

SCMA



NEWS

CHAIRMAN’S LETTER

This has been a very busy month; Rides (AZ), CA Triple Crown rides, tax returns, board meetings, 3FC tasks, membership card production and mailings, having a personal life (how did that objective creep in?), working on a marketing plan with the U of Maine business student, responding to 50+ emails a day.

How did I handle all of this? Simple, I took 4 days off for my personal life ☺. When I returned to the SCMA I was energized and ready to work again.

So what is the good news to report that is not a separate article within this newsletter?

1. Rides put on by our affiliates are awesome! They are best’est ever and loads of fun! Check out this month’s article about riding the St Pat’s Day Ride.
2. Membership card production has resumed thanks to a big effort by Jim Filley (new membership director) and Mike Barber (former director). They worked two weekends getting 200+ membership packages assembled for mailing.
3. The 3FC committee continues its work. The logo design is almost completed. Once this is

Upcoming Events

Grand Blazing Saddles	May	26
Greenhorn Ride – PMC	Jun	9
All Members Breakfast – Ballot Count	Jun	16
Madawaska Four Corners Party	Jun	23

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completed a whole bunch of other tasks fall into place.

But the most pleasing thing to see in our association is that a few of our members are stepping up to the plate to help in administering the tasks that keep SCMA alive; this type of help reinforces my belief in our SCMA and motivates me to keep on working to improve our association.

Most especially I am very thankful of your understanding that we are a volunteer organization and we are doing our best to keep our association performing at a good level of operations. My task is to continue to find ways to improve that performance and find the members who will take on those improvements.

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Gonzo



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SOUTHWEST Regional News Section

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To help our readers track and group the large amount of information provided in this newsletter, we have grouped the articles into Regional, National, and International sections. This section contains info on Traveler's Award rides and local events.

Membership News

By James Filley #46151

Hello everyone,

Good news on the Membership Card deliveries. First off, Mike Barber and I hunkered down and produced close to 200 membership cards before running out of printer ribbon for the card printer. Then we switched over to assembling everything that goes into the mailer. Last weekend we packaged and address labeled about 150 envelopes. Gonzo has the bag of envelopes will be mailing them on Wednesday.

Never in my wildest did I think this would be such a difficult task! Big thanks to Mike and Gonzo for helping me in getting this project moving!



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Orange County, CA IrvSeaverBMW.com

Results of Nominations

The All Members Meeting – Nominations was held on April 28th at the Duarte Elks Club.

Nominations were received from two members present at the meeting and a written nomination from a member not present.

No nominations were received via email or via USPS mail at the SCMA PO Box 487.

Below is the list of nominees for the positions open in 2018:

- Vice Chairman:** **Rodney Chew** (Rodney confirmed acceptance of the nomination)
 Mike Williams (Mike respectfully declined the nomination)
- Treasurer:** **John Mickus** (current Treasurer – John accepted the nomination)
- Membership:** **James Filley** (current Membership Director – Jim accepted the nomination)

Nominations were left open through the meeting in the event latecomers arrived with additional nominations.

Ballots will be prepared and forwarded to the membership via email and in the May Newsletter.

Discussions then ensued with updates to 3FC progress, riding with Affiliates, and other board reports.

After the meeting adjourned about 8 members hung around and told stories.

The Elks Lodge did a great job preparing a hamburger/hot dog lunch with all the fixings including chips, salsa, potato salad, brownies, coffee, iced tea and lemonade.

The next All Members Meeting – Ballot Count, will be held at the Elks Lodge (breakfast) on June 16th. We look forward to seeing y'all there!

Gonzo
Chairman

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 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

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 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 of the banner shows a motorcycle dealership with several motorcycles on display. At the bottom, there is a dark blue bar with white text: "GO AZ MOTORCYCLES | 15500 N. HAYDEN RD | SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260 | (480) 609-1800 | GOAZMOTORCYCLES.COM".



2018 GOLD COUNTRY TOUR

This year's route will take a twist away from the BLAZING and give you a RUSH... A Gold Rush Highway 49 tour! Riders taking part can arrive in Fresno on the evening of Saturday the 26th for a meet-up dinner TBD. Or if you choose, you can arrive Sunday morning for registration.

SATURDAY (MAY 26TH) NIGHT HOTEL:

Accommodations for those arriving the night before:

Best Western Village Inn,

3110 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno CA 93703

Phone# 559 226-2110

Room reservation use SCMA Gold Country Tour. \$80.00 plus room tax

SUNDAY (MAY 27TH) MORNING REGISTRATION/START:

WALK-UP REGISTRATION @ Denny's Restaurant 3120 North Blackstone Ave,
Fresno CA 6:30AM to 8:00AM.

Riders taking part will travel to Oakhurst CA where the California 49 Gold Country Tour will start.

Highway 49 offers an endless array of historic sites that provide a story on one of the most interesting times in California History. The rugged mountain ranges and beautiful valleys each have a story to tell. This is a great way to take in all of the sites at a pace we are not usually accustomed to. Stop and visit the many historic sites that interest you. We'll end the day in Placerville California with a dinner meet-up @ "BRICKS" 482 Main Street, Placerville CA.

SUNDAY (MAY 27TH) NIGHT STOPOVER:

National 9 Inn,

1500 Broadway, Placerville CA

Phone# 530 622-3884

Use SCMA Gold Country Tour. \$65 to \$75 rate plus room tax.

REGISTER AT:

<https://sc-ma.com/2018-gold-country-tour/>

All bikes welcomed / SCMA membership not Required

This is a qualifying SCMA Travelers Award Event \$15 registration fee.

For More Information: GONZO @ 949 433-0761 or EMAIL Chairman@sc-ma.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!!

St Pat's Day Snowy Desert Ride

By Gonzo, 25051

Photos by Rodney Chew, Mike Barber, AZRATPack

The weather reports were showing warmer temps as the weekend wore on and no rain. What more could a SoCal rider ask for in the middle of March??

Dan Burtt and I were in Mojave on Friday night, staying at the Mariah Country Inn & Suites, so that we could be positioned at the Saturday morning start from the Voyager Restaurant at the Mojave Air & Space Port. We weren't the only ones...a few others were at other motels in Mojave and the AZRATPack contingent were moteling in Barstow.

The restaurant opened at 8am and there were a number of riders waiting at the door for it to unlock. As soon as it did we were all inside asking for a warm cup of coffee.



This restaurant is one of the coolest aviation restaurants. It is right on the flight line, with large windows providing a full view of the large airline aircraft mothballed in the dry Mojave Desert air.

Les Gullery was on hand to register riders and the waitress took breakfast and coffee orders from everyone and quickly got their dishes served. Everyone was busy renewing friendships and telling stories so the restaurant became noisy with chatter and laughter. Unlike most of us, some riders checked in and promptly took off as they had eaten breakfast elsewhere before checking in.



By 9:00 everyone began collecting their gear, paying their bill, and mounting their motorized steeds. Dan Burtt, Mike Barber and I rolled out to the day's adventure!

Our route took us through Mojave onto CA-14 heading towards Ridgecrest to connect with US-395 north for Olancho where one of our riders needed to tank up. Leaving the Mobil gas station we passed Gus's Fresh Jerky and I had to restrain the temptation to stop and get a bag full of that delicious treat!

A short half-mile away we hung a right onto CA-190 heading for Stovepipe Wells and Death Valley. Thoughts of excessive heat entered my pea brain but the air was clear,

crisp, and cool hovering mid to high 60's. It was a perfect day for riding!

About 12 miles later, 190 T-bones into where CA-136 ends (road to Lone Pine) and becomes CA-190 continuing east over the twisting hills. I had been on this road in few years ago, in the dark of night, and never saw anything beyond the Road King's pale yellow light that projected a whopping 50 feet ahead of me! But today we were treated with the sun kissed vistas of the foothills and desert valleys. It was a most glorious sight to ride through with curves and twisties being the icing on the cupcake ☺.

About 80-90 miles later we entered the big-little town of Stovepipe Wells. Dan pulled into the Village restaurant parking lot while Mike and I continued a quarter mile to the ranger station to obtain our National Park stamp for our CA Adventures tour (we're working to earn the CA Triple Crown).

In the restaurant we found some of our fellow riders and enjoyed some easy bantering while waiting for our orders to be filled. I have to admit they have an awesome menu selection of sandwiches!

As we were eating, we saw Rodney and Jolyn walking towards the restaurant! They originally were planning to head back to AZ after breakfast in Mojave, but they were having such a good time on their road trip that they decided to continue on to Stovepipe Wells, have lunch with their club, then go to the Armagosa Opera House and Motel at Death Valley Junction (southeast of Furnace Creek where 190 T-bones into CA-127). From there they'll head back to Scottsdale. About 20 minutes later we observed the AZRATPack group of riders rolling into the gas station!

The three of us finished our lunch and then went out to our bikes. The temperature had quickly changed to a low 80 degree temp....appropriate for Death Valley in early March. After removing our layered clothing we then proceeded on 190 east towards the Scotty's Castle turnoff (road closed). We only went about 1000 feet when we turned off onto Daylight Pass Rd (NV-374) headed for Beatty. One of the sights to visit if you are ever this way, is the mining ghost town of Ryolite NV. We didn't stop as we were concerned about dark clouds to the north! Before entering Beatty we decided to stop and don our cold weather/rain gear when it became very evident that we were heading into nasty weather!

What happened to the weather reports of clear skies and warm temperatures? These dark clouds were not on the radar! But it seems that a low pressure of sorts had formed and was bringing cold rain in from the northwest!

We refueled in Beatty (gas was 60 cents less than CA) and quickly continued north on US-95 in the hopes we would clear the low mountains and miss any nasty rain storms. Yeah, well, no such luck!

We hit a bit of rain.....and were hoping that would be the end of it. But then we saw a massive dark storm cell bearing into us from the northwest. As luck would have it, we also began climbing a ridge of hills. I was watching the temp gauge on the Trophy conduct a steady decline from 65-60-50-40-and then into the 30 degree range. Not good ☹.

And this is where the storm slapped our tails! Just before we reached the crest the storm hit us hard, the temps dropped to below freezing, and thoughts of "what the hell am I

doing this for?" entered our brains. The rain quickly turned to snow, but our windshields turned to ice. We could not see the road thru the windshields so we had to lower them significantly to see the full road clearly. This then meant the snow/ice was accumulating on the helmet visor! All we could do was continually wipe our visors with our gloved left hand while maintaining a steady speed through the slushy track of the cars in front of us! Meanwhile, the sides of the roads built up with 6-9" of snow!

Now, at this point, I must completely refute any crazy stories you may hear from Mike Barber or Dan Burt! It is not true that I began screaming over and over again, "I'm gonna die!" It also is not true that I began praying to every god and saint that has existed throughout civilization. And it definitely is not true that I promised the gods I would mend my sinful ways and be a good man, caring for others and all species on this mother earth! Don't believe a word they say about me!!

That fact is I was calm, cool, and collected as I steered the Trophy through the freezing snow melting into slush on the warmer asphalt. I expertly maintained a good line even as the front and rear tires occasionally did a minor slip and skip (maybe that was my heart). Within 2-miles we exited the downpour of snow and the temps jumped up to the mid-40's. Looking into the mirror I could see Mike and Dan's headlights confirming they also made it ok.

We finally reached the turnoff for NV-266 and made a brief stop to discuss options in view of what was ahead of us to the west as we headed towards Lida. (AND contrary to whatever Mike Barber says, I did NOT pee my Aerostich! That was the melting snow that trickled down from the front of the Darien jacket!). There were more storm cells all around us and it appeared 266 was going to take us directly into that nasty stuff! But we lucked out. Although temps did drop to the mid-30's a few times, the road seemed to veer when needed to avoid a cell. Only once or twice did the godless skies bless us with a few sprinkles!

We continued to the little crossroad community of Oasis at the CA-NV line where the road became CA-166. Now the fun began with the two-lane mountain road providing us with fun twisting climbs and descents as we crossed over these big hills (7,400') and entered Big Pine. From here we headed north on 395 into Bishop and our Motel rooms.

Dinner that night was a huge success....kudos to the Shamrocks Road Riders for arranging a splendid dinner setting in the Back Alley Bowling Lanes! We had been to this place once before on a ride 2-years ago and were pleasantly surprised. It may be a bowling lanes but their restaurant has a fantastic menu and serve a fabulous prime rib dinner at a very reasonable price!

About half-way through our dinner the AZRATPack riders arrived and injected more fun into the evening.

This weekend was a lot of fun....and thoroughly enjoyed by all!



I can now claim to have ridden through a snowstorm in the Nevada desert!
Helmets off to the AZRATPack for riding 400+ miles to help the Shamrocks have a successful event!
Thank you Shamrocks, Dennis Even and Les Gullery for a great adventure.

More photos can be seen at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/135120412@N05/albums/72157689070974330/with/40254835644/>



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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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Three Month Running Calendar

May

26 *Grand Blazing Saddles – Gold Country Ride

June

9 *Greenhorn Ride – Pasadena Motorcycle Club
16 All Members Breakfast (9 am) – Ballot counting
23 USA Four Corners Party – Madawaska ME

July

14 *Dog Days of Summer Ride

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 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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The advertisement features a black and white background of a road winding through a forest. A large black banner with white and red text is centered over the road. Below the banner, four pairs of black motorcycle boots are displayed in a row. Each pair is labeled with its model name. At the bottom of the ad, there are three small action photos of riders on motorcycles, and the TECX logo with the tagline 'FOCUS ON BOOTS'.

National News Section

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

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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, '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 or call me at 949-769-1726 and I'll keep you posted after I compile a list of people and details about the bikes.

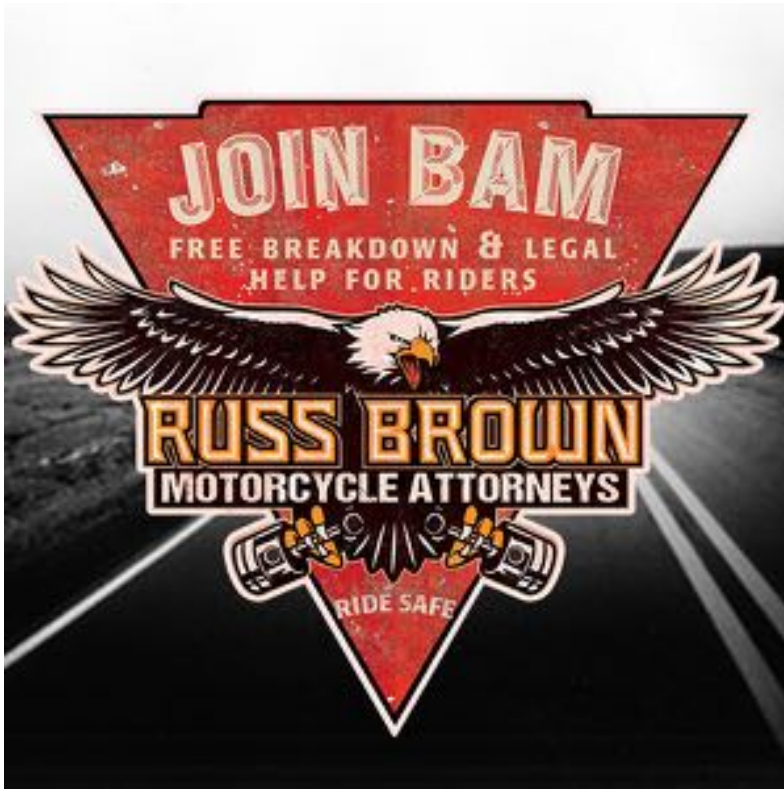
I'm always up to saving a few bucks when I buy a bike and I suspect you are too! There is no obligation and I love putting together this sort of thing to see how much money we can save for SCMA members.

Respectfully,

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

ABOUT BAM

Katherine Markowicz
Marketing & Promotions
Brown, Koro & Romag LLP



BAM: Breakdown and Legal Assistance for Motorcyclists

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

Roadside Assistance for Motorcycles

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

BAM membership is FREE!

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

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



**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.

***** NH112, 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

Four Corners Park, Madawaska ME

Hello Everyone,

Joe LaChance, founder of Madawaska's Four Corners Park, has created a video about how the park was built, how it honors SCMA's USA Four Corners Tour, and also about The Maine Four Corners Tour that Joe created for local riders in the northeast states. It is a cartoonish take and can be seen on youtube. Copy the below url and past it into your browser to see it.

<https://youtu.be/Cak6BiwpGwU>

Joe LaChance

President and Founder of the Madawaska Four Corners Park

Past director on the Aroostook County Tourism Board

www.madawaskafourcorners.org

501 (c) (3) non-profit organization

RIDE SAFE

Four Corners Party

June 23rd

Come One.....Come All

Madwaska is having a Four Corners Party !!!

Meet at the Gateway Motel 9:00 AM

Day begins with a police escorted parade from Gateway to the Park. All bikes park outside the park on Hwy 1, base of park.

Party at the park begins around 10:00-11:00 am.

Live Music for one hour

\$5 BBQ lunch prepared by Madawaska volunteers.

(Free lunch if you are wearing the Maine Four Corners T-shirt!)

The Four Corners store will be open and selling T-shirts, etc.

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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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

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

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

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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

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Post photos and comments during your Premier Ride

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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. All 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).

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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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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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