



## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Our year is inching to its end, and I for one have mixed emotions about it.

Each passing year means I have aged again, but then it also means that I have enjoyed another year of life's adventures.

Like these last few weeks: We had a great Turkey Run hosted by our affiliated Red Hot Riders of San Diego. Also, Mike Barber and I teamed up to ride the CA Adventures Mission Tour (plus I'm riding the Parks Tour) this year. We have been visiting the remaining 12 missions and 9 parks needed to complete the tours. Thankfully, we're very close to completing the events.

Which brings us to Thanksgiving; a time to reflect on our bounty, on our good fortune, or perhaps on just one good thing that has happened in our lives during the past year.

In my case, I have much to be thankful for; I am thankful

.....that I have survived the minor trials and tribulations of the past 72 years and wish there was some way to have another 72 loaded with all the fun

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times,

....of having a family that tolerates my peccadillos, my sense of humor, my poor hearing, my constant absence, my procrastination, my forgetfulness.....the list could go on quite a bit,

....that I live in a land that allows me the freedom to travel,

....that Costco has a great selection of wine,

....that I am given the opportunity to be part of the SCMA and especially to be in the company of so many fellow motorcyclists that are such superb riders.

.... of the many SCMA volunteers who step up to the plate and take care of the many details involved in keeping our association operating,

....that our members of the board are committed to keeping the SCMA operating and providing services to our members,

....to be in the US of A, particularly in the Southwest Region where I can ride practically every day of the year,

....for the friendship of so many folks.

Yes, there is much to be thankful for.

I wish all of you a wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

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,

Membership has been fairly busy this last month with about 40 packages on the desk waiting to get stuffed into envelopes. About another 38 are on the computer awaiting processing. So it looks like Sunday is going to be a very busy day for me. Thank you everyone for your new membership renewals. Wishing you a very Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

If you haven't received your packages and you have signed up, say more than 30 days ago, sign in to your account and make sure you've completed everything, that your information is filled in, and then we can get your package out to you .

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# 2017 Turkey Run with Red Hot Riders of San Diego

by Ron Farkas, Karen Butterfield and Christine Rochefort

Having received some valuable input from SCMA members from last year's ride, Karen Butterfield, the President of the Red Hot Rider's decided to create two routes, one scenic and the other challenging. It was the hosting club's intention to try and make the experience of riding in San Diego's back roads even more enjoyable. Starting at the Mainstream Bar and Grill in Poway, and while everyone was finishing up breakfast and coffee, Ron Farkas, VP of the Red Hot Riders filled in the riders with some of the details that were waiting for them on each route. By 8:30 am the riders that chose the "challenging route" were departing, heading up to Scripps-Poway Parkway led by RHR's, Jim Branch. Soon after, the rest of the riders were following Ron Farkas and Karen Butterfield up the road looking for adventure and that scenic experience the RHR promised them. But wait, where was Gonzo and Mike Barber headed? Not to make the end of the riding year an easy one, Gonzo and Mike decided to "start" their quest of the SCMA's California's Mission Tour today in San Diego! Wow, the challenge of visiting all 21 missions in the golden state by December 15; well some of the Red Hot Rider's, led by Christine Rochefort, decided to tag along, (at least to the San Diego Mission!) and then finish the Turkey Run at the Pechanga Casino in Temecula.

For the first part of the ride, both routes were designed to give the riders the experience of traveling over Sunrise Highway (S1) and enjoying the cooler temps and great scenery the road has to offer. Riding past the Laguna Mountain Lodge and General Store the road takes a few twists and turns passing a great

overlook, viewing the desert floor far below. The view was too good to pass up and a short stop was taken to allow riders to



stretch their legs and take some photos before we headed down SR79 to Julian. Once through Julian and the mini traffic jams that often occur there, we stopped at Dudley's Bakery in Santa Ysabel for a relief stop and to adjust our gear to the quickly warming temperatures that the day was just starting to bring. As the riders on the scenic route pulled into Dudley's, the crew on the challenging route pulled out. The challenging route took the riders out SR79 and then onto an epic motorcycling road, Mesa Grande. The road climbs from the



valley floor of Santa Ysabel to farmlands, which look like time has forgotten. The road meanders past grasslands and starts its descent back to the valley near Lake Henshaw through an old overgrown forest. Looking more like a scene from "Lord of the Rings" the forest finally ends at a pasture that forces the road down quickly to SR76 and away to the casino. The scenic route crew spent too much time at Dudley's (enjoying some additional coffee and bake goods?) so the route was changed to follow SR79, make a left turn at SR76 to the Pechanga Casino for lunch!

Pechanga Casino has some construction going on, but still has enough parking spaces and café tables to accommodate some hungry riders and passengers. Jim Branch and the riders following him were seated first, and with short wait, the "scenic" crew was soon seated as well. Additional riders that left a little late from Dudley's trickled in and once everyone was seated, orders for lunch were taken. Scott Simerson, treasurer for RHR, proceeded to dump the purchased casino chips into his velvet bag and make his way around the tables to give the rider's a chance at pulling one of the big dollar chips. As

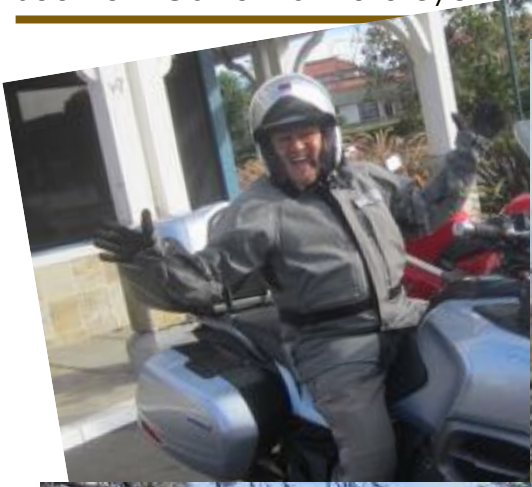


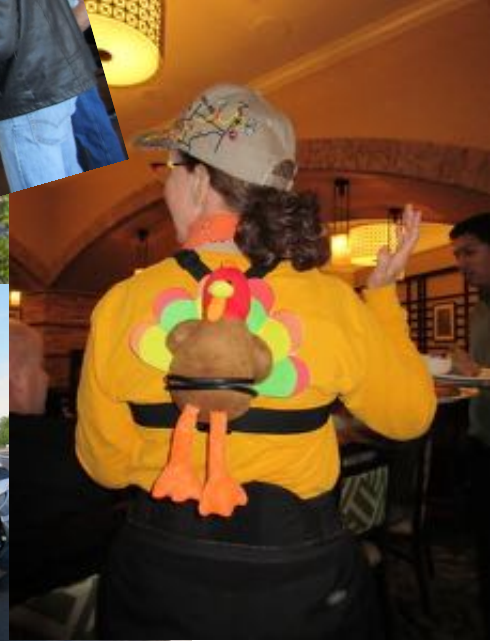
Scott started to make his way through the tables, our California Mission (Impossible?) riders (Gonzo, Mike, Christine and fellow Red Hot Riders) showed up and joined us for lunch and a chance at pulling that "lucky" chip. But luck comes in many forms and colors as Marlin, a young lady who was riding passenger on a beautiful black Honda F6B (Honda's equivalent to a Goldwing bagger), somehow had the luck on her side and she pulled the \$100 chip. Fellow riders pulled chips ranging from \$1 to \$25 and all had a great time as the camaraderie of sharing the road for a day on two wheels always brings.

Gonzo addressed the group with appreciation to the RHR's for once again sponsoring a fun event. He also recognized Les Gullery and Jean & Claudette Fradette for their huge accomplishment in completing the Grand Slam Award. This award is for completing 13 of the Traveler's Awards monthly rides and all 5 Premier Events in the same calendar year. He also recognized **Richard Christensen of the Antelope Valley Riders**. Richard and his son **Wesley** rode from Lancaster to join the Turkey Run!



Happy Thanksgiving everyone !!!





# Cemetery Tour – 2017

by Gonzo #25051  
photos from all riders

It was 5:00 am and Dan Burt's (SCMA Secretary) bright Clearwater lights lit up my street as he turned the corner heading to my house. We were heading to Hawthorne to meet up with Mike Barber (Membership Director) at the Costco gas pumps and then head to Denny's in Santa Clarita.

Denny's would be the starting point for this year's Cemetery Tour and we were expecting to see about 10-12 riders check in for the local start. A number of other riders would be starting from their homes and visiting various cemeteries on their way to Mojave Air and Spaceport for lunch.

Breakfast at Denny's is always a pleasure, more so this time because we were meeting with our fellow SCMA riders, some who started arriving by 7:15. We were very happy to see Dan Hilton show up, also Larry Mollet.....the last time I saw them was at the Three Flags Classic! We were then treated

to a surprise visit from Legacy member Dennis Even. Dennis resides in the Canyon and came out to see us off on our rides.

We then departed in small groups or singles. Riders and their respective groups were on their way to cemeteries of their choice. Dan Burt led the group of Barber, Mollet and Gonzo with the first destination being Verdugo Hills Cemetery. This was the cemetery that had graves washed downhill during a huge storm/flood.

Next was Pioneer Cemetery, San Fernando's 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest cemetery. We then rode Foothill Blvd to Sierra Hwy up to Eternal Valley Memorial Park. There we observed a hearse used in the days when pull/work horses were in vogue.

Next up was a quick ride to Palmenthal Pioneer Memorial Park located at E Ave S and 20<sup>th</sup> St E. At this point Gonzo left the group to get gas for his aging Harley and





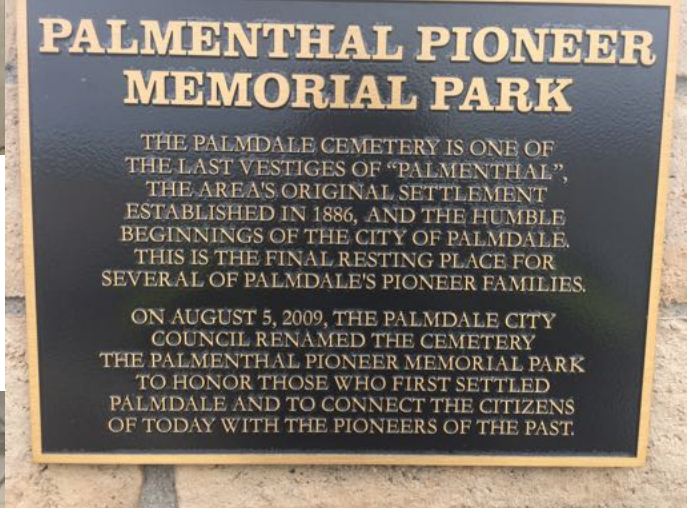
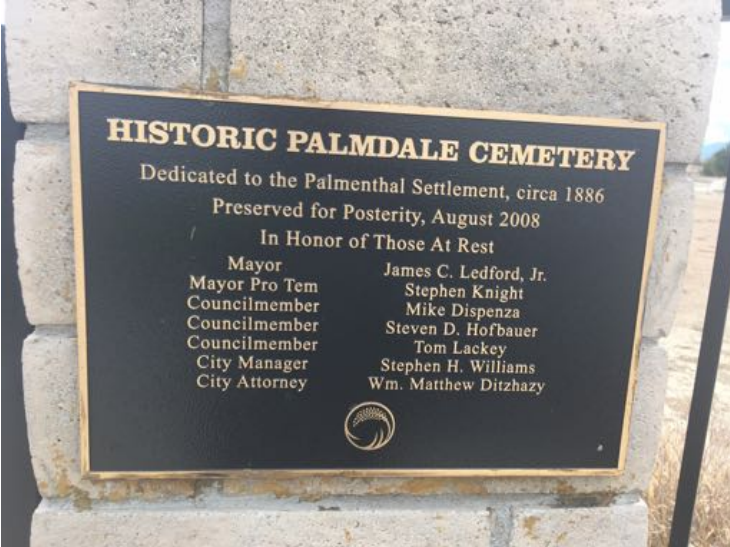
turn rubber to make it to the Voyager Café at the Mojave Spaceport in time to ensure arrangements for the group lunch.

Others riding the event visited such places as Riverside National Cemetery, Rosamond Insane Asylum, and the Mojave Cemetery.

Everyone ended their rides at the Voyager Restaurant for fantastic sandwiches and story telling. Four new faces were participating on this ride: David and Marlin from Lake Forest and Skip and Nancy from Riverside. While at the Voyager we were treated with viewing many photographs of famous pilots that have flown out of Mojave, photos of the Voyager, and views of the mothballed interned commercial aircraft sitting under the hot, dry Mojave sun.

After a group photo we all said our goodbyes until the next ride. A group of us took CA-58 to US-395 south to I-15 where we all split up to go our separate ways. It was a fun time, made more so by new riders sharing their stories.







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Antelope Valley Riders  
[www.avts.av.org](http://www.avts.av.org)

AZRatPack  
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BMW Club of Southern California  
[www.bmwcosc.com](http://www.bmwcosc.com)

BMW Club, South Coast Riders (aka South Coasters)  
[www.scbmwrc.com](http://www.scbmwrc.com)

Pasadena Motorcycle Club  
[www.pasadenamc.com](http://www.pasadenamc.com)

Red Hot Riders of San Diego  
[www.redhotriders.com](http://www.redhotriders.com)

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

Victor McLaglen Motor Corps  
[www.thevmmc.com](http://www.thevmmc.com)



# CA Parks Adventure Tour Rules Update

by Dennis Even #23038

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

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

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

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

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

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



*The California National Parks are great locations to visit and learn about the fantastic wildlife and natural life that exists in this great state. Many of our riders have taken up this challenge with camping gear on their bikes and have enjoyed visiting sites on weekends throughout the year. All agree that they learned a lot after visiting the National Parks, Monuments and Historic Sites located within California!*

## NEW Parks Plaque for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

by Dean Sarrocco #28000  
Chair, CA Adventures Tour



2016 is the 100<sup>th</sup> 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!

## 2017 Travelers Award/SCMA Meet Ups For Presentation at the 2018 Awards Banquet

The 2017 Traveler's Award rides are announced below. Registration is open thru June 9<sup>th</sup> after which the event is closed to be eligible for TA recognition, though you are welcome to ride each event without registering for the Traveler's Award. The below list of rides is a "work in progress" to be finalized when a member/Affiliate commits to chairing the ride.

1. Jan 21, Charity Soup Meet Reunion (SCMA)
2. Feb 11, SCMA Sweetheart Ride (AVR)
3. Mar 11-12, St. Patrick's Day Run (Shamrocks)
4. Apr 1, April Fools Day +1 (Red Hot Riders)
5. Apr 21-23, Alien Nuclear Experiment Tour (AZRATPack)
6. May 6-7, Greenhorn Ride (PMC)
7. May 27-29, Grand-Blazing Saddles Tour (SCMA)
8. Jun 9-11, 7 Sierras Passes (SCBMWRC)
9. Jun 23-25, Snow Date-7 Passes
10. Jul 15, SCMA Dog Days of Summer Ride
11. Aug 5, Soup Meet Reunion, Charity Event (SCMA)
12. Aug 12, Lebanon KS Summer Bash (Not TA event)
13. Oct XX, Park 'N Ride Rally (BMWCOSEC/SCMA)
14. Oct 28, Cemetery Tour (SCMA)
15. Nov 11, Turkey Run (Red Hot Riders)
16. Nov 18, Toys Charity Event

### Award Levels

#### Bronze Award

7 completed events\* earns a Traveler's Award trophy or pin.  
Last date to register is June 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### Silver Award

10 completed events\* earns a specially designed trophy. Last day to register is April 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### Gold Award

13 completed events\* earns 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### Platinum Award (15 rides)

Complete 14 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, substitutions cannot be made in qualifying for the Platinum level "All 15"; that level will require riding all 15 listed events.

### How to Sign Up

Signing up is easy for current SCMA members. Sign-up at any event through the June 9<sup>th</sup> 7 Sierras Passes through Mitch Friedman, Traveler's Award Chairman (TAC), 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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### 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.

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



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

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

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

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

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2014 Harley Electra glide CVO

Asking \$28,000 or make offer

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, hi-way 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 laid down.

Asking \$11,000, make offer

Tim Wanamaker

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

- January **21** \*Soup Meet ReUnion (SCMA Meet Up)
- February **11** \*Sweetheart Ride (AV Riders/SCMA Meet Up)
- March **4** SCMA Awards Banquet  
**11** \*St Pat's Day Ride (Shamrocks)
- April **1** \*April Fool's Ride (Red Hot Riders of SD)  
**21** \*Alien Tour (AZRATPack)

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

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## National News Section

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



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

by Chuck Gatecliff #24650, and  
Barry Bullington #24781

*Editor's Note:* Last month's newsletter presented Chuck's and Barry's 1st installment of their story about being the first finishers of the USA4C True X. Following is the 2nd installment of their True X adventure.

The ride resumed in a moderate rain for 126 miles, and the next stop was at the Mile High Harley Davidson dealer for an oil change on Chuck's bike and then on to the western edge of Denver at 5:00 pm. They decided it would be warmer going over the Loveland Pass in the evening than the first thing in the morning. WRONG! The rain gear was still on as they headed up the mountain but nothing prepared them for what was to come.

The bikes climbed almost 6000 feet while the temperature dropped from 52 degrees to 31 degrees and as they neared the tunnel the developing snow caused a white out but it was not sticking on the road. Three mountain sheep welcomed the riders at the edge of the road and entering the tunnel was a relief. Guess they forgot about leaving the tunnel. The ride thru the tunnel was uneventful but as they neared the other end it looked like a Christmas globe as everything was white. Chuck geared down to 4<sup>th</sup> gear as he realized the road was snow covered then kicked it into 3<sup>rd</sup> gear as the snow was about 3 inches deep and they could only see a few feet in front of the bikes. No time to get frightened or panic so Chuck just focused on a car track and for the next 20 minutes his eyes were darting back and forth to what was imaged to be the road and his mirror to see if Barry's headlight was still there. It was a 6% downhill grade and stopping was not an option and guessing was the best option for locating the roadway. Once down to the 9000 foot elevation the roadway was clear but it was still snowing hard. A few more miles and a sign for a hotel in Silverton, Colorado was spotted and the bikes took the exit and went directly to the

hotel. They must have been expecting these riders as the hotel had covered garages for bikes and they were quickly under a nice dry roof. During dinner Barry and Chuck reflected on the day's riding and both agreed that the snow portion was a wee bit of skill and a whole lot of luck.

The next morning the Vail Pass that needed to be crossed was snow covered until 9:30 am



and a late start was decided on. When they went over the pass at 10:00 am the road had just been plowed and was wet but no ice or snow. This day included a fantastic ride thru the Glenwood Canyon which is a highlight for anyone in this area. Fantastic views in all directions, the road dropped almost 2000 feet along with a gushing stream. They rode thru Colorado crossing the continental divide numerous times, thru Arizona and on into Nevada and the thermometer was rising all the way and riding clothes were being stored

Arrival in Las Vegas was at 8:30 pm and the 29-degree morning temperature when going over the Vail Pass had now risen to 95 degrees. Dinner was next to the hotel just off the strip and then Chuck walked to the strip, returning to the hotel a little before 1:00 am. Barry had better judgment and headed to bed after dinner. Lots of fun on the strip, especially enjoying the mimes perform on the sidewalk.

Thursday morning the bikes headed out early and rode to the 3rd<sup>nd</sup> corner, San Ysidro, California and then continued to Gila Bend in Arizona. While filling the fuel tank in Gila Bend Chuck noticed quite a bit of oil under his Harley and said something like “oh shucks”. It was late in the day so they checked into a hotel and started calling Harley dealers. The dealer in Phoenix said as long as the bike was only a half of a quart low it was ok to ride it the 80 miles to his dealership. So.. at 4:30 am the next morning they were riding to Phoenix to be the first in line for service at the dealer. The bike was tested and at 10:30 am Gary advised that the problem was major and that they could not even begin to look at it until the following Tuesday. Now this was a first for Chuck who knows he rides too many miles for a Harley but had always counted on the dealers who have kept the bike going. Now it was a different problem because this dealer was unresponsive to a road bikers needs. Chucks son Brent upon hearing of the situation called to say “you’ve got too much into the trip so buy a new or used bike and keep going and sell it when you get home” and he reminded.



Chuck that the loss would be less on a used one. Almost at the same time Chucks son Kevin in California called to say he could use his bike to complete the trip.

Chuck got very emotional as last year Brent gave his used bike to Kevin and now Kevin was loaning it to him to attempt to complete a ride that had become very significant. The decision was made to take Kevin’s offer and Alice, Chucks wife got him a flight from Phoenix to San Diego arriving at 5:10 pm and Kevin and Chucks Grandson Tristen were there waiting for him. They shared a fun dinner and then Chuck stayed at Kevin’s home for the night. When he was hugging Kevin and thanking him for allowing him to use his bike Kevin said “Dad, it’s the gift that keeps on giving” now the tears were real as Chuck realized that for the rest of the ride he would be with both boys in a big way.”

Saturday at 3:00 am Chuck fired up Kevin’s bike and rode back to Phoenix to get his “stuff” and continue on the ride arriving at the dealer at 10:30 am and after getting a new rear tire and an oil change he and Barry, who had sat out the two

days waiting, rode to Winslow, Arizona and checked into the Super 8. Because they both choose not to use alcohol and ride they called a cab to go to the La Posada Hotel for a wonderful dinner and a shared bottle of wine. The local HOG chapter was gathering at the hotel so lots of stories were exchanged. During dinner Barry advised Chuck that if he had not been able to continue that he would have completed the ride but would not have turned in the paper work because they had planned and started the ride together. Neat guy!



*Editor's Note:* Next month we'll resume Chuck's and Barry's story with their departure from Phoenix heading for Lebanon.

# ABOUT BAM

**Katherine Markowicz**  
Marketing & Promotions  
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## **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. 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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## USA Four Corners Tour Update

Welcome to the 2016 riding season and the USA FOUR CORNERS TOUR. There are a few changes in the Four Corners Tour this year. The fee has increased to \$145.00 to allow for the inclusion of a Four Corners T-Shirt in the starter package that riders have been asking for and to cover increased postage. This shirt will also be available for sale for anyone who wishes to purchase one.

So be sure and include your shirt size when filling out the web site application form. Also be sure and send your ROL (Release of Liability form) NOTARIZED AND IN COLOR to the Ventura, CA. Post Office Box (see below). Please include a contact phone number on your ROL. This makes it easier to get in touch with you when an "oops" happens.

Come out and tour this beautiful country and visit the four corners. Visit with Joe LaChance at the Madawaska Four Corners Park and see how Joe has transformed a dirt lot into a great thing of beauty that salutes Four Corners Riders. Joe can also sell you a finisher's paver that will allow you to commemorate your ride of a lifetime.

You have 21 days to complete the traditional Four Corners and 26 days to complete the "TRUE X". If you complete the True X in the time frame of the traditional Four Corners (21 days) you are singled out for a special place on the finishers web site.

Some riders also incorporate the SCMA's 15

Best Roads while doing the Four Corners Tour. That is quite an accomplishment. Better yet, combine those two with the Three Flags Classic during the Labor Day weekend and you will achieve "Triple Crown" status and be the recipient of a special plaque that



less than 10% or our riders have qualified for.

So when the snow melts, and the allure of the road beckons, come join the hundreds of riders who have finished one of the AMA'S most Extreme Rides.....THE SCMA'S USA FOUR CORNERS TOUR!!

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

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

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

1. U.S. 212 & WY 296, Beartooth Pass Highway and Chief Joseph Highway, Red Lodge, MT to north of Cody WY\* <http://www.beartoothhighway.com> <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/676/Wyoming/Chief-Joseph-Scenic-Highway-Bighorn-Mountains.html>
2. California 1, Pacific Coast Highway, Monterey to Morro Bay\*\* <http://www.pashnit.com/roads/cal/Hwy1BigSur.htm>
3. U.S.12, Lolo Pass, Lewiston, Idaho to Lolo, Montana <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/185/Idaho/The-Lolo-Pass.html>
4. U.S.33, Elkins, West Virginia to Seneca Rocks on to Harrisonburg, Virginia. 100 mile ride. <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/656/west-virginia/us-33-through-the-shanendoah-valley.html>
5. Glacier National Park, Montana, Going to the Sun Road. <http://motorcycleroads.com/75/353/Montana/Going-To-The-Sun-Road.html>
6. U.S. 550, "Million Dollar Highway", Montrose to Durango, Colorado [http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/co\\_us550.html](http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/co_us550.html)
7. Blue Ridge Parkway, Any continuous 150 mile segment <http://www.blueridgeparkway.org>
8. Washington 20, Concrete to Omak <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/634/Washington/Highway-20-Washington-Pass.html>
9. Big Bend NP, U.S.385 into north gate, out west gate on TX118 to FR170 to Presidio\* 120 mile ride. <http://www.bigbendnationalpark.com>
10. Ranch Roads 335, 336 and 337, "The Twisted Sisters" or "The Triple 3", Texas\*\*\* [http://www.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](http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/sd_us16a.html)
12. "Kancamagus Scenic Byway/Mt. Washington, Lincoln, New Hampshire to Mt. Washington Summit\*\*\*\*\* [http://www.motorcycleroads.com/Routes/New-Hampshire\\_105.html](http://www.motorcycleroads.com/Routes/New-Hampshire_105.html)
13. U.S.191, Springerville to Three Way, Arizona [http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/az\\_us191.html](http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/az_us191.html)
14. Utah 12, Torrey to Bryce Canyon Turnoff <http://www.scenicbyway12.com>
15. Mount Desert Island, Acadia NP. ME102/ME102A to Bass Harbor Lighthouse. ME102A/ME102 to ME198 to ME233 to Cadillac Mountain Summit. Back down to the LOOP ROAD along the coast. Jordan Rd/ Stanly Rd to ME 3 North to get off the Island.\* 75 mile double loop. <http://www.acadianationalpark.com/parklooproad>

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

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

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

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

\*\*\*\*\* 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 2<sup>nd</sup> year of eligibility.

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

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

[rsroger03@gmail.com](mailto:rsroger03@gmail.com) or call at (330) 857 8131



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

# International News Section

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

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## 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 four 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.

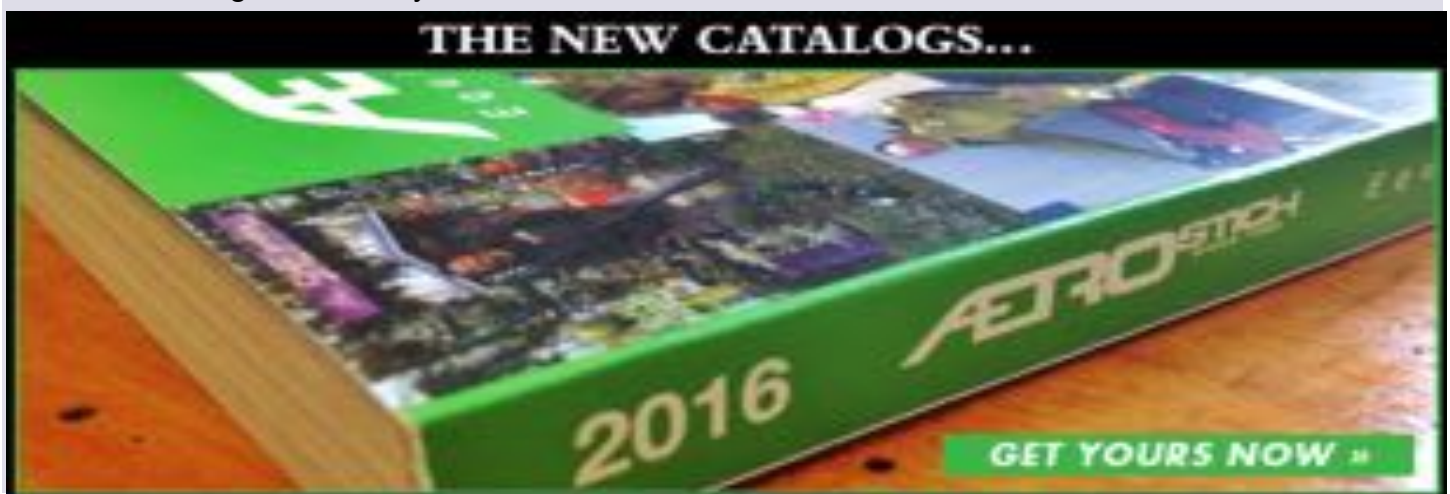
Members of the board recognized the challenge of completing all the rides to earn the Grand Slam Award is next to impossible unless a rider resides in the southwest region. Logically, it would seem that many of our members may be able to ride the 5 Events but would be unable to ride to CA every month 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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  
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**Foster Kinn**

# Wheels on the Road



By Gonzo #25051

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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](mailto:Chairman@sc-ma.com)

## RIDE Chief NEEDED !!

A Ride Chief is need for the 2017 riding season.

Please contact Gonzo at [Chairman@SC-MA.com](mailto: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.park.adventure/>

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

### **California Adventure Series**

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

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

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

### **SCMA Best 15 US Roads Challenge**

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

### **The SCMA Triple Crown Award**

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

### **The SCMA Grand Slam Award**

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

### **Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet**

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

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