



SCMA NEWS

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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Hello everyone

There are three photographs in this issue that are linked to the Big Bend NP in Texas. The first is at the top of this page behind the SCMA logo. It is a photo of the golden hills aligning the flowing Rio Grande.

The 3rd photo is on the last page; a photo of Bob Roger's Road Glide (before he traded it for an Indian) at the entry to the NP.

These two photos are linked by Bob's article on page 25 with another photo of the Rio Grande.

I look at these photos and imagine a triangle, sort of like the triangle of motorcycle riding. That triangle involves your bike, your body, and your spirit (mind).

As important as it is to care for your bike to ensure its optimum performance, so too is it important to care for your body and your mind. Those last two require ongoing training; physically to stay in shape to mitigate the aging process and the challenges we face riding in adverse environments of heat, cold and wet. The mind also needs training. We need to train ourselves in the best way to conduct safe riding. On page 9 you will

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find a flyer from the Hawthorne PD offering training for improving your motorcycle riding skills.

Another triangle comes to mind.

Inside is an article on our Loneliest Road in the USA event.

This was an awesomely fun event that brought together the joy of riding on the open road, the adventure of seeing and experiencing new lands, and the fun of sharing time with good friends.

That ride was jam packed with camaraderie and fun!

SCMA is working to provide you with the triangle that involves distance riding, local and regional riding, and doing it in the company of a great bunch of "kids".

Take a look at the plans for a special plaque (page 35) to be awarded this year to finishers of the CA Adventures National Parks Tour. It will be a plaque commemorating the 100th anniversary of the National Parks. This will be the only year it will be issued.

Speaking of which, we also are designing an award for riders who finish all 5 Premier Events in a single calendar year. It will be called the Premier "5" Slam and augments the Grand Slam award.

So c'mon out and enjoy our events. Experience the introduction to new roads, new challenges, and new people.

C'mon out and enjoy hanging with some interesting people that all started riding one day and have been having fun ever since.

We look forward to meeting you !!

-----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

Hello everyone,

Things are moving along quite nicely.....this week only two packages were returned by the post office as undeliverable. And, I received only two emails from members not having received their membership packages.

Three Flags is soon upon us. If your membership expires before, or during the month of September, it is imperative you renew ASAP!!

If you are a member and have not received a package, please help me get them to you:

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



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SCMA 2016 MID-YEAR ELECTION RESULTS

On June 18th, during the Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting, mail in ballots and show of hands votes were counted. This tally finalized this year's elections.

The following candidates were elected to the positions indicated.

Vice Chair: **Barbara Fox**
Treasurer: **John Mickus**
Membership Services Director: **Mike Barber**

The elected candidates assumed their responsibilities at the end of the meeting and will serve a two year term through June 30th, 2018.

We appreciate the mail in ballots received from many of you and thank you for participating in this election.



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The Southern California Motorcycling Association Proudly Presents

The 10TH Annual

Dog Days of Summer

Saturday
July 23, 2016

A 2016 SCMA Travelers Award Event

All motorcycles are welcome on this destination ride to the Motorcycle Museum in Solvang and lunch at The Mustard Seed in Solvang. Our lunch will be considered a *General Membership Meeting* to casually discuss topics of interest on motorcycles, rides, our association, your bike, you name it.....we'll talk about it !!!

Destination: Solvang Motorcycle Museum
320 Alisal Rd, Solvang

Route: Pick your own route to get there

Time: Arrive at 11:00 am

Museum Fee: \$10

The Santa Ines Mission is nearby for those of you riding the CA Missions Tour

Ride Fee: Buy your own lunch

After lunch you are on your own route home: OR you could ride to Morro Bay or Paso Robles to spend the night, or to Santa Barbara. Or spend the day in Vandenberg AFB to play golf! It's your weekend to enjoy the cool coast after experiencing the SCMA lunch and fun.

For more and/or the latest info visit sc-ma.com, email chairman@sc-ma.com or call 949-433-0761



SCMA is - Pasadena Motorcycle Club - Antelope Valley Riders - Shamrock Road Riders - BMW Riders Club of Southern California

Arizona Rat Pack - South Coast BMW Riders Club - Victor McLaglen Motor Corps - Southern California Motorcycling Association

SCMA - Home of the 3 Flags Classic, Four Corners USA Tour, California Adventure Series, and 15 Best Roads Challenge

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What is a Rally ??

by John Cooper #46074

We all are aware of the famous motorcycle rally's....Sturgis Black Hills Motorcycle Rally, Daytona Beach Motorcycle Rally. Often, these rally's are referred to as a "Bike Week".

There is another type of rally that offers some challenge and involves a lot more riding. This type of rally is a form of a scavenger hunt. The rally has a start and end time location. It may be held in one day or stretch out over 11 days. Before the start of the rally, riders are provided a list of bonus locations within a specified territory. Give the time available, riders must decide which bonus locations they will ride to, obtain proof of visit, and make it back to the finish before the designated "end" time. Their bonus location points are added up and the winner with the most points is announced.



Start of 2013 Iron Butt Rally – No rain date ☺

This type of rally challenges the rider to make a plan of destinations to ride to, execute that plan within the given time constraints, and comply with the requirements indicated in the rider's pack of instructions and bonus location descriptions.

What is The Park 'n Ride Rally ??

The BMWCOSC rally is the second type mentioned above. It is along the lines of the famous Iron Butt Rally but a lot simpler, and a lot more fun for us local southwest regional gals and guys. It is called the Park 'n Ride Rally

It is eight-hours long and has two classes of riders: Novice Class and Open Class.

The Novice class is for those riders with

limited rally experience and are in it to basically have a fun ride and enjoy the challenge of playing the game.

The Open class is for the more experienced rally riders who are seriously competing for "Podium" recognition....i.e., they are shooting for 1st place.

The Park and Ride ("PnR") is a southern California based motorcycle rally held in the fall (usually October) that attracts riders from near and far - but mostly within the southwest region of the USA.

PnR is of the scavenger hunt type of rally for you and your motorcycle. A couple of weeks prior to the rally you will get a list of "bonus locations" and you can pick from this list the bonuses you want to accumulate. Choosing the bonus locations is critical as it is impossible to ride to all or even half of the locations on the list.

What is a Bonus?

A "bonus" is usually a task you must perform and, if performed according to the rules, you get points for completing it. Each bonus has a different point value.

Examples:

- Ride to Cabazon (exit 106 on I-10) and take a photo of ("TAPO") the two dinosaurs. Your motorcycle must be in the picture. This bonus is worth 280 points.
- Take a picture of any road sign with the words "Magic Mountain". This bonus is worth 190 points.
 - Get a receipt from In-N-Out. This bonus is worth 100 points.



BMW Club
of Southern California



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This rally has a list of rules and it is important to read and understand them; mostly the rules are just common sense. The real point of PnR is to have a fun Saturday mixed with some friendly competition, raise money for Angel Flight West, and enjoy the camaraderie.

If this is your first time riding in a rally you are in for a fun time!!!

Mamba Motorsports is hosting the event with morning coffee and pastries and afternoon finish with sandwiches and soft drinks. Their store will also offer you a full display of BMW, Indian, Victory and Slingshot motorcycles.

There will be a silent auction of various noteworthy items with all funds going to Angel Flight West (<http://www.angelflightwest.org>). Also, \$10 of your fee is being contributed to AFW !!



The top three finishers in the Open Class will receive a plaque recognizing their accomplishment and a Mamba Motorsports Gift certificate of \$300, \$200, and \$100 for 1st through 3rd place, redeemable at the store.

The top three Novice Class finishers will receive a plaque recognizing their accomplishment.

This year's PnR is presented by SCMA and The BMW Club Of Southern California, so register NOW!

Suit up and be at Mamba Motorsports by 6:00 am on Oct 1st for a 7:00 am - SHARP start and be ready to have a fun time !!!



IBR Bike inspection. PnR won't be inspecting bikes ☺

There's a motorcycle somewhere under all that gear.....really !!! ☺



BMW Club of Southern California



When: October 1, 2016

Where: **BMW Santa Clarita**
21095 Centre Pointe Pkwy
Santa Clarita CA
(661) 964-2222

Pre-Registration online

Fee \$50 / \$75 (2-up)

All info can be found at
www.SC-MA.com/parknriderally

Remote start allowed, bonus
points awarded if start at
dealership

Remote start requires mail-in of
notarized, color ROL.

Questions?

Contact Rallymaster at:
parkandriderally@gmail.com

\$10 of fee supports Angel Flight
West, a community charity.



Hawthorne Police Department

“Ride to Live” Motorcycle Training Course

What will you learn?

Proper manipulation of clutch and throttle in order to work the “friction zone”

Emergency braking

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You are guaranteed to leave a better rider no matter how many years you have been riding!



For further information or to reserve a spot call the Hawthorne P.D. Traffic Bureau at 310 349-2702 or “contact us” through our website at:

RidetoLiveHPD.org



The Hawthorne Police Department is offering three **free** one day motorcycle riding class for those looking to improve their riding skills.

Dates: July 16th, August 13th, September 3rd, 2016

Times: 7:30AM – 4:00PM (registration begins 7:30am)

Location: City of Hawthorne (location provided upon sign up)

Instructors: Hawthorne P.D. Motor Officers

Requirements:

- 1- Have a valid M-1 (motorcycle) license and insurance
- 2- Have basic riding skills (this class is not for those who have never ridden before)
- 3- Bring your own motorcycle, helmet, gloves, eye protection and footwear that covers ankles
- 4- Sign a liability waiver (to be supplied at training)
- 5- Have a desire to improve your skills

Class size is limited to 25 riders

Reserve a spot or ask a question at our website
“RidetoLiveHPD.org (click on “contact”)



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

Red Hot Riders of San Diego
www.redhotriders.com

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

Victor McLaglen Motor Corps
www.thevmmc.com



High Desert, A Big Bull, A Lonely Ride

by Gonzo 25051

This ride was a different scenario than our typical monthly rides. We named it a "Destination Ride" because we had to ride 500 miles to get to the start.

5:30 am, still dark in Southern California, as I rolled out of the garage heading for the Chevron Station in Cajon Junction to meet up with a few other riders.

The day's objective was the small mining town of Ely, 515 miles away in the high elevation (6,500') of Nevada's east central desert. As I rode into the Chevron Station I saw Manny and Mike already tanking up. During a quick breakfast and coffee my cell phone announced a text message or two.....the other riders decided to take a more northerly route thru the Mojave desert, north thru the Sierras to the small town of Bishop, then into Nevada via US-6 thru Tonopah, and enter Ely from the west.

Our plan was to head north on I-15 battling the gambling crazies heading into Las Vegas, pass thru Sin City, and connect with US-93 north heading for the fork to the Extraterrestrial Highway vs the Great Basin Highway.

Guess which one we took.....:)

Yep, the extraterrestrial fork. I've actually been on that road before to the



desert town of Rachel outside of Area 51.....home of the alien bodies recovered in the 50's and kept secret from all of us.....hmmm, conspiracy theory?



This time, we only went ¼ of a mile on the Extraterrestrial Rd before heading north on NV-318 towards the rural town of Hiko. We had about 110 miles of road to ride to the intersection with US-6 and I settled down for a long ride expecting unending desert. I should have known better.....nothing is "unending" in Nevada except losing at the crap table. NV-318 turned out to be a "surprise" road.

As we turned onto NV-318 we encountered green farmlands, ranches with horses, cattle, contrasted with the distant desert mountains poking their peaks into the sky. We came upon lakes of clear water populated by various fowl. Once past Hiko, the desert portrayed itself with the greenery not visible in Las Vegas. It was as if this part of the desert was rained on everyday. Greenery was everywhere, even up the slopes of the layered mountains paralleling each side of the highway.

The air was cool with a hint of moisture. About 50 miles into the road we could see rain clouds in the distance with wisps of rain dropping to the desert. Another 20 miles

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later and we rode through a big wisp experiencing a light, sprinkling rain on our windshields. As we approached the intersection with US-6 we could see easterly heading rainstorms to the north of us. We were hoping they would not cross our path before checking into our hotel.

Once on US-6 it was as if we were in northern California. We were treated to a delightful ride through the mountains and hills as we climbed to 6500 feet into Ely. It was a long day's ride....but very enjoyable. And entering Ely is always a thrill. This town has a history going back to early 1900 with the stagecoach routes, pony express, and trains hauling copper ore. Ely has the coldest nights for more nights in the year than any other city in the west. It rests at 6,500 feet and sees all four seasons. The folks here are hardy, with a history of working hard to maintain a good living. They are very proud of their beautiful town as evidenced by the numerous murals throughout the town.



We rode to the east end of town, got some gas, met a couple of riders that had arrived before us, and then pulled into the Prospector Hotel and Casino. This is probably the nicest place in town with their entry/lobby decorated with historical

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artifacts including a couple of Indian and H-D motorcycles from the earlier eras.

Dinner that night had 15 riders in attendance. A few of us had first began congregating in the bar enjoying a free margarita and telling stories. Besides our usual suspects we had a few new arrivals. Mike Williams had talked his brother Jim into riding the event. Dave Kent had ridden in from Walnut Creek just to the east of Berkeley and San Francisco. The waitress informed us that our tables were ready and we adjourned into a dining room with tables arranged for all of us to be together. As food was being served we were given a huge surprise to see Lori and Steve walk into the room! We hadn't seen them in about 9 months or so! Another big surprise was to



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see Jim Fischer show up.....he normally is



riding all over the US so it was a real pleasure to have him join us. We had a wonderful Mexican dinner and then called it a night. For Jim, Steve and Lori, Mike and I it meant adjourning to my hotel room for more socializing and to enjoy a sip or two of the Kentucky Bourbon I always bring with me when riding.

Morning check-in was held in the conference room across from the lobby. This room was filled with a taxidermist's choice of animals of the region: mountain lion, elk, deer, and wolf. There was a huge certified wooden model of a British man-o-war on the conference table. What a



great place to hold a check-in for the ride!

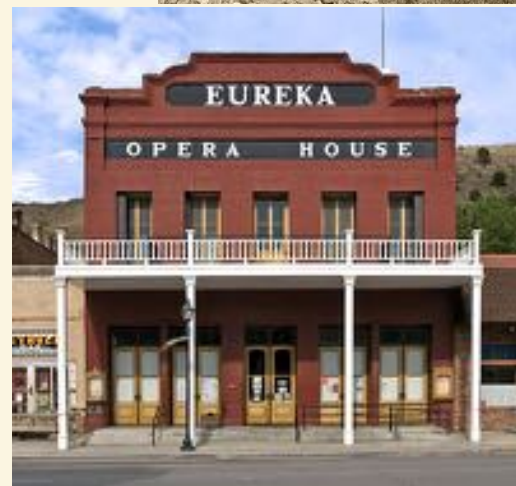
Fifteen riders registered for the event and individually headed east towards Carson City. Along the way they would stop in Eureka, Austin, Fallon and Carson City to

obtain a US-50 Loneliest Hwy stamp substantiating their 325-mile ride. This stamped book would be presented to the Nevada Bureau of Tourism and riders would receive a signed certificate from the Governor of Nevada attesting to their surviving the loneliest highway in America ☺.

Around 8:30 the final group of us departed the hotel for Eureka, 75 miles to the west and our first stop for the Nevada US-50 passports stamp. We pulled into the Chevron Station, got our stamp, and Steve refilled his Harley. Across from



the station was the Eureka Opera House that goes back to 1880. We saw Stoney and Di up the street having some



breakfast and taking photos. Then we headed off towards Austin, another 70 miles to the west, and the possible chance to get a speeding ticket!

Austin is known for its speed traps when entering the town either from the east or west. The worst one is entering from the east because riders

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are coming down a steep mountain and inevitably exceed the 25 mph speed limit posted at the bottom of the hill. Usually the town sheriff is sitting at the bottom waiting to greet arrivals ☺. But not today.....he only staged an empty squad car for us to wave at as we slowly passed. Again we stopped at the local Chevron, got our passports stamped, found out the sheriff was at the west end of town, and headed for perhaps the most exciting section of road in this area. We decided to get off the new section of US-50 and ride the old original road.

About 3-4 miles to the west of Austin, the original road now named NV-722 heads off US-50 to the southwest into Reese River Valley. It runs for about 60 miles past the Austin Airport, ranches and farms, skirts along the northern edge of the Shoshone reservation, passes by a huge bed of desert sand, enters the Smith Creek Valley, and



then comes upon the Desatoya Range. This is where the road changes from a straight highway into a

twisting, climbing, and descending road running through a beautiful canyon lined with greenery. We would have about 12 miles of pure fun riding through this canyon. But first we had to be permitted to pass a serious road guard!

As the six bikes approached the canyon (I was #5) the red taillights started lighting up and we came to a rapid decelerating stop. What was going on? As our group approached the beginning of the canyon, standing on the left side of the narrow road, was a massive, bull with real horns!

This guy owned the territory and was staring each rider down as they cautiously and quietly rode their bikes past the behemoth! I'm 6' and have the seat of my Triumph Trophy arranged in the "high" position.....on



top of that is 1.5 inches of an Air Hawk cushion. As I rode past the staring bull I noted that its back was higher than my eye level.....this bull was one big dude. I kept positive thoughts as I rode by him and did not stare at him.....no need to have him interpret a negative thought or a stare as a challenge. If that guy attacked me on my bike the coroner would still be picking up pieces of plastic, tubing, and body parts. As Mike (sweep)

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followed behind me after passing the monster I looked in the mirror and actually saw the bull staring after Mike! Just for fun I called Mike on the Scala with a "He's coming after you Mike, give it gas!!!" Not true of course, but it got a nervous laugh outta Mike.

Jim Fischer stopped the group at a small peak near the first of the twisties. He informed all of us this was the time when he lets the speed devil out. He would meet us at the stop sign where the road rejoined US-50 at Eastgate about 15 miles later.



Jim was gone in a flash, and Bill Hebert was hot on his tail. The rest of us resumed a nice ride through the canyon enjoying the remarkably lush landscape, hills and mountains, and the occasional dirt road leading to a ranch far back in the hills. This section of road had all

the attributes favored by motorcyclists: climbs, descents, sweepers, twists, hairpin, tight hairpin, and a final straightaway to the junction with US-50.

We rode over to the Middlegate Saloon for soft drinks and a sandwich. Unfortunately they lost our order and we left after an hour of waiting for the sandwiches that never arrived. The air was getting warmer now so we removed a few layers of clothing and then made a fast run for Fallon. I pulled into the Maverick gas station needing 5.4 gal of fuel.....not bad after riding 260 miles !!



From Fallon we rode directly to The Plaza Hotel to meet up with everybody else that were already at the finish.....that's what happens when you sit in a restaurant for an hour and don't get served.

After checking into our rooms, washing up and getting into street clothes, we all assembled at Red's Old 395 restaurant one block away. The staff welcomed us with a



private room; undoubtedly so we would not disturb other patrons. This place was fantastic with a great menu and over 100 beers on tap. 'Twas good the hotel was within walking distance ☺. Once again the evening ended with a group of us meeting in Gonzo's hotel room for the three B's of bourbon, beer and bantering.

The next morning Stoney, Di, Bill, Mike and I rode over to the Bureau of Tourism to get a final stamp in our passport. Ooops....they were closed on Memorial Day. So we then rode over to the H-D

store.....they had the books but no stamp. Fortunately we were with Stoney 'cuz he called his brother and asked him if he could get the passports stamped and turned in for

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us. Very nice of his brother to do that favor!!

After that, Bill headed to Seattle, Stoney and Di to their bro's place, and Lori, Steve, Mike and I headed south on US-395 for the 485-mile ride to Mike's place in Hawthorne. We really enjoyed the medium-paced speed forced upon us by weekend traffic. It allowed us to enjoy the views presented by the Sierra foothills as we rode past Topaz Lake, over Walker



Pass, near the USMC cold Weather Training Base and into Bridgeport. We continued on from Bridgeport and enjoyed the descending twisting road just before Mono Lake, and made our stop at the entry to Tioga Pass in Lee Vining where we refueled and enjoyed an excellent lunch at "Whoa Nellie Deli" on CA-120 (Tioga Rd).

From Lee Vining we rode past June Lake loop road, past the famous Mammoth Lakes Ski Resort area and past the Yosemite airport. At

this point Steve twisted the throttle on his Harley and left the group wanting to ride at a much faster speed. Mike and I pretty much stayed with the flow of traffic as we had been spotting CHP all day with their radar guns. As it were, when we came into Big Pine we passed them while Steve refueled his hawg. Mike and I continued to Manzanar where we stopped for me to get a photo as evidence of visiting this National Historic Site. Manzanar is one of the Japanese Internment Centers during WWII.

I am visiting all 25 National Parks in California as required by the California Adventures Tour. About 10 miles south of Manzanar Steve and Lori passed us again.

Descending into the lower altitudes we rode through Lone Pine, past the famous dry Owens Lake area, and into Olancho. It was definitely getting warmer and the tops of the Sierras at this point were no longer white capped with snow. As we turned west onto US-14 for the town of Mojave, the temperature rose steadily to 96 degrees. It was getting uncomfortable so we took a short break in Mojave and drank a lot of cold water in a fast food place. Back on the road passing through Palmdale the temperature dropped to 86 degrees and when we descended from Mulholland Pass into Santa Monica where the temperature was 68 degrees. Welcome to the wild temperature swings between California deserts and coasts!

Exhausted, thirsty and hungry we reminisced about our Memorial Day Weekend ride while having a beer before dinner. We survived the Loneliest Highway in America, escaped the scrutiny of a massive bull, missed the speed traps of Austin, withstood 30 degree temperature swings, enjoyed the camaraderie of 15 other riders, and traveled 1,350-miles on our bikes in gorgeous desert!

Oh, by the way, despite Steve's faster speeds we arrived at Mike's place before he and Lori arrived home !! 😊

Gonzo, Steve Ogden, Jim Fischer,
Mike Barber, Bill Hebert

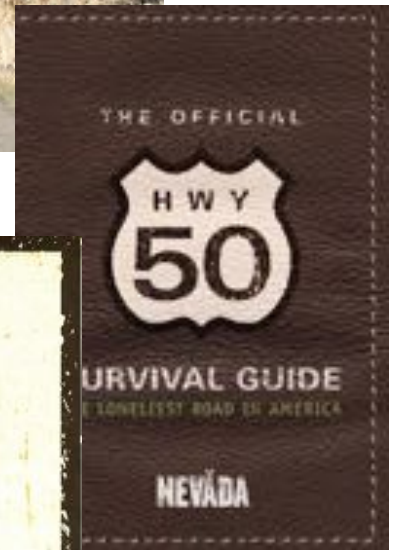


Old US-50
Canyon



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NV Governor's Certificate



The passport used to
collect stamps from
at least 5 towns in
Nevada on US-50

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!

NEW Parks Plaque for 100th Anniversary

by Dean Sarrocco #28000
Chair, CA Adventures Tour



2016 is the 100th anniversary of the US National Parks.

When I first became aware of this centennial of the National Parks I thought, "why not have a special plaque commemorating this centennial and award it to our 2016 finishers of the CA Adventures National Parks Tour?"

The members of the board also liked the idea....so this is what we're going to do.

We are designing a 9x12 plaque, with a background photo of a recognizable CA NP landmark and a raised NP centennial logo.

(possible backgrounds could be Yosemite Falls, Golden Gate Bridge, Sequoia Trees, Cabrillo Monument, etc)

Finishers will receive this plaque in lieu of the stone-style plaque presented the last three years or so.

As many of you know, completing the CA Adventures NP Tour is a very challenging adventure. The CA NP's range the full length and width of the state and, depending on the route taken, could be 2,500 miles of riding if done non-stop over a period of, say 5-7 days. Most SoCal riders will take weekend trips to cover sections of North, Central, Coastal, Desert and San Diego NP's for 4,000 miles or so of riding.



Visiting the CA NP's is a rewarding experience offering you the opportunity to learn about the arts, historical events, engineering accomplishments, geography, and native wildlife that is part of California.



This will be the only year that the centennial plaque will be awarded. So load up your iron steed and get riding to the park nearest you to start this grand adventure!

Be one of the few to proudly display the SCMA NP Centennial Plaque!

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. 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 10th.

Silver Award

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

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 19th.

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 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):**

Contact Mitch at
(310.345.9799
mitcho399@gmail.com



Mitch

Sell it here !!

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



SCMA's Help Wanted

Ride Chairs for 2016. Start thinking about the 2017 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

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. Great opportunity to meet many of our members.

GMM SCHEDULED FOR JULY !!

The next General Membership Meeting will be during the lunch after the visit to the Motorcycle Museum in Solvang. We'll meet at Andersen's Pea Soup for lunch and fun meet up to talk about motorcycles, rides, your bike, whatever comes to mind! We look forward to seeing you there !!



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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

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

July

- 1 Newly elected officers take seats on the board
- 23 ***Dog Days of Summer (SCMA Ride) GMM Lunch**

August

- 6 ***Soup Meet Reunion (SCMA) GMM Lunch**
- 9 Run to Lebanon KS, Lebanon Summer Bash
 (NOT a Traveler's Award event)

September

- 1 Three Flags Classic check-in, Tombstone AZ
- 5 Three Flags Classic finish, Kimberley CAN
- 6 Three Flags Classic Banquet, Kimberley CAN

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.

COMFORT X SAFETY
 THE 2014 TOURING LINE
25% OFF*
 FOR SCMA MEMBERS
 CONTACT MEMBERSHIP SERVICES AT
 GONZOCROSSUSA@GMAIL.COM

INFINITY GORE-TEX® X-TOUR GORE-TEX® X-FIVE WATERPROOF X-RIDE WATERPROOF

TECX
 FOCUS ON BOOTS®

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.

RUSS BROWN
MOTORCYCLE ATTORNEYS

FREE BREAKDOWN AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR MOTORCYCLISTS

1-800-4-BIKERS



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.

Big Bend National Park And Texas FR170

by Bob Roger #24838
Chair, Best 15 US Roads Challenge

While on a Four Corners Tour, I was also riding the western roads on the Best 15 US Roads Challenge list. I was in Texas and had ridden the Twisted Sisters the day before, and now was headed west on I-10. At my gas stop in Fort Stockton I realized that I would reach my lodging in El Paso by early afternoon. Seemed that would be too early in the day to not be riding....what to do??

I have wanted to ride down to Big Bend for quite a while, but it never fit into of my previous ride plans. On this day, however, I had time to kill. Knowing that I had time for a 350-mile loop through the desert...I turned south!

They say that US50 through Nevada is the "Loneliest Road in America", and that may be so, but this loop through south Texas is the most desolate! And very hot too! A Texan friend said "only a Yankee would try this in August!" But this was my window of opportunity, so I took advantage of it.

Departing out of Ft. Stockton on US385 it was desert the whole day. I entered Marathon and continued on to the Persimmon Gap Visitor's Center and entry into Big Bend NP. From there I continued on to Terlingua.



Bob's Teddy, rock climbing for a look at the Rio Grande ☺



It was a beautiful ride through the National Park, an interesting lunch stop in the small town of Terlingua, and an incredible ride along the Rio Grande on FR170 to Presidio. I made it back up to I-10 at Van Horn and on to El Paso in time for dinner and a great night's sleep.

What a day it was!

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

SCMA Trip To Lebanon KS

(Not a Traveler's Award event)

Hello everyone,

In the next few pages you can read about the plans for an SCMA section on Lebanon's Community Center Wall of Bricks. Also in their plan is development of a town park to be located across the street from the community center. SCMA also has the opportunity to have a landmark of sorts installed there. This would be an excellent opportunity to have a True X location for the Park and for Photo opportunities for "True X" riders.

On August 13th the town is holding their Summer Bash and they have invited SCMA riders to participate in their celebration. SCMA riders are invited to ride their motorcycles in the parade and joining the town in the celebratory fun and games.

The nearest motels to Lebanon are located about 15 miles to the west in the town of Smith Center. I'm not sure which motel I'll be staying at but here is a list:

Buckshot Inn, 117 W. Hwy 36, Smith Center 785-282-6644

US Center Motel, 116 E. Hwy 36, Smith Center 800-875-6613

Prairie Winds Motel & Apts, 740 Hwy 36, Smith Center 785-282-6608

Ingleboro Mansion B&B, 319 N. Main St., Smith Center 785-282-3798

My initial travel plan is to:

Depart OC: Tues 9 Aug 7:00 am

Arr Smith Center Thursday, 11 Aug

Thursday and Friday visit with Lebanon leadership

Saturday participate in Lebanon's Summer Bash

Sunday depart Smith Center for Orange County

It'd be great to see many of our True X finishers at this bash, and many of our SCMA members from USA, CAN, and MEX to help Lebanon have a fun Summer Bash !!

So mark your calendar to be in Lebanon on August 13th !!

Contact **Gonzo at 949-433-0761** if interested in riding to Lebanon or for meet up information once you arrive in Smith Center.

Ride Safe.....Ride Long

-----Gonzo

Let's Visit Lebanon Kansas

Geographical Center of the Continental USA
Center of the True "X"

by Gonzo #25051

I refer to Lebanon as the "Center" of the True X because it is the center of the True X tour; you will spend more time in Lebanon KS than at any of the four corners when you ride the USA Four Corners True "X" Tour.

Those of you who have ridden the True X have had the opportunity to visit this great town that represents the heartland of America. While riding the 11,000-mile True X you have been into Lebanon three times.

Inevitable you have met the folks at the Post Office, the guys at the gas station, and quite possibly some of the local citizens if you visited LaDow's Supermarket across the street from the post office and enjoyed one of their sandwiches. When you arrive in town they all know why you are there. They welcome you to their small town with a smile, help you take a photo for your records, wish you a safe journey when you depart, and look forward to your next two visits.



All of you are aware of the fabulous USA Four Corners Park that Joe LaChance has established in Madawaska. Joe has built a park with a fountain surrounded by pavers, purchased by many USA4C finishers, engraved with the date of their ride. The purchase/contribution for the paver has helped maintain the park and make improvements.

Some of you may be aware of the effort Steve Shulman is engaged in with the City of Blaine to establish a USA4C Landmark within their local park. The plan is to create a pathway for riders to position their motorcycles in front of the landmark for their USA4C photo. This project is still under consideration and we look forward to its final development.

The City of Lebanon, via the US Center Foundation, has constructed a Community Center with a brick facing. This brick wall, the front of the center, contains inscribed bricks from donors supporting projects in the city's restoration effort.

SCMA has the opportunity to install a plaque (TBD) for a section of the wall to be dedicated to SCMA. Riders will be able to purchase a brick, inscribed with wording of their choice, to both commemorate their True X accomplishment and contribute to funding Lebanon's Community Center as well as other community restoration projects. Your commemorative brick would then be located in the SCMA section.

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Your support would be greatly appreciated; a contribution form is provided on the next page.. and also available at:

<http://www.uscenterfoundation.com/brick-order-form/>

Concurrently, the city is repairing Main Street and developing plans for a city park in an open lot across from the community center. SCMA has been invited to contribute a landmark that would recognize the SCMA and the True "X" tour. Quite possibly this would be similar to what Steve Shulman is working on with the City of Blaine. This would be a perfect spot for True "X" riders to have their photo taken.

The city is also planning its 3rd annual "Summer Bash" in August and has invited SCMA riders to join in the celebration and be part of the parade. We invite all SCMA riders to consider riding to Lebanon and join in on the summer fun with them. Below is city's announcement for the bash:

We hope to see many of our True "X" finishers at the "Bash" this year and will publish more information on our riding plans in the near future.



SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 13, 2016
SATURDAY Evening on Main St.
The 3RD Annual LEBANON SUMMER BASH
Also adding Fun Run/Walk in 2016

Last year we had the following events:

Touch a Truck Displays Mechanical Bull Joust Pit
 Dance & Beer Garden, Historical Jail Cell
 Huge Inflatable, Kids Crafts by City Library, Kids' Train
 Leslie LeMon- Spinner, Weaver, Soapmaker
 Saddle Jack's BBQ, Huffman's Funnel cakes, Lebanon Youth Soft
 Drinks
 Buckmasters Sno-Cones, Cards & Games at the Legion, Food
 Pantry Collection

LEBANON COMMUNITY CENTER / WALL PROJECT

YES, I WANT TO HELP

I do not wish to receive recognition.

I wish to order _____ inscribed bricks at \$100 each.

I wish to make a contribution of _____ toward the Community Center/Wall without designating a brick.

Enclose payment with form. Make checks payable to:
U.S. Center Foundation, Inc. Memo: Community Center/Wall

My Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ ST/Zip _____ (Opt)Phone: _____

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AS ALLOWED BY LAW.

Anyone who wishes to contribute toward maintenance and upkeep of the Lebanon Community Center facility can also request their name or business name to be added to the "Community Wall". These inscriptions will identify the people and businesses of Lebanon, and its supporters, from yesterday, today and for tomorrow.

Examples of inscriptions: 16 characters/spaces; 2 lines. (Characters limited to keyboard letters, numbers and punctuation.)

 J O H N & J A N E D O E F A M I L Y

Brick Name #1

FIRST LINE (Please Print:) _____

SECOND LINE: _____

Brick Name #2

FIRST LINE (Please Print:) _____

SECOND LINE: _____

Make copies for more brick inscriptions or use back of form. Forms also available online at:

www.uscenterfoundation.com

U.S. Center Foundation, Inc.; P.O. Box 24; Lebanon, KS 66952 (785) 620-7115 or (785) 389-1501

You are welcome to call for suggestions to fit names on a brick.

"U. S. Center Foundation, Inc.: Community Connection For A Proud Tomorrow"

Thank You!



**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.motorcycleroads.com/75/555/Texas/The-Three-Sisters-\(AKA-The-Twisted-Sisters\)-Ranch-Roads-335-336337a.html#sthash.VtF1zKaL.2OUPjSG.dpbs](http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/555/Texas/The-Three-Sisters-(AKA-The-Twisted-Sisters)-Ranch-Roads-335-336337a.html#sthash.VtF1zKaL.2OUPjSG.dpbs)
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.

***** NH12, 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.

2016 Highway to Hell "Rat Ride"

by John Cooper #46074

SCMA riders are you interested in an organized endurance ride that is different than any one you have done in the past? Point your motorcycle south to Hermosillo,

Sonora MEX, for the 2016 Highway to Hell Rat Ride. August 11-13, 2016.

This Iron Butt Association (IBA) sanctioned and Asphalt Rats Endurance Motorcycle (AREM) sanctioned SaddleSore 1000 (SaddleSore 1600k) event earns you a certificate from the IBA and the AREM all for one, in-state ride in Sonora, Mexico.

The cost is MX\$1500

pesos which (at the time of this writing) is about US\$81. For that you get a t-shirt, a hat, and the fun of riding where most riders have never gone.

Ready to register? Visit <http://asphaltrats.com/index.php/en/rallies-2016/rat-ride-highway-to-hell/informacion>

Questions? I rode the ride last year, so contact me at johncooper@gmail.com and put "Highway to Hell" in the subject line.



PREMIER "5" SLAM AWARD

In 2013, for the first time ever*, one of our riders completed all 5 of SCMA's Premier Events in a single calendar year. The asterisk is there because we have yet to hear from anyone claiming to have done so previously.

With that precedence set, a few more riders went out and rode all 5 Premier Rides in 2014 and 2015. To date we have about 5 riders who have ridden all 5 Premier Events. Unfortunately, none of them has received recognition for that extraordinary accomplishment.

In the meantime, the Grand Slam award was established to recognize any rider who completes all 5 Premier Events AND 13 of the monthly Traveler's Award rides, all in a single calendar year. Last year Dannie Fox successfully completed that challenge and received the Grand Slam Award at the 2016 Awards Banquet.

Members of the board recognized the challenge of completing all the rides to earn the Grand Slam Award is next to impossible unless a rider resides in the southwest region. Logically, it would seem that many of our members may be able to ride the 5 Events but would be unable to ride to CA every month for a Traveler's Award event.

Addressing that constraint, the board has unanimously agreed to establish an award to recognize riders who complete all 5 Premier Events in a single calendar year. It will be titled the Premier "5" Slam award and will be retroactively awarded to those who have accomplished that significant event. Completing 5 Premier Events can only qualify for one award....either the Premier "5" or the Grand Slam, in a given year.

We have a partial list of previous finishers of this challenge. If you are a finisher and not on the below list, or if you are erroneously listed, please **contact Gonzo** (949-433-0761) to report your status. We would like to present this award to all finishers at the 2017 Awards Banquet, Irvine Wyndham Hotel on Saturday March 4th, 2017.

Finishers: 2013 R. "Gonzo" Gonzalez
 2014 Charlie Hart
 2015 Claudette Fradette, Jean Fradette

We look forward to presenting this award to past and future finishers who complete all 5 Premier Events in a single calendar year!





THREE FLAGS CLASSIC UPDATE

by Rodney Chew #24784
Chair, 2016 3FC

Well summer arrived in Arizona with a vengeance this year. We hit 120 degrees F in Phoenix the day I was returning from the Million Dollar Highway. Wow was that hot!! Today the skies are cloudy and the temperature is predicted to hit 110. Throw in a chance of rain and we have the Monsoon (rainy season in Spanish, don't say Monsoon season, you will have said rainy season season). The monsoons will be with us till the start.

This means we are getting really close to the start and much is going on. Chris White and Victor have been busy making preparations for the start and finish activities. Les Gullery has been working with registration information to produce our important statistics and Dennis Even has assisted me with checkpoints.

Lets review the changes and plans underway:

- a. **CHECKPOINT CHANGE:** The checkpoint for Day 2 has been changed from Rock Springs Wyoming to Green River Wyoming. Sadly to say the organizations we contacted in Wyoming expressed a desire to help but could not muster club support within their regional ranks. Thanks to



all that tried!! Fortunately, Flaming Gorge Harley Davidson in Green River, Wyoming stepped up to assist us. It is a great family run Harley shop and is located conveniently on the road for us.

How does this change the route?

Well, it shifts the checkpoint about 18 miles west of the original Rock Springs checkpoint. Those of you familiar with the route know that the original route utilized 191 heading northward from I-40 all the way to I-80 and then a short jog into Rock Springs. The NEW routing bears to the LEFT at the intersection of 191 and Wyoming 44. You then take 44 all the way to Green River where the checkpoint is on the road as you pass through town to the freeway. The original route took you up the right side of Flaming Gorge and the new route takes you up the left side. Both are GREAT scenic rides, some saying the left side is a "little" better (local speak). Your hotels DO NOT have to change! Based on experience this will add 10-15 minutes to your trip. Hotels have NOT changed. Look for links to the updated route GPX and turn x turn on the SCMA website under Three Flags Classic.

- b. For Tombstone volunteers: There will be a volunteers meeting Wednesday

evening at the Longhorn restaurant in Tombstone. Exact times will be posted on the website and other social media when finalized. There are a large number of volunteers. I APPRECIATE your help very much !! We will discuss overall setup and schedules of activities. After the dinner, we will head to Big Nose Kate's Saloon for drinks and fun.

- c. All riders in town are invited to meet us at the Longhorn when the volunteers meet. We have reserved at least enough tables

stay tuned!

Request:

- e. To facilitate a smooth check-in at the start please make sure your SCMA membership is current before arriving in Tombstone. There will be emails sent out notifying you if your membership will not be current at the start.
- f. Some of you are looking to purchase a ticket. Currently there



for 50 people. Come hang out and have a great time. Victor will be working with the restaurant to setup a 3FC special menu. It should be a great time for all. Look for messages from Victor.

- d. A Tombstone tradition for bikers, I was introduced to some 15 years ago, was being able to RIDE YOUR BIKE INTO BIG NOSE KATES BAR on Allen Street. Once inside you can take pictures with the staff and friends. Steve Goldstein, owner of Big Nose Kate's, has extended this very fun thing to do for 4/5 3FC riders this year. We are working to have a few do this on Wednesday and few on Thursday. Schedule will be TBD. You will never forget doing this. It is a GREAT time. As a note Allen St is closed to motorized traffic so you cannot just ride down the main street. This rule may be changed for us,

are a few riders who have had to cancel their 3FC plans and have placed their ticket for sale. Please check the SCMA 3FC Forum to get in contact with them and help/respect/assist your fellow members looking to sell tickets by buying a ticket from them. Lets all try to help when we can.

Info:

- g. We will be able to accept credit cards for purchases at the start of the 3FC. We will have SCMA t-shirts available for sale and will also sell, for non-3FC riders, tickets to the start BBQ at \$30 USD and finish banquet at \$40 CAN.
- h. The website, social media and newsletter will carry updates as

more comes into focus.

- i. Volunteers will receive direct emails from the chair as plans and schedules become available.
- j. Some folks have expressed they would like a new picture taken for their passports. Lord knows you've might have changed in 2-3 years. If you wish to do so we'll have camera and printer there to update your picture. When going thru the check-in line look for Danny Fox, 3FC picture taker extraordinaire, for assistance.
- k. Ticket sales are occurring. The process has seemed to be going well. I hope all of you will be successful in the process.
- l. We are checking all registrations. Some are marked pending, meaning payment hasn't been confirmed. You may have paid and the status was not returned to our system. You may receive an email requesting payment status or a PayPal confirmation. Don't worry, we will figure out any issues that may arise.
- m. There will be a First Timers meeting in Tombstone after the General Riders Meeting. All first timers to the 3FC should plan to attend. It typically lasts about 35 minutes.
- n. One thing to consider for every 3FC event is part of the refinement of the actual user experience starting from registration to getting to the start and obviously leaving from the start. Many processes and procedures are developed each year culminating with the execution of the event.

This year the 3FC committee is asking all 3FC riders to UPDATE their profile pictures on the SCMA website. We are evaluating whether it is possible to utilize the website photo as your passport photo. This would simplify the process of assembling the passport. About the picture:

- o. Please provide a front facing passport photo, basically from the shoulders up. Please, no pics of your dog, cat, you sitting on bike, you riding your bike. Or picking your nose (a common problem for some).
- p. If ya don't want to do it, don't do it, that seems simple enough.
I know some don't want a mug for their profile shot. If this works out we will provide another pic location associated to 3FC registration in the future.
Note: if ya don't know how to do it, instructions will be posted on the website soon.

That's it for now, a lot is underway and coming together quickly. I will say again, being in town a day early, or more will certainly be a good time for all !! More to come !

Lookin' forward to seeing y'all soon!!



BREAKING NEWS !!!!!

Chris White #23916, has been selected by the SCMA Board of Directors to be the Chair of the 2017 Three Flags Classic. Chris has been a member of SCMA since the 70's and has ridden 36 Three Flags Classics. Currently, Chris is the Vice Chair of the 2016 3FC and has completed the pre-ride for 2016 as well as ridden a possible 2017 route. Chris will be announcing, at the 2016 3FC Banquet in Kimberley BC, his ideas for 2017.

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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.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

RIDE HELP NEEDED !!

A Ride Chair is need for Dog Days of Summer...23July2016.

Please contact Gonzo at Chairman@SC-MA.com or 949-433-0761

SCMA Facebook Posts

Post photos and comments during your Premier Ride

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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.

Website Redesign Committee

Have you noticed how dated the website is?? We have....and we'd like to get it modernized.

Please consider joining the team of members contributing to ideas on improving it.

Contact Gonzo at chairman@sc-ma.com or GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com or 949-433-0761.

We'd be excited to have you on the team !!

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 !!! Rodney Chew (Member of the board; Referee and Risk Manager) is the 2016 Chair. Chris White has been selected as the 2018 Chair.

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. Dean Sarrocco 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. Barbara Fox will be chairing the selection committee in 2017.

The SCMA Premier "5" Slam Award

Complete the USA Four Corners Tour, the Three Flags Classic, California Parks Adventure, California Mission Tour, and The Best 15 US Roads Challenge in a single calendar year. 2017 will be the first year of presenting this award. As such, it will be a retroactive award presented to the 5 SCMA members who have ridden all 5 Premier Events in a single calendar year. Gonzo is the event chair.

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. There have only been two SCMA riders who have received this award.

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 4, 2017. Meet and Greet social begins 4:00pm and banquet doors open at 5:00pm.

Some Valuable Fine Print (REALLY !)

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