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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Thinking outside of the box. How often do any of us do that?

Distance riders have learned to do exactly that when they are riding thousands of miles far from home and are confronted with a predicament needing a unique solution.

On April 22nd I was heading east from Grants NM with early morning temps at 42 degrees before experiencing windchill and another 1,000 feet over the Sandia Mtn range. It seems that the mid-west was being hit with a cold snap and I didn't pack long johns for such an occurrence. In fact, I had little to none in warm garments to layer under my Darian Aerostitch riding suit.

The Darian was doing its job, but I needed more of something to either retain warmth under it or to keep the cold wind from hitting it.

A hundred miles later I was a frozen turkey exiting into Edgewood NM looking for a store to buy some warmer clothing. I recalled a story told by Rodney of the AZRATPack: A Three Flags rider, without the appropriate warm clothing for the northwest, was in a bad way with the

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continuous cold rainy weather being experienced on the 3rd day. There were no motorcycle stores nearby so the rider was going to quit the ride. Rodney suggested visiting a Walmart store and buying anything that would help keep warm!

There was a Walmart in Edgewood, but the store was only stocked with clothing for the coming summer. Recalling the visual of a Tractor Supply Co store just before the Edgewood exit I decided to visit it in hopes of finding something useful.

What I found were sets of fluorescent green/yellow rain gear used by construction road crews. The 2XL fit perfectly over the Aerostich so I bought it....such a good deal for only \$43!

With my Harley Davidson boot covers, my Aerostich three fingered glove covers, and my new rubberized fluorescent rain jacket on top of the riding suit, I resumed my ride feeling very warm and comfy.

That rain jacket ended up being worn every day of my trip while on the east coast. It kept me warm and extra dry during 2,000+ miles of rain and cold....and nowhere on it is there a symbol of a motorcycle, or a brand name....just a plain, rubberized, road crew fluorescent, \$43 rain jacket, doing an "out of the box" job for a long distance motorcyclist!

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.....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 around to 370 membership cards to process.

We're still working to fix the problem and when resolved we will immediately begin producing and shipping your membership cards to you. On a good note, we're meeting with the website manager next week and hope to have a solution developed from that meeting.

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

Mike Barber
Membership Director

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SCMA's April Fool's Ride with the Red Hot Riders

...By Ron Farkas
RHR Vice President



Somehow the man in charge of calendars arranged for April 1st to arrive on a Saturday this year. This was a good thing as the weather also cooperated for what turned out to be a perfect day for a ride.

Those of you who may have traveled down to the San Diego region know the geography of the land changes very quickly. From the beaches on the west, to the hills, canyons and mountains to the east with some great motorcycle roads just waiting to be explored. Our start at the Mainstream Bar and Grill in Poway was a cold one. Poway is in a bowl-like valley

positioned between the hills of the coast and the mountains of the east and the cold air gets trapped. Many of the riders were "layered-up" this morning as we met inside to sign up and enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a quick bite to eat.

The ride was promoted as having a surprise ending and, at the rider's meeting, it was revealed that we were headed to a winery in the Temecula region of the county. Now, wine and motorcycles don't mix, but this destination was very special to those of us who are fans of two wheels as well as grapes. Doffo Winery is owned by a gentleman who raced for Ducati in Argentina. The winery is a very well laid out facility for wine production (and tasting), but also has a good collection of motorcycles that many of us grew up riding.



The riders were given the option of joining one of three groups; The experienced group with a pace they could enjoy, led by Jim

Branch, former president of the Red Hot Riders; a spirited pace group led by myself; and a group led by Christine Rochefort with a relaxed pace allowing time to take in the fun of the ride as well as the scenery. To make sure no one got left behind Karen Butterfield, RHR's current president, rode sweep.

The route sheet had the groups headed north up Interstate 15, just past Lawrence Welk's retirement village, and exiting onto old route 395. As the groups left the interstate behind, the route started to behave like those roads we all enjoy on a cool, but sunny day behind

a set of handlebars. Past small farms and horse ranches we headed northeast to the town of Fallbrook and the start of a famous, but often forgotten road, the "Avocado Highway".



The official name is De Luz Road as it climbs and dives into canyons it crosses over and sometime thru the Santa Margarita River. If you have ever ridden this road the "stream crossings" with their "shock absorber testing" transitions will jar your memory and backside.

Large trees and bushes allow the sunlight to play peek-a-boo with your helmet's visor giving your mind enough data to imagine riding in the Isle of Man motorcycle race. The trees are so close to the road and the occasional stream crossing sneaks up on you, your adrenalin is providing a natural high on

this stretch of back road you won't soon forget. As the road ended, we came back to reality and the traffic that So-Cal is famous for, but not for long.

Up Rancho California Road, past the large wineries, known for their weekend entertainment, weddings and bridal parties, the road narrowed and we rode into an area having a serious attitude concerning the art of growing grapes. Not far past a simple intersection on a small hill, sat Doffo Winery.

From the parking lot next to the house, you can survey a portion of the vineyard; the rolling hills of northeast Temecula and the mountains



to the east. Although the scenery is gracious, we came here to check out the motorcycle collection and it started right off just outside the barrel room next to the parking lot.

Outside, on ground level were examples from both European and Japanese marquees; up above inside the walls that support the roof of the large patio cover were more great examples of mainly Japanese brands from the 60s and 70s. Memories come

rushing back of that first ride on that model or how you took your first long trip on another model over there. Although the bikes are not in “showroom” condition, the faded paint, and the dull finish on the chrome pipes are enough patina to make you want even more.

Yes, there is more, inside the barrel room are the pristine examples of mainly Japanese and Italian bikes. A long row of Vespa scooters sits atop a trophy case, as perfect examples of bevel gear driven OHC Ducati singles stand like soldiers at attention waiting for inspection. Words



don't do it justice. If you enjoy almost a “hands-on” motorcycle display experience, Doffo Winery is the place to visit.

With all the events of the day, most of us were getting hungry and a small vendor selling empanadas and non-alcoholic drinks set up shop next to a second patio designed for picnicking just outside the tasting room. As we enjoyed the food, Scott Simerson, RHR's treasurer sold raffle tickets to the 50/50 raffle, and a lucky SCMA

member won, taking home the “pot”. Some of us purchased a bottle of Doffo wine before we left and were pleasantly surprised as they use pictures of their Ducati collection on their labels. The wine with its unique label is a souvenir of a memorable ride and museum experience we





Alien Abduction Tour 2017

Riding with the Rat Pack!

By Woody Phillips

The tour started (for me) on Thursday evening with a ride down to *The Thumb* in Scottsdale with my friend George. We met up in Pine, AZ and did the 2-hour ride down to arrive right on time. It was a beautiful evening and I immediately felt welcome even though this was only the 2nd or 3rd time I had met any of these folks; the earlier events being their monthly breakfast. While everyone else dived into the yummy looking, and fantastic smelling, BBQ offered by *The Thumb*, George and I elected to gas up and

head to our hotel where I knew there was some outstanding seared salmon waiting (and had talked George into trying it). Luckily for me, he thought it was great too.

Day 1

The next morning we grabbed breakfast and headed for Go AZ Motorcycles in Scottsdale where, to my surprise, almost 40 riders showed up to sign-in and get the daily briefing. The



plan had changed slightly (as plans on long rides usually do) and we found out we would be having lunch at the Cameron Trading post in Cameron, AZ (just north of the turn-off to the Grand Canyon) rather than in Tuba City as had earlier been planned. This was probably a good thing as it took quite awhile to get there and it was the second gas stop of the day. (Tuba city was about another half hour or more up the road). Everyone signed the required document showing proof of insurance and license, grabbed some water and bagels, secured their alien to their bike (mine is named Marvin) and received their official Alien Abduction Tour Sticker (really great design – see the image at the top of this article). Then there was the obligatory group photo (which was the last time I saw some of these folks). While this was a group ride, most did not actually ride in a group as that tends to get sketchy on Arizona freeways, especially I-17. Instead it was either individuals or small groups of 2 or 3 or 4 riders (mostly). I did pass one group with about a dozen or so who seemed to be comfortable keeping it tight so I assumed they have ridden together on



Dinner at *The Thumb* in Scottsdale, night before the Alien Ride

past journeys. But since we were all headed in the same direction and it was very straightforward to get there, it wasn't really an issue. In fact, I felt more at ease cruising to my own beat knowing there were riders just up in front and more right behind me should anything happen.

The first gas stop was a quickie in Camp Verde. Gas, hydrate, and get getting. The ride up to here had not been too bad (weekend traffic can be bad but it was relatively early on Friday so no issues). The temperature dropped to a very pleasant coolness coming into Flagstaff and the snow, on the San Francisco mountain peaks, was gorgeous. Passing Flagstaff we hopped onto State Route 89 and across the Painted Desert. I have been there many times but never have the colors been more vibrant. (Sorry, no photos while riding. Maybe next year.)

Stopping in Cameron for a "quick" lunch didn't exactly go as planned, although I really had no plan. I had lost track of George right at the start so just walked in the restaurant to see what was what. There I was immediately invited to join some folks I had never met before at their table. These folks were with the SCMA (Southern California Motorcycle Association) and had done this trip before. In fact, they had to ride several hundred miles just to get to Scottsdale so they were well into the trip at this point. I was almost overwhelmed by how friendly everyone was. I had been to many, many rides in the past where no one even bothered to say hello unless you did first. So at this point I was really starting to enjoy the trip.

I ended up riding to Page, AZ, our destination for the evening, with these folks and I'm glad I wasn't alone as I might have fallen off my bike due to being distracted by the gorgeous scenery from Cameron into Page. I have been though here several times in the past, but never at this time of day and the colors and clear air made the whole thing incredible to behold.

Lunch had taken awhile so we arrived later than we wanted, but still in time to do a boat tour



(Thanks Patricia for

holding the boat for me. I would not have made it if you hadn't done that).

The boat ride was well worth the cost as the views were stunning and accompanied by an audio tour that explained the history and geology of the places we were seeing. Next time I plan to tour the slot canyon at the OTHER end of Antelope Canyon. Photos I saw from there were amazing. Check out the photos

from the boat tour in the [Photo Gallery](#).



Waiting for our tables at the Rainbow Room at Lake Powell Resort

We returned from the boat tour with just about an hour before our planned dinner, meeting at 7:15 PM (Arizona Time) at the [Rainbow Room in the Lake Powell Resort](#) where we were staying. Dinner was very good, if a bit pricey and the company, once again the luck of the draw, was delightful. It is amazing to me how varied the backgrounds of motorcyclists can be, with this one shared passion for motorcycles overcoming everything else to define friendships that can last decades. It makes me think that if we just got to know each other better in other walks of life, society would be much better off. ... But I digress.

Day 1 ended after 300+ miles and some fantastic weather. The trip was going great and looked like it would get even better.

Day 2

The second day started early. Kick stands up at 7 am for 500 miles through more beautiful country, lunch next to Area 51 in Rachel Nevada, then on to Las Vegas. Personally I could have skipped Las Vegas as I don't really like the place, but I did want to get a couple of photos there and it was on the way so ... what the hey!

It was quite a bit cooler Saturday, but one extra sweater and a pair of heavier gloves and I was good to go. This part of the ride passed through just as many variations of scenery as the day before, from sweeping vistas and mountains to deep canyons and twisty curves. One member of the tour (no names please) was pulled over approaching Kanab, Utah. However I later learned the officer let him off with a warning so, thank you to the Utah police. I assure you everyone was better behaved for the rest of the time we were in Utah. Of course that is fairly easy to do when you pull onto Interstate 15 and the speed limit is 80! (I bet they have some spectacular crashes in Utah.) Anyway, this was a windy section but nonetheless beautiful. I could easily live in Utah if it wasn't a tad too cool for me.

Our first fill-up of the day was in Cedar City. We took a few minutes to catch our breath and make sure everything was ship shape and headed west toward Caliente, NV. I have been here in August and believe me that name has been earned! We actually filled up just outside Caliente and then continued on to Rachel, NV just outside Area 51, where we



Walking towards Las Vegas Blvd on our way to dinner

had delicious Alien Burgers, bought souvenirs, and took many, many photos. Someone in a group that had arrived ahead of us did not have enough fuel to get back to the next gas station (A real problem in these parts. Plan your fuel stops VERY carefully.) So this poor fellow bought some gas from a local that had some 5 gallon cans ready to help out unsuspecting tourists.

Unfortunately, the gas was not in good shape. I'm not sure if it was old, or had oil in it or what exactly was the issue, but the bike immediately started

running rough and dumping jet black smoke out the exhaust. So, siphon all that fuel back out, wait until someone came up with some good fuel to

replace it, put in the good fuel, run it until it stopped acting up, then off they went.

I saw some photos later where some riders took the long dirt road up into the hills to the Area 51 gate. I felt no need to do so as I have seen plenty of Air Force restricted area signs in my life. Plus, I was hoping to get to Las Vegas in time to take a couple of photos before whatever we were doing at 7PM (the designated meeting time for some group event).

Riding into Las Vegas the temperature jumped considerably and for the first time all day I was uncomfortable in the saddle with really no place to pull over safely to get rid of some leather. So after toughing it out in heavy, hot traffic for 30 minutes, by the time we checked in to our room at Hooters Hotel and Casino, most of us were fairly ripe. That put the idea of getting those photos I wanted on the back burner for a well-deserved shower before we all met in the lobby at the designated 7 pm hour. Oh well, I'll get up 30 minutes early and grab them in the morning.

At 7 pm most of us met in the hotel lobby and found out that the group dinner would be across the street at the MGM Dinner Buffet. It was a bit pricey, but this is Las Vegas. Everything is stupidly expensive. So we all hoofed it down and across the street to find the buffet.

The casinos in Las Vegas are big. I mean, immensely, hugely big. I once was lost in the Venetian for over an hour, just trying to get from one side to the other so I could get to my room. The MGM is no different. Luckily, someone in our group knew where the buffet was. But once in line, George and I decided we would see if we could find something a bit less expensive. After walking around for about 30 minutes, we found the Food Court. Las Vegas prices still, but much more reasonable.

After dinner, George and I walked back to the hotel. It took awhile, but I discovered that Google maps can actually help you navigate inside the hotel! Who knew!

Back at our hotel we met up with a friend of George's and grabbed a pint at the bar. We decided the 3 of us would get out of Las Vegas at 7 am and find breakfast on the way home. Sounded like a good plan and by now it was getting late so off to bed.

Day 3

First things first: I wanted that photo damn it. So I got up at 5:30 am, showered, dressed for the morning ride, grabbed my packed bag and headed for my bike. On the way to the garage I met a security person who was obviously some sort of supervisor and he did not look happy. Upon entering the garage I found out why. HORRORS! Someone had fairly obviously kicked over a motorcycle. I thought I might know who it belonged to so I dropped my stuff next to my bike and went over to see what was what. The bike was not leaking gas and the kickstand was still down, now standing in the air like a raised fist to whomever decided this would be fun to do. I grabbed a photo but was prohibited from touching the bike in any way by the security personnel who were surveying the scene for clues and to write it up for their insurance company.

I wasn't going to say anything about Hooters Hotel and Casino because the bed was comfortable and clean and the staff polite and friendly, but after this I decided I'd mention that I have been in nicer "No-Tell" Motels. Don't stay here.

On our way out of town, just before we got to Hoover Dam, we stopped for breakfast at the newly remodeled [Hoover Dam Lodge Hotel and Casino](#) (mostly hotel/museum). The place was gorgeous and immaculate. I don't know what the rooms are like but saw a family come out and go by and they were quite happy. Breakfast was inexpensive and delicious and our waitress was a hoot. The next time I'm in the area, this is where I am staying.

The ride for day 3 was meant to head back to Scottsdale. Not being from Scottsdale it didn't seem to make sense when going home was already further than that. BUT, it DID make sense to take a short detour following Route 66 from Kingman to Seligman, so we did that.

The ride was great with no traffic to speak of. However, it started to get windy and by the time we got back to Strawberry I was glad to be out of it.

Oh, and that photo I wanted to get so badly was me in front of the "Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas" sign. Enjoy!

All in all, this was one of the most interesting rides I have ever done. In fact, it was the first long distance ride, 1,242 miles by the time I pulled up at the house, that I had ever done with a group. As it stands now, I can't wait to ride with these people again, maybe on the 5th annual Alien Abduction Tour!

Thanks so much to all my new friends. You made a badly needed vacation fun.

[VIEW THE PHOTO GALLERY HERE](#)

<http://www.motorcyclesafari.com/photo-albums/AlienAbductionTour2017/index.php>

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\$15 fee will be collected at check in.



5 SIERRAS PASSES RIDE

This will be a three-day ride over the weekend of **June 23, 24, 25**, 2017. The ride will begin at 7:30AM in Bakersfield, CA on **Friday June 23**, 2016. The overnight stays will be in Sonora and Bishop respectively. The ride will end on Sunday afternoon June 25, 2016. The riders will make their own way home south choosing either CA-14 into LA or continuing south on Hwy 395 to the I-15 south.

Early hotel reservations in Sonora and Bishop are recommended.

Riders have the option of staying over Thursday night in Bakersfield, (there are several hotels on Buck Owens Blvd.) or ride to the meet-up point on Friday morning.



The meet up point will be at 7:30am at Zingo's Café at 3201 Buck Owens Blvd, Bakersfield, CA. After signing the ROL forms the departure will be at 8:00am. Please arrive early enough to complete the ROL and Ride Registration documents.

Day 1:

We will depart left out of Zingo's and take CA-155 north east towards Lake Isabella and continue around the lake to intersect with CA-178. Turning left (north east) onto CA-178 (left-East), crossing over **Walker Pass** then intersecting with CA-14 where we will turn

left (north) onto Hwy 395 and our first fuel stop in Lone Pine. From Lone Pine we continue about 123 miles north on Hwy-395 north turning left, west on the Tioga Pass CA-120. We pause for a fuel stop and lunch break at the Mobil Tioga Gas Mart. We exit right onto CA-120, then left onto Hwy-395 north for about 43 miles and turn left (West) to CA-108 for about 80 miles over **Sonora Pass** into Sonora, CA. We will stay overnight in Sonora. The total mileage for the day is 425 miles.



Riders will be responsible for making their own hotel reservations in Sonora. Riders will be on their own for the evening dinner. A Friday evening group dinner maybe arranged if a suitable location can be found.



Riders should plan on having their bikes fueled and ready for Day 2 morning departure.

Day 2:

We will plan to depart Sonora at approximately 8:00am fueled up and ready to go. Riders will be on their own for breakfast, as some of the lodgings include a breakfast with the hotel rate. **For those interested**

there will be a meet up point in the parking lot of the Inns of California motel on South Washington St. Riders will then head north west on CA Hwy-49 for about 43 miles and then turn right (north east) onto CA-88 at Jackson. We will continue east on CA-88 for about 81 miles over **Carson Pass** and then turn left (north) onto CA-89 for about 12 miles over **Luther Pass**. The route then turns right





(east) on CA-50 for about 5 miles through South Lake Tahoe. There is a planned fuel stop on Lake Tahoe Blvd. then make right turn (east) onto NV-207 for about 14 miles. We then turn right, south onto CA-88 for 12 miles, and making a left turn onto CA-89 for about 29 miles over **Monitor Pass** to Hwy-395. Turning right south on Hwy-395 for about 40 miles for a lunch and fuel stop in Bridgeport. After the break we continue on south on Hwy-395 for 31 miles turning left onto Benton Crossings Road (CA-120) for about 45miles. Make a right turn on CA-6 for 34 miles into Bishop. Make a left turn on Hwy-395 into Bishop and your respective hotel destination for the night. The total mileage for the day is 342 miles.

Riders will be responsible to make their own

hotel reservations in Bishop. Friday and Saturday Evening group dinners may be arranged depending on interest and finding a suitable location.



For those interested, we will plan to leave Bishop at about 8:00am heading south on Hwy 395. There will be stop for breakfast at the Ranch House Café in Olancha, CA. This is about 81 miles south of Bishop. After breakfast the riders will continue on south on Hwy 395.

Riders can choose to take CA-14 south into the LA area, or continue

south on Hwy 395 to the I-15 west into the Southern CA, area. For those taking the I-15 route we will make a fuel and rest stop at Kramer Junction before the I-15. Those taking the CA-14 route will likely want to make a stop in Mojave, CA. Mileage



for this day is about 300 miles based on the respective home destination.



Editor's Note: Dan is reporting that Hwy 108 (Sonora Pass) is still closed from snow but he is optimistic the road will be open by the time we ride. If the road is closed, he will have an alternative routing for us.

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



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



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

- May **27-29 *SCMA Grand Blazing Saddles**
- June **17 June All Member's Meeting – Ballot Count**
23-25 *5 Sierra 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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FOCUS ON BOOTS

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 Burt

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 Burtt (Incumbent)
(Resides in SoCal)

Referee/Risk Manager

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

Mail to: *(Must be in PO Box by 8am June 17th)*
SCMA, **Ballot**
PO Box 487,
Norwalk, CA 90651-0487

Please ensure your name and return address is on the envelope.

Envelopes without names cannot be validated as being from a member in an active status and therefore will not be included in the ballot count.

ALL MEMBERS BREAKFAST MEETING

BALLOT COUNT and OPEN DISCUSSION

JUNE 17TH

When: Saturday, June 17th

Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Breakfast: Served at 8:30 AM

**Location: Elks Lodge
2436 Huntington Drive
Duarte, CA 91010**



Purpose: Meet up with fellow motorcyclists

Enjoy Breakfast

Conduct a Ballot Count

Open Discussion on

2019 SCMA 50th Anniversary Plans

Promoting Affiliated Club Activity

Motivating Members to help administer SCMA and Rides

Vision for the SCMA; Mission Statement

ALL MEMBERS BREAKFAST MEETING

BALLOT COUNT and OPEN DISCUSSION

JUNE 17TH

Join us Saturday, June 17th, at **SCMA All Members Meeting**.

The purpose of the meeting will be two-fold:

1. Conduct ballot count of mail in ballots, and ballots handed to the Secretary before the meeting begins. Ballots must be in a sealed envelope with the members Name in the upper left corner so that the committee can verify active membership.
2. Open discussion on plans for SCMA's 50th celebration in 2019. Currently we have the following ideas submitted from April's All Members Meeting.
 - a. SCMA membership patches, pins, logos, cards, flyers, etc. will be modified to reflect the 50+ years of club existence.
 - b. Web site and Social Media acknowledgement
 - c. Celebration/ Recognition Ride Proposals:
 - i. Association sponsored ride to Lebanon, KS to participate in the City's annual parade and celebration.
 - ii. Establish a "50 States in Year 50" Ride. Association members given some number of months in 2018 to complete the ride.
 - iii. Ride Highway 50 Coast-to-Coast in Year 50 (2018).
 - iv. 50 Year Celebration "Rally"
 - v. Invite all Association Members (national and international) to participate in the Year 50 rides and events.
 - vi. 50th year 3FC event.
 - d. Special "50th Year" awards banquet. Perhaps as the "official" celebration event. Invite contributors to Associations success, Sponsors, Vendors, etc.
 - e. Create 50th Year plaque or something at or near the 4 Corners Ride Points. Perhaps use this to mark future ride completions?
 - f. Get News and Recognition articles published in AMA, Iron Butt, BMW ON, RoadRUNNER, CYCLE NEWS, Affiliated Clubs Newsletters, and Goldwing Riders Association and HOG Association, etc. magazines.
 - g. BOD is open to additional suggestions from all association members and welcomes all who would like to volunteer to assist with any of the final approved events, activities, awards, etc.

Duarte Elks Lodge
2436 Huntington Drive
Duarte, CA 91010

USA Four Corners Finishers

Nelson Sylvain and Arthur Ward are the first to finish a Four Corners tour this year on May 8th 2017.

Below is a photo taken with Joe LaChance, President and founder of the Four Corners Park Foundation in Madawaska ME.



Arthur Ward, Joe LaChance, Nelson Sylvain with Nelson's CanAm RTS in front of the Four Corners Monument in Madawaska ME.

Attention Four Corners Riders !!!

Joe LaChance, Founder of the Four Corners Park in Madawaska, would welcome your call/email to meet you at the park and pose for a photo. Joe will also present you with a certificate of being at the park signed by the Governor of Maine.

ABOUT BAM

Katherine Markowicz
Marketing & Promotions
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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.

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.

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>

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

Appeal for Donations

“Welcome Center” Construction Project

Four Corners Park Madawaska Maine

Hello Four Corners Finishers, SCMA'ers and all Distance Riders,

A few weeks ago I visited Joe and Diane LaChance, founders of the Four Corners Park in Madawaska ME. Joe was kind enough to take me to the park to walk the pavers so many of you have commissioned through your donations. We also walked the Acadian pavers. These are pavers commissioned by local citizens of the surrounding community to support the Park and honor their Arcadian history.

It was quite moving to see so many supporters in building and maintaining the Four Corners Park.

Joe then described his dream of building a Welcome Center at the north end of the parking lot. I was very impressed with his ability to squeeze such a center into the available land space.

His plan is to have a place where visitors would have a building to take shelter in from inclement weather while visiting the Park. The center would also contain historical and other info of SCMA in addition to the community. It would be furnished for visitors to rest, and would have restrooms for visitor's use....a big improvement over the current “Port-a-Potty” arrangements.



The challenge to accomplishing this goal is funding. Cost is estimated at \$21,000.

Many of you have contributed in the past with paver donations or direct contributions to the Foundation. Now we are asking once again for your help in supporting the Four Corners Park.

If each of us donated to the Foundation, Joe would be able to move forward with completing this wonderful project. If every **Finisher** of the Four Corners Tour donated \$20, and if every non-finisher **Member** of SCMA donated \$10, the Welcome Center would become a reality!

You will receive an acknowledgement letter for your Tax Deduction. Please use the form on the next page in helping Joe and Madawaska build the Welcome Center!

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

Four Corners Park Visitor Center Donation

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Amount of Donation: () \$10 () \$20 () Other _____

() Check enclosed

() Credit Card Type: _____

CC # _____

Expiration Date: _____

3-Digit Code: _____

OR, if you prefer,

Call Diane LaChance at 207-436-7450 and provide her with your CC information

Mail to: Madawaska Four Corners Park
C/O Welcome-Information Center
PO Box 261
Madawaska, Maine 04756

The Four Corners Park Foundation is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization.

You will receive an acknowledgement receipt of your donation for your tax reporting purposes.

LEBANON COMMUNITY CENTER / WALL PROJECT

YES, I WANT TO HELP

I do not wish to receive recognition.

I wish to order _____ inscribed bricks at \$100 each.

I wish to make a contribution of _____ toward the Community Center/Wall without designating a brick.

Enclose payment with form. Make checks payable to:
U.S. Center Foundation, Inc. Memo: Community Center/Wall

My Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ ST/Zip _____ (Opt)Phone: _____

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AS ALLOWED BY LAW.

Anyone who wishes to contribute toward maintenance and upkeep of the Lebanon Community Center facility can also request their name or business name to be added to the "Community Wall". These inscriptions will identify the people and businesses of Lebanon, and its supporters, from yesterday, today and for tomorrow.

Examples of inscriptions: 16 characters/spaces; 2 lines. (Characters limited to keyboard letters, numbers and punctuation.)

 J O H N & J A N E D O E F A M I L Y

Brick Name #1

FIRST LINE (Please Print:) _____

SECOND LINE: _____

Brick Name #2

FIRST LINE (Please Print:) _____

SECOND LINE: _____

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

www.uscenterfoundation.com

U.S. Center Foundation, Inc.; P.O. Box 24; Lebanon, KS 66952 (785) 620-7115 or (785) 389-1501

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

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

Thank You!

Main Street Lebanon KS – Geographical Center of 48 States



Lebanon Community Center on far right
Post Office to its left
Ladow's Market and Restaurant on the left





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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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 in a single calendar year. 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

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Wheels on the Road



By Gonzo #25051

Interested in viewing a different type of online motorcycle magazine? Cost is free and no spam! Check out the below link.
<http://www.theroadhawgs.com>

Motorcycle Products

Have you come across an interesting product to be used for riding, equipment care, bike care, etc?????

If so, send it to us with contact information and we'll consider placing it into our newsletter.

We Want Your Stories !!

We are always looking for Articles from our riders that showcase their travel experiences or events, unique perspectives about equipment, or maybe your account of a ride.

Please send your story to "Gonzo" at Chairman@sc-ma.com

RIDE Chief NEEDED !!

A Ride Chief is need for the 2017 riding season.

Please contact Gonzo at Chairman@SC-MA.com or 949-433-0761

SCMA Facebook Posts

Post photos and comments during your Premier Ride

<https://www.facebook.com/scma.main/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SCMA3FC>

<https://www.facebook.com/scma.21.missions/>

<https://www.facebook.com/scma.park.adventure/>

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

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

Valid Driver's License Required

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

California Law Update

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

SCMA's Premier Events

USA Four Corners Tour/USA Four Corners True X Tour (an AMA "Extreme Grand Tour")

Imagine the adventure and satisfaction of visiting San Ysidro, CA; Blaine, WA; Madawaska, ME; and Key West, FL in 21 days or less. The USA Four Corners Tour is a self-guided tour visiting these four locations in any order you select and at any time of the year. Add Lebanon, KS between each corner and do it in 26 days or less and you have a "True X". Starters shall receive a numbered towel, pin, hat and t-shirt. Certified finishers receive a plaque, patch and finisher's decal. Visit our website for complete information and online registration for this World Class event. More people have topped Mt. Everest than have completed this challenging long distance pinnacle. Dannie Fox is chairing this event.

Three Flags Classic (an AMA "Extreme Grand Tour")

The planning for the 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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