

**SCMA**



**NEWS**

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## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving in the company of your loved ones and friends. We in the southwest region were very fortunate to have mild weather. However, California was unfortunately hit hard by winds that fanned two destructive fires. Needless to say, many families were not able to enjoy the holiday.

A number of riders were still working to wrap up their CA Adventure Series but had to await improved air quality in the Bay Area. Mike Barber and I were in that group. With the arrival of the rains during Thanksgiving, and improved air quality, we finally were able to ride north and finish the Parks, Missions and Best 15.....and not have to breathe smoke from the devastating Camp Fire. I believe we only have one rider at this time still working on finishing the series. There are about 2-3 riders who need to submit their documentation.

Best 15 riders have completed their rides for the year and only a few remain that need to submit their documentation. About 4 USA Four Corners riders need to send in their documentation. 2018 has been quite a year for our riders as they successfully completed many of the Premier Rides. We have a husband and wife team that completed all events

## Upcoming Events

No Events Scheduled

Dec

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and will earn the Premier Five Plaque.

**NOTE: December 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to submit your documentation of completing a Premier Ride.**

The Awards Banquet has been scheduled for Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be held at the Irvine Wyndham. Once the informational flyer is completed it will be eBlasted to the full membership. We hope that you will be able to attend and enjoy an evening of reunion with many of your SCMA riding friends.

Three Flags planning is continuing with negotiations in progress for the start and finish locations. We will start in Mexico and finish in Canada. See page XX for more information.

The 2019 ride schedule is being developed/coordinated with Affiliate Clubs and the Premier rides are being revisited for improvements. Our target for completion is mid-January.

With the arrival of December we are full-blown into the Holiday Season....and although this is the time for family and friends and celebrations, your SCMA leadership continues preparing for 2019 operations.

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*

I just returned from a 10-day trip to China and had to immediately return to work. Before leaving for China I mailed 30+ membership envelopes and have another 40 or so ready for stamping and delivery to the Post Office. This weekend I'll begin where I left off and produce new and renewal cards for delivery

**A BIG reminder:** Please take a moment to access your profile and **double-check your mailing address**. We need your correct mailing address in your profile.

If you receive a card that is outdated we are sending it to you because it is our obligation to do so. Those of you who already have renewed will be receiving the renewal card soon.



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



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

SCMA, formed in 1968, is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2018!!!

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

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

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

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

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

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





## SCMA'S Affiliated Clubs

Antelope Valley Riders  
[www.avts.av.org](http://www.avts.av.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# SCMA at the IMS Long Beach

The International Motorcycle Show came to the LA Basin with their show opening at the Long Beach Convention Center on November 17<sup>th</sup>.....and SCMA members were in attendance to see all the new bikes, new gear, new travel offerings, and lots of motorcycle enthusiasts.

The Meet Up took place on the patio where lunch was being sold by two vendors and Slingshot Demo rides were screeching tires in the background as stunt drivers gave passengers thrilling moments racing around cones.

After lunch we strolled over to the Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys booth and took a group photo.



Missing from the photo are Pat Julien, Karen Butterfield, Norm Barnard, Colleen & lee Sepulveda, and two others.

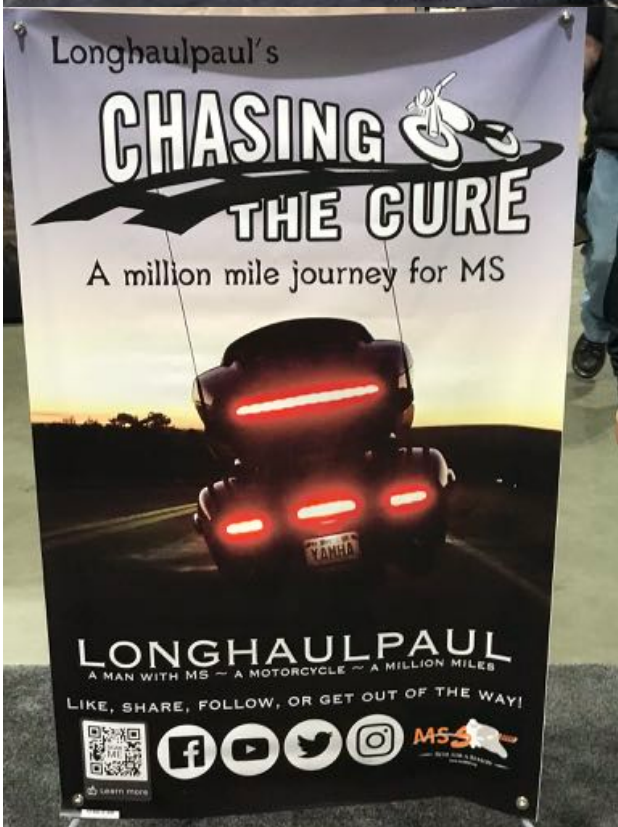
From there we did some hanging out as we walked the Center.

As Always, the IMS is a great place to meet up, see the latest, and buy gear at a discount.

Gonzo was very happy having bought a new Scala Cardo communications headset!



Paul, Karen, Gonzo, Stoney



We came upon Long Haul Paul at the Yamaha display and had a great conversation with him about his dealing with MS and listened to his stories of riding. He is on a quest to ride 1,000,000 miles to raise awareness for MS.



While at LHP's display we bumped into Erik and Gil Whitley from the Pasadena Motorcycle Club.....How cool is that!!

At day's end we did a final stroll up and down every aisle to make sure we didn't miss anything. With the final stroll completed I headed out to the parking lot where a young lady with a photographer presented me with a pack of neon lights by Lexin.....AWESOME end to the day!!!





## 2018 Cemetery Tour

The Witching Hour had not quite yet turned, but a group of Southern California riders began experiencing haunting goose bumps when they visited a few "Boot Hill" cemeteries during October's Cemetery Tour that was arranged by Mike Williams.

This year's "Halloween" fell on a Wednesday so riders met early Saturday morning (27 Oct) in s Denny's parking lot in Sylmar. Unfortunately the parking lot was being resurfaced so Denny's was closed for the day. Fortunately, there was a donut shop on the corner where we were able to get hot coffee, breakfast burrito's, and jelly donuts to launch us off on our adventure!

Mike completed everyone's registration process and then he briefed those of us that were group-riding with him while the fast movers had already departed. Gonzo was driving his truck and would be sweep for the group.

Our very first cemetery was only a mile and a half away at the corners of Bledsoe and Foothill Blvd. The San Fernando Valley Pioneer Cemetery is the second oldest cemetery in the San Fernando Valley and was established in 1874. It consists of 3.8 acres with residents including local pioneers and 5 Civil War veterans. Claims had been made of over 700 plots in the cemetery, but research has only been able to validate 214 gravesites. Due to vandalism and theft, only 13 tombstones remain. Maintained by the San Fernando Valley Historical Society. We could only view the cemetery from roadway.

From here we then headed to Sunland and rode the Big Tujunga Canyon Rd up to



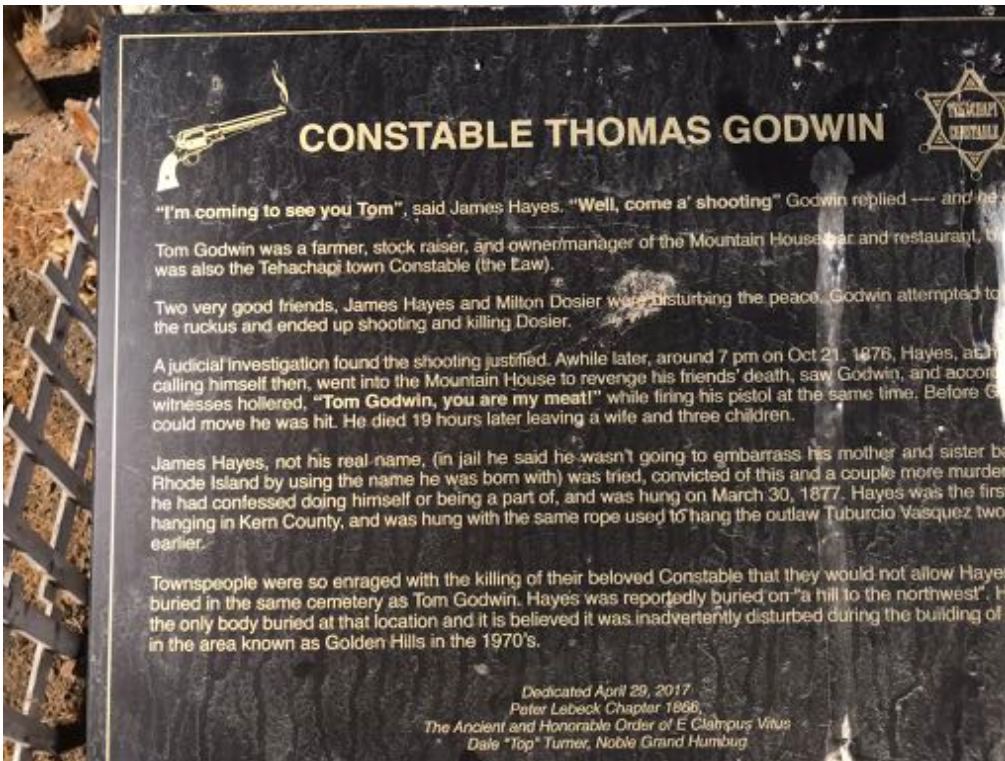
Angeles Crest. This is where the fun began.....gone were the crowded freeway, traffic lights, to be replaced with over 10 miles of sweeping turns as riders ascended into the Angeles National Forest. Though not really a forest on Big Tujunga, the vistas of desert mountains were fabulous. Passing the Big Tujunga Reservoir riders continued climbing to the intersection with the Angeles Forest Hwy that was cut into the side of these massive hills. I believe it was along this stretch that I saw a few trees. Although not very high in altitude, the air was most certainly sweeter than the fumes of humanity in the LA Basin. About 4 miles along the sides of these mountains we came to CA-2, the famous Angeles Crest Hwy, and made a left to further enjoy a 9 mile ride of mostly sweeping turns with about 2-3 180 degree twisties. . The group made a left turn onto the Upper Big Tujunga and rode that for another 9 miles returning to the Angeles Forest Hwy. The ride continued for another 9 miles before the group turned off onto Aliso Canyon Rd and dropped down into the small rural-desert town of Acton to visit the Acton Cemetery.

Acton Cemetery was established in 1890 by the Duehren family and covered 10 acres. The family built the first house in Acton in 1885. In 1925, the family donated the grounds to the Acton Presbyterian Church. The cemetery is free for Acton residents. The church requires a mandatory "Donation" that is used for upkeep of the cemetery. A few of us found a side entrance to the cemetery and we walked amongst the sites reading gravesite histories off of a few tombstones.

While at the Acton Cemetery we took a group photo and then embarked on the last leg of the ride. The final leg would take us north on CA-14 to Backus Rd where we would head north to Tehachapi passing the massive wind turbine farms.



In Tehachapi we got onto the Woodford-Tehachapi Rd and continued on to the Old Tehachapi Cemetery.



This cemetery was established in 1858 is only 1 acre in size yet boasts of 80 residents. This site reminded me of a real Boot Hill cemetery.....it was actually on a hill and had wooden planks for grave markers. It contains the grave of "Thomas Goodwin", a saloon owner shot and killed inside his bar. Di Stoneman donned a mask and posed at a number of sites. We took another group photo then rode the Tehachapi Loop Road,

a CA Best 15 Road, for about 8 miles, passed the César Chavez National Monument, and rolled into the gravel parking lot of the Keene Café for lunch.

A note about the “Train Loop” that is located on the Tehachapi Loop Rd: this is one of SCMA’s “California Best 15 Roads.” The actual Train Loop is a .73-mile long spiral on the Union Pacific Railroad in the Tehachapi Pass. The loop has a two percent grade, rising 77 feet. Any train over 4,000 feet long passes itself on the loop. Has an average of 40 trains per day, making it one of the busiest single track mainlines in the world.



Lunch was fantastic! The Keene Café really serves up an awesome sandwich or huge burger plate loaded with fries! We had

a fun time socializing and telling stories. It was great to see Mark Sovern who rode up from San Diego, Dave Mendenhall and Evelyn Wineski from Lomita, Les Gullery and Dale Gillibrand from Canyon Country, Jim and Dianna Stoneman from Simi Valley, Ron Paproski from Orange, Mike Barber from Hawthorne and Jim Bullen from Anaheim Hills.

Mike Williams did a great job designing this ride. It was a lot of fun, great roads with awesome vistas, and a great bunch of guys and gals to hang out with.

Thanks Mike !!!

See SCMA Albums at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/135120412@N05/albums/with/72157678030798223>

More photos are there showing the gravesites, and riders





**PREMIUM HELMETS**

A photograph of several motorcyclists riding on a dirt road through a hilly, arid landscape. The lead rider is in the foreground, wearing a blue and white jacket and a black helmet. Other riders are visible in the distance, kicking up dust. In the top right corner, there is a BMW Motorrad logo. At the bottom, there is promotional text for BMW motorcycles.

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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

**Dean Sarrocco, Chair of the CA Adventure Series, is coordinating with Les Gullery and Dennis Even (originators and designers of this event) to update the CA B15 with 15 new roads for 2019.**

# California Triple Crown

We have a new challenge for SCMA members.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**SW Regional Ride Chief for 2019.**

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- Black with white top and polished aluminum trim
- 40" wide/40" tall; approx 400 lbs.
- 12" chrome wheels with spare
- 3 point leveling legs with levels
- Tool box
- 2" ball hitch
- Flat-4 electrical connector
- Outdoor motion sensitive light for night operations
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- Included outside tray and umbrella
- Sleeps 1½ comfortably (or pet); max 6'6" tall to stretch out
- 5" thick memory foam mattress
- Small galley in rear w/microwave oven.
- Inside lights front and back (req. 120v plug-in).
- Pulls straight as an arrow.
- A must see



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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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### Riding Calendar

Vice Chair Rodney Chew is coordinating with Affiliates to develop a ride plan and lay out a schedule for the 2019 calendar year. Once finalized, that schedule will be published.

December

**No event planned**

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

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

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

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

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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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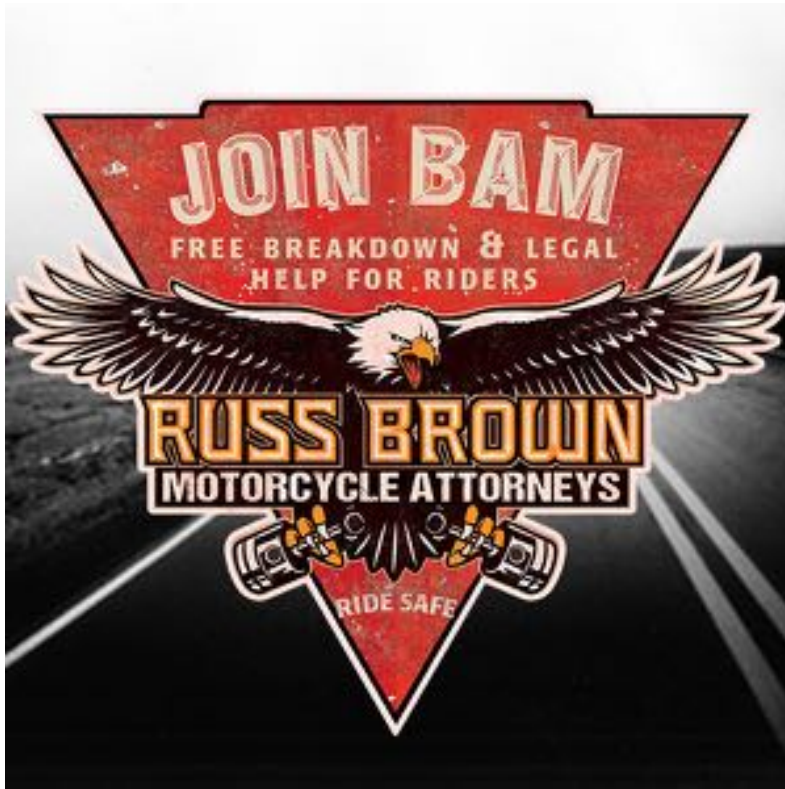
1-800-4-BIKERS

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

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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.

## **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](http://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\*
2. CA-70, the Feather River
3. U.S.12, Lolo Pass, Lewiston, ID
4. U.S.33, Elkins, West Virginia
5. Glacier National Park, Going to the Sun Road
6. U.S. 550, "Million Dollar Highway"
7. Blue Ridge Parkway, North Carolina
8. Washington 20, Concrete Canyon
9. Big Bend NP, U.S.385
10. Ranch Roads 335, 336, 337 (Leaky, Medina, Sisters)-Ranch-Roads-335-336337a.html#sthash=...
11. U.S. 16A, Custer to Mt. Rushmore and then to Keystone, South Dakota\*\*\*
12. "Kancamagus Scenic Byway/Mt. Washington, Lincoln, New Hampshire to Mt. Washington Entrance\*\*\*\*
13. U.S.191, Springerville to Three Way, Arizona
14. Utah 12, Torrey to Bryce Canyon Turnoff
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.

THE BEST 15 US ROAD CHALLENGE is under review by Ride Chairman Bob Roger.

2019 may have 1-2 changes in the list of roads.

\*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:

<https://sc-ma.com/rides/best-15-parent/best-15-roads-rules/>



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

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

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

## 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](http://www.madawaskafourcorners.org)

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# 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.



## Status on 2019 Three Flags Classic

At the 3FC18 Banquet I announced that SCMA was going to run from Mexicali to Kelowna. As we began gathering information from hotels within those areas we realized that we needed to expand our search and seek additional locations for comparative pricing. Currently we are gathering information from other cities in addition to what was originally stated.

A decision will be made by December 15<sup>th</sup> and an eBlast will be released to the full membership. The start and finish locations will be announced in that eBlast, along with information on hotels at the start and finish locations that have negotiated a block rate with SCMA.

The route to be taken and the various checkpoint locations will be announced not later than May. The final route, and checkpoints will be confirmed in July after the pre-ride is completed. Route sheets and Garmin files will be prepared and emailed to registrants during August.

We expect to open online registration by 00:00:01 Pacific Time, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. In other words, after the stroke of Monday's midnight, and we enter into Tuesday's morning in Southern California, the online registration link will activate. (I believe that will be 3:00 am on the east coast.)

We look forward to once again putting on a fun event that will present us with the culture of Mexico, the roads of the USA, and the gorgeous vistas of British Columbia.

Gonzo



## Three Flags Classic Statistics

Country/State/Prov    #'s   -   214			
<b>Mexico</b>	Sonora	<b>3</b>	<b>MEX04</b>
<b>2 States</b>	Baja California	1	
<b>Canada</b>	Alberta	<b>68</b>	<b>CAN91</b>
<b>5 Prov.</b>	British Columbia	18	
	Ontario	2	
	Saskatchewan	2	
	Manitoba	1	
<b>USA</b>	California	<b>54</b>	<b>USA119</b>
<b>18 States</b>	Arizona	15	
	Texas	12	
	Washington	7	
	Colorado	6	
	Nevada	6	
	Oregon	4	
	Florida	2	
	Oklahoma	2	
	Wyoming	2	
	Iowa	2	
	Georgia	1	
	Hawaii	1	
	Idaho	1	
	Minnesota	1	
	Nebraska	1	
	Ohio	1	
	Virginia	1	
	# Finishers	<b>214</b>	<b>214</b>

Bike	#'s
<b>MAKE:</b>	<b>#</b>
HONDA	<b>76</b>
HD	55
BMW	43
YAMAHA	11
TRIUMPH	8
VICTORY	5
INDIAN	5
CAM-AM	3
KAWASAKI	2
KTM	2
SUZUKI	2
DUCATI	1
MOTO-GUZZI	1
<b>TOTAL#</b>	<b>214</b>

<b>Average Age</b>
<b>M - 63</b>
<b>F - 58</b>
80's - 6
70's - 42
60's - 85
50's - 52
40's - 10
30's/20's - 1/1

## TICKET SALES

<b>Riders/Pass</b>	<b>Ticket #'s</b>
Member Riders (Male)	<b>197</b>
Member Riders (Female)	<b>16</b>
Passenger (Female)	<b>5</b>
<b>Total Tickets sold</b>	<b>218</b>

Actually we had 221 tickets sold this year.....I'm too pooped to try to work the reconciliation ☺

## AWARDS

\$100	Oldest Male Finisher:	Bryan Sowers 86
\$100	Oldest Female Finisher:	Judith Wagner 74
\$100	Youngest Male	Sean Mickelson 22
\$100	Youngest Female	Jennifer Smith 38
\$100	Most Miles to get there	Charles Lamb 2,458 mi Hopewell VA on HD,
\$100		Susan Torrance 2,308 mi London ON on HD
	Most 3 Flags Tours	#40 for Danny Fox, & Gloria Amesqua
\$100	Smallest CC bike	Lucille deBeaudrap Honda CBR500, Edmonton
\$100		Gary Duncan Burgman 650
\$100	Oldest Bike	Charlie Hart 1999 Honda,
\$100		Tanya Anderson, 1999 Honda ??
\$100	Good Samaritan	Tim Wanamaker
\$275	Highest Poker Hand	Turin Atol

## Brian Hooker's Riding Stats

Longest riding day Saturday Sept 2 Durango CO to Columbus MT: 896 miles, 1,442 kms.

Cost to do 3 Flags  
2018

Ticket: (\$285 USD), \$363 CDN, Fuel: \$560.39, Lodging: \$1,408.89,  
Food: \$350 (\$50/day)  
Mexican Insurance: \$109.82  
= Rough total: \$2,793 (say \$3,000 CDN)

Editors note: Brian did not include cost of rooms at DFIC

# Raffles

\$285	2019 3 Flags Ticket	Hannalore Traynor	
\$3,374	50/30/20 draw winners	20% - \$675 Ernie Apostal	
		30% - \$1012 Tim Wanamaker	
		50% - \$1687 John Broomhall	
\$1,500	Miles Cash awards	\$100- David Lima	
		\$200 Steve Shulman	
		\$300-Bruce Powell	
		\$400-Don Thomas	
		\$500- James Tremblay	
\$100	Irv Seaver	Certificate	Mark Ortiz
\$100	Irv Seaver	Certificate	Gene Ehret
\$100	Irv Seaver	Certificate	Ken MacDonald
	Dunlop	one Tire	Keith Robb
	Dunlop	one Tire	Christopher Bulger
	Dunlop	Tires- Set	John Buchanon
50% Cert	Shoei Helmet	Vernon Perez	
\$300	Sargent	Custom Seat - Dan Burt	
\$1,200	Aerostich	Riding Suit Certificate	Steve Andrus
\$1,200	Aerostich	Riding Suit Certificate	Reuben Friesen

## Our Three Flags Volunteers

Below lists reflect the names of the wonderful volunteers that put on the 2019 Three Flags Classic. They made the Classic a huge success and a lot of fun. I am deeply appreciative of the work they did, of the commitment they had, and of the support they gave to each other.

Please join me in thanking them whenever you have the opportunity to cross their paths.

Most especially, join us at the Annual Dinner on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, when we recognize our riders for their accomplishments and volunteers for their contributions!!

# 2018 3FC Committee Members

## Board Of Directors doing double duty:

- Vice Chair-Barbara Fox – Check-in Pre-Ride,
- Vice Chair & Risk Manager – Rodney Chew – Passport & Hotline
- Secretary – Dan Burt – Awards and Door Prizes
- Treasurer- John Mickus
- Membership – James Filley, Mike Barber
- USA Four Corners – Dannie Fox - Photos, Route Director
- CA Adventures & Hotline – Dean Sarrocco – Logo design, Hotline Mgr
- Best 15 USA Roads & Check-in - Bob Roger

## Committee Members

- John Cooper – Start Director
- Brian Hooker – Finish Director
- Alan Hirst - Quartermaster
- Jack Knorst – IT, Website, emails
- Les Gullery – Stats, Start Check-in, Awards
- Reuben Friesen – Start, photography, Logo design, Flyers,
- Coleen Sepulveda – Twitter, Publicity
- Miles – Checkpoint Director
- Jim Bullen - GPX
- Sandra Downs – 50-30-20 Raffle
- Steve Shulman - Advisor
- Oscar Palacio – Start Host, logistician, planner
- Bob Van Ness – Finish Captain

## Start Volunteers

- Oscar Palacio, Owner
- John Cooper – Start Director
- Les Gullery – Co-Start Director
- George Doughty
- Dave Sullivan
- Bob Rogers
- Dan Burt
- Gary Premech
- Stuart Hartt
- Tracy Boyda

## Checkpoint Volunteer Staffers

- CP 1, Kevin Menapace (Owner)
- CP 2, Robin Brown (GM), Richard & Donna Behounek Captains
- CP 3, Brian Moen, Tim Wanamaker, Sherry Sutherland

## Finish Volunteers

- Cori Crawford, Sales Director and Liaison from DFIC
- Brian Hooker, Finish Director
- Bob Van Nes, Finish Captain

## GWRRA Volunteers at Finish: Deerfoot Inn and Casino

### **Bob Van Nes**

Brenda Van Nes  
Lance Medcalf  
Kim Medcalf  
Kathy Norrie  
Stephanie Shulman  
Marg Lang  
Donna Murray  
Jim Bleaney  
Sharon Bleaney  
Suzanne Shaver  
Harvey Mathews  
Mary-Ellen Hart  
Ron Myers  
Carol Myers  
Alex Middleton  
Janine Tremblay  
Irene White  
Eric Roberts  
Gilles Fournier  
Jack O'Reilly  
Terry Collin  
Phil Poirier  
Pam Nichol  
Blair Nichol  
Al Rickard  
Lynn Rohn  
Ron Parkinson  
Karen Parkinson  
Terry Burrill  
Fred Rea  
Stewart Dickson  
Ken Braun  
Susan Premech  
Elaine Boyda  
Yvonne Saunders  
Jeff Webber

# Jenny Smith Rides the Three Flags Classic

Jenny Smith, editor of Woman Rider, rode the 2018 Three Flags Classic and has published her story in the September issue of Woman Rider. Here is a link to the article:

<https://womannrider.com/2018/09/going-the-distance-on-the-three-flags-classic/>

Usually I write a big article about our 3FC.....but after reading Jenny's I realized I don't quite have the skill set she does!

It's an excellent report on this years 3FC. Click on the above link (or paste into your browser) and read her magazine.....it is very well done!

Thank you Jenny, we were honored to have you with us this year and have the opportunity to ride with you! We look forward to seeing you next year!!

Gonzo

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If you saw last month's newsletter you might have read that we were preparing for an epic adventure: the Three Flags Classic. Well, I'm happy to report that 5,040 miles later I finished the ride and made it back home to Southern California incident-free. And I even got a rad belt buckle as a memento! You can read about the adventure and check out photos in the first story below. Think you've got what it takes to complete an endurance ride like this? Let's talk! I want to see more women there next year!



Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and Instagram (@womannrider) to keep up with our daily shenanigans and adventures, and post your own photos to share with other Woman Riders as well!

Happy riding!

Jenny Smith, Editor



# 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 Premier Rides 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 presenting members complete 5 Events in a calendar

The Board of Directors will be reviewing the requirements to earn the Premier 5 and Grand Slam Awards in 2019.

forward to this award to who Premier single year!



Premier "5" Award

Triple Crown Award

## 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 these events.

**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 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](mailto: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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