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SCMA NEWS

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Although a board meeting was not held in December, your Board of Directors and Ride Chairs were quite busy the last 60 days conducting business via cell phone and email. While on a 25-day trip to four states, SCMA business was literally at my fingertips thanks to our technological environment.

Inside this issue you'll come across a number of changes that have occurred since the last board meeting:

- A new Secretary on the Board of Directors
- A new Ride Chair for the Parks and Missions
- Updates/revisions to the Parks Tour, USA Four Corners, and Best 15 roads.
- Two members stepping up to help with Publicity.
- Opening of facebook accounts for each of the Premier Rides

Items that your board is currently working on include:

- Affiliate Club Charter
- Revised SCMA Bylaws
- Continued shipping of membership card packages
- Awards Banquet for

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Upcoming Events

General Membership Meeting (GMM)	Feb 6
Sweetheart Ride - Traveler's Award	Feb 13
Awards and Appreciation Banquet	Mar 12
Shamrocks' St. Pat's Day Ride	Mar 19

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- Finalizing of the Traveler's Award Rides
- A search for a website designer
- Identifying members to chair our facebook accounts for the rides.

2016 started with January's Soup Meet, a charity event and a member reunion. The event was so much fun we're thinking of doing it again in July. We look forward to seeing more of our long time members attend this event and share their stories of SCMA in the 70's, 80's and 90's with us.

The Awards Banquet is scheduled for March 12th and we look forward to seeing the recipients of the Best 15, Parks and Missions, USA Four Corners, and Triple Crown awards in attendance. We're especially excited to see one of our long time distance riders receive the Grand Slam Award for 2015. Barbara Fox has formed a committee to identify the Legacy Award recipient for 2016.

The Three Flags Classic committee is in full action mode preparing for this September's big ride. Chris White has an update for you in regards to the route.

We are in need of Ride Chairs to take on the planning for a few of our Traveler's Awards. These rides come about solely due to the effort of a group of folks that roll up their sleeves and help us put the events on for your riding enjoyment. We need your help in this area so please contact Steve Howe (Ride Chief), Barbara Fox (Vice Chair) or myself, if you would like to help support our regional activities.

We look forward to seeing you participate in the events being presented for 2016.

-----Gonzo

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SOUTHWEST Regional News Section

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To help our readers track and group the large amount of information provided in this newsletter, we have grouped the articles into Regional, National, and International sections. This section contains info on Traveler's Award rides and local events.

Membership Packages

By Mike Barber #26168

No membership packages have been mailed in January as we are awaiting arrival of our supplies.

As soon as the memberships stock is replenished the shipping will resume with vigor!

By the way, we have about 50 members with no mailing address AND we have received about 40 packages returned as undeliverable to the address shown.

If you have not received your package yet, PLEASE go into your profile and input or update your postal mailing address so your package can be delivered to you!

-----Mike



January Soup Meet/Reunion Charity Event

by Gonzo, #25051

Although it was a 'cooler' day than expected, there was no rain. Not that it mattered to the 34 participants that arrived for the "Charity" and "Reunion" event....we were inside the banquet hall of The Lake House staying warm, eating food, and having a fun time socializing amongst ourselves.

Steve Howe started the check-in process a few minutes after 10am when the Board meeting wrapped up its final details. Members generously brought in cans of food and cash as their contribution to the Families Forward charity of Irvine.

As soon as a member completed checking in they immediately became engaged with meeting everyone else. This was quite a different event from the usual ride. Usually, in past Soup Runs, members would check-in, perhaps grab a bit of breakfast at the location, and then depart on the day's ride. In rides prior to 2013, riders were treated at the end of the ride to a bowl of soup. In 2013 Gaylord "Huey" Ward cooked up "Cincinnati Chili" and spaghetti to about 110 riders.....a great turnout!!

Although we didn't have 110 riders this year, we made up for it with a lot of camaraderie. Around 11am Gonzo whistled the group to order, welcomed them with appreciation, and, at Irv Creger's suggestion, did a round of self-introductions. That itself was a hoot with some of the hilarious comments being made by members and Affiliates. In the group were three riders from the late 70's who had some very interesting stories to tell. Also in the group were members of the Antelope Valley Riders, AZRATPack, Pasadena Motorcycle Club, and Shamrocks Road Riders.

After introductions we then broke up for more chatting, bragging and exaggerating amongst ourselves while enjoying our sandwiches ordered from the golf course grill. Meanwhile, Mike Barber was on the SCMA's Apple computer registering 2 new members and about 4 renewals!



Someone came up with the idea of having a group photo so we stacked the cans of food on a table, gathered 'round, and posed for photographer Rodney. Then we were all still hanging around, eating lunch and just having a good time. Finally, around 2:30, the last of us loaded everything into Gonzo's Expedition and we all headed our separate ways home.

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Susan DeGrassi Gonzo Margie Wakeham
 Dir of Development Executive Director
 Taken at Families Forward Headquarters in Irvine, CA

On Monday, Gonzo visited Families Forward and delivered 62 cans and 3 boxes of food along with \$145 cash.....an awesome contribution from 34 members!!

Margie Wakeham, Executive Director and Susan DeGrassi, Director of Development, kindly met with me and expressed appreciation to our members for their contribution.

This was such a fun event, with an excellent charitable objective, that we're considering doing this "cruise-in" once again in July. Susan DeGrassi has even volunteered to guide us with our promotional efforts ☺.

Photographs from the Soup meet can be seen at: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskpyuTuE>



Food Collection





Effective August 1, 2015 Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys officially became SCMA's 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!



SCMA'S Affiliated Clubs

Antelope Valley Riders

www.avts.av.org

AZRatPack

www.azratpack.com

BMW Club of Southern California

www.bmwcosc.com

BMW Club, South Coast Riders (aka South Coasters)

www.scbmwrc.com

Pasadena Motorcycle Club

www.pasadenamc.com

Shamrock Road Riders

www.sc-ma.com/shamrock.htm

Victor McLaglen Motor Corps

www.thevmc.com



Secretary and Member of the Board

Lori Anttila-Ogden (#31648) stepped down from the Secretary's position, effective the first of the year, due to her work schedule at the VA Hospital being changed to include weekends.

In November of 2014 Lori was elected by the board of directors to the Secretary's position that had been vacant for a few months after **Barbara Fox** stepped down to assist caring for her newborn twin grandsons. Lori was then elected to the position in the June 2015 elections.

Lori and her husband **Steve** rode their first Three Flags Classic in 2014 after riding most of the Traveler's Award Rides that year. Then in 2015 they both chaired the very successful Sweetheart Ride and rode the TFC a second time.

Although Lori and Steve are now working weekends, we look forward to seeing them on the 2016 TFC and hopefully on some of our monthly events. We especially are looking forward to seeing Lori riding her brand new, first time motorcycle and joining the ranks of our Lady Riders!

We thank Lori and Steve for the support they have given to SCMA and hope to see them return to a normal work schedule and resume helping SCMA.

Dan Burtt (#24998) was elected to the Secretary's position, and as a board member, by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. Dan has been a member of SCMA for 5-6 years and has participated in five (5) Three Flags Classic events. He also completed the Missions tour in 2012, the Parks Tour in 2014, and has participated on a number of our monthly rides. Dan stepped in and scribed the minutes at the November board meeting and would like to continue contributing to our operations.

For the last 13 or so years Dan has also been a member of the South Coast BMW Riders Club (So. Coasters). During that time he was on their Board of Directors for 4 years and produced their monthly newsletter. Lately he has been participating more in SCMA rides to expand his riding venues.

Dan has been riding for 23 years and also has been involved with his son's adventures in racing clubs active in Willow Springs International Speedway in Lancaster, CA. Currently Dan rides a 2014 BMW 1200 RT and has previously ridden Kawasakis. Dan and his wife Carol have been married for 53+ years and have resided in Mission Viejo the last 40 years.

We welcome Dan to board and appreciate his stepping up to the plate and filling this critical position.



Chair, California Adventure Series

Dennis Even (#23038): Effective January, Dennis Even, our long time chair of the California Adventure Series, stepped down from that position so he can spend more time addressing family matters.

Dennis has been a member of SCMA for 16 years. In 2000 he rode his first Three Flags Classic (TFC) and became hooked on SCMA. During those 16 years he has ridden the TFC 13 times, was co-Chair for the '09 thru '12 TFC's, Chaired the '13 TFC, and after a stint as the recording secretary was the treasurer from '10 to '12. Most recently he has chaired the CA Adventures Series for 4 ½ years. He was also a Traveler's Award Chair and chaired the Blazing Saddles ride for four years.

Dennis has logged over 800,000 miles as a BMW rider on the various six (6) BMW's owned and ridden. He currently rides an R1150RS with only 175,000 miles on the clock. Concurrently with all his riding and volunteering, Dennis is the President of the Shamrock Road Riders.

He can always be found involved in our events, offering support, and always offering guidance based on his many years of volunteer involvement. We look forward to his return to a position of leadership within SCMA.

Dean Sarrocco (#28000) has stepped forward to assume the responsibilities of Chair, California Adventure Series. In April of 2015 Dean was instrumental in finding the company that worked with us installing the equipment and software to produce the new membership cards. Since that time he has reminded us every month that he was available to support SCMA where needed. When CA Adventures came open Dean was ready to take it on. Dean has been riding bikes for 20-years, he currently rides a Goldwing for fun, and an FJR for commuting.

During his three years of membership in SCMA Dean has ridden numerous Traveler's Award Rides, the Three Flags Classic and the USA Four Corners. Dean has also been a Motorcycle Safety Riding Instructor with the California Motorcycle Safety Program for thirteen years.

Dean wanted to be more involved because he "...enjoys meeting the members of SCMA and particularly likes the SCMA's concept of riding." He wanted to be part of that concept and contribute to our successful operations.

Thanks Dean for stepping up to the plate and helping us out.

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Publicity Co-Chairs

David Allen (#26213) has been with SCMA for 5 years and is also a member of the AMA. Dave resides in Ventura and in the last 48 years has ridden a number of bikes including a 650 BSA, 350 Honda, Suzuki GS550, GS850G, Kawasaki Concours, ST1300, and Vstrom 650. He kept the list short by not listing scooters and dirt bikes. He has ridden the three (3) Three Flags Classics and has finished the USA Four Corners tour twice. Since he started touring in 2004 he's done over 100,000 miles but has no way of totaling the years of dirt riding.

He has toured the western USA extensively, as well as trips to Vintage M/C days in Ohio and the Tail of the Dragon in Tennessee. He's also ridden dirt bikes in Baja, Mexico.

In 2004 he added a 2001 Concours to his stable and started touring the west. After retiring in 2010 he acquired an ST1300 and did his first Four Corners Tour.

On the second 4 Corners last year, he also got his Iron Butt plate for riding nonstop from Tukumcari home to Ventura in 24 hours. Recently he added a '05 Vstrom 650 for a probable Alaska trip this summer. He also bought a '13 KTM EXC350 for dirt riding and he commented, "I guess I'm a hopeless case."

We don't think Dave is too hopeless as long as he keeps buying motorcycles! We greatly appreciate his getting involved with our Publicity team.

Irv Creger (#8173) is one of our long time SCMA members and has been very active in the motorcycling community in the last 42 years. He has participated in, and/or arranged, numerous regional rides. In his past SCMA involvement he was active in preparing flyers and distributing them to attract riders to come out and be part of an event.

Irv presently owns a Subaru/VW Trike that he is riding and reworking to make it one of a kind for his express use. He has ridden motorcycles from a 250cc to 2100cc VW trike over the past 42 years; he actually constructed the VW Trike himself.

He has ridden four Three Flags Classic rides; the 10th, 11th, 20th and 22nd as well as worked at the Alice's Restaurant 3FC checkpoint a number of years ago. He has made seven (7) bike trips to the Sturgis SD Rally, a trike rally in Branson MO as well as a ride to Detroit MI where he visited Hell (an actual town in the state). He has attended eight (8) annual treks to the Yuma Prison run as well as five (5) trips to the Laughlin, NV rally, two (2) trips to the Reno Spring Street Vibrations Rally and five (5) trips to the Palm Springs American Heat Rally. He was involved with the ride advertised as the California 500 back in the 70's; that ride ended up in turning his Motoguzzi 850 into a mudder due to the heavy rains in 1975.

Irv said he would really enjoy the opportunity to be part of the Publicity team and help improve our efforts and methods. He feels, when done the right way, we will draw more young men and women riders into joining the association. He particularly thinks the new logo is a big step in that direction.

With that in mind he has already identified numerous free sites for us to advertise on. He also identified improvements that can be made to the SCMA website in making it more user friendly, to better explain the way we operate, and to show what events we have available for riders to join us for a fun riding experience.

So Irv understands all levels of road riding on a motorcycle and brings a lot of experience with him to the tasks of publicity co-chair. He looks forward to the opportunity of working with the Board and being co-chair with Dave Allen in furthering SCMA's progress into the digital world.

CA Parks Adventure Tour Rules Update

by Dennis Even #23038

The California National Parks Tour challenges riders to visit all the National Parks in California. There are now 25 National Park sites stretching from Cabrillo National Monument on Point Loma in San Diego to the Lava Beds and Redwoods in northern California. The 25th and newest park, Caesar Chavez National Monument, was created October 2012 and is located in the Kern County town of Keene.

The challenge is to ride to each park within a calendar year (Jan 1 – Dec 15) and document that visit with a photograph, and a stamp from the visitor center, in your SCMA Passport. Details of the challenge requirements can be found on the SCMA website: <http://sc-ma.com/rides/california-parks-adventure>

Two national parks in California keep limited hours or have weather shortened seasons – the Eugene O'Neill NHS and the Devil's Postpile. The Eugene O'Neil NHS consists principally of guided tours of the playwright's former home. Visitors are not able to go directly to the home but must schedule a shuttle trip/tour with the NPS from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley.

The NPS does not keep to a fixed opening/closing calendar for the Devil's Postpile National Monument. That calendar is driven by the weather. The Park generally opens sometime in June after the winter snows can be cleared but can close again, without notice, before the end of October.

To accommodate the partial schedule at these two parks, the California National Parks challenge only requires the rider to obtain stamp/photo certification from one of these two parks. Satisfactory completion of this challenge then will have 24 validations; 23 of the other parks and then a 24th from either **Devil's Postpile NM, OR the Eugene O'Neil NHS.**

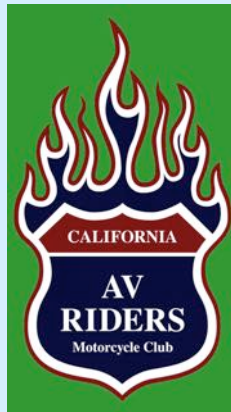
We highly suggest, before you visit any of the National Parks, you should look at each park's website for additional information and call the visitor centers to confirm road condition and operating hours. That website can be found at www.NPS.gov



The California 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!

Antelope Valley Riders Motorcycle Club

The Antelope Valley Riders Club, headquartered in Lancaster, CA, was first chartered through the AMA and SCMA in the spring of 1995 as the Antelope Valley Touring Society (AVTS) and transitioned to the Antelope Valley Riders (AVR) in the fall of 2009.



respect, Integrity, trust, and a shared enjoyment of motorcycles. They also support and participate in charitable



Doug Hoffelt, AVR President John Klohoker (Vice

President, Doug Hoffelt leads the AVR Executive Board staffed by John

events.

John Klohoker, AVR Vice President

To become a member in the AVR one must be at least 18 years old, possess a motorcycle endorsed drivers license, and be a member of the AMA.

President/Sergeant at Arms/ Quartermaster), Patty Klohoker (Treasurer) and Cindy Montalto (Secretary).

The club is a motorcycling brotherhood dedicated to promoting a positive image of motorcycle enthusiasts and conducts monthly meetings on the first Wednesday evening and a dinner ride on the third Wednesday evening of each month.

The AVR is not brand specific and membership is open to anyone that rides a street legal motorcycle. AVR is non-territorial and respects all motorcycle clubs. Their purpose is to promote motorcycling in an



Cindy Montalto, AVR Secretary atmosphere of fellowship, camaraderie, and brotherhood and to foster a network of motorcycle riding enthusiasts bound together by mutual

Applicants for membership in AVR must go through a probationary period and, over a 5-month timeframe, attend at least 3 meetings and 3 ride events (Dinner rides or club rides). After this probationary period an applicant must then be nominated and seconded for membership for a vote to be taken.

Once you become a member you are expected to attend at least 6 meetings or Plane Washes and at least 9 ride events (dinner rides or club rides) each year.

Membership dues are \$20 per year for a single membership and \$30 for a couples' membership



Patti Klohoker, Treasurer

More information on AVR can be found at <http://www.avts.av.org>

Sweetheart Ride, Saturday, February 13th

Looking for taking your sweetheart for a Valentine's Day Ride?

Want to support the **Bags4Kids Foundation**?

How about joining us on Saturday before Valentine's Day?

Guys can take their lady to the Angeles National Golf Course for a delightful breakfast at the Agave Bar & Grill and enjoy views of the golf course and surrounding mountains.

Gals can let their Guys prowl around the **Cycle Barn**, a used parts store located out in the Lancaster desert. Enjoy a "down home" desert BBQ of hamburgers and socialize with fellow riders while admiring old bikes in various stages of disrepair.

There is one particular old Goldwing on display that belonged to one of our most famous SCMA leaders. He rode this old bike on quite a few TFC's back in the "day".

Join us for a group photo at this fun place !!



AVR/SCMA 2016 SWEET Ride



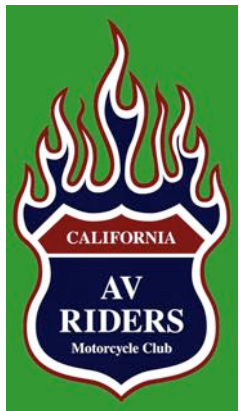
Bags4Kids Charity Drive

When: February 13th
 Where: Angeles Nat'l Golf Course
 9401 Foothill Blvd
 Sunland, CA
 Registrations: 8:00-9:0 am
 Fee: Ladies \$00.14 (as in cents)
 Men \$14.00
 Ladies gifted a cup of **HOT CHOCOLATE** by SCMA at Angeles National Golf Course Café
 Contact Doug at 661-435-8949

Great event for lady riders and two-up teams. Ladies get a free cup of **HOT CHOCOLATE!** Join fellow SCMA riders for a Ride thru Little Tujunga Cyn and high desert. Guys, take your lady to a superb breakfast and gals take your guy to visit old bikes at the Cycle Barn for a BBQ lunch in in the desert.

Ride proceeds will be donated to **Bags4Kids Foundation** to help foster children in transition.

Riders will encounter mountain passes, canyons, sweepers, switchbacks, twisties, and should expect elevation changes. This ride is a dramatic and thrilling experience. Final leg of ride thru Angeles Forest and Lakes Hughes and Elizabeth, then heads east to Lancaster for a BBQ finish at a motorcycle parts, repair shop, and lotsa bikes in the yard. This is an Intermediate level ride.



March Awards Banquet – Saturday, March 12th

This year's Awards Banquet promises to be the best yet !!

It will be held at the **Irvine Wyndham, at 17941 Von Karman Ave, Irvine, CA.**

This recently renovated hotel presents a 270 person capacity ballroom for our use. This well appointed and well lit ballroom will be for our dedicated use allowing us much "breathing" room between tables, great visibility to the center stage and its dropdown screen. The high ceilings further lend to the "Great Room" feeling!

This ballroom is located on the second level easily accessible by elevator or you can walk up the stairs along the glass wall and admire the view.

The lobby for the ballroom is where we'll enjoy a "meet and greet" before the evenings banquet. Hors d'oeuvres will be available along with a no-host bar for your pleasure. The lobby is roomy for all to congregate and offers a view to the hotel's entrance lobby below.

Parking is complimentary and the Wyndham has reserved a block of rooms at a discounted rate. (see on flyer next page)

Our Master of Ceremony, Jim Kingdon, promises to be a big improvement over last year's MC. So c'mon out to the event and see the awards being presented, have some laughs, and applaud our award recipients, especially our Grand Slam Award Recipient and our Legacy Award recipient(s).





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 Julien
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

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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.

The Board is considering nominations for the 2016 award; your nominations will be accepted from now through January 27th, 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(s) of the 2016 Award shall be announced at the Awards Banquet on March 12, 2016 at the Irvine Wyndham Hotel.

Committee Members;

Chair Barbara Fox,

Les Gullery,

*Joe Mandeville consulting.

*Kenn Hatke,

Irv Creger,

*Dannie Fox,

Steve Howe,

(Asterisk * denotes prior years recipient of the Legacy Award)



Presents

ST PATRICK DAY RIDE

ST PATRICK DAY RIDE

March 19 -20, 2016

Saturday & Sunday



START: 07:00 - 08:00

CRAZY OTTO'S DINER

19132 Soledad Canyon Rd.
Canyon Country, California

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00

Travelers Award Event
Sanctioned Event



All Motorcyclers Welcome

START: CRAZY OTTO'S DINER - Canyon Country

FIRST DAY END: Hollister, California

FIRST DAY OVERNIGHT: Location to be announced

SECOND DAY FINISH LOCATION: CRAZY OTTO'S DINER - Canyon Country

For Information: (661) 251-8148
Shamrock Road Riders - c/o LES GALLERY



2016 1947 Indian Chief Raffle Bike Tickets



Donate now for a chance to win one of the most classic and recognizable motorcycles of all time: a vintage Indian Chief. With its muscular V-twin engine and deeply skirted fenders, the iconic machine has always stood apart from the crowd. This 1947 model is particularly notable. WWII ended production of Indian's civilian models, and when the war ended in 1946, Indian struggled to quickly return to the production numbers it had enjoyed during the war. The Chief was the only motorcycle offered in 1946 and 1947. The '47 carried over the '46's hydraulically damped girder fork that came from the military-bike development effort, but was the first to carry the chrome script "Indian" logo on the tank.

Raffle tickets are available for a donation to the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. You can receive one ticket for a \$5 donation or five tickets for a \$20 donation. For full rules, see <http://motorcyclemuseum.org/RaffleBikeRules.aspx>

The drawing will be held at AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days in July 2016. You must be 18 years or older and a resident of the United States to win.

**Hold Shift Key and Click the Raffle Tickets Button
to donate for a chance to win the Indian Chief**

**1947 Indian Chief
RAFFLE TICKETS**

2016 Travelers Award For Presentation at the 2017 Awards Banquet

The 2016 Traveler's Award rides are open for signups. Registration is open thru May 14th after which the event is closed to be eligible for TA recognition, though you are welcome to ride each event without registering for the Traveler's Award. The below list of rides is a "work in progress" to be finalized when a member/Affiliate commits to chairing the ride.

1. January 10, SCMA Charity Soup Meet Reunion
2. February 13, SCMA Sweetheart Ride
3. March 19-20, Shamrock's St. Patrick's Day Run
4. April 29-May 1, AZRATPack Alien Nuclear Experiment Tour
5. May 14, PMC Greenhorn Ride
6. May 28-30, SCMA Grand-Blazing Saddles Tour
7. June XX, TDB Possible Rally with Affiliated Club
8. June XX, Possible bonus destination cruise to Lebanon, KS
9. July 10, SCMA Soup Meet Reunion, Charity Event
10. July 23, SCMA Dog Days of Summer Ride
11. August XX, Possible Event
12. September XX, Possible ride alternative for non-TFC riders
13. October XX, TBD Possible Alternate option for Rally or other ride
14. October 29, SCMA Cemetery Tour
15. November 12, Red Hot Riders, Turkey Run
16. December XX, Possible Charity Event

Award Levels

Bronze Award

7 completed events* earns a Traveler's Award trophy or pin.

Silver Award

10 completed events* earns a pin and a specially designed trophy.

Gold Award

13 completed events* earns a pin, a trophy, a free March banquet ticket and a chance at a \$100 discount certificate for the Three Flags Classic to be drawn at the March Awards Banquet. Winner need not be present.

Platinum Award (15 rides)

Complete 15 events with NO substitutions and earn everything already listed AND earn a \$100 discount certificate for the Three Flags Classic. Not planning on attending the Three Flags Classic? 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 awards. However, substitutions cannot be used for the Platinum "All 15" award level. It stands alone without a substitution

We are offering a new "Triple Crown Bonus". If you complete the Triple Crown in the current year, 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 listed qualifying events.

How to Sign Up

Signing up is easy for current SCMA members. Sign-up at any event through the May 14th PMC Greenhorn Tour through Mitch Friedman, Traveler's Award Chairman, and still qualify for the Bronze Award. For an annual fee of \$20 you are registered and will receive 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):

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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.

GMM SCHEDULED FOR February !!

The next Board Meeting will be the at **9:00 AM on February 6th** at:

Marie Callender's restaurant, 3117 E Garvey Ave N, West Covina, CA

The February Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting will start at 9:00 am. 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.



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

February

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

March

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

April

- 9 TBA – Traveler' Award Ride (Possible PMC Poker Run)
- 23 SCMA Board Meeting, 8:30am, Marie Callender's Annual Membership Meeting - Nominations
- 29 Alien Nuclear Experiment Tour-AZRATPack *Traveler's Award Event**

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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National News Section

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This section has articles about the SCMA National Rides: The USA Four Corners Tour and the Best 15 USA Roads Challenge.



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) NOTARIZED 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 finisher's paver that will allow you to commemorate your ride of a lifetime.

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% or 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!!

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2016 USA Four Corners Chairman
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Equipment List for a USA Four Corners True “X” Tour

by Mike Tomsu #42773

My previous motorcycle was a 2004 Honda ST 1300, a very capable steed and one that took me over 125,000 miles without a hitch. Much of the equipment I used on the Four Corners tour derived from the ST or had been upgraded to current standards.

Motorcycle

2008 BMW K1200 GT purchased used with 20,000 miles on the clock. Bike was pretty much stock except for the top box (which I didn't/don't like) and removed it immediately.

- Saddle: The OEM BMW saddle felt like a piece of teak after 4-5-6 hours and was completely unacceptable. I purchased a Sargent saddle and it wasn't much better. There is a Russell Day Long saddle on order now. I used a Russell on the ST1300 and could ride forever without getting monkey butt. Essential.

- Michelin PR 4 tires: I got 15,000 miles from the first set and was pretty satisfied with the longevity, adhesion and rain grip.

- Clearwater lights: On the ST1300 I had PIAA 1100 and 910 lamps mounted on the front forks and under the mirrors respectively. On the K1200 I used Clearwater LEDs - Darlas on the forks and Ericas under the mirrors. The Darlas are for conspicuity and are on at all times. Erica's are used for o'dark thirty in the middle of North Dakota. Both are exceptionally bright.

- BMW extender/risers bring the handlebars back 1-1/2 inches and slightly downward for a better ergonomic fit.

- GPS: I used a Garmin Nuvi 2589 which is an automotive unit, but I was able to rig it up to work on the bike. Unfortunately, the unit is not waterproof, so when it rained I would have to take the Garmin off and put it in my pocket. The next Garmin I purchase will be waterproof.

- Satellite receiver/tracker. I used a Delorme inReach handheld Sat tracker. It fit very well in the front of my tank bag and I just left it there. It has a 2-3 day battery life. The very nice thing about this unit is that you can turn on the receiving subscription for only the length of your ride then turn it off, saving you money.

- Wolfman tank bag with 4-point harness: I liked the bag a lot and there are plenty of pockets. Have to use the 4-point system because the BMW tank is fiberglass.

Clothing

- Boots: I use TCX motorcycle boots (Italian) made especially for touring. They fit my feet comfortably and they are Gore-Tex lined for waterproofness (which I have proven several different times. My feet simply do not get wet).

- LDComfort undergarment: Most LD riders wear LDComfort for one very good reason - they are simply the best undergarments for LD riding. They are cool in heat and warm in cooler weather. The seams don't crease in uncomfortable places and they are stretchable elastic for more comfort. Can't say enough good things about LDComfort.

- Fleece over garment and wind stopper shirt - the next layer for cooler weather.

- Kanetsu electric liner for the coldest weather. Not only is the liner electric, the jacket is comfortable when the weather is cold, but not cold enough for the electrics. With this type of layering and careful clothing selection I've ridden in temperatures from 10* to 110*

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- Aerostich Darien jacket and pants: I used these on the ST1300 and loved them. They are all season outerwear with plenty of pockets (which you can get into without taking off gloves), reflective on back, sides and shins, well padded on shoulders, back, elbows and knees. Since my first Darien, there have been some improvements: better, more waterproof zippers, magnets on the collar to reduce wind flap, softer material around the neck and hook-and-eye fasteners around arms to reduce wind flap. This is my go-to suit and I won't ride without it. By layering clothing under the Darien, there aren't too many weather conditions I couldn't overcome.
- Gloves: Aerostich Elkskin Ropers. A good, heavy-duty glove which will mold to your hand after the first soaking. Rain covers are a nice addition, too.

**Gear**

Below are some of the things I carry on the bike at all times. I feel that these things are essential for safety, comfort and reliability of my ride.

- Tire pressure gauge. Essential. I am religious about tire pressure and check it almost daily.
- EAR PLUGS!!! Ear Plugs are right next to LDComfort as essential for long distance riding. I started using earplugs a long, long time ago and they extend my day by at least 2-3 hours each day by reducing wind noise in my helmet. Currently I'm using custom earplugs from a hearing aid store and they work great. I've also used earplugs from shooting supply places. I prefer the silicone type versus the foam ones.
- Sunscreen, eye drops, and lip balm: Your face is out in the elements for long periods of time and it needs to be protected. I found sunscreen SPF 70 and put it on several times a day. Eye drops will rest your eyes and lip balm will prevent chapped lips.
- First Aid kit: well equipped and up to date.
- Any medications you take: Plan for enough so you don't run out during your ride.
- Comprehensive tool kit: including pliers, socket set, Allen wrenches, baling wire, electrical tape, duct tape (Gorilla) and screwdrivers.
- Tire repair kit
- Tire inflator
- Jumper cables
- Road Atlas: Even though you have a GPS, it's nice to be able to

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see further than the 5" screen in front of you.

- Laptop computer with mapping software, iPad and connection cables.
- Camera (or two...):

Smartphones have cameras, there are point-and-shoot cameras of all types, sizes and descriptions, DSLRs, etc. Canon cameras have proven to be rugged and reliable. Carry spare storage cards and chargers.

Editor's note: Mike Tomsu completed the USA4C True "X" and provided this list of equipment he prefers to have on his distance rides. This list is an excellent reference source and all riders are advised to always adjust such lists for their personal needs or preferences. Our kudos to Mike, for putting this list together and offering it to riders for their consideration.

Paperwork

Find a specific place on your bike, in the tank bag or on your person to keep the paperwork safe and dry. Keep it there all the time in the same place every time so you know exactly where it is all the time.

- Driver's license with motorcycle endorsement (DOH!!)
- Insurance card up to date and covering your travel areas - Canada may or may not be covered by your insurance - check before you leave. Your insurance carrier can also get you a Canadian insurance card.
- Passport up to date. If you are traveling to Canada and have gotten a DUI in the past, you will not be allowed into Canada.
- Firearms: it is very difficult to get into Canada while carrying a handgun.
- In Case of Emergency (ICE) contact list on your phone.

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Four Corners True X Ride, Part I

Documentation for an epic journey

by Mike Tomsu #42773

This scribbling and scratching is documentation for a Four Corners True X ride across the country on a motorcycle. The ride itself started June 22, 2015 (the summer solstice) and was completed 18 days later on July 9, 2015.

Starting from Key West, FL, I rode to Lebanon, KS, the geographic center of the country, then to Blaine, WA in the northwest, back to Lebanon, KS, then southwest to San Ysidro, CA. back to Lebanon, KS again, then northeast to finish the ride in the Four Corners Park at Madawaska, ME.

The trip was some 11,000 miles. If I were to describe the trip in a single word, that word would be HOT - temps were over 95° for much of the ride and well over 100° in Spokane, WA, Coeur d'Alene, ID, St. George, UT, Las Vegas, NV, Yuma, AZ and Lebanon, KS.

My BMW K1200GT performed flawlessly and all of the equipment I had selected for my protection and safety worked even better than I expected. (See separate article about equipment) One standout performer was the **LDCComfort** shirt that I wore for the majority of the trip. It is a multi-layer shirt that retains water without getting your skin

wet. Once the shirt is wet, you close the vents in your suit, let some air in, and then zip it up.

Evaporative cooling takes over and you get a stream of cooling air flowing around your suit. In some cases the cooling effect of this shirt dropped the



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inside temperature as much as 30° compared to the outside temperature. Once the shirt had dried to some degree, I simply poured more water into the shirt and carried on. I can't say enough good things about **LDComfort**.

As much as you try to plan for every contingency, glitches still arise and you have to deal with them. The first major glitch arose on Day 2 somewhere near Belleville, KS when my saddlebag opened up and most of the contents came spilling out - unbeknownst to me.

The second major glitch came in Ste. Helene de Bagot, Quebec where for some reason I didn't turn on the satellite receiver. The track shows it being turned on and traveling for a short period, and then being turned off. I do not know what happened here, but the tracker was off for the entire day - going from Ste. Helene to Madawaska and back - some 600 miles. Again, fortunately, I had backup documentation with credit cards receipts and photos.

Day 1 Key West to Macon, GA

I had had a very good dinner in downtown Key West the night before and a good nights sleep, so I was ready and eager to go when I left the motel room at 0530. I took pictures of the southernmost buoy at the corner of Whitehead and South Streets. (See images dated June 21 and June 22) I also got a receipt (cash) for a donut and coffee at a C-store in Key West, but that was lost in the saddlebag debacle. I took off, excited about starting this grand adventure.

The Florida Keys are a wonderful place to visit, shop, fish, enjoy water sports and generally hang out - IF - you don't have a firm deadline or schedule and are not in a hurry. Otherwise, it is a frustratingly slow

150-mile journey. You follow blue-haired drivers, sightseers, semi trucks and fishermen dragging boats. You also enjoy some excellent scenery on both sides of the highway and marvel at the changing cloud formations. I even saw a blimp just floating along in the breeze.

When you get to the mainland, all of this changes, and the hustle and bustle returns with a vengeance. Traffic, congestion, heat, confusing road signs, missed turns - they're all here. I got lost in Miami before I could get to the Florida Turnpike (which I hadn't intended to take...) but decided that it was the best way to get out of the city. Tollbooths of ANY size or description are a MAJOR PITA to a motorcyclist. You have to slow down, stop in the oiliest section of road to pay the toll, get you money out, hand it to the attendant, get change and put it away, get out of the oil slick and be on your way.

About the second tollbooth I asked the attendant if those high-speed cameras went all the way on the turnpike, to which she replied that they did and that I could go through all of the tollbooths without stopping. The cameras would record your license plate and send you a bill for the tolls. We'll see how effective these cameras really are because I rode through all of them for the entire length of The Toll Road.

Having altered my intended route already, I decided to stay on The Toll Road for the length of the road. The Florida Turnpike generally runs from Homestead, FL to Wildwood, FL where it ends at I-75. My original intention was to ride a "10 in 10" Iron Butt ride (10,000-miles in 10 days) but that idea quickly went out the window as the traffic congestion and heat continued to climb. So, I motored on, enjoying the

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sights and sounds of a motorcycle.

Finally, I got out of Florida about 1800 after 600 miles in the Sunshine State.

I ran into some rain at Tipton, GA, pretty heavy at some times. I got through it comfortably, having all my gear on, including a weatherproof Aerostich Darien jacket and pants.

Got into more rain around Macon and about this time it was getting dark, I'm tired, so I called it a night at a Sleep Inn just off the Interstate. This was a very nice room - it was considered a pet friendly room - but it was right next to the lobby/breakfast bar and I could park my bike under the canopy in sight of the night clerk and the security cameras.

Day 2 Macon to Columbia, MO

Not really looking forward to Atlanta, I got up and gave myself a cushion of time to miss Atlanta's rush hour. I've been to Atlanta several times in the past on a bike, and even when not in rush hours it's not very enjoyable. Traffic is fast, if it's not stop-and-go, and drivers are like most major cities - rude, inconsiderate and blind to motorcyclists while they are talking on cellphones.

Got through Atlanta and headed for Chattanooga. I knew that there was some construction there, so I made certain I had a full tank of gas before entering another large city with all of it's attendant headaches. Saw a lot of edge traps here, but once I was aware of them, I kept a pretty good eye out for them. I made my first route change from I-75 to I-24 here. I-24 would take me almost to St. Louis.

The mountains in Tennessee are very pretty and I enjoyed the ups and downs of the Interstate as I motored from Chattanooga

to Nashville.

Clarksville, TN had me going through more rolling hills - beautiful country. I saw Land Between the Lakes, a picturesque area where the Corps of Engineers has built a dam across the Tennessee River to create two lovely lakes - Lake Barkley and Kentucky Lake. Both are very popular boating and recreation areas.

Once past Land Between the Lakes, I rode on to Paducah, KY and into Illinois, familiar enough roadway for me to call it being close to home. I-24 ends at I-57 as I proceeded north toward Marion IL where I would turn westward onto I-64 and later onto I-70. I-70 would be my home for the next several days. Again, this is very familiar roadway and my "backyard" so to speak.

Got through St. Louis in good shape and proceed across Missouri to call it a night in Columbia, MO.

Day 3 Columbia to Lincoln, NE

Up to this point, everything had been going pretty smoothly. I was a little disappointed at the gas mileage I was getting - generally 40 mpg - but I gave up trying to get better and simply accepted the fact. As an aside, my previous bike, a Honda ST1300 had a bigger gas tank and got 42-45 mpg. The BMW has a 5+ gallon gas tank and it is practically empty at 200 miles.

So, I motored along past the Missouri River, past Arrowhead Stadium, home to both the football Chiefs and baseball Royals, past the airport and up toward St. Joseph. I had picked up I-29 in Kansas City and was now going to turn left on Hwy 36 for the trip across Kansas for my first documented stopping point - Lebanon, KS.

Somewhere along this road - I don't

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even know exactly where - my saddlebag came open. I didn't know it at the time and drove another 25 or 30 miles. I stopped at a convenience store and one of the other riders there noticed that my bag was open and mentioned it to me. There wasn't much I could do except go back and see if I could find anything along the road. No such luck. I lost an electric liner, a tire plugger and all of the paper documents I had prepared for the trip - gas receipts, mileage information, etc. Strangely, though, my toolkit, first aid kit and tire inflator were still on the bike, held there by a small section of elastic webbing. At least I hadn't lost everything... I backtracked the 25 or 30 miles trying to look on both sides of the road for anything I could find, but no luck.

I decided to contact the USA4C ride administrators to see what I could do, but cell phone connectivity out here is non-existent. When I reached Lincoln, NE I called Steve Schulman and explained my situation - that I had lost documentation for Days 1 and 2 of the ride and what should I do. He suggested that I continue on and document as much as I could. Fortunately, credit card receipts for gas and motels, photographs and the satellite trace all establish that I was in Key West and travelled the route. As it turned out, I hadn't lost my rally flag - a unique flag you show in your photographs to demonstrate that you have been at a particular place at a particular time.

Since Lincoln to Lebanon is another 165 miles, adding almost 3 hours to the trip, I decided to stay in Lincoln at a Days Inn. This particular Days Inn must have been a purchased property because it was terrible - dirty, smoky, minimal number of electrical outlets, flimsy towels and truncated TV cable service.

About this time I discovered that my non-motorcycle, boat-shoe type moccasins are back home in Cape Girardeau and the only footwear is motorcycle boots. WYSIWYG. There is a small bar attached to this dump of a motel, so I walked over there to see if I could get something to eat. It turns out to be the local motorcycle hangout - beer and shot crowd - and they don't serve any food at all. So, I had a cocktail and went back to the POS motel room.

At the room I decided to put the bike up on the center stand. Somehow, the bike got catty whompus and we both went down. I scraped my shin and broke the band on my wristwatch. The bike got some road rash on the right side.

It has not been a very good day!

Editor's note: Mike Tomsu completed the USA Four Corners True "X" Tour in 18 days. He kept a meticulous journal of his ride and has provided a condensed version for our readers.

His experience is an excellent read for members new to the Four Corners Tour. Whether doing the Box, or True X, his story will provide you all with an excellent insight to what to expect when undertaking this adventure.



2016 Triple Crown and Best 15 US Roads Challenge

In 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). Beginning in 2008 riders have 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 then SCMA Chair **Jan Staws** (#9124) 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 (#24454) and Larry (#24455) 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 including 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.

In summary, to be eligible for the Triple Crown Award, awarded at the Annual Awards Banquet each March, 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!





**Southern California Motorcycling Association
Best 15 US Roads Challenge
Announcing the 2016 Collection**



We are offering the Best 15 US Roads Challenge for the 6th year. The challenge started spontaneously in the spring of 2011 when the American Motorcyclist Association published its Best 15 Roads article. Two riders took the challenge that year: Kathy and Larry Lamarche from Kamloops, BC Canada. For 2016, we have updated the list with three new roads and a route change to a fourth road.

For a list of the 6 rules of the ride please refer to the SCMA website: <http://sc-ma.com/rides/best-15-us-roads-challenge>

In 2016 the Best 15 continues to qualify for the Triple Crown as an option to the Parks Adventure or Missions Tour, when combined with the USA Four Corners Tour and the Three Flags Classic.

1. U.S. 212 & WY 296, Beartooth Pass Highway and Chief Joseph Highway, Red Lodge, MT to north of Cody WY* <http://www.beartoothhighway.com> <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/676/Wyoming/Chief-Joseph-Scenic-Highway-Bighorn-Mountains.html>
2. California 1, Pacific Coast Highway, Monterey to Morro Bay** <http://www.pashnit.com/roads/cal/Hwy1BigSur.htm>
3. U.S.12, Lolo Pass, Lewiston, Idaho to Lolo, Montana <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/185/Idaho/The-Lolo-Pass.html>
4. U.S.33, Elkins, West Virginia to Seneca Rocks on to Harrisonburg, Virginia. 100 mile ride. <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/656/west-virginia/us-33-through-the-shanendoah-valley.html>
5. Glacier National Park, Montana, Going to the Sun Road. <http://motorcycleroads.com/75/353/Montana/Going-To-The-Sun-Road.html>
6. U.S. 550, "Million Dollar Highway", Montrose to Durango, Colorado http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/co_us550.html
7. Blue Ridge Parkway, Any continuous 150 mile segment <http://www.blueridgeparkway.org>
8. Washington 20, Concrete to Omak <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/634/Washington/Highway-20-Washington-Pass.html>
9. Big Bend NP, U.S.385 into north gate, out west gate on TX118 to FR170 to Presidio* 120 mile ride. <http://www.bigbendnationalpark.com>
10. Ranch Roads 335, 336 and 337, "The Twisted Sisters" or "The Triple 3", Texas*** <http://www.hillcountrycruising.com/the3s.html>
11. U.S. 16A, Custer to Mt. Rushmore and then to Keystone, South Dakota**** http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/sd_us16a.html
12. "Kancamagus Scenic Byway/Mt. Washington, Lincoln, New Hampshire to Mt. Washington Summit***** http://www.motorcycleroads.com/Routes/New-Hampshire_105.html
13. U.S.191, Springerville to Three Way, Arizona http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/az_us191.html
14. Utah 12, Torrey to Bryce Canyon Turnoff <http://www.scenicbyway12.com>
15. Mount Desert Island, Acadia NP. ME102/ME102A to Bass Harbor Lighthouse. ME102A/ME102 to ME198 to ME233 to Cadillac Mountain Summit. Back down to the LOOP ROAD along the coast. Jordan Rd/ Stanly Rd to ME 3 North to get off the Island.* 75 mile double loop. <http://www.acadianationalpark.com/parklooproad>

*These roads are combined as a single "challenge unit" and all must be ridden

**Southbound has the advantage of putting the ocean and scenic pull-offs on the right

*** To complete this challenge unit we suggest 335 south to Camp Wood, 337 east to Leaky, 336 north to Highway 41, Highway 41 east to US 83, US 83 south back to Leaky, 337 east to Medina. Or the same roads in the opposite direction.

****We strongly recommend taking this road east from Custer to Mt. Rushmore for the awesome views of the monument through the tunnels.

***** NH112, Kancamagus HWY, 23 miles to Left on Bear Notch Rd, US302 W, at Twin Mt US3 N then NH115 E, US2 E to NH16 S to Mt. Washington Auto Road.

Southern California Motorcycling Association

Best 15 US Roads Challenge

RULES

1. The participant must be a member of the Southern California Motorcycling Association.
2. The participant must complete a registration form and pay the associated ride fee.
3. The participant must complete, sign, have witnessed and NOTARIZED an AMA Release and Indemnity Form (ROL) printed in COLOR to clearly show the red watermark, then send it to the Chairman of the 15 Best US Roads Challenge.
4. The participant must provide a GAS RECEIPT clearly showing the date and location at both ends of each road or road group (challenge unit). Also required is a PHOTO of the PARTICIPANT with his or her MOTORCYCLE taken with a SIGN or recognizable LANDMARK to identify the location. The gas receipts and photos must be assembled into a logbook and sent to the Chairman of the 15 Best US Roads Challenge for approval to certify the participant as a Finisher of the Challenge.
5. The participant must ride his or her motorcycle or trike the entire distances to and from home, to and from and along the prescribed roads. The fifteen roads may be traveled in any sequence, breaks in time between roads are allowed and can be taken at the discretion of the rider. In the event of a road closure, ride to the closure sign to take the photo.
6. ALL 15 Roads must be ridden in one calendar year, designated as between January 1 and December 15. There are no time extensions for any reason, including weather, mechanical failures, accidents, illness etc. Participants will have two years of eligibility to complete the ride; the year of registration is considered the first year of eligibility; the following year is the 2nd year of eligibility.

For further clarification, or any other questions about this ride offering,

contact Bob Roger, Chairman, 15 Best US Roads Challenge at:

rsroger03@gmail.com or call at (330) 857 8131



Editor's note: Our thanks to Bob for reducing the cumbersome 15 rules into a basic 6-rule set.

International News Section

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This section has articles about the SCMA Three Flags Classic and information of a general nature for all SCMA members throughout the world.

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.

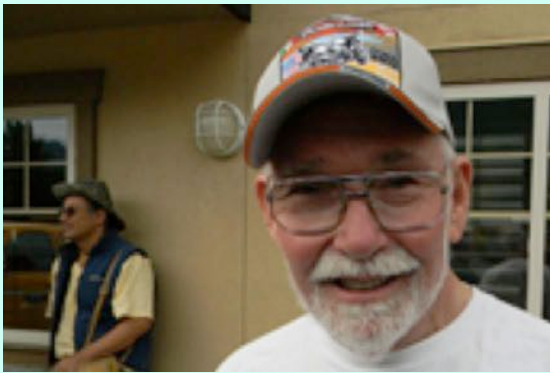
3FC Update 2016

Chris White 3FC 2016 Co-Chair ~ SCMA #23916

The 41st Three Flags Classic will be here in no time and I'm already getting excited about it every time I think about it. In November 2015 Rodney Chew and I discussed the general direction of the 2016 ride and the routing responsibility was turned over to me. I engaged a long time friend and trusted resource, Carroll Walker, and together we created the 2016 route.

Chairman's note: Chris White, this year's co-Chair, has provided some information for you in this article. The SCMA board of directors approved the three checkpoints that the TFC Committee has identified; the committee is now working on details of the routing. Within the next month or two they should have a turn-by-turn route sheet to publish in the newsletter. That said, be advised the route sheet is subject to change after the committee conducts a pre-ride in June.

Observation: The current exchange rate is adversely affecting our Canadian brethren resulting in their 2016 TFC costing almost a third more of their CAD. Hopefully by September we'll see the rate swing a bit in their favor.



2012 Carroll Walker !
(.....and who is that goofy guy in the background?? A future 3FC Chairman?)

05:00 on the morning of Sep 2nd.

Heading north we'll get to I-10 and go east for a while before turning north through Safford, Globe & Show Low AZ before passing through Crownpoint, NM. The **1st checkpoint** this year is in **Farmington, NM**. This will be the first time Farmington has held a checkpoint. This city of 45000 is about 550 miles from Tombstone. Freeway driving is minimal this year, but we will have a bit of I-10 and I-40 on the way to Farmington.

From Farmington we'll head north through Durango and then onto the Million Dollar Highway towards Montrose, CO. Once we're close to Grand Junction we'll circle around downtown and do a short piece of I-70 W before heading north through Rangely, CO. Before arriving in

Rock Springs, WY and our **2nd checkpoint** we'll be driving on the Flaming Gorge National Scenic Byway in Utah. Rock Springs has only been used one time

I've got some good news and some bad news and I always prefer to deal with the bad news first.

The bad news is that we don't have the exact locations where the checkpoints will be stationed. Therefore, the exact turn-by-turn route information will have to follow at a later time. Hopefully what I give you now will be a good start.

Now here's the good news. This year's checkpoints and general route was approved by the SCMA at the January board meeting. Here's the general plan of where we're headed once we leave Tombstone at



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in our 40-year history as a checkpoint location, but it is big enough to have all the amenities our riders would be looking for. You are now about 1020 miles from the start and well over half way to Kimberley.

From Rock Springs, WY, continuing north, we'll be going through Pinedale, WY and Ashton, ID before getting to West Yellowstone. From there it's straight north to I-90 where we'll go west for a short run before heading north on Hwy 287 to **Helena, MT** and our **3rd checkpoint**.



Helena is another first time checkpoint location. This is another city of significant size and lots of amenities. Once in Helena, you'll have already ridden 1500 miles from

Tombstone and it's only another 420 miles to get to Kimberley.

From Helena, as we travel up the east side of the Rocky Mountains we'll be doing more "first time ever" roads as we cross into Alberta at the Chief Mountain Border Crossing. This border crossing will be open from 7:00am to 11:00pm daily from June 1st to Labour Day. This route will also give riders that have never driven through the Glacier National Park an opportunity to do so, if they so choose. It can be a slow drive

on a holiday weekend, but if you have the time and the weather is decent it could be a nice detour.

Once in Alberta and going west on Hwy 3 we'll go over the Crowsnest Pass and through the town of Cranbrook before arriving in **Kimberley**.

The finish is close to 1915 miles from Tombstone when following the route.

Note: Please, always be aware that the actual routing may vary, as the 3FC gets closer. Changes in road conditions and environmental issues may force changes to the routing. We do not anticipate any changes to the checkpoints.

Before you leave Tombstone on September 2, 2016 the final route will be pre-ridden by a team of people from the start to the end. The purpose of the trip is to create the actual turn-by-turn



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directions and make any final adjustments to the route. You should not expect to see the final turn-by-turn directions till shortly before the ride.

Ticket Sales

Ticket sales have been brisk. Ticket sales will be cut off at either 300 entries or May 31st, whichever comes first. After we've sold our 300th ticket, any ticket holders that have a change in plans and are not able to ride in September would be encouraged to use the Three Flags Forum for selling their tickets. And a side note here, as far as I know there has NEVER been a year where there wasn't at least one ticket available to buy at the start.

Fun Facts

1980 was the fifth year of the Three Flags Classic and the first time I ever rode it. It was also the first year the 3FC started in Canada and finished in Mexico. Here's some facts, just for fun, that you just can't make up.

- Roger Nieto successfully finished this year on a 200 Vespa, for the first time. He had tried and failed on all 4 of the first Classics and never gave up!
- Charlie Griffin and Dee Baker are the

only riders to have successfully finished all five of the Three Flags Classics.

- The average rider age was only 35.5 years old!
- Dee Baker was also the oldest rider at 68 years old and Chris Powell was the youngest rider at 21 years young.



Gordie, Dale & Chris White
22nd, 23rd, and 24th finishers in 1980

- Of the 262 finishers, 230 were riders and as crazy as it sounds nowadays, only 18 of these riders were female!
- Only 60 Canadians rode that year and all of them came from British Columbia.

Stay tuned, information will be coming out regularly as we get closer to the 2016 *Three Flags Classic*

Can't wait to see all of you in Tombstone!

-----Chris



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
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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!

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>

SCMA has Multiple Facebooks !!

Reuben Friesen has established accounts for all SCMA Premier Rides.

We need help however, to have each of the Premier Rides fb account monitored and maintained.

The accounts will not become operational until each has a dedicated manager.

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 Chairman@sc-ma.com

Three Flags Classic Artwork

The final artwork for the TFC is nearing completion. We hope to have that displayed soon in our newsletter

AZRATPAck First Board Meeting

The RatPack is formalizing their organization and will be holding their first board meeting at 6pm on January 24th. It will be held at Lucille's BBQ, 2030 East Rio Solado Pkwy, Tempe, AZ

Valid Driver's License Required

Beginning in 2016, for the safety of all, our insurer is requiring that we confirm, at the beginning of all rides, that our riders have a valid drivers license,

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

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 at least 24 of the 25 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. Visit <http://sc-ma.com/rides/california-parks-adventure> for detailed rules.

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 on March 12, 2016. Meet and Greet social begins 5:00pm and banquet doors open at 7:00pm.

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-----GONZO

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www.sc-ma.com. Links to all our affiliated clubs are there also.

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