



CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

The All Members Meeting was held this past Saturday and we had a very good participation with members in attendance and with our distant board members connecting via Video Conference.

Nominations were made for the three positions open for re-election this year (see inside article on Ballot) and then we got into a lively discussion about SCMA's 50th birthday in 2018. Great ideas were presented for logos, rides, publicity, and holding a special event to celebrate SCMA's amazing accomplishment.

50 years is HUGE.....very few motorcycle organizations can lay claim to that distinction, and SCMA is one of those very few!

And done by VOLUNTEERS !!!

Yes, 50 years of volunteers working to keep the SCMA viable and appealing to our motorcycling members.

Right now I'm in AZ working on completing this newsletter so I can be at the start of the AZRATPack Alien Abduction 2-night, 3-day ride. But I won't be on the ride.....instead, I'll be heading east for Quantico VA for a meet up with old military buddies from 1969-70.....yes, I'm hitting that age where the big celebration of

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Upcoming Events

Alien Abduction Tour (AZRATPack)	Apr	21-23
Greenhorn Ride	May	6-7
PMC 110 th Anniversary	May	20
Grand Blazing Saddles	May	27

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everything 50 is occurring.

The riding season is upon us and our Ride Chairs have been receiving a steady pace of registrations from members. Dannie Fox, USA4C Chair, finally received the 2017 hats and towels for the Four Corners packages. He had the packages already addressed for current registrants; as this is being written he is inserting these last two items and delivering the packages to the post office. Y'all should be receiving them within the next 7 days.

Have you been dreaming about earning the SCMA Triple Crown?? This year is another good year to combine it with the Three Flags Classic. Start your Four Corners before the start of 3FC17 from either Madawaska or San Ysidro and finish in Blaine. Combine it with a Best 15 Roads tour or a Missions Tour and capture the Triple!

Each month regional SCMA riding events are scheduled by either our Affiliate Clubs or by SCMA. The Pasadena Motorcycle Club has the overnight Greenhorn Tour on May 6th and 7th. SCMA has the Grand Blazing Saddles over the Memorial Day weekend with a 2-night/3-day ride through the CA deserts, into NV, and around the Sierras with a finish in Bakersfield.

Yes, riding season is here along with April Showers. We encourage you to participate in the SCMA Rides, work on your riding skills, practice safety awareness, and have fun!

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.

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

Mike Barber
Membership Director

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www.bmwcosc.com

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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



Green Hills For St. Pat's Ride

The weather forecast was clear skies with temperatures in the 70's / 80's.....except over the Grapevine it would be in the high 30's. So with the expectation of a nasty wind chill factor yours truly was all prepared. After all, it was March 11th and the weather was a tad chilled as SoCal hadn't started warming up yet. But I was in for a pleasant surprise ☺.



The Shamrock's Road Riders scheduled the start point at the Halfway House Café on Sierra Hwy in Canyon Country at the north east end of Santa Clarita. A cheery Diane Even got everyone registered...with a little help from Les Gullery. The folks at the Halfway House Café were awesome...coffee was good and unlimited, and the breakfast platters were huge!

The ride took us through the eastern portion of the Los Padres National Forest past Elizabeth Lake and Three points to CA-138 west to get onto I-5. This is the famous Grape Vine that climbs to 4,000 feet. We could see snow on the mountain peaks, but the air was warm and temps stayed in the 60's.....so much for a forecast of a freezing wind chill!

As we barreled down the backside of the mountains into the Central Valley, we continued on I-5 to CA-166 and rode that long straight road into Maricopa to head north on CA-33. This is the home of the Oil Country....we rode by at least a thousand oil pumping derricks!

In McKittrick we connected to CA-58 and rode 35 fun twisting miles to Bitterwater Rd. While riding 58 we rode along the eastern edge of Carrizo Plain passed the massive Topaz Solar Energy. Even Bitterwater was fun despite its



rough condition from not being maintained.

We then connected onto CA-41 but only for about 2 miles east to hang a left on Cholame Valley Rd. But before making that turn our group of 6 riders decided to continue the quarter mile to where CA-46 and -41 split. This is where James Dean was killed in a car crash....needless to say, we had to get a photo or two of being at this location.

Heading north on Cholame Rd for about 15 miles we came to the famous Parkfield V6





Ranch and Parkfield Café. Perfect timing for a lunch break!

As we pulled into the parking area in front of the rustic wood café, we saw about 30 motorcycles parked in the dirt. A lot of the riders were already here enjoying their lunch.

Inside we found the interior

completely rustic, all wood, exposed beams, big counter, branding irons hanging from the vaulted ceiling, counter stools with saddles for the seat, and lots more....the place was definitely loaded with character.

And the food was fantastic. Everyone enjoyed their meals and the opportunity to take a break from riding and have some fun socializing with each other.

After lunch we headed west on Vinyard Canyon Rd for about 21 miles, skirted the east side of San Miguel, home of the 16th California Mission built in 1797, and rode into Paso Robles where we tanked up and continued making wrong turns. But it all worked out because you really can't get lost around US-101 and CA-46.



We finally reached the San Simeon Lodge located about 6 miles north of Cambria. After checking into our rooms many of us gathered in the lounge and sipped \$8 draughts of 805 Craft Beer from Paso Robles. I'm glad I'm a one-beer drinker, especially at that size and price 😊.

The restaurant announced they were ready for our group and the 23 of us



Back on CA-46, west of US-101, we headed west to the coast and were treated with breathtaking vistas of magnificent hills colored in three shades of green. We were running fast however, and no one stopped to take photos.



took up a third of the restaurant. The menu was excellent and the group of us enjoyed our dinners. Needless to say our group was the noisiest as everyone was having a fun time and enjoying each other's company.

Gonzo took a moment to gather everyone's attention and applaud Dennis Even, Les Gullery, and the Shamrocks' Team for putting on the best St. Patrick's Day Ride ever!!



More photos can be seen at:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/135120412@N05/albums/72157678030798223/with/3329680891/>

The PASADENA MOTORCYCLE CLUB (PMC)

BY TODD HODGE, PMC

Founded in 1907, the Pasadena Motorcycle Club is proud to be able to boast being the third oldest club still in existence in the United States. Yonkers Motorcycle Club (est. 1903) in Yonkers, NY and San Francisco Motorcycle Club (est. 1904) are just ahead of us for the honors. Oakland Motorcycle Club (est. 1907) is supposedly tied with PMC for the honor of third place; however, this will continue to be a friendly debate until PMC uncovers proof to show differently.

The American Motorcycle Association has our club listed as holding Charter Number 14 within their records; however, the AMA was established after all the of above clubs, so we will continue to take that number with a grain of salt.

As you can imagine, hundreds of motorcycle clubs and organizations have come and gone throughout the decades; however, the PMC remains fully operational and active as a club. The club has remained stalwart even through various wars, depressions, recessions and life in general. The first clubhouse was built on Fair Oaks at an address that no longer exists, though the photos remain in our archives. Several men originally established the PMC as a dirt-riding club but they encouraged their family members to participate in the camaraderie also. Our records show that at one time there was a women's auxiliary. Dinners and dances were held along with camping weekends all organized by the women's auxiliary.

In 1937, the first Greenhorn Enduro was created. PMC introduced this tough, grueling 2-day, 500 mile endurance run to the public that became famous for its difficulty to complete. Both famous riders and 'joe average' came together from all over to compete in this competition just so they could brag that they had finished this hair-raising tradition. In the early 1980's, the club had to make a difficult choice whether to completely shut down the Greenhorn or change it to a touring ride. The membership chose to adjust the Greenhorn to the open road, changing it from a competition to just an endurance ride that has at times encompassed California, Nevada and Arizona. It may not be the endurance ride of old, but each year we endeavor to include roads with straight-aways, twisties, switchbacks and as few freeways as possible. We are proud of the Greenhorn and will continue to the best of our ability to meet the riders expectations each year in putting on a quality event.

The PMC in the early 1980's also decided to introduce the Poker Run to our ride calendar. This event is a 1-day ride ranging from 150 to 200 miles of Southern California back roads. We do our best to show the scenery of Southern California to the riders who never seem to manage to leave the freeways behind and see the beauty around them.

Our Club has been honored to be a part of the Pasadena Rose Parade for several decades, going back as far as 1911. We originally rode as escorts in the parade and have since graduated to piloting the floats themselves. Several of our members spend several hours and then days throughout the year preparing for the big day just to crash in exhaustion when the 'floats' time to shine is over for another year.

The PMC hosts several events throughout the year for the members, their families and the public. We start the year with an Officers Installation and Awards Banquet, followed during the Spring, Summer & Fall by a dinner ride each month in lieu of a Monday night meeting. We hold a picnic at a local park during June along with several other various club activities. During previous years we have initiated campouts, raceway gatherings, Christmas parties, museum outings just to name a few. We also host

breakfast rides and lunch rides just for fun when the weather permits. Each year our road captain suggests various activities that might interest the club in general and the announcement goes out to the membership for participation.

We have over the years invested both money and time in events that have benefited various charities that we have chosen to support. For the past several years, the PMC has been proud to be a sponsor for the Optimist Youth Home and Family Services. We have worked in conjunction with them to bring awareness to their needs for both money and support from the public. We have held movie nights, rides and participated in ongoing functions that they hold to benefit their organization.

The Pasadena Motorcycle Club welcomes all makes and models of motorcycles, all nationalities, ages and genders. We only ask that you have an interest and love of motorcycling.

The club is proud of its rich history and is committed to keeping it alive and well in Southern California.

Old photo, of PMC meeting in their Pasadena Clubhouse, found on the internet





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GREENHORN ROAD TOUR May 6-7

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\$15 Entry Fee
Start: 6-9 AM


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\$15 registration fee
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A Beautiful 1000 mile, three-day ride, through the Mojave desert into NV and returning through the awesome CA-168 thru Big Pine CA to CA-178 to Bakersfield CA

WALK-UP REGISTRATION 6:00 AM TO 7:30 AM

Start: Saturday, May 27, 2017
Corky's Kitchen & Bakery
3811 Bedford Cyn Rd
Corona, CA



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(775) 727-1111
Social Dinner in Casino Buffet

Sunday Night Stopover
Clarion Hotel
3540 Rosedale Hwy
Bakersfield, CA
661-326-1111

Dinner at Hungry Hunter Steakhouse



Monday Finish: Your Home

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Register at: <https://sc-ma.com/2017-grand-blazingsaddles-tour/>
\$15 fee will be collected at check in.



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

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For further information or to reserve a spot call the Rialto Police Department Traffic Division, Officer Wilson at (909) 825-2525, ext. 2131 or email ridealive@rialtopd.com

Class size is limited to 25 riders



The Rialto Police Department is offering a **FREE** one day motorcycle riding class for those looking to improve their riding skills.

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

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 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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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)*

- May
 - 6-7 *PMC Greenhorn Ride**
 - 20 PMC 110th Anniversary**
 - 27-29 *SCMA Grand Blazing Saddles**
- June
 - 17 June Board Meeting – Ballot Count**
 - 23-25 *Sierra 5 Passes Tour**
- July
 - 15 *Dog Days of Summer**

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.



Annual All Members Meeting Nomination Results

On April 15th, at SCMA's **Annual All Member's Meeting**, the below named members were nominated by Charles Lamb (email) and seconded for the following positions:

Chairman – R. "Gonzo" Gonzalez

Secretary – Dan Burtt

Referee and Risk Manager – Rodney Chew

Although the nominations are uncontested, SCMA will email ballots to the membership as required by the SCMA Bylaws established in the State of California.

Ballots can also be found within this newsletter and on the SC-MA.com website.



SCMA 2017 MID-YEAR ELECTION

SCMA has seven-members elected to the Board of Directors. Three are elected in odd numbered years and 4 are elected in even numbered years. Each director is elected to a two-year term.

This being an odd-numbered year, the Chairman, Secretary, and Risk Manager are open for election.

In even-numbered years the Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Marketing Director and Membership Director are elected.

NOMINATIONS CLOSED: Nominations were conducted on April 15th at the Annual Members Meeting. There was one nomination(s) received by email. Charles Lamb nominated the below candidates and it was seconded by members in attendance.

The board accepted the following candidates for the positions indicated.

Chairman:

R. “Gonzo” Gonzalez (Incumbent)

Secretary:

Dan Burt (Incumbent)

Referee/Risk Manager:

Rodney Chew (Incumbent)

BALLOT forms are on the following page. This form, and ballot instructions, is also being sent to members via email and will be posted to the website.

Only paper ballots are acceptable for this election and must be received at the Post Office Box by **8:00 am June 17th** or hand delivered to the Secretary at the beginning of the GMM on July 18th at 3117 Garvey North, West Covina.

Members are encouraged to print the ballot form and mail it with:

(Return name and address)

To: SCMA, **Ballot**
PO Box 487,
Norwalk, CA 90651-0487

The **member's name** and return address **must appear on the outside of the envelope.**

Ballots will be opened in public at the June 17th General Membership Meeting (GMM). The Election committee will validate the active membership status of names reflected in the envelope's return address. Envelopes without the member's name in the return address cannot be validated and therefore will not be accepted for voting.

After validation, envelopes will be set aside until all envelopes have been validated and possible duplicate ballots eliminated. Envelopes will then be opened and ballots tabulated.

The vote count will be announced at the meeting, posted to the website, and posted in the next published Newsletter.

The newly elected Directors will assume their responsibilities after the close of the June 18th Board meeting, but no later than July 1st.



2017 Election Ballot

The following persons were nominated for the positions indicated.

Chairman

- [] R. "Gonzo" Gonzalez (Incumbent)
(Resides in SoCal)

Secretary

- [] Dan Burt (Incumbent)
(Resides in SoCal)

Referee/Risk Manager

- [] Rodney Chew (Incumbent)
(Resides in Arizona)

Mail to: *(Must be in PO Box by 8am June 17th)*
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ABOUT BAM

Katherine Markowicz
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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.

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.

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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.

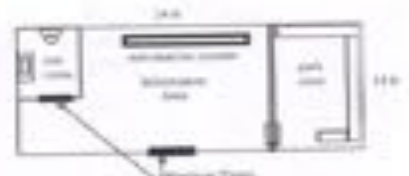
In closing: We, who serve on the Madawaska Four Corners Park Committee, trust that you will see the value in our proposal, not only in serving this remote town in the most northern reaches of the state and country, but in helping the local economies throughout the state. For this, we extend our heartfelt 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)

USA Four Corners
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117 E. Blue Lagoon Dr
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**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

International News Section

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



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2017 Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet

This year's banquet took a different approach towards improving the venue. First we scheduled it earlier in the day to accommodate travelers, and second, we reduced the time in presenting awards.

With the successful service we had last year the Board agreed to return to the Wyndham Hotel for this year's event. The "Meet and Greet" social hour kicked off at 3:30 with appetizers and no-host bar. By 5:20 pm we were called into the ballroom and Jim Kingdon, our Master of Ceremony, kicked off the evening with a joke or two and introduced our supporters who were in attendance.

Russ Brown Attorneys, Kitty Brooks
Irv Seaver BMW Motorcycles, Bryan Bell
Go AZ Motorcycles, Luis Bartolome



And representatives from Affiliate and visiting clubs:

Red Hot Riders Pres. Karen Butterfield and
VP Ron Farkas

BMWCOSC Ellen Welter and Howard
Meiseles

AZRATPack Pres. Victor Castaneda,
Rodney Chew

Pasadena Motorcycle Club, Dave
Goguen

Shamrocks Road Riders, Less Gullery

Orange County Motorcycle Club, Dan "Goat" McKinney



Ogbannaya "FD" Kanu was in attendance to receive his Triple Crown award. FD flew in from Nigeria where he is very involved with a Christian ministry in Nigeria so Jim asked him to offer a dinner prayer before serving dinner.

Dinner was excellent, just like last year's dinner. Attendees had a choice of Sliced NY Strip Loin, Chicken Chardonnay, or Vegetarian Lasagna. Jim took the stage while dessert and coffee was being served and asked first time attendees to please stand and be recognized/welcome to the banquet. Next he invited everyone to stand and began a "sit down" similar to what is done at the Three Flags Classic by calling out the number of years that folks have attended this banquet. Ray and Bonnie Davis, Leroy and Judith Hart, and Dannie Fox were names that come to mind as having attended the banquet the most times.

Gonzo then began the appreciation award segment by acknowledging the progress

and hard work members of the board have been doing in improving SCMA operations. Appreciation Awards were presented to Board Members, Ride Chairs, and to members who worked in supporting SCMA operations.

Presentation of riding awards began with recognition of those riders who participated in the monthly Traveler's Award rides. Riders were recognized for the number of rides they completed during the year:

TRAVELER'S AWARD

Platinum: Completing all 15 rides – Mike Barber, Jim Bullen, Claudette and Jean Fradette, Gonzo. Each received an acrylic trophy, a ticket to the Banquet and \$100

Gold: Completing at least 13 rides - Less Gullery. Received an acrylic trophy, ticket to the Banquet.

Silver: Completing at least 10 rides – Dianna and Jim Stoneman, Mike Williams; received an acrylic trophy

Bronze: Completing at least 7 rides – Bill Hebert. Received an acrylic trophy



CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE AWARDS

Mission Tour: Recipients received a faux stone trophy for visiting all 21 Missions in 2016:

Mike Barber, Steven Bunis, Claudette Fradette, Jean Fradette, Gonzo, Les Gullery, Dan Hilton, Sharon Hilton, Ogonnaya Kanu, Russ Linstrom, Dianna Stoneman, Jim Stoneman, Stephen Stoops, Stacy Trotter, Tim Wanamaker, Larry Wong, Valerie Wong.

Parks Adventure: Recipients received a specially designed plaque recognizing their visiting at least 24 of the 25 National Parks/Sites in California. The plaque reflected the Forest Service's 100th commemorative year. Steven



Bunis, Claudette Fradette, Jean Fradette, Gonzo, Les Gullery, Edward Westlund.

BEST 15 USA ROADS CHALLENGE

Bob Roger, Chair of this event, presented certificate, patch, pin, and engraved Buck pocket knife to: Jim Brelsford, Claudette Fradette, Jean Fradette, Dale Gillibrand, Robert Irvine, Jeff Kramer, Don Neufeld.



Before presenting the next awards, Charles Lamb was invited to talk about his photo album commemorating Blake Anderson. Charlie had purchased Blake's yellow Gold Wing and took it on a USA Four Corners True X Tour. He then had the collection of photos of the trip assembled into a hardbound, book style album. Charlie presented the album to Joe LaChance, President of Four Corners Park in Madawaska. Joe will display the book in the visior's



center when construction is completed.



Ogbannayu Kanu was invited to tell his story of learning about the existence of SCMA and deciding to fly into Houston, buy a BMW 1600, and ride the Four Corners, Missions and Three Flags Classic with his wife Eso. He also presented the adventures of his MC in Nigeria for which he created a Niger Four Corners. It was an amazing story and the audience gave him a standing ovation in recognition of his accomplishment.

TRIPLE CROWN AWARD

The Triple Crown is awarded to those riders who have ridden three Premier Events in the calendar year. The combination can consist of

- Three Flags Classic, USA Four Corners Tour, and the Best 15 USA Roads Challenge, or
- Any two of the above and one of the California Adventures (Parks/Missions)



USA4C/3FC/CA Missions Combination: Claudette Fradette, Jean Fradette, Dan Hilton, Sharon Hilton, Ogbannayu Kanu

USA4C/3FC/B15 Combination: Dale Gillibrand, Les Gullery, Jeff Kramer, Russ Linstrom, Don Neufeld, Tim Wanamaker

PREMIER 5 AWARD

This is a new award being awarded retroactively to four of our members who have accomplished this ride in the last 4 years but were not recognized for their accomplishment.

To receive this award you must ride all 5 Premier events: the Missions and Parks, the Best 15, the Four Corners, and the Three Flags Classic. This is a huge commitment requiring the time and



energy to ride about 20K miles.

This award fills the gap between the Triple Crown and the Grand Slam Awards and is attainable by our members who do not live in the SW Region and cannot make the monthly Traveler Award Rides. Typical distance covered for this award is around 25,000 miles.

This is the first time this recognition is being awarded and is being done retroactively to riders who have accomplished the event.



2013: Gonzo, **2014:** Charlie Hart, **2015:** Claudette Fradette, Jean Fradette.

GRAND SLAM AWARD

This is the highest recognition awarded to our riders. Riders must 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 (13 monthly rides). Typical distance covered for this award is around 30-35,000 miles.

Three riders accomplished this challenge in 2016:

Jean Fradette, Claudette Fradette, and Leslie Gullery

Legacy Award

In 2012 the Board of Directors established a new honorary award called

The **SCMA Legacy Award** is presented annually to those unique individuals who have contributed so much to the success of one of the best motorcycling organizations on the planet.

Each year it is bestowed upon select awardees that have provided long-term leadership, as board members and/or committee chairs, and contributed countless hours of volunteer work in SCMA's operations.

This award is reserved for those individuals who consistently kept the best interests of SCMA in mind while acting honestly, competently, and fairly, as enthusiasts of long distance riding.

It will be presented at the SCMA Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet.



The Legacy Award Committee selected two recipients for the 2017 Legacy Award. Clay Sweeney, and Joanne Gamble (posthumous).

A separate write up on Clay and Joanne is presented in this newsletter following this article.

The evening was wrapped up with door prizes of (3)-\$100 Gift Certificates from Irv Seaver BMW, Shoei Helmet, Tires, ladies leather chaps, and Tourmaster Boots.

After a round of applause for the waitstaff, many of us adjourned to the hotel lounge for more socializing over our favorite beverages...the night was still early as it was only 7:30pm!

This was another great time for us to enjoy being in the company of our fellow riders and to recognize everyone for their 2016 accomplishments.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!



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2017 LEGACY AWARD – Clay Sweeney

Clay Sweeney is the recipient of the 2017 legacy award winner; his name will be added to the perpetual trophy.

As time wore on in the mid-1980's Clay personally stepped up many times to fill a vacancy. Not just a vacancy, but the **big jobs**.

Somewhere in the '80's Clay **chaired a three flags classic**. He served as **SCMA chairman** for one term and part of another until work and life in general "got in the way."

He was **chairman of the Annual SCMA Jamboree---not once but twice!** It was huge, big enough that it had to be held at a County Fairground to take care of members from all of Southern California for the weekend-long event.

Aside from holding big positions, Clay was the head electrician for the price club stores that were being built everywhere in the 80's, and still found time to take care of his family of six children.

Clay also implemented a way to communicate with members on a personal level before cell phones and computers. Every Wednesday evening, from 7 to 9 pm, he had a "chat with the chairman night."

Clay was a life-lesson in organizing time and a role model as an innovative leader. Congratulations to Clay, recipient of the 2017 SCMA Legacy Award.

2017 Legacy Award - Joanne Gamble (Posthumous)

Joanne Gamble is the recipient of the 2017 legacy award winner; her name will be added to the perpetual trophy.

Joanne passed away a few years ago, so we had to rely upon the collective memory of a number of our old time members that recalled Joanne's service to SCMA. Joanne was **chairman of travelers award** program for years and also was **Chairman of USA Four Corners Tour** for years.

Joanne's name shows up in the old paper newsletters, month after month as the "sunshine lady." We believe it was she who was responsible for arranging the meeting place for the annual three flags lottery drawing at an elementary school in Norwalk, CA. In the last years of the drawing it was Joanne who was in the kitchen. Hot water became coffee, tea, or hot chocolate; and she made sure there were plenty of donuts, bagels, and huge assortment of toppings.

Joanne didn't always work alone, as she took care of her 90-something mother. That amazing little 90-year old lady was "the phone receptionist" for the "Four Corners Chairman". Between the two of them, they didn't miss much.

SCMA began suffering membership declines under the contemporary forces of economics and traffic. But during those dim '90's and 2000's she and Jan Staws (chairman at the time) almost single-handedly carried SCMA.

We honor Joanne Gamble posthumously for her many years of significant service and apologize if we may have missed mentioning one of her many contributions to SCMA.

As one of a few members who kept SCMA going her name shall be on the perpetual trophy.

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

Charlie Hart was unable to attend the Annual Awards Banquet this year because he was the chairman for a banquet of another organization he belongs to.....and they scheduled their banquet on the same Saturday as ours.

Charlie was the 2nd SCMA rider to have completed this challenging event of completing all 5 Premier riding events in a single calendar year.

Although Charlie did not receive his Premier 5 Award during the banquet because of the schedule conflict, he was able to visit Gonzo before Gonzo's departure for a ride to the east coast.

Congratulations Charlie on this tremendous accomplishment of riding approximately 25,000 miles to complete the USA Four Corner's Tour, Best 15 USA Roads Challenge, Three Flags Classic, California Missions Tour, and California Parks Adventure all in a single calendar year !!!

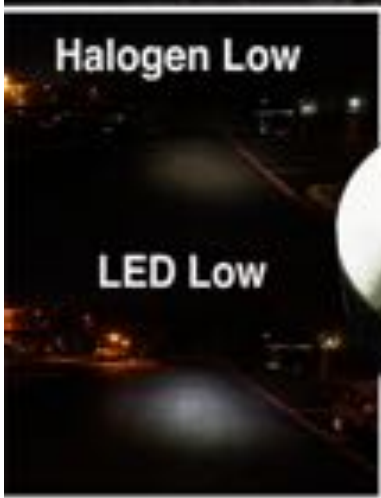


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We Want Your Stories !!

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RIDE Chief NEEDED !!

A Ride Chief is need for the 2017 riding season.

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

949-433-0761

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

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