

SCMA



NEWS

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Happy 50th Anniversary everyone!!

I'm trying to imagine what the men and women were thinking when they got together in 1968 and started the Southern California Motorcycling Association. I wonder if they envisioned this association conducting events and rides to the grand scale that is now done? I wonder if they even imagined the SCMA still in existence 50 years later thanks to their initiative and the innovation of many member-leaders over the years.

Three Flags is upon us with registration opening this past Friday at the stroke of midnight into Saturday. When I awoke at 6:30 there were 40 some registrants. I went back to sleep with a happy smile ☺. All was working somewhat well. Yes, there are few hiccups but they are being fixed at a Snail's pace.

As of 1:30pm today we have 75 tickets sold!!

My thanks to Rick Thompson, Jack Knorst and others in pulling this project together. Hotel reservation info for the start and finish locations are in this edition.

Dennis Even and Les Gullery have designed an add-on for the California

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Adventure Series. Y'all need to sign up to ride this Series and earn the CA Triple Crown!!

Can someone assist me in arranging our monthly events?? It's not a difficult thing to do.....I just have a lot on my plate to handle right now and could use some help as well as some fresh ideas for monthly events.

See y'all at the Sweetheart Ride and BBQ on Feb 10th!!

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,

SCMA is modestly increasing membership fees to meet increasing costs of operations. Membership fees are now \$35 for one year and \$60 for two years.

Mike Barber
Membership Director



2018 BMW S 1000 XR

Irv Seaver Motorcycles
Orange County, CA IrvSeaverBMW.com



SCMA Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet
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SCMA 50th Anniversary



Happy 50th Anniversary everyone !!!!

SCMA, formed in 1968, is celebrating its 50th birthday in 2018!!!

From its humble beginnings of a local group of riders bringing their families to weekend motorcycling events, SCMA grew into a multi-region association. With the introduction of Three Flags Classic by Joe Usatin, SCMA began attracting riders from across the North American Continent and began evolving into a distance riding organization.

For 50 years now, member volunteers dedicated to the sport of recreational motorcycling and distance riding have contributed their time to providing a great collection of distance riding events and monthly regional rides for the enjoyment of its members.

In the early years of operation these volunteers were typically located in Southern California. With the availability of today's digital tools, SCMA volunteers contribute their

time and effort from locations such as Alberta, Arizona, British Columbia, California, Maine, Ohio, and Sonora.

Fifty years of operation is a huge accomplishment for all past and present members to be very proud about. To recognize this accomplishment, SCMA has designed commemorative membership cards displaying a large "50". These new cards, along with pins and patches displaying the numeral "50", will be issued

beginning the end of February to new and renewing members in their membership packages.

Congratulations to everyone on being part of this great accomplishment !!!





SCMA'S Affiliated Clubs

Antelope Valley Riders
www.avts.av.org

AZRatPack
www.azratpack.com

BMW Club of Southern California
www.bmwcosc.com

BMW Club, South Coast Riders (aka South Coasters)
www.scbmwrc.com

Pasadena Motorcycle Club
www.pasadenamc.com

Red Hot Riders of San Diego
www.redhotriders.com

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

Victor McLaglen Motor Corps
www.thevmc.com

A promotional banner for "GO AZ Motorcycles". At the top, logos for Aprilia, BMW, Ducati, KTM, Triumph, Honda, Ural, Vespa, and Kawasaki are displayed. Below the logos is a central shield logo with a sunburst design and the text "GO AZ Motorcycles". The background shows a motorcycle dealership with several bikes on display. At the bottom, a dark blue bar contains the text: "GO AZ MOTORCYCLES | 15500 N. HAYDEN RD | SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260 | (480) 609-1800 | GOAZMOTORCYCLES.COM".

California Best 15 Roads

SCMA's CA Adventure Series, a long time favorite amongst the Southwest Region riders and our International and National riders pursuing the Triple Crown, is about to become an even bigger favorite.

Dennis Even, longtime SCMA member, former SCMA Treasurer, former Chair, CA Adventure Series, and recipient of the Legacy Award, has developed the CA Best 15 roads to ride while you're out visiting Parks and Missions. The Board of Directors reviewed and approved the overall concept and approved the first set of books listing the 2018 CA Best 15 Roads.

The concept Dennis and Les Gullery (Shamrock Road Riders) developed consists of 60 fantastic roads in CA broken down to 20 in the North, 20 in the Central, and 20 in the South of California. From that inventory of 60, 15 roads will be selected consisting of 5 each from the North, Central and South areas, to be offered over a four-year period. In years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 a different set of 5 will be selected from the inventory so that at the end of a four-year period riders will have ridden all 60 of these fantastic highways.

In addition to expanding the CA Adventure Series, a new award titled the CA Triple Crown will be awarded to riders completing the complete series. This award will be similar to the Triple Crown awarded to finishers of three of premier rides.

Below is the 2018 list of CA Best 15 CA Roads you can ride while visiting various parks and missions within California:

All roads can be ridden in either direction, be sure to obtain your gas or store receipt and write your mileage for the start and for the finish.

Be the first to ride these great roads of California!

And be the first to receive the California Triple Crown !!

Northern California

CA-3 Weaverville to Yreka

CA-108 (Sonora Pass) Sonora to Walker

CA-120 (Tioga Pass) E -Groveland to Benton

CA-139 N - Susanville to Adin

Cecilville Rd Gazelle -Cecilville – Gazelle

Central California

CA-35 (Skyline Highway) Patchen Pass to Alice's Restaurant

CA-190 Porterville to Kernville

CA-198 King City to Coalinga

CA-245 Venida to Dunlap

Caliente - Bodfish Rd. CA-58 to Lake Isabella

Southern California

Woodford - Tehachapi Road (The Train Loop road) Keene to Tehachapi

CA-33 (Jacinto Scenic Byway) Ojai to Maricopa

CA-74 (Pines to Palms Hwy) Hemet to Palm Desert

CA-76 Oceanside to Lake Henshaw

S1 (Sunrise Highway) Pine Valley to Julian

California Triple Crown

We have a new challenge for SCMA members.

A challenge that is completely doable, within reach of everyone, especially members in the southwest region or within a few states close to California.

With the introduction of the California Best 15 Roads, SCMA now has 3 rides with destinations that are often co-located with each other.

The Board of Directors came up with the idea of recognizing those riders who successfully completes the full CA Adventure Series in one calendar year between January 1st and December 15th.

We are in the process of designing this award and expect it to be very similar to the SCMA Triple Crown, but will be a slightly smaller size.

The CA Triple Crown will join the ranks of the other major awards designed to recognize riders that accomplish riding a significant distance in the calendar year.

Those awards may quite possibly have to be redefined to include the newest edition to the California Adventure Series.

Those awards are the **Triple Crown** award for riding three of the premier events, the **Premier 5** award for riding 5 premier events, and the **Grand Slam** for riding all six premier events.

The Board of Directors will review the current requirements for each of the events and will determine if revisions are necessary.

Regardless, the California Triple Crown is defined as completing the full California Adventure Series in one calendar year. There is one year of eligibility, defined as the year a rider registers for the event, to complete the series and qualify for the California Triple Crown

Be one of the first SCMA riders to receive this CA Triple Crown and sign up now!!

January Desert Riding

By Alan Hirst, 26255
Gonzo, 25051

It's called a desert. And the word conjures images of scorching sands, bleached animal bones, cactus, and rattlesnakes.

Fortunately it is January and the temperatures were low at the start of the day. It was so cold that even the snakes didn't come out of their dens. Mike, Gonzo and I started our day in the fog from separate locations in Orange County at a SoCal "not-so-hot" 45 degrees. But in the high desert, that temperature would drop into the 30's.

California distinguishes its deserts as High Desert and Low Desert depending on the desert's altitude. The floor of the Coachella Valley (Palm Springs to Indio) ranges between 1500 feet at the north end to 250 feet below sea level in the town of Mecca....this is the low desert. The High Desert, known as the Mojave Desert, consists of the area between Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley to Barstow and Victorville, to Palmdale/Lancaster, and ranges between 2,100' and 2,700'. An interesting exception of altitude in the Mojave Desert is Death Valley's Badwater Basin recording the lowest point in North America at -282 feet.

Our ride today was in the High Desert with a start from McD's in Rosamond, 30 seconds off CA-14 between Lancaster and Mojave. We were joining the Antelope Valley Riders for a short 100-mile day ride to the little town of Kernville, sitting on the northern edge of Lake Isabella. But truth be told, first we had to ride from Orange County 110 miles to get to the start in McD's!

The Meet-Up in McD's was fun after buying a "senior" coffee and joining a group of 7 guys waiting for everyone to arrive. Bob (safety officer), Dave, Larry, Brooks, Gonzo, Mike, and Alan chatted about riding, bikes, roads, good eats, etc. and got to know each other a bit. Dave noticed the time was close to KSU and suggested we go out to the bikes (not visible

from McD's windows) where we joined about 20 other riders who were waiting by their bikes.

Bob gave a safety brief and explained the route that would be taken. After a group photo at the start, we all mounted up and started our engines. Heading north on Rosamond Blvd I noted the temperature was reading 32 degrees. With a slight shiver, we rode past the Willow Springs National Raceway and hung a right onto 90th St and continued north where about a mile later it became the



Tehachapi-Willow Springs Rd. We rode through the desert enjoying the sweet desert air for about 10 miles before entering the big hills.

About 3-4 miles before the hills I noticed the wind farms scattered about these Tehachapi Hills. These massive wind turbines generate megawatts of electricity atop their tall white towers. With towers over 200 feet in height, these turbines can be seen from quite a distance. The uninhabited Tehachapi range and the desert west of Mojave are known for high sustaining wind speeds; hence a perfect location for these generators.



After the gentle sweeping curves with minor ascents and descents of the hills, we passed through the desert farms and joined onto CA-58. This highway is a connector between Barstow and Bakersfield and is a main truck route as it nicely circumvents the LA Basin. But today the traffic was light.

At this point on CA-58 we entered into the Tehachapi Mountains that separate the Central Valley from the Mojave Desert. CA-158 is in top condition and with traffic at a small quantity of "cages" we were able to quickly ride past Tehachapi, Cable, Walong, and Keene before reaching the turnoff for Bealville. By the way, Keene is home to the Caesar Chavez National Monument (NM) that is on SCMA's National Parks Tour.

After taking the turn off of CA-58 onto Bealville Rd, we began riding the gentle slopes leading into the very small town of Caliente. Folks here seem to lead a very simple life within a small town/country environment. No urban stress here! Continuing 60 miles north on this Bodfish-Caliente Rd, it became even more fun with the twisties, climbs and drops as we rode through the very southern end of the Sequoia National Forest. The road was perfect....seemed to have been recently repaved! I can't adequately explain the exhilaration I felt riding through these big hills!

We rode through the town of Bodfish, Silver City Ghost Town, through the outskirts of the Town of Lake Isabella and onto CA-155 (Wofford Heights Blvd). CA-155 took us to Wofford Heights where we turned onto Wofford Blvd. Becoming Burlando Rd it took us a short 4 miles north to





where Kernville sits astride each side of the Kern River.

Our lunch stop was at the Kern River Brewing Co located on Sierra Way. The temperature had warmed up nicely and we all sat out on the veranda enjoying the views of the hills. All the food was fantastic and I enjoyed the Kern Burger and Waffle Fries. The Antelope Valley Riders are a fun group of guys and gals and we had a wonderful time hanging out in this neat little town in the southern Sierras!



Leaving Kernville, we stayed on Sierra Blvd riding along the eastern side of Lake Isabella, through the Kern River Preserve, and connected onto CA-178 where we headed east through Walker Pass to connect onto CA-14. This part of 178 took us through the low Sierras passing the small town of Onyx before dropping into a valley hosting the small town of Canebreak and then returning into more hills.

About 30 miles after leaving Lake Isabella we connected onto CA-14 and headed south to Mojave and back to Rosamond.

Needing to get some gas, I peeled away from the group in Rosamond and received a lot of waves and horn hoots



from the AVR guys and gals.

The traffic on CA-14 through Palmdale and on I-5 through Los Angeles was moving quite well and I was home before sunset. It was a long day but a great ride logging over 400 miles for the day and not seeing a single rattlesnake !



AVR, a great group of guys 'n gals; well worth the long trip up to join them. Many thanks to the AVR's for a great End Of Year Ride !!

Wishing everyone the Best in in 2018 !!



2018 SWEET HEART Ride Benefiting



When: Saturday, Feb 10th

Where: Angeles Nat'l Golf Course
9401 Foothill Blvd, Sunland, CA

Registration: 8:00-9:00 am

Fee: Ladies \$00.14 (as in cents)
Men \$14.00

This is a great event for lady riders and two up teams. Ladies get a free cup of **HOT CHOCOLATE** at the start (provided by the SCMA)! Join fellow SCMA riders for a ride on some of the best roads in SoCal. Guys, take your lady to a superb *no-host* breakfast and Gals, take your guy to visit old bikes at the Cycle Barn for a BBQ lunch in in the desert.

Ride proceeds will be donated to **Bags4Kids Foundation** providing "comfort bags" to children who have been displaced due to neglect, abuse, abandonment. These bags go to shelters, county offices, resource centers, foster parent agency's, police stations and schools. Bags may also go to families with very limited resources. Through donations, Bags4kids is able to support the mental wellbeing and comfort of children during a stressful time in their lives.



Can't make the ride?
Come to the free BBQ
sponsored by SCMA!
Cycle Barn master chef
will gladly accept any
donations for his
"Master grill work" on
behalf of Bags4Kids.



Riders will encounter mountain passes, canyons, sweepers, switchbacks, twisties, and should expect elevation changes. This ride will finish in Lancaster for a BBQ finish at Cycle Barn a motorcycle parts, repair shop, and lots of bikes in the yard. This is an Intermediate level ride.

For more information contact Cycle Barn at 661-946-2000



Presents

ST PATRICK DAY RIDE

March 17 - 18, 2018
Saturday & Sunday

Death Valley

Death Valley National Park -- Manzanar National Historic Site

Sanctioned Event Travelers Award Event All Motorcycles Welcome

Entry Fee: \$25 (SCMA -Members: \$20)

START: 08:00-09:00

Voyager Restaurant

1434 Flight Line
Mojave, California

First Day Lunch:

Stovepipe Wells Village Saloon, DV.

First Day Finish:

Bishop, California

Overnight Location:

TBD

Second Day Finish:

Mojave Airport, California

For information Call: Les Gullery -- 661-252-8148
Shamrock Road Riders

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 (Alt to Eugene O'Neil)
5. Eugene O'Neil National Historic Site, Danville (Alt to Devil's Postpile)
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.

Asking **\$1,200**

Contact Adolph:

626-253-5367





2014 BMW R1200RT-LC comprising of ultra technologies: ABS, Automatic Stability Control, Cruise Control, Dynamic Electronic Suspension Adjustment, Hill Start Control, Traction control, AM FM Satellite Blue Tooth radio.

Dealer options include Gearshift Assistant Pro, 50L top case.

Many after market farkles: HID low and high beam lights, Powerlet 15A socket, German TUV approved Wunderlich front and rear crash bars, Russel's day long seat (32" inseam), AirFlow tall windscreen with wings, Ilium bar backs, hand grip fillers, Extra heavy handle bar weights, Haynes service & repair manual.

36,000 mile service in October 2017, all recall campaign's done and finished, 3 year brake flush. Garaged, and meticulously maintained.

Bike is located in Olympia WA. \$13,500.00. Please call Thomas at [1\(360\) 280-9087](tel:13602809087) or email LoToofLa@centurylink.net.



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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).





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



Three Month Running Calendar

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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.

COMFORT X SAFETY
THE 2014 TOURING LINE
25% OFF*
FOR SCMA MEMBERS
CONTACT MEMBERSHIP SERVICES AT
GONZOCROSSUSA@GMAIL.COM

INFINITY GORE-TEX® X-TOUR GORE-TEX® X-FIVE WATERPROOF X-RIDE WATERPROOF

TECX
FOCUS ON BOOTS

The advertisement features a black and white background of a road winding through a forest. In the center, a dark banner contains the text 'COMFORT X SAFETY THE 2014 TOURING LINE 25% OFF* FOR SCMA MEMBERS CONTACT MEMBERSHIP SERVICES AT GONZOCROSSUSA@GMAIL.COM'. Below the banner, four pairs of black motorcycle boots are displayed in a row. From left to right, they are labeled: 'INFINITY GORE-TEX®', 'X-TOUR GORE-TEX®', 'X-FIVE WATERPROOF', and 'X-RIDE WATERPROOF'. At the bottom of the advertisement, there are three small images: a motorcycle on a track, the TECX logo with the tagline 'FOCUS ON BOOTS', and a motorcycle rider in a crash.

National News Section

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

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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
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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.

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**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. CA70, the Feather River Scenic Byway, a 78 mile section between Oroville and Quincy. <http://www.pashnit.com/roads/cal/Hwy1BigSur.htm>
3. U.S.12, Lolo Pass, Lewiston, Idaho to Lolo, Montana <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/185/Idaho/The-Lolo-Pass.html>
4. U.S.33, Elkins, West Virginia to Seneca Rocks on to Harrisonburg, Virginia. 100 mile ride. <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/656/west-virginia/us-33-through-the-shanendoah-valley.html>
5. Glacier National Park, Montana, Going to the Sun Road. <http://motorcycleroads.com/75/353/Montana/Going-To-The-Sun-Road.html>
6. U.S. 550, "Million Dollar Highway", Montrose to Durango, Colorado http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/co_us550.html
7. Blue Ridge Parkway, Any continuous 150 mile segment <http://www.blueridgeparkway.org>
8. Washington 20, Concrete to Omak <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/634/Washington/Highway-20-Washington-Pass.html>
9. Big Bend NP, U.S.385 into north gate, out west gate on TX118 to FR170 to Presidio* 120 mile ride. <http://www.bigbendnationalpark.com>
10. Ranch Roads 335, 336 and 337, "The Twisted Sisters" or "The Triple 3", Texas*** [http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/555/Texas/The-Three-Sisters-\(AKA-The-Twisted-Sisters\)-Ranch-Roads-335-336337a.html#sthash.VtF1zKaL.2OUPjSG.dpbs](http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/555/Texas/The-Three-Sisters-(AKA-The-Twisted-Sisters)-Ranch-Roads-335-336337a.html#sthash.VtF1zKaL.2OUPjSG.dpbs)
11. U.S. 16A, Custer to Mt. Rushmore and then to Keystone, South Dakota**** http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/sd_us16a.html
12. "Kancamagus Scenic Byway/Mt. Washington, Lincoln, New Hampshire to Mt. Washington Summit***** http://www.motorcycleroads.com/Routes/New-Hampshire_105.html
13. U.S.191, Springerville to Three Way, Arizona http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/az_us191.html
14. Utah 12, Torrey to Bryce Canyon Turnoff <http://www.scenicbyway12.com>
15. Mount Desert Island, Acadia NP. ME102/ME102A to Bass Harbor Lighthouse. ME102A/ME102 to ME198 to ME233 to Cadillac Mountain Summit. Back down to the LOOP ROAD along the coast. Jordan Rd/ Stanly Rd to ME 3 North to get off the Island.* 75 mile double loop. <http://www.acadianationalpark.com/parklooproad>

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

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

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

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

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

Southern California Motorcycling Association

Best 15 US Roads Challenge

RULES

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

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

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

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



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

International News Section

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

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2018 Three Flags Classic Update #2

3FC18 Start/Finish Hotels

SCMA has negotiated with hotels in the start and finish locations for the 2018 Three Flags Classic. The start will be in Puerto Penasco, MEX at the Playa Bonita Hotel (PBH) (with adjoining restaurant) and Best Western Laos Mar Hotel. The finish will be in Calgary CAN at the Deerfoot Inn and Casino (DFIC) and Service Plus Inn & Suites (SPIS), its sister hotel located within walking distance across the parking lot.

The below information is for you to make your reservations for start and finish hotels. If any hotel/motel block arrangements are made at the checkpoint locations we will announce such when completed. That said, typically we don't make such arrangements at checkpoints as many riders elect to stay either before or after the checkpoint.

Dates of 3FC18: (All dates are in 2018)

Aug 30 Thursday	12:00pm – 6:00pm	Rider Check-in
	6:00pm – 9:00pm	HappyHour/Start Buffet
Aug 31 Friday	4:30am – 7:00am	Rider Start
Sep 03 Monday	10:00am – 9:00pm	Final day of Finish check in
Sep 04 Tuesday	4:00pm	Happy Hour
	5:00pm – 9:00pm	Finish Banquet

Start: Puerto Penasco, Sonora MEX



There will be two hotels to accommodate riders: The Playa Bonita Hotel (PBH) and The Best Western Laos Mar Hotel and Suites (BWLM). The two hotels are within 3-5 minutes walking distance from each other. PBH is on the beach and BWLM is slightly inland within a 4-minute walk on the road leading to the PBH. All riders will be able to find accommodations in one of the two hotels.

Last year's finish was at the Penasco Del Sol Hotel which is a very Americanized

Hotel. The PBH is also Americanized but has more of the Mexican ambience. This hotel was selected precisely for that reason, as we want to return the Three Flags to its original

purpose of presenting the adventure of visiting Mexico and enjoying its culture.

The Check-in, Riders Meeting, and Thursday night buffet will be held in the Puesta Del Sol Restaurant located adjacent to the PBH. Expectations are the temperature will be quite warm....in the high 80s at least (if not higher). For this reason, the Happy Hour and Buffet/Riders Meeting will be concurrent and start at 6:00 pm Thursday evening on the restaurant's beachside patio. In the event of inclement weather, the buffet and riders meeting will be moved to inside the restaurant but will be broken up into two groups that will fit into the two separate interior rooms of the restaurant. The patio and interior of the Puesta del Sol restaurant is NOT air conditioned.....part of the adventure of being in Mexico, si??

The 3FC18 Start check-in will take place in the Puesta Del Sol Restaurant between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on Thursday. You are encouraged to check into your hotel room, park your bike in the designated area, unload your gear to your room, and then go to the restaurant to check-in. A beer bar will be open next to the check-in room to assist in quenching rider's thirsts and to facilitate conversation.

Note: The PBH parking lot is hard-packed soil. You will be provided with a pad of wood for your kickstand. Parking will be on the south side of the hotel and spaces will be marked in chalk. **Please follow the directions of the parking directors.**

You have two methods of placing your reservations at the PBH: (**WARNING:** If you elect to register online using the PBH website, or if you call the front desk using the phone number listed on the website, you will NOT receive the SCMA block rate. To receive the block rate you must call Juan/Danny at the number listed below.)

1. Call the below numbers and provide the personal information asked by the receptionist. Your reservation will be activated with an immediate charge to your card for the first night's stay. If you find it necessary to cancel you must do so before 6:00 pm on the day of your reservation.

Juan Jr. Martinez or Danny

Reservaciones: Daily 9:00am – 7:00pm Mountain Time

USA:

[602 512 1182](tel:6025121182)

Mex:

[01 800 426 6482](tel:018004266482)

[01 638 383 2238](tel:016383832238)

2. Email the reservation form (click [HERE](#) to download the form) to reservations@playabonitaresort.com

Reservations will be guaranteed with the payment of 1st night.

Reservations must be made before July 31st.

Cancellations must be made no later than 6pm of day of arrival.

Playa Bonita Hotel

94 Doubles	\$99.00	2 Queen
22 Singles	\$99.00	1 Queen

2 Jr Suites	\$147.00	King bed, Sofa/bed, microwave
1 Fam Suites	\$169.00	2 Q bed, sofa/bed, fridge, microwave
	Prices USD	All taxes included

Best Western Laos

Mar

88 Doubles	\$90.00	Breakfast included
	Prices USD	All taxes included

For email reservations: laosmarreservaciones@hotmail.com

Use the form located at the end of this article to email reservation information to either Playa Bonita Hotel or to Best Western Laos Mar.

BWLM Toll free number: 1-877-736-5005 between 9:00 am to 8:00 pm Arizona time. The contact persons when calling are **Francisco and Adriana**

The reservations code is **G142.**

Finish: Deerfoot Inn and Casino, Calgary Alberta CAN

The finish and check-in will be at the Deerfoot Inn & Casino (DFIC). Designated parking will be evident as you ride into the parking lot. The parking area will be close to the main entrance making it easy for you to unload your bike, check in for your reservation, and take your gear to your room. The 3FC Finish check-in will be nearby the lobby and near a lounge.

There will be two hotel properties available for you to make reservations: **Deerfoot Inn (DFIC) and Service Plus Inn (SPIS)**. SPIS is located across the parking lot within easy walking distance. There is a slight discount offered for SPIS and breakfast is provided. Breakfast is not included at the DFIC but there are adequate restaurant facilities on-site that offer excellent menu selections. A bike wash will be available for member's use.

The Finish Check-in process, to collect your Finisher's Buckle, will open at noon on Monday and close at 9:00 pm Monday evening. Tuesday will be a free day to do the tourist thing or take advantage of the bike wash station provided by the DFIC prior to the 4:00 pm Happy Hour and 5:00 pm banquet.

Reservations can be made by calling

Reservations: (403) 236-7529 or 1-877-236-5225

Group Code: **GCC3FC18 and **SCMA Three Flags Classic****

Company Name: **SCMA Three Flags Classic**

Callers must identify themselves by providing the Group Code and Company Name to ensure they receive the appropriate rate and are included in the guestroom block.

Reservations must be confirmed prior to 8/17/2018 in order to qualify for the group rate.

Rooms can be guaranteed for late arrival to an individual's credit card. A guaranteed room reservation assures a room for you regardless of your arrival time. Any guaranteed reservations not cancelled by 6:00 PM on the day of arrival will be billed to the credit card attached to the reservation.

Check-in time is 3:00pm – While every effort is made to accommodate guests arriving before check-in time, rooms may not be immediately available.

Check-out time is 12:00 Noon – Requests to retain rooms beyond that hour must be directed to the Front Office Manager after the delegate is registered. Should it be possible to extend a late check-out, a late departure charge may be applicable.

Individual **guest room cancellations** can be made up until 6 PM day of arrival with no cancellations fee to the guest.

Deerfoot Inn & Casino:

Total Rooms Avail	09/02-09/05	60	42	12	5
Room Price		\$139 CAD*	\$139 CAD*	\$139 CAD*	\$139 CAD*
		Deluxe King	Deluxe 2Q	Family Suite 2Q	King Business Suite
		*add + \$17.06 tax		Add \$20.00 for extra bed	

Service Plus Inns & Suites

		Deluxe King	Deluxe 2 Queen
Total Rooms Avail:		20	60
Rooms avail by date	Room Price	\$134.00	\$134.00
		+\$16.44 tax	Add \$20.00 for extra bed

Total Cost for Rooms: \$139 + 17.06 = \$156.06 CAD / **approx \$125 US**

\$134 + 16.44 = \$150.44 CAD / **approx \$121 USD**

- Rates are quoted in CANADIAN DOLLARS
- Rates are subject to 5% GST
- 4% Provincial Government Tourism Levy
- 3% Destination Marketing Fee
- Rates are net, non-commissionable

More 3FC18 Info:

We are working on updating the SCMA website and still plan to have it ready for 3FC18

registration by midnight Friday 26Jan for the 27Jan opening.

The first committee meeting was held Saturday 13Jan with approximately 11 committee members in attendance. Here are some of the current assignments:

Chair – Gonzo

Vice Chair – Barbara Fox

Secretary – Dan Burt

Treasurer – John Mickus

Registration – Gonzo/Les Gullery/Jim Filley

Website – Jack Knorst

Start Director - John Cooper/Oscar Palacio

Route Director – Dannie Fox

Checkpoints Chief – Miles

Finish Director – Brian Hooker

Finish Captain – from Calgary GWRRA Alberta-A

Artwork Director – Dean Sarrocco

Awards Director – Dan Burt

Safety Director – Rodney Chew

24 Hr, telephone reporting – TBA

3FC Logo Design

Dean Sarrocco has an excellent concept for the 3FC18 logo and will be working with a graphic artist to develop the final design.

Where could we use some help?

Obtaining items to raffle at the finish banquet.

Staffing the 24-hr phone for status reports

Publicity – we need someone to take the publicity helm and publicize 3FC18

Converting the route to a GPS file for rider downloading

We will continue to keep you informed on our progress.

Gonzo



3FC18 Route

Below is the list of checkpoints for 3FC18. This page will be updated as soon pending completion of route design and documentation.

Please note that Routes, Checkpoints and times are all subject to change at the discretion of the 3FC18 Committee.

Start

Puerto Peñasco, Sonora MEX

Start 4:30am – 7:00am

Cross the USA border at Sonoyta SOM / Lukeville AZ

Border hours of operation: 6:00 am to 12:00 am midnight

1st Checkpoint

Gallup, NM

High Desert Cycles, 1315 Hamilton Rd

2nd Checkpoint

Rawlins WY

Rawlins Best Western, 2221 W. Spruce St

3rd Checkpoint

Great Falls MT

Big Sky Harley Davidson, 4258 10th Ave, South

Finish Checkpoint

Calgary, Alberta CAN

Deerfoot Inn and Casino

11500 35 St SE

Rally Resistencia Bun Burner Gold 2018



Are you looking for an IBA adventure that will give you an international challenge?

Plans are in progress to stage a Bun Burner (and BBGold) to take place in Mexico.

Text **John Cooper** at 818-517-4071 for more information.

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/170470700215300/>

John has provided the below link with information in Spanish/English (towards the end). Looks like it will be a very unique Bun Burner!!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vXGQsW5g6RbP3qjOjpbxvlqd6fVq7DC6/view?usp=sharing>





SCMA Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet
Saturday, March 3, 2018
Highlighting the achievement of the
Triple Crown Award Participants



**CA Adventures or
Best 15 Challenge**



**Three Flags
Classic**



**USA 4 Corners
Motorcycle Tour**

When: **Saturday, March 3, 2017**
 3:30-4:45 PM Registration and Social Hour
 5:00 PM Dinner
 5:30 PM Program

Where: Irvine Wyndham Hotel
 17941 Von Karman Ave, Irvine, CA 92614
 Hotel reservations call (949) 863-1999
 Mention **SCMA Awards Banquet** for special rates
\$119 plus tax for single; \$119 plus tax for double
 Parking is complimentary, Breakfast 20% discount
Cutoff date for block rate is February 4, 2018

Banquet: Cost is \$55.00 per person.
Banquet reservations Cut-off date is Feb 28, 2018

Come one, come all. Everyone is invited to enjoy an evening of camaraderie with fellow motorcyclists.

Participation in motorcycling events is not necessary.

Membership **NOT** required.

Reservation forms and meal choices will soon be made available.

NO ride is scheduled for the morning of the Awards Banquet.

PREMIER “5” SLAM AWARD

We are reviewing the rules and requirements to earn this award in view of the addition of the CA Triple Crown Award

In 2013, for the first time completed all 5 of single calendar year.

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!

ever*, one of our riders SCMA’s Premier Events in a The asterisk is there



Premier “5” Award

Triple Crown Award

Wheels on the Road



By Gonzo #25051

THE ROAD HAWG Magazine
Interested in viewing a different type of online motorcycle magazine? Cost is free and no spam! Check out the below link.
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Motorcycle Products
Have you come across an interesting product to be used for riding, equipment care, bike care, etc????
If so, send it to us with contact information and we'll consider placing it into our newsletter.

We Want Your Stories !!
We are always looking for Articles from our riders that showcase their travel experiences or events, unique perspectives about equipment, or maybe your account of a ride.
Please send your story to "Gonzo" at Chairman@sc-ma.com

RIDE Chief NEEDED !!
A Ride Chief is need for the 2018 riding season.
Please contact Gonzo at Chairman@SC-MA.com or 949-433-0761

SCMA Facebook Posts
Post photos and comments during your Premier Ride
<https://www.facebook.com/scma.main/>
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<https://www.facebook.com/scma.4.corners/>
<https://www.facebook.com/scma.best.15/>

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

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

SCMA's Premier Events

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

Imagine the adventure and satisfaction of visiting San Ysidro, CA, West, FL in 21 days or less. The USA Four Corners Tour is a self-guided tour in the order you select and at any time of the year. Add Lebanon, KS or less and you have a "True X". Starters shall receive a number of awards. Non-finishers receive a plaque, patch and finisher's decal. Visit our website for 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.

We are reviewing the rules and requirements to earn these awards in view of the addition of the CA Triple Crown Award

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 24 of the 25 National Parks and Monuments in California as identified in the rules. 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 two awards (i.e., the rides used to qualify for a Premier 5 award cannot be used to qualify for the Grand Slam Award).

Some Valuable Fine Print (REALLY !)

Articles and advertising must be received by the 25th 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

Email Newsletter submittals to:

Chairman@sc-ma.com

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SCMA's website is always your best source for complete and current information on our rides and events. Our membership application is

there. For more information go to

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

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Advertising space is provided to our members only. Regular membership is \$30 for one year and \$50 for two years. Want ads are free for regular members.

Businesses interested in sponsor membership advertising of a half page ad in the newsletter for 12 months, and prominent mention at SCMA's March Awards and Appreciation Banquet and the September Three Flags Banquet, should contact the Chairman.

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Rodney Chew (Risk Manager), Bob Roger (Best USA 15 Chair), Gonzo doing the famous AZRATPack Nose photo at the AMA Museum in Columbus Ohio