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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Hello everyone,

This has been quite a first quarter for SCMA. In January we worked like a dickens getting the website operational. Then we went into registration mode, which introduced us to new challenges, then into tweaking the details. By mid-February I felt like I had personally registered half the riders that signed up for 3FC17 "The Return To Mexico".

Added to that were the Sweet Heart Ride with the Antelope Valley Riders and the St. Patrick's Day Ride with The Shamrocks Riders in Santa Clarita, board meetings, more work on the web, and the Banquet.

This year's Awards Banquet was another success. We had a few changes to the venue this year. The banquet started earlier and finished earlier making it easier for those attendees that drove some distance to participate. Next year we'll again start earlier and are making some changes to the award presentations to make the evening more interesting and enjoyable.

With the banquet out of the way I was finally able to entertain some "me" time and was able to get on the bike and ride with the Shamrocks for a fantastic weekend with a great

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bunch of guys and gals. We overnighted in San Simeon and I found myself sitting next to Dale Brassfield....and almost fell outta my chair when he informed me he had been an SCMA Chairman for about 5 years! It is just amazing the surprises and great joys that are experienced on these rides. Returning from the ride, it was "hunker down time" and complete my 2016 income tax return.

Things were so busy that the February newsletter did not get published....there just wasn't any time available; especially once preparation for the Banquet came into play. March is the month where things get rolling again.

So far I've been able to attend a Red Hot Riders club meeting in San Diego and a Pasadena Motorcycle Club meeting. This was a real treat for me as both these clubs have a young, high-energy membership with exciting dynamics. I'm looking forward to attending more affiliate club meetings in the future....just need to get everything all onto my schedule!

2017 is looking like it will be a busy and exciting riding year!

At the end of April I plan to ride to Virginia for a USMC 50 Year reunion. If all works out I may be able to ride a USA4C.....which would be nice since it has been 3 years since the last one!

Hope to see some of you on the road during my trip. Y'all 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 News

By Mike Barber #26168

Hello everyone,

Currently we have a backorder of close to 300 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.

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Mike Barber
Membership Director

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BMW Club of Southern California
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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



January Soup Meet Re-Union

Rain arrived Friday, lightly stayed on Saturday with heavy cloud cover, then hit with a vengeance on Sunday.

No one rode to the Elks Club in El Duarte at the north end of I-605; everyone drove.

Di and Jim "Stoney" Stoneman were at the Lodge early getting signs and balloons arranged for participants.

Nineteen members arrived for the event; all were glad that Di and Jim decided to hold the event indoors as light rain continued to drop all morning.

The kitchen cooks and staff put on a fabulous buffet consisting of eggs, pancakes, toast, sausage, bacon, ham, fruit, cereal, milk, juice and coffee.



Gonzo welcomed everyone and thanked them for supporting the "Orange County Families Forward" charity by bringing cans, boxes of food and fresh fruit. Breakfast buffet was opened and all enjoyed socializing in the cozy room adorned with portrait photos of Elks Lodge leaders over the last 50+ years. Gonzo then brought everyone up to date on the latest progress with modernizing the website as well as a few plans for the year. All in attendance introduced themselves and continued socializing with each other. Doug Hoffelt and his wife were in attendance representing the Antelope Valley Riders and encouraged everyone to participate in the Sweetheart Ride scheduled for February 11th.



The event adjourned at about 10:30 and everyone hit the road with intentions of arriving home before the forecasted heavy rains arrived.

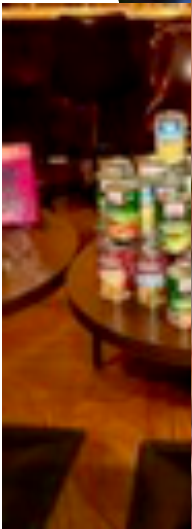
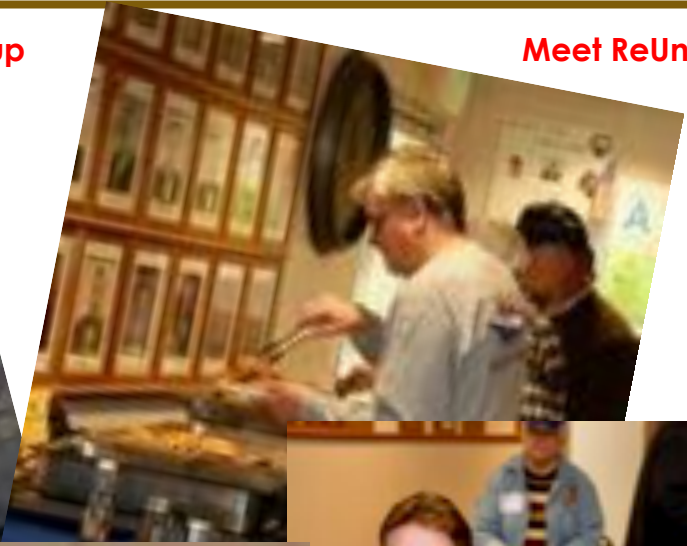
On Tuesday, Gonzo delivered to Families Forward 62 cans of food, 36 boxes of various noodles, about 10 oranges and \$300 in cash and checks donated by the membership. Kudos to Steve Howe for his very generous donation.

SCMA received a thank you letter expressing their appreciation for SCMA's support.

January

Soup

Meet ReUnion



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

February 11th Sweetheart Ride

Hosted by Antelope Valley Riders

Dan Burt and Gonzo departed Lake Forest at about 6:00 am Saturday morning in light rain and headed north on I-5, I-605, west on I-210 through Pasadena and into Sunland. Along the way they were in and out of 2-3 showers and upon arriving in Sunland they were treated to clear skies and the glorious SoCal sun.

Waiting in the parking lot were Ron Paproski, Mike and Teresa Williams and two riders from AVR. Then Mike Barber and Pat Julian arrived on the Triumph Trophy and Larry....xxxx was close behind them on his Harley.

The start for this event was being held in the Agave Room restaurant at the Angeles Golf Club. It was a perfect location to accommodate the twenty-four attendees for the event. John Klohoker, AVR President, and his daughter handled check-in registrations and collecting of ride fees. The AVR continued with last year's practice of charging \$14 for men and \$0.14 cents for ladies.



The Agave Room served a fantastic breakfast from their menu. Yours truly enjoyed a massive Breakfast Burrito with sour cream, avocado, and salsa on the side.....and no, I couldn't eat the whole thang!

By 9:30 all were on the road riding the twisties in the eastern part of the Los Padres National Forest and into the Mojave desert surrounding Palmdale, Lancaster and Mojave.

Riders began arriving at the Cycle Barn around noon without encountering any rain. The BBQ had already been fired up and burgers were emanating a tasty aroma. The AVR team really knows how to do it right.

A toolbox, leather saddlebags, gloves, and other items were raffled off to lucky winners.

Everyone enjoyed checking out the consignment bikes and touring the junkyard. Joe Usatin's 1986 Gold Wing was in the shop being readied for rear shock replacement. It is up for sale at an asking price of \$4,000.

Angel, of the AVR's, unlocked his 14 foot enclosed trailer and showed off his Model T stored inside.

We were treated to a surprise appearance by Roque Moscoso and his wife riding in a sidecar. We last saw Roque at the 2015



Awards Banquet when he displayed the beautiful arrangement of all 21 missions displayed on their individual tiles. **Roque and his wife are from Lima Peru.**

Dark clouds were forming to the west so folks began saying their "thank you's" and "good bye's" to the AVR's, suited up and headed out. Your's truly was riding with Dan Burt on CA-14 when we got slammed with the rainstorm a few miles west of Palmdale. Along the way we saw a number of accidents and we avoided the CA crazies who can't slow down and insist on weaving in and out of lanes.

By the time we reached the turnoff onto I-210 off of I-5 south we broke out of the storm and





enjoyed clear skies for the remainder of our ride back to South Orange County.

There are many really neat things about being at the Cycle Barn...such as seeing all the great bikes from the 70's and 80's. Joe Usatin's bike as I had mentioned earlier; Doug Hoffelt has it on consignment and thinks it would be great for a rider to take it on a Three Flags Classic ride!

Another surprise treat was to see Angel's Model T that he is storing there inside of a trailer. Angel Guilloty, from the Antelope Valley Riders (AVR) (rides 2006 Kawasaki Vulcan Nomad 1600 and has a 1999 Excelsior Henderson Super X) showed his 1927 Ford Model T.

During the BBQ at the end of the ride some of the riders were checking out the bikes of other riders. There were Gold Wings, Harleys, a Can-Am Spyder, and even a Slingshot to check out so Angel mentioned to someone that he had a Model T stored there. Some of the curious riders asked to see it so Angel removed the locks on a box trailer at Cycle Barn and showed the Model T to a few riders who were interested.

This particular Model T used to belong to Chuck Jordan, a long-time Model T enthusiast and collector. Chuck passed away a few years ago, but he was a fun-loving guy and he was also the father of Tom Jordan, AVR 2002 Heritage Softtail.

Angel acquired the Model T in the '90's and since then it has only been driven sparingly mostly in parades where its top speed of around 30 MPH will not impede traffic (some Model T's went as high as 40-45 MPH with the stock 2.9-liter engine (177 c.i.d.)

Ford made 16.5 million Model T's between 1909 and 1927 and they sold for as high as \$900 in 1910 to as low as \$360 in 1927. This one was made in Canada for the Australian market so it was made with right hand drive. It is a 1927 Touring (four door convertible) with wire wheels. Earlier models came with wood spokes that needed more maintenance. It has an electric starter and a hand crank for those who are willing to risk breaking an arm.



Much like Angel Guilloty's Vulcan Nomad, this 90-year-old open-air barrel of fun, doesn't seem to get used as much as it should, but he says that he's working on it.

Hats off to John Klohoker and Doug Hoffelt and the Antelope Valley Riders for presenting a great ride and a fun BBQ.

We're looking forward to next year's event!!

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Saturday, April 1, 2017

Hosted by Red Hot Riders of San Diego

Come join the RedHot Riders on a challenging ride through the roads and valleys of San Diego's North West territory. Great scenery along with challenging roads combines in a fun ride on this trek through an area that is rarely visited. A special surprise (No Foolin!) at the finish is planned, so please join us this April 1st.

Meet-up

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Alien Abduction Tour 2017

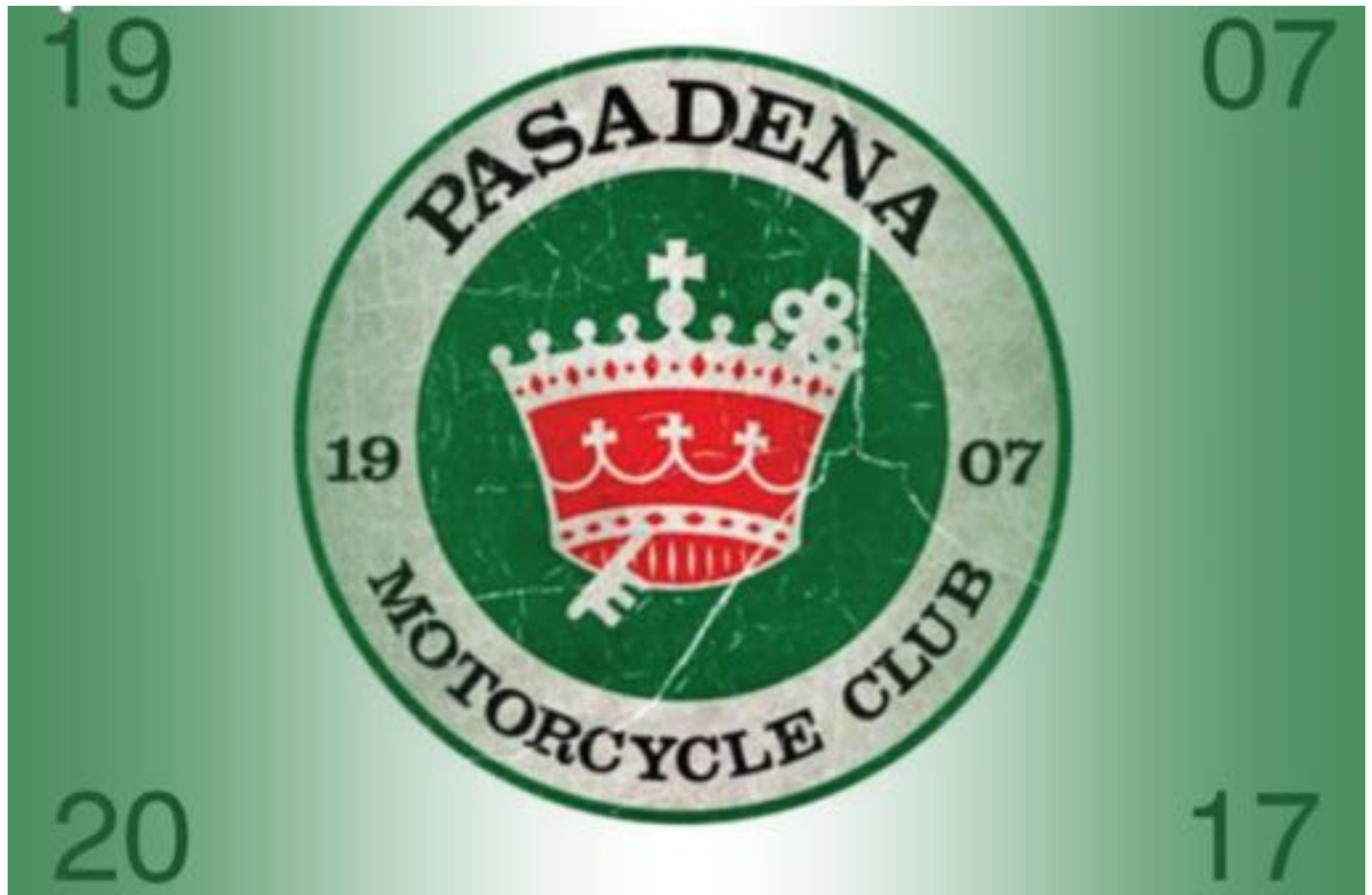
April 21-23, 2017

Join us as we return to Area 51, one of the most mysterious places in the United States with a stop for lunch at the Little A'Le'Inn an out of this world stop along the ExtraTerrestrial Highway in Rachel, NV. Make sure to join us for the Alien Abduction Meet & Greet the night before we leave at The Thumb in Scottsdale at 6:30 PM. Ride starts from GO AZ Motorcycles in Scottsdale, AZ. Meet time is 8:30 AM.

The difficulty level of this ride is INTERMEDIATE. This ride will have a moderate but entertaining sport touring pace with roads providing some challenge. Be prepared for possibly cool temperatures early in the day and hotter temperatures in the afternoon. This will be a great ride for beginner/intermediate touring riders as well as cruisers and people riding two-up.

Email victor@azratpack.com for a GPX file for your Garmin GPS
Roughly 1,077 miles total.

For hotel information, up to date details, downloadable maps and route sheets, and a day by day itinerary, visit www.AZRATPack.com

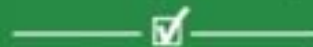


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DATE: May 27, 2017

TIME: 8:00AM

LOCATION: Sunrise Church
2759 Ayala Drive
Rialto, CA 92377

INSTRUCTORS: Rialto Police Department Motor Officers

Requirements:

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

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

**SCMA's Help Wanted**

SW Regional Ride Chief for 2017. Start thinking about the 2017 riding calendar. Are you ready to jump in and help administer it? We need someone to help track TA Riders attendance?

If you are interested in helping us please call or email Gonzo) or any member of the SCMA board of directors

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2017 SCMA Shamrocks St Parts :: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskQXdRDZ>

2017 SCMA Awards Banquet :: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskTcAcCG>

Virginia Tech Motorcycle Accident Study

Motorcycle crashes: Complex topic, scarce information

What do you learn if you pick 100 riders, put five video cameras and data-logging equipment on their motorcycles and record them for a total of 366,667 miles?

This study was done for the Motorcycle Safety Foundation by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute.

<http://www.revzilla.com/common-tread/what-virginia-tech-learned-about-how-and-why-we-crash-our-motorcycles>

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

April

- 1 *April Fool's Ride (Red Hot Riders of SD)**
- 15 All Member's Meeting, Duarte Elk's Lodge**
- 21-23 *Alien Abduction Tour (AZRATPack)**

May

- 6-7 *PMC Greenhorn Ride**
- 27-29 *SCMA Grand Blazing Saddles**

June

- 23-25 *Sierra 5 Passes Tour**
- 24 June Board Meeting – Ballot Count**

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
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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.

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.

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Victor McLaglen Motor Corps

Hello Everyone,

Get your motor running.....it's riding season again!!!! We have a lot to do this year so lets get busy.

Our first practice will be March 5, 9:30AM at Performance Machine INC. La Palma CA. Set aside every Sunday for practice, Easter is exempt, until the Yuma Prison Run on April 22.

Be sure to come out and vote for the nominees for leadership at the first practice.

Here's a taste of what and where we'll be performing this year:

Rides for this year:

Yuma Prison Run – April 22, 2017

Laughlin River Run – April 27-30, 2017

Greatest Escape – May 7, 2017

Santa Maria Elk Rodeo – June 3, 2017

Veterans 4th of July Parade – July 4, 2017

Big Bike Weekend – October 14-16, 2017

Honda Ride For Kids – October 29, 2017

Editor's Note: The Victor McLaglen Motor Corps, an SCMA affiliate, performs as a motorcycle drill team at major events throughout the Southwest. If you've never seen them perform and demonstrate their amazing skills we encourage you to attend one of the events listed to the left and give them your vocal support!

Historical information can be found at this link: <http://www.thevmmc.com/history.htm>

We look forward to seeing you at our shows and our practices and cheering us on!

Scott Griffin

To Our Friends and Park Contributors

How do we, as Americans, wish to be represented?

Canadian and international tourists entering the United States from the Saint John River Bridge suffer a first impression of Madawaska, Maine, as a drab mill town. With the Three-River Paper mill looming on either side of the road (a visually off-gutting sight that, from the viewpoint of tourism, does little to recommend our town as a stopover), these international tourists will, within a few minutes, get a second impression of us that we are working hard to cultivate.

On leaving the river bank from either of two exit roads, this factory-town impression is quickly extinguished by the sight of the magnificent arch over Madawaska's Four Corners Park...welcoming tourists with a vista of flowers, a gushing fountain refreshing the air, picnic facilities in shaded gazebos and, more entertaining still, hundreds of engraved pavers to our Acadian forebears and to the (motorcyclists) pioneers of the open road.

As President and Founder of the Madawaska Four Corners Park, a member of the SCMA (Southern California Motorcycle Assoc.) as well as a former member of the Aroostook County Tourism Board and the recipient of the Maine Governor's Award for Creativity in tourism, I recognize that we need to do more for our newfound friends from down-state, out-of-state and from across the border in Canada. If we can immediately get down to brass tacks with a rather crude illustration, this is one of the problems we have to tackle:

While our existing facilities have proved tolerable in the past, a single toilet dump is not reflective of the esteem in which we hold our visitors. For European and Asian tourists entering the United States from Canada in particular, the park is their first impression of American hospitality and neighborliness before they travel downstate, lavishing easy money into the local economies of Maine and beyond. For these people, who already feel out-of-place in a foreign country, a smelly toilet dump is not how we want them to remember their visit to America.

As such, with your help, we wish to build a more proper accommodation for their physical comfort and to excite their spendthrift inclinations while on vacation, in short: a "Welcome Information Center", where they can learn more about the area and our history and our tourist attractions. The cost of this project is estimated at \$21,000 for a building sized at 14 x 24 feet, including full restroom facilities with actual sewer installation.

From its earliest beginnings to the present, the park serves to bring a much-needed influx of tourists to bolster what is still a dwindling economy. At its most basic, the park shows the disheartened residents of Madawaska that, if we all work together, we can save our little town. With the generosity of good people who make charitable contributions to worthwhile projects, we are sure to reach our goal.

The full details of this project, including a floor plan, are included with this proposal. In addition, should you require more information on how and why this park evolved into an internationally known institution drawing tourists from Europe and Asia, I invite you to click on our website in order to see pictures and visitor acknowledgements of what we've accomplished so far. Our website is www.madawaskafourcorners.org.

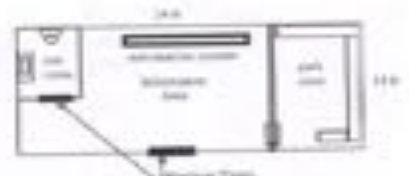
In closing: We, who serve on the Madawaska Four Corners Park Committee, trust that you will see the value in our proposal, not only in serving this remote town in the most northern reaches of the state and country, but in helping the local economies throughout the state. For this, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your consideration. With your help, we can make the "Welcome Information Center" a reality.

Donations can be sent to Madawaska Four Corners Park Assoc. P.O. Box 261 Madawaska, Maine 04756

P.S. The Madawaska Four Corners Park is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. A receipt for your donation will be sent to you via e-mail or snail mail upon your request. All donors of \$100 or more will have their names put on a plaque at the entrance of the Center. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

Thank You for considering The Welcome Information Center at the Madawaska Four Corners Park, for your donations.

Sincerely Presented
Park President and Founder
Joe LaChance

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% of our riders have qualified for.

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

Dannie Fox
2016 USA Four Corners Chairman
[\(805-889-5220\)](tel:805-889-5220)

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

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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.

***** NH112, 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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SCMA Twitter Experience Three Flags Classic

By Colleen Sepulveda #26134

When a large group of fun-loving, long-distance-traveling motorcyclists hits the road for the Three Flags Classic 2016, is it possible to enjoy the experience of riding with old and new friends...without actually being in the same group?

As a community of riders, we love to share the beautiful sights, the exceptional local eateries and any great routes we may have stumbled upon. This sharing is fun when it includes other riders, our loved ones at home and our friends...most of whom think we are a just a little bit kooky.

During the 3FC16, a few adventurous participants turned to Twitter and the hashtag “#3flagsclassic2016” to truly make the experience a shared one. Since many were new to tweeting (and shy), we created a fun Twitter Challenge.

Each morning of the event, a set of challenges was tweeted out by SCMA. Participants had to check their Twitter feed daily to find out what they needed to do in order to meet the challenge. These challenges included photo tags...which means the rider had to take a photo of something that would be found along the route and include their motorcycle, themselves or another Three Flags rider in the picture.

To make it more fun, competitive, and generate interest, a prize of \$50 was offered to the rider who met the most challenges. Below are some examples for challenge photos.



A pic of your bike with any yellow vehicle



A pic of your motorcycle with a dinosaur



A pic of any fellow rider and their bike

Even with limited space on a motorcycle, hitchhikers may show up along the way. Twitter Challenge winner Brian Norrie knew a willing partner in crime when he saw one...Jack became the star of the Twitter feed. He was fearless and funny...and didn't have much luggage!

In the end, about 19 riders shared their photos, weather observations, detour routes, eating locations and other fun bits of information

with anyone who looked at tweets under the #3Flagsclassic2016 hashtag. In fact, the tweets are still there if you want to revisit the experience.

Twitter provided an outlet for us to share the joy of the ride and to belong to the community of SCMA riders. Many of the participants resuscitated long-lost Twitter accounts and others initiated new accounts. There were even some riders who lived vicariously through the Twitter feeds of their friends...you know who you are ;)

Brian Norrie won the \$50 prize for tweeting this year during Three Flags.



Editors note: Hats off to Colleen for introducing a fun activity that everyone could participate in. We hope that she will be on 3FC17 and offer this activity to us once again ☺

My First Trip Through Mexico

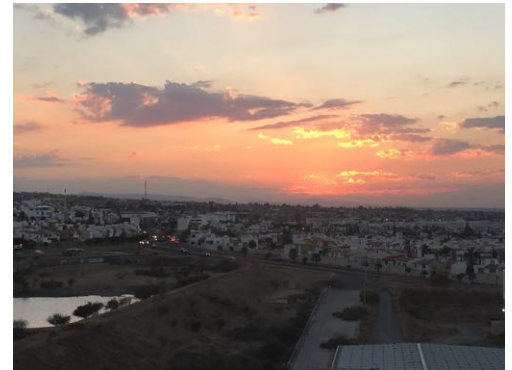
by Steve Bellen
(Comments by John O. Cooper)

I've never been interested in going to Mexico but Big Money Rally (BMR) points were involved and Marc Beaulac had done an amazing write up about what it would take to successfully ride for several days deep into Mexico. I knew my bike was in shape so if I could get my doctor to give me a cortisone shot for my ailing shoulder, I figured I stood a very reasonable chance of having a good ride.

Jan 31st I arrived at Marc's house. We would leave the next morning early and push 900 miles to Mazatlán. John Cooper would also be on this ride, though for different reasons, and between the two of them, my eye opening education about riding in Mexico would begin. They had both ridden there many times and I very much appreciated all of the advice they were sharing that night.

The next morning we lost about an hour going through customs, getting a tourist card and processing the paperwork to get temporary import permits for our motorcycles.. (JOC Note: Temporary import permits and tourist cards were required because of the distance we planned to travel into Mexico. To visit tourist areas of Mexico, neither s required. For example: Neither is required to visit Puerto Penasco, SON). If it hadn't been my first time, we probably could've made it through a bit quicker but at least I did have all of my ducks in a row. Somewhere around eighteen hours after leaving Marc's house we arrived in Mazatlán.

Somewhere in the night we left the desert and rode into something else. I'm still not sure what to call it but I saw it for the first time as the sun rose the following day. It was beautiful! The vegetation was jungle-like but different. Everything was green and there were a lot of trees but it wasn't as dense as a jungle. The sun came up behind a low hill and smoke was hugging the tree tops and spread out across the valley. It was extremely cinematic!



We played hide and seek with the countryside and some amazing roads as we drove through small towns and cities on our way East to Santiago de Queretaro. It was during the encounters with civilization that much of Marc and John's advice came into play but the countryside roads were also full of excitement and alternate driving realities.

Driving in Guadalajara meant we were splitting lanes, riding on shoulders and watching out for traffic any way we could, which took me awhile to get used to. It felt offensive. But, not one person honked at us or yelled at us or made any obscene gestures. (By the way, I only saw one motorist on a cell phone while driving in Mexico). It turned out that Mexican drivers are on the lookout for motorcycles and will even help us to get by their vehicles. Seems like motorcycles are actually respected, AND, left alone. We passed many police and military checkpoints but not once were we asked to stop. (JOC Note:

often motorcycles are required to stop but only very briefly)

When riding in the country, with one lane of traffic going each direction and a well paved shoulder, vehicles would slide right and drive on the shoulder to allow us to pass. It is not just for us bikers that this would happen however, which meant we also had to be on the lookout for passing vehicles coming toward us, in our lane. While we were on the shoulder, we had to keep an eye out for small motorcycles, bicycles, tractors and pedestrians. (JOC Note: Riders to Puerto Penasco will not really experience much of this because the road between the border and PP is not suitable for the "middle of the road" passing).

Coming into towns or villages meant speed controls, specifically "topes". Topes are large speed bumps that will launch an unsuspecting biker into space if hit at speed. (JOC Note: we cannot over state the importance of being careful of topes in smaller towns) There are other forms of speed controls at tollbooths as well which also adds excitement to the ride.

During our five days in Mexico I stayed in two hotels. They were very modern and well appointed. I did not even need to use my foreign power adapters for plugging in my electronics. (JOC Note: Mexico power uses the same plugs as the USA and has 110-120VAC 60Hz power).

The hotel/motel desk clerks spoke enough English to get by but I did break out my "Google Translate" app for a more in-depth conversation with one of the guys. It worked well and gave me confidence that I'd have a fighting chance to communicate with a non-English speaker should an emergency arise.

During our second day in Santiago de Queretaro, I lazily slept in then had an easy 200-mile day of bagging BMR bonuses. Marc and John however, were out chasing after a BBG that was hosted by the Asphalt Rats Mexican motorcycle club and the Mexican IBA. In the evening of the third day, a celebration was held for the finishers. Some of the locals brought a buffet to enjoy while we waited for the party to start. Marc successfully completed the BBG while John took a bit longer but made a BB Silver.

The following day we left for home. Marc and John suggested we do a 1600Km day so I could officially join the Asphalt Rats and IBA Mexico. This also meant we would ride home through a different part of the country which was fantastic. A couple bonus stops during the day meant I would reach "Finisher status" for the BMR.

Did the political climate make the timing of this trip seem risky? Yes. My friends and family also thought so. But once we arrived in Mexico, I never felt anything but welcomed and safe. I was among my fellow humans, who, like me, had jobs, families and a love of motorcycles. And the scenery was absolutely spectacular. Some of the best roads I've ridden on were in Mexico....And some of the worst? Sure. But I've not had a riding adventure before that was equal to those five days in Mexico.

My nine-day trip took me 4,900 miles. Thank you Marc and John!

Steve Bellen



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 Gonzo
 2014 Charlie Hart
 2015 Claudette Fradette
 2015 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!



Premier “5” Award

Triple Crown Award

Wheels on the Road



By Gonzo #25051

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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.

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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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