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# SCMA NEWS

## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Over and Under 65

Our May Grand Blazing Saddles (GBS), a 2-night, 3-day ride, became a bit of an eye-opener for me. Almost like a discovery of a preference I was not acknowledging.

I realize that I am mostly a distance rider. But I am also a social person, enjoying the time spent with fellow riders at a lunch or dinner where we can chat and tell riding stories along the line of "...and the fish that got away was this looong" stories. I also like to enjoy a stop and taste a vista or two.

So it was with great anticipation that I rode to Corky's in Corona to meet up with the guys and gals and register for the event. That said however, I have to admit I was feeling a tad slow.

When I left Corky's I told Manny Smith (Chair for the GBS Ride) that I was going on a different route and would meet him at the Joshua Tree Visitor's Center. Then I poked along at a leisurely 50 mph or less on Cajalco Rd along Lake Mathews and then Lake Perris Reservoir. Taking CA-79 to I-10 I kicked it up to a whoppin' 65 mph or so past Morongo. The speeds seemed to favor my visually

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seeing things that I hadn't noticed before.

Riding through Yucca Valley I noticed houses in the hills that I hadn't seen before. Reaching the Visitor's Center it was obvious that my schedule was about 2 hours ahead of Manny. So I continued on to Amboy for a "Route 66" Root Beer. There I met tourists from UK, So. Africa, NZ, Germany and Netherlands.

With no sight of Manny I continued onto Kelso Depot and sighted the massive boulders in the Mojave and the Kelso Dunes. From there to Baker to Shoshone to Pahrump the pace was 65 or less. I even waved at a CHP while he was writing a performance eval for a hapless cage driver. I noticed how the mountains near Shoshone were streaked with shades of grey and dull rust.

The next day I once again took a different route through Death Valley for a Parks Adventure visit and on the Panamint Rd to Searles Valley stopped to read roadside markers. There I learned about Balamat Ghost Town and "Seldom Seen Slim".

Leaving Bakersfield the next day I took the long way home on CA-58 over the Tehachapi Mountains and noticed a railroad track on the west side of the canyon; and then noticed it would disappear into two tunnels carved out of the mountain rock.

On CA-138 I discovered where CA-2 (Angeles Crest Hwy) led up to Wrightwood. I also noticed all the homes in scattered communities tucked into the mountainsides.

Yes, I'm over 65, but I really enjoyed being under 65 for three days.

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,

We are so close to having the problem fixed....the big test will take place this weekend with our attempt to generating the first 20 membership cards.

If the process works, we'll be generating cards and mailing them incrementally over the next few weeks.

Mike Barber  
Membership Director

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[www.redhotriders.com](http://www.redhotriders.com)

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

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



## Grand Blazing Saddles Tour

by Manny Smith

The early morning of May 27<sup>th</sup> started out with a dedicated group of riders arriving at the Corky's Restaurant and Bakery in Corona CA for the beginning of what would be a great weekend for the 2017 Grand Blazing Saddles ride.



We had the honor of having Phyllis and Ken Hatke at the table. Ken and Phyllis were a great help in laying out the route and assisting in this year's event and I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge their support. I have to hand out kudos to my wife, Anastasia, who along with Gonzo spent quite a bit of time working out the logistics and travel



route via their respective computers.

We had an enjoyable time at Corky's and I must say they put out a hearty breakfast. The group of riders enjoyed a lively conversation while we fueled our bodies. We saw Pat Veth for a few seconds and then he was gone. You have to admire his discipline...no breakfast, just a handful of throttle! Once the



paperwork and formalities were complete, the riders made their way to their bikes and proceeded to head out.

Jean and Claudette Feadette were in attendance continuing to set the benchmark for rider participation. Gonzo was in attendance and looked in great shape having recently been rear ended by a distracted motorist at the beginning of a four corners ride. His beautiful Triumph is in the motorcycle hospital getting repaired and repainted. If you didn't get a chance to see his custom paint job it was amazing. He should be getting his bike back better than ever real soon. However, it's great to see the tough guy on his trusty Harley enjoying this ride.

The route for this year's event would take us East bound through south Riverside county and up through the beautiful Mt San Jacinto mountain range. Some



awesome curvy roads met us as our little gaggle of riders progressed on the

day's ride. The clear skies and minimal traffic made for some fun riding as we carved the turns.



Our route took us up through the south side of the Palomar Mountain range and east along a route that was used by the early Spanish explorers in the 1700's. As we headed

east toward the Anza Borrego State Park, we had a chance encounter with the mythical "Yeti", AKA Big Foot, Sasquatch. It's an 11-foot-tall pink-faced replica...we just gassed it as we went by. Dropping down Montezuma grade provided us with a view that at



times has all the colors of the rainbow...but on this stretch you really need to look at the road as there are some spectacular drop offs. Once thru the Borrego Salton Sea area we made our way thru Mecca, Box Canyon, and into the Joshua Tree National Park.

This park has a beauty onto its own and is a haven for desert dwellers and rock climbers. We zipped along at good pace and decided to have lunch in Twentynine Palms. Andria's Char-Broiled Burgers was the eatery of choice and we all enjoyed a great lunch. I highly recommend it.



We continued on the route thru Amboy and decided to take a quick break at the Kelso Depot in the Mojave National Preserve. We spent a good half hour walking around and enjoying the building and grounds. It

always amazes me how somebody could have selected this site and constructed this beautiful building...there were some tough people back in the day!

Temperature 99° Baker CA



We continued on making our way thru Baker and Shoshone where we had the temps climb up on us for the first time. We finally arrived in good time at our hotel in Pahrump; "Saddle West Hotel and Casino" which was our final destination for day one. The group of riders met for a planned rider's dinner and enjoyed an excellent buffet of prime rib, chicken, pasta, assorted vegies, salads, desert cakes, pies, and ice cream! The company of our fellow riders, and talk

about the days ride, was special and I suspect everybody hit the



sack soon after our gathering.

The next morning began our final day's ride and everyone was leaving individually or in small groups as they usually do. Again we had Mike and Pat along with Jim Filley and Lance Mchare in our group. We headed out on an exceptionally comfortable weather-related morning on our way to Beatty NV. After a quick fuel stop in Beatty we continued on our way finally reaching NV-266 where we turned and proceeded in a westerly direction. This highway is considered the second loneliest road in Nevada according to some folks and I can see why. It starts out in a high desert and then transitions into this beautiful mountain roadway as you climb in elevation. There are some scenic stops where you can see the snow-covered Sierra mountain range that words can't describe. This was a busy mining area at one time and



there are several mining sites and abandoned buildings that are still visible.

We continued on our way turning onto CA-168. This stretch of road was pointed out to me by Gonzo and Ken Hatke and what a great road it was. This road has lots of curves with plenty of signage with advance warnings of the

road being narrow with tight turns. This proved to be a very accurate warning as, at one point, the road does a one-laner slicing through a ridge of solid rock. However, it was a blast to ride and took us up thru the Bristle Cone forest as we eventually made our way to Big Pine California.

After a quick lunch stop in Lone Pine we headed south bound on Highway 395 and had a great ride turning onto highway 136 to Panamint Springs in Death Valley. The ride down the long grade to the valley floor was spectacular. You could feel the rise in temperature as you descended the







grade. We continued on thru Trona and Ridgecrest picking up CA 178 for our final push to Bakersfield passing Lake Isabella on the way.

We did stop for a few minutes to admire the Kern River. The power and force due to the massive snowmelt has created a very violent and thunderous river that was all white rapids.

The news reported that two people lost their lives on the Sunday that we passed by the river. We took a few pictures and headed in to Bakersfield tired but pleased to be at the hotel.

When I entered the Clarion hotel lobby, who did I find but Gonzo and a 26-ounce bottle of cold beer at the deserted bar. He must have felt sorry for me or I looked kind of haggard, so he offered me a glass of beer from his bottle...ice cold...nothing more to say.

We ended our evening at the Hungry



Hunter restaurant and had a delicious dinner with friends old and new. I enjoyed meeting everyone and I had a great time. I look forward to seeing you all on the road again on future SCMA rides.

Manny Smith



*Editor's Note:* Manny, Kenn and Phyllis did a fantastic job planning and arranging the great weekend of riding. As the photo's attest....the sights were awesome and the camaraderie lots of fun.

Rumblin' pipes to them for a great weekend!!!!







# DOG DAYS of SUMMER



**Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Check in at 7:00 – 8:00 am**



Join us for a fun morning starting off with breakfast at the Way Station Cafe in Newhall.

From there we'll ride to CA-126 to Piru and then follow roads along the Santa Clarita River, into the foothills, through canyons, along the coast, onto Mulholland Hwy with a finish at a lunch stop to be determined.

Fun Ride???

You Betcha!!!

**SCMA Ride Chair:** Jim “Stoney” Stoneman  
**Questions?? Contact:** “Stoney” at  
[asphaltrider@icloud.com](mailto:asphaltrider@icloud.com) (805) 279-5557

**Sign up under the “Rides” drop down menu at**  
[www.sc-ma.com](http://www.sc-ma.com)

# California National Parks Adventure Tour

by Dean Sorrocco  
Chair, CA Adventure Series

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

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

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

Below is a list of the 25 NP's to help you in developing a plan. You will have the full calendar year to visit all the sites and your completed SCMA Parks Passport must be submitted for validation by December 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:adventures@sc-ma.com)**

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**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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Interested in owning a HUGE piece of SCMA History??

The above Gold Wing was Joe Usatin's. Joe was the "father" of the Three Flags Classic and he rode quite a few Classics on this bike.

The bike has rebuilt/replaced forks, new rear suspension, and new rear engine seal.

1984 Honda Gold Wing, 144.8k miles, Asking \$4,000.

Contact Doug Hoffelt (Antelope Valley Riders – Lancaster) for more information:

(661) 435-8949 or [hoffelt@verizon.net](mailto:hoffelt@verizon.net)

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

July	<b>15</b>	<b>*Dog Days of Summer</b>
Aug	<b>5</b>	<b>*SCMA BBQ Meet</b>
	<b>31</b>	<b>Three Flags Classic Check-in</b>
Sep	<b>5</b>	<b>Three Flags Classic Banquet Puerto Peñasco, MEX</b>
	<b>16</b>	<b>Run to Lebanon</b>
Oct	<b>7</b>	<b>*Rally</b>
	<b>29</b>	<b>*SCMA Cemetery Tour</b>

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

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## National News Section

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



# June “All Members Breakfast” Meeting

## Election Results

### SCMA Plans for the 50<sup>th</sup> Year

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, at SCMA's **All Member's Breakfast Meeting**, the below named members were elected by ballot count. The Board accepted the results of the election.

Chairman – R. “Gonzo” Gonzalez

Secretary – Dan Burt

Referee and Risk Manager – Rodney Chew

Appreciation is extended to the membership for mailing in their ballots for this election.

During the All Members Breakfast we discussed various ideas for SCMA's 50<sup>th</sup> year of operation in 2018.

- a. Logo design to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> year
- b. Website upgrades
- c. Awards Banquet to emphasize the 50<sup>th</sup>
- d. Unique National and local rides tied to a 50<sup>th</sup>
- e. Design of pins and patches denoting the 50<sup>th</sup>
- f. Ordering/selling t-shirts, hats, etc., commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup>
- g. New membership cards and stationary
- h. **All members are encouraged and welcomed to submit ideas and suggestions with regard to the 50<sup>th</sup> year celebrations and recognitions.**
- i. **Volunteers needed** to implement the approved events and activities.

A discussion for changing the monthly Ride format the ensued with the following topics put forth:

- a. Campouts
- b. An SCMA member rally
- c. other events to encourage younger member participation

The final topic introduced to members in attendance was the effort going forward in developing a Vision and Mission for SCMA. Some basic concepts were presented for discussion. More work is needed on this concept before being presented to the board and to the membership for consideration.

## **Chris White (3FC Chair) Update**

### **Three Flags Classic Status**

#### **Chris White – Status Report**

On Monday, 5 June, Chris White, our Three Flags Chairman, suffered a serious motorcycle accident. We became aware of his misfortune around the 20<sup>th</sup> when his daughter contacted us.

Details of the cause of the accident are unknown to us at this time. However, his daughter was able to apprise us of his status.

Chris suffered multiple injuries to the chest cavity and a very serious concussion.

As of today, Chris is ambulatory using a walker. His concussion is still affecting him, but he recognizes family and is conversing quite well. The signs of healing are becoming more evident day by day.

At present, he is hospitalized in Victoria and his wife and daughter are nearby caring for him. It is expected that he will be moved to another hospital once he is ready for physical rehab/therapy.

Pending that move, we ask that you consider sending Chris a get-well card, as soon as possible, to the following temporary address:

Mr. Chris White (Rm# 766 N)  
C/O Royal Jubilee Hospital  
1952 Bay St  
Victoria BC  
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We wish Chris a speedy recovery to full health and we are hoping to see him at the start in Abbotsford!!

#### **Three Flags Classic – Status report**

Upon being informed of Chris White's accident, and his indefinite recovery period, I immediately called for a meeting with Victor Castañeda, co-Chair of the 2017 3FC. Victor was the co-Chair for 2016 supporting Rodney Chew, and experienced the demands a Three Flags Classic presents to its Chair and committee.

In addition to being the President of the AZRATPack and member of the SCMA Board of Directors, Victor has been working closely with Chris in navigating the myriad of 3FC details. He has also been in charge of the SWAG design and procurement. During the last three-plus years, demonstrating organizational, communicative, and teamwork skills, Victor has gained the trust and confidence of those working with him. At this point, with a bit of catch up work to be done, he is perfectly positioned to guide the 3FC17 to a successful start and finish while awaiting the hopeful return of Chris.

The board of directors, in recognition of the amount of work accomplished to date by Chris, has elected to continue recognizing Chris White as the Chair, 3FC17 and designate Victor as the Acting Chair, 3FC17, charged with bringing the Classic to a successful start and finish.

Victor is currently in the process of "wrapping his arms" around the known and unknown 3FC tasks remaining to be identified/addressed/finalized.

Please join us in welcoming Victor to his new assignment and please be available to support him where needed.

Gonzo  
Chairman

Some of you may not tie the name "Chris White" with the face.....so I'm including a photo from the 2016 3FC finish in Kimberley CAN.



## USA Four Corners Rider

Leo Trudel, from Ft. Kent ME, stopped by in Lake Forest, Orange County, SoCal, to join me for breakfast. He's had an amazing run through the southwest in temperatures of 110° or more.

He started from Madawaska to Key West, San Ysidro and will finish in Blaine. From there he'll ride to Duluth to meet with his sweetheart, visit Aerostich, hang out in Montreal, then return home around the 30<sup>th</sup> or so.

Congratulation Leo on completing your USA Four Corners Tour !!!



### 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. You can call Joe at (207) 436-7451. It would help if you could provide Joe with an expected arrival date/time so he could be at the park to greet you: [fourcornerspark@roadrunner.com](mailto:fourcornerspark@roadrunner.com)

Will you be passing through Orange County, SoCal on I-5?  
If so, please contact Gonzo so he can meet with you as you pass through Lake Forest: [GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com](mailto:GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com) 949-433-0761



# ABOUT BAM

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## **BAM: Breakdown and Legal Assistance for Motorcyclists**

BAM is a unique volunteer organization of bikers helping bikers. Motorcycle Attorney and long-time SCMA supporter, Russ Brown started BAM over 30 years ago when he experienced a breakdown 100 miles from home. Stranded in a remote location with no one he knew nearby that could help him, Russ thought “Wouldn’t it be great to have a fellow biker to call anytime, anywhere you needed help?” And so, BAM was born! Today, BAM’s nationwide volunteer network of roughly 2 million motorcyclists can help provide you with emergency breakdown assistance across the country. If you experience a breakdown or mechanical problems while on the road, call 1-800-4-BIKERS, and we will search our volunteer network and send someone out to help.

## **Roadside Assistance for Motorcycles**

Russ also wanted to provide the support of his legal muscle to every BAM member. Today, Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys, and their nationwide network provide free legal advice 24/7 to all its members nationwide. Started by the Los Angeles motorcycle accident attorneys who ride, BAM is the ultimate resource for riders—one that has developed and flourished for over 30 years. As a result, the motorcycle accident attorneys at Russ Brown have developed trusted relationships with the best lawyers across the country. No matter where you ride, you can rest assured knowing you have the very best biker-friendly lawyers ready to help you if you are involved in a motorcycle crash. BAM’s emergency ID card can speak for you if you are incapacitated in a crash: we list your emergency contact person,

medical problems, and blood type. With your permission, should emergency personnel call, we will supply this information and provide donors if necessary.

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

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## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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

[www.uscenterfoundation.com](http://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.

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*Thank You!*

# Four Corners Park Visitor Center Donation

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OR, if you prefer,

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

OR, use PayPal place the below into your browser :

<http://www.madawaskafourcorners.org/WelcomeCenterDonations.html>

(PayPal button is located on left side of page)

Or

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.

# Main Street Lebanon KS – Geographical Center of 48 States



Lebanon Community Center on far right side of Main St  
Post Office to its left...same side of street  
Ladow's Market and Restaurant on the left side of Main St





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



We are offering the Best 15 US Roads Challenge for the 7<sup>th</sup> year. The challenge started spontaneously in the spring of 2011 when the American Motorcyclist Association published its Best 15 Roads article. Two riders took the challenge that year: Kathy and Larry Lamarche from Kamloops, BC Canada. 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](http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/co_us550.html)
7. Blue Ridge Parkway, Any continuous 150 mile segment <http://www.blueridgeparkway.org>
8. Washington 20, Concrete to Omak <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/634/Washington/Highway-20-Washington-Pass.html>
9. Big Bend NP, U.S.385 into north gate, out west gate on TX118 to FR170 to Presidio\* 120 mile ride. <http://www.bigbendnationalpark.com>
10. Ranch Roads 335, 336 and 337, "The Twisted Sisters" or "The Triple 3", Texas\*\*\* [http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/555/Texas/The-Three-Sisters-\(AKA-The-Twisted-Sisters\)-Ranch-Roads-335-336337a.html#sthash.VtF1zKaL.2OUPjSG.dpbs](http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/555/Texas/The-Three-Sisters-(AKA-The-Twisted-Sisters)-Ranch-Roads-335-336337a.html#sthash.VtF1zKaL.2OUPjSG.dpbs)
11. U.S. 16A, Custer to Mt. Rushmore and then to Keystone, South Dakota\*\*\*\* [http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/sd\\_us16a.html](http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/sd_us16a.html)
12. "Kancamagus Scenic Byway/Mt. Washington, Lincoln, New Hampshire to Mt. Washington Summit\*\*\*\*\* [http://www.motorcycleroads.com/Routes/New-Hampshire\\_105.html](http://www.motorcycleroads.com/Routes/New-Hampshire_105.html)
13. U.S.191, Springerville to Three Way, Arizona [http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/az\\_us191.html](http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/az_us191.html)
14. Utah 12, Torrey to Bryce Canyon Turnoff <http://www.scenicbyway12.com>
15. Mount Desert Island, Acadia NP. ME102/ME102A to Bass Harbor Lighthouse. ME102A/ME102 to ME198 to ME233 to Cadillac Mountain Summit. Back down to the LOOP ROAD along the coast. Jordan Rd/ Stanly Rd to ME 3 North to get off the Island.\* 75 mile double loop. <http://www.acadianationalpark.com/parklooproad>

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

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

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

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

\*\*\*\*\* NH12, Kancamagus HWY, 23 miles to Left on Bear Notch Rd, US302 W, at Twin Mt US3 N then NH115 E, US2 E to NH16 S to Mt. Washington Auto Road.

# Southern California Motorcycling Association

## Best 15 US Roads Challenge

### RULES

1. The participant must be a member of the Southern California Motorcycling Association.
2. The participant must complete a registration form and pay the associated ride fee.
3. The participant must complete, sign, have witnessed and NOTARIZED an AMA Release and Indemnity Form (ROL) printed in COLOR to clearly show the red watermark, then send it to the Chairman of the 15 Best US Roads Challenge.
4. The participant must provide a GAS RECEIPT clearly showing the date and location at both ends of each road or road group (challenge unit). Also required is a PHOTO of the PARTICIPANT with his or her MOTORCYCLE taken with a SIGN or recognizable LANDMARK to identify the location. The gas receipts and photos must be assembled into a logbook and sent to the Chairman of the 15 Best US Roads Challenge for approval to certify the participant as a Finisher of the Challenge.
5. The participant must ride his or her motorcycle or trike the entire distances to and from home, to and from and along the prescribed roads. The fifteen roads may be traveled in any sequence, breaks in time between roads are allowed and can be taken at the discretion of the rider. In the event of a road closure, ride to the closure sign to take the photo.
6. ALL 15 Roads must be ridden in one calendar year, designated as between January 1 and December 15. There are no time extensions for any reason, including weather, mechanical failures, accidents, illness etc. Participants will have two years of eligibility to complete the ride; the year of registration is considered the first year of eligibility; the following year is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of eligibility.

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

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

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



*Editor's note: 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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

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# Wheels on the Road



By Gonzo #25051

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## Motorcycle Products

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

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## We Want Your Stories !!

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

Please send your story to "Gonzo" at [Chairman@sc-ma.com](mailto:Chairman@sc-ma.com)

## RIDE Chief NEEDED !!

A Ride Chief is need for the 2017 riding season.

Please contact Gonzo at [Chairman@SC-MA.com](mailto:Chairman@SC-MA.com) or 949-433-0761

## SCMA Facebook Posts

Post photos and comments during your Premier Ride

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<https://www.facebook.com/scma.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, 42<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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).

*Some Valuable Fine Print (REALLY !)*

Articles and advertising must be received by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to appear in the next published issue of the SCMA News. Newsletters are circulated electronically and posted on the SCMA website. Send written correspondence to: Southern California Motorcycle Association, PO Box 487, Norwalk, CA 90651-0487

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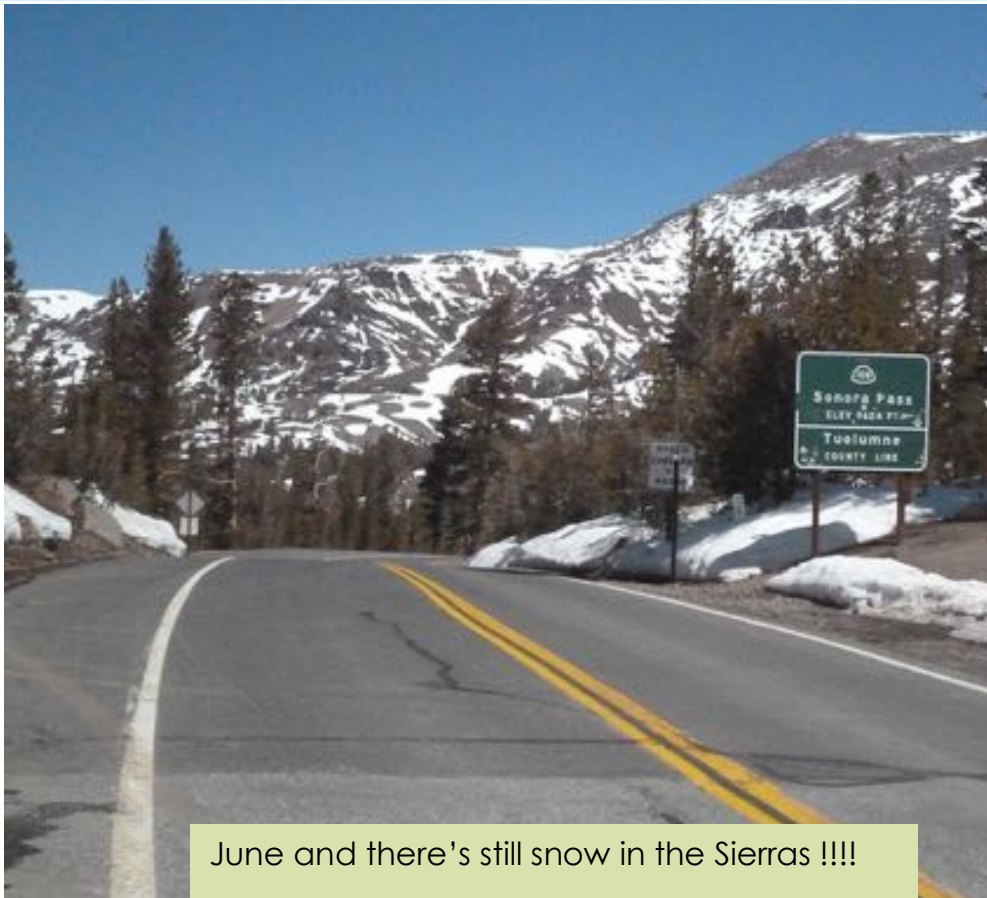
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June and there's still snow in the Sierras !!!!

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