

SCMA**NEWS**

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

I'm sitting at my desk, looking out onto the fields behind my house in AZ, watching a dust storm with strong winds rend its way through the Phoenix Valley. Very interesting to watch....I'm glad I'm inside looking out!

Saturday I drove to Puerto Peñasco to meet with Sr. Oscar Palacio, owner of the Playa Bonita Hotel where we'll be holding the start meeting with a Mexican dinner. Originally we were thinking BBQ but hey....we're in Mexico! So let's enjoy a delicious Mexican Buffet prepared for us by the Puesta Del Sol Restaurante!

My reason for **being** in Peñasco was to deliver the supplies and banners needed to conduct the check-in of all our Three Flags Classic Riders. Also, Oscar accompanied me to visit the plaque maker....I think this will be another year of folks liking their 3FC plaque!

As Labor Day approaches I keep wondering how I'm going to head north to California and complete the northern CA 15 Best Roads and visit the four National Parks located there....and administer the myriad details for this fun event. I take a deep breath and thank the 20 or so volunteers that are handling so

Upcoming Events

3FC18 Checkin – Puerto Penasco	Aug	30
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many of the tasks!

Speaking of volunteers.....I will be at the Playa Bonita on Wednesday 29Aug around 11:00 am and promptly starting the set up for Thursday's check-in. Last year we were fortunate to have a group of about 10 riders that worked 6-8 hours helping Chris with the set up. If you are at the Playa Bonita on Wednesday please come over to the Puesta del Sol and give us a hand!

See you in Peñasco !!!

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 James Filley #46151

This month was a travel month for me so membership packages were put together but not mailed. I will say.... I was three weeks in southern Ireland and the roads there were made for motorcycles! The good news is I was able to catch up on all the tardy registrations and all are now ready to ship. This should happen the week of August 1.

Ride Safe...3 Flags here we come!!

Jim Filley



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SCMA 50th Anniversary



Happy 50th Anniversary everyone !!!!

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

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

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

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

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

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

beginning the end of April to new and renewing members in their membership packages. Congratulations to everyone on being part of this great accomplishment !!!





SCMA'S Affiliated Clubs

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www.avts.av.org

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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

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www.redhotriders.com

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

Victor McLaglen Motor Corps
www.thevmc.com

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



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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!!

2018 Annual PMC Greenhorn Ride

Every year SCMA members look forward to riding this event with the fun guys and gals of the Pasadena Motorcycle Club! They always put on a great event and take us over some awesome roads to a unique overnight place.

Check-in was in the corner of the Starbucks parking lot in Lake Castaic. We had a good time meeting many of the riders.....Rodney was there representing the AZRATPack supporting one of the affiliated clubs. A number of SCMA riders arrived and checked in along many PMC riders.



From the start we were off on a great tour that would take riders past Lake Castaic and into the Los Padres National Forest. The route would take riders past Lake Hughes thru Gorman and over SR 95 to CA 166 north into Maricopa to the first checkpoint at the Shell Station at the corner of Poso St and California St.

Now, this is where I have a big confession to make.....I did not ride the route. I know, shame on me. But in my defense, the Greenhorn was taking me, Rodney, and Mike Barber very close to the destinations we need to visit to meet our CA Adventures Triple Crown of Parks, Missions and CA Best 15 Roads.

So we rode out of Castaic on I-5N to CA 166 and headed west to Maricopa to draw our poker hand. Fortunately, Rodney was accompanying us so we wouldn't get lost and lose time ☺.



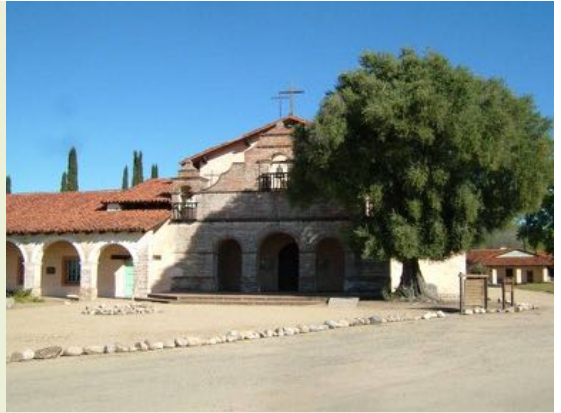
From Maricopa we headed north to Coalinga to ride the CA Best 15 CA-198 to San Lucas. The Greenhorn Riders probably turned off on CA-58 riding into Paso Robles where the next checkpoint was located. When we reached San Lucas, we had a 45 mile ride south to get to the 2nd checkpoint.....but it was already closed. Fortunately, the PMC team was still there and they told us we could draw an extra card at the finish.

From Paso Robles we rode the route to Fort Hunter Liggett Army base via G18 (Jolon Rd). We think the PMC riders took the Nacimiento Lake Drive to Godfrey Rd to G14 to meet up on G18 near Lockwood....simply because that is an awesome road to ride.

But we were hauling tail to get to Hunter Liggett because that is the location of Mission

San Antonia de Padua.....one of the missions we needed to visit to meet the requirements of the CA Adventures – Missions Tour.

As we were leaving the mission, we held a confab and decided we would ride US-101 to the final checkpoint instead of riding the Nacimiento. This decision came about because we were on the clock and all three of us had ridden the Nacimiento-Fergusen Rd a few times before. It is an awesome road to ride, but it is slow miles.....and we needed to visit another mission then make it to the final checkpoint before it closed. So off we headed to King City....but while pulling out of the Mission we notice some riders on the wrong turnoff that was not the Nacimiento. Rodney, leading our group of three, stopped and asked us if we should advise them where the turnoff was for the Nacimiento. Yes we all agreed that needed to



to be done....otherwise they could lose a lot of time trying to figure it out. Rodney did that, and they took off to the correct turnoff. In a way, the three of us envied them because we knew how much fun they were going to have riding the Nacimiento.

They were about to enter into the magnificent coastal mountain range, known as Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, bordering the Big Sur. They would ride through some

gorgeous hills, lined with trees, enter into unbelievable twisties with barely room for one car, and come out on the west side of the hills to be stunned with a magnificent view of the Pacific before dropping down onto CA-1. From there they would head north on CA-1 enjoying magnificent views of the Pacific Ocean....but at a slower speed than what we three were doing on 101.



We easily reached King City, headed north on US-101 into Salinas the cut west on CA-68 (Monterey Salina Hwy) into Tarpey's Roadhouse where the final checkpoint was set up in the parking lot. It was here that I met, once again, Drac...the leader/planner of this great event and ride. It was also here that I

drew the final poker card losing any chance of being a high or low winner....i mean winner. From Tarpey's we headed over to the Comfort Inn Monterey by the Sea to claim our room for the night, change clothes, and call a Uber ride to take us to the Turn 12 Bar And Grill on the corner of Franklin and Tyler Streets.

What a great choice to end an awesome event! We were a bit early....but there were a number of members from the San Francisco Motorcycle Club there to greet the PMC and other riders as we arrived. We had most of the back room available to ourselves and were enjoying some awesome menu choices when the PMC group, who rode the full route, came in....a tad late but full of party!!



These guys and gals began drinking shots and cheering the SFMC, AZRATPack, SCMA and other clubs! Lots of fun and joking around....a great ending to a great day.



The party was still in progress when we old guys Uber'd outta there back to our room. Rodney had an early rise to head north for more CA Adventures destinations and Mike and I had to head north and south along CA-1 and US-101 to visit more missions on our way back to the LA Basin.

Hats off to the PMC for a wonderful weekend !!!



Special thanks to Rodney Chew for photos !!





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- Included outside tray and umbrella
- Sleeps 1½ comfortably (or pet); max 6'6" tall to stretch out
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Contact Gene at 602-315-6559

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I received a note from Ralph Lombardo who, after seven decades of riding, has sold his BMW and is officially retiring!

- (1) Gerbings jacket and heated gloves, so if you know any fat guys with big hands, they (and the tank bags) are for sale.
- (2) Size 3- or 4XL. The gloves are XL.
- (3) The jacket has a two-item controller. The gloves were worn exactly once, the jacket, maybe six days total. A fifty-dollar bill will take either item.

Ralph Lombardo reffi@aol.com



The above photos were taken from the internet and probably are NOT exactly like the ones Ralph is offering. Next month, if not sold, we'll hopefully have actual photos from Ralph.





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Three Month Running Calendar

August

No southwest Region monthly event/ride scheduled
30 Check-in for 3FC18 – Puerto Peñasco MEX
31 3FC18 start – Puerto Peñasco MEX

September

3 3FC18 Finish – Calgary CAN
4 3FC18 Finish Banquet – Calgary CAN
29 *Poker Run – Pasadena Motorcycle Club

October

27 Cemetery Tour

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

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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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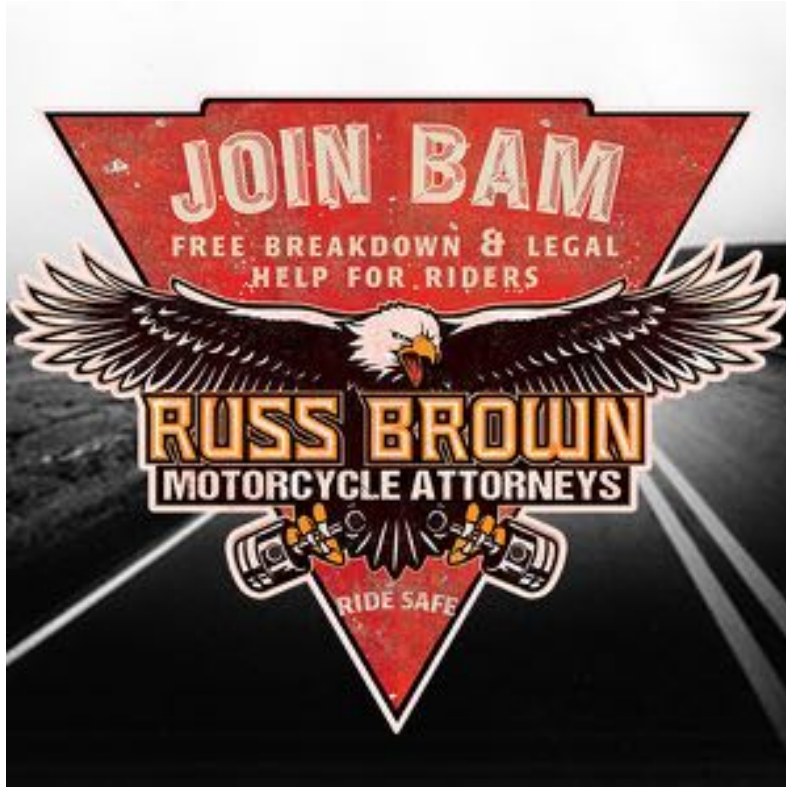
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The advertisement features a black background with a white eagle with spread wings in the center. Below the eagle, the name 'RUSS BROWN' is written in large, bold, yellow-outlined letters, with 'MOTORCYCLE ATTORNEYS' in smaller white letters underneath. 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.



ABOUT BAM

Katherine Markowicz
Marketing & Promotions
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BAM: Breakdown and Legal Assistance for Motorcyclists

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

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



We are offering the Best 15 US Roads Challenge for the 8th year. The challenge started spontaneously in the spring of 2011 when the American Motorcyclist Association published its Best 15 Roads article. Two riders took the challenge that year: Kathy and Larry Lamarche from Kamloops, BC Canada. In 2016, we updated the list with three new roads and a route change to a fourth road. CA-1 will also be replaced for 2018 due to the mudslides that have closed the road.

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

In 2018 the Best 15 continues to qualify for the Triple Crown as an option to the Parks Adventure or Missions Tour, when combined with the USA Four Corners Tour and the Three Flags Classic.

1. U.S. 212 & WY 296, Beartooth Pass Highway and Chief Joseph Highway, Red Lodge, MT to north of Cody WY* <http://www.beartoothhighway.com> <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/676/Wyoming/Chief-Joseph-Scenic-Highway-Bighorn-Mountains.html> *
2. CA-70, 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 Entrance**** 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

** 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. **The End Point of the Ride is at the entrance to Mt. Washington**

Southern California Motorcycling Association Best 15 US Roads Challenge RULES

On the Home page, navigation bar, simply place your cursor on Rides > Best 15 US Roads Challenge > Best 15 US Roads Rules

OR

Place the below link into your browser:

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

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

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

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RIDE SAFE



Hunter Young

16-Year Old Riding the USA Four Corners

In late April I had the opportunity of meeting Hunter Young, 16 years of age, who signed up to ride the USA Four Corners Tour with his dad, George.

As the story goes, and hopefully I am recounting it correctly, Hunter overheard his mom and dad talking about riding the USA4C.....in an instant he knew that is what he wanted to do! It took a bit of convincing but he finally got mom and dad to agree to his embarking on this adventure.

Amazingly he would ride his Harley Sportster (I hope I have that correct also), which just the thought of doing that makes my backside ache a little....but then again, I'm not 16.

In addition to working and saving his money, Hunter decided to raise funds to support his journey by establishing a GoFundMe.

I'm not sure how that all works but I'll soon find out when I log on and contribute a few bucks in support of this young man's adventurous spirit!

Editor's note: I encourage Hunter to write a short story of his adventure and invite him as SCMA's guest at the Annual Awards Banquet In March 2019!



International News Section

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2018 Three Flags Logo



Hello everyone,

The Three Flags Committee worked together in developing the logo for this year's 3FC.

Dean Sarrocco created a draft concept and Brian Hooker took that to designers for a final design. The above design was completed by Vandermedia Design and Marketing.

Vandermedia designed this final work from a concept by Barbara Fox that followed Dean's original concept and incorporated the shrimp boat in the Peñasco Bay (where the Playa Bonita Hotel is located not far from the vacation condominiums) and the Calgary skyline with representation of their famous Stampede Rodeo. Reuben Friesen further enhanced the concept to better depict the flags and motorcycle. Notice that the flag colors of each nation is embedded in their respective depictions.

The Board of Directors unanimously approved the logo.

My thanks to the 3FC18 Committee / team for their work on this project!

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Mexico - Hassle Free Vehicle Zone



The Hassle Free Vehicle Zone, which is also sometimes referred to as the Perimeter Zone, the Liberated Zone or the Free Trade Zone, are areas along the international border that have been designated by the Mexican government to have reduced customs requirements. The free zone initiative was begun to help promote Mexico tourism and create greater economic growth for the areas along the U.S. border. Within the free zone, customs importation requirements are essentially removed, allowing goods from other countries to enter Mexico duty free. The Mexican customs checkpoints have been moved further into the interior of Mexico,

typically 20 to 26 kilometers, to create a zone that extends along the entire northern border of Mexico.

A few Mexican states have extended free zones

The northwest portion of the state of Sonora, where the zone is delineated by certain Mexican Federal Highways, is designated as a Free Zone. The Free Zone includes the portion of the state of Sonora that lies to the northwest of Mexico Federal Highway Number 2, starting at Agua Prieta, extending through Cananea, up to where it intersects with Mexican Federal Highway Number 15 in Imuris. From Imuris, the free zone is again all of the areas to the north and/or west of Mexico Federal Highway Number 15, which runs south through Magdalena, Santa Ana, Casa Blanca, Benjamin Hill and Hemosillo. The states of Baja del Sur and Baja Del Norte ARE NOT in the FREE ZONE and require travel visas that can be applied for online or at the border.

Your trip, from the border crossing in Lukeville/Sonoyta to Puerto Peñasco along Mexico Federal Highway 2, is completely within the FREE ZONE.

Temporary Vehicle Importation Permit not required

Within the free zone, the temporary import permit is not required. However, if you travel outside of the free zone, you will have to pass through the customs checkpoint, and will need to pay a deposit to obtain a [Temporary Vehicle Importation Permit](#) sticker, which you will need to display on your windshield. Temporary vehicle import stickers must be returned at the border. If you do not return the sticker, not only will you forfeit your deposit, but you also will not be allowed to apply for any future Temporary Vehicle Importation Permits. So, until you return the sticker, you won't be able to bring any other vehicles into Mexico. Baja requires a travelers Visa.

Once you return the importation sticker, then your deposit can be returned. For more information about obtaining Temporary Vehicle Importation Permits, you can contact the Banco Nacional del Ejército, Fuerza Aérea y Armada, a.k.a. the [Banjercito](#).

Even in the free zone, you still need to purchase insurance

If plan to drive your car, truck, van, SUV, motorcycle or motorhome across the border, even if you will be staying inside the free zone the entire time, you will need to have a valid in-force policy that includes Mexican liability insurance coverage.

It does not matter if you are only driving a few feet across the border; you are required to have Mexican liability coverage anywhere inside of Mexico. It is also important to remember that by Mexico law, no U.S. insurer can sell Mexican liability insurance, and the mandatory coverage may only be obtained from an actual Mexican insurance company.

Here is a simple list of companies that offer insurance via phone or online:

Instant Mexico Insurance 1-800-385-4701 (Policy will be mailed to you)

<http://instant-mex-auto-insur.com/wp/instant-online-quote/>

223 Via De San Ysidro, San Ysidro, CA

Sanborn's – Ajo (520) 387-6006

Online quote/purchase: sanborns.com

Hours: M-F 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

2021 N. Ajo-Gila Bend Hwy (AZ-85).

Ajo, AZ 85231

MEXPRO

Some American Companies are: AAA (not in all States)

NOTE: When you check-in for the start of the Three Flags Classic in Puerto Peñasco, you will be required to **show proof of a VALID Mexican Motorcycle Insurance Policy**. Please bring your printed copy, not a cell phone link display, as internet connections may be limited.

Speeding in Sonoyta, Los Nortesños or Peñasco is NOT a good idea

You may have heard of people speeding at fairly high rates in Mexico. Please DO NOT speed through Mexican Cities and Towns. You already know about Sonoyta and Puerto Peñasco. Los Nortesños is a very small community about 32 mi/52 km from the center of Sonoyta. This is the only section of MEX 2 where the speed limit is decreased; Federales have been known to be concealed off the highway watching for vehicles that fail to comply with the decreased speed limit.

Just as it is in cities or small towns in the US and CAN, ticketing speeders are revenue opportunities for these three communities. Being stopped can be time consuming, expensive, and may possibly result in being incarcerated (again, just like it is in your own home communities).

So please ride responsibly and be respectful to these communities.

Riding to Puerto Peñasco (Rocky Point)

By John Cooper #46074

If you are a Three Flags Classic rider for 2018, you will be starting in Puerto Peñasco (“PP”) and for most of you this means crossing south bound from Lukeville, AZ, into Sonoyta, SON, and northbound back into Arizona as you ride north to Calgary.

This article contains information taken from an AZCentral newspaper article. <https://goo.gl/Gewkfn>. For anyone traveling to PP, this article is a good read.

The border crossing at Lukeville is small (two lanes) and the road through Sonoyta is often only two-lanes. Since hundreds of thousands (1.6M from AZ alone in 2017) of U.S. residents travel this each year to the beach, the governors of Arizona and Sonora are doing something about this choke point.

Reversible lanes. The governors formed the “Arizona-Mexico Commission” which worked with U.S. Border protection to create two reversible lanes at the crossing. This is a major improvement.



Mexico has mirrored Arizona’s establishment of a permanent “Safety Corridor” from Sonoyta to Puerto Peñasco (about 65 miles, or 102km). During busy holidays (Labour Day is a very busy holiday) there will be stepped up enforcement of traffic laws, particularly DUI and speeding. Also there will be three points on the drive where you can approach Mexican officers with transportation concerns, health issues or even tourism questions. The article

does not confirm it but I assume these officers will speak English, even if you speak only a little Spanish, give it a try.

For its part Mexico has a longer term plan for improving the traffic flow through Sonoyta but none of that will be done for the 2018 3FC.

If you are heading to PP from the West, you may want to consider the below alternative border crossings to reach PP.

Alternative one.

You can cross at Yuma to San Luis Rio Colorado (“SLRC”) and proceed south

on MX-3 to PP. This is a beautiful ride along the Gulf of California but be aware there are stretches with “nothing” and no mobile phone service. Also watch for sand that has drifted across into traffic lanes. Rolling military and Federal check points are possible. This is a so-called “no hassle zone” so no need to worry. These inspections, if any, are brief.

Alternative two.

You can cross at SLRC and take MX-2 east to Sonoyta, this skips the most congested part of the ride through Sonoyta and puts you on the more traveled MX-8 to PP. MX-2 from SLRC to Sonoyta is often known as the “Highway to Hell” because it can be hot, 110°F+ and it crosses a gigantic biological preserve (like our National Parks) so there is almost no development. There is a permanent customs checkpoint (as you pass from Baja Norte to Sonora) that usually (but not always) just waives motorcycles through. Even if you are selected for search it will be brief. If there is a line of trucks/cars, pass them slowly on their left, there is no need to wait behind this line. In Mexico, motorcycles are allowed to jump the queue. MX-2 is well maintained and runs fast.

Remember that during August/September the southwest temperatures are very hot, particularly in southern Arizona and northern Sonora. Be sure to hydrate and try to schedule your travel thru this section of Arizona and Sonora early in the morning before daytime temperatures reach their peak.

I look forward to seeing you at the 3FC18 start in Puerto Peñasco!



Playa Bonita Hotel hot tub and pool area (not visible)

Riding South From Gila Bend To Lukeville

Your final leg to Puerto Peñasco will begin when you depart Gila Bend, the small Arizona town at the junction of AZ-85 and I-8. At Gila Bend you are 146 miles from the Playa Bonita Hotel and 83 miles from the Lukeville border crossing. So this is a good spot to fill up your tank before hitting the even pricier station in Ajo, Why, or the border. And BTW, gas at chain stations in Puerto Peñasco is completely reliable and ethanol free.

As you depart Gila Bend on AZ-85 you will begin a 44-mile stretch of desert before reaching the small town of Ajo. This is a very interesting town for being located in the middle of southern Arizona desert. It is home to about 3,400 people who are mostly retired persons, Border Patrol agents, and a few young families. There is a missionary style church, a Spanish mission-style shopping plaza, restaurants and interesting murals on some of buildings just past the plaza.



From Ajo to Lukeville is another 39 miles....along the way you will pass the very small town of Why (and the turnoff onto AZ-86 that heads to Tucson). Shortly after passing the town of Why you will run through the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument (Visitor's Center on the right).

When you reach Lukeville you will find a gas station and a restaurant on the right side of the entrance to the border crossing. The border crossing itself is a one-lane road that leads you to the Mexican customs agent/Federale guard. You may or may not be asked a few simple questions such as "where are you going", or "how long will you be in Mexico".

Once you cross into Sonoyta you will continue to be on a two-lane road until reaching Puerto Peñasco.

Welcome to Mexico !!



Hotel reservations at Rawlins WY

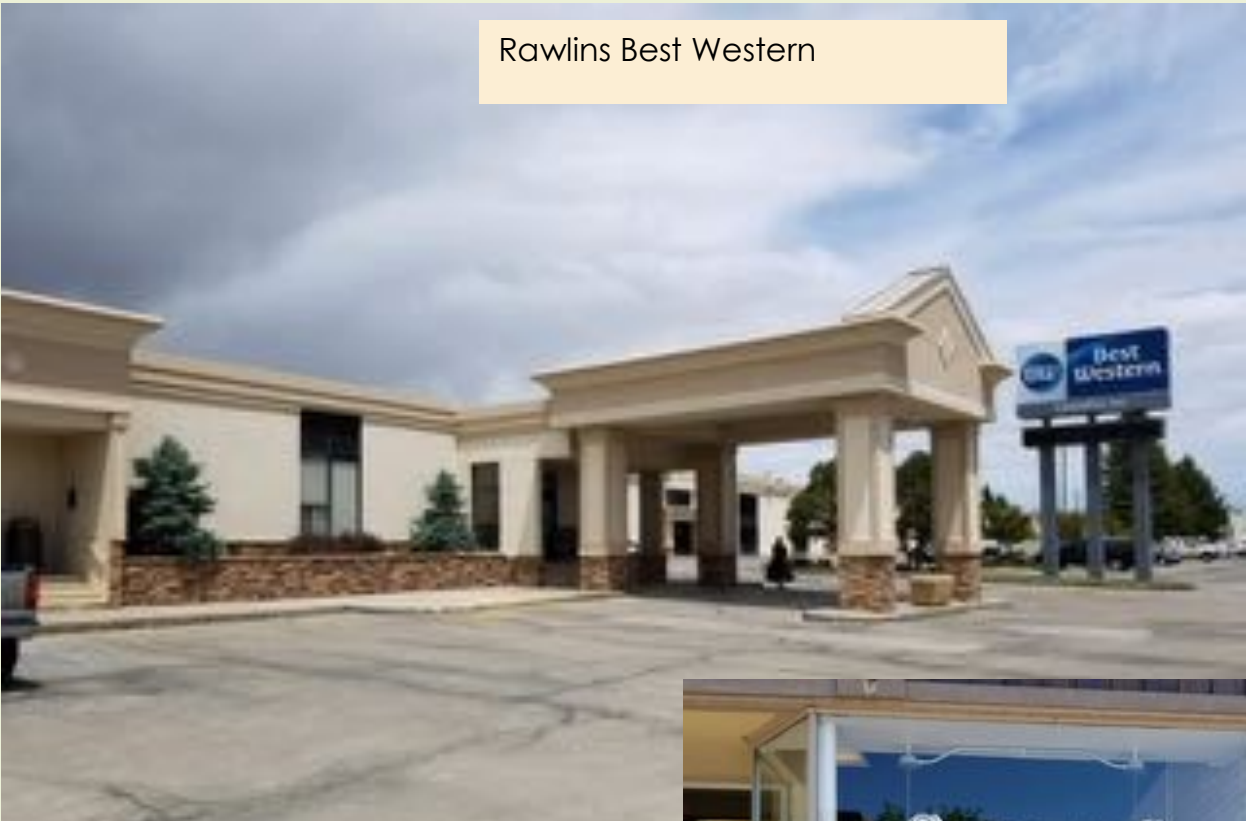
Normally, SCMA doesn't arrange for hotels at the checkpoints simply because everyone is riding their own plan and schedule. This year however, Dannie Fox is working with the Best Western in Rawlins WY and has established the checkpoint in one of their meeting rooms.

Danny and Barbara Fox are riding the Pre-Ride as this is being written and have just reported to me that the Rawlins Best Western has about 12 rooms still available at a special 30% discounted price for Three Flags Riders.

Contact the Rawlins Best Western directly to make your reservations: **(307) 324-2737**

2221 W Spruce, Rawlins, WY 82301

Rawlins Best Western



NOT a Gun Free Zone

Checkpoint #1, Gallup NM
High Desert Cycles

Riding From The Lukeville Border to Playa Bonita Hotel

Once you cross into Sonoyta you will be on a two-lane road.

Follow it to where it bears left and T-bones at an "Alto" (stop) sign. Make a left turn when traffic permits. Prior to reaching this point you will see signage with an arrow bearing left for Peñasco.



Once you make the left turn, stay in the right lane as you will be bearing to the right ¼ mile later onto MX-8 and heading to Puerto Peñasco.

After bearing right onto MX-8 you will ride through a small business district. The speed limit here is 20km/h. Be observant of the "ALTO (STOP)" sign. Also, there is a cross walk area where the ALTO sign is partially blocked on the right side of the road....make a full stop here before proceeding.



You will ride this MX-8 Hwy for 60-miles to the intersection of MX-8 and **Calle No Reeleccion**.

As you are leaving Sonoyta, keep your speed under control and be observant for a speed bump near the Drug Store. It is not visibly marked! Also, along this section of town you may come

upon charity workers in the middle of the road with a ALTO sign in their hands. Often these are for the emergency medical services or for local orphanages. I always stop and give them whatever US coins I have in my pocket.



Once out of town you have a long 50 or so mile ride to reach PP. The road is well maintained, in very good condition. Only once along the highway will you come to a reduced speed for a small community. I make sure to slow down here as one time I spotted Federales positioned behind an obstruction.

A few miles (maybe 4) before PP you will cross over a bridge (over MX-3), then ride past the Sam's Club on the left (directly on your right will be a money exchange – although USD is welcomed everywhere).



Within a half mile of passing the Sam's Club you will come upon the intersection with "Calle No Reeleccion". On the left will be the multi-colored words of PENASCO (behind it is a stadium). On the right will be the monument with "Bienvenidos" at the base.



About a half mile after turning right you will ride over 3 sets of railroad tracks that will be a bit bumpy, and you may encounter a few potholes on your way to the end of the road where it enters a roundabout and you exit to the left.



Along this road you will see a sign for the Playa Bonita and Laos Mar Hotels, then you will come upon the first right turn that will lead to a gate operated by an attendant who will lift the



Entry to BWLM and Playa Bonita Hotel locations. Gate after turn

barricade arm and allow entry. Continuing along the road with a line of palm trees in the meridian, you will come upon a left turn entry to ride up to the Best Western Laos Mar. If you are registered at the BWLM you should register there first and then walk over to the PB to register at the Puesta Del Sol restaurant located next to the hotel.

If you are registered at the Playa Bonita you should continue to the next roundabout that will turn into the large entry into the Playa



Best Western Laos Mar
on the left



Bonita parking lot.
This parking lot is hard ground but with some soft soil/sand in the least traveled areas. You will pass straight towards the restaurant then turn left to enter the covered mail lobby area. There you can dismount your bike and register for your



room assignment. After registration you will then proceed straight ahead for a right entry into the large side parking lot. We are working to arrange for guides to direct riders to marked parking areas.

Once in your parking area you can then begin unloading your belongings and move them to your room.

Check-in and registration for 3FC18 will take place in the Puesta Del Sol restaurant located next to the Hotel. Upon entering the main entrance of the



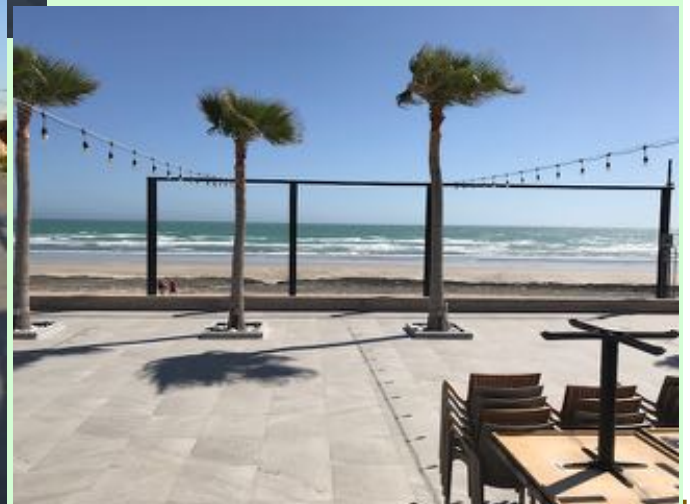
restaurant, continue past a large room on the left and turn left into a hall leading down into the reception area. At the far right, past tables, will be the check-in room. Before the entrance will be a bar serving cold beer.

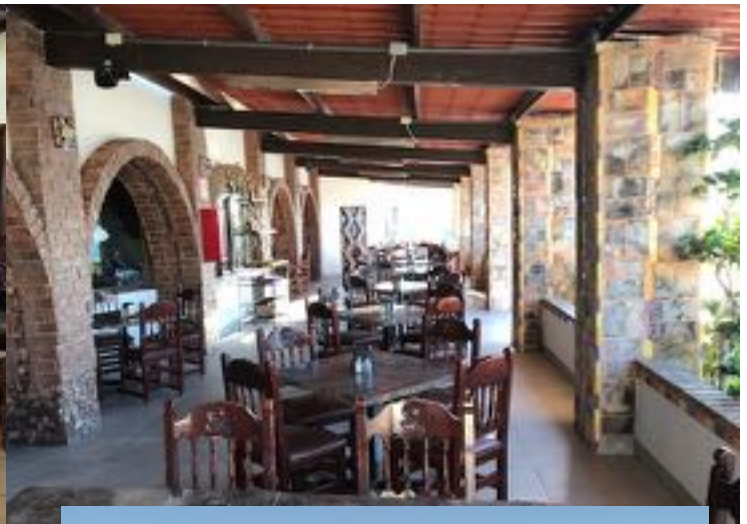


Check-in will be interrupted at 6:00 PM for the Mexican dinner and Ride Briefing. After the dinner, during the first timers briefing and Q&A, the check-in room will be reopened for late arrivals.

The evening dinner will be a full Mexican buffet on the patio overlooking the beach and the Sea of Cortez. Yes, the temperatures may be warm, but we are hoping for a sea breeze to help cool us down while listening to the 3FC18 briefing.

We're looking forward to seeing you at the Mexican Dinner on the beach !!

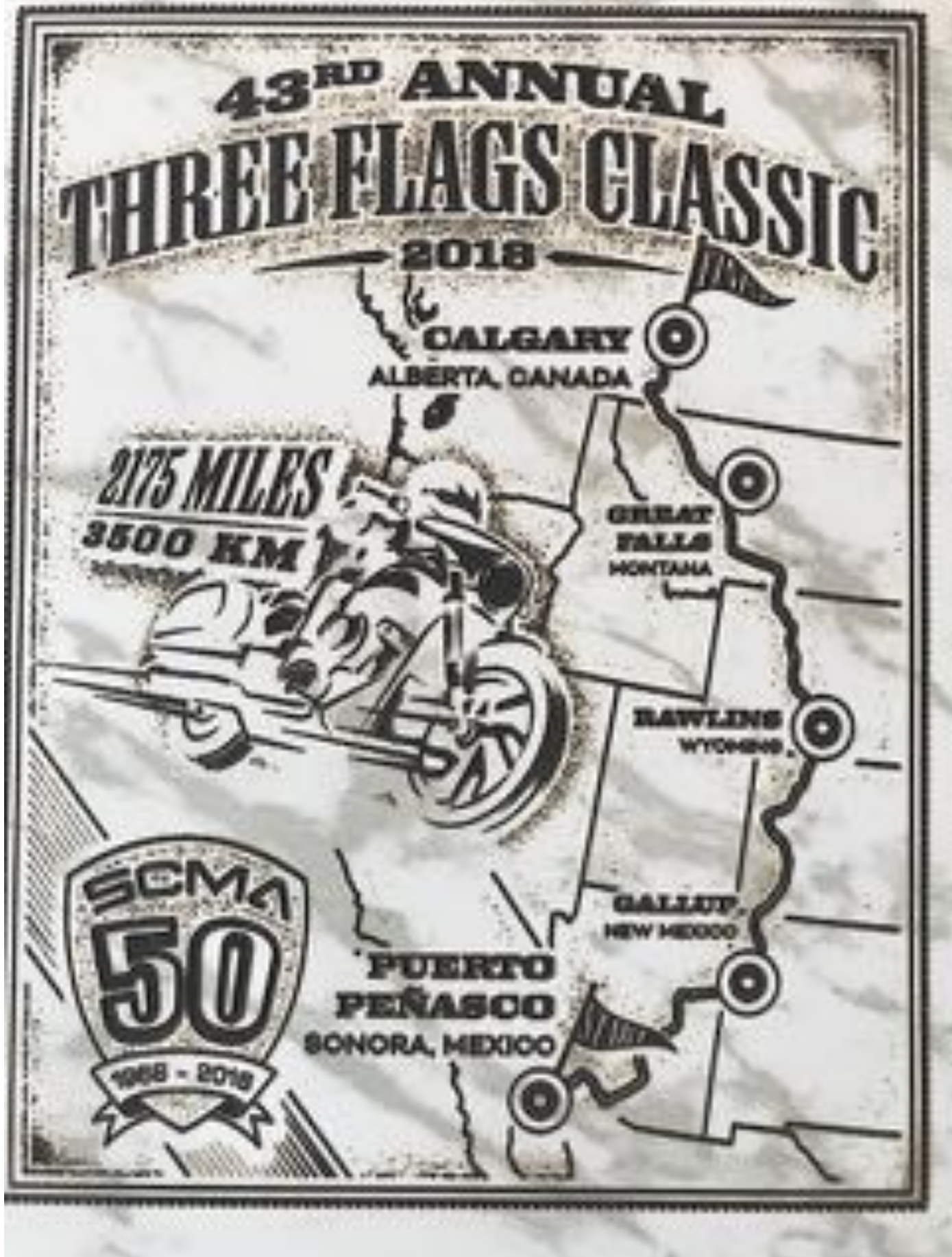




Views from the patio off the room in the hotel



View of the Beach from the Puesta Del Sol restaurant patio.



PREMIER “5” SLAM AWARD

There are six (6) Premier Events offered by SCMA to all members. They are the USA Four Corners, Best 15 USA Roads Challenge, Three Flags Classic, and the California Adventure Series consisting of the CA National Parks Tour, CA Missions Tour, and CA Best 15 Roads.

In 2013 (for the first time ever*) one of our riders completed all 5 of SCMA's Premier Events (there were only 5 then) in a single calendar year. The asterisk is there because we have yet to hear from anyone claiming to have ridden all 5 prior to 2013. With that precedence set, a few more riders went out and rode all 5 Premier Rides in 2014 and 2015. Up to that date we had a total of four riders who have ridden all 5 Premier Events in a single calendar year yet they had not received recognition for that extraordinary accomplishment.

In the meantime, the Grand Slam award was established to recognize any rider who completes 5 of the 6 Premier Events AND 13 of the monthly Traveler's Award rides (Gold Level), all in a single calendar year. (Key word is "Gold Level" in the event there are less than 13 TA events)

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 at least 5 of the 6 Premier Events in a single calendar year. It is titled the Premier "5" Slam award. Completing 5 Premier Events can only qualify for one award....either the Premier "5" or the Grand Slam, in a given year.

We look forward to presenting this award to members who complete 5 Premier Events in a single calendar year!



Premier "5" Award

Triple Crown Award

Wheels on the Road



By Gonzo #25051

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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 2019 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

<https://www.facebook.com/scma.main/>

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

Valid Driver's License Required

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

California Law Update

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

SCMA's Premier Events

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

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

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

The planning for the 2018, 43rd Annual Three Flags Classic is gaining momentum. The ride will start in Puerto Penasco (Rocky Point), Sonora Mexico, and head north for a finish in Calgary, Alberta Canada. The ride will be 4 days in duration. A lot of exciting things are happening and it's shaping up to be a great return to our Three Flags roots of riding through three countries!!!

California Adventure Series: The California Adventure Series includes three different rides: The CA Parks Adventure (CPA), the CA Mission Tour (CMT), and CA Best 15 Roads (CB15). Completing one or the other helps to qualify for the Triple Crown award. Dean Sarrocco 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 as outlined in the rules: <http://sc-ma.com/rides/california-parks-adventure>.

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 <https://sc-ma.com/rides/california-missions-parent/california-missions-tour/>

CB15: Ride the Best 15 USA Roads located in 14 states. Rules for this event can be found online at: <https://sc-ma.com/rides/best-15-parent/best-15-us-roads-challenge/>

SCMA Best 15 US Roads Challenge

During 2018, travel our annual list of Best 15 US Roads. Rules, application information and details can be found on our website. <https://sc-ma.com/rides/best-15-parent/best-15-us-roads-challenge/>
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 USA Roads, Three Flags Classic, 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 2018.

The Premier 5 Award*

Complete the USA Four Corners Tour, the Three Flags Classic, The Best 15 US Roads Challenge, and two of the three California Parks Adventure Series, 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, The Best 15 US Roads Challenge, two of the California Parks Adventure Series, 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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there. For more information go to

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

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