



CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

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The past two months have been quite exciting. Right after the August BBQ I incurred a meniscus tear in my right knee and ultimately had surgery on Aug 12th. This prevented my traveling to Lebanon for their Summer Bash but about 10 members still participated. The knee had to recover in a short time with two therapy sessions then it was on to Tombstone for the Three Flags Classic. From Kimberley it was then a personal plan to visit friends in ID, WA and family in OR.

Next were the National Parks high in northern CA. Unfortunately the roads were undergoing serious construction and a full day was lost. Then dropping down into the Bay Area 5 more NP's were visited and a night with more family before heading to Yosemite. Then back to AZ to host a friend visiting for a month then heading back to CA three days later to help prepare for the Park 'n Ride Rally as well as work on this newsletter.

Ongoing is the daily stream of emails from members and then a visit from an international rider. Yes, busy, and enjoying every

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minute of it.

Especially being enjoyed is the memory of our recent Three Flags Classic; it was an awesome event loaded with challenges and enriching to the riding soul. So was the riding to Lava Beds, Redwoods, Whiskeytown and Lassen Volcano. Riding across the Golden Gate Bridge into Mill Valley. Riding the Sonora Pass to Bridgeport then riding south to the east Yosemite Gate on Tioga Pass. Visiting the parks in CA is always one of my favorite rides.

And finally, the discovery of CA-168/NV-266 at Big Pine CA!! An awesome climbing, switchback-loaded, narrow road, that leveled out onto a Nevada plain before descending, with twisties and switchbacks, into US-95 north of Beatty. The Tail of the Dragon pales in comparison to CA168.

Inside this issue are stories of Southwest Region events held in July and August. We follow that with the announcement of our next chair for the 2017 Three Flags Classic. The 2016 3FC committee will soon release a final special edition newsletter wrapping up the year. And there is a story of how the True X came about. Next month will be stories of the Three Flags.

Your Board of Directors has already begun planning for 2017. We hope you will find the events planned for the Southwest Region appealing and you will join in on the camaraderie at these monthly SCMA Meet Ups.

...and yes, the knee is much better, and I'm back on my exercise routine ☺

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,

The 2016 **Three Flags Classic** is finished and we'll soon be registering for the 2017 Classic. This month of September we shipped out over 80 membership packages. We also presented a membership package to Ogbonnaya Kanu of Nigeria who was on his way through LA after finishing the 3FC, USA4C, and Missions to qualify for the Triple Crown.

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

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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 overnights.

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.



Dog Days SCMA Meet Up – Solvang Vintage Motorcycle Museum

By Gonzo #25051



This July 23rd event was held with a bit of a twist to our usual procedure of riding a Traveler's Award.

We decided to identify a location for everyone to meet at.....and what better place to meet then at the Solvang Vintage Motorcycle Museum!!

Around 26 riders arrived at the museum and enjoyed viewing the amazing collection of historical bikes....some were made in the early 1900's (bikes, not riders).....and included both the American and European manufacturers. The nice

thing about making Solvang a destination ride was that we also had four riders join us from the Bay Area!!

Riders were able to select their own routes to reach Solvang. In my case, I rode US-101 and CA-1 along the coast and enjoyed the views of the magnificent Pacific Ocean. Others came via mountain passes; or southerly rides on US-101, while some decided to slab it on I-5.

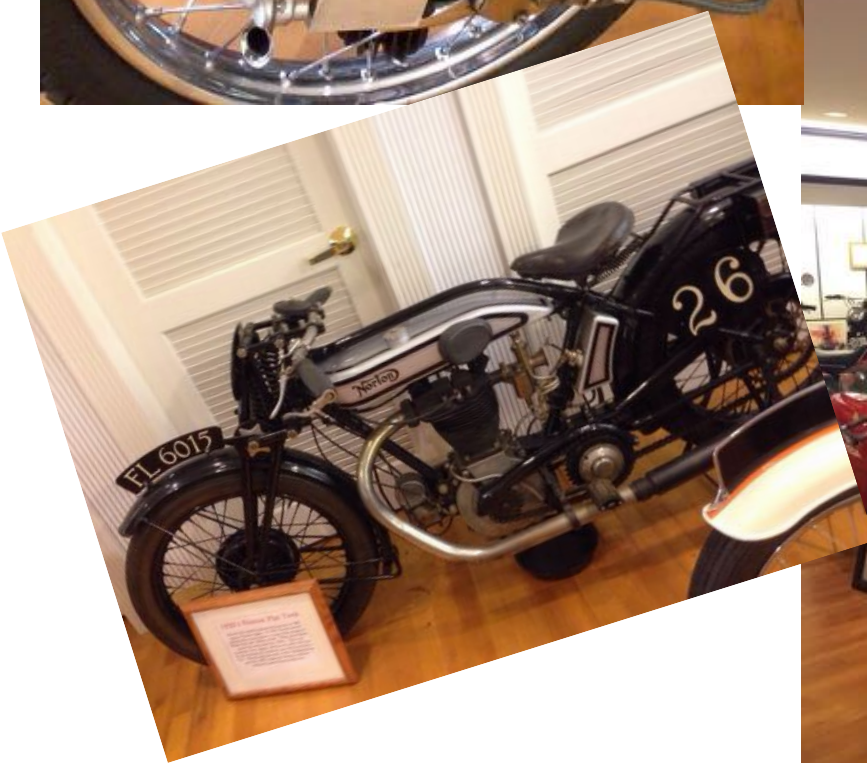
After marveling at the engineering of the early 1900 models, and admiring the collection of bikes from the 70's, we decided to walk 4 blocks to The Mustard Seed restaurant where we continued enjoyed a nice lunch and continued our conversations and each other.

After lunch we re-assembled by our bikes at the museum and received pins for both the Dog Days Ride and for the 7 Passes Ride held in June (yes, Gonzo had the pins in his saddlebags and forgot to distribute them at the start).

This event turned out to be a fun time and was enjoyed by all.

See y'all at the Three Flags





August Soup Run BBQ and Meet Up

by Gonzo #25051

Jim Stoneman found a great location for this summer event. He located a nice spot at the Laguna Niguel Regional Park that gave us a full shelter to ourselves that kept us in the shade and enjoying the ocean breezes that flowed over the foothills.

About 30 members were at the "Meet Up" enjoying Ball Park hot dawgs (grilled by Mike Barber and Dan Burt), potato salad, chips and salsa and washing it all down with coke, cranberry juice and water.

Riders came to the event in 2, 3, and 4 wheeled transportation. First one there was Rodney Chew who rode in from Scottsdale AZ. Then came Di Stoneman. When Gonzo arrived Di had directional signs strategically located to direct rider to the shelter where Dan Burt and Mike Barber had started to fire up the charcoal!

A lot of mingling, mixing, and meeting took place with folks comparing their experiences. A number of riders new to the SCMA were there and learned first hand about our various rides and got to meet each other.

The peak of the event was the introduction point where riders were able to tell a little about themselves. The highlight was the arrival of Karen and Christine from the San Diego

Red Hot Riders. They gave everyone an excellent insight into their club.

Final funds raised for Families Forward came to \$70 and 83 cans/boxes of food. When I delivered them to Families Forward they were very appreciative....especially for the food as their pantry was bare!

Our next Soup Meet Charity Drive will be in January. We're not sure where it will be but we hope y'all will support this event once again and contribute to the efforts of the Families Forward Charity in helping those in temporary need.





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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



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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 !!! ☺



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BMW Club of Southern California
www.bmwcosc.com

BMW Club, South Coast Riders (aka South Coasters)
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Pasadena Motorcycle Club
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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



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):**

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Mitch

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

**SCMA's Help Wanted**

SW Regional Ride Chairs for 2017. Start thinking about the 2017 riding calendar. Are you ready to jump in and help administer it? How about designing and presenting a one-day or weekend ride and meet-up?

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 Gonzo) 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.

SCMA Meet Up SCHEDULED FOR Aug 6th

The next SCMA Meet Up (General Membership Meeting) will be at the Park 'n Ride Rally. Continental breakfast at 6am before the event. Snacks at 3 pm after the finish....all at Santa Clarita BMW on Centre Point Parkway!

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.

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Contact Larry Wong at: unclescarey58@hotmail.com



2014 Harley Electra glide CVO

Engine - 110cu in with cooling system; Trans - 6 speed; Miles - 6000 and going up, it is being ridden on 3 Flags

Factory on the CVO, heated seat - passenger & rider with backrest, CB, NAV, XM ready, USB media port, upgraded floorboards - rider & passenger, hiway pegs, vented fairing, vented lowers, remote locks. Engine Oil & filter, primary & trans fluid have been

changed at 6000 miles. Factory 2 year warranty expired but I am certain an extended warranty can be purchased thru Harley. Bike is currently located in Montana. Title in hand Tim Wanamaker [406-544-8790](tel:406-544-8790)



2007 Harley Electra glide Ultra Classic

Engine- stock 96"; Trans - 6 speed; CB with intercom, XM ready, stereo/CD with hawg tunes amp 44,000 miles, Engine oil & filter, primary & trans fluid service at 44,000. New rear tire at 43,500mi, new front tire at 34,280, aftermarket windshield & handlebars, windshield/fairing bag (3 compartment), adjustable backrest, 12V outlet in right lower fairing, left lower has bottle/drink holder, trailer hitch & 5 pin wiring connector.

Bike is very clean, never wrecked or layed down.

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Tim Wanamaker

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

October

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

November

- 12 *Turkey Run (Red Hot Riders of SD)**
- 19 *Toy Drive for Charity (SCMA Meet Up)**

December

No Events Scheduled
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

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.



The Birth of the USA Four Corners True "X" Tour

by Chuck Gatecliff #24650, and
Barry Bullington #24781

There are several million motorcycle riders but few that thrive on long distance riding and they usually chose to ride alone, setting their own pace, choosing their stops and enjoying those they meet along the way. For some getting a certificate for their ride is a big bonus and for others this has little meaning.

The SCMA is an organization that strives to create challenges for the motorcycle community. With every sanctioned ride the officers first address the safety of the riders and then they evaluate the uniqueness of the route and then the demand for the rider to be creativity in planning how they will complete the challenge.

In 2010 an officer of the SCMA placed a challenge on the Association's Web page asking, "Who will be the first to complete the Four Corners in a True "X".

That year a rider from Illinois, Barry Bullington and a rider from Michigan, Chuck Gatecliff separately planned to complete the Four Corners of the USA, which was a long standing ride of the SCMA.

These riders had never met but destiny had it's own plan. Each rider arrived in Madawaska, Maine on a Friday afternoon and independently checked in at the Post Office for their opening time on Saturday morning. The postal agent, Michelle, told each of them at different times that they open at 8:30 am but



if they were doing the Four Corners she would come in at 7:30 am for them.

Each rider's phone alarm picked up New Brunswick time

so they were too early and went to McDonalds where they met and their destiny started. They quickly agreed to ride together for a short way and this grew to include three corners and then on the way to the last corner their schedules caused them to separate, but destiny had other ideas. Chuck stopped in California to see a son for three days while Barry "hit it" and, after mailing his final letter

and heading South on I-5 near Redding California in a heavy rain the shrubby in the median dissolved, and he spotted Chuck riding North. Chuck also seen and waved to Barry and their destiny was sealed.

During a phone conversation once back at their homes, they decided to take the SCMA's challenge to complete the Four Corners in a True "X" and called an officer to advise them and request the corner map for the crossing point. They were advised that none had been developed and they were asked to develop the crossing point and the central corner map. No problem, Chuck laid a USA map out and drew a line from Madawaska to San Ysidro and one from Blaine to Key West and determined that North Platte, Nebraska was the logical center city, so he sent the suggestion to Barry who quickly responded with "I hate to break your bubble but I checked the Internet and learned that Lebanon, Kansas is the geographical center of the USA and there is a plaque in a farmer's field attesting to it". So back to the drawing board and as they had earlier decided not to do any backtracking all new routes needed to be developed.

This was done and redone a few times and finally the "plan" was completed. The information was sent to the SCMA and the leader in charge of the ride chose to rework the crossing corner map and as several months had slipped away he sent it overnight mail to the riders and it arrived the evening before they planned to leave home to meet at their first corner. The SCMA had not considered allowing additional days for the X so they planned to complete it in less than 21 days.

The planning phase brought the riders even closer in spirit and while there was some toe stubbing along the way they realized that while they are both somewhat loners when riding, usually simply getting lost in their own thoughts this ride challenged them to negotiate stops, adverse conditions, and where to stay and eat. They were about to share over 10,000 miles together and were both pleased with the final plan but some apprehensions about being able to dance to a different drummer still existed.

NEXT MONTH THE RIDE

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
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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.

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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.

Jennifer Hughes #38551

11-22-1962—8-31-2016

by Diova "DeeDee" Grey #38359

It is with a heavy heart I write this article for the SCMA newsletter. Jennifer Hughes Rider#2 for the 2016 TFC passed away in her sleep on an overnight stop in Chandler as she travelled to Tombstone to meet up with her other 5 Sacramento riding buddies. This would have been her 2nd TFC, 2015 being her first and she was hooked. Jennifer was a riding machine; her Team name for the 3FC was TRM – The Riding Machine. She rode every minute she had a chance, she consistently wins our annual high mileage award, logging over 30,000 miles in a typical year and worked fulltime. She was a very experienced rider, always used the best of safety precautions and equipment. Jennifer rode with 4 different clubs, Gold Country Riders, a women's riding club in Sacramento, Capital City Wings, Goldwing riders also of Sacramento, Horizons Unlimited and Wanderlust motorcycle clubs. Jennifer started riding over 27 years ago, but stopped after an accident. Around 2008 she started riding again, first with a Honda Shadow, then a Gold Wing and most recently fell in love with her BMW 1200 GS.



Jennifer grew up in the Sierra Nevada foothills town of Burson, CA. She was a nuclear power operator in the Navy for 9 years but didn't go full career because of her intense interest in computers. She lived in Sacramento and worked for Pasco Scientific as a development engineer. She was so smart in the IT world and her computer and software savviness helped all her fellow riders learn Basecamp. Besides motorcycles,

Jennifer was an avid HAM radio operator, had recently completed the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) certification and actively involved in square dancing.

Jennifer was one of the most caring, giving, kind, gentle "got your back" women I know. At her Celebration of Life (attended by over 200 people) these words were used over and over by friends and acquaintances from all walks of her life. She had a protective nature and was so giving of herself and her time, always putting everyone else before her. These are some of the things fellow GCR members said about her. "Humble, gave much, expected nothing back, and would sacrifice her ride to help a less experienced rider". "Has a brilliant smile and a brilliant mind". "Adventurous, but never got lost, likes to ride solo but always stays close to the group, generous with her time, always willing to help, no is not in her vocabulary". "A silent ambassador". She was so passionate about riding; she was a great woman representative". "A calming presence".

Jennifer (53) is survived by her mother, Mary Hughes of Elk Grove CA., daughter Lauren Hughes Wilson (Curtis) of Sacramento, CA., brother, Jeff Hughes (Natalie) of Angels Camp, CA. and niece and nephew Madison and Grady.

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

The City of Lebanon KS held their Annual Summer Bash on August 13th. Lebanon holds a tender spot in SCMA's heart as it is the geographical center of the continental USA and is the center meeting point for the USA Four Corners True "X" Ride.

Yours truly was planning on being there and recruited a number of folks to join in on riding their motorcycles....and then the unthinkable happened; I blew out my right knee and had to have arthroscopic surgery on the 12th. Fortunately three members of the board participated as well as a number of others who have ridden through Lebanon and have a special place in their hearts for the wonderful folks in this farmland community.

SCMA members met up in Smith Center KS and were invited to ride their bikes in the



parade down Main St. Pins were distributed to those watching the parade and kids got a chance to sit on the shiny machines.

Our thanks to the following members and friends of SCMA who represented SCMA at Lebanon's Summer Bash!

Rodney Chew (Bd Member, 2016 Chair 3FC, Risk Manager)
 Dannie Fox (Bd Member, Chair USA4C)
 Bob Roger (Bd Member, Chair USA Best 15 Roads Challenge)
 Barry Bullington (Member, True X Finisher)
 George Chisolm (Member, True X Finisher)
 Kirk Little (Member, True X Finisher)
 Mike Tomsu (Member, True X Finisher)
 Paul Cipar (friend of SCMA)
 Greg Cotter (friend of SCMA)
 Kevin Cotter (friend of SCMA)





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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.

In Memory of Juan Carlos Ortiz

The 40th Annual Three Flags event in many, many ways for

One of the "Special" aspects we had riders from Canada,

If you remember, the flags was a special moment carrying the Canadian flag, carrying the USA flag, and a Mexican flag.

This was very special to me as a citizen of each respective flags.

But there was another special changing event that we were

Amongst the Mexican contingent of riders were Samuel Bedolla and his wife Jessica, and a rider named Juan Carlos Ortiz. All three of them exhibited enthusiasm for the riding the Three Flags Classic. Juan Carlos, a tall, lanky man with a broad smile on his face, radiated joy as he took in the events in San Diego and Victoria. Although Juan Carlos was a quiet man, you could feel his energy and passion for being out on the road.

This was Juan's first TFC, and he was very excited about riding it. In fact, he was always excited to go on a ride, especially with his two friends Sam and Jessica. Here is a link to their video: <https://youtu.be/8a47r1FVIMs>

Juan Carlos was born in Cuautitlan, Izcalli MEX in October 1971 and lived in Tijuana with his wife Gabriela, two daughters Alejandra and Andrea, and his son Juan Carlos, Jr. He was a mechanical engineer and had been around bikes all his life as his father had motorcycles. At the age of seventeen he got his own bike.

None of knew that he had been diagnosed with cancer and was relegated to a limited diet. But it was obvious he wanted to ride The Three Flags Classic. Juan Carlos knew he only had a short time to left to live, so he decided to live life as best and the most that he



Classic was a very special many of us.

of last year's event was that USA, and Mexico.

marching entrance of the as we had a Canadian man an American woman Mexican man carrying the

it was the first time that I saw flag's countries carrying their

event taking place, a life-not aware of.

could and not to complain about his challenges. Despite the medical hardships he knew he would encounter, Juan Carlos teamed with Sam and Jessica to ride in the 40th annual Three Flags Classic. This was the longest trip he had ever done on a motorcycle and was one of his dreams.

Juan Carlos succumbed to his cancer and passed away in April 2016.

Thank you Juan Carlos for sharing a part of your life with SCMA and the Three Flags Classic. Your enthusiasm for living life and for riding motorcycles is a wonderful and motivating example for all of us to embrace while pursuing our dreams.



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!

FREEDOM'S RUSH

Tales from The Biker
and The Beast



Foster Kinn





Congratulations THREE FLAGS CLASSIC Committee

WOW !!!

The 41st Three Flags Classic is now in the record books.

It will be remembered for presenting riders with many memories. Memories of once again meeting up with so many of our friends while establishing new friendships with our many first time riders. Memories of a massive thunderstorm delaying our pre-start BBQ; Memories of riding a motorcycle into and out of Big Nose Kate's Saloon; of braving the desert heat, rain for 2.5 days, very cold rain over a Montana pass in 31° temperatures that included snow flurries, hot soup at the Helena check point, awesome get tag ups at all the check points, riding Colorado's Million Dollar Hwy US-550, seeing the Flaming Gorge, listening to 7 of our lady riders playing the cow bells on stage.

The list goes on extensively.....but I'll leave the stories for the next, and final, special edition newsletter that will be coming out from the committee.

Rodney and his co-chairs, Chris White and Victor Castaneda Jr., with the support of the AZRATPack and checkpoint volunteers, put on an amazing Three Flags Classic Ride that will keep us talking about it for the rest of the year.

Our hats off and rumbling pipes to the committee for their hard work !!!

Thank you all ☺

Gonzo



Announcement

Chair, 2017 Three Flags Classic

Ex Officio Member of the SCMA Board of Directors

It is with great pleasure that we announce the selection of Chris White, of Gold River, BC CAN, as the Chair, 2017 Three Flags Classic.

As many of you know, Chris has a storied history of riding the Three Flags 37 times. He also was the Vice Chair for the 2016 Three Flags supporting Rodney Chew. His advice and guidance heavily contributed to a very successful 2016 Three Flags.

At the Kimberley Banquet, with approval of the Board of Directors, Chris announced the 2017 start at Abbotsford BC Canada and finish at Puerto Peñasco SON Mexico. Chris will be guiding the SCMA with a return to Mexico making 2017 a true Three Flags Classic after a 7-year hiatus.

As the Chair of the Three Flags Classic, Chris is now an Ex Officio member of the SCMA Board of Directors. Earlier this year the Board of Directors unanimously voted to create Ex Officio positions to be filled by the Chairs of SCMA's Premier Riding events. These positions will be filled by whoever is the current chair of each Premier Event. Each Ex Officio member has full voting privileges and is charged, along with the Officers of the Board, with the stewardship of ensuring the continued success of SCMA.

We welcome Chris to his new position and look forward to working with him on our many projects, and supporting him in preparing for the 2017 Three Flags Classic.

Gonzo
Chairman



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Three Flags Classic 2017

“Return To Mexico”

At the Kimberley Banquet, the Board of Directors announced Chris White as the Chair of the 2017 Three Flags Classic and invited him to the stage to discuss his plans for next year.

Chris began by announcing the start at Abbotsford BC, possible checkpoints, a great route encompassing a great variety of roads, and a finish in Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, Mexico!!!

Yes! Everyone heard correctly!

The Three Flags Classic is returning to Mexico !!

SCMA, after a 7-year hiatus, we will return to the finish that was intended in 2010 but cancelled at the last minute. We are, in a sense, picking up where we left off.

In June, Chris, Rodney, and I visited Puerto Peñasco to evaluate the return. Chris had already established contact with a friend, who knew a friend, and next thing we knew he was heading there to check out the hotels and make connections.

I, like many of you, have never ridden in Mexico. So this was a perfect opportunity for me “the new guy” to experience things first hand and develop an opinion. Rodney and Chris have traveled to Mexico numerous times. In Rodney’s case, being from Scottsdale, he had travelled there so much that he practically lived there. It turns out that Puerto Peñasco is a resort beach for everyone in AZ!! Many Americans live there year round and many Americans continuously vacation there.

Puerto Peñasco seems to be the ideal place for us to return to the tradition of a “Three Flags” event. It is a city of 53,000 souls and presents both the modern American amenities while retaining its Mexican heritage and way of life.

In the next few months we will be publishing more information on Puerto Peñasco in this newsletter. The AZRATPack will be traveling in a group to the city and filming their ride and visit. When the video is completed it will be posted to the website for us to “see” what to expect on our first time to Puerto Peñasco.

I’m very excited to see the SCMA return to the tradition of a true “Three Flags” Classic.

Ride Safe.....Ride Long

-----Gonzo

A view of one of the many beaches from the balcony of Chris White's hotel.



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 the Cemetery Tour...29Oct2016.

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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<https://www.facebook.com/scma.4.corners/>

<https://www.facebook.com/scma.best.15/>

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.

California Law Update

1. Lane splitting is now legal, with rules
2. If ticketed, you can attend an mc safety course instead of traffic school.

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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there. For more information go to

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

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