



SCMA NEWS

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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Hello everyone,

I'm sure y'all noticed the September and October newsletters were never released. Simply put, I was overwhelmed with many personal and professional tasks and when the time came to write I just couldn't find the words. The struggle to write became more evident the harder I tried. So I took a break and focused on getting a number of things in my personal life in order.

Inside this edition you will find coverage on our Three Flags Classic held over the Labor Day weekend. It was a fantastic event that returned the SCMA to Mexico!

We bring you latest developments on 3FC18 confirming the start, as announced in Penasco, and announcing the finish location.

Speaking of Penasco, the background photo to the above SCMA header is the beach line viewed from the finish hotel.

Winter is here and a lot of

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Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Run-San Diego RHR's	Nov	11
Xmas Toy Ride – Santa Clarita	Dec	9
January Members Breakfast – Duarte	Jan	TBA
Sweetheart Ride	Feb	10

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bikes are being stored out of the freezing snow.....and many of you are also considering acquiring a new riding machine. Check out the want ads in the Southwest Region section.

The new Honda Gold Wing has been released and Steve Shulman is announcing a deal to band riders interested in benefiting from a possible discount by leveraging a group buy. Take a look at his proposal in the National Section.

There's a lot of work to be done for the coming year.....SCMA's 50th anniversary. Your Board of Directors is working on designing a commemorative decal for the 50th, reviewing the Premier Rides and updating if needed, scheduling the monthly rides for the year, preparing for the Annual Awards Banquet, and establishing/documenting a process to administer the Three Flags Classic to help future committees administer the ride.

It's the end of the year, and a lot is going on.....'tis good to be writing again!

A big thank you to Victor, Rodney, and many others for the photos and flickr album site!

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 delivered over 200 membership packages at the 3FC17 finish in Puerto Penasco in September. That left us with approximately another 200 to finish processing in November and December.

Jim Filley has joined the Membership Committee and will be helping us with printing the cards and administering the membership database.

Welcome aboard Jim, thanks for helping us with this task!

Mike Barber
Membership Director

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www.pasadenamc.com

Red Hot Riders of San Diego
www.redhotriders.com

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

Victor McLaglen Motor Corps
www.thevmmc.com



The Southern California Motorcycling Association Proudly Presents
Turkey Run 2017
Saturday, November 11th

Hosted by The Red Hot Riders of San Diego



Check in and ride route
 8:00 to 9:00a.m.
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For further information
 Check out sc-ma.com
 or email GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com



SCMA - Home of the 3 Flags Classic, Four Corners USA Tour, California Adventure Series, and 15 Best Roads Challenge

SCMA 2017 Xmas Toy Ride



When: December 9th

Where: Panera Bread
19185 Golden Valley Rd
Santa Clarita

Registrations: 8:00-9:30 am

Fee: One toy \$5-\$10 value

Contact Bruce Bluemm
Ba.bluemm@gmail.com
(661) 644-2121

Finish: "Bricks" Hamburgers
23820 Lyons Ave
Santa Clarita

Great event to support the LA Fire Fighters effort to provide toys to Children in need. Route will take riders into the canyons and sites such as where the 1971 movie "Duel" with Dennis Weaver was filmed and where Gold was first discovered in CA!



California National Parks Adventure Tour

by Dean Sorrocco
Chair, CA Adventure Series

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

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

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

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

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

CALIFORNIA NATIONAL PARKS

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

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



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

adventures@sc-ma.com

Sell it here !!

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



2010 Honda Goldwing GL
1800. 85,000 miles **\$10,500.**

2011 Harley Heritage Softail
Classic. 2,900 miles, **\$12,900**

Contact Steve Shulman for more information at:
steven1050@aol.com or (949) 769-1726

SCMA's Help Wanted

SW Regional Ride Chief for 2018. Start thinking about the 2018 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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ST1100 Aux Fuel Tank,
luggage rack, seats.

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626-253-5367



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Bill Strickland, Member #34143
Pierre South Dakota

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Little bag on back does not go with bike
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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. **\$13,500** 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



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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

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2012 HONDA ST 1300 AC

Pristine condition, meticulously maintained and always garage stored with 44,135 miles. Has Russell Daylong seat with passenger backrest and cargo rack as shown. Also, comes with police single seat/rear cowl configuration to revert, dual stock seat and/or Maverick seat also available. Bike is equipped with:

- Transferable Honda 4-year extended warranty valid thru December 2019
- Honda factory heated grips
- Hi/Lo Bi-Xenon headlights
- Soundoff Ghostlight

forward warning lights (white) and rear brake lights

- Front and rear police crash bars with custom modified passenger pegs
- Racetech front suspension
- Fork springs rate at 1.0KG (stock was way under sprung at .860kg)
- Rear suspension is fitted with Progressive 465 fully adjustable shock with Remote Adjustable Preload (RAP).

Must sell; too many bikes to maintain. **\$10,400**. Ask for Steve (#24141) at [\(707\) 479-0849](tel:7074790849).





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Rampage Power Lift – loads a full touring bike (Gold Wing, Harley).

Fits pick-up truck with 6.5' box. Easy to operate. Used 1 time. Asking **\$1,250**. Located in North Platte NE

Contact Bud Kleewein

308-530-4068

Four Month Running Calendar

- Nov **11 Turkey Run – San Diego Red Hot Riders**
- Dec **9 Xmas Toy Ride – Santa Clarita**
- Jan **TBA Member Breakfast – Duarte Elks Lodge**
- Feb **10 Sweetheart**

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

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National News Section

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



Hello SCMA Newsletter readers & Goldwing Riders

It is with a great deal excitement and anticipation I type this to SCMA Goldwing riders. There is a newly designed 2018 Goldwing that was released yesterday by Honda. Honda has made some significant improvements in both technical and styling areas of the bike. While the bike is now about 80 lbs. lighter than previous models, it holds about a gallon less fuel. Honda says the mileage be around 42 miles per gallon while maintaining the 1832cc motor. Some additional features include a 7" screen that contains icons instead of the 50 something buttons from times past. The windshield is now electric and an improved front end suspension and a 6 or 7 speed transmission depending on the manual or DCT mode. Some really GREAT improvements! If you haven't noticed I'm really excited, well I am beaming awaiting these improvements for years!

But the reason for my e-mail is not to write a review of the bike it's to gather an interest list of those interested in buying one, once you've done your research. My intention is to gather a list of people interested in buying the new model and approach a dealer I have dealt with before and know who is interested in making us a great deal on a volume purchase.

The dealer is not "local" so the idea would be to fly to the location, get picked up by the dealer and ride them home. That's what we like to do, ride!

I'd like to gather as many people interested in buying one and see about getting the best deal possible for all the buyers. I am willing to organize the list and negotiate the purchase price for everyone. There is no commitment from anyone until you know everything there is to know about the bike, the color, the options, and of course, the price. Having purchased from this dealer before, I know the dealer's desire is to beat everyone's price. In 2008 I bought a Wing from them and saved over \$2000 over other dealers after deducting airfare, hotels and gas from the best price I could find in California.

If you have an interest, e-mail me at Steven1050@aol.com or call me at 949-769-1726 and I'll keep you posted after I compile a list of people and details about the bikes.

I'm always up to saving a few bucks when I buy a bike and I suspect you are too! There is no obligation and I love putting together this sort of thing to see how much money we can save for SCMA members.

Respectfully,

Steven Shulman (your former Chairman)
Walla Walla, WA
949-769-1726

ABOUT BAM

Katherine Markowicz
Marketing & Promotions
Brown, Koro & Romag LLP



BAM: Breakdown and Legal Assistance for Motorcyclists

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

Roadside Assistance for Motorcycles

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

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

BAM membership is FREE!

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

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

A Four-Block Parade

By Gonzo #25051

A phone call to Dannie Fox, Chair of the SCMA's USA Four Corner's Tour went something like this:

"Hey Dannie",

"Hey Gonz, whatsup??"

"Whaddaya doin' on the 14th?"

"Not much I guess, whatsup??"

"Let's go to Lebanon",

"Lebanon?" "Yeah, Kansas, The Center."

"What for?"

"They got a parade on Saturday thru downtown for the kids, it's the Lebanon Fest"

"Really? Downtown is only one block".

"We line up 3 blocks before it. Plus we'll meet up with a bunch of other True X finishers and drink beer and bourbon"

"OK, I'm in."

And that is how Dannie and I decided to ride 1200 miles from AZ to ride in a four-block parade. It was an opportunity for us to support the small Kansas town that is the center of SCMA's True X Tour.

What is a True X Tour?? It is a challenge hosted by the Southern California Motorcycling

Association (SCMA). It was established as an alternate event to the USA Four Corners Tour (1983) where riders were given 21 days to ride the Four Corners in box fashion. The True X was introduced in 2011 and first ridden by Chuck Gatecliff of Michigan and Barry Bullington of IL as a riding team.



There are four cities/towns recognized by SCMA as the corners of the USA: San Ysidro CA, Blaine WA, Key West FL, and Madawaska ME. Lebanon KS is recognized as the

center of the contiguous 48 states. SCMA gives a rider 26 days, beginning on a day selected by the rider with a receipt from the first corner, to ride to Lebanon, then to a 2nd corner, back to Lebanon, then to a 3rd corner, back to Lebanon, then to the final corner. The final corner must be reached within 26 days or less.

So a group of us decided to meet in Lebanon to show our appreciation to the town for hosting and supporting SCMA riders over the years.

Dannie rode up from Tucson and I rode in from the northwest near Lake Pleasant and we met in Fountain Hills. With Dannie in the lead, we rode up AZ-87 (Beeline Hwy) into



Payson, then AZ-260 to Heber-Obergaard onto AZ-277 and 377 north to Holbrook where we headed east on I-40 through Gallup NM into Albuquerque and onto I-25 through Santa Fe and into Las Vegas NM. We spent the night in Las Vegas after a sweet 600-mile ride. This was an awesome day's ride as we went from hot Sonoran Desert, to cooler pine tree filled mountains, to high altitude windy plains of northern NM. Though devoid of twisting tight mountain roads, the route we

took provided us with numerous vistas of this beautiful southwest region of the USA.

The next morning we continued north on I-25 through Raton NM and into Trinidad CO where we swung northeast on US-160 and US-350 to connect onto CO-71 to Limon where we headed east on I-70 into Colby KS. Continuing east on US-24 we connected with US-83 and KS-383 to Norton and settled in for the final 70-mile ride on US-36 to

Smith Center where we stayed at the US Center Motel. This section of the ride was more farmland and ranches, and a lot of small towns that are the heart of America!

Info about the Lebanon Bash had been published in the newsletter inviting riders to meet us at the Center Motel in Smith Center. We were pleasantly surprised to find a group of 13 riders waiting for us in the courtyard when we arrived



at the US Center motel.

Now, you may ask, why would anyone ride 1200 to 1400 miles to a small town in Kansas just to be in one block parade? Here are some of the answers given:

1. Sounded like a good idea,
2. The need for a distance ride
3. To support the town of Lebanon for their summer bash.
4. To hang out with riding buddies
5. To be part of a parade
6. To have a sandwich at Ladow's Market
7. To visit the town we rode thru 3 times in 26 days or less while qualifying for the SCMA USA Four Corners True X Challenge.

I think you get the idea.....

Friday night we had dinner at Las Canteras Mexican Restaurant on Main St. in Smith Center. As we were walking into the restaurant, the city's Police Chief was coming out and John Cooper snapped a selfie with him. We had a great time in Las Canteras enjoying various items from their menu



washing it all down with our choice of drinks. We decided that the thing to do after dinner was to pick up some beer and bourbon to liven our spirits while sitting in the motel's open courtyard regaling each other riding stories.

During the hangout, bourbon and beer session in the courtyard, I met Barry Bullington.....he and Chuck Gatecliff were the first True X riders back in 2011 and their story got published in the October 2016 newsletter [SCMA Oct2016 Newsletter](#). Barry is an amazing long distance rider and can tell many stories of his adventures riding across the USA.

Early Saturday morning we had breakfast next door in Paul's Café. Denise, our waitress, arranged tables in the back of the café so we could sit together and laugh noisily without disturbing the local customers. During breakfast Denise brought Bryce Wiehl, the Mayor of Smith Center, over to meet us. Bryce is also a rider and thanked us for staying in Smith Center and supporting Lebanon.

Next on the agenda was to clean our bikes in preparation for the parade then off to Lebanon, 13 miles to the east, to have lunch at Ladow's Market, visit their Community

Center, meet up with the Mayor, Rick Chaplin, Cindy Stone, US Center Foundation Treasurer and Kent Stones, President of the Foundation. They are the organizers of the Bash and also arranged a special section for SCMA members to purchase inscribed bricks on the front of their community center.



Barry Bullington (1st True X finisher), Mayor and Mrs Rick Chaplin, Gonzo



After lunch we headed out to the north of town and began lining up for the Parade along with the national guard, fire engines, ambulances, heavy duty farm equipment, horses, marching band, and more!! It was fun to be behind the hay wagon with teenagers tossing candy out to the little kids scrambling to get it all!

For a small town parade, it turned out to be a very long one featuring classic cars, custom bikes, farm equipment, military vehicles, marching band, local business floats, and the SCMA!

We parked the bikes next to Lebanon's newly

designated park and did a group photo, hung out for awhile chatting with folks, then we headed back to Smith Center for hamburgers at the local Jiffy Burger and then another evening of beer and bourbon in the courtyard.



Here's a link to a fb video of the parade: (be patient waiting for the link to open)

<https://www.facebook.com/LebanonBash/videos/144779146126726/>

Kudos to the below guys and gals who participated in this fun event.

Chuck Van der Vord, Ormand Beach FL
Dewayne Good, Cleburne TX
Dennis Rowe, Rochester IL
Sue Dennis, Springfield IL
Don Mikkelson, Rio Rancho NM
John Cooper, Boulder City CO
Matt Young, San Diego CA
Bruce Astle, Thunder Bay ONT CAN
Chuck Blumhardt, Aberdeen SD
Shane Blumhardt, Aberdeen SD
Barry Bullinger, Lecanto FL
Gonzo, AZ/CA

The air was cold rolling out in the Kansas morning, but the skies were clear. The ride back was the reverse route, nothing new, just riding country roads and interstate slab, but seeing it as a movie in reverse. Until we got on US-350 heading to Trinidad CO, dark clouds were looming everywhere to the west. As we headed south on I-25 we got some light rain on our way into Las Vegas NM to motel for the night. Luckily, after dinner, we had just made it back to the motel when massive thunderstorms hit!

Monday was uneventful, a great ride west on I-40 from Albuquerque, through Grants and Gallup NM, past the Petrified Forest and past Knife City in Sun Valley and into Holbrook. I was tempted to continue to Winslow AZ for a visit to the statue "Standing on the Corner". But we had to reach Scottsdale to visit a hospitalized friend within visiting hours.

It was a great weekend, loads of fun, and a loud rumbling of pipes for the wonderful folks in Lebanon KS and their beautiful town !!

A big thanks to the guys that provided photos of the Lebanon Bash: John Cooper, Dan Mikkelson, Dennis Rowe, and others.
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/135120412@N05/albums/72157687719550584>







More photos can be seen at:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/135120412@N05/albums/72157687719550584>



**Southern California Motorcycling Association
Best 15 US Roads Challenge
Announcing the 2018 Collection**



We are offering the Best 15 US Roads Challenge for the 8th 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. CA-1 will also be replaced for 2018 due to the mudslides that have closed the road.

For a list of the 6 rules of the ride please refer to the SCMA website: <http://sc-ma.com>

In 2018 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** TO BE REPLACED IN 2018**
<http://www.pashnit.com/roads/cal/Hwy1BigSur.htm>
3. U.S.12, Lolo Pass, Lewiston, Idaho to Lolo, Montana <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/185/Idaho/The-Lolo-Pass.html>
4. U.S.33, Elkins, West Virginia to Seneca Rocks on to Harrisonburg, Virginia. 100 mile ride.
<http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/656/west-virginia/us-33-through-the-shanendoah-valley.html>
5. Glacier National Park, Montana, Going to the Sun Road. <http://motorcycleroads.com/75/353/Montana/Going-To-The-Sun-Road.html>
6. U.S. 550, "Million Dollar Highway", Montrose to Durango, Colorado
http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/co_us550.html
7. Blue Ridge Parkway, Any continuous 150 mile segment <http://www.blueridgeparkway.org>
8. Washington 20, Concrete to Omak <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/634/Washington/Highway-20-Washington-Pass.html>
9. Big Bend NP, U.S.385 into north gate, out west gate on TX118 to FR170 to Presidio* 120 mile ride.
<http://www.bigbendnationalpark.com>
10. Ranch Roads 335, 336 and 337, "The Twisted Sisters" or "The Triple 3", Texas***
[http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/555/Texas/The-Three-Sisters-\(AKA-The-Twisted-Sisters\)-Ranch-Roads-335-336337a.html#sthash.VtF1zKaL.2OUPjSG.dpbs](http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/555/Texas/The-Three-Sisters-(AKA-The-Twisted-Sisters)-Ranch-Roads-335-336337a.html#sthash.VtF1zKaL.2OUPjSG.dpbs)
11. U.S. 16A, Custer to Mt. Rushmore and then to Keystone, South Dakota****
http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/sd_us16a.html
12. "Kancamagus Scenic Byway/Mt. Washington, Lincoln, New Hampshire to Mt. Washington Summit*****
http://www.motorcycleroads.com/Routes/New-Hampshire_105.html
13. U.S.191, Springerville to Three Way, Arizona http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/az_us191.html
14. Utah 12, Torrey to Bryce Canyon Turnoff <http://www.scenicbyway12.com>
15. Mount Desert Island, Acadia NP. ME102/ME102A to Bass Harbor Lighthouse. ME102A/ME102 to ME198 to ME233 to Cadillac Mountain Summit. Back down to the LOOP ROAD along the coast. Jordan Rd/ Stanly Rd to ME 3 North to get off the Island.* 75 mile double loop. <http://www.acadianationalpark.com/parklooproad>

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

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

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

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

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

Southern California Motorcycling Association

Best 15 US Roads Challenge

RULES

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

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

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

rsroger03@gmail.com or call at (330) 857 8131



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

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

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2018 Three Flags Classic Update

At the closing of the 2017 Three Flags Classic banquet in Puerto Penasco, it was announced that Victor Castaneda, co-chair for 3FC17 and President of the AZRATPack, would be the chair for the 2018 Three Flags Classic.

Victor took the podium and announced that the 2018 start would be located at Puerto Penasco, and that the cities of Whistler BC and Calgary AB were being considered as the finish locations in Canada.

Unfortunately, a short time later Victor stepped down from being 3FC chair for 2018. This was a tough call for Victor to make. The board respects his decision and appreciates his making this decision early in the schedule.

At this point the Board of Directors will be chairing the 2018 Three Flags Classic and has decided to continue with the start and finish plans Victor announced at the banquet. **Puerto Penasco will be the start** location for 3FC18 and proposals from cities and hotels at Whistler and Calgary have been received and evaluated. The **3FC18 will finish in Calgary**, with the final hotel yet to be decided from a short list.

While this decision is in process, the board is identifying key positions needing to be staffed for the event, and prioritizing the numerous tasks involved in making this event successful.

eBlasts will be released to the membership as decisions are made so that your travel plans can be made at the earliest possible time.

We're looking forward to another fantastic Three Flags Classic event continuing the tradition of riding in three countries.





2017 Three Flags Classic - Return to Mexico

It was only Tuesday, 3-days before the morning start of the 2017 Three Flags Classic, and the excitement and anticipation already permeated Abbotsford's Quality Inn.

I arrived mid-day on Wednesday and there were already some 50 bikes in the parking lot. 2 hours later there were at least 70 bikes and more were arriving in a continuous stream. The check-in counter was beginning to hum with riders getting keys to their rooms. I found **Chris White** (3FC17 Chairman), with his infectious grin, in the Motel's lobby generating cheer and enthusiasm while greeting riders as they arrived.

Earlier in the day, members of the Chilliwack GWRRA initiated the first steps preparing for the check-in. That afternoon, the volunteer check-in team began the work of sorting all the photos and pasting them into the passports. About 6 hours later they called it a night declaring the room all set and ready to go for the morning check-in.



At 10:00am the check-in team opened the room and began processing the first 50 or so riders lined up in the hallway. It was a steady stream of riders right up to 5:00pm closing in time for everyone to attend the buffet dinner. The check-in reopened after dinner and was able to process about 20 more riders.

Helmet salute to the following folks for helping out at the start and getting everyone checked in.

The Chilliwack GWRRA: (Pre-setup) **Terry & Donna Teeff, Kevin and Karin Bramhof, Ken Funk, RICHARD N. MACLEOD, Kevan & Robyn MacRae, ELAINE MCGREGOR, Marilyn Reitsma, IRENE HOFER, Larry Ohlman**, and on check-in day we had **Steve & Debbie Horin**, (Shirts and Hats), **Betty Jane Hetland** (Shirts and Hats).

From the SCMA, Kamloops BC, AZRatPack and Shamrocks we had:

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| Les Gullery (Sign-in/ROs) | Candace Harley (Passports) |
| Manny Smith (Set up/Bags) | Colleen & Lee Sepulveda (Plaques/Bags) |
| Darlene Fong (Set up/Passports) | Alan Hirst (Set-up/ Photos) |
| Kathy Lamarche (Plaques) | Nancy Curley (Kathy's niece) (Photo's) |
| Jim Filley (Plaques) | Les Finkel (Photo's) |
| Dannie Fox (Photos) | Apologies for those names I missed ☺ |

Thursday evening was the big buffet.....and what a buffet it was! Chris selected an excellent start location with the Quality Inn Motel in Abbotsford. The hotel staff had strung up SCMA banners, arranged a stage with podium and microphone, and served us a delicious buffet with many choices of entrées, sides, and desserts. Chris kicked the evening off with briefings and updates on road conditions and Victor Castaneda (3FC Co-chair and AZRATPack President) held the briefing for those riding the 3FC for the first time. At this relatively late hour riders began adjourning to their rooms, collecting gear, loading bikes, etc., all in preparation for that early morning start.



Chris had positioned a tall glass container in the lobby for riders to deposit their poker chips as proof they were starting their ride. The earliest the container was available was midnight.....and there were a few takers!



Most riders departed between 3am and 7am.....the latest for a start was 8:00 and our venerable Paul Lax, publisher of the 3FC17 Turn by Turn in the newsletter, met the deadline after riding in from a business meeting in LA.

Crossing the border into USA was the next hurdle; early birds did it in 5-10 minutes, I was there around 6:30 and it took about 30 minutes to cross. Some later riders claimed an hour of their ride was spent here. The next challenge riders faced was the 35 miles of bouncing on NF25 in the middle of Washington. The frost heaves on the road required riders to slow down a bit and patiently navigate this stretch of the route.

Check point #1 located at Hood River, was in a city park. But to get there riders had to cross the river over a steel bridge that made front wheels twitch in unsettling ways. The checkpoint was manned by the "Eye Openers", a local chapter of the Lions Club. Although the Eye Openers got off to a late

start (think about that for a minute), they were able to establish a process with 3FC17 Co-Chair Victor Castaneda's help, and soon they were checking riders in and getting them

on their way to motels and checkpoint #2. Many thanks to **Trudy Tallman** and her "Eye Openers" volunteers for processing everyone, having some good snacks, and locating the checkpoint in the park reminiscent of checkpoints from the younger 3FC Days.

My personal thrill of this ride came upon the next leg as I headed for Burns OR to spend the night. Traveling on OR-30/35 I was presented with gorgeous scenery of Mount Hood National Forest.

Twice, while on the sweeping turns, my visual senses were blasted with the image of Mt. Hood rising magnificently before me as it reached to the stratosphere. It was breathtaking to finally see this beautiful mountain! I had traveled these roads before and each time was denied seeing this beautiful mountain due to clouds/fog.

Passing thru Madras I continued along the route via George Millican Rd to US-20 and headed east to Burns. 20 was wide open, no traffic.....so I eased the throttle up to 100mph.....the Trophy SE hummed a tune that seemed so say "I like it like this"!

Once in Burns I first got my McD's chicken sandwich and was greeted by Alan Hirst and Darlene Fong who joined in the ordering line. After re-fueling I then headed to the Days Inn and called it a night. Day 1 for me, and my variation to the defined route, was 633 miles.

Breakfast at 6am and then a choice between taking OR-205 or OR-78 to connect to US-95 and ride thru McDermitt. I elected 78 and re-fueled at the Red Mountain Travel Station on the Reservation after crossing into Nevada. Back in McDermitt, just after crossing the OR/NV state line, I noticed a few bikes at the Texaco Station and café. I kept going and got a better price on gas 3 miles down the road ☺.



Upon entering the outskirts of Winnemucca, Garmin took me off the published route and brought me into the fairgrounds the back way and eliminated the challenge of dealing with traffic and parades. Now, here is the interesting aspect of routing. The address for the checkpoint was on Fairgrounds Rd. I like googling checkpoints and seeing exactly what the roads are.....and this is when I found out there were three roads with the same name leading into the fairgrounds. So when I arrived at the location I took the third and last of the three and that led me right into the parking lot where the check-in building was located. Inside the much cooler metal building, that was also accommodating other various fairground activities, were the checkpoint tables. The tables were easy to find and it was very entertaining to be checked in by 7th and 8th grade cheerleaders!

Now, a bit of discussion, if I may: Each year the 3FC Committee designs a route connecting through 3 checkpoints and to a finish. This route is a recommended route. It typically is designed by the committee to provide riders with vistas not previously seen within the three countries. It is also designed to provide the rider with a challenge of various road conditions and potential weather variations. As far as I know, the 3FC rules never required riders to only ride the route with no deviation. The rules only require riders to reach each checkpoint within the allotted time frame. Stories abound about how **Joe Usatin**, father of the 3FC, would always find shortcuts around the route so he could be the first to arrive at checkpoints. On my first 3FC12 I ran into trouble over time management. At that time I enjoyed stopping for sit down breakfasts, lunches and dinners. I also would take long breaks at gas stations. In the middle of day one I came to the realization that I would not make the first checkpoint that evening unless I made some adjustments. Using my AAA maps (I didn't have GPS at the time) I ran a route that got me into the first checkpoint with 10 minutes to spare! After that experience I started changing my riding habits to ensure I rode the route AND reached the checkpoint at the end of each day!

I mention this because I deviated from the route upon departing Winnemucca. Heading east on I-80 I decided to pass Battle Mountain and the exit for NV-305. Instead I rode to Carlin and took NV-278, a new road for me, south into Eureka then I headed east on US-50 to Ely. Once in Ely I calculated a shortcut distance to Cedar City, figured out I could make it within 15 minutes after sunset, made a reservation at a Quality Inn using a cell phone app, then headed south on US-93 towards Vegas. At Panaca I headed east on NV-319 that became UT-56. Once again, I shaved off some miles and was positioned to reach Kanab early the next morning and Phoenix before the heat overcame me. Departing Cedar City the next morning I thoroughly enjoyed riding UT-14 over the Dixie National Forest. The last time I was on this road was in 2012. I froze my tail off on that stretch of road with the temps at 35 degrees! But this time the temps were perfect and the ride was so much fun!

The next fun time was reaching Kanab's checkpoint #3. What a fun bunch of guys and gals! This was the checkpoint with the Sponge Bobs! As they explained to me, 2 or 3 years ago, quite a few hundred Sponge Bobs were donated to the Kane County Events & Volunteer Center to give away as Xmas gifts to those in need. The Center was left with about 300 undelivered sponge



Bob's and found themselves needing room in the warehouse for other donations. **Lannell**, checkpoint Captain, came up with the idea of giving the Sponge Bobs to 3FC riders....her logic was, "Bikers will luv this on their bikes!!!" She sure hit the nail on the head.... I took one to place inside my windshield....Bob fit right in with Snoopy and Woodstock.

By the way, a big thank you to **Lyle Dringenberg** and **Miles** for assisting check points #2 and #3 in getting set up for the check-in and explaining the process to be followed.

Holing up in PHX allowed me to rest, recover from the heat, and only have 200 miles to

make it to Penasco on Monday. Monday morning I took a leisurely ride south from PHX area to Gila Bend. Passing the Space Age Restaurant (Best Western Motel) I noticed a couple of bikes parked there.....riders who also were electing to avoid the heat, and probably meet up with Victor in the morning for breakfast and ride to the border. Victor had a group of about 30 riders that he led from Gila Bend into Penasco. While I was making a pit stop at the Love's Travel Stop, **Mike Williams** and his brother **Jim** pulled in to refuel; they also planned it well to avoid the heat.

Continuing south on AZ-85 I stopped at the ATM in Ajo and picked up some cash to convert to Pesos once in Penasco. There weren't any riders waiting at the gas station in Lukeville but I hung out for 10 minutes before crossing the border as a solitary rider. Heading out of Sonoyta I expected to see the "Alto" sign in the highway for donation to some local cause.....but I guess I was too early as no one was there.

The 60-mile ride to Puerto Penasco was a fun ride. I noticed speed limits of 90 and 100kmh but I kept my speed to a comfortable 75mph over the next 50 miles or so. About 5 miles out of Sonoyta a group of motorcyclists came from the opposite direction heading into town. Turns out they were Sr. Oscar Palacio leading a few Rocky Point Riders to the Vasquez meeting point. They were going to lead groups of riders over the 60-mile ride to Puerto Penasco and the hotel. Many thanks to them for helping us have a great experience in Mexico.



Presidente "**Max**" of the **Rocky Point Riders**
 Presidente **Roberto** of the **Hijos del Pueblo**
 Presidente **Daniel** of the **Plasticos**
 Presidente "**Profe**" of the **Iron Sharks**

Upon entering Penasco, I visited the money exchange across the street from the Sam's Club. The exchange was easily identifiable with its large neon lights advertising exchange rates between pesos and dollars. After getting my Mexican Pesos, it was back on the bike continuing towards the Sea of Cortez (Golfo de California). As stated on the Turn by Turn published in the July newsletter, when I came upon Calle 13 I saw the large statue of the Marlin on the right. Making the right turn I continued to the end and there was the Hotel Penasco del Sol.

Pulling into the hotel entrance I was greeted by **Dagame (DJ)** and **Melinda Dominguez, Darlene Fong, Alan Hirst, Larry** and **Valerie Wong**. They had come into Penasco to be the volunteer team at the finish. Rodney had designated Dagame the Checkpoint Captain and Dagame got everything arranged per Rodney's directions. He even had the hotel hanging the welcome banner across the archway entrance to the



banquet hall!

Check in started at noon in the banquet hall. Riders were directed to various parking slots and then to the banquet rooms. Here's the volunteer team that manned the finish:

Rodney Chew (Finish Planner)

Melinda Dominguez (Passport Stamp)

Valerie Wong (Passport Stamp)

Sherrey Sutherland (Poker Draw)

Dagame Dominguez (Captain)

Larry Wong (Buckles)

Candace Hartley (Year Pins)

Tim Wanamaker (Poker Draw)

and apologies for those names I may have missed ☺

Happy hour began at 4pm and it was indeed a happy hour. Everyone was enjoying their favorite beverage and the room was abuzz with the sound of happy voices. Chris soon



called the dinner to order and announced the Entrance March of the three nation's Flags. Arrangements were a bit challenging because the hotel flags were the huge ones flown from flagpoles. But Victor solved the challenge easily by recruiting two riders from each of the three countries to carry their respective flags into the banquet room. Everyone stood in honor of the flags as they entered the room and then applauded the flag carriers as they proudly displayed their country's flag.

Chris took the podium and welcomed everyone to Puerto Penasco and briefly

covered the agenda for the evening. Gonzo introduced Alcalde (Mayor) **Ernest "Kiko" Munro** of Puerto Penasco. "Kiko" welcomed everyone to Penasco with a brief introduction of the city's history and economy, and invited us to tour about the city. **Sr. Oscar Palacio** also welcomed us to Penasco and Gonzo expressed SCMA's appreciation for the coordinating he did on SCMA's behalf. BTW, Oscar is the founder of the Rocky Point Rally held each November and is also a former Alcalde of Penasco and Representative for the State of Sonora.

Chris held a fun standup/sit-down for riders to see those that have been riding the 3FC for 20+ and 30+ years. This traditional sit down begins with asking all first time riders to stand and be recognized. They receive a loud and long round of applause for successfully completing this challenging event. Then everyone stands and Chris begins going year by year for the sit down. By the time Chris reached year 15 or so, half the room was sitting down. Once he reached the 30th year there were only two handfuls standing, and Chris brought them to the front of the room to introduce themselves. Chris then continued counting through the 30's until only **Gloria Amesqua** and **Dannie Fox** were left standing. They received a huge round of applause for successfully riding 39 Three Flag Classic events.

Chris began announcing award recipients for various categories such as smallest cc bike, oldest and youngest male and female riders, farthest distance from the start, etc. Winners

were also announced for a free ticket for 2018 as Rider #1 (Max Marker won this), free Aerostich riding suits, and other awards. **Colleen Sepulveda** announced the twitter winner and awarded \$75 to **Brian Norrie**, and the 50-30-20 winners of the cash raffle. Kudo's to **Les Gullery** and **Dennis Even** for their work in massaging the data files and identifying the winners of the various awards. In next month's newsletter we hope to have a list of prizes and names of winners.

During the awards presentation we had the pleasure of **Jane Usatin #66** (Joe Usatin's widow) telling us her story and how much she enjoyed being part of this year's 3FC. Jane was riding with two others when one of the two experienced a flat tire near Austin NV and had to be towed back to Winnemucca. The three riders elected to stay together and by the time they were able to get on the road they were too late to reach the next checkpoint. Somewhere along the way Jane fell and broke her collarbone for the 3rd time in her young life! Despite the obvious discomfort Jane continued to ride and participated in the banquet festivities!

Max and Clarice Marker next addressed the room. Max is a former SCMA Chairman and a Legacy Award recipient. Max informed us that this was their 50th anniversary and they wanted to celebrate it being on a 3FC. (sidenote: This was to be their last 3FC but then Max's rider # was drawn for next year's free ticket and rider #1 😊.)



By the way, the 50-30-20 was again a very successful raffle. This raffle has been administered by **Sandra Downs** for years.

This year however, she was unable to attend as her husband **Ken Downs** was hospitalized with a serious illness. Fortunately **Denise Palleson, Diane Cavers** and **Karen Starks** stepped in and ran the raffle doing a great job. **Betty McCloskey** was the winner of the 20% draw. Actually, it was her table that won as they all pooled in \$\$ and bought a ton of tickets; **Judy Chester** won the 30% for \$963. Betty McCloskey and table won the 20% for \$642 and we don't know the name of the 50% winner who picked up \$1,605; hopefully we'll have that info available next month.



Gonzo announced the need for a 3FC19 chair, and then introduced Victor Castaneda as the Chair for 2018. Victor named Puerto Penasco as the start for next year and created much enthusiasm when he named Whistler and Calgary as being considered for next year's finish. Although, a few days later, Victor elected to step down as the 3FC18 Chair, it is the intent of Board to continue the plans he put into motion. Currently information is being obtained and evaluated from hotels in the

two locations.

We'd like to welcome everyone's photos of their 3FC experience. **Rodney Chew** has arranged a location everyone to post their photos to the below site:

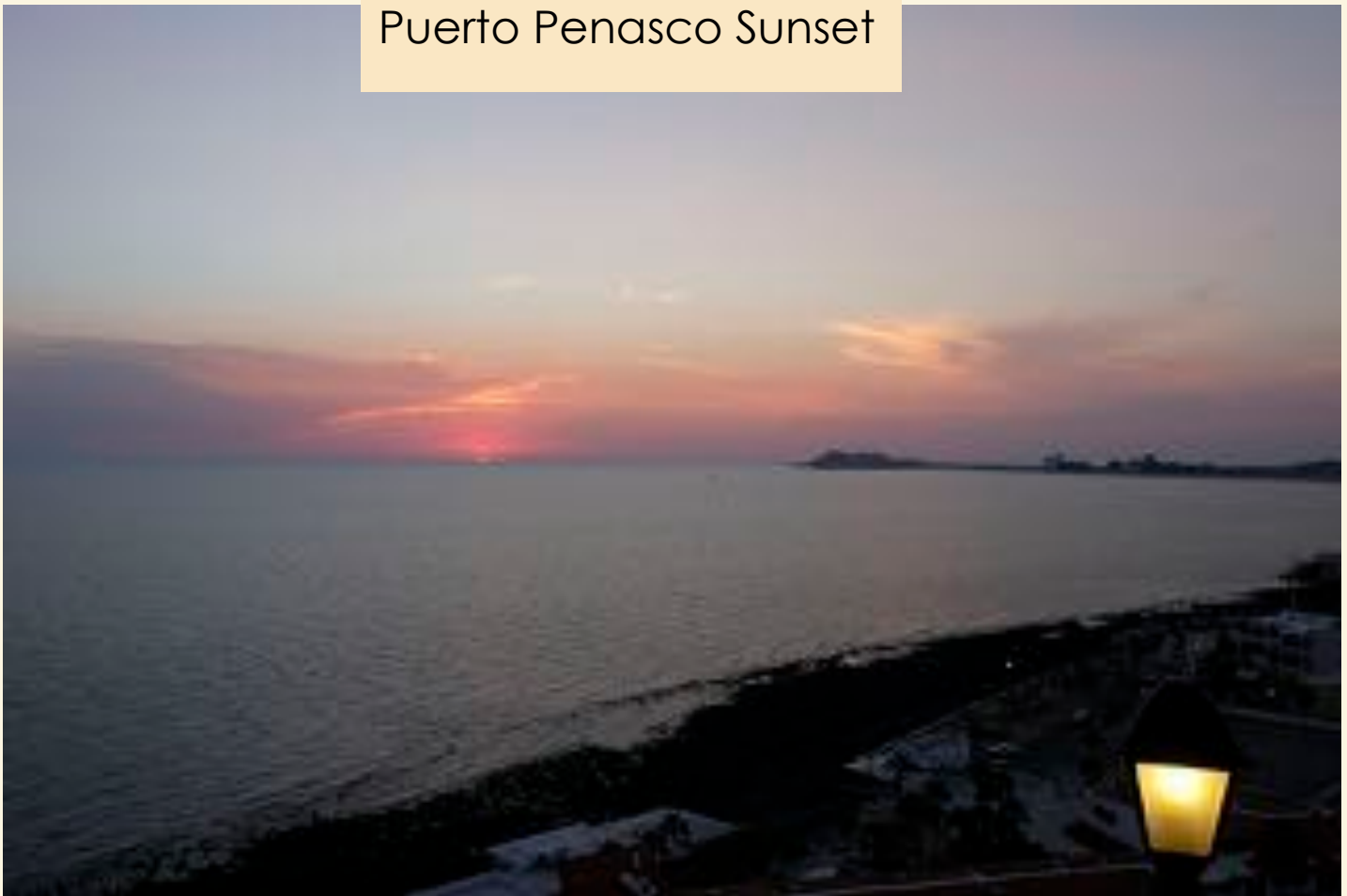
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This was a great return to Mexico. The 3FC17 Committee did a great job in securing excellent start and finish locations, a fun route, and enjoyable checkpoints. The hats, shirts, pins, decals, plaques and buckles were awesome, a job well done in design and acquisition. Many thanks to the staff at the Quality Inn at Abbotsford BC and Hotel Penasco del Sol for their fantastic support.

What a fabulous Three Flags Classic and return to Mexico!

Thank you **Chris White, Victor Castaneda, Rodney Chew, Dagame Dominguez, Oscar Palacio, Chilliwack GWRRA, Rocky Point Riders, Hijos del Pueblos, Iron Sharks, Plasticos,** and everyone who contributed to a successful 3FC17 !!!

Puerto Penasco Sunset



Go to flickr to see ALL the 3FC Photos !!!!

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Here are some interesting stats about the 2017 Three Flags Classic. Keep in mind that the data is subject to available information. In many cases registrant information was not provided or not available due to late registrations off line or removed with ticket resales.

21	No Shows
9	No Starts
294	Starts
280	Finishers

3	Junior 25 and under
277	Member Rider
3	Passenger (Full SWAG, BBQ, & Banquet)
13	Senior 80yr+
9	Late entries at the door
305	Total R#
19	Passenger (BBQ, & Banquet ONLY)
324	Total Participants

23	74	California
	22	Arizona
	15	Colorado
	12	Washington
	9	Texas
	5	Georgia
	2	Minnesota
	3	Nevada
	2	Arkansas
	2	Idaho
	2	Iowa
	2	Montana
	2	Oregon
	2	Wyoming
	1	Alaska
	1	Hawaii
	1	Illinois
1	Massachusetts	
1	Nebraska	
1	New Mexico	
1	South Carolina	
1	Utah	

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5	38	British Columbia
	37	Alberta
	4	Manitoba
	1	Nova Scotia
	1	Saskatchewan

97	HONDA
71	HARLEY-DAVIDSON
69	BMW
19	YAMAHA
11	TRIUMPH
4	SUZUKI
3	CAN-AM
2	KTM
15	Other

Honda motorcycle was the most bike brand ridden this year. And the Harley's exceeded the BMW's by 2 bikes!!

Here is the list of awards presented at the Finish Banquet at the Hotel Penasco del Sol.

It is an incomplete list as we missed some of the names and possibly some of the awards. Please contact Gonzo (chairman@sc-ma.com) with corrected info and we will publish the final list in the December newsletter.

AWARD	PRIZE	Winner
Smallest Engine	\$50	Darlen Fong, Alan Hirst, Julianna Bulger
Oldest male	\$100	Bryan Sowers
Oldest female	\$100	Judy Chester
Youngest male	\$100 *	Liam Grant
Youngest female	Clock	Julianna Bulger
OLDEST TEAM - Rider & Passenger	100	Yvonna Allen and Bryan Sowers
Oldest Bike	50	Recipient Unknown
Longest Distance Rider	100	Ron Gaudette
HIGH Poker Hand	275	Ron "Ronski" Paproski
2018 RIDER #1	2018 Free Ticket	Max Marker
Good Samaritan	\$100	This award was overlooked. We welcome input from riders recommending someone to receive this award retroactively.
Aerostitch	Certificate	Recipient Unknown
Twitter Award	\$75	Bryan Norrie

Below are photos of our 3FC award recipients and raffle winners. We are missing the names of some of them.....also missing some photos of others. Please email GonzoCrossUSA@gmail.com with your name and the award you won so we can get it all in December's newsletter!

Go to flickr to see ALL the 3FC Photos !!!!
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Max Marker winning #1 free ticket to 3FC18



Smallest CC: Marion Bulger, one of three riders on 500cc



Oldest riding team combined age: Yvonna Allen and Bryan Sowers



Judy Chester won the 30% of the 50-30-20 She also won the Oldest Female Rider

Ron "Ronski" Paproski won the \$275 Poker Hand with (4) 10's, 7 high.



This looks like Don Strum winning something?

Julianna Bulger, Youngest Female Rider and Liam Grant, Youngest Male



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. This award was presented to all finishers at the 2017 Awards Banquet.

Finishers:

2013 Gonzo
 2014 Charlie Hart
 2015 Claudette Fradette
 2015 Jean Fradette

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



Premier “5” Award

Triple Crown Award

Wheels on the Road



By Gonzo #25051

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

RIDE Chief NEEDED !!

A Ride Chief is need for the 2018 riding season.

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

949-433-0761

Valid Driver's License Required

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

California Law Update

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

SCMA's Premier Events

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

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

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

The planning for the 2018, 43rd Annual Three Flags Classic is gaining momentum. The ride will start in Puerto Penasco (Rocky Point), Sonora Mexico, and head north for a finish in Calgary, Alberta Canada. 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 2018, 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 Adventures 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 2017.

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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there. For more information go to

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

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