

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

"Riding health".

Interesting expression I heard the other day from another rider.

The expression is in quotes to catch your attention. Why?? Because of the number of meanings it could have.

Riding health could mean the currency of your **skill level** and licensing. When is the last time you participated in a riding training class?

Mental attitude. This probably goes with skill level. Do you have a healthy attitude when you're riding? Are you always thinking defensively and anticipating potential danger? Do you control your emotions while riding? Do you prepare for unusual weather conditions? Do you ride responsibly?

How about **physical health**? Are your muscles toned and strengthened? Are you acclimatized for heat? Have you been working on your endurance? Are you eating healthy and drinking less caffeine, sugar, and alcohol (gasp!)?

Recently, having a chat with a riding buddy, he told me of a health scare he

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had incurred. It got his attention so much that he went on a diet to shed excessive weight.

That got me to thinking about my health. I've gained 10 unneeded pounds in the last 2 years and lost much of my physical fitness. At a group dinner, when greeted by a friend I hadn't seen in over a year, he asked me, "what happened to your chest, it seems to have disappeared?" It was a not so subtle comment in regards to my waistline, and it succeeded in goading me to do something about it. (no, I didn't un-friend him)

And so my personal journey began at getting back into shape. Which at my age is a real challenge but because of my age, it is an absolute necessity.

As we age we loose our strength, endurance, and some of our balance. That last item is most critical to us riders. And the only way we can maintain that is by being in shape.

Why have I brought up the concept of "Riding Health"? The Three Flags Classic is soon upon us within 30 days or so.

I encourage y'all to work on your physical fitness so that you can ride the four-day event with confidence and enjoy it to the utmost.

I'll end this now, as it is my time to go for my scheduled walk, some calisthenics and a good set of stretching.

See y'all in Tombstone.....

Ride Safe.....Ride Long,

.....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,

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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Traveler's Award Rides and SCMA Meet Ups

We've implemented a few changes on a couple of the Traveler's Awards Rides turning them into destination rides and an **SCMA Meet Up** where members got together after or during the ride and socialized over a lunch or dinner (or both).

In the past, our regional monthly Traveler's Awards rides were "signup when you show up". Organizing the monthly event in this manner prevented our knowing how many riders would be attending until after the signup. This presented a few challenges to arranging lunch reservations or establishing motel block rates for overnighters.

A solution to this issue was to establish pre-ride registration. We now have online registration set up for two of our forthcoming events, The August 6th Soup Meet BBQ and the October 1st Park 'n Ride Rally. Members can easily access online registration via three ways: (1) from the SC-MA.com website by clicking on "Rides" then "Other Rides" located in the top of the page drop-down menu bar, (2) by clicking on the event in the "Upcoming Events" box on the right side of the home page, or (3) by clicking on the date of the event in the calendar. Using any of those links will take you to the page with all the information about the event and, scrolling below the information, you will find the blocks to fill out for registration and pay on line using your credit card or PayPal.

Our Combined General Membership Meeting (GMM) is now separated from being held at the same time as the Board Meetings. The GMM will be held during **SCMA Meet Ups** during lunch/dinner gatherings mentioned earlier. These are not formal meetings, just a perfect time for members to meet up and talk about motorcycles, riding, and SCMA. These "meet ups" will be a great time to hang out with friends, meet board members and exchange ideas for future events.

We hope these changes will be appealing to the southwest regional membership.



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6 August 2016 Soup Meet BBQ



An SCMA Charity Event supporting
Families Forward of Orange County

When: August 6th

Laguna Niguel Regional Park
28241 La Paz Rd, #7 Shelter
Laguna Niguel, CA
(\$5 park entry fee)

Registration: open 11:00 am

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

Hot dogs, potato salad, chips,
soft drinks. Alcohol not allowed
in the park.

Contact: Gonzo
949-433-0761



In January we held this event in Van Nuys and met many members from the north.

This month we'll hold it in the south; in January it'll be in the east! Come meet other SCMA members.

Membership not required.

Please register online at:
<http://sc-ma.com/event-registration?ee=227>

It will help for food count.

SCMA **current and past** Members: **Arrive on 2, 3 or 4 wheels.** Meet your fellow members and chat about biking and rides. Great time to enjoy a hot dog with friends and give ideas to attending board members on things to do/rides to set up for the future 😊.

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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.

This rally has a list of rules and it is important



BMW Club
of Southern California



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 to complete your check in 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/parknrideralley

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.



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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”)



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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



5 High Sierras Passes out of 7

by Gonzo 25051

Zingo's.

Brought thoughts of Australia to mind. Not because of anything in Australia....but just the sound of the word. Then I realized I was thinking of the word Dingo, the Australian wild dog. Certainly not fair to either Zingo's or the Dingo.....or Australians for that matter.

Zingo's is a superb, early era, local hangout of a restaurant, located on Buck Owens (country singer) Blvd in Bakersfield



California. I've only had breakfast there....but each breakfast I've ordered has been absolutely superb; and the coffee cups are bottomless.

Sixteen riders from SCMA and BMWCOSE met at 7am to have breakfast, renew friendships, tell tall tales, and hit the road for the rebirth of the 7 Sierras Passes Ride! And it is a helluva ride. Although we are only riding 5 of the 7 passes, it will take three days and two nights to get all the territory under our rolling wheels.

The ride took us north to Granite Rd that ran through the beautiful rolling hills of the Central Valley then onto CA-155 which was full of twisties covered with tar snakes that make for a few moments of breath-catching fun. This CA-155 is for the serious



lover of twisties as it follows the contours of foothill ridges all the way to Lake Isabella where it connects with CA-178. CA-178 on the other hand was marvelous with its climb into the southern Sierras, its curving road following the Kern River, through Walker Pass at 5,200' and entering the canyons with tight twisting turns.

I had been on this road about 4 years ago and had forgotten it. I think I will ride it at least once a year!

As we passed Lake Isabella we rode through a community or two not knowing, and sad to say, they would be burned down at the time of this writing from the massive forest fire that occurred about a week after our ride.

Today will be a 465-mile ride because we're taking the long way ☺. Once on US-395 we pass through a number of nice little towns that we'll see again on our way home on Sunday: Olancho, Lone Pine, Manzanar, Independence (off to the east is the mining ghost town of Kearsarge), Big Pine, Bishop, Lee Vining (east entry into Yosemite via Tioga Pass) and into Bridgeport.

In Lee Vining we turned west onto CA-120 that leads up to the east gate to Yosemite NP and the Tioga Pass. We passed on



riding Tioga Pass thru Yosemite as we had ridden that road many

80-mile ride starting at about 6,500 feet and climbing up to 9,600 feet at its high point and dropping down to 1,800 feet into the old Gold Town of Sonora. It provides riders with climbing twisties and gorgeous views.

Although mid-June on the calendar, there was still snow on the sides of the road!! We stopped for some photos and I couldn't resist making a snowball ☺.

times before and experienced the frustration of riding at 35 mph or less when behind tourist buses.

Instead, we turned into "Whoa Nellie Deli" and gas station to take a break and have some lunch. Gas here, and all up and down US-395, is unbelievably high priced. We filled up and had one of "Whoa Nellie



Deli's" hamburgers with fries that is the best that can be had anywhere in California!!

From Lee Vining we continued on to Bridgeport and 17 miles further north we finally connected onto CA-108, the Sonora Pass. This road is one gorgeous, beautiful,

There was one section of road where the builders cut a swath thru solid rock and as we rode out of the crevice we entered a downward screaming roller coaster section of asphalt....Un-Freakin'-Believable !!!



Upon reaching Sonora we rolled a bit through the touristy downtown and found our dinner location, Mi Pueblo Restaurant and Bar, on Washington St (CA-49). With that knowledge in hand we then backtracked on CA-49 to the Gold Lodge motel...within easy walking distance to Mi Pueblo. After securing our rooms and changing we hiked up to Mi Pueblo with anticipation of a cold beer before dinner!

About 13 of us were in the restaurant enjoying Mexican beer, margaritas and superb Mexican dishes. It was a fun time to be in the company of the BMW club. Their





riders enjoy riding distances like this and they usually have their wives riding two up with them. We finally

called it a night and headed down-slope to the motel for night caps of bourbon washed down by Foster's Premium as we reflected on the day's 435 mile ride through 2 Sierra Passes ☺.....Ahhh, life is good.

The next morning after breakfast we continued 44 miles north on CA-49 to Jackson Creek to get on CA-88 west. CA-49 is numbered after the "49'ers" and a section of it is called "Gold Country Hwy". Passing through Calaveras County we rode through Angel's Camp where the frog-hopping contest is held in honor of Mark Twain's famous 1865 short story "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County".



About 4 miles south of Jackson Creek we entered the twisties climbing Mokelumne Hill.

In Jackson Creek we headed east, on CA-88 to ride over Carson Pass (8,600') before dropping down to 5,600' to pick up on CA-89 north to climb to 7,700 feet through Luther Pass and onto US-50N to enter South Lake Tahoe. I was overwhelmed with the beauty of the mountains, many capped in snow and often seeing lakes far down in the valleys....most were reservoirs.



Some interesting observations riding to Lake Tahoe: the air here is clean, crisp, carrying the scent of foliage, South Tahoe is a tourist destination, the NV/CA border passes through the town/city, and Harrah's and Harvey's have the first casinos about 25



feet from the CA border. I couldn't help but wonder what the risk of forest fires are here.

The exciting part of this ride though was departing the Tahoe area on NV-207 and dropping 3,000 feet along the sides of the



mountain range and into the rich farmlands some 20 miles south of Carson City along NV-88.

We continued southwest on 88 into California and picked up CA-89 south in Alpine Village. Our objective was to take 89 over Monitor Pass at 8,300 feet and then drop down to 5,100 onto US-395. We were on the east side of the Sierras when we began descending and observing a magnificent expanse of



valley with the Sierras in the background. We came out on 395 just south of Lake Topaz.....both thirsty and hungry as we did not take a chow break at the last small town of Markleeville. After consuming a banana and some water on the side of the road, we were then on our way to

Bridgeport for a hamburger lunch and to Bishop for a night's stay and another fun dinner this time with just 8 of us guys.

This second day of riding covered three passes and 320 slow miles. We had departed Sonora around 9am and arrived in Bishop around 4pm. When we met up with the group for dinner at the Back Alley Lanes (yep, a bowling alley), we had an awesome prime rib dinner and 805 craft brewed beer from Paso Robles CA. It was an 7 hour day with 6 hours of riding.....averaging 53 miles an hour



through these passes!

After we arrived back at our motel, the night was shattered with thunder, lightning, and buckets of rain! In the morning it was still raining as we headed out, but 10 miles south of Bishop the skies were clear with moderate temperatures all the way back to west LA and along the coast.

We did stop at a very noteworthy place, a



place I will be sure to stop at in the future. Eighty miles south of Bishop, after passing Big Pine, Independence, Manzanar, and Lone Pine, we entered the small town of Olancha and came upon the Ranch House Café.

We met up with another rider from our group and had the most delicious coffee and breakfast of eggs, hash browns, bacon, and fried Indian bread with honey. Refreshed with the rest we headed to our homes for an easy day's ride of 300 miles.

All total, from home to start to Sonora to Tahoe to Bishop to home was 1200 miles. 750 of those miles were the actual ride through 5 of the 7 Sierras Passes that we enjoy riding.....passes that took us through some of the most beautiful scenic and historical roads in Central/Southern California.

It was an awesome weekend ride!!!

Hat's off to Dan Burtt and the South Coasters!



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/SCMA Meet Ups 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 (BMWCOSS/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
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Mitch

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**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

2008 HONDA ST1300 ABS, 40k Miles, Fresh service, handlebar risers, repair manual, saddlebag inserts, factory heated grips and power windshield. Tags good through Dec 2016. Bike is in North County San Diego (Escondido) \$6,500 Call or text Mark @ [805-405-2030](tel:805-405-2030)

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.

SCMA Meet Up SCHEDULED FOR Aug 6th

The next SCMA Meet Up (General Membership Meeting) will be a Hot Dawg BBQ at Laguna Niguel Regional Park for lunch and a fun meet up to talk about motorcycles, rides, your bike, whatever comes to mind!

We look forward to seeing you there !!



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.

★ 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)*

August

- 6 *Soup Meet Reunion (SCMA Meet Up)**
- 13 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

October

- 1 *Park 'n Ride Rally**
- 29 *Cemetery Ride (Ride & SCMA Meet Up)**

Here's what's on the road ahead. For more information, check the SCMA website www.SC-MA.com and the websites of our affiliated clubs. Club websites have more information on their events and are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. ALWAYS consult them for last-minute changes before a ride.

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National News Section

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



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.

Richard "Dick" Meyer 1932 - 2016

Richard "Dick" William Meyer of The Villages FL, was killed when his motorcycle trike left the roadway and struck a tree at 2:15 pm Thursday, according to the Alabama State Police. The crash occurred on Interstate 65 near the 198-mile marker, seven miles south of Clanton, Ala.

Dick was born in a farmhouse on April 2, 1932, in Burlington, Illinois, the oldest of five children. Growing up on a dairy farm, he bought his first motorcycle, an Indian, in the early 1950's. Dick graduated from Illinois Institute of Technology with a BS EE and MBA 1962-63. His career included

Borg-Warner as Product Manager in the Thermo Electronics Division, and he continued with the Company when it became York International, in York PA. After leaving York Int'l Dick was employed by Carrier (formerly FES) as International Manager and retired from there.

Upon retirement, after 45-years of not riding motorcycles, he resumed riding and took no prisoners in his adventures. Over the next 10 years he acquired 3 motorcycles and, as a member of SCMA and Iron Butt Association, he scoured the US at a rapid pace participating in such rides as: Four Corners and many Three Flags Rides. For several years he also was a staff member at the Americade Motorcycle Rally at Lake George NY. During this 10-year period he documented more than 500,000 miles riding motorcycles.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Wilma Meyer. He is survived by his loving companion and former wife, Elfriede M. Meyer; three sisters, Arlene Struthers, Virginia Scoughton, LeAnn Shields (Frank); one brother, Charles Meyer (Dorothy) and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial will be held at Eisenhower Recreation Ctr. in The Villages, FL on Thursday July 28th, 2016 from 12:00 to 3:00.

Condolences can be sent to the family at
Elfriede Meyer
3392 Melbourne Lane
The Villages, FL 32163

Contributions may be made to Wounded Warriors or any Veteran's Charity in his name.
<http://www.villages-news.com/84-year-old-villager-motorcycle-killed-crash-alabama/>



Four Corners Ride

by Scott Little #42498
Puyallup WA

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Statete BMW Riders "Shaft" newsletter,
March2016

In the spring of 2015, my buddy Rick and I started to plan a big ride. We decided to do a USA Four Corners Tour that is sponsored by the Southern California Motorcycle Association (SCMA). We paid our entry fee and got our start packets and decided to go in June. So I sold my 09 GSA and

bought a new BMW RT from Ride West in Seattle in April.



I put a couple thousand miles on the RT to break it in. We decided to start a Facebook page so family and friends could follow us. We called it the **ORF – Four Corners Ride 2015**. ORF stands for Old Retired Farts since we're both retired Air Force.

Being 6'-4" tall the RT did not fit as well as the GSA, so off to Rich's I went and got a custom seat and also lowered the pegs.

We did the first leg up to Blaine, WA on June 27 and then went back to our homes for the night. The next morning said good bye to our

wives and family, met near Lacey and headed down to Reno, NV. We got a couple room at the Reno ANG Base

Next day, down Hwy 395 to Four Corners, stopped by Mono Lake and in Bishop to get some snacks and then into San Diego.

Caught up with some Air Force flying buddies out of Kirtland AFB and went for a ride to New Madrid. That's where they filmed the movie Wild Hogs

Of course I'm the only BMW in the parking lot

Spent the night at the Navy Lodge in San Diego and made the second corner in San Ysidro early in the morning. Then we were off to



Tuscon, AZ to spend the night with some friends

After Tuscon, it was off to Santa Fe, NM. Rick's daughter was going to grad school there so we spent a couple nights and I got to take my bike to Santa Fe BMW to get the 6K service done a little early.

Of course on the way, we had to stop in Hatch, NM for some Green Chiles

After that it was off to Oklahoma City, we made



reservations at Tinker AFB and spent the night. In the morning Rick took off to hit a couple extra states and I was off to Heber Springs, AR to visit with some old friends. Rick met me there and we got another free room and board for the night on the 4th of July.



The next day was pretty long, all the way down to Ft Walton Beach, FL. It was the first time we hit some serious rain and had to hide under an overpass.

We split up for a couple days, he went to his friends and me to mine to get a good rest and some laundry done. We did meet up for lunch and dinner. Then it was off to CoCo Beach, FL and spent the night at Patrick AFB. Hit rain again pretty bad around Gainsville. After Patrick we cruised



down I-95 past Miami to the beginning of the Keys highway



We got to Key West pretty beat, the Keys highways sucks if you are trying to make time. But we had rooms, well a trailer at the navy base for the night, and the next

morning hit the third corner pretty early.



We rode all there way back up Florida to Kings Bay, GA and got lucky and stayed on a Navy base again.

Continuing up to North Carolina to visit another buddy and spend the night. We did see Santa Clause at the Waffle House, rode The Dragon at Deals Gap and the part of the Blue Ridge Parkway, and made it to the "Wheels Thru Time Museum".

After Madawaska, I rode back down to Portland, to spend a couple days with friends and of course eat some lobster.

My buddy was off to his hometown of Waldoboro; he stayed out a couple more months and then rode back to WA.

I had to get back to work so I made arrangements with the BMW dealer in Portland to ship my bike back to WA.

Total miles on the GPS were 7895 plus the round trip miles up and back from Puyallup to Blaine made the trip a little over 8000 miles in 17 days.

Up to Dover, DE to meet up with more friends for dinner and spend the night. Next day we got up early to make time around NJ, NY, MA, CT, NH. Getting a toll transponder makes it easy.

You don't have to stop and pay - it saves a lot of time

The next day was a push up to Madawaska, and we found out that you can't get there going on I-95, found out when we accidentally went over the Canadian border and had to re-enter the US without passports – oops!

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The 4th Corner and Four Corners Park - Madawaska, ME



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)

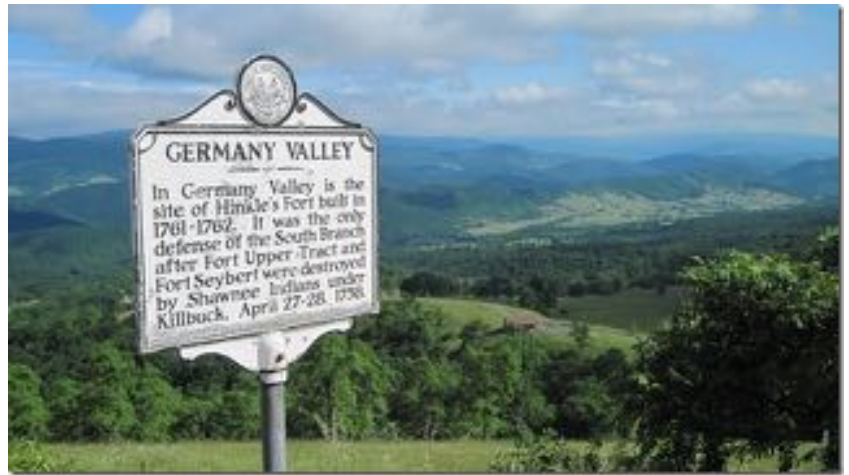
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c/o Dannie Fox
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Ventura, CA. 93007-4247

US33 Harrisonburg VA to Elkins WVA

by Bob Roger #24838
Chair, Best 15 Challenge

I left Harrisonburg, Virginia early, and eager to ride the 100 miles west to Elkins, West Virginia on US33. Shortly after leaving town, I entered the tree tunnel formed through the forest by eighty-foot tall deciduous trees. This tunnel must have been ten miles long before giving way to the climb up the first mountain.

Once in the mountains the road morphed into mountain twisties and



scenic sweepers all the way to Seneca Rocks, the perfect place for the road photo for my Best 15 US Roads ride log.

I continued on, over, and around more mountains, enjoying many long views of that Appalachian Landscape. The ride was too short, but I was pleasantly surprised by a warm welcome from Minniehaha as I arrived in Elkins! I had to stop for another ride photo...my Indian Chief with Minnie, plus I needed the gas receipt.

This road is a very nice, new addition to the Best 15 US Roads Challenge.

See ya out on the highway!!



SCMA Trip To Lebanon KS

(Not a Traveler's Award event)

Hello everyone,

Updated Information

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'll be staying at the US Center motel;** here is a list of motels in the area:

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: Mon 8 Aug 7:00 am

Stay in AZ for 2 days

Depart AZ Wed 10 August for Las Vegas NM

Arv Smith Center Thursday, 11 Aug evening

Thursday and Friday visit with Lebanon civic leaders

Saturday participate in Lebanon's Summer Bash

Sunday depart Smith Center for **AZ**

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



Lebanon Bash

Saturday Aug.13, 2016



Downtown Lebanon

Many FREE Activities
And DJ Music!

Kids Games & Fun Photos @ City Library...5-8:00
 Parade and Touch-A-Truck.....5:30-8:30
 Kids Activities-2 Inflatables, Hay Maze, Train,
 Mechanical Bull & Joust Pit.....5:30-8:30
 Cards & Games in Legion Hall.....6:30-9:00
 Silent Auction 5-7:30 in Community Center

County Food Bank Donations

Food Vendors-**Burgers, Brats, Smoked BBQ, Pie**

Fire Dept. Fund Raiser: Dance & Beer Garden

5K & 1 mile Fun Run- 8 AM @ U.S. Center

Info at www.J4FITNESS.COM/event or 620-794-5318

Let's Visit Lebanon Kansas

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

by Gonzo #25051

Lebanon 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 look forward to seeing our True "X" finishers at the "Bash" this year.



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, 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 tee-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? Contact me, I rode the ride last year. John, 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 all 5 and 13 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!

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THREE FLAGS CLASSIC UPDATE

BY Rodney Chew #24784
Chair, 2016 Three Flags Classic

Wow, wow, wow !!! Less than 35 days to go for the Three Flags Classic.

I hope you're all excited to be on the road again with great friends and good times.

We have completed our last planning trip to Tombstone and I can't tell you how excited the town is to have the Three Flags come to tombstone.

Likewise the Start Committee is working with great people assembling the start.

What I can tell you is that you should really come into town early on August 31st. We have some fun activities planned for everyone in town.

I won't say what but I can say it will be a GREAT TIME.

The Mayor, Chamber of Commerce, and local businesses have worked together to give us unprecedented access to enjoy Tombstone.

In the coming days you will receive another 3FC Special Edition newsletter. There will be more revealed in the newsletter; it's well worth coming early if you can make it.

Victor and his committee will also provide important information you need when arriving in Tombstone.

IMPORTANT NOTE: We need to clean up the hotel reservations for the **Tombstone Grand and Landmark Lookout Lodge**.

Basically, we have a situation where individuals that are not making the trip or intending to use the rooms this year, are holding rooms at either hotel and in some cases BOTH hotels.

This has caused the hotels to warn me that hotel rooms UN-SECURED by Credit Card will be RELEASED soon or CHARGED to whatever card is on file whether the room is occupied or not.

Some of you have received emails from me requesting you verify or release your rooms.

**I CAN'T emphasize enough HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO
RELEASE UNUSED ROOMS!!**

We still have people looking for rooms. Some may receive emails soon.

Please respond as soon as possible. Please help your fellow riders.

Again, we have a great time planned in Tombstone for August 31 and September 1. If you can be there early come join us for some FUN TIMES!

Using Canadian Credit Cards In USA

Here is some advice from David Humphries: If you just use the number in the CAN postal code and two zeros, the cc will work in most places. e.g., CAN zip code of V1L 6S4 would be entered as 16400. David winters in the USA and has found that this variation works in most places!



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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.
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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 the Cemetery Tour...29Oct2016.

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

949-433-0761

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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.

Web Content Chair

Our website, in the process of being modernized, is in need of a Content Chair. You would ensure that information of upcoming events, photos of past events, etc., is kept up to date. Contact Gonzo at chairman@sc-ma.com or call 949-433-0761

SCMA's Premier Events

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

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

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

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

California Adventure Series

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

CPA During any single calendar year and in any order and at any pace, visit at least 24 of the 25 National Parks and Monuments in California. Join the fun by purchasing a full color, well-illustrated passport book from SCMA that lists all locations. Get a park stamp and a photo of yourself at each location. Return the completed passport to SCMA and get it back along with a pin and a plaque. Visit <http://sc-ma.com/rides/california-parks-adventure> for detailed rules.

CMT During any single calendar year and in any order and at any pace, visit all of the 21 California Missions. It works just like the CPA listed above

SCMA Best 15 US Roads Challenge

During 2016, travel our annual list of Best 15 US Roads. Every mile from your home to the roads and back again must be traveled on a motorcycle, trike or sidecar in a single calendar year. Rules, application information and details can be found on our website. This event qualifies as an alternate to the CA Adventures Series in earning the Triple Crown. Bob Roger is chairing this event in 2016 and can be contacted at rsroger03@gmail.com

The SCMA Triple Crown Award

Imagine completing the USA Four Corners Tour, the Three Flags Classic AND either one of the California Adventure tours or Best 15 Challenge in a single calendar year (Jan to Dec of the same year). It is a rare achievement--completed by only 10-15 riders per year. SCMA honors this significant accomplishment with a limited-edition plaque that marks you as a very unique long-distance rider: A Triple Crown Winner. Gonzo will be chairing the selection committee in 2016.

The SCMA Grand Slam Award

Complete the USA Four Corners Tour, the Three Flags Classic, California Parks Adventure, California Mission Tour, The Best 15 US Roads Challenge and the Travelers Award Gold Level in a single calendar year. Gonzo is the event chair.

Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet

Triple Crown Awards and others awards are presented at SCMA's Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet at the Irvine Wyndham Hotel, California on March 12, 2016. Meet and Greet social begins 5:00pm and banquet doors open at 7:00pm.

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

there. For more information go to

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

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Scott Little riding the Tail of the Dragon, TN



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