



CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

This has been a very busy month for your leadership team in rebuilding and redesigning the SCMA website. On Thursday evening, 27 January, the tested website looked to be a go and replaced the old site.

TA DAAAAA !! It worked.

But not without a few bugs requiring fixes....which was an expected occurrence.

Overall, the building of this new website has been successful. The original appearance has been retained while adding a number of features. There is now more information available for viewers to see via simple navigation links.

Congratulations to the team !! And a very special "thank you" to our developer **Rick Thompson**, to our Web Content Manager **Jack Knorst**, and to the Ride Chairs and Vice Chair for their page writing and advice.

Registration for all Premier rides can be accomplished online. We do have one problem that has affected about 12 users. Read the article inside titled "Website Status" for a recommended

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solution.

Monthly rides will also have online registration at no cost. You will still pay at the check-in table at the start. But registering online will give us a headcount for the **Sweetheart Ride BBQ** food order ☺.

Banquet registration and payment can now be accomplished online.

Speaking of which, the **Annual Appreciation and Awards Banquet** is Saturday March 4th. All information is inside this newsletter as well as on the main navigation bar on the new website.

This year's Banquet will be starting earlier in the day with a 3:30 Social hour. The banquet should be ending around 8pm....allowing sufficient time for the ride home while still awake ☺.

With all the work being done this month your newsletter is a tad light again. So I purposely have repeated a few articles about 3FC from last month. Perhaps things will pick up in the coming months as y'all get better riding weather and can send in a few articles ?

Wishing y'all the very Best of 2017 !!

Ride Safe.....Ride Long,
.....Gonzo

BTW, as of this writing we have 133 riders registered for 3FC17. There are 192 tickets remaining for sale.

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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 News

By Mike Barber #26168

Hello everyone,

With the recent failure of our original website and impact to the database, we have been unable to process new and renewal membership packages. Currently we have a backorder of close to 250 membership cards to process.

We're working to fix the problem and when resolved we will immediately begin producing and shipping your membership cards to you.

Our apologies for the inconvenience...thank you for patience and understanding.

Mike Barber
Membership Director

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2017 Annual Awards Banquet.

Hello everyone,

This year's banquet will be held on March 4th at the Irvine Wyndham Hotel (same hotel as last year).

The evening affair will begin with a 3:30 pm registration a social hour.

Banquet doors will open at 5:00 pm and we should end the evening around 8:00 pm or so.

Registration can be accomplished online. Be sure your application email address matches the address in your profile.

Go to the website **HOME PAGE** and move your cursor over to **AWARDS BANQUET** for the drop down menu to online **registration**.

Join us in honoring this year's recipients of the

Triple Crown Award

Premier 5 Award

Grand Slam Award

Legacy Award

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing in the fun with friends !! ☺



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**USA 4 Corners
Motorcycle Tour**



**Three
Flags Classic**

When: **Saturday, March 4, 2017**
3:30-4:45 PM Registration and Social Hour
5:00 PM Dinner
5:30 PM Program

Where: Irvine Wyndham Hotel
17941 Von Karman Ave, Irvine, CA 92614
Hotel reservations call (949) 863-1999
Mention **SCMA Awards Banquet** for special rates
\$119 plus tax for single; \$119 plus tax for double
Parking is complimentary, Breakfast 20% discount
Cutoff date for block rate is February 17, 2017

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Photos from the 2016 Awards Banquet





SCMA'S Affiliated Clubs

Antelope Valley Riders
www.avts.av.org

AZRatPack
www.azratpack.com

BMW Club of Southern California
www.bmwcosc.com

BMW Club, South Coast Riders (aka South Coasters)
www.scbmwrc.com

Pasadena Motorcycle Club
www.pasadenamc.com

Red Hot Riders of San Diego
www.redhotriders.com

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

Victor McLaglen Motor Corps
www.thevmmc.com



California National Parks Adventure Tour

by Dean Sorrocco
Chair, CA Adventure Series

This event is part of the CA Adventure Series and is more challenging than the CA Missions Tour. Whereas the Missions Tour ranges from San Diego north to Sonoma and is primarily along the Pacific coast, the Parks Tour ranges from San Diego to the Oregon border and from the Pacific Coast and on both the west and east sides of the Sierras.

California is home to about 35 National Parks (NP), Monuments (NM), Historic Sites (NHS), Historic Parks (NHP), Recreation Areas (NRA), and National Trails (NT).

The SCMA tour has selected 25 of those sites and requires you to visit 24. You are given an option between Devil's Postpile NM and Eugene O'Neill NHS. The reason for this option is due to the limited time accessibility.

Below is a list of the 25 NP's to help you in developing a plan. You will have the full calendar year to visit all the sites and your completed SCMA Parks Passport must be submitted for validation by December 15th of each year.

Visit the SC-MA.com website for more information on the rules and how to apply.

CALIFORNIA NATIONAL PARKS

1. Cabrillo National Monument, San Diego
2. Channel Islands National Park, Ventura
3. Death Valley National Park, Furnace Creek
4. Devil's Postpile National Monument, Mammoth Lakes
5. Eugene O'Neil National Historic Site, Danville
6. Fort Point National Historic Site, San Francisco
7. Golden Gate National Recreation Area, San Francisco
8. John Muir National Historic Site, Martinez
9. Joshua Tree National Park, Twenty Nine Palms
10. Kings Canyon National Park,
11. Lassen Volcanic National Park, Mineral
12. Lava Beds National Park, Tule Lake
13. Manzanar National Historic Site, Independence
14. Mojave National Preserve, Kelso Depot
15. Muir Woods National Monument, Mill Valley

- 16. Pinnacles National Park, Paicines
- 17. Point Reyes National Seashore, Point Reyes Station
- 18. Redwood National and State Parks, Crescent City
- 19. Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historic Park, Richmond
- 20. San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park, San Francisco
- 21. Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Calabasas
- 22. Sequoia National Park, Three Rivers
- 23. Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, Whiskeytown
- 24. Yosemite National Park
- 25. Cesar Chavez National Monument, Keene



For more information contact Dean Sarrocco, Chair of CA Adventures at:

adventures@sc-ma.com

Visitors from South Dakota and from Washington

One of my greatest pleasures is being able to meet with SCMA riders while they are on the road passing through Orange County, or just visiting nearby and want to meet up. I live in Lake Forest, about 10 minutes from I-5, which typically is the interstate most folks are on while on a USA4C.

Recently, I had two members call me and we were able to arrange a nice get together and spend some time chatting while enjoying a meal.

First was **Steve Petersen from Bellingham WA**. Steve was on the final leg of his four corners tour, heading to Blaine WA from Say Ysidro. He did the ride on a Triumph Rocket and was passing through Orange County in early October. He sent me quite a spreadsheet of the journey's plans and actuals. He's an engineer so you can imagine the extent of the info he documented. He departed Bellingham for Madawaska via Sturgis, Canada via NY, then south to Key West, San Ysidro and into Blaine before heading home. His total trip, including side visits, came to 10,455 miles in 19 days. That's some pretty good riding while incorporating some nice sightseeing!



My next visitors were **Dale and Jodi Myers** who were vacationing in SoCal while escaping the cold weather of Minot ND. Dale and I first met over the phone a few months ago while he was doing his USA4C. Due to conflicting schedules we weren't able to meet at the time of his ride, but we were able to meet this time for a nice breakfast at Marie Calender's in San Juan Capistrano.

I thoroughly enjoy meeting members of the SCMA and welcome your call. So if you find that you will be passing through Orange County CA please give me a call so we can

schedule a meet up!

Call me on 949-433-0761I look forward to your call and meeting up with you ☺.

Ride Safe.....Ride Long,
Gonzo

Sell it here !!

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

**SCMA's Help Wanted**

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

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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

[406-544-8790](tel:406-544-8790) call or text





A 2013 BMW K1600 GTL with 37,000 miles is for sale. It has just had its 36,000-mile major service and is ready to go. Has many extras such as bag and trunk liners, Clearwater "Erica" driving lights, GPS, and Battery Bug battery charging system monitor. Also has blue tooth helmet for GPS, Radio, and intercom. This is a real nice machine and is ready to take you anywhere you want to go. \$16,500 and it's all yours. Financing is available through BMW Finance. Bike is located in Casa Grande AZ
Please call Dannie Fox at [\(805-889-5220\)](tel:805-889-5220) or email: twofoxs@pacbell.net or usaafc@sc-ma.com



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

- 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)
 - 15** All Member's Meeting, Location TBA
 - 21** *Alien Tour (AZRATPack)
- May
 - 6** *PMC Greenhorn Ride
 - 27** *SCMA Grand Blazing Saddles

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.



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ABOUT BAM

Katherine Markowicz
Marketing & Promotions
Brown, Koro & Romag LLP



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.

BAM membership is FREE!

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

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

USA Four Corners Tour Update

Welcome to the 2017 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 \$150.00 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
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Examples of inscriptions: 16 characters/spaces; 2 lines. (Characters limited to keyboard letters, numbers and punctuation.)

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Brick Name #2

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

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

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

Thank You!



**Southern California Motorcycling Association
Best 15 US Roads Challenge
Announcing the 2017 Collection**



We are offering the Best 15 US Roads Challenge for the 7th 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. In 2016, we 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>

In 2017 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: An excellent description of the rides is available on the SC-MA.com website. On the Home page, navigation bar, simply place your cursor on Rides > Best 15 US Roads Challenge > Best 15 US Roads Rules

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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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2017 Annual Awards Banquet.

Hello everyone,

This year's banquet will be held on March 4th at the Irvine Wyndham Hotel (same hotel as last year).

The evening affair will begin with a 3:30 pm registration a social hour.

Banquet doors will open at 5:00 pm and we should end the evening around 8:00 pm or so.

Registration can be accomplished online. Be sure your application email address matches the address in your profile.

Go to the website **HOME PAGE** and move your cursor over to **AWARDS BANQUET** for the drop down menu to online **registration**.

Join us in honoring this year's recipients of the

Triple Crown Award

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We look forward to seeing you there and sharing in the fun with friends !! ☺



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SCMA Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet
Saturday, March 4, 2017
Highlighting the achievement of the
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**CA Adventures or
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**Three
Flags Classic**

When: Saturday, March 4, 2017
3:30-4:45 PM Registration and Social Hour
5:00 PM Dinner
5:30 PM Program

Where: Irvine Wyndham Hotel
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Hotel reservations call (949) 863-1999
Mention **SCMA Awards Banquet** for special rates
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Cutoff date for block rate is February 17, 2017

Banquet: Cost is \$55.00 per person.
Banquet reservations Cut-off date is March 1st, 2017

Come one, come all. Everyone is invited to enjoy an evening of camaraderie with fellow motorcyclists.

Participation in motorcycling events is not necessary.

Membership **NOT** required.

Reservation forms and meal choices will soon be made available.

NO ride is scheduled for the morning of the Awards Banquet.

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Marketing Director

During December and January the Board of Director's discussed the need for a position to take on the responsibility of handling SCMA's marketing function.

This is an area that is of significant importance, encompassing a wide variety of venues to improve our brand recognition.

Social Media
Dealer contact strategy
Advertising
Publicity
Promotion
New Product Development
....and ?????

At the January Board Meeting the Director's approved the position of Marketing Director and as a member of the Board of Directors.

The Board further approved the nomination of Victor Castaneda, Jr for the position and unanimously voted for his selection.

This position will be open for April nomination and June ballot for member voting approval.

Victor is currently the President of SCMA affiliate, AZRATPack and Parts Manager at the Spooky Fast Customs in Scottsdale, AZ. He brings to this position 17 years experience in the motorcycle industry working in vehicle sales and parts along with marketing and brand identity. In his tenure, he has worked with and belonged to riders and owners groups along with helping new riders.

Please join us in welcoming Victor to this assignment and wishing him success.

Gonzo



About the Three Flags Classic

By Gonzo #25051

Hello everyone,

I'm a relative newcomer to the Three Flags as my first one was in 2012. That year the event started in El Paso TX and finished in Nelson, BC. With that I have now finished 5 years of 3FC's...a blink of the eye for those who have ridden it 37 years in a row.

I remember attending the manual drawing for a 3FC ticket in 2012. And that was the beginning of my 3FC12 Adventure...an adventure that, to this day, I still recall many, many details. It was a grand adventure of vistas, weather, getting lost, freezing altitude, near hypothermia in Wyoming, a near fatal crash in Canada, pronghorn deer, and my first buckle!!

In the 5 years since then, administration of the 3FC has migrated from manual registrations to online digital registrations. Each year new technological tools are utilized in attempts to simplify the administrative process. This transition has helped the volunteer committee tremendously, but has also presented challenges that are still being improved

upon.

What were the very first few years of 3FC like?

Chris White and Danny Fox have ridden all the 3FC's, and Barbara Fox has ridden quite a few. Check out the next article by Barbara to gain an insight of 3FC's in the early years.

Over the years the 3FC really hasn't changed that much. It is a very basic, grass roots type of ride, attended by a group of guys and gals that like to get together some place in the southwest or northwest, ride 2,000 miles to the country at the opposite end of the US, and then have a party. Since its inception changes have primarily been in the areas of plaques, decals, patches, and a 7-year span suspending riding into Mexico. Improvements have focused on SWAG, banquets, challenging routes, and a few services.

One notable tradition is the 5-year Annual celebration. In 2015 the event celebrated its 40th Annual 3FC and a 5-year celebration

was presented. As done in the 5-year rides of the past, the ride was extended from 4 to 5 days and additional miles were added to the total distance. This 5-year annual celebration in 2015 saw the event host a classy start at the San Diego Wyndham Hotel and super classy finish at the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria, Vancouver Island. It was a grand event. 3FC16 would return to a simpler approach, more of a



“down home” style event beginning a new 5-year cycle to another grand celebration in 2020.

Each year the ride reflects the personality of the 3FC's Chair. Typically the person selected to be the chair has had a number of years riding 3FC's, a few years of being on the 3FC Committee, and has volunteered to be the current chair and organize the upcoming event.

Rodney took us back to the “Cowboy” Southwest with a start in Tombstone AZ, an outdoors buffet, and an “under the stars entertainment”. It was an excellent return to the retro or traditional style of 3FC's past. And an added bonus of being in Tombstone was our introduction to the massive thunderstorms that can occur in Arizona.

In reflecting upon our 3FC and how it has been presented over the years, I thought it would be good to review with you as to what the 3FC “is” and what it “is not”. It is a perspective that is shared by our riders that have ridden this event the last 30-plus years.

The SCMA 3FC IS an event that

- Is a lot of fun, loaded with much camaraderie
- Assembles riders from all over the continent
- Affords riders a venue to interact with each other
- Provides riders with a start gift bag
- Provides riders with a recommended route on awesome roads
 - ...but allows riders to design their own route to checkpoints
- Challenges riders to reach checkpoints within a stated time period
- Awards finishers a coveted “belt buckle”
- Provides a banquet at the finish
- Presents a challenge to riders breaking into long distance riding

The SCMA 3FC is NOT

- A “multi-thousand dollar fee” ride, presented by a touring company
- An event providing all your rooms and meals
- An event providing you with navigation tools or riding/camping supplies
- An event providing you with local tours
- A ride providing service for your bike
- A structured group-riding event
- An event arranging towing service or maintenance arrangements
- An event with a “rain/snow” date (ie, rescheduled)

What is beyond the SCMA's and individual rider's control?

- Weather (always subject to change)
- Road Conditions (always subject to change)
- Mechanical breakdowns
- Accidents
- Illness

....every thing else is the responsibility of the rider....and therein lies the challenge of the Three Flags Classic.

What is the process of arranging a 3FC? The Board of Directors selects an experienced

member to chair each year's event. It is the responsibility of that Chair to assemble a committee to assist in arranging the event. The Chair will direct the committee in arranging and executing details leading to a successful event and make decisions as to start/finish/checkpoint locations and the finish banquet. The 3FC Chair reports to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is ultimately responsible to ensure a safe, challenging, and rewarding ride is presented to the membership. The 3FC Chair will present the plan to the Board for review and approval. The Board's review is not designed to "second guess" the Chair and Committee's wishes or decisions, but is intended to ensure that the event is well designed, does not place riders in high risk, presents riders with an interesting recommended route, and schedules a banquet at a facility capable of accommodating the large number of participating riders. It is then the responsibility of the 3FC Chair, and committee volunteers, to ensure the successful presentation and execution of the event.

And here is a key component contributing to the success of this event. THE VOLUNTEERS. Everyone involved in arranging each and every detail of a 3FC is a volunteer. Typically, volunteers are fully employed and working on this event in their spare time. The volunteers are widespread throughout the USA, Canada and Mexico. Using technology and the latest communication tools, volunteers are able to contribute their skills in presenting this challenging event for your enjoyment. But volunteers are getting harder to recruit as each year passes.

Is execution of the event perfect? Not Quite. It can't be.....there are too many details and variables involved and not enough volunteers to handle everything. Hence, the rider has to adapt to changing circumstances. Although each annual event I have ridden has been thoroughly enjoyed and rewarding, it is not necessarily an event for everyone.

In my brief 5-year period of riding the Three Flags Classic, I have always been excited to be in the event and have been rewarded with seeing new vistas, venues, people, etc.

Each event has been different from prior year events....yet certain traditions remain at its foundation. This uniqueness and excitement is what makes it so appealing. If it were the same every year it would be a very dull ride and I doubt that it would last very long in attracting so many of us year after year.

Each event has presented riders with a challenging route, extreme weather conditions, the challenge of managing their time, of timely reaching the checkpoints, and finishing within the allotted time.

Each year's 3FC has only one guarantee – the event will inevitably provide riders with storied memories never to be forgotten.

.....and that is why so many of us keep coming back each year ☺

We look forward to seeing you in Abbotsford for the 3FC17.



Website Status

On January 27th we launched the modernized website....some of us were full of anxiety, I for one had my fingers crossed.

SUCCESS! It loaded nicely with only a few breakages in links, format distortions, etc. Our Web Developer immediately began fixing all the obvious problems.

What we would not know however, were what unknown problems would occur as registrations began. Our tests of the registration process identified a number of "knowns" that were fixed before launch. But the "unknowns" would not show up until registrations began in earnest from across the continent and from various machines.

The first big problem occurred around 4:00 AM with the links to PayPal inexplicably dropping and leaving an unknown link. Members could only complete registration by selecting one option...."pay at the door". This option allowed them to submit an application, but the system recorded the application as incomplete, pending payment. We have about 25 members who will be receiving a follow-up notice with a PayPal link to complete their payment.

The next glitch occurred sometime Saturday to a handful of members. By Sunday however, more of you were reporting having the problem. For whatever reason, the system began interrupting the registration process with a notice that the member was not being recognized. It appears to be related to the applicant's email address and Username.

Working with feedback from many of you we began to isolate the problem but still have not come up with a solution. Jack Knorst and Rick Thompson are working on it.

A temporary solution was found to be one of two actions:

- 1. Go to profile and confirm/correct the username, and/or,**
- 2. Use a different email address on the application Form.**

In the meantime, we are contacting members directly and assisting them in their registration.....a very time consuming process but very important to you, our members, and very important to your leadership team.

The website is about 80% complete, with pages yet to be designed and posted (such as the Parks Adventure and a new Forum). **Right now the priority is to solve this registration issue and alleviate the "pain".**

Thank you everyone for your understanding and patience as we progress with these new systems and website.

Gonzo



No Prize For Being First

by Miles #24901

2016 was not just another great year for the SCMA hosted **Three Flags Classic**, it was a year when memories all came together at the Finishers' Banquet, with the showing of all those pictures of riders since the beginning of time as we know it, or since the first Three Flags Classic occurred back in 1976, and some in the room at the Finishers' Banquet were there back when it all started.

This years' **Three Flags Classic** was a real hoot, with the Start in Tombstone, Arizona, and the fun surrounding that quaint, historic town. From the dinners and drinks at the old saloons, to the Barbeque at the Start Hotel, and the ensuing rainstorm. Glad I was first in line to eat that Barbeque, but I did feel bad for my fellow brother and sister riders that had to endure the rain and thunderstorms.

The ride itself was too fast, meaning.....maybe I should have taken it easier, and taken an extra day to get to the Finish in Kimberley, rather than being the first rider to arrive at every checkpoint. I was told 31 years ago, **this is not a race**, and there is no prize for being first. It still hasn't sunk in, or taken hold.

Rodney & Crew....Chris, Victor, Carroll, Gonzo, and so many others, did a GREAT job this year, and we can never give enough thanks to all these volunteers, but especially to the people that offer their services as Chair and Vice-Chair, as they are busy for 12 months, until the ride is over, and the finish banquet has ended.

This was my 16th time riding the **Three Flags Classic**, and since I am so dense as to still not understand that there is no prize....no acknowledgement...as to which rider comes in first at every checkpoint....I think the only way to resolve this issue is for me to make it more challenging for myself, and ride a 19-hp bike, rather than the 119-hp bike I have been riding.

I so look forward to the 2017 Three Flags Classic, with Chris White at the helm, and once again going from Canada down to Mexico...North to South...at least it will be a downhill ride on that 19-hp bike!

Thank you ALL that work so hard to make this event the premier ride that it is,

-----Miles

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.

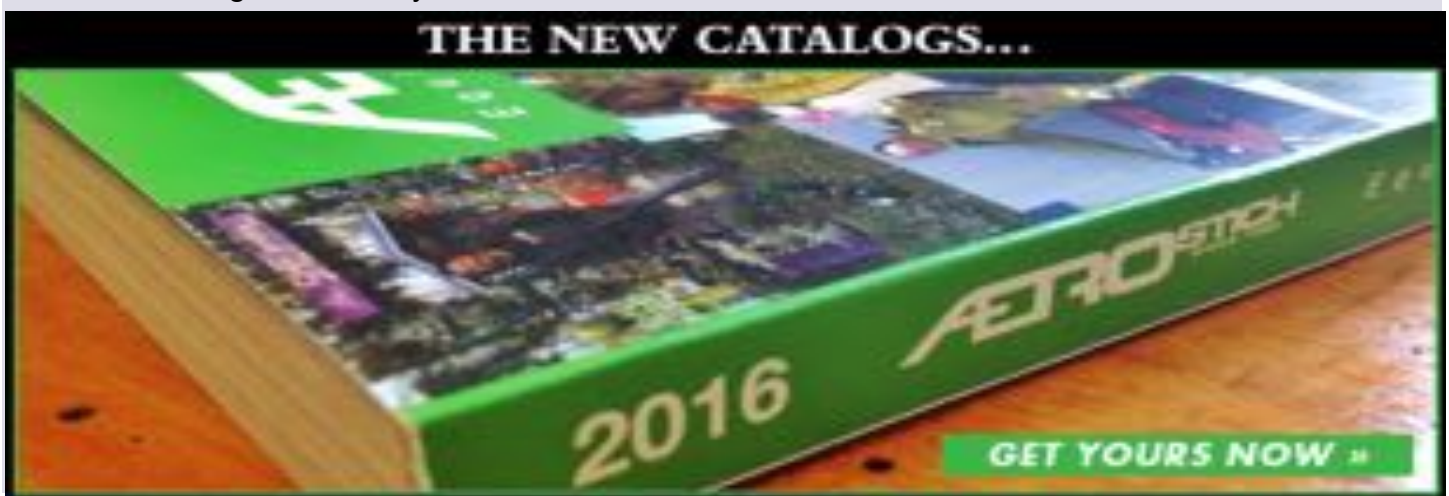
Members of the board recognized the challenge of completing all the rides to earn the Grand Slam Award is next to impossible unless a rider resides in the southwest region. Logically, it would seem that many of our members may be able to ride the 5 Events but would be unable to ride to CA every month 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 4th, 2017.

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

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



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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

RIDE Chief NEEDED !!

A Ride Chief is need for the 2017 riding season.

Please contact Gonzo at Chairman@SC-MA.com or
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Post photos and comments during your Premier Ride

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Valid Driver's License Required

Beginning in 2016, for the safety of all, our insurer is requiring that we confirm, at the beginning of all rides, that our riders have a valid drivers license.

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 2017, 42nd Annual Three Flags Classic is gaining momentum. The ride will start in Abbotsford, BC Canada and head south for a finish in Puerto Peñasco, Mexico. The ride will be 4 days in duration. A lot of exciting things are happening and it's shaping up to be a great return to our Three Flags roots of riding through three countries!!!

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, 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, 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 2017, 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 Adventure Series in earning the Triple Crown. Bob Roger is chairing this event in 2017 and can be contacted at rsroger03@gmail.com

The SCMA Triple Crown Award*

Imagine completing a three-pack of any combination of USA Four Corners, Best 15, Three Flags, and one of the two CA Adventure Series rides 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 tags you as a very unique long-distance rider: A Triple Crown Winner. Gonzo will be chairing the selection committee in 2016.

The Premier 5 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.

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.

*Riders can only apply a completed ride for one of the three awards (i.e., the rides used to qualify for a Premier 5 award cannot be used to qualify for the Triple Crown or Grand Slam Awards).

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