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NEWS

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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

My brother (Maryland) sent me a photo with caption of "Wish you were here". The photo was taken through his patio doors displaying his backyard of woods and slopes leading down to the creek, all solid white in about a foot of snow. I just happened to be visiting a buddy who had a pool in his backyard with palm trees and an outside bar. So I sent him a photo with the caption, "Glad I'm here"!! Then I received a photo from my son who lives in LA.....he was snowboarding on the white CA ski slopes!

Norm Barnard barely met the deadline for finishing his CA Adventure Series to earn the CA Triple Crown award. He started his adventure ride sometime after Thanksgiving and just made it through the northern and central parks and Best CA-15 before the rains/snow arrived closing all the passes and some of the parks.

Meanwhile, SCMA Affiliate clubs are enjoying end of year rides throughout CA, and AZ.....AWESOME !!!! Now, if only we could get more water to satisfy some 20-million people who live in the southwest region.....

In between all this, we're trying to get ready for December 25th. We're shopping, arranging family

Upcoming Events

No Events Scheduled

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get-togethers, planning meals, traveling, and looking forward to wonderful surprises left by Santa under the Christmas Tree.

Back to the snow.....altho we in the southwest are enjoying warm temperatures with occasional rain, the vast majority of you will get to celebrate the Holidays with real white snow! Though you may not be riding for a few months, you will be enjoying many of the joys that the winter season brings to your doorstep!

Wherever you are in snow or desert sand, I wish y'all a wonderful Holiday Season, a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and the most fantastic riding adventures in 2019!

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

Good news!! I have been able to process all past due cards and they are now in the mail. If you registered before November 15th and have not received your membership packet and believe you should have, please shoot me a note or text and I will follow up.

If you have recently registered as a new member of SCMA I will be looking at new applications this week and beginning the prep for those packages in the next few weeks.....It feels like I'm seeing light at the end of the tunnel!!

Best to all of you and have a Merry Holiday!!



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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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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.thevmmc.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 and a star, with the text "GO AZ Motorcycles" underneath. 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".

Turkey Run

Red Hot Riders of San Diego

Gonzo and
Karen Butterfield #33996
President, RHR of SD

Each year SCMA riders get to join in with the Red Hot Riders and ride the magnificent hills of north San Diego County. We were looking forward to doing it once again this year.

Usually I would ride down on a Friday night and motel in Poway.....have a Chinese take out dinner and sit beside the pool with others eating dinner and drinking beer with the gals and guys. This year would be different. I was out of state celebrating my birthday and arrived home in CA late Friday afternoon. It made no sense to fight the Friday weekend traffic heading south on I-5 to San Diego.

Instead, Saturday morning at 6:00 am I tagged up with **Mike Barber** in Laguna Hills. It was still dark, but coming upon twilight, as we headed south to CA-78 east to get on I-15 South and into Poway. It was a 70-mile ride that would be heading south, east, and southeast. Mike had warned me about the inevitable sunrise that would blast our eyeballs....I didn't think it could be all that bad.

Wow, was I ever wrong!

We hit a section of CA-78 heading due east right at the time when the sun popped over the hills and scorched our retinas.....I couldn't see the road!!!

Somehow we made it through the blinding glare and were the first ones to arrive at the Mainstream Café in Poway. As we were parking our bikes the waitress unlocked and opened the doors for Mike and me. Coffee was already poured into a mug as we walked in.....ya gotta luv this



place.....they luv us bikers when we arrive every November!

Soon the RHR's began to arrive and get set up to check riders in for the event. Karen Butterfield was first to arrive with a stuffed toy turkey strapped to her back. Next was Robert who handled rider signups and fee collection. Other riders also began trickling in, including **Doug Wilson** from Henderson NV !!! We

enjoyed the excellent breakfast plates that the Mainstream has on their menus and then were out in the parking lot ready to follow Karen Butterfield on the route.

This year's route would once again take us out on new roads and end at the Pechanga Casino in Temecula where we would draw poker chips hoping to win the \$100 chip, but being happy to win a \$50, \$10, \$5, or \$1 chip.

From Poway we headed to Ramona via Twin Peaks, Pomerado, Highlands and Dye Roads.

Needless to say, Karen wasted no time in getting us into twisties!

Out of Ramona we turned west onto CA-78 and road those twisties towards Escondido but headed north on Bear Valley Rd before entering the congested town. Ultimately we rode through Valley Center up to Lilac Rd and onto Couser Canyon, briefly onto CA-76W to Rice Canyon where, at the Red House on 8th Street, we made a right onto Camino Rainbow to get onto Old 395 North into Pechanga Hwy and into the Pechanga Casino.

Wow....it was very easy to write about the key roads we were on, but it was much more fun and exhilarating to actually ride them!! It was even more fun to watch Karen tackle these roads on her Ducati....granted, she was riding slower than her usual speed, but I was having fun riding my old HD Road King with 124K miles on it and working my tail off to barely keep up with her....even though she was riding slower than her usual pace on these roads.

Once we got parked at the Casino we went into the restaurant and ordered a nice lunch. The wait staff there at the restaurant is very, very attentive! They want to ensure their customers enjoy their meals and enjoy their environment.

The wait staff arranged tables so that we all sat at a long row with all the tables together. Conversation was lively as was the laughter! Mike Barber was holding court on some very serious stuff when he came out with some funnies that broke the whole table up.

Elizabeth (Karen's sister) and Robert had joined us at the start to help with registration. They also were at the finish to help with the arrangements,



Robert....our friendly RHR greeter at the check-in 😊





poker chip purchases, etc., (Robert's family came with him to Pechanga to also help out). When we held the draw, Karen had the chips in a bag and she wen around the long table giving each rider a turn at drawing. The \$100 chip finally got drawn about 5 riders from the end. The lucky winner was **Charlie Hart!**

This year's Turkey Run

was a lot of fun.....hanging with RHR's always is lots of fun as they can really find the most fun roads to ride!

Thank you **Karen and Elizabeth, Robert,** and the Red Hot Riders for hosting such a fun ride!!





See SCMA Albums at:

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

Photos can be seen on the RHR Meet Up Page:

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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

5 new roads to be designated

Central California

5 new roads to be designated

Southern California

5 new roads to be designated

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 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!!

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SW Regional Ride Chief for 2019.

If you are interested in helping SCMA plan monthly events in the Southwest Region please call or email Gonzo) or any member of the SCMA board of directors

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- 12" chrome wheels with spare
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- 2" ball hitch
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- Outdoor motion sensitive light for night operations
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or ecadee@mac.com



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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.



Motorcycle lane splitting is legal in California, so the CHP has these tips to deal with it

The Mercury News

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2018/11/26/motorcycle-lane-splitting-is-legal-in-california-so-the-chp-has-these-tips-to-deal-with-it/>

Though many drivers disagree with this law, it's legal in California to lane split.

And this is a driving privilege that many California motorcyclists enjoy on Inland freeways and roads. With this freedom, however, comes a greater responsibility for motorcyclists and drivers to share the road and be safe.

The California Highway Patrol has new safety tips for all drivers regarding lane splitting. Here's a little background on why.

In 2016, Gov. Jerry Brown, Jr. signed a law that defined motorcycle lane splitting and authorized the CHP to create the tips. Working with the California Department of Motor Vehicles, Caltrans, the Office of Traffic Safety, and motorcycle safety organizations, the CHP has finalized these tips:

Consider the whole environment when lane splitting (this includes the width of lanes, the size of surrounding vehicles, as well as the current roadway, weather and lighting conditions).

Know that the danger increases at greater speed differentials and as overall speed increases.

It is typically safer to split between the far left lanes than between the other lanes.

Avoid lane splitting next to large vehicles such as big rigs, buses and motor homes.

Riding on the shoulder is illegal and is not considered lane splitting.

Be visible. Avoid staying in another vehicle's blind spot or lingering between vehicles.

Motorcyclists should help drivers see them by wearing brightly colored/reflective protective gear and using high beams during the day.

Drivers can share the road. Many motorcycle collisions occur when other drivers don't see the motorcyclist.

Check mirrors and blind spots often, especially before changing lanes or making a turn.

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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

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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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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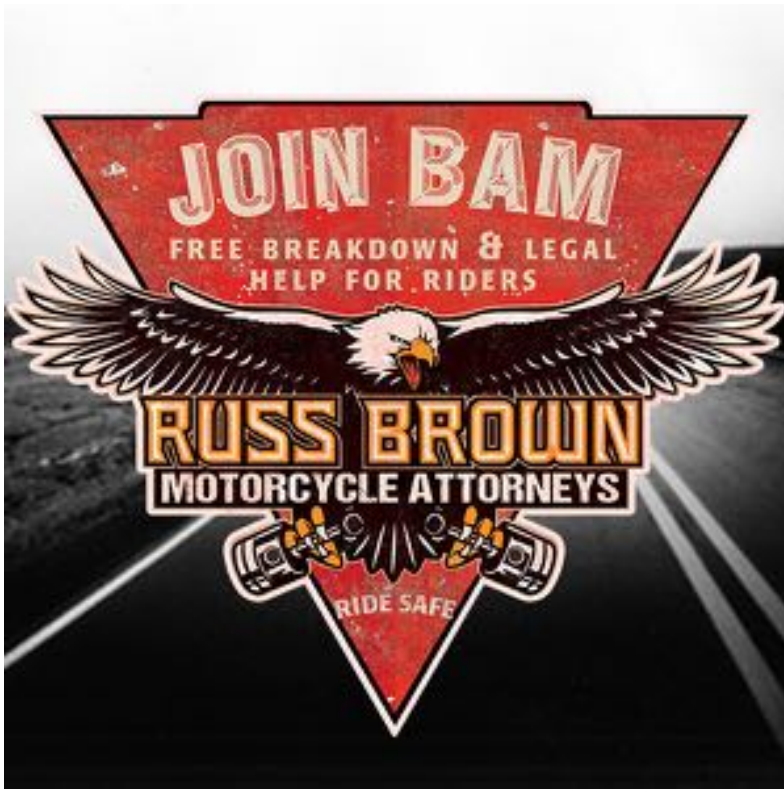
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BAM: Breakdown and Legal Assistance for Motorcyclists

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.

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Jack on the Rocks

Joe Berk

November 14, 2018

<http://exhaustnotes.us/blog/>

I had a hard time deciding on the title for this blog. The other contender was “Thank you for your service.”

Sue and I traveled through Tennessee last week. It’s a glorious state with a lot to see. I expected that. What I didn’t expect was the way we were treated on Veteran’s Day. I couldn’t pay for anything. When Sue and I went to the Jack Daniels Distillery in Lynchburg, they asked if either of us were veterans. I guess I was surprised at the question and I didn’t answer immediately, but Sue did. “Yes, my husband was in the Army.”

“There’s no charge for you today, then, sir, and thank you for your service.”

Wow, I just saved \$20. That was nice.

The Jack Daniel’s tour was fun, even though it was raining cats and dogs on that fine Tennessee Veteran’s Day. Our tour guide, Melissa, made it especially so, with one great story after another. I’ve known of Jack Daniel’s for a long time; what I didn’t know was that it was a sleepy backwater distillery for most of its life until a young crooner named Frank Sinatra made it known he wouldn’t drink anything else. Frank Sinatra was buried with a bottle of Jack, along with a dollar’s worth of dimes because he didn’t know where he was going, but he knew they might have pay phones there. Frank Sinatra’s favor put Jack Daniel’s on the map, and the



rest, as they say, is history.

I found out that if you work at Jack Daniel’s, you get a free bottle of Jack every month (and they are always hiring). I learned that every bottle of Jack Daniel’s ever made has been made at that plant, which is fed by an underground spring with water that is perfect for producing Tennessee sipping whiskey. I learned that you can buy Jack Daniel’s by the barrel, and more than a few folks do (they have an entire wall lined with small plaques denoting those who



Jack on display. They have two more varieties in addition to those shown here (Honey, and Fire).

did). Melissa walked us through the entire manufacturing process, and as a former manufacturing guy, I found it fascinating. They have statue of Jack Daniel standing on several large boulders and, of course, they refer to it as “Jack on the Rocks.” We opted for the tasting tour at the end, and I learned that there are actually five variants of Old No. 7. All of them are really, really good. We had a blast.



Ready for sipping. All were great.

After our amazing Jack



I always get one photo of Sue that defines the trip. This is the one from our recent Tennessee Tour.

Daniel’s tour, we stopped for lunch at the Southern Perks restaurant in Lynchburg. When we ordered our lunch, the young lady behind the counter popped the same question: Are either of you veterans? Again, Sue was quick to answer, and again, the response was the same: “Thank you for your service, sir. Your lunch is on us today.”

Wow. I was speechless. A little choked up, actually. I’ve never

Downtown Lynchburg. It was a fun place



been treated like this, and I left the Army a cool 42 years ago.

I didn’t know what to say, and like always, I thought of the right response too late.

When I hear “Thanks for your service” the next time, I’ll have my answer ready.

“It was my pleasure.”

Joe Berk's Blog:
<http://exhaustnotes.us/blog/>

Editor's Note: Joe Berk rode the 3FC05 (Tijuana to Calgary) and maintains a blog. We thank Joe for this article and look forward to seeing him riding in 3FC19



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


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1. U.S. 212 & W WY* <http://www.Scenic-Highways.com>
2. CA-70, the Fe <http://www.pasadena.com>
3. U.S.12, Lolo Pass.html
4. U.S.33, Elkins <http://www.motorcycleroads.com>
5. Glacier Nation To-The-Sun-f
6. U.S. 550, "Mi <http://www.motorcycleroads.com>

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  to north gate, out west gate on TX118 to FR170 to Presidio* 120 mile ride. <http://www.bigbend.com>

10. Ranch Roads  The Triple 3", Texas** [http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/335-3363/Ranch-Roads-\(A-The-Twintwisters\)-Ranch-Roads.html](http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/335-3363/Ranch-Roads-(A-The-Twintwisters)-Ranch-Roads.html)

11. U.S. 16A  <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/16A>
12. "Kancamagus Hwy"  <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/353/Montana/Going-to-the-Sun.html>

13. U.S.191, Sp  <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/191>

14. Utah 12, Torre  <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/12>
15. Mount Desert Is  ME233 to Cadillac M  ME102A/ME102 to ME198 to the coast. Jordan Rd/ Stanly Rd to <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/102>

*These roads are combined as a single "challenge"               

** To complete this challenge unit we suggest               

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

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

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

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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.



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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.

Last week your board of directors approved the cities selected for 3FC19's start and Finish.

Hotels are targeted but negotiations have not been completed.

Registration for 3FC19 will open at midnight 18 January 2019. (2400 Pacific time/0300 19Jan Eastern Time)

The theme for 2019's 3FC is "Keep it simple, along the lines of the early years."

The start will be in the small town of San Luis Rio Colorado, located approximately 25 from Yuma AZ.

The Finish will be in Vernon BC, approximately 125 miles from the USA border.

Both locations have hotels to accommodate the size of our riding group, but not a single hotel that can accommodate all riders.

Mexican Dinner and Finish Banquet will be in a hotel that can accommodate all of us, but we will be dispersed to one or more nearby hotels for bedding down.

Information on checkpoints and route will be forthcoming once Miles and Steve Andrus complete their arrangements.

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.

I look forward to seeing y'all in San Luis for the start of 3FC19 !!

Gonzo
3FC19 Chairman



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://womanrider.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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FIND A BATTERY

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 (@womanrider) 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

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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Group photo of riders at Pechanga Casino enjoying a great lunch, drawing of poker chips, and relaxing after riding the Red Hot Riders 2019 Turkey Run in San Diego

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