

**SCMA**

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

**NEWS**

## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

The first quarter is coming to an end....and I can't be happier. January through March are tough months for me....the holidays, happy memories, painful memories, tax returns, personal tasks, newsletters, annual planning, Awards Banquet, and this year has the added task of planning for 3FC18. With wrapping up the annual tax return, I finally began to breathe a sigh of relief and shift over to finishing the March newsletter. Is there anyone out there interested in producing this newsletter?

Earlier this month we held our Annual Awards Banquet. It was an absolute blast as it was held at the perfect time of day, in an excellent hotel, and with perfect arrangements. We kept it simple this year and the simplicity paid off with all of us having a wonderful time.

We also rode the St. Pat's Day Ride (SPDR) this month.....but that story will be in April's newsletter. It had to be the BEST SPDR ever !!!

Now we're getting ready for the AZRATPacks Alien Invasion Tour on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>. This event promises to be an awesome time with a great bunch of riders!!

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## Upcoming Events

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Our Three Flags Classic committee has a concept for the 3FC18 Logo but the artists are unable to present something that tickles our fancy. Once our fancy is tickled we will then publish the image and leap into designing the buckle, plaque, t-shirts, etc.

And in our spare time we are gearing up for the summer Premier Ride schedule when many of you will be riding the USA4C, B15, CA Adventures, and planning for your Three Flags.

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,

Over 6 months ago Mike Barber had asked me to find someone to replace him as the Membership Director due to the increasing demand from the growth of his business. Jim Filley, of southeast San Diego County has stepped up to fill the position. Jim, a retired LEO, has developed a computer skillset and is ready to continue Mikes efforts. Recently Mike and I visited with Jim, delivered all the membership equipment, and held a transition training session. The new membership cards have been received and we will resume delivery of cards beginning in April.

R. "Gonzo" Gonzalez  
Chairman



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# SCMA Annual Meeting

## Officer Nominations

### April 28th 2018

SCMA has six-elected members on its Board of Directors. Three are elected each year to a two-year term. In even-numbered years the Vice Chairman, the Treasurer and Secretary are elected. In odd-numbered years the Chairman, Membership Director and Risk Manager are elected. The location for the Annual Member's Meeting, will be held at:

Elks Lodge,  
2436 Huntington Drive,  
Duarte, CA.

Positions open for nominations in the mid-year elections for 2018 are:

**Vice Chair** – In absence of the chair, or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the vice chair shall assume the duties of chair. The Vice Chair will fill committee and ride chair positions when vacant and other duties as directed by the Chairman

**Membership Services Director** – The membership services director shall maintain membership lists, respond to members' requests for assistance, review all applications for membership, provide monthly list to the board of the names of new members, provide members with membership certificates, and perform such other duties as the board may from time to time determine.

**Treasurer** – The treasurer shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all the funds and securities of the corporation; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit such monies in the name of the corporation in such banks or other depositories as shall be selected by the board of directors, and in general perform all duties incident to the office of treasurer.

**NOMINATIONS** are now open until the Annual Meeting scheduled for April 28th at 12:00 noon. Any current SCMA member can nominate any other current SCMA member. Self-nominations are acceptable but require three seconds at the Annual Meeting.

Nominations can be made at the Annual meeting or by e-mail to [chairman@scma.com](mailto:chairman@scma.com). **E-mailed** nominations must be received **by 8pm, April 27th**.

Nominations can also be made by mailing nomination forms to:

SCMA - Nominations  
PO Box 487  
Norwalk, CA 90651-0487

**Paper** nominations must be received in the Norwalk PO Box **by 8:00 am, April 27th.**

**BALLOTS, with nominee names,** will be available in May or earlier for download from the SCMA website and will appear in the newsletter.

Only paper ballots are acceptable for the election and must be received at the Post Office Box by 8:00 am June 15th.

The ballots will be opened and counted in public at the June 16th General Membership Meeting (GMM) by the Election Committee, observed by member witnesses, and supervised by the Chair of the Election Committee. The newly elected officers will be announced at the meeting, posted to the website, and posted in the June/July Newsletter.

The newly elected Directors will assume their responsibilities after the close of the June 16th Board meeting and no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.



# 2018 NOMINATION FORM

**Member making the nomination:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Member being nominated for Vice Chair:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Member being nominated for Treasurer:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Member being nominated for Membership Services Director:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Self-Nomination: For Position of \_\_\_\_\_**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Three (3) "Seconds" for Self-Nomination:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Scan and email to: [chairman@sc-ma.com](mailto:chairman@sc-ma.com) (Must be received by 8pm April 27th)

or mail to: (Must be in PO Box by 8am April 27th)

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# SCMA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary everyone !!!!

SCMA, formed in 1968, is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> 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 April 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](http://www.avts.av.org)

AZRatPack  
[www.azratpack.com](http://www.azratpack.com)

BMW Club of Southern California  
[www.bmwcosc.com](http://www.bmwcosc.com)

BMW Club, South Coast Riders (aka South Coasters)  
[www.scbmwrc.com](http://www.scbmwrc.com)

Pasadena Motorcycle Club  
[www.pasadenamc.com](http://www.pasadenamc.com)

Red Hot Riders of San Diego  
[www.redhotriders.com](http://www.redhotriders.com)

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

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

A promotional banner for "GO AZ Motorcycles". At the top, there are logos for various motorcycle brands: Aprilia, BMW, Ducati, KTM, Triumph, Honda, Ural, Vespa, and Kawasaki. 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 motorcycles on display. At the bottom, there is a dark blue bar with white text providing contact information: "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 1<sup>st</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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!!



**ALIEN INVASION GRAND TOUR**  
**APRIL 6-8, 2018**  
**SCOTTSDALE:TRINITY:ROSWELL:LAS CRUCES**

Join us on what will be a memorable ride through history and the bizarre featuring a visit to the Trinity Bomb site, the culmination of the Manhattan Project, where the first nuclear device was exploded, only open to the public twice a year and to Roswell, NM, the site so famous for out of this world encounters.

*The difficulty level of this ride is **ADVANCED**. This ride will have a moderate but entertaining sport touring pace with roads providing some challenge. Be prepared for possibly cold conditions early in the day and more moderate conditions in the afternoon. Be prepared for long days in the saddle. This will be a great ride for intermediate touring riders as well as cruisers and people riding two-up. About 1,164 miles total (your mileage may vary).*

Start Venue: **GO AZ Motorcycles Scottsdale**  
 Address: 15500 N Hayden Rd  
 Scottsdale AZ 85260, US  
 Starts: Fri Apr 6 2018, 9:00am MST  
 Ends: Sun Apr 8 2018

For all details including hotels, maps, turn by turn, and GPX files visit:  
[www.AZRATPack.info](http://www.AZRATPack.info)

# 2018 Sweetheart Ride

By Gonzo, 25051

While our members who live in the great white north were huddled around their fireplaces, we in the southwest region were on our bikes riding through the west end of the Los Angeles National Forest mountains and the Mojave high desert town of Lancaster!! This year's Sweetheart ride was nothing but SWEET!! Weather was in the low 70's and skies were clear and sometime cloudy. Wow.....what a day to ride!



Registration for the start was held at the famous Angeles National Golf Club where we had fun meeting up with each other. Lisa was on hand to open the restaurant for us and also be our server. We enjoyed a nice breakfast and Lisa was sure to keep the coffee cups full! About 4 of

our riders departed early but the rest of us gathered around the Russ Brown Banner.

The planned route for the day was around 160 miles and would begin with riding Little Tujunga Cyn past the Wildlife Way Station and Indian Springs, then into the twisties as we climbed into the hills. The fun occurred as we encountered the first of many 180 degree turns as we began climbing the hills and then descending them. We peaked out at the Bear Divide Picnic Site and then began the big descent down Sand Cyn Rd into Santa Clarita (Canyon Country) and then over to Vasquez Cyn.

Although we have ridden these canyons numerous times, it is always a joy to ride through them enjoying their natural wonders. Next up was Bouquet Cyn that took us more north to Spunky Cyn and for a jaunt along the northern end of Bouquet Reservoir. Five glorious miles later after passing thru Green Valley we were on San Francisquito Cyn for a three-mile jaunt to Elizabeth Lake Rd.

In past rides we would have continued north on Elizabeth towards Lake Hughes, but this

time we headed south back towards Lake Palmdale and into the north side of the Angeles Forest taking Fort Tejon Rd, Valyermo Rd, and Big Pines Rd. At Mile High we headed north on Largo Vista Rd and were rewarded with a fantastic view of the high desert looking out over "Lake Los Angeles" towards Edwards AFB. Riding down from the hills we finally got onto Pearlblossom Hwy (CA-138) and headed east to Phelan to connect onto Sheep Creel Rd and headed north to El Mirage Rd.



The wind was starting to pick up a little at this point, and a bit of blowing sand was occasionally encountered. But it was still a fun ride in the flat desert. We worked our way to 240<sup>th</sup> then Ave J, 200<sup>th</sup> St, and hung a left on Ave G where we stopped to get a photo at the famous filming location of the "Kill Bill" Church in the crossroad town of Hi Vista.

From here it was an easy run to 7005 E Ave H Cycle Barn location and a fun BBQ!



Doug Hoffelt, planner of the ride, had the side yard all set up for us with the Grill fired up, hamburgers cooking, chips, potato salad, soft drinks. A group of AVR folks were on hand to welcome us as we parked our bikes in the dirt and removed our gear. It was really great to get that cold soft drink and a bag of chips while the hamburgers were being grilled. Doug had some awesome bikes up for sale in his display room, and we walked into his bone yard collection of junk bikes and marvel at the motorcycle history displayed in every nook and cranny of his awesome shop!

Hamburgers were finally ready, courtesy of Bob Webb and we all hunkered down at the tables telling each other stories and chatting about bikes and riders.

The purpose of this ride was to raise funds to support the Bags4Kids charity. Bags4Kids provides foster children with basic items such as school supplies, toiletries, and necessary clothing. Congratulations to the SCMA and AVR riders for raising \$230 to be donated to LaJuanna Moser, Amanda Collins and Tom Howard, of Bag4Kids, who were on hand to welcome riders and accept the donation from Doug Hoffelt. This ride was publicized as a \$14 ride for men and \$.14 for ladies. Hats off to the riders donating in addition to the fee.

We gathered in front of the store to get a group photo next to our proudly displaying our Russ Brown and AMA banners! And then it was back on the bikes as we all headed back to our homes, some nearby, others a good 145 miles. By days end some of us had covered a sweetheart 300-350 miles. Now THAT is sweet ☺.

Many thanks to Doug Hoffelt for planning this ride, to the Cycle Barn for hosting the BBQ, and to Dave of the AVR for riding with a small group of us SMCA'ers!

Another great ride in the desert!!



# 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet

By Gonzo, 25051

What a great time at this year's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet !!



This year's agenda was reorganized thereby allowing everyone to spend more time hanging out with each other and socializing!

The Happy Hour "Meet and Greet" began around 3:30 pm and was held in the same room with the banquet tables. Attendees were able to position their belongings at tables and then mingle with the group. And did they ever do some mingling!!

John Mickus was our Welcoming MC and it took some effort on his part to get folks to return to their seats so he could begin the evenings festivities. Once everyone was seated, John commenced his welcome and introduced our sponsors – Kitty Brooks from Russ Brown Motorcycling Attorneys and Brian Bell from Irv Seaver BMW Motorcycles, and our Legacy members in attendance: Joe Mandeville and his wife Elaine, Kenn Hatke and Phyllis, Dennis Even, and honored guest Jane Usatin, wife of Joe Usatin (father of the Three Flags Classic and USA Four Corners). John then introduced our Affiliate representatives that were in attendance: Rodney Chew AZRATPack, Karen Butterfield Red Hot Riders of San Diego, Dan Burt BMWCOSC, and Dennis Even Shamrock Road Riders.

Gonzo was introduced and congratulated everyone on SCMA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Giving a bit of history on how Joe Usatin initiated the Three Flags Classic and the USA Four Corners Tour, he noted that this was SCMA's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet. Over the years the banquet has been titled Four Corners, Triple Crown, and Annual Appreciation and Awards Banquet. Is it time to come up with a new name? Perhaps just "SCMA Annual Banquet"?



The "long distance" travelers to reach this evening's banquet were  
 David and Annie Heusser: 960 miles from Independence OR  
 Danny and Charlotte Graham: 2,561 miles from Honolulu HI  
 Charles Lamb: 2,635 miles from Hopewell VA

Then there were the short distance travelers:

Dan Burt (secretary): 15 miles from Mission Viejo

Gonzo: 13 miles from Lake Forest

Dan and Sharon Hilton: 6.8 miles from Costa Mesa

It was at about this time that Gonzo noticed someone enter the banquet room, and not having his distance eyewear – and expecting Jane Usatin to arrive – he made the big funni of the evening by announcing Jane had arrived when it was in fact Brian Bell from Irv Seaver BMW.....that's what happens when he's not wearing his distance eyewear. Everyone got a big laugh out of that! We think Gonzo turned about 50 shades of red face!

The first appreciation awards were presented to Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys (represented by Kitty Brooks) and Irv Seaver BMW Motorcycles (represented by Brian Bell).



RBMA has sponsored SCMA for the last three years and just recently renewed their sponsorship for the next 3 years. Thank you RBMA and thank you Kitty Brooks for administering the BAM program that in the event of a breakdown, or other problems, members can reach out to members in the area and ask for assistance.

Irv Seaver BMW Motorcycles continues to support SCMA with displaying our promotional material at the store and supporting our

newsletter, Awards Banquet, and Three Flags Classic. Once again they presented SCMA with 3 \$100 gift certificates to be raffled at the banquet.

Gonzo then recognized our volunteers that have led and supported SCMA during 2017.

### Board of Directors

Mike Barber	Membership Services Director-SCMA Board of Directors SCMA Ambassador at Large, SCMA's "Triumph Man"
Dan Burt	Secretary-SCMA Board of Directors, Chair-Election Committee, Chair-5 Passes Ride, SCMA's "Fast Mover"
Victor Castaneda	2017 Marketing Director - SCMA Board of Directors, Co-Chair - Three Flags Classic, Awards Banquet Committee
Rodney Chew	Risk Manager-SCMA Board of Directors, Chair-Alien Abduction Tour, Three Flags Classic Committee, Awards Banquet Committee, USA Four Corner's Promoter, SCMA's Photographer, SCMA Ambassador at Large
Barbara Fox	Vice Chair-SCMA Board of Directors, Chair-Legacy Award Committee, Election Committee, Advisor at Large, SCMA's "Passionate Proof Reader"
Dannie Fox	Ex Officio Member-SCMA Board of Directors, Chair-USA Four Corners Tour, Legacy Award Committee, Three Flags Committee, SCMA's "Dannie The Mover"
John Mickus	Treasurer-SCMA Board of Directors, Treasurer-Three Flags Classic, SCMA's "Green Shade" Banker
Bob Roger	Ex Officio Member-SCMA Board of Directors, Chair-Best 15 US Roads Challenge, Awards Banquet Committee, SCMA's "Chief" in Ohio



Dean Sarrocco Ex Officio Member-SCMA Board of Directors,  
Chair-CA Adventures Series, Awards Banquet Committee,  
SCMA's "Marathon Man"

Chris White Ex Officio Member-SCMA Board of Directors, Chair-2017 Three Flags  
Classic, SCMA's "That's The Way I Roll"



#### **Operations Team/TA Ride Chairs/Committees:**

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Dennis Even Legacy Award Committee

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Reuben Friesen Chair-Social Media, SCMA's Facebook Master, Our "Code Breaker"

Kenn Hatke Co-Chair Grand Blazing Saddles Ride, Awards Banquet Committee, SCMA's "Done it All" guy

Alan Hirst Quartermaster, Three Flags Classic Committee, Ride Morale Booster

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Manny Smith Awards Banquet Committee, SCMA's "Lady With A Smile"  
Rick Thompson Chair, Grand Blazing Saddles, Three Flags Classic Committee  
Website Design  
Modernization and Maintenance



Numerous members volunteered in various capacities, but the above Appreciation Awards were presented to those at the banquet. Thank you all for making SCMA's 49<sup>th</sup> year of operations a success in 2017.

After a brief moment of silence in lieu of an Invocation, dinner was served. We think everyone was very happy to a) observe appreciation awards get accomplished in 25 minutes, and b) be served their delicious meals!

Once again, the Wyndham served the most delicious beef, chicken or vegetarian plates to be enjoyed by all. During dinner the lively conversation picked up from where folks left off from the Happy Hour!

Before serving dessert, we gathered under SCMA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banner, lit the candles on the birthday cake, and took a group photo. We should all be proud of this huge accomplishment. It was made possible by our founding members who had a vision, by our volunteers who enjoy being part of this great association, and by all of our members who continue supporting SCMA with their annual memberships. Congratulations all !!!

Now it was time to recognize the magnificent accomplishments of our many riders.

**Travelers Award** (presented by Gonzo)

Riders received Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards for completing the Traveler's Awards CA Adventures. This award is presented in recognition of riders who participated in SCMA's and Affiliates' monthly scheduled rides and member's meetings. Most interesting is that no one achieved the gold. But once again, making this the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row, Mike Barber collected the Platinum award for participating in ALL events!!

Platinum Award: Mike Barber

Gold Award: None

Silver Award: Jim Bullen, Claudette Fradette, Jean Fradette, Mike Williams, Gonzo

Bronze Award: Dianna Stoneman, Jim Stoneman.



**California Adventure Series:** Dean Sarrocco presented the CA Adventure Series Awards. In 2017 there were two concurrent locations that riders could visit: The 21 Missions Tour which would cover about 1000 miles and the 25 CA National Parks Tour which would cover about 1,800 miles. Beginning in 2018 a third option will be available titled CA Best 15 Roads.

**Missions Tour**

- Andy Andresen
- Michael Barber
- Darlene Fong
- Danny Graham
- Alan Hirst
- Woodrow Krugel
- Charles Lamb
- Gordin Warner
- Michael Williams

**Parks Adventure**

- Andy Andresen
- Jim Brelsford
- Paul Bricker
- Gonzo
- Charles Lamb
- Michael Williams



Les Gullery was invited to the stage to present 2018's new ride for the CA Adventure Series: The California Best 15. Dennis Even and Les Gullery designed this ride as an adventure to expand our awareness and knowledge of beauty of California. In all, they have selected 60 great motorcycling roads. There are 20 roads in the north, in the Central, and in the Southern part of the state. Each year, 15 roads will be selected for the tour (5-North, 5-Central, 5-South). The full 60 roads will be presented over a four-year period.

It didn't take a rocket scientist to come up with the idea that SCMA should offer a **CA Triple Crown** to those riders who persevere and to all three (Missions, Parks, Roads) at the same time since they are co-located.

**Best 15 US Roads Challenge:** (Presented by Les Gullery-Former Grand Slam Finisher)  
Recipients of this award have traveled 10-12,000 miles to ride on each of the Best roads located across the Continental USA. Oftentimes these riders combine their adventure by concurrently riding the USA Four Corners. They receive a certificate, pin and engraved Buck Knife.

- Andy Andresen
- David Heusser
- Charles Lamb
- Charles Neuman (not present)



Charles Lamb, finisher of **16 USA Four Corners**, did a brief discussion about the joy and fun one has while out riding the Four Corners. He mentioned that each year over 100 members ride this event and finish it with a lifetime of memories while visiting the four corners of the USA. Riding either the basic "box" pattern of 6,000+ miles in 21-days, or the True "X" pattern of 11,000+ miles in 26-days, is an adventure many times over. Riders see so many sights and meet many fellow Americans along the way, it gives them a memorable adventure that lasts a lifetime. Since Charlie has completed each version numerous times, we think he will live an extra 16 years!!

Now came the recognition of the major accomplishments: Triple Crown and Premier 5 Awards (this year no member completed the Grand Slam).

### Triple Crown

The Triple Crown is earned when a rider rides within the calendar year selected from the following Premier Events: Three Flags Classic, USA Four Corners, Best 15 USA Roads, and one of the CA Adventure Series. Typically, riders have ridden over 20,000 miles to receive this trophy. The trophy is designed to reflect the rider's selection of rides. This year we had two Triple Crown categories of riders:

#### USA4C – 3FC – CA Missions

Darlene Fong  
 Danny Graham  
 Alan Hirst  
 Woodrow Krugel  
 Michael Williams

#### USA4C – 3FC – B15

Andy Andresen  
 David Heusser  
 Charles Lamb



**Premier "5":** (presented by Les Gullery)

Two years ago this award was presented retroactively to four members who attained this accomplishment in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

To receive this award you must ride all 5 Premier events: the Missions and Parks, the Best 15, the Four Corners, and the Three Flags Classic. This is a huge commitment requiring the time and energy to ride about 25K to 30K miles.

This award was designed to fill the gap between the Triple Crown and Grand Slam Awards and is typically attainable by our members who are not in the SW Region and cannot make the monthly Traveler Award Rides that is a requirement to earn the Grand Slam Award.

To date, only 8 members have earned this award.



**2017 Premier "5" recipients:**

**Andy Andresen** For having completed SCMA's Five Premier Rides in one calendar year. This accomplishment included touring many of the most scenic places in North America on two wheels while logging well over 25,000 miles. Andy braved the heat, cold, wind, rain, potholes, budget motels, and instructions from a directionally challenged nun, that led to riding his Harley backwards as it slid down a mountain, and ended with the U.S. Army conducting a military rescue. This is a feat accomplished by few and cherished by many. Congratulations!

**Charles Lamb** For having completed all of the SCMA Five Premier Rides in one calendar year. This feat required the rider to visit many of the most scenic places in Continental United States on a motorcycle while logging well over 25,000 miles in one calendar year. Charlie braved all the elements Mother Nature offered, including fast food eateries, a water pump failure in Roswell, New Mexico, and contributed to the financial success of the Super 8 Motel chain. This motorcycle ride has been accomplished by few and cherished by many. Congratulations!

With the addition of the California Best 15 Roads into the family of CA Adventures, the Board is reviewing the requirements for this award.

**Grand Slam Award:** This award is given to a member for completing all 5 premier rides and also participating in 13 of the Monthly Traveler's Awards Rides. Typically, a rider will ride over 30-35,000 miles to complete the requirements for this award. To date only 5 members have earned this award. No member earned this award in 2017. With the addition of the California Best 15 Roads into the family of CA Adventures, the Board is reviewing the requirements for this award.

**Legacy Award:** This Award presentation is the highlight of the evening. The Vice Chairperson selects a committee of 4-8 members to work as a team in identifying past members who have contributed significantly to the Southern California Motorcycling Association. The full membership is asked to submit recommended names for the committee to consider. They in turn conduct interviews to document each nominee's contributions and accomplishments to SCMA. The committee is not limited to selecting only one nominee; in fact, the last two years saw two recipients received the heralded award!

This year, the committee overwhelmingly selected **Charlie Coyner** to be the 2018 recipient of the Legacy Award. Below is the presentation speech:

Charlie began riding in SCMA events in the 90's as a member of the Shamrock Road Riders; an Affiliated club of which he is still is a member. He became an SCMA member in the early 2000's during which time then Chairman Joe Mandeville asked Charlie to serve as the Vice Chair. Subsequent to that, Charlie then became SCMA's Chairman for 2002 and 2003.



In 2005, Charlie was Chairman of the 30th Annual Three Flags Classic. That was an Anniversary year starting in Tijuana and finishing in Calgary. A few years later Charlie retired and moved to Colorado.

In 2012 Charlie was riding the Three Flags Classic when then chairman Blake Anderson asked him to consider being the Chairman of the new Best 15 US Roads Challenge.

Charlie took on the task for the next 3 years even though he lived in Colorado and not in SoCal. In doing so, Charlie demonstrated that such a position could indeed be handled remotely as SCMA became more modernized in the new digital world.

Thank you, Charlie, for the many years of exemplary leadership, guidance and support you provided to SCMA.

Charlie was unable to travel this year and personally accept the recognition. Dennis Even, President of the Shamrock Road Riders and long time friend of Charlie, accepted the award on Charlie's behalf. Dennis noted that when Charlie moved to Colorado he still would meet and ride with the Shamrocks on their annual ride to Utah as well as participate in the Three Flags Classic. Dennis mentioned that in his conversation with Charlie, that Charlie was very honored to be selected for the award but didn't feel he measured up to the names of the former recipients. He was very honored to have his name added to this trophy, and very humbled. He felt that all he did was volunteer to try to ensure SCMA's continuing to offer a venue for other riders.



**Irv Seaver Raffle:** Brian Bell, then conducted a raffle for three \$100 gift certificates. Irv Seaver has been gifting these to SCMA for a number of years in the past for the Annual Banquet and Three Flags Banquet raffle. Thank you Irv Seaver for your continued support.



**Banquet End:** This pretty much wrapped up the evening's festivities and we called it a night after giving a round of applause to the wait staff who were absolutely superb and made us feel very welcomed at the Wyndham.

Allow me to express many, many "thank you's" to Rodney Chew, SCMA Risk Manager. Rodney handled the computer presentations on the screen and took all the photographs during the event. As many of you know, Rodney is still regaining his strength after overcoming a recent illness. SCMA always seems to be the beneficiary of Rodney's generosity with his time and talents. So much of what SCMA has successfully accomplished is due to Rodney being in the background making sure dots are connected and details are addressed. Be sure to shake his hand whenever you cross his path during one of our events.

Thank you everyone for making this a memorable event. We look forward to seeing y'all at next year's Annual Banquet.

View all photos on the SCMA flickr site:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/135120412@N05/albums/72157693437877834>



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**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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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](mailto:LoToofLa@centurylink.net).

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- Rear suspension is fitted with Progressive 465 fully adjustable shock with Remote Adjustable Preload (RAP).

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### Three Month Running Calendar

Apr

- 6 \*Alien Invasion - AZRATPack**
- 28 All Member's Meeting - Nominations**

May

- 26 \*Grand Blazing Saddles – Gold Country Ride**

June

- 9 \*Greenhorn Ride – Pasadena Motorcycle Club**

Information on each ride will be released on the website and via eBlasts.

Here's what's on the road ahead. For more information, check the SCMA website

[www.SC-MA.com](http://www.SC-MA.com) and the websites of our affiliated clubs. Club websites have more information on their events and are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

ALWAYS consult them for last-minute changes before a ride.

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## National News Section

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

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The advertisement features a black background with a white eagle with spread wings in the center. Below the eagle, the name 'RUSS BROWN' is written in large, bold, yellow-outlined letters, with 'MOTORCYCLE ATTORNEYS' in smaller white letters underneath. Above the eagle, the text 'Official Attorney Sponsors of SCMA' is written in a white, curved font. Below the eagle's feet, there are two motorcycle helmets. At the bottom, a dark brown banner contains the text 'FREE BREAKDOWN AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR MOTORCYCLISTS' in white, and below that, the phone number '1-800-4-BIKERS' is written in large white letters.



## 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](mailto: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.

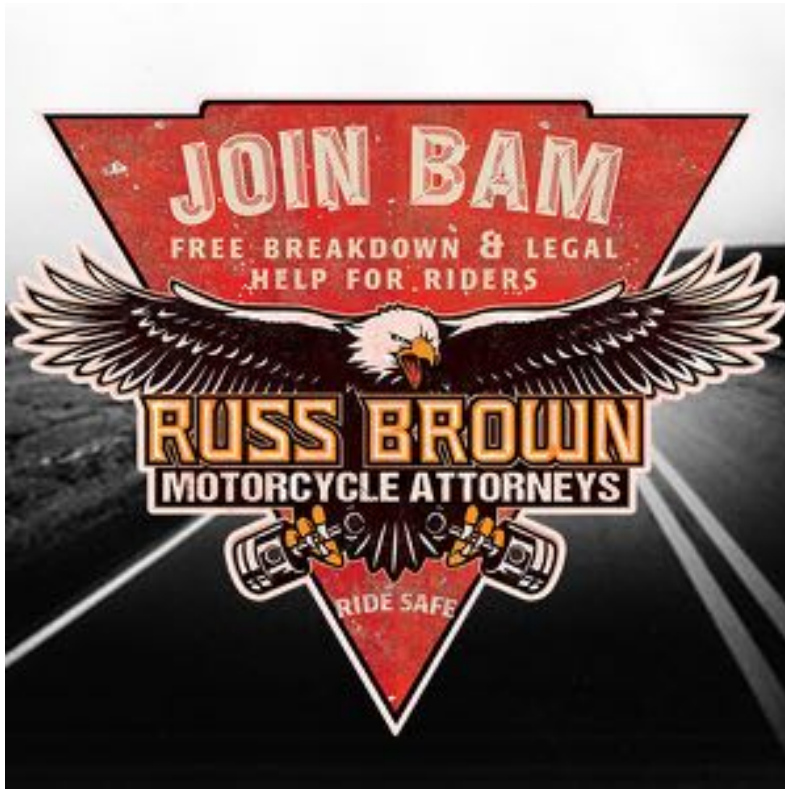
I'm always up to saving a few bucks when I buy a bike and I suspect you are too! There is no obligation and I love putting together this sort of thing to see how much money we can save for SCMA members.

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.

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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 8<sup>th</sup> year. The challenge started spontaneously in the spring of 2011 when the American Motorcyclist Association published its Best 15 Roads article. Two riders took the challenge that year: Kathy and Larry Lamarche from Kamloops, BC Canada. In 2016, we updated the list with three new roads and a route change to a fourth road. 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](http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/co_us550.html)
7. Blue Ridge Parkway, Any continuous 150 mile segment <http://www.blueridgeparkway.org>
8. Washington 20, Concrete to Omak <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/634/Washington/Highway-20-Washington-Pass.html>
9. Big Bend NP, U.S.385 into north gate, out west gate on TX118 to FR170 to Presidio\* 120 mile ride. <http://www.bigbendnationalpark.com>
10. Ranch Roads 335, 336 and 337, "The Twisted Sisters" or "The Triple 3", Texas\*\*\* [http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/555/Texas/The-Three-Sisters-\(AKA-The-Twisted-Sisters\)-Ranch-Roads-335-336337a.html#sthash.VtF1zKaL.2OUPjSG.dpbs](http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/555/Texas/The-Three-Sisters-(AKA-The-Twisted-Sisters)-Ranch-Roads-335-336337a.html#sthash.VtF1zKaL.2OUPjSG.dpbs)
11. U.S. 16A, Custer to Mt. Rushmore and then to Keystone, South Dakota\*\*\*\* [http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/sd\\_us16a.html](http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/sd_us16a.html)
12. "Kancamagus Scenic Byway/Mt. Washington, Lincoln, New Hampshire to Mt. Washington Summit\*\*\*\*\* [http://www.motorcycleroads.com/Routes/New-Hampshire\\_105.html](http://www.motorcycleroads.com/Routes/New-Hampshire_105.html)
13. U.S.191, Springerville to Three Way, Arizona [http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/az\\_us191.html](http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/az_us191.html)
14. Utah 12, Torrey to Bryce Canyon Turnoff <http://www.scenicbyway12.com>
15. Mount Desert Island, Acadia NP. ME102/ME102A to Bass Harbor Lighthouse. ME102A/ME102 to ME198 to ME233 to Cadillac Mountain Summit. Back down to the LOOP ROAD along the coast. Jordan Rd/ Stanly Rd to ME 3 North to get off the Island.\* 75 mile double loop. <http://www.acadianationalpark.com/parklooproad>

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

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

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

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

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

# Southern California Motorcycling Association

## Best 15 US Roads Challenge

### RULES

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

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

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

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



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

# International News Section

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

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## 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](mailto:reservations@playabonitaresort.com)

Reservations will be guaranteed with the payment of 1<sup>st</sup> night.

Reservations must be made before July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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](mailto: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**

Total Rooms Avail:	Deluxe King	20	Deluxe 2 Queen	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

Route GPX – Jim Bullen

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/Brian Hooker

Buckle Design – Brian Hooker/Dean Sarrocco

### **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.

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

## **1<sup>st</sup> Checkpoint**

**Gallup, NM**

**High Desert Cycles, 1315 Hamilton Rd**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Checkpoint**

**Rawlins WY**

**Rawlins Best Western, 2221 W. Spruce St**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Checkpoint**

**Great Falls MT**

**Big Sky Harley Davidson, 4258 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, South**

## **Finish Checkpoint**

**Calgary, Alberta CAN**

**Deerfoot Inn and Casino**

**11500 35 St SE**

## 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.  
<http://www.theroadhawgs.com>

**Motorcycle Products**  
Have you come across an interesting product to be used for riding, equipment care, bike care, etc????  
If so, send it to us with contact information and we'll consider placing it into our newsletter.

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

**SCMA Facebook Posts**  
Post photos and comments during your Premier Ride  
<https://www.facebook.com/scma.main/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/SCMA3FC>  
<https://www.facebook.com/scma.21.missions/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/scma.park.adventure/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/scma.4.corners/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/scma.best.15/>

**RIDE Chief NEEDED !!**  
A Ride Chief is need for the 2018 riding season.  
Please contact Gonzo at [Chairman@SC-MA.com](mailto: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 "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 any 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](mailto:rsroger03@gmail.com)

### The SCMA Triple Crown Award

Imagine completing a three-pack of any combination of USA Four Corners, Best 15, Three Flags, and one of the two CA Adventure Series rides in a single calendar year (Jan to Dec of the same year). It is a rare achievement--completed by only 10-15 riders per year. SCMA honors this significant accomplishment with a limited-edition plaque that tags you as a very unique long-distance rider: A Triple Crown Winner. Gonzo will be chairing the selection committee in 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 25<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to appear in the next published issue of the SCMA News. Newsletters are circulated electronically and posted on the SCMA website. Send written correspondence to: Southern California Motorcycle Association, PO Box 487, Norwalk, CA 90651-0487

Email Newsletter submittals to:  
[Chairman@sc-ma.com](mailto: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](http://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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