



## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

March is one of the busiest months for me. My time gets consumed with the Annual Awards Banquet, assisting with organizing rides, handling member requests, completing my tax returns, and finally working the newsletter. With so much going on this month it is a wonder that this newsletter is getting out at all. I sat back in my desk and pondered how it did.

Dennis Even's speech for accepting the Legacy Award struck home to many ears in the audience. He spoke of how he got started with SCMA and then began helping organize and administer numerous events. His speech can be read on page 15 herein, please read it and note when he encourages you to help lend a hand to keep our Association moving forward.

Yes, we have a number of folks who help out in many ways. In fact, 38 of them received a plaque at the banquet in appreciation of their support. That number is about 5% of our total active membership and about 6-7% of our Regional membership. Those stats show that many of those 38 recipients are doing more than one task in helping keep our

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## Upcoming Events

April Fool's Day +1 Ride	Apr 2
Parks/Missions TA Ride	Apr 9
Annual Members Meeting	Apr 23
Alien Nuclear Experiment	Apr 29-May 1
Greenhorn Ride PMC/SCMA	May 14

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Association operational.

We need more of you to help.

Help from those of you residing in the greater LA Basin and surrounding counties is needed in administering and planning a ride, administering membership, moderating forums, administering the website, developing publicity, helping with Premier Ride administration, doing banquet arrangements, and much more. Your help with any of these committees would be invaluable.

We need more camaraderie and history.

At a recent ride put on by an affiliated club I noted some key members who formerly were instrumental in leading this Association. Some participated in the ride but two of them came out to the start spreading goodwill and cheer while they greeted members. WOW!! Their presence demonstrated their affinity for their club as well as for the SCMA. That support was thoroughly appreciated and valued.

Could we have more of that??

I think we could. We have many members who no longer ride....but still drive. May I encourage you older members to come out to the start, join us for breakfast, bring a buddy and meet our new members? Your presence lends much credibility to the Association.

So how did this newsletter get out on time? With only 4 days available I found that 75% of it was completed for me by the many members who contributed articles, information, ideas, and photographs.

That's the impact their help had upon producing a newsletter in 4 days!

---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*

This past weekend we shipped about 50 Dec-Jan new/renewal membership cards.

By the end of April I expect to be completely caught up and packaging/shipping current new/renewals as they occur beginning in May.

Amazingly, we have about 75-100 returned packages for members who have not updated their profiles with their current mailing address.

**If you are a members having not received a package, please do two things for me:**

1. Login to the website and update your profile
2. Send me a note ([membership@sc-ma.com](mailto:membership@sc-ma.com)) with your name and address.



# SCMA Annual Meeting

## Officer Nominations

### April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016

SCMA has six-members on its Board of Directors. Three are elected each year to a two-year term. In even-numbered years the Vice Chairman, the Treasurer and Secretary are elected. In odd-numbered years the Chairman, Membership Director and Risk Manager are elected. The location for the Annual Member's Meeting, to be held in the greater Los Angeles area, will be announced in March.

The mid-year elections for 2016 then are for:

**Vice Chair** – In absence of the chair, or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the vice chair shall assume the duties of chair. The Vice Chair will fill committee and ride chair positions when vacant and other duties as directed by the Chairman

**Membership Services Director** – The membership services director shall maintain membership lists, respond to members' requests for assistance, review all applications for membership, provide monthly list to the board of the names of new members, provide members with membership certificates, and perform such other duties as the board may from time to time determine.

**Treasurer** – The treasurer shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all the funds and securities of the corporation; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit such monies in the name of the corporation in such banks or other depositories as shall be selected by the board of directors, and in general perform all duties incident to the office of treasurer.

**NOMINATIONS** are now open until the Annual Meeting scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am. Any current SCMA member can nominate any other current SCMA member. Self-nominations are acceptable but require three seconds at the Annual Meeting.

Nominations can be made at the Annual meeting or by e-mail to chairman@scma.com. **E-mailed** nominations must be received **by 8pm, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

Nominations can also be made by mailing nomination forms to:

SCMA - Nominations

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PO Box 487  
Norwalk, CA 90651-0487

**Paper** nominations must be received in the Norwalk PO Box **by 8:00 am, April 22nd.**

**BALLOTS** will be available in May or earlier for download from the SCMA website and will appear in the newsletter.

Only paper ballots are acceptable for the election and must be received at the Post Office Box by 8:00 am June 17th.

The ballots will be opened and counted in public at the June 18th General Membership Meeting (GMM) by the Election Committee, observed by member witnesses, and supervised by the Chair of the Election Committee. The newly elected officers will be announced at the meeting, posted to the website, and posted in the June/July Newsletter.

The newly elected Directors will assume their responsibilities after the close of the June 18th Board meeting and no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.



# 2016 NOMINATION FORM

**Member making the nomination:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Member being nominated for Vice Chair:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Member being nominated for Treasurer:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Member being nominated for Membership Services Director:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Self-Nomination: For Position of \_\_\_\_\_**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Three (3) "Seconds" for Self-Nomination:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

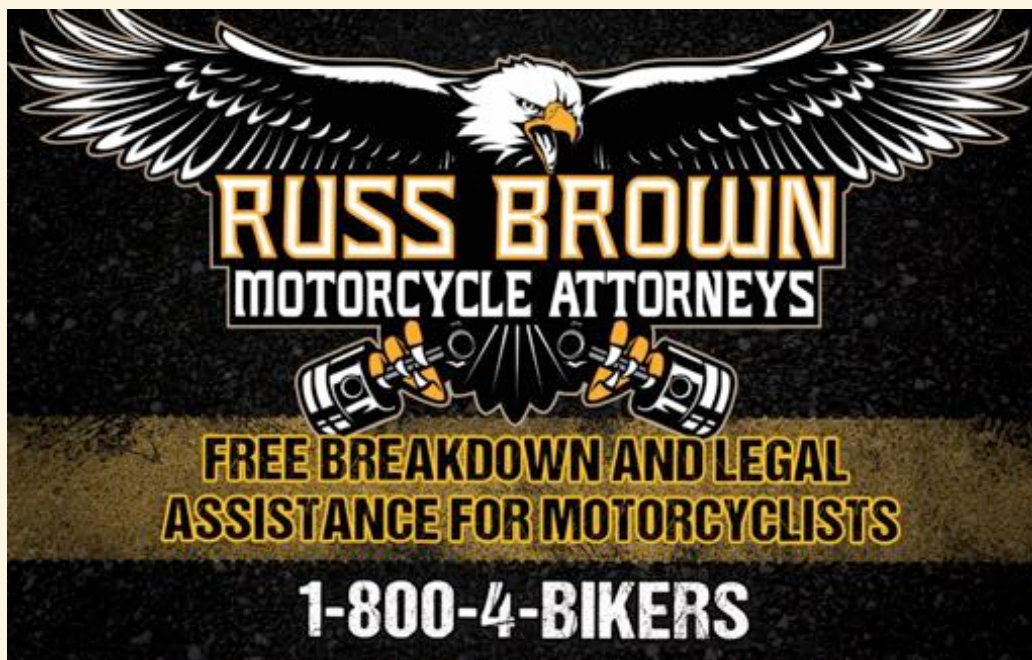
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Scan and email to: [chairman@sc-ma.com](mailto:chairman@sc-ma.com) (Must be received by 8pm April 22<sup>nd</sup>)

or mail to: (Must be in PO Box by 8am April 22<sup>nd</sup>)

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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](http://www.avts.av.org)

AZRatPack

[www.azratpack.com](http://www.azratpack.com)

BMW Club of Southern California

[www.bmwcosc.com](http://www.bmwcosc.com)

BMW Club, South Coast Riders (aka South Coasters)

[www.scbmwrc.com](http://www.scbmwrc.com)

Pasadena Motorcycle Club

[www.pasadenamc.com](http://www.pasadenamc.com)

Red Hot Riders of San Diego

[www.redhotriders.com](http://www.redhotriders.com)

Shamrock Road Riders

[www.sc-ma.com/shamrock.htm](http://www.sc-ma.com/shamrock.htm)

Victor McLaglen Motor Corps

[www.thevmmc.com](http://www.thevmmc.com)





## SCMA Bylaws Update

The board of directors has approved a revision to the bylaws to be placed before the membership at large for approval.

The revised bylaws can be viewed from the website at

<http://sc-ma.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Bylaws-Rev-01-17-BOD.pdf>

or

<http://sc-ma.com/uncategorized/4023> and click on [Bylaws Rev 01-17 BOD](#)

The revision has the changed wording lined out and in red. New wording has been highlighted in yellow so you can easily view the changes that were made.

The SCMA Bylaws follow the format prescribed by the State of California. As such, they are general in nature. Specific and detailed operating rules are not stated in the these bylaws per se, but will instead be addressed in the Association's Policies and Procedures Manual currently under development.

Approval of the Bylaws will take place at the Annual Members Meeting on April 23rd. Your ballot of approval or disapproval would be appreciated. Please complete the below form and submit to: SCMA – Bylaws, PO Box 487, Norwalk, CA 90651

## SCMA Bylaws Ballot

I have reviewed the February 2016 revised SCMA Bylaws as posted to the SCMA website, and vote as follows for acceptance of the revision:

( ) Aye

( ) Nay

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: SCMA – **Bylaws**  
PO Box 487  
Norwalk, CA 90651

or scan and email to: [chairman@sc-ma.com](mailto:chairman@sc-ma.com)

## 2015 Annual Appreciation And Awards Banquet

by Barbara Fox #10194

Wasn't there a song on the Rock and Roll radio stations years ago that began with those words? That is about how this year's banquet turned out in my opinion.

From me, the Vice Chair, the Sounding Board, during the planning we feel that we face the unknown, hoping that we can present a good, complete evening. Choosing a new location this year was a big step. Will it work, will people like it, will the dinner be all that we hope, is the dining room right, will the service be good, are just a few of the questions we pondered.



Overall, I was very comfortable with the entire evening from 5 o'clock on. I enjoyed the airy mezzanine setting as our group just floated back and forth, visiting. The empanadas were outstanding. (I told the server I hoped that was an indication of the dinner.)

I don't drink, but was alongside my husband Dannie as he got his ration for 6 months (until Three Flags). The bartenders were accommodating, yet kind and respectful to me, the non-drinker. Aside from dietary concerns, I couldn't afford to be too relaxed and "blow" my planned speeches that were to come later in the

evening.

Large dinner parties are a big undertaking.



The service staff for our table drifted in and out of the area with ease. I am glad I chose the beef selection as always. I just didn't expect three giant, thick slabs of meat. WOW!

Our Master of Ceremonies, Jim Kingdon, breezed through his work, except for rearranging some of the awards on a table. "These Boots Are Made For Walkin'?" We all are only human. I've always loved that our Canadian friends knit current events into our programs at this event, and also at past Three Flags banquets. I marvel that they know so much about our

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political situations. I learned to pay better attention to both countries. Thanks, Jim.

Getting awards distributed went smoothly, I thought. Thank you, Gonzo and Jim, for all of that, for everything that goes into that part of the evening. Being part of the background on that, I hope we paid tribute to everyone. I learned something new for next year: take notes throughout 2016 for the 2017 party.

The award of the year, the Legacy Award, went to Dennis Even. The amount of work he has done in 16 years is remarkable. Mr. Map has no equal for his ability to set down a motorcycle route.

So far I have had no complaints, though I haven't looked at all my emails. I am still spinning in a fog from having the Legacy Award bestowed on me as well. It was apparent that it was a total surprise. Dannie Fox, Gonzo, MY nomination committee and the vendor who made the jackets were all able to keep it a secret. They got me good.

I may never be the same after that but I don't plan to rest on my laurels. It crossed my mind during the presentation that I have to prove that I am really worthy of it. "Oh, What a Night."

Night?? What a great night's sleep we had! Great room, great view, great bed. We were so refreshed, able to bound around the next morning and get downstairs for a

perfect omelet breakfast with great friends.

My personal regret is selfish. I didn't get quality time with everyone. Other than that, our SCMA friends were around us. It doesn't get any better than that.









# Dennis Even 2016 Legacy Award Recipient Acceptance Speech



Wow, this was quite a surprise. I almost didn't believe her the other day when Barbara Fox called me and broke the news. I look at the other names on this award and I am honored to be included among them. Thank you all very much.

I first joined the SCMA in the late 90's after Joel Briggs invited me along on some of the Shamrock Road Riders events. Then Dannie Fox drew me into a USA 4 Corners Tour and soon I was "drinking the Kool Aid" and doing Triple Crowns, Three Flags and Missions and Parks runs. And I've been busy ever since!

My first big touring event was the 2000 Three Flags Classic to Edmonton Alberta. All the riding I had done up to that time didn't prepare me for my first Three Flags. At that time, for me, it was a different approach to motorcycling. Nobody I knew rode like that. But I liked it.

When I retired in

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2009 Danny Fox and I did my first Four Corners that year as well and I eventually closed out the whole Triple Crown. By then I was pretty well hooked.

Having participated in so many well -organized events, volunteering seemed to be the next step. And the club has good teachers. We have a lot of experienced, well-traveled riders in the club.

A fellow rider likes to tell a story about Rifle Colorado. I was telling him that a group I was riding with was over-nighting in Rifle on our way north. He told me there was a good breakfast place there ... and then I told him the name of it - Shooters Grill.

Now he tells other riders; that's when he knew the SCMA was special. That's when he knew it was the right group for him. Now all of you probably know Rifle. The only reason to get off at Rifle,

other than for gas, is to ride the back roads up into Wyoming or Montana.

Who from L.A., other than an SCMA rider, would know a good breakfast joint in Rifle, Colorado? Who other than an SCMA rider could even find Wisdom, Montana on a map? Knowing those places is what makes our riders different. That knowledge is what makes SCMA events special.

In 2009 I got to help plan the Three Flags route under Bob Masuzumi. And helped again the next year when Huey Ward led the charge. And again when Joe Mandeville stepped back up.

There's a history of details behind the planning for those events and I was lucky to apprentice under their leadership. I learned from each of them and from the many other members who helped make those events happen.

Finally in 2013 the apprentice became the master and I got to lead the Three Flags team up to Winnipeg.

Now I don't care who you are, planning the Three Flags Classic will be one of those accomplishments you look back on with a smile for a long time. Oh



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BMW





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it's a lot of work, no doubt. But there's a litany of cliché's that hold true; "Many hands make light work" and "It's not really work if you enjoy it" immediately come to mind.

But for me, the biggest thrill was sharing a drink with a couple other committee members at the banquet dinner. We were listening to the other riders talking about all the places they went, all the things they saw, and how much fun they had along the way. We looked at each other and all we could do was smile. Because we knew this club can throw a pretty good party. And that was thanks enough.

If you think you'd like to help, talk to Gonzo or one of the other Ride Chairmen. Note that Dean Sarrocco now manages the California Adventure for the club. They have lots of openings, big and small and many in between.

Again, thank you all for adding my name to the Legacy Award. But everybody in this room leaves a legacy. Everybody in the club leaves their thumbprints on the SCMA. Not just in the events they attended or the work they did behind the scenes, but also the other riders they brought into the club. In some ways, that makes me part of Joel Brigg's legacy. And part of Danny Fox's legacy.

So in closing, I challenge you all tonight or tomorrow, whenever you're driving home or laying down to sleep to consider the question; "Who will be your legacy at the SCMA?"

THANK-YOU ALL VERY MUCH!!!



## Barbara Fox

### 2016 (surprised) Legacy Award Recipient

## Acceptance Speech

*"I don't know what to say, so I will do as someone told me a long time ago. If you are overwhelmed, just do like the Southern Belle when she receives a new hanky. Bow your head a little, drop your eyes, and sincerely say "Thank You!"*



Barbara has been associated with SCMA since 1978. Her husband Dannie found out about the Three Flags Classic in 1977 and in 1978 they became members to ride Three Flags for the first time. Barbara was busy with three full-time jobs as a mother, wife/homemaker, a career outside the home, and a part-time job as backup to Dannie, whose SCMA involvement continued to grow.

She has completed 9 Three Flags in very interesting ways. She's been a passenger, a rider, a passenger behind a 16 year-old-daughter who was piloting Mom's 79 BMW R65. One was as a rider started on the elderly BMW until the alternator failed out by

Fallon, NV. She ended up as a passenger behind Dannie on his Gold Wing once again. Another was delivering two kids to babysitters, meeting Dannie in LA, going up to Canada as passenger to finish another Three Flags and flying home to retrieve the children.

The Fox kids learned about volunteering from their parents' involvement at their schools, then with SCMA. Dannie was the Three Flags Publicity Chair in 1986, and Barbara was backup.

In 1987, she was TFC Publicity Chair and pulled in 723 entries to go into the drawing for 300 riders. Finding motorcycle magazines in Europe brought TFC a group of riders from Denmark.

There were more TFC's in the 1990's as the children were excused from the first week of school if they gave a verbal report about their adventures in the three countries upon their return.

The whirlwind of volunteerism began in the 2000's, with Dannie becoming Travelers Award Chair. Barbara did back-up with



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Excel programs and appeared at ride start locations to document the participants start and finish if Dannie was unable to miss work.

She also volunteered to take minutes at a TFC planning committee meeting in 2010, hence became dubbed "The Scribe" by Chairman Joe Mandeville. She was asked to be the SCMA secretary for both Board meetings and General Meetings for a number of years, 2011 to 2013. At one point, she was doing the three secretary positions each month.

Dannie was TFC Awards Chairman for one of those years. Barbara was back-up, and the following year was TFC Awards Chairman. She managed to use Excel on-the-fly at a TFC finish and set up a mathematic sheet to determine the Oldest Rider for that TFC award.

There was a break from SCMA duty in 2014-15 when she went on duty as a Live-In Nanny to identical twin grandsons, though she was always on call to consult SCMA volunteers as they phoned or e-mailed her. On trips home she helped Dannie set up his new home office as Four Corners Chairman.

In 2015 she succumbed again, to become Historian for SCMA to document as much as possible before information gets away. She also became SCMA's Vice Chair to fill a vacancy in that position and served on the Strategic Planning Committee.

In 2016 she is SCMA's Vice Chair, serves on the Strategic Planning Committee, has edited bylaws, the Affiliate Club Charter, and was asked to be Chair of the Legacy Award Nomination Committee. Her own committee secretly chose her to be a 2016 Legacy Award recipient in addition to Dennis Even, who well-deserved his Legacy Award.



Barbara could not do this without her support and backup from Dannie. They continually support each other in their dedication to SCMA.

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**Aprils Fools  
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Ride**



**Saturday, April 2**

*Hosted by Red Hot Riders of San Diego*

Enjoy riding with the San Diego **Red Hot Riders** through scenic twisty roads from local mountains to the desert with stops at Dudley's Bakery in Santa Isabell, down more twists to Christmas Circle in Borrego Springs for photos then on to our highlight of Galleta Meadows viewing the amazing giant sculptures!

Ending with Lunch in Borrego Springs.



Meet-up  
Mainstream Bar and Grill  
13385 Poway Road  
Poway, CA 92064  
Check-in and ride route  
8:00 to 9:00 am  
Entry fee \$15.00



For further information  
go to: [sc-ma.com](http://sc-ma.com)  
or email [GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com](mailto:GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com)



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## AN SCMA TRAVELER'S AWARD RIDE

Join us on a tour that will take you to out of this world sights like Lower Antelope Canyon in Page, AZ through scenic areas in Southern Utah, along Lake Mead in Nevada and a stop at the Atomic Testing Museum in Las Vegas.

Go AZ Motorcycles West, **16844 N Arrowhead Fountains Center Dr, Peoria, AZ 85382**

### Day 1

We will meet at Go AZ Motorcycles Peoria at 8:30 am. We will have a riders meeting at approximately 8:45 and depart at 9:00 am. Lunch stop will be at the Turquoise Room inside the La Posada Hotel in Winslow, AZ. After lunch we will head north and stop for the night in Page, AZ. We will be stopping at Big John's Texas BBQ for dinner before we arrive at the hotel for the night.

### Day 2

We will depart the hotel at 7:30 am and head to Lower Antelope Canyon Tours where we will stay for roughly 2 hours. The tour will begin at 8:20 and lasts an hour and fifteen minutes. You will need \$8 in cash for a Navajo Permit and \$20 cash for the tour. You can visit [lowerantelope.com](http://lowerantelope.com) for more info on the tour. We will then depart and make our way west through Utah and into Nevada where our route takes us on a scenic ride along the shores of Lake Mead. Lunch stop TBD. We will then arrive at the Atomic Testing Museum in Las Vegas for a stop of roughly 2.5 hours and then depart for the Excalibur Hotel & Casino and stop for the night. Dinner will be at the Dick's Last Resort in the Excalibur at 8:00 pm.

### Day 3

Let's meet for a light breakfast at the Johnny Rockets in the Excalibur at 8:00 am. After breakfast we can say goodbye to our friends from California and depart for the Phoenix area by 10:00 am. We can stop for lunch at El Palacio in Kingman on Route 66. After lunch, we will head back into the Phoenix Valley.

On April 28th, the evening prior to departure, we will host a meet and greet which will be combined with our Monthly Club Dinner Meeting at Go AZ Motorcycles Peoria. This ride is part of the SCMA Traveler's Award and we welcome members from the SCMA!

The difficulty level of this ride is **ADVANCED**. This ride will have a moderate but entertaining sport touring pace with roads providing a challenge. Be prepared for hot temperatures and long days in the saddle. This will be a great ride for intermediate/advanced touring riders as well as cruisers and people riding two-up.

Day 1 mileage: 380 miles

Day 2 mileage: 325 miles

Day 3 mileage: 270 miles

For addresses, special hotels rates, route maps and weather conditions, please visit the ride page on our website: <http://www.azratpack.com/429-5116-alien-nuclear-experiment-tour.html>

# **Southern California Motorcycling Association**

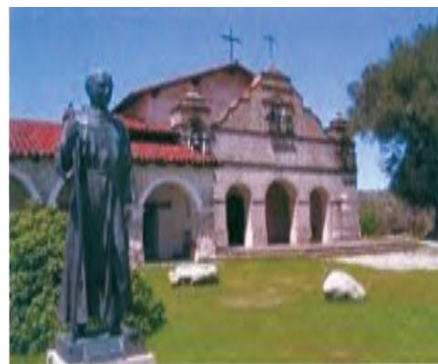


## **1 PARK & 2 MISSIONS RIDE**

***The California Parks  
Adventure Tour***



***The California Missions  
Adventure Tour***



***Date: April 9 - 10, 2016***

***Start Time: 7:00 - 8:00***

***Breakfast Social and Ride Planning Meetup***

***Where: Marie Challender's***

***3117 East Garvey Ave.***

***West Covina, Ca.***

***Fee: \$10 Donation to San Antonio Mission Restoration***

***Dean Sarrocco, CA Adventure Series Chairman,  
will be at the start with Parks and Missions  
passport books to register riders interested in  
signing up for the Parks or Missions Tours***

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## 1 PARK & 2 MISSIONS RIDE Rules

***Traveler's Award Ride: Visit 1 Park & 2 Missions***

***Rules:***

- > ***One of the locations must be 100 miles from the start at Marie Challender's or from your residence.***
- > ***You pick your combination of 1 Park and 2 Missions.***
- > ***You have two days to complete your ride.***
- > ***You need 4 pictures: your Bike at both the Park and the 2 Missions and a picture of the Park Date Stamp on a piece of paper.***
- > ***Sign the ROL (Release of Liability) at the Start before beginning the ride.***
- > ***To receive Travelers Award credit for the ride, riders must E-mail all 4 pictures to Mitch Friedman, Travelers Award Chair, by Friday, April 15th***

***Mitch Friedman: MITCHO399@GMAIL.COM***



# Norwalk Centaurs

by Gonzo #25051

Two years ago, Steve Howe convinced Mike Barber and me that we had to ride to the Yuma Prison Run. His persistence overcame our reluctance.....after all, it is Yuma. And Yuma is known for reaching temperatures as high as 120-degrees!

But his persistent positive arguments of supporting a children's charity convinced us we had to go. It has since become a favorite riding story of ours retelling the fun we had. We purchased cool riding gear from vendors, we had great meals, we watched the Victor McLaglen Motor Corps do their fantastic show, we saw awesome custom bikes, listened to what would be beautiful Rock 'N Roll music with another 5 years of practice, and were at the head of the line on the run to the prison!

While at the prison, Mike and Steve met up with a lovely young lady and would not allow me to get a selfie with her!

The Centaurs have been around since the early 50's. The Yuma Prison Run has a unique History to it that will possibly lead to a future story. It also goes back to 50's.

I know very little about the Centaurs. But I do know that they support charities and this particular event contributes to the Children's Burn Camp. I intend to find out more of this motorcycle club and give you a better history about them.

In the meantime, their Yuma Prison Run is **NOT a Traveler's Award** event. But we are displaying their flyer herein to give them support. It is part of our mission to support local charities and those local organizations that also do the same.



Steve Howe, Mike Barber and I plan on riding to the event and camping out at the fairgrounds. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome. Just bring your tent and sleeping bag.

Once again, we're gonna have a good time in the Arizona desert!



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Event**

# Norwalk Centaurs M/C

presents the **55<sup>th</sup>** annual  
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**ADDITIONAL RUN INFORMATION:**

Huey (661)245-3932  
kent610@sbcglobal.net

**VENDOR INFORMATION:**

Mark S. (818)414-5008  
mark.nmc@sbcglobal.net



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\*\* entry includes admission to park only

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PRE-REGISTRATION CLOSES ON 04-01-2015  
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# 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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!*

## BAGS 4 KIDS Update

*by Doug Hoffelt #22040  
Pres. Antelope Valley Riders*

Hello everyone,

The Antelope Valley Riders would like to once again thank everyone that participated in the February Sweetheart Ride and donated to the Bags4Kids charity. The AVR's had a great time at the event and enjoyed hosting the BBQ for so many riders from SCMA.

As announced at the BBQ, AVR contributed all proceeds to BAGS4KIDS. The final amount donated was \$426.

We presented the check at our March Dinner Ride. We do a dinner ride every month as it gives the group a chance to get together in the middle of the month. The club meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month and the dinner ride is on the third Wednesday of the month. At the monthly meeting someone volunteers to lead that month's dinner ride. Richard Christenson led the group this month to Azteca Mexican Restaurant in Antelope Acres. We had twenty people attend this ride and enjoyed a great dinner.

In the photo below, from left to right, are Jordan and Noah Moser receiving the check from Doug Hoffelt.

Yes, I have my left arm bandaged after having surgery to reattach a torn tendon. The recovery is going as expected. I did the same thing on the right side two years ago. You would think that I would have learned not to do that again!





## 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

Below is a unique offering from "Powered by Avid Motorcycle" for a 3-day tour through the Redwoods, Hwy 1 along the northern CA coast, Modoc Nat'l Forest and Crater Lake. Reproduced herein as possibly of interest to our membership.

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REGISTER ONLINE AT	
<a href="http://WWW.ROGUERIVERIDE.COM">WWW.ROGUERIVERIDE.COM</a>	

## SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016



#### KICK OFF

JOIN US FOR AN OFFICIAL SEND OFF AT 9:00 AM OR CHECK IN AT THE START ANY TIME BETWEEN 8:00 AM AND 9:30 AM AT CYCLE GEAR IN FAIRFIELD, CA.

#### REDWOODS

TRAVEL THROUGH THE LEGENDARY REDWOODS, OR AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE DOWN THE AVENUE OF THE GIANTS FEATURING THE SHINE DRIVE THRU TREE.

#### HWY 1 – COAST

ENJOY THE PACIFIC COAST AS YOU RIDE ALONG HIGHWAY 1. YOU'LL HAVE SCENIC VIEWS OF ROLLING GREEN HILLS ON ONE SIDE AND BEAUTIFUL BLUE OCEAN ON THE OTHER.

### FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016



#### SAMOA COOKHOUSE

JOIN US FRIDAY MORNING AT THE HISTORIC SAMOA COOKHOUSE, WHO HAS BEEN SERVING THE AREA FOR OVER 100 YEARS AND WILL KEEP THE FOOD COMING UNTIL YOU HAVE HAD YOUR FILL.

#### MODOC NATIONAL FOREST

EXPLORE MODOC NATIONAL FOREST'S MEADOWS, LAKES, STREAMS, RUGGED CANYONS, WETLANDS, LAVA BEDS AND HIGH DESERT PLATEAUS FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE.

### SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016



#### CRATER LAKE

TRAVEL ALONG THE RIM OF CRATER LAKE WHICH COMBINES A DEEP, PURE LAKE, SO BLUE IN COLOR; SHEER SURROUNDING CLIFFS, ALMOST TWO THOUSAND FEET HIGH, TWO PICTURESQUE ISLANDS, AND A VIOLENT VOLCANIC PAST.

#### ROGUE RIVER BANQUET

LET'S CELEBRATE A GREAT WEEKEND BY SHARING SOME GOOD STORIES AND GOOD FOOD IN THE ROGUE RIVER ROOM AT THE INN AT THE COMMONS.

## TRAVEL AT YOUR OWN PACE

COMPLETE THE RIDE IN ONE, TWO OR THREE DAYS. ENJOY THE TRIP AT THE RECOMMENDED PACE OF THREE DAYS, WHICH ALLOWS PLENTY OF TIME TO TAKE IN THE SCENERY. OR, RIDE HARD AND COMPLETE IT IN ONE OR TWO DAYS. NO MATTER YOUR CHOICE WE WILL ALL GATHER TO SHARE THE MEMORIES SATURDAY NIGHT IN MEDFORD, OR.

## DISCOVER NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

SUITABLE FOR RIDERS OF ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS, ENJOY SOME OF THE BEST ROADS THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA HAS TO OFFER. YOU'LL DISCOVER WINDING ROADS THROUGH THE REDWOODS, ALONG THE COAST, AND NATIONAL FOREST. YOU'LL CARVE YOUR WAY THROUGH THE FOOTHILLS AND MOUNTAINS OF CALIFORNIA AND MAKE YOUR WAY AROUND CRATER LAKE IN OREGON.

## MEET OTHER RIDERS

GROUP UP DURING THURSDAYS KICK OFF WITH OLD FRIENDS OR NEW ONES, THEN JOURNEY OUT TOGETHER ON AN UNFORGETTABLE WEEKEND RIDE. WHEN IT'S ALL OVER ON SATURDAY SHARE YOUR UNIQUE STORIES DURING A CELEBRATION AT THE INN AT THE COMMONS.

## HELLGATE JETBOAT EXCURSIONS

AS AN ADDED BONUS, JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016 FOR A 75 MILE ROUND TRIP EXCURSION FROM GRANTS PASS TO GRAVE CREEK AS WE TRAVEL BY JETBOAT DOWN THE ROGUE RIVER'S LARGEST WHITE WATER RAPIDS FOR ONLY AN ADDITIONAL \$71. LIMITED TO 32 RIDERS FOR A GROUP BOAT.

## FAQ

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

THE COST OF THE RIDE STARTS ONLY \$149. THIS INCLUDES DINNER, MAPS AND A GREAT TIME. UPGRADE YOUR TRIP WITH MEMORABILIA AND A TRIP ON THE HELLGATE JETBOAT.

### WHERE CAN I SPEND THE NIGHT?

THERE ARE A VARIETY OF LODGING OPTIONS ALONG THE PATH IN ALL PRICE RANGES. CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR RECOMMENDED LOCATIONS OR CONTACT US AND WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HELP OUT.

### WHERE DO YOU START AND FINISH?

WE START IN FAIRFIELD, CA AND END UP IN MEDFORD, OR. WHILE ONLY 320 MILES IF DRIVING STRAIGHT, WE PLAN ON TAKING THE ROAD LESS TRAVELLED.

Registration can be accomplished via [www.rogueriveride.com](http://www.rogueriveride.com) or mail in the registration form to:

Avid Motorcycle, LCC  
 Attn: Rogue River Ride  
 PO Box 522  
 Markle, Indiana 46770

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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. Jan 10, Charity Soup Meet Reunion (SCMA)
2. Feb 13, SCMA Sweetheart Ride (AVR)
3. Mar 19-20, St. Patrick's Day Run (Shamrocks)
4. Apr 2, April Fools Day +1 (Red Hot Riders)
5. Apr 9, Parks/Missions Ride (SCMA-Destination Ride)
6. Apr 29-May 1, Alien Nuclear Experiment Tour (AZRATPack)
7. May 14-15, Greenhorn Ride (PMC)
8. May 28-30, Grand-Blazing Saddles Tour (SCMA)
9. Jun 10-12, 7 Sierras Passes (SCBMWRC)
10. Jun 24-26, Snow Date-7 Passes
11. Jul 23, SCMA Dog Days of Summer Ride
12. Aug 6, Soup Meet Reunion, Charity Event (SCMA)
13. Aug 13, Lebanon KS Summer Bash (Not TA event)
14. Oct 1, Park 'N Ride Rally (BMWCOSE/SCMA)
15. Oct 29, Cemetery Tour (SCMA)
16. Nov 12, Turkey Run (Red Hot Riders)
17. Nov 19, Toys Charity Event

### Award Levels

#### Bronze Award

7 completed events\* earns a Traveler's Award trophy or pin.  
Last date to register is June 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Silver Award

10 completed events\* earns a pin and a specially designed trophy. Last day to register is April 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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. Last day to register is March 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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 again offering the "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 14<sup>th</sup> 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):**

Contact Mitch at  
(310.345.9799  
mitcho399@gmail.com



Mitch



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

**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?

*If you are interested in helping us please call or email Steve Howe (Ride Chief) or any member of the SCMA board of directors*

2014 Triumph Trophy SE, \$15,500.  
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Awesome touring bike, avg. 54 mpg,  
contact Dan at [vntgcycle@aol.com](mailto:vntgcycle@aol.com)  
or call [951-845 1485](tel:951-845-1485), Beaumont, Ca.

**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 April 23rd** at:

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

The April Board of Directors/Annual Members 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.



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**★ Harley trike - \$21000 (hayward / castro valley) ☒**

2007 Harley Classic with DFT trike kit installed. Kit uses independent rear suspension like a corvette and custom body work with large storage area (trunk). This trike is also equipped with an electronic hand shifter and reverse gear. Foot shifter is still working as well. Has less than 3,200 miles. \$35K invested. **Asking only \$21,000.**

Hard side bags and rear fender that were on the bike prior to conversion are also included.

Also separately for sale: Aerostich Transit jacket, size 48, worn only a few times, and matching pants, size 38S, never worn. Asking \$1200

Contact Larry Wong at: [unclescarey58@hotmail.com](mailto:unclescarey58@hotmail.com)

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

April

- 2 \*April Fools Day +1 Ride (Red Hot Riders)**
- 9 \*Parks/Missions Ride to TBA (SCMA)**
- 15-17 Yuma Prison Run Charity Event (Not TA Event)
- 23 SCMA Board Meeting, 8:30am, Location TBA  
Annual Members Meeting - Nominations
- 29-May1 \*Alien Nuclear Experiment Tour (AZRATPack)**

May

- 14-15 \*Greenhorn Ride (PMC/SCMA)**
- 21 SCMA Board Meeting, 8:30am, Location TBA
- 28-30 \*Grand Blazing Saddles (SCMA)**

June

- 10-12 \*7 Sierras Passes (SoCoaster/SCMA)**
- 18 SCMA Board Meeting, 8:30am, Location TBA
- 24-26 \*Snow date 7 Sierras Passes**

Here's what's on the road ahead. For more information, check the SCMA website [www.SC-MA.com](http://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.



## ABOUT BAM



### **BAM: Breakdown and Legal Assistance for Motorcyclists**

BAM is a unique volunteer organization of bikers helping bikers. Motorcycle Attorney and long-time SCMA supporter, Russ Brown started BAM over 30 years ago when he experienced a breakdown 100 miles from home. Stranded in a remote location with no one he knew nearby that could help him, Russ thought “Wouldn’t it be great to have a fellow biker to call anytime, anywhere you needed help?” And so, BAM was born! Today, BAM’s nationwide volunteer network of roughly 2 million motorcyclists can help provide you with emergency breakdown assistance across the country. If you experience a breakdown or mechanical problems while on the road, call 1-800-4-BIKERS, and we will search our volunteer network and send someone out to help.

### **Roadside Assistance for Motorcycles**

Russ also wanted to provide the support of his legal muscle to every BAM member.

**Katherine Markowicz**  
Marketing & Promotions  
Brown, Koro & Romag LLP

Today, Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys, and their nationwide network provide free legal advice 24/7 to all its members nationwide. Started by the Los Angeles motorcycle accident attorneys who ride, BAM is the ultimate resource for riders—one that has developed and flourished for over 30 years. As a result, the motorcycle accident attorneys at Russ Brown have developed trusted relationships with the best lawyers across the country. No matter where you ride, you can rest assured knowing you have the very best biker-friendly lawyers ready to help you if you are involved in a motorcycle crash. BAM’s emergency ID card can speak for you if you are incapacitated in a crash: we list your emergency contact person, medical problems, and blood type. With your permission, should emergency personnel call, we will supply this information and provide donors if necessary.

### **BAM membership is FREE!**

All we ask is that you volunteer to help another member in need of assistance if called upon and only if you are available to do so. In turn, your Los Angeles Motorcycle Accident attorneys are here to advise you whether you need our representation or just some guidance and advice after an accident.

Join 2 million fellow bikers who have the strong backing of each other as well as the original Motorcycle Attorneys. Enhance your SCMA membership with all the added benefits of BAM: get your FREE BAM Benefit card by calling 1-800-4-BIKERS or visiting [www.russbrown.com](http://www.russbrown.com).

## 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!!

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

USA Four Corners  
c/o Dannie Fox  
PO Box 4247  
Ventura, CA. 93007-4247

## Two Roads Diverged In A Wood (Part II) by Chuck Jennings #42102

**Day Five**, I stopped in Lolo, MT to have

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I –  
I took the road less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.  
Robert Frost

breakfast with my cousin and her husband. Then I headed out across the [Lolo Pass](#) (Road 7/15) in Idaho. This was 200+ miles of beautiful road that followed along the Lochsa River valley. I finished the day in Spokane, WA.



**Day Six** took me over the [Grand Coulee Dam](#), up to Omak, WA and then along [Scenic Highway 20](#) (Road 8/15) through the North Cascades National Park of Washington; another fantastic road with beautiful scenery and great hills and



curves. I decided to bypass Seattle and go across [Deception Pass](#) and [Anacortes, WA](#), taking

the Port Townsend ferry over to the northwest corner of the state. Here, I started my journey down US 101 [alongside the Olympic National Forest](#) and [Out to the Ocean](#). I finished **Day Seven** by riding along Oregon's Pacific Coast Highway to



the Klamuth Redwoods of northern California.

**Day Eight** took me from northern California along 101 through Eureka to Leggett, California. Where I detoured along a [twisty Redwood ride](#) that would give Tennessee's Tail of the Dragon an inferiority complex!

Highway 1 took me right to the coast at Hardy, CA and continuing through Fort Bragg to the Golden Gate Bridge. Poor timing put me in San Francisco at 5:00. I



finished the day in Monterey, CA.

The motorcycles splitting lanes during rush hour was insane! I have to say I am glad that isn't allowed

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here in the Memphis area.



started **Day Nine** riding the coastal highway from [Monterey to Morro Bay](#). (Road 9/15)

130 miles of curves and beautiful overlooks! What a great road! I spent most of the rest of the day on Interstates and major highways working my way up towards



Nevada. Stopped for an oil change at a dealership near Stockton, rode through the Eldorado National Forest in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, through Carson City, NV and ended the day in Fallon, NV. I was well on my way across [Nevada's Old Highway 50, The Loneliest Road in America](#). (Road 10/15)

The Loneliest Road link shows a stretch of 109 miles. I spent **Day Ten** on that highway all the way from Carson City to Ely, over 300

miles across the state of Nevada. I am pretty sure I went a stretch of two solid hours without seeing another vehicle; truly, a long and lonely road. There was a nice stretch where you ride across some small mountains, but apart from some historical sentiment, I have no idea why this road made the top 15 list! Luckily, the temps were in the 80's and there was a little cloud cover so I wasn't roasting as I expected when the trip was planned. By the time this



day ended, I had made my way south to Cedar City, UT.

I started **Day Eleven** by cruising through beautiful [Zion National Park](#) and then over to Utah Highway 12 **Continued on Page 41**





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along the [Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument](#) (Road 11/15) up to Torrey, UT. I completed the day by riding through Canyonlands National Park and Glen Canyon to Monticello, Utah. A beautiful day from beginning to end! I rode Utah 12 after seeing the Grand Canyon in September, 2014 and had the unfortunate experience of being hit broadside by a deer. This time around, I was more fortunate. Or, maybe I was just wise enough to not ride this or any other open range, forested road at dusk ever again. Lesson learned.



**Days Twelve and Thirteen** were two of the best days on this epic journey. The ride from Utah over to US 550 was nice. But mountainous [US 550 through the San Juan National Forest from Montrose to Durango](#) (Road 12/15) was incredible! Steep sheer drop-offs with beautiful mountain vistas. With elevation changes up to over 11,000' this road runs right alongside the river that has been in the news lately due to EPA's pollution dump turning the water yellow. What a tremendous ecological travesty.

[Highway 191 in southeast Arizona](#) (Road 13/15) was absolutely beautiful. A

tremendous amount of wildlife and a 4 hour, 120 mile stretch that made me think this just can't get any better! That stretch in southwest Arizona really reminded me of the Smoky Mountains and I just never pictured scenery like this in Arizona.

The final Challenge Road for the trip, as well as the last of my scenic roads before heading home was the "[Twisted Sister](#)" highways of southwest Texas.

(Road 14/15) Three twisty, hilly highways reminded me of a roller coaster running along clear streams and through vast ranches. I finished **Day Fourteen** in Austin, TX having dinner with my uncle and catching up with family I have not seen in many years.

**Day Fifteen** was a long, hot, uneventful trip across Texas and Arkansas to complete the loop back to Memphis, TN.

The roads throughout this entire journey were truly amazing and the views were magnificent. It has taken me 46 years, but I am finally seeing this beautiful country. Finally travelling that Road Not Taken.



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And I have motorcycling to thank!

15 days, 8,850 miles & 20 states = a lifetime of memories.

I don't know if I will make it to the 15<sup>th</sup> road in the SCMA Challenge this year. The [Kancamagus Highway in New Hampshire](#) and the [Mount Washington Auto Road](#). But it really doesn't matter. The challenge was just an excuse to ride to places and see the sights I had not been before.

Mission accomplished!

By the way, I ranked these roads after returning home. My top 5 in order are Beartooth Pass, Glacier Park, the Million Dollar Highway, US 191 from Springerville, AZ and the Pacific Coast Highway.

In 2016, I hope to take Angie back to Yellowstone and Glacier Park and spend more time at these beautiful parks. And of course, I will have to ride the Beartooth Pass again.

If anyone has any questions about this ride or any of these locations, feel free to email me at [jenningschuck@bellsouth.net](mailto:jenningschuck@bellsouth.net) as I would be happy to help with any information possible.

Chuck Jennings

*Editor's Note: Chuck's excellent story brought back many memories of riding the Best 15 in one trip. This year's Three Flags Classic will bring riders either onto or near at least 3 of the Best 15 roads. If you are riding the Three Flags and or the Four Corners, take a look at your riding plans for a way to combine the events for memories of a life time !!*



# Four Corners True X Ride, Part III

Documentation for an epic journey

by Mike Tomsu #42773

## Day 10 Kearney to Eagle, CO

As I was getting my things together and packing the bike I met another motorcyclist at the motel with exactly the same motorcycle as mine - BMW K1200GT - even the same color. We talked for a few minutes and went on our way - he back to Colorado and me to Lebanon, KS.

The instructions from the SCMA said to take photos of the Post Office instead of the Park, so I proceeded to find the Post Office. Since Lebanon isn't a very big town, it wasn't hard to locate the Post Office and I started taking photos of my flag (which I had found again in my saddlebag - the one that hadn't flown open)

at the P.O. See photos dated July 1. Just to be on the safe side, I took another picture of the Park with flag. As I was doing that a man and woman came up and started talking, They were also from Colorado and were riding dirt bikes, They had a farm not far away from Lebanon and were just hanging out and riding.

Since I had fueled up in Kearney, I had plenty of gas and several stopping places along the way. I had decided to stay on Hwy 36 as that appeared to be the shortest was to Denver. I passed through Philipsburg and started the long diagonal toward Colby, the next "large" town. About 40 miles outside of Philipsburg, I realized that I needed gas and started looking for the

next gas station. Two towns appeared and disappeared behind me, but no gas stations. There was one unattended fuel station - credit card only - where several farmers were filling their tractors - diesel only - no luck there, either. Now, fuel started to become an



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issue. Like being out in Wyoming and running low on gas, the same situation was happening again, only in the flatlands of Kansas. After a very tense half hour of riding, I finally arrived at Colby and turned into the first gas station. I filled up with 5.3 gallons, the most I had ever put into the tank. This also means that I only had about 1/2 gallon of fuel left before I ran out. I still shutter to think of what would have happened if I had run out 10 or 15 miles earlier.

At Colby I got back on the Interstate - I-70 this time - and aimed for Denver. The "Welcome to Colorado" sign is very deceiving. You think you are almost to Denver and the mountains, but in reality, you have 150 miles to go and it's still flat and still hot.

I got through Denver in pretty good order, even though I was supposed to be "ahead" of the rush hours. Traffic was stop and go for about an hour, so I guess that wasn't too bad for Denver.

I finally get out of Denver and am formally "in the mountains" as the hills start to get bigger, steeper and rockier, the turns become sharper and recognizable exits begin to appear. The first memorable exit is Empire where Hwy 40 takes you to Winter Park Ski Area, Granby and Estes National Park. Estes Park is a wonderful ride for which I have fond memories. A group of Harley riders took a picture of me with my bike and the highest point in Estes Park. I later sent the photo to Aerostich because it showed me, my bike, and the full suit of Aerostich riding gear. They published it in their 2007 catalog, which is distributed throughout the world. I took a fair amount of ribbing from my riding friends for that photo, too.

The next memorable point is Loveland Pass, the highest mountain pass in the world that regularly stays open during the winter. It is also the location of the Continental Divide, where the waters from the east side flow to the Atlantic Ocean and the water from the west side flow to the Pacific.

Directly after the Continental Divide, is the Eisenhower Tunnel, an almost 2 mile ride through the mountain! Going through the tunnel is a thrilling experience and very enjoyable as you think about how much rock is above you. The tunnel itself is a marvelous example of human imagination and determination.

About 20 miles further is Dillon Reservoir, a very popular winter and summer resort area. It is also fairly expensive as are most ski areas. Further along the road are Breckenridge, Copper Mountain and Vail ski areas

Of course, I'm simply enjoying the ride, the scenery and the mountains. There is often a creek or river flowing along the side of the Interstate, sometimes slow moving, other times pouring down torrents of water. It has to be great fishing around here.

After a long day of almost running out of gas, getting through Denver, then the rush of riding on the mountains, I finally called it a day in Eagle, CO.

**Day 11 Eagle to St. George, UT**

I spent a very nice evening in Eagle, relaxing and enjoying the mountain air.

I packed up and got rolling, looking forward to continuing my ride in the Rockies. I had only gone a short distance when the Colorado River joined me on my travels west. It was interesting to note the unusual names for the towns I was passing through: Silt, Rifle, Parachute, for example. As before, the scenery here is fabulous with the towering mountains and cliffs in the background, the river in the foreground and the highway leading me down the road. For me, motorcycling doesn't get much better than this.

Eagle pretty much ends the large elevation changes of the Rocky Mountains and there is a gradual descent into a fairly flat section of country around Grand

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Junction and Fruita, which ends at Green River, UT. Here the mountains rise rapidly again and stay above 5,000 feet for most of the rest of the day, coming down from those heights as I got to St. George, UT, which is the edge of the Mojave desert.

At Green River I found out that there was no gas for the next 120 miles - in fact there is nothing at all between Green River and Salina - no towns, no gas stations, no rest stops. There are lots of tumble weeds, a lot of mesas dotting the horizon and the ever present heat. By this time of day- early afternoon, it is already over 100\* and I can easily see how someone could get into real trouble out here very quickly. Suppose your car overheats or the air conditioner quits or you have a flat tire and you're out in the absolute middle of no where. You now have what I would call a major emergency and will have to deal with it as soon as possible.

Fortunately, I carry a satellite receiver, which follows me wherever I go. It sends a message every 10 minutes, giving speed, LAT/LONG, direction of travel, and if I'm okay. If I get into trouble I can activate an SOS message which is received by the company and they will alert proper people who can help. This SOS messenger is available around the world, so if I'm in Timbuktu, it will still track me and send out an alert if I'm in trouble. Very comforting to have this thing in my tank bag.

I gassed up in Salina, had something to eat in Richfield and was watching a storm cell building in the southeast toward St. George. It was still miles and miles away, but certainly visible on the horizon. As I got closer to the storm, I knew that I was going to get rain, it was simply a matter of time because it was headed directly toward me. The temperature was 104\* when the front came in and the temperature dropped 30\* in 20 minutes. When the rain came, it came down HARD and I had to slow down to the point of putting my flashers on so someone wouldn't

run me down. As fast as the storm came, it went by and the temperature went back up to 104\*. Of course, drying out after this brief douching was no problem because "it's a dry heat". BS.

I got to St. George reasonably early, more to get out of the heat than anything else - it was still 104\* outside and about all I wanted to do was to get into some air conditioning.

## **Day 12 St George to San Ysidro to Yuma, AZ**

I knew this was going to be a busy day, so I took off a little earlier than normal to try to beat the heat if I could (I couldn't). Las Vegas is a little over 100 miles away and that was my goal for the next gas stop. I generally don't care for Vegas and this time it wasn't much different. I guess it would be okay if you were going to a convention or were a gambler, but I'm neither and the city doesn't hold much attraction for me.

So I motored on past these familiar places along the Strip and marveled at the enormity of the buildings and the number of rooms that had to be there.

Got out of Vegas and headed for Barstow, CA. I had to start paying attention to traffic signs because California drivers don't necessarily obey speed limits and it can be pretty easy to fly by a turnoff. At any rate, in SoCal (Southern California), you are either doing 85 or 90 or are crawling along in stop and go congestion. Fortunately, in SoCal there is a solution and it's called "lane splitting", or more formally "lane sharing". You, as the motorcyclist simply ride between the cars along the dotted line. When traffic is stopped or moving slowly, you simply weave between the cars and keep on moving. It works pretty well and most drivers have become adapted to lane splitting and give you room to pass, but it is nerve racking to

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someone unused to the situation. Unfortunately, there are others who abuse the privilege and simply roar past the stopped cars. One guy on a chopper passed me, splitting lanes going at least 40 mph. If anything at all happened, he was toast.

Barstow gave way to Apple Valley, San Bernardino, Temecula, Escondido and finally San Diego. Traffic was still heavy (at least from my perspective) but it was moving along nicely. The next “pucker point” was getting off at the right exit so that I didn’t go into Mexico. San Ysidro is literally next door to Tijuana and I certainly didn’t want to go there.

By this time, I’m getting a little tired, I’m frustrated by the traffic, congestion and SoCal in general and I simply want to get to the Post Office, take my pictures and get the hell out of there. Fortunately, SoCal agreed and I was able to find the San Ysidro Post Office easily and stopped to take my photos. See photos dated July 3. There was some pleasure in getting to San Ysidro, though. I had made it to the 3rd corner of the Four Corners, a small victory for me. Now all I had to do was get out of here, go back to Lebanon, KS for the last time, cross over into Canada and make it to Madawaska, ME 3300 miles away. Piece of cake!

I had made the decision to go across the desert Southwest rather than backtrack through the Rockies again. The Iron Butt Association (IBA) was having the biannual motorcycle rally starting and ending in Albuquerque, NM and it was “on the way”. The Iron Butt Rally (IBR) is billed as the “World’s Toughest Riders” and it lives up the name in every sense. Some people will ride well over 1000 miles for each of the 11 days that the rally is run and will often cross the continent 2 or 3 times in that period of time. Being an Iron Butt rider myself, I kinda HAD to be there, even though everyone was headed to the first checkpoint in Kingsport, TN (the rally started June 29th.) On top of that decision, I really didn’t

want to go back through all that traffic and congestion in SoCal. All I had to do was to go north to pick up I-8 and go east this time. Destination: Yuma, AZ

Surprisingly, getting out of SoCal was much, much easier. All of the congestion is along the coastline and once you get away from the coast, the traffic and congestion disappears. It’s still almost 200 miles away, though, so press on regardless.

*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.*

**Day 13 Yuma to Albuquerque, NM**

I don’t remember a lot about my stay in Yuma, except that it was probably hot. I know that I had calculated my route as going around Phoenix and up I-17 to Flagstaff. This area was high desert - quite scenic. Flagstaff was very pretty, quite different from the flatlands of the desert. From Phoenix toward Albuquerque (ABQ) the land rises to about 5000’ and stays there the whole day.

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Unfortunately, the elevation make no difference in the temperature because it's still over 100\* all the way. I thank Mario again for LDComfort.

I turned east at Flagstaff and picked up I-40 toward ABQ. Went through Winslow, AZ and thought about the Eagles song of the same name. Went through Gallup NM and thought of another song - a classic - Route 66.

While I'm riding, songs play in my head like a jukebox in "Free Play" and I heard songs from all genres and eras. Sometimes it's oldies, sometimes it's a rock opera, sometimes is something more modern. It certainly isn't rap music because I don't know any rap songs and detest them entirely. The cool thing about listening to "Mike's Radio" is that there are no commercials; I'm always on key when I sing into my helmet and I can change the station at any time. Strange that I had an iPod with me and didn't listen to it once.

I got into ABQ reasonably early and found the hotel where all the IBR riders had been booked for the duration of the rally. The rally riders were obviously gone but I did see several bikes that practically had IBA stamped on them - multiple sets of high output lights, fuel cells, GPS, radar detectors, sat-trackers, etc. - basically setup like mine. The Sheraton gave me a break on the motel rate and I appreciated their service and IBA discount. I even parked directly in front of the hotel and didn't have to move the bike again until morning. I went looking around to see if I knew anyone who had stayed behind to keep an eye on things, but didn't see anyone.

That night I plotted a course northerly through Raton, Trinidad and Colorado Springs.





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



We are offering the Best 15 US Roads Challenge for the 6<sup>th</sup> 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](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](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](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](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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

# 3FC Update 2016

Victor Castaneda Jr., Checkpoint Co-Chair ~ SCMA #26125

Below are the checkpoints for the 2016 Three Flags Classic. Each checkpoint is in a motel where riders can reserve rooms. When making reservations please mention the discount code.

In the event motels are booked up, I have included a list of nearby motels. Also mention the discount code when making reservations.

## The following locations are the 2016 3FC checkpoints.

Hotel	Address	Phone	Rate	Code
Microtel Inn & Suites By Wyndham Aztec.	623 Phoenix Court Aztec NM 87410	(505) 334-4014 Ext 352	\$95	SCMA 3 Flags Classic
Holiday Inn Rock Springs	1675 Sunset Dr. Rock Springs, WY 82901	(307) 382-9200	\$99	SCMA 3 Flags Classic
Jorgenson's Inn & Suites	1714 11th Avenue Helena, MT 59601	(406) 442-1770	\$92/102 (3dbl)	SCMA 3 Flags Classic
				<a href="http://www.jorgensonsinn.com">www.jorgensonsinn.com</a>

## The following hotels, near the checkpoints, have been contracted as lower priced alternatives:

Americas Best Value Inn	600 East Broadway St. Farmington, NM 87401	(505) 325-2288	\$64	SCMA
Rodeway Inn	1601 East Broadway St. Farmington, NM 87401	(505) 325-1813	\$55	SCMA
Quality Inn Rock Springs	1670 Sunset Dr. Rock Springs WY 82901	(307) 382-9490	\$79.99	SCMA 3 Flags Classic
Baymont Inn & Suites Helena	750 Fee St. Helena, MT 59601	(406) 595-3212	\$69	SCMA

## A Note from the SCMA Historian

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 and 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,  
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# 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.theroadhaws.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](mailto:Chairman@sc-ma.com)

## RIDE HELP NEEDED !!

**We would appreciate a few folks to help out administering upcoming monthly rides. Please contact Mitch Friedman, Steve Howe, or Gonzo**

## SCMA Facebook Milestone

In four short months, the SCMA facebook page has exceeded a readership of 600 "friends"!

Congratulations to Reuben Friesen for a job well done !! 😊

## 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.

Recently, the SCMA had the opportunity to be featured on "One For The Road", an internet talk show.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6yhf2Ff5AA&list=PLJVZM7geJTcsQ8lq0xJfT7zXjA-YDhcw-&index=11>

## 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, 41<sup>st</sup> 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://scma.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](mailto: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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