work identifying the start and finish locations for this international event, and have finalized hotel arrangements for your stays. You were notified of those arrangements by eBlast earlier this month.

With the completion of this newsletter I look forward to relaxing and enjoying time with my family. What a wonderful time of the year!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Ride Chairs, we wish you the Best for 2016 !!

Ride Safe.....Ride Long

----- Gonzo

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Membership Packages Mailed !!!!

By Mike Barber #26168

WOW !!!

I can't believe it!

We actually have mailed over 700 membership packages throughout the United States, Mexico, and Canada. Even some to the Netherlands, United Kingdom, and Saipan!

I am down to my last 150 or so and am at a standstill as I await replenishment of new logo pins and brochures. Their delivery is expected in the 2nd week of January, if all goes well.

Many of you have called or emailed me with thanks for sending the new membership card that Steve Shulman designed. It is a real pleasure to see these cards finally get into your hands.

I expect these remaining packages will be in the mail by the last week of January. Concurrently, I'll also be mailing packages to our recently registered new and renewing members.

Thank you for being patient in receiving your membership packages. This project turned out to be more difficult than originally envisioned.



January Soup Meet Reunion of Members, Pioneer Members, Past Members, and Affiliates

This is amazing !!!

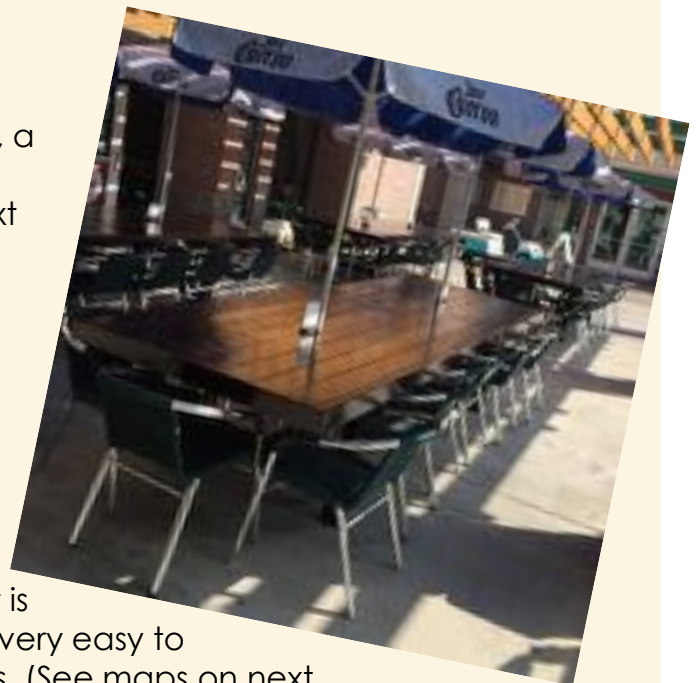
Ideas really came together in getting this concept rolling !!!

First off, we found the right words to describe what it was we wanted to do at this "Reunion" event. We wanted our Members, Past Members (not currently active), Pioneer Members (many who no longer ride), our Affiliates, and non-members to get together and meet each other!

Then we decided to continue the tradition of supporting a charity by making it a "Charity Destination Ride". This is NOT a riding event with a start and finish route. In other words, you ride to the meeting site, participate and socialize, and ride home taking any routes you so desire.

Next we found a great location. The Lake House, a grill and lounge located at the Woodley Golf Course at the Balboa Lakes Park in Van Nuys (next to the Sepulveda Dam Recreational complex).

Registration 10:00am -11:30am
 When: Sunday January 10th, 2016
 Where: The Lake House
 Woodley Lakes Golf Course
 6331 Woodley Ave
 Lake Balboa, Van Nuys



This location appears to be central to the majority of our membership and Affiliate Clubs. It is located close to I-405 and CA-101 freeways. It is very easy to find with convenient access from/to the freeways. (See maps on next pages) To easily get directions we suggest you Google "The Lake House, Woodley Lakes GC" and view the location with respect from your starting point. There are also a number of motels nearby for those desiring to stay overnight.

Finally, we started to come up with ideas of what to do when we all get together.

Our plan for this event is to consider it a Re-Union of **Members, Pioneer Members** (members from the 70's and 80's), **Affiliates, Past Members**, and **non-Members** interested in learning what SCMA is offering in 2016. Our Ride Chairs (USA Four Corners, CA Adventures –Missions and Parks, Three Flags Classic) will be on hand to answer questions about their Premier Rides. Your Members of the Board will also be on hand to answer questions about SCMA and their respective responsibilities. Barbara Fox, Vice Chair and Historian, will be on hand to talk about the history of SCMA, to connect with you, and to collect your stories of the early years of SCMA. Our Board of Directors will hold a Board meeting at 8:30am and wrap that up in time for us to begin the

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Soup Meet Reunion at 10:00am.

Concurrently with the Soup Meet we will consider this a GMM and present a few topics of interest for membership discussion and input. We will then introduce our Affiliate Clubs and we'll welcome Pioneer Members to introduce themselves and the years they were participating.

The other purpose of this event is to collect **three (3) cans of food or a \$5 check donation** (tax deductible) to **Families Forward**. We ask that everyone

participating in the event register at the check-in table and contribute to supporting this charity. Information on Families

Forward can be found at: <http://www.families-forward.org>

We look forward to seeing y'all at The Lake House, making this a fun event, and helping Families Forward stock their pantry to help those families in need.



SCMA 2016 Soup Meet

OUTRIDER* AND AFFILIATE RE-UNION



An SCMA Charity Event supporting
Families Forward

When: January 10th

Where: **The Lake House**

Woodley Lakes Golf Course

6331 Woodley Ave

Lake Balboa, Van Nuys

Registration: 10:00-11:30 am

Fee: \$5 Check Donation (tax deductible) to Families Forward of Orange County **or 3 cans of food.**

The Lake House Grill has breakfast and lunch menus and a full service bar.

Contact: Barbara Fox
805.890.8392



AFFILIATES

Come meet other Affiliate Clubs, and SCMA current and pioneer members from SCMA's early years.

This is your opportunity to introduce your club to all and our opportunity to meet you.

Tell us about your rides planned for 2016.

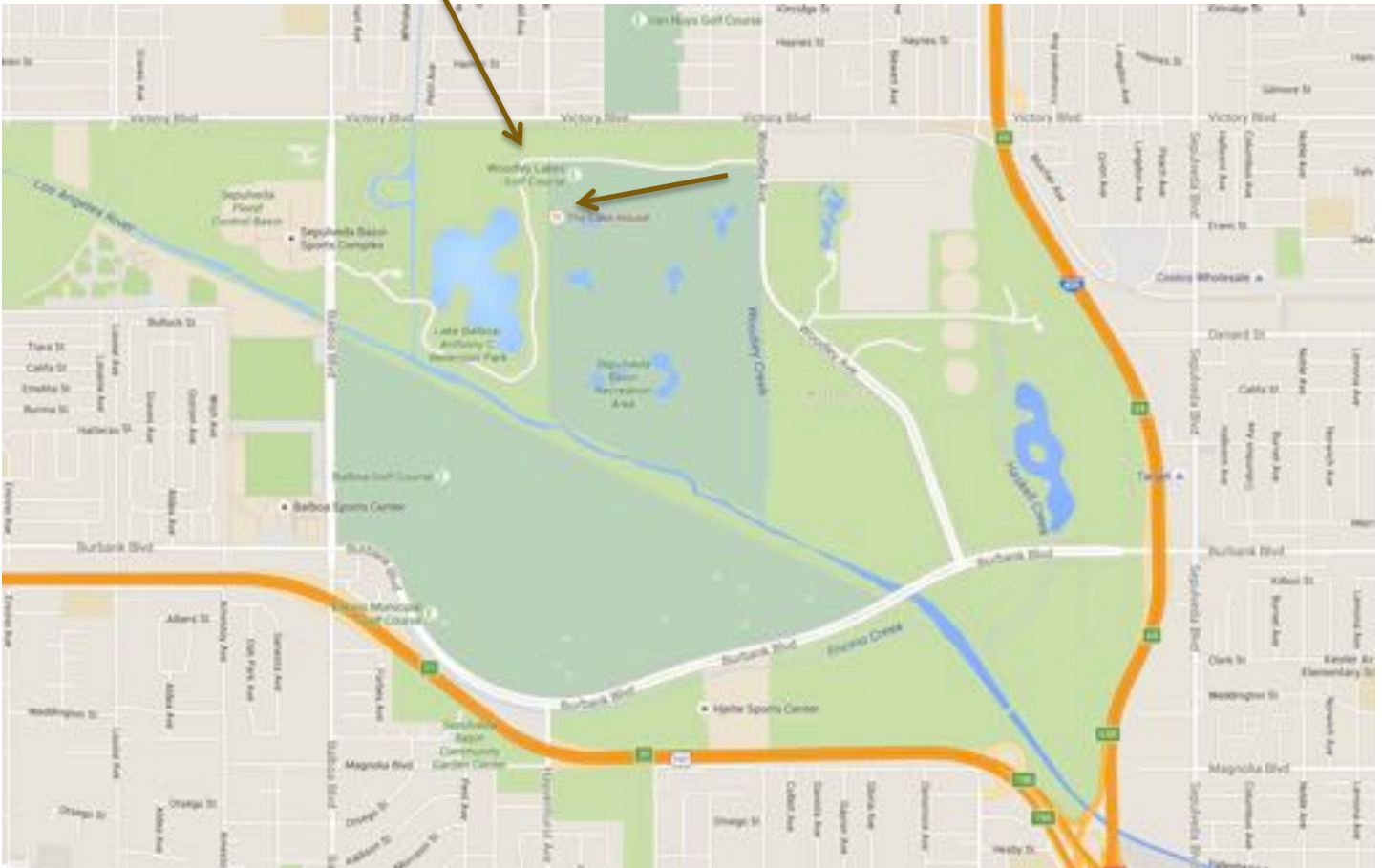
***"Outrider", a term used in the early days of SCMA, is defined as a rider who does not belong to a club.**

SCMA **current and past** Members: **Arrive on 2, 3 or 4 wheels.** Meet your fellow members and pioneer members of SCMA. Connect with Barbara Fox and share your part of the SCMA history with her to be collected in the SCMA history book. Enjoy a no-host breakfast or lunch by ordering from The Lake House menu.

2016 Soup Meet and Reunion

Google Map to The Lake House

Map recommended by:
Irv Creger #8173



Link to Google Maps: (Copy and paste if clicking on the link doesn't work)
<https://www.google.com/maps/place/The+Lake+House/@34.1833,-118.5270034,13z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x80c299d94476cadb:0x4364cc87871631c?hl=en>



2016 SCMA Ride Schedule

(in progress - pending Board approval)

Below are the monthly regional rides being considered for 2016. The Traveler's Award Chief, Ride Chief, and planning committee are evaluating various alternatives to establishing the requirements for the Traveler's Award. As soon as all is cast in stone we'll communicate the information to you. And by the way, if you have ideas for a ride and/or would like to help out being a ride chair, please contact the Ride Chief, Steve Howe at steve_howe@sc-ma.com

Soup Meet Reunion, chaired by SCMA

January 10th, The Lake House, Woodley Golf Course,

This is a destination Meet & Greet Charity event with members, pioneer members, past members and Affiliates. You pick your own route to get to the destination and to return home. Ride 2, 3, or 4 wheels to the destination and meet Ride Chairs, Historian, Affiliates, and the Pioneer members from the 70's and 80's. Fee: 3 cans of food or \$5 donation

Sweetheart Ride (Affiliate Club needed to chair this event)

February 13th, Start/Route/Finish TBD

Start at a Santa Monica café for breakfast and social. Ride in Santa Monica Mtns and finish at a destination lunch site. Fee TBA, ladies get free cup of Hot Chocolate.

St. Pat's Day Ride, chaired by Shamrocks Road Riders

March 12-13th, Start/Route/Finish TBD

This is a two-day ride in California and possible routes into NV or AZ. Fee: TBA

The Alien Nuclear Experiment Tour, chaired by AZRATPack

April 29-May 1st, start in Peoria AZ

This is continuing the search for Aliens with a visit to the Smithsonian Nuclear Bomb Museum in Las Vegas, as well as attempt a tour of the Underground Nuclear testing facility in Nevada. Other scenic places of desert landscape will be included. All sci-fi motorcycling enthusiasts welcome as well as aliens abandoned on the planet earth (they ride bikes also). A pre-ride meet and greet will be held. Fee: TBA

Green Horn Ride, chaired by Pasadena Motorcycle Club

May 14th, start/route/finish TBA Fee: TBA

Grand Blazing Saddles Tour, chaired by SCMA

May 28-30th, Start/Route/Finish TBA

This is a three day long distance ride. Fee: TBA

SCMA Fun Rally, (Affiliate Club needed to chair this event with SCMA co-chair)

June TBAth, Same location for Start/Finish TBA Fee: TBA

This will be a fun 1-day rally with members designing their own routes and selecting their destinations for point accumulation. Briefing and "meet and greet" at start, finish with possible BBQ, recognition awarded to top point accumulators.

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This is a beginner's fun rally.

Dog Days of Summer, chaired by SCMA

July 23rd, Start/Route/Finish TBA Fee: TBA

A one-day ride in Southern California. Breakfast and lunch social may be planned.

Three Flags Classic, Premier Tour chaired by SCMA

September 1-5th, Tombstone, AZ to Kimberley, BC, Canada, Fee: TBA

Check-in Sep 1st, finish Sep 5th, banquet Sep 6th in Kimberley. Check points TBA

Cemetery Tour, chaired by SCMA

October 29th. One-day ride Start/Route/Finish TBA

Fun day starting with breakfast, visiting 5 old out of the way cemeteries, and finishing with a lunch social at a restaurant or café. Fee: TBA

Turkey Ride, Chaired by Red Hot Riders of San Diego

November 12th. One-day ride in the San Diego County Hill Country. A fun event ending at a casino for riders to draw poker chips from a hat. Chips range in value from \$1 to a \$100 chip. Fee: TBA. Lunch social at the casino

Christmas Holiday, No rides scheduled



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SCMA Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet
March 12, 2016
Highlighting the achievement of the
Triple Crown Award Participants



**CA Adventures or
Best 15 Challenge**



**USA 4 Corners
Motorcycle Tour**



**Three
Flags Classic**

When: **Saturday, March 12, 2016**
 5:00-6:45 PM Registration and Social Hour
 7:00 PM Dinner
 7:30 PM Program

Where: Irvine Wyndham Hotel
 17941 Von Karman Ave, Irvine, CA 92614
 Hotel reservations call (949) 863-1999
Mention SCMA Awards Banquet for special rates
\$149 plus tax for single; \$149 plus tax for double
 Parking is complimentary, Breakfast 20% discount
Cutoff date for block rate is February 12, 2016

Banquet: Cost is **\$50.00 per person.**
Cut off date for banquet reservations is March 4, 2016

Come one, come all. Everyone is invited to enjoy an evening of camaraderie with fellow motorcyclists.

Participation in motorcycling events is not necessary.

Membership **NOT** required.

For more information refer to the Reservation Form on the website (www.sc-ma.com) and in this newsletter. Or contact Gonzo at Chairman@sc-ma.com, or call 949-433-0761.

NO ride is scheduled for the morning of the Awards Banquet.



**SCMA Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet
March 12, 2016
High lighting the achievement of the
Triple Crown Award recipients**



**CA Adventures or
Best 15 Challenge**



**USA 4 Corners
Motorcycle Tour**



**Three
Flags Classic**

\$50 per person, Payment by check or Money Order, please complete the following and enclose payment to:

**SCMA Banquet
C/O AVI, Ms Pat Julian
531 Main St. #133
El Segundo, CA 90245**

1st Name _____ Phone # _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____
Zip Code _____ Email Address _____

Dinner Choice: _____ London Broil _____ Chicken French _____ Veg Lasagna

2015 Events Completed:
_____ USA Four Corners
_____ Three Flags Classic
_____ Best 15 Challenge
_____ CA Parks Tour
_____ CA Missions Tour

2nd Name _____ Phone # _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____
Zip Code _____ Email Address _____

Dinner Choice: _____ London Broil _____ Chicken French _____ Veg Lasagna

2015 Events Completed:
_____ USA Four Corners
_____ Three Flags Classic
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_____ CA Missions Tour

Legacy Award Nominations

In 2012, SCMA initiated its annual Legacy Award to honor those people who inspired, supported, led, and empowered us. They are the folks that are the meaningful legacy of SCMA. The award is announced at the annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet. In 2016, the Awards Banquet will be held on March 12th at the Irvine Wyndham Hotel.

Eight members have received the Legacy Award with five recipients being recognized in the inaugural year of 2012

Josef Usatin (2012)
Joseph Mandeville (2012)
Jan Staws (2012)
Ken Hatke (2012)
Dannie Fox (2012)

Eleanor Stevens (2013)
Max Marker (2014)
Blake Anderson (2015)
TBA (2016)



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

12, 2016 at the Irvine Wyndham Hotel

The Board is considering nominations for the 2016 award; your nominations will be accepted from now through January 9th, 2016.

Nominees should have demonstrated a long-term (approximately two decades) participation in SCMA activities, served in various volunteer and board capacities, engendered cooperation and teamwork, and have been committed to the welfare of SCMA and its riders. The award represents the best of SCMA and long distance riding. It can be made posthumously.

Anyone can make a nomination.

Please provide no more than two typewritten pages of information. Photos are helpful but not necessary. Help us honor the best of SCMA. Email your nominations to Barbara Fox at:

ViceChair@sc-ma.com

The recipient of the 2016 Award shall be announced at the Awards Banquet on March

USA Four Corners Tour Update

Welcome to the 2016 riding season and the USA FOUR CORNERS TOUR. There are a few changes in the Four Corners Tour this year. The fee has increased to \$145.00 to allow for the inclusion of a Four Corners T-Shirt in the starter package that riders have been asking for and to cover increased postage. This shirt will also be available for sale for anyone who wishes to purchase one.

So be sure and include your shirt size when filling out the web site application form. Also be sure and send your ROL (Release of Liability form) NOTORIZED AND IN COLOR to the Ventura, CA. Post Office Box (see below). Please include a contact phone number on your ROL. This makes it easier to get in touch with you when an "oops" happens.

Come out and tour this beautiful country and visit the four corners. Visit with Joe LaChance at the Madawaska Four Corners Park and see how Joe has transformed a dirt lot into a great thing of beauty that salutes Four Corners Riders. Joe can also sell you a finishers paver that will allow you to commemorate the ride of a life time.

You have 21 days to complete the traditional Four Corners and 26 days to complete the

"TRUE X". If you complete the True X in the time frame of the traditional Four Corners (21 days) you are singled out for a special place on the finishers web site.

Some riders also incorporate the SCMA'S 15 Best Roads while doing the Four Corners Tour. That is quite an accomplishment. Better yet, combine those two with the Three Flags Classic during the Labor Day weekend and you will achieve "Triple Crown" status and be the recipient of a special plaque that less than 10% of our riders have qualified for.

So when the snow melts, and the allure of the road beckons, come join the hundreds of riders who have finished one of the AMA'S most Extreme Rides.....THE SCMA'S USA FOUR CORNERS TOUR!!

Dannie Fox
2016 USA Four Corners Chairman
[\(805-889-5220\)](tel:805-889-5220)

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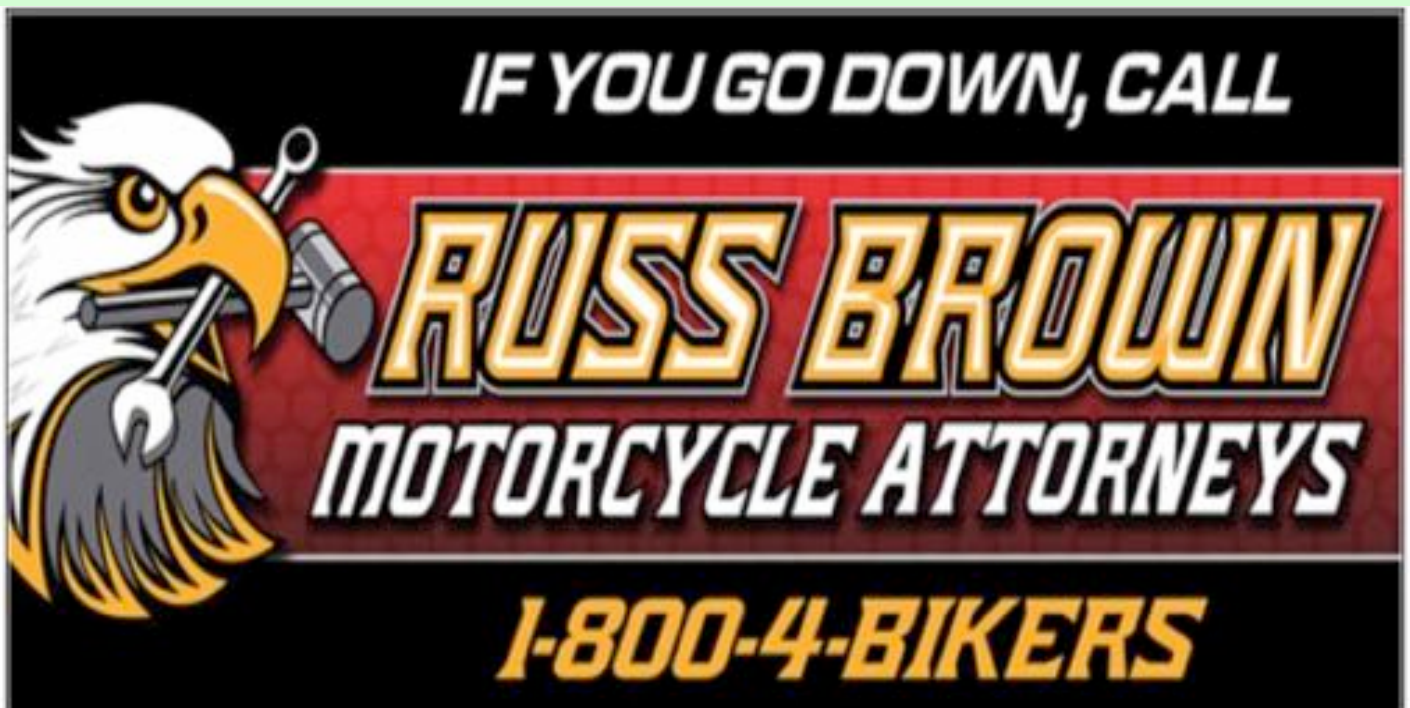


SCMA USA4C In the Maine News

There are many reasons that we ultimately decide upon as to why we must ride a USA Four Corners Tour. Most of the reasons center around thoughts such as: something to do, the challenge, doing it in shorter time, visiting family, seeing more of the country, or visiting the Madawaska Four Corners Park and meeting Joe and Diane LaChance. The reasons are endless....but the primary one is that we ride the USA4C for the pure joy of doing it.

Two of our SCMA riders, brother's in law, recently completed a Four Corners Tour. Below is a link to their story from Presque Isle, Maine.

<http://www.wagmtv.com/content/news/County-man-and-brother-in-law-complete-Four-Corners-Motorcycle-Tour-327774711.html>



A Guide to the USA Four Corners Tour

by Rodney Chew #24784
"ELChinoLoco",

The challenge of a USA FOUR Corners (USA4C) Tour can seem at times like just a grind, but through proper planning and some knowledge you can have a LOT OF FUN riding this tour. This multi-part article will identify some of "what's currently happening" on the USA4C.

*Fewer people have completed the USA Four Corners Tour than have climbed Mount Everest **

** Based on recorded SCMA finishes and general statistics gathered from numerous websites on the history of Mt Everest*

Many people are unaware of traditions that have started out on the road and at the checkpoints. Lets focus on a few ideas to enhance your USA4C journey.

I have completed the USA4C four times now; two "outside" or "box" routes and two "True X" routes.

Of course the immediate question to ask yourself is, "which one do I do?" The simple answer is: If it's your first time do the OUTSIDE, its fewer days and miles. Its not a written rule but it will give you an idea what the challenge is like before adding 5,500 more miles to your trip.

Of course this is a very personal thing. Lets explore the thoughts that go into the riding the corners.

1. The USA4C is a very personal ride. That means the ride takes on many personal considerations like: your start point, what you want to see on your journey, how much time you have, how well you are you prepared and how good are your long distance riding skills.
2. The outside USA4C allows 21 days to complete the challenge. The normal outside USA4C is approx. 6-7k miles in length. The USA4C True X is 12-13k miles and is allotted 26 days to complete. Each ride is easily completed in the allotted days if you divide the mileage by the number of days allotted and average riding those miles, more or less, everyday. Is that what you want? Is that how you ride?
3. What do you want to do on a 4C ride, just ride and ride and ride? Well you can, but its up to you. The 4C is a journey completely left up to you! There is no set route or daily requirements. It's you by yourself out there to complete a journey. While you might say OK, sit in the seat and ride you may still incur problems like tornados, hurricanes, bike malfunctions and a whole slew of things you might not expect. 4C will test you as a rider to plan a journey and execute it. You may say, "I've mapped out my 4C." Good for you! Planning is good! But did you account for the hurricane that swallowed Florida for days? Or the Tornado cells rolling across the mid-west for 3-4 days? Or the fact that you would be rolling through four major cities in the Northeast US at RUSH HOUR? Or the freak snow storm? Oh, the map doesn't do that part for you? LOL.
4. In simple terms its all about you ! You adapt and modify while you're riding.
5. A great

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resource for a 4C journey is the Forum on the SCMA website. Many questions are answered there and many people have discussed their journeys. Check it out!

Blaine Washington

Blaine is a small, peaceful town touching the border of the United States and Canada. Blaine has one of the few city parks shared between 2 countries where you can cross into the other country without a passport. And Blaine is our NW corner checkpoint.

90% percent of the riders go straight to the POST OFFICE and take their picture for the checkpoint. That's what the INSTRUCTIONS say right? Then they blast off to wherever is next. But, Blaine is a great place to take a break. And here are a few tidbits of information and SCMA things to do there.

**HILL'S CHEVRON,
Michael W Hill,
Owner**

All of you will stop to get gas because you need a receipt. The owner, and the people working there,



can spot you a mile away. "You are doing 4C aren't you?" Sometimes, if it not to busy, they ask where you're heading for next.

When you pull up to the station there are some curious street signs that say: CURRENCY EXCHANGE WITH NO FEE. Hello, hallelujah!!!! If I'm going into Canada I buy my gas, pay with whatever currency, and get back what I need! SWEEEEEEEEET. I didn't get ripped off for gas and I have currency I need. When the cash register opens there are two tills containing the appropriate currency. For an \$8 gas purchase I paid with \$100US and got \$118CAD back (current rate). I love it!! It almost becomes a MUST stop even if it might be a little out of the way of my journey. *Note to 3FC riders, if 3FC comes this way the currency exchange here is EASY.*

When you are there at the station, thank them for being the checkpoint for the SCMA 4C Challenge for so many years.

PIZZA FACTORY

The next point of interest in Blaine is the PIZZA FACTORY. It is located a few blocks south of the Chevron Station. The PIZZA FACTORY has been serving pizza for over 30 years. Their pizza, calzones, salads and more are AWESOME. Their motto is:

"We Toss'em, They're Awesome"

It's also the home of the "Four Corners Tour Wall of Fame".

What is that you say? A wall of fame???

In 2013 I asked the owner of the Pizza Factory if I



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could pin a dollar up on the wall to mark my visit. Looking strangely at me, he agreed and allowed me to do it. Now every year a few of the 4C riders pass through Blaine and put a dollar up as part of their tour. Most 4C riders don't

know you can do this.

In 2015 Rodney asked the owner if SCMA could put up a banner identifying the spot as the

distances or just relaxing before heading back out on the road. When you place your order, say "I'm with the SCMA 4 Corners and would like to have a dollar pinned on the wall." They will give you a Sharpie to mark your bill. I encourage you all to stop at the Blaine Pizza Factory, take a break, and place your mark on the Wall of Fame!! You might even see a fellow 4C rider there.

Breaking News: Danny Fox, the SCMA 4C Chair has said that a photo in front of, or in the Blaine Pizza Factory, or the wall of Fame, and of course WITH your towel, is an



SCMA 4 Corners Blaine Wall of Fame

Debbie and Marv Adam own the business. Marv responded with a hearty ABSOLUTELY!!! Marv and his staff love to see the SCMA riders come in and occasionally get to chat about their journey.

acceptable checkpoint picture! So there's another reason to do something different than the post office.

BTW, if you check it out, you will discover that there are over 100 PIZZA FACTORY locations across the Western US. You should try'em ALL !!

www.pizzafactory.com



Marv is on the right and Taylor Wood, the tall one, will pin your dollar

on the wall. The Pizza Factory has nice big tables, staff is SUPER friendly, and I always enjoy parking for a bit, having some pizza and a drink, planning my route, checking

Lebanon KS



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Lebanon KS is NOT a corner. It's the CENTER of the UNITED STATES! It is also the location of the CENTER checkpoint for the USA4C True X tour. When riding the X tour you will visit Lebanon three times. Lebanon is a rural farming community where Corn and Soybeans are the primary crops.



When you arrive in Lebanon you immediately become familiar with the Gas station (2nd Lebanon checkpoint). If you walk in to get your receipt you'll typically find a group of guys sitting there who'll interrupt their chatter and take a look at you. They know what your doing there, "your one of them Four corners guys right?" Take a break and share a few words with them. I've nicknamed them the "City Council", and truth be told, some are current and past city council members. You'll also find Gonzo's personal traveling card on the wall.

Making your way into town, or on your last pass through Lebanon, you will find the Post Office



located between Chicago Ave and Kansas Ave. Right next to the Post Office is the U.S



Center Foundation and a community wall with bricks, representing people that have donated to the support of town initiatives and projects.

If you would like to order a brick commemorating your visits to Lebanon, and help a small community support their important projects, please contact the US Center Foundation at:

www.uscenterfoundation.com

and click on the link (also below) for the *Brick order form*:

[US Center Foundation Brick Order Form](#)

US Center Foundation
PO Box 24
Lebanon, KS 66952
785-282-0884

If you call you will be talking to **Cindy Stones**. She will be able to assist you and is well aware of the SCMA and the 4C TrueX tour.

The foundation is also on Facebook if you would like to follow town news.

Breaking News: The town of Lebanon will open a new city park near the foundation site. The park will be called Harmony Park and will open in the spring of 2016. We will be notified as plans for the opening get closer. Maybe you

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can plan to be in Lebanon at the opening to show support for their community.

Across the street from the Post Office is La Dows Supermarket. La Dows is nicknamed the "Mini WalMart" by the local folks. They have all kinds of goodies in their store as well as a GREAT LUNCH and freshly cut meats. It is the perfect place to stop for lunch before heading back out



for your next corner!

Update: A few years back a driver did not make the turn approaching the church at the Center of the USA site (your 1st Lebanon Checkpoint) and destroyed the US Center Chapel. Good news, it has been rebuilt!

About 15 miles west of Lebanon, on Hwy 36, is the town of Smith Center. Lebanon does not have accommodations but Smith Center does. Smith Center is

a much larger town and has three motels, a Subway eatery and a Mexican restaurant.

You will find the US Center Motel. It offers a great overnight place for all those passing through the area. The motel has very reasonable rates and parking is right outside your door allowing easy loading/unloading of your bike.



Their website is:

<http://uscentermotel.com/aboutus.php> Check them out !



I invite you to stop and look around in Lebanon, stay overnight in Smith Center and have a bite to eat. There are some GREAT people there and they appreciate you visiting their towns.

On your way in and out of Lebanon you can also find other interesting places:

[Birthplace of Home on the Range, Athol, KS - 20 mi.](#)

[Worlds Largest Ball of Twine, Cawker City, KS - 23 mi.](#)
(Gonzo's Favorite)

[Mini Statue of Liberty , Gaylord, KS - 18 mi](#)

(Found in [RoadSideAmerica](#))

If you have anything fun that you have encountered on the 4C tours please write us and tell us. We are always looking for new ways to make the USA4C Tour more interesting!

In our next article Madawaska, ME and Key West Florida will be featured.

We Need A Chair For The 2017 Three Flags Classic

In discussions with many of the TFC riders, there have been ideas floated about what the 2017 Three Flags Classic should be.

Perhaps the biggest idea voiced by many was that we should return to the roots of this ride, and honor its title of "Three Flags", by actually starting or finishing in Mexico.

Another idea was that we should start in Canada in 2017 and head south.

Yes, there are many good ideas floating out there and the Board of Directors would welcome your proposal(s) for consideration.

We hope to receive proposals from a number of you with some excellent ideas for a fun 2017 TFC event. The proposal selected by the Board would of course come with the expectation that, if your proposal is selected, you shall be the chair of the 2017 Classic.

The really nice thing about chairing 2017 is that, thanks to our past and current ride chairs, we have a full spreadsheet itemizing tasks that need to be accomplished, a full list of vendors previously used, and a list of great people that can help you with various aspects of ride planning, start/finish management, and execution of the event. In other words, you don't have to "reinvent the wheel".

Please contact me to discuss your ideas and your questions.

949.433.0761 or Chairman@sc-ma.com

Below are items to include in your proposal.

Proposal for 2017 Three Flags Classic

Name of Chairman:

Start Location:

Finish Location:

Route overview (very general):

Activities (if any):

Potential committee sources:

Please submit your proposal to Gonzo at Chairman@sc-ma.com or Barbara Fox at ViceChair@sc-ma.com

All proposals shall be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration.

SCMA Historian Asking For Information

by Barbara Fox #10194

To SCMA Members,

Dannie and I have been SCMA members since 1978. Of course with children, fulltime housework and a fulltime job, I wasn't as active all the time as he has been, so many of you may not know me nearly as well.

We have thrown very little away over the years, and as things go along someone will ask what did SCMA do in the past, how were the meetings run, how long has the club existed, and so many other things. Sometimes we have the answers, other times the answers are from fuzzy memories, and sometimes I will run across documentation in our boxes of material.

To the best of my recollection when Dannie first found out about SCMA and Three Flags he came home saying that SCMA was a "cover" organization (for lack of better term), made up of a lot of local clubs, but also open to any motorcyclist, so that the total membership was about "9 or 10 thousand people." Members who didn't belong to a local club were called "outriders."

In recent years I read and re-read bylaws, many sets of which look like they were written, re-written, revised, and some not finished. When I was on the Board under Blake Anderson's chairmanship, we determined that SCMA started in about 1968. But how, by whom, other than Joe Usatin, the Father of Three Flags, and why, where? I can recall the name of about 10 local clubs who were member-clubs, but were there more than 10?

What concerns me most of all is that there is a long, solid history to the organization and I think it would be sad if it got lost forever. I have become dedicated to getting it all down on paper and/or electronic storage as best I can.

This past month I have contacted three other "long-timers," asking for their input. One of these is "The Father of Four Corners," if I may put a label to it. Some are like me/us, and have held onto old paper newsletters, ride maps, pins, pictures, jackets, T-shirts. While I have yet to organize our boxes of stuff, I am planning to meet with these old friends to compare notes and try to piece it all together so that the history does not become lost forever.

I reach out now to all members. Long-time members, if you have anything to contribute from those early years, please give me a call. I don't want to "take" your materials, but may ask you to copy something and send it to me. Or perhaps we will arrange to meet, photograph papers, items, share stories, and get it recorded. If anyone has a wealth of knowledge about putting the history down on CD's or DVD's I could sure use the help, since I am a techno-ditz.

A happy techno-ditz, but a techno-ditz, none-the-less.

Thank you,
Barbara J. Fox
SCMA Member #10194
Phone: 805-890-8392

Editor's Note: SCMA has a tremendous history built upon years of great rides and awesome members. Now is the time to collect as much information as we can before it becomes lost through the passing of time. Please contact Barbara to provide her with your knowledge of our SCMA's past. Thank you Barbara for taking the lead on this invaluable project!

Riding the Three Flags Classic On A Vespa

by Barbara Fox #10194

photos courtesy of Chris White #

It is apparent from time to time that people randomly put "SCMA" into a search engine and find us.

A couple of years ago it was a daughter who's Dad had always wanted to do Four Corners but wasn't able to complete the ride before he died. One of our Four Corners riders, Charles Lamb, kindly and generously took the man's entry materials and towel along with his own. He photographed both towels and completed both entries at every corner so that both finished the ride.

Just a few days ago Rodney Chew (2016 Three Flags Chairman) received an e-mail from Libby Helms, who was enthusiastic about the 2016 start location in Tombstone, AZ, saying that her husband John would have loved it.

Rodney asked the Board and several people if anyone knew John Helms.

Heavens, yes! John was The Reverend John Helms, always warm and comforting. One just felt safer and more relaxed if he was at any ride. His invocations at the Three Flags finish banquets were some of the best ever.

Since Libby was looking in on the SCMA, Rodney asked me to reach out to her. Done.

I've asked Libby if she recalls that our paths ever crossed on some Three Flags rides. I gave her the years I have gone and look forward to a response from her, perhaps after the holidays.

In some of these quick emails Libby mentioned that she and John rode Vespa's on the 1982 Three Flags Classic. I was unaware of that, really. This is going back a few years! I now think, I am not clear about what years I was aware of The Reverend in the crowd. His presence was so strong. But at a banquet he certainly wasn't on a motorcycle in a ballroom! Therefore I never put together "John" and "Vespa."

My husband Dannie has always talked about "the couple that rode Three Flags on Vespa's. "C'mon Mom," he would say, "don't you remember who they were?" Uh, no, I don't. Did he ever find out their names? Uh, no, he didn't.

Magically, 33 years later, we have the answer to The Vespa Question. Thank you, Libby, for reaching out to SCMA after all these years. I hope that our paths will soon cross.

1981 VESPA P200E



A 2015 Three Flags Story

*by Dave Allen #26213
SCMA Publicity Director*

San Diego, CA, Thursday, September 3, 2:30 am. I bound out of bed and gather the



last of my gear and head downstairs to be ready for liftoff at 3:00 am for the 40th annual Three Flags Classic. I will later learn that I would have been better off to had I slept in for another hour...

Downstairs, the parking lot is crowded with some 300 motorcycles, a good portion of them being final-packed to leave momentarily. I stuff the last of my gear into my faithful ST1300 and grab a cup of coffee and wait impatiently for the very cute official to accept my checkout slip. The poor girl must have been in a bit of a quandary; on the one hand, she alone held the power to release us for the event – but on the other hand, she just might have felt threatened by 50 riders all crowding around her pushing checkout slips at her and counting the seconds. You might have thought that this was the start of a MotoGP, and everybody wanted the hole-shot.

3:00 ticks over, and we're off! At which

time I find that my 0h-so-carefully laid out route in my Garmin doesn't work – it just says "Go to 6". 6 what? I quickly punch in Oakhurst, the first checkpoint, and down the road I go. As might be expected, traffic on I-5 moves well, other than a quick Border Patrol checkpoint, which we are waved thru. I guess they must have figured we had limited space for illegal aliens. It seems amazing to me that there can be THAT much traffic at 4:30 am in downtown LA, but while the freeway is moving well, there is quite a bit of truck traffic going thru downtown; but it all thins out in the North Valley.

I'm meeting a friend at the McDonald's in Castaic (my first fuel stop), who says that he will ride with me to Sacramento today. When I pull in the parking lot, he is not there, which is ok with me, since I am ready for some coffee and cholesterol. Just as I finish, Barry pulls in, and we're off up the valley. North of Bakersfield, the sun comes up and we stop for a quick break at a rest stop. At this point, we figure out that at our current rate of speed, we will reach Oakhurst long before the first check opens, so we (kind of) slow down and take at least one more break before we arrive in Oakhurst at 9:30, and have our passports stamped and CONFISCATED! We have succeeded in arriving an hour and a half before the check officially opens and can't get our passports back until 11:00. We are hardly alone in this, as there are at least 14 other bikes there when we arrive. Could have slept another hour; obviously, poor planning on my part. While hanging out

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there, met a gentleman I remembered from past 3 Flags who always travels with



his cat in a container on his gas tank. I would wonder later how the cat dealt with the weather...

So, at 11, passports in hand, we're outta there, heading back for 99, with gas and lunch in Manteca, then north up 99/5 through Sacramento to Woodland, where both Barry and I have motels reserved. I get gas, but decide that I am up for another hundred or so to cut tomorrows ride a bit. Barry stays in Sacramento for the night, and I am off to Redding. By the time I hit Redding, I am ready for dinner, a couple beers and bed. After 730 miles, I've had enough for today.

Dawn Friday morning and I'm on the way to Alturas. I'm on a beautiful road, and almost all to myself. Damn, but it gets cold in these mountains! Maybe my mesh jacket wasn't the hot ticket. I stop at a tiny town with an open gas station to thaw for a few minutes and warm my hands on some coffee. An old



codger there allows that I must be "tougher than a \$2 steak" to be riding in 40 degrees. Finally into Alturas and checked in, coffee'd up and layered up, rain gear and all, as the outlook for today to the north does NOT look good. I hook up my heated vest and find that it – doesn't work. Sure enough, 30 miles north, and it starts raining – not hard, but steady, which it continues to do all the way to Burns, Oregon. I have a reservation in John Day for tonight, and roll into town as it's threatening to really dump. I get a bite to eat and some gas and check in to the motel after 440 miles. Later that night, it settles down to rain in earnest.

Saturday, up before dawn; I have a lot of miles to cover before reaching Castlegar, BC, for my next motel reservation. It is still raining and 40 degrees and I have 3 mountains to climb. I pass thru Malheur National Forest, Umatilla National Forest, and Battle Mountain, all in the rain. By now, my first pair of gloves are soaked. Gas and a change of gloves in Walla Walla, and on towards Lewiston – raining harder yet, and temp still not getting out of the forties. My fingers are frozen and it's hard to take the gloves off and put them on since they are soaked and I am out of dry gloves. Into the Lewiston checkpoint and hoping that the Harley dealer across the street has some gloves – nope, they're already sold out. My Frog Togs have sprung a small leak in my crotch and my pants are now wet in an embarrassing area. Out of Lewiston, soldiering on in yet more rain, and to add insult to injury, a

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nasty 30mph crosswind. Will this day ever be over? Finally, in Spokane, the sun came out and temp rose to 50! Better yet, I found a sporting goods store and bought 2 pairs of gloves that, while 2 sizes too large, are warm and dry, though my manual dexterity suffers some. What luxury to put on warm, dry gloves. Just north of Kettle Corners, my GPS put me on WA 25, which was a terrific road along the Columbia – nice sweepers, no lawmen, almost no traffic. This must be my reward for suffering through what may have been the most miserable day I ever spent on a motorcycle. 520 tough miles today and I am finally in my Castlegar motel, with a little Cap'n Morgan to warm my bones.

Sunday, on the road by 6AM and on the way to Nakusp, wherever that is. Great ride if a tad chilly thru Nakusp to pick up my mandatory gas receipt and on the way to the ferry across to Revelstoke. The weather



has warmed and I met a couple of 3FC riders on the ferry also on the way to Kamloops checkpoint. What a great ride to Kamloops; the Canadian Rockies are nothing short of magnificent. Had to stop and take some pictures.

Kamloops checkpoint was a real catered affair; I didn't even have to make another

stop for lunch! Terrific hospitality – gas and on towards the border on my way to Blaine, WA so that I can touch my second corner of the 4 Corners in Blaine, WA. Great ride, temps in the 70's, a quick border crossing back into the US and the routine pictures and gas receipt in Blaine, then back on the I-5 north through yet another border crossing to Tssawassen, BC for the night. The motel manager was kind enough to let me dry my gloves, etc. in his dryer even though they don't have a guest laundry. It will be nice to start out in the am with dry gloves that actually fit! 510 fun miles today, and they were a whole lot more pleasant than yesterday.

Monday up early to catch the first BC Ferry to Swartz Bay on Vancouver Island. Boy, these BC Ferries are really nice! More like a cruise ship than a ferry; makes the old Coho I will be riding later today look pretty shabby. Also, found that bikes never need a reservation on BC ferries, though I had made one last night. Relaxed and enjoyed the ride, had breakfast on board before we docked in Swartz Bay. Sun is shining, temps are good, and on to Victoria for the final 3 Flags checkpoint. And once again, I arrive at the good old Empress before the checkpoint is open. However, this time there are no club personnel available this early and I can't wait for official opening time, as I have a reservation on the last morning ferry to Port Angeles, WA at 10:30 am. So I find a bellboy (concierge, bellman,?) who says he is familiar with the routine and has signed in other riders yesterday. He signs my passport, but no stamp, and swears that he will let the SCMA officials there know I was here. Boy, I sure hope he does, I want that belt buckle!

As much as I would have enjoyed the

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camaraderie and the banquet Tuesday night, I sadly had to pass this year. Since I was doing the 4 Corners as well as the Three Flags, I didn't know what weather might throw at me on the way to Madawaska, I just felt I couldn't spare the extra 2 days. As it turned out, I could have easily stayed for the whole thing. As it was, I pushed on that day to Tacoma for a jump off towards Madawaska the next day.

I really want to thank all concerned for the tremendous effort that was put in to organize this event and make it come off without a hitch. Great hospitality at all the checkpoints, and I'll bet the banquet I missed was great as well. Oh, well, there is always next year!



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www.thevmmc.com



CA Parks Adventure Tour

by Dennis Even #23038

Since the opening of the CA Adventure – Parks Tour, this event required riders to visit all 24 National Parks located in California. Beginning with 2016, the CA Adventure Parks passports will be updated to contain 25 National Parks locations within the state. However, to qualify as finishers of this event, riders will only be required to visit 24 of the sites within the calendar year (January to December 15th).

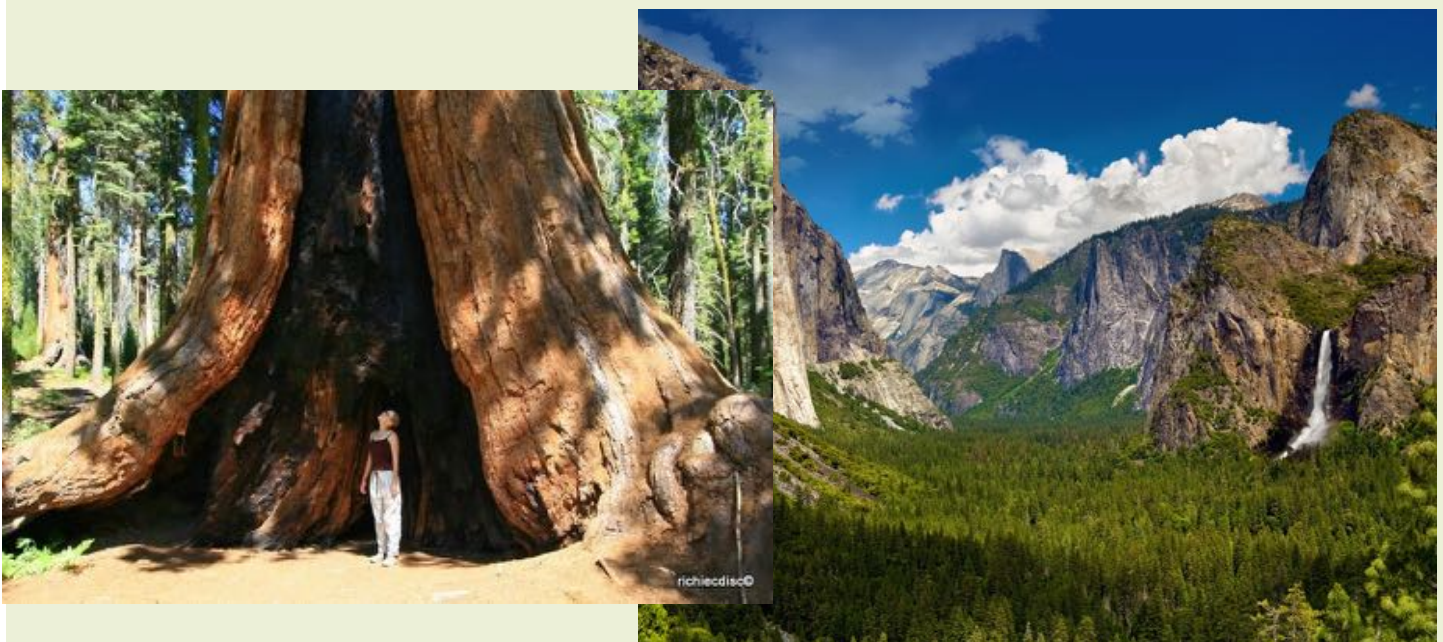
Caesar E. Chavez National Monument (established in October 2012) is being added to the tour's passport. The Monument is located in Keene, Kern County, and is operational year round. Please visit the Park's official website for the latest information.

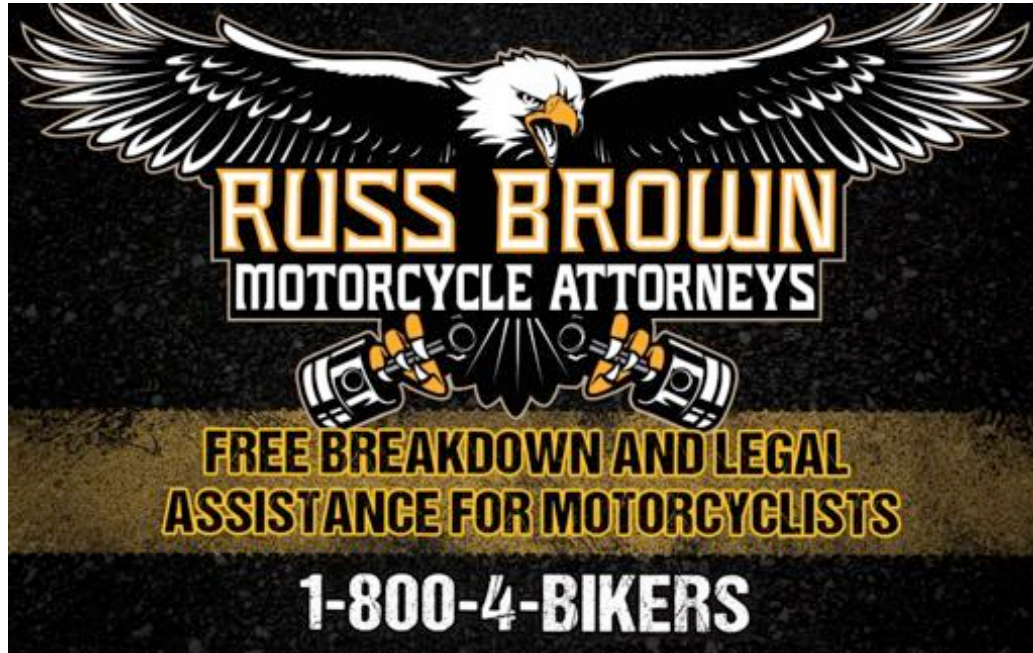
Many of our riders have experienced difficulty in accessing two of the NP's – the Eugene O'Neill NHS and the Devil's Postpile NM. O'Neill is a challenge due to its restricted access and limited operating hours. Devil's Postpile is only open beginning in June and closing at the end of October; but even then, surprise storms often close the site.

We are establishing a "24 of 25" option for riders to offer them flexibility in dealing with the operating schedules of the various parks. You will be declared a finisher if you visit and obtain a park stamp and photo at any 24 parks out of the 25 parks listed.

We highly suggest, before you visit any of the Parks, you should visit each park's official website for additional information and call the visitor centers to confirm road conditions and operating hours. Official website URL's for each park can be found on each of the respective pages in the passport.

The CA National Parks are great locations to visit and learn about the fantastic wildlife and natural life that exists in this great state. Many of our riders have taken up this challenge with camping gear on their bikes and have enjoyed visiting sites on weekends throughout the year. All agree that they learned a lot after visiting the National Parks, Monuments and Historic Sites located within California!





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!

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

January

- 10 SCMA Board Meeting, 8:30am, The Lake House
- 10 **Soup Meet Reunion – Charity Drive 10am-2pm**
***Traveler's Award Event**

February

- 6 SCMA Board Meeting, 9:00am, The Lake House
- 13 **Sweet Heart Ride – *Traveler's Award**

March

- 12 SCMA Board Meeting, 9:00am, The Lake House
- 19 **St. Pat's Day Ride – Shamrock *Travelers Award Ride**

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 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 2016 thru Dec 2016). 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 2016 Triple Crown Award, awarded at the 2017 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 2017 Triple Crown!



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.

NOTE: In 2016 Participants will be required to show a valid drivers license at check-in. This is a requirement for our AMA sanctioning and insurance process. New Release of Liability forms for mail in entrants will ask you to declare you hold and maintain a valid drivers license at the time you register for the ride you selected.



Wheels on the Road



By Gonzo #25051

Interested in viewing a different type of online motorcycle magazine? Cost is free and no spam! Check out the below link. <http://www.theroadhawgs.com>

CA Parks & Missions Passports USA4C Photos/Receipts Best 15 Challenge

2015 is winding down and our Ride Chairs would like to remind you that, in order to be designated a "finisher", you must submit your evidence of completing these rides before the **December 15th deadline.**

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

2016 Three Flags NEWS

Rodney will be releasing an eBlast when he has new information on 2016 developments to pass on to us.

SCMA has a Facebook !!

Reuben Friesen has re-established the SCMA fb account.

Please click on the link below and join in with other SCMA "friends".

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/scma.main/>

WHO WAS THAT GUY ??

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

PROOF READER NEEDED !!

The aging eyesight of the editor, and his sometimes befuddleness, necessitates we find someone to help spot his grammatical and spelling errors.

Contact: Chairman@sc-ma.com

2015 Travelers Award: December 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 15 rides completed, one with 14 rides, two with 13, one with 10, and one with 7 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 (all 15 rides)

Complete all 15 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 "All 15" award level. It stands alone without substitution

We are offering a new "Triple Crown Bonus". If you complete the Triple Crown in 2015, 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 "All 15" cannot be substituted. That level will still require all 15

How to Sign Up

Signing up was easy for current SCMA members. Sign-up was at any event through the June 21st Summer Solstice through Mitch Friedman, Traveler's Award Chairman, and still qualify for the Bronze Award. 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 and help administer it? 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)

Facebook Committee: support Reuben Freisen with maintaining SCMA fb page.

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

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GMM SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY !!

The next Board Meeting will be the at **8:30 AM on January 10th** at:

The Lake House, Woodley Golf Course, 6331 Woodley Ave, Lake Balboa, Van Nuys, CA

The January General Membership Meeting and Soup Meet Reunion will start at 10:00 am following the Board Meeting. Join us in meeting other members, Pioneer Members, and Affiliates 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.



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 have 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 2016, 41st Annual Three Flags Classic is gaining momentum. The ride will start in Tombstone AZ and finish in Kimberley, , British Columbia. The ride will be 4 days in duration. A lot of exciting things are happening and its shaping up to be a wild west fun ride !!!

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 2016, 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. This event qualifies as an alternate to the CA Adventures Series in earning the Triple Crown. Bob Roger is chairing this event in 2016 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 2016.

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 Irvine Wyndham Hotel, California. The next banquet is March 12, 2016.

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. Links to all our affiliated clubs are there also.

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