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NEWS

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

This has been quite a month with juggling all that goes on subsequent to the holidays. Added to that has been the Awards Banquet arrangements, continuing hotel negotiations for 3FC, assisting members with registrations, and two other projects that are ongoing. Every now and then my personal life interrupts....yeah, I came down with a nasty cold and I still haven't scheduled the arthroscopic surgery on the left knee (shades of 2016).

3FC19 ticket sales are approaching the 100 mark after 10 days of open registration. Many of you have enticed a friend or two to ride it this year...so it is going well. The article in Rider Magazine has also helped as I have received a few calls from folks that read the article and wanted more info on SCMA and 3FC.

Banquet sales are also moving along. This year we will be recognizing 9 riders for the CA Triple Crown, 3 Riders for the USA Triple Crown, 2 Riders for the Premier 5, and 1 rider for the Premier Grand Slam. Amazing accomplishments for everyone! We'll also get to meet and hear from Hunter Young, a 16-year old finisher of the Four Corners! Go to the website and register now for the Banquet for a fun evening of hanging out with your fellow riders.

Upcoming Events

Nethercutt Museum Destination ride	Mar	TBA
All Members-Nomination Breakfast	April	27

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We will also be showing appreciation to many of our volunteers that keep SCMA operating into its 51st year. Speaking of which, we need some help in our teams and committees. Please give me a call to discuss how you could assist.

Ride Safe.....Ride Long,

Gonzo



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Contact a director directly

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 events in SoCal, AZ NorCal and elsewhere in the SW Region..

Membership News

By James Filley #46151

I have continued the process of reviewing and preparing new and renewal memberships; so far so good!!

I would once again ask all members to update your contact information within your profile. If you do not list an address, I can't send you your membership card. Already I have a few membership packages that have been returned as undelivered.

Things are moving along quite nicely.....and the Banquet is just around the corner followed soon by the Three Flags Classic !!!



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SCMA 50th Anniversary



Happy 50th Anniversary everyone !!!!

SCMA, formed in 1968, celebrated its 50th birthday in 2018!!!

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

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

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

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

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

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





SCMA'S Affiliated Clubs

Antelope Valley Riders
www.avts.av.org

AZRatPack
www.azratpack.com

BMW Club of Southern California
www.bmwcosc.com

BMW Club, South Coast Riders (aka South Coasters)
www.scbmwrc.com

Pasadena Motorcycle Club
www.pasadenamc.com

Red Hot Riders of San Diego
www.redhotriders.com

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

Victor McLaglen Motor Corps
www.thevmc.com

A promotional banner for 'GO AZ Motorcycles'. At the top, logos for various motorcycle brands are displayed: 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 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'.

A JOB WELL DONE

Dean Sarrocco,

Chair, CA Adventure Series

After three years of administering the CA Adventures Series, Dean Sarrocco is stepping down from being the Chairman. Dean transitioned into the position 3-years ago after Dennis Even retired. During this time Dean ensured the continuation of the Series and also administered the introduction of the CA Best 15 Roads that was developed by Dennis Even and Les Gullery.

Dean was also a member of the Board of Directors and a committee member to 3FC18 – his leadership and advice while on the Board and Committee was greatly valued and appreciated.

Thank you Dean for your contribution to the success of the CA Adventure Series and to the continued success of Three Flags Classic and SCMA.

We wish you the best in your continuing riding adventures.



Alan Hirst, Quartermaster

Darlene Fong, Morale Booster

After 4-years as SCMA's Quartermaster and Darlene's contribution to supporting monthly rides and numerous Three Flags Classic Rides, Alan and Darlene will be moving on to greener hills and twisty adventures.

Upon viewing SCMA's disorganized storage center, Alan began a number of steps to get it cleaned, purged of excess, and organized/labeled into fixed and rolling shelving. His efforts made it much simpler for us to find items when needed.

Thank you Alan for straightening out the storage and thank you both for the

many years of being stalwart morale boosters on our monthly rides as well as the support you always provided at the start and finishes of many 3FC events.

We wish you the best in your continuing riding adventures.



Welcome Aboard

The Board of Directors has appointed **Mike Williams** as Chair, California Adventure Series. Mike has been with SCMA since 2014 when he began riding monthly rides and the Three Flags Classic. Mike resides in SoCal and brings years of experience in managing organizations. Mike began helping SCMA by presenting the October Cemetery Tour held on Halloween Weekends and has often provided sound advice on administering the SCMA projects. As the Chair, Mike will be a full voting member of the Board of Directors. We look forward to his contributions to SCMA continued operational success.



Welcome Aboard Mike!!



Steve Howe has accepted being SCMA's Quartermaster and maintaining the storage of SCMA's property. Steve is a long time member/supporter of SCMA and currently is the President of ABATE Local 8 in Orange County. In prior years, Steve has been SCMA's Ride Chair, Publicity Chair, and a member of the Board as the Risk Manager. Steve has always provided sound advice to members of the board and, although this is not a board position, Steve will join in on Board meetings as an invited guest. He always brings a unique insight to problem solving....with a great sense of humor! Thank you Steve for taking this responsibility on for us! (BTW, I had to go back to 2015 to find the most unflattering photo of Steve!)

Doug Wilson has signed on to help with SCMA facebook administration (*We are not saying goodbye to the former fb administrate-Reuben Friesen-just yet.....we'd like to keep him hanging around and take advantage of his amazing skillset!!*). You probably have already seen Doug's handiwork on the various SCMA pages. Doug resides in Nevada and first rode the Three Flags Classic last year. Being a distance rider he was riding the hills in San Diego when he found out about the Red Hot Riders' Turkey Run and decided to join us. That led to his offering to help wherever he could. Since he is an IT guru and knows his way around the keyboard it seemed a perfect fit to takeover SCMA's facebook activities. Thanks Doug and Welcome Aboard !!! (Sorry I don't have a photo of Doug)



SCMA Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet
Saturday, March 2, 2019
Highlighting the achievement of the
Triple Crown Award Participants



**CA Adventures or
Best 15 Challenge**



**Three Flags
Classic**



**USA 4 Corners
Motorcycle Tour**

When: **Saturday, March 2, 2019**
 3:30-4:45 PM Registration and Social Hour
 5:00 PM Dinner
 5:30 PM Program

Where: Irvine Wyndham Hotel
 17941 Von Karman Ave, Irvine, CA 92614
 Hotel reservations call (949) 863-1999
 Mention **SCMA Awards Banquet** for special rates
\$119 plus tax for single; \$119 plus tax for double

Parking is complimentary if you call to book your reservation, Breakfast 20% discount

Cutoff date for block rate is February 8, 2019
(but hotel will honor discount if rooms are available)

Banquet: Cost is **\$55.00 per person.**
Banquet reservations Cut-off date is Feb 28, 2019

Come one, come all. Everyone is invited to enjoy an evening of camaraderie with fellow motorcyclists.

Participation in motorcycling events is not necessary.

Membership **NOT** required.

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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 this second set of books listing the 2019 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 2019 list of CA Best 15 CA Roads you can ride while visiting various parks and missions within California: This is the 2nd of 4 sets of 15 CA Best Roads.

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.

Sign up now to ride these great roads in 2019....combine your ride with the Parks and Missions and earn the beautiful California Triple Crown.

Northern California

CA-4 Angels Camp to Markleeville

CA-70 Oroville to Quincy

CA-299 Arcata to Redding

Shasta Nat'l Forest Rte NF-15 Macdoel on CA-97 to junction of CA-89

Mattole Road Ferndale to Redcrest via Perolia & Honeydew

Central California

CA-25 Junction CA-198 to Hollister

CA-168 Big Pine to Junction with CA-266 and return to Big Pine

CA-178 Junction CA-14 to Bakersfield

Santa Rosa Creek Road/Old Creek Road Cambria to Cayucos

Vineyard Canyon Road San Miguel to Parkfield

Southern California

CA-38 Redlands to Big Bear

CA-74 San Juan Capistrano to Lake Elsinore

CA 94/Campo Road Campo to Jamacha

CA-243 Banning to Mountain Center

Lockwood Valley Road CA-33 to Junction Frazier Mountain Park Road

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 complete the full CA Adventure Series in one calendar year between January 1st and November 30th.

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 different.

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 are the **Triple Crown** award for riding three of the premier events, and the **Premier Grand Slam** for riding all six premier events in a single calendar year.

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 few of the SCMA riders to receive this CA Triple Crown and sign up now!!

Contact Mike Williams, Chair of CA Adventures and the CA Triple Crown, if you have any questions.

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[Phoenix Collision Study](#)

Phoenix AZ Motorcycle Collision Study 2018 | TEAM Arizona

In this interview with Mike Vellotti from the City of Phoenix, we dive deep into their latest motorcycle crash

SCMA's Help Wanted

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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Open Positions – Board of Directors

The below positions are needed to be filled. **Dan Burtt**, current Secretary, will not be available for another term of service. **Rodney Chew**, current Risk Manager, is currently the Vice Chairman.

Both of these positions are instrumental in SCMA's continued operations. Each position is important as you will not only administer its respective duties, but you will also be on the Board of Directors.

As a member of the Board of Directors, you will be in a leadership position making decisions in regard to SCMA's continued operations.

Both of these positions can be filled by any member who has a laptop and can attend the Meetings via Video Conferencing...it is not required that you be physically located in Southern California.

Secretary:

The Secretary attends online Board meeting and online 3FC Committee meetings. The secretary will take notes of the proceedings and then prepare minutes from those notes and/or from the voice recording of the meeting.

Risk Manager:

The Risk Manager coordinates with the AMA and, at the end of the year, files sanction and insurance applications for each of the premier events and monthly rides to be held the following year.

Please contact Gonzo for more information at 949-433-0761



SCMA Annual Meeting

Officer Nominations

Saturday, April 27th 2019

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

Elks Lodge,
2436 Huntington Drive,
Duarte, CA.

Positions open for nominations in the mid-year elections for 2019 are:

Chairman – The chair shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the corporation. He shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors. In the event of a tie vote at a meeting of the board of directors on any issue that may be decided by a simple majority of the board of directors, the vote of the chair shall be preponderant. The chair shall perform all duties incident to the office of chair and such other duties as from time to time shall be prescribed by the board of directors.

Secretary – The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the board of directors in one or more books, and/or digital records, provided for that purpose; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws, or as required by law, and in general perform all duties incident to the office of secretary.

Risk Manager – The risk manager is responsible for obtaining sanctions and insurance for all rides and annual officer and director insurance. The risk manager shall assist SCMA chartered clubs in judging competition as requested and shall act as arbitrator in any dispute pertaining to competition in all SCMA events, and perform such other duties and the board may from time to time determine.

NOMINATIONS are now open until the Annual Meeting scheduled for April 27th at 12:00 noon. Any current SCMA member can nominate any other

current SCMA member. Self-nominations are acceptable but require three seconds at the Annual Meeting.

Nominations can be made at the Annual meeting or by e-mail to chairman@scma.com. **E-mailed** nominations must be received **by 8pm, April 26th**.

Nominations can also be made by mailing nomination forms to:

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

Paper nominations must be received in the Norwalk PO Box **by 8:00 am, April 26th**.

BALLOTS will be available in May or earlier for download from the SCMA website and will appear in the newsletter.

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

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

The newly elected Directors will assume their responsibilities after the close of the June 16th Board meeting and no later than July 1st 2019.



2019 NOMINATION FORM

Member making the nomination:

Name _____ Member #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Member being nominated for Chairman:

Name _____ Member #: _____

Member being nominated for Secretary:

Name _____ Member #: _____

Member being nominated for Risk Manager:

Name _____ Member #: _____

Self-Nomination: For Position of _____

Name _____ Member #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Name _____ Member #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name _____ Member #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name _____ Member #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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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->

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.

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

Event 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.

February
No event planned

March
TBA Destination ride to Nethercutt Museum

April
27th All Members-Nominations Meeting, Elks Lodge, Duarte

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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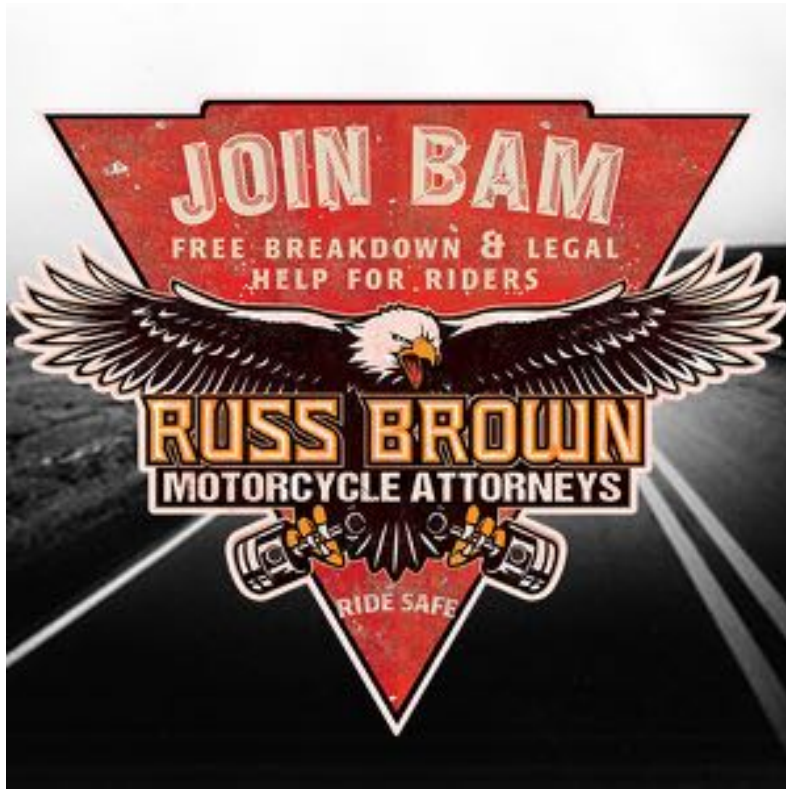
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ABOUT BAM

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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!

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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.

In Memory of
Karol Patzer

Karol Patzer of Minnesota, recently passed away.

Karol was a member of SCMA and last rode with us in the 2015 Three Flags Classic.

We in SCMA extend our sincerest sympathy to her family and friends; we will miss her smile and enthusiasm.

The following note was written by Steve Handeland, President of BMW Motorcycle Club of Minnesota

It is with a very heavy heart that I must share this with you.

After a long and courageous battle with Ovarian Cancer, Karol Patzer has passed.

Karol was a long time MN Club member and friend to many.

Karol volunteered within the BMW community regularly, donating countless hours of her time.

Amongst other positions she was BMW MOA Ambassador, a BMW MOA Rally Chair and for many years she was the BMW <OA Club Charity Challenge Chair.

She also volunteered at the Raptor Center.

Please keep her longtime partner Jerry, her children, and her entire family in your thoughts and prayers.

May she rest in peace.

*Steve Handeland
President, BMWCOM*

Photo of Karol with riding buddies during 3FC15. Taken at the border wall in San Ysidro with local San Diego Police Lieutenant.



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 or call at (330) 857 8131



Hunter Young – Four Corners Finisher

It is not often that we are able to recognize a young man who has ridden the USA Four Corners while still a junior in High School.

Hunter rode the event with his dad George and the three of them were later joined by mom Jody who rode the last 6,000 miles with them.

Hunter and family will be at the banquet and we hope to hear an anecdote or two about his amazing time riding the four corners on a small bike.

In addition to riding the Four Corners, Hunter is also a Shot Put and Discus thrower during his senior year at Chaparral HS in Temecula., CA.

After graduation Hunter will be attending Humbolt University in Arcata CA.

Congratulation Hunter !!!



Dad George, Mom Jody, and Hunter
in Blaine WA



Key West FL



Madawaska ME



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Angry Squirrel

Unknown writer
Extracted from SCMA fb page??

I never dreamed slowly cruising on my motorcycle through a residential neighborhood could be so incredibly dangerous! Little did I suspect.

I was on Brice Street - a very nice neighborhood with perfect lawns and slow traffic. As I passed an oncoming car, a brown furry missile shot out from under it and tumbled to a stop immediately in front of me

It was a squirrel, and must have been trying to run across the road when it encountered the car. I really was not going very fast, but there was no time to brake or avoid it -- it was that close. I hate to run over animals, and I really hate it on a motorcycle, but a squirrel should pose no danger to me

I barely had time to brace for the impact. Animal lovers, never fear. Squirrels, I discovered, can take care of themselves!

Inches before impact, the squirrel flipped to his feet. He was standing on his hind legs and facing my oncoming Valkyrie with steadfast resolve in his beady little eyes.

His mouth opened, and at the last possible second, he screamed and leapt! I am pretty sure the scream was squirrel for, "Bonzai!" or maybe, "Die you gravy-sucking, heathen scum!" The leap was nothing short of spectacular....

He shot straight up, flew over my windshield, and impacted me squarely in the chest. Instantly, he set upon me. If I did not know better, I would have sworn he brought 20 of his little buddies along for the attack.



Snarling, hissing, and tearing at my clothes, he was a frenzy of activity. As I was dressed only in a light T-shirt, summer riding gloves, and jeans this was a bit of a cause for concern. This furry little tornado was doing some damage!

Picture a large man on a huge black and chrome cruiser, dressed in jeans, a T-shirt, and leather gloves, pattering at maybe 25 mph down a quiet residential street, and in the fight of his life with a squirrel. And losing...

I grabbed for him with my left hand. After a few misses, I finally managed to snag his tail. With all my strength, I flung the evil rodent off to the left of the bike, almost

running into the right curb as I recoiled from the throw. That should have done it. The matter should have ended right there.

It really should have. The squirrel could have sailed into one of the pristinely kept yards and gone on about his business, and I could have headed home. No one would have been the wiser. But this was no ordinary squirrel.

This was not even an ordinary angry squirrel. This was an EVIL MUTANT ATTACK SQUIRREL OF DEATH! Somehow he caught my gloved finger with one of his little hands and, with the force of the throw, swung around and with a resounding thump and an amazing impact, he landed squarely on my BACK and resumed his rather antisocial and extremely distracting activities. He also managed to take my left glove with him! The situation was not improved. Not improved at all.

His attacks were continuing, and now I could not reach him. I was startled, to say the least. The combination of the force of the throw, only having one hand (the throttle hand) on the handlebars, and my jerking back, unfortunately put a healthy twist through my right hand and into the throttle. A healthy twist on the throttle of a Valkyrie can only have one result.

Torque.

This is what the Valkyrie is made for, and she is very, very good at it.

The engine roared and the front wheel left the pavement. The squirrel screamed in anger. The Valkyrie screamed in ecstasy. I screamed in.....well .. I just plain screamed.

Now picture a large man on a huge black and chrome cruiser, dressed in jeans, a slightly squirrel-torn t-shirt, wearing only one leather glove, and roaring at maybe 50 mph and rapidly accelerating down a quiet residential street on one wheel, with a demonic squirrel of death on his back.

The man and the squirrel are both screaming bloody murder. With the sudden acceleration I was forced to put my other hand back on the handlebars and try to get control of the bike.

This was leaving the mutant squirrel to his own devices, but I really did not want to crash into somebody's tree, house, or parked car. Also, I had not yet figured out how to release the throttle...my brain was just simply overloaded. I did manage to mash the back brake, but it had little effect against the massive power of the big cruiser.

About this time the squirrel decided that I was not paying sufficient attention to this very serious battle (maybe he was an evil mutant NAZI attack squirrel of death), and he came around my neck and got INSIDE my full-face helmet with me.

As the faceplate closed part way, he began hissing in my face. I am quite sure my screaming changed intensity. It had little effect on the squirrel, however. The RPMs on the



Dragon maxed out (since I was not bothering with shifting at the moment), so her front end started to drop.

Now picture a large man on a huge black and chrome cruiser, dressed in jeans, a very raggedly torn T-shirt, wearing only one leather glove, roaring at probably 80 mph, still on one wheel, with a large puffy squirrel's tail sticking out of the mostly closed full-face helmet. By now the screams are probably getting a little hoarse.

Finally I got the upper hand ... I managed to grab his tail again, pulled him out of my helmet, and slung him to the left as hard as I could. This time it worked ... sort-of.

Spectacularly sort-of ... so to speak.

Picture a new scene. You are a cop. You and your partner have pulled off on a quiet residential street and parked with your windows down to do some paperwork. Suddenly a large man on a huge black and chrome cruiser, dressed in jeans, a torn T-shirt flapping in the breeze, and wearing only one leather glove, moving at probably 80 mph on one wheel, and screaming bloody murder roars by, and with all his strength throws a live squirrel grenade directly into your police car.

I heard screams. They weren't mine... I managed to get the big motorcycle under control and dropped the front wheel to the ground. I then used maximum braking and skidded to a stop in a cloud of tire smoke at the stop sign of a busy cross street. I would have returned to 'fess up (and to get my glove back). I really would have.

Really... Except for two things.

First, the cops did not seem interested or the slightest bit concerned about me at the moment. When I looked back, the doors on both sides of the patrol car were flung wide open. The cop from the passenger side was on his back, doing a crab walk into somebody's front yard, quickly moving away from the car. The cop who had been in the driver's seat was standing in the street, aiming a riot shotgun at his own police car. So, the cops were not interested in me. They often insist to "let the professionals handle it" anyway.

That was one thing. The other? Well, I could clearly see shredded and flying pieces of foam and upholstery from the back seat. But I could also swear I saw the squirrel in the back window, shaking his little fist at me. That is one dangerous squirrel. And now he has a patrol car. A somewhat shredded patrol car but it was all his.

I took a deep breath, turned on my turn-signal, made a gentle right turn off of Brice Street, and sedately left the neighborhood. I decided it was best to just buy myself a new pair of gloves.

.....And a whole lot of Band-Aids



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 Report (eBlast #3) on 3FC19

Hello Everyone,

When we began the work to revise and update the registration form for 3FC19, we found that our basic website software had been updated and needed to be installed. Hence, many other plug-in software tools that we used also had to be updated. That was the beginning of the "ripple effect" we face each year when undertaking this update effort.

Fortunately, we have experienced this before and knew what had to be done, albeit it is still a time consuming effort. During this update, new ideas came forth and a better arrangement of information and ticket selections were arranged.....hopefully the new layout will make registration a simpler process for you.

Once the registration portal opened early Saturday morning, all operated well and members began registering for 3FC19. Later that afternoon, 60 of the 250 tickets had already been sold.

We have assisted a handful of members with login issues and got them into the website and registered. Mostly these issues involve new members who hadn't noticed the SCMA membership email providing them with a link to complete their registration process.

Hotel arrangements at the Start (San Luis Rio Colorado (SLRC), MEX) and Finish (Vernon, CAN) are still a work in progress. Yours truly discovered two issues that would have an impact upon our riders: 1st was arranging for a sufficient number of rooms in both locations to accommodate 250 riders and 2nd was the language barrier at three of the five hotels in SLRC. We are still working on room arrangements as well as a process to complete registration in English at the SLRC hotels that only communicate in Spanish.

Steve Andrus has developed a draft route and will present it in February to the 3FC Committee and then to the Board of Directors for their respective approvals. It will be published to the membership once approval is received from the Board.

Sometime in late June, or early July, a 'Pre-Ride' of the route will be conducted and digital route sheets and Garmin files will be released. It will be the responsibility of individual riders to print paper route sheets if they so desire and to download Garmin files.

The 44th 3FC Logo concept is almost completed and ready to be sent to the graphics



artist. This logo will be the image displayed in the SWAG (t-shirt, hat, decal, patch) you will receive upon checking in at the start in SLRC. It will also be the basis for the Finisher's Buckle you will receive upon being declared a finisher in Vernon BC.

My next report will provide you a bio of SLRC and Possibly Vernon. Both of these locations have interesting histories.

All in all, we are moving along nicely.

See you in SRLC for the Start !!!

Gonzo



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/>

Check out this video that Jenny posted to Rider Magazines facebook page


https://www.facebook.com/RiderMagazine/videos/1159903510815846/?comment_id=2280984095560524

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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 (@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



**The WeSTOC Disorganization
Committee Proudly Presents:**

**WeSTOC 24
Calgary, AB, Canada
June 24-27, 2019**

WeSTOC is the Western Rally of the ST-Owners Club (STOC) - a group dedicated to all things related to the venerable Honda ST1100 and ST1300 motorcycles.

WeSTOC is the largest STOC Rally and is open to riders on any make or model of motorcycle.

For the 24th WeSTOC Rally the location of Calgary, Alberta, Canada was chosen as it sits in close proximity to some of the most scenic riding in Canada including a route that National Geographic has called "one of the most spectacular drives in the world."

In addition to the Icefields Parkway in Banff and Jasper National Parks attendees can:

- ride over Highwood Pass, Canada's highest paved road
- visit the Royal Tyrrell Museum and view millions of years of history
- ride through scenery and visit locations of blockbuster movies such as *Unforgiven*, *Legends of the Fall*, and *Brokeback Mountain* among countless others
- or travel to Vulcan and see the Starship Enterprise

The last point, plus the fact WeSTOC has never been held in Alberta, made it easy to decide on WeSTOC 24's tagline:

**Boldly Going Where No WeSTOC
Has Gone Before!**

WeSTOC is about friendship and great riding and you will find both of those at WeSTOC 24. So grab your old friends or come and make some new ones. Just get to Calgary in June.

Early-bird registration ends on Feb 26

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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. Dannie Fox is chairing this event in 2019.

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

The planning for the 2019, 44th Annual Three Flags Classic is gaining momentum. The ride will start in San Luis Rio Colorado (SLRC), Sonora Mexico, and head north for a finish in Vernon, BC Canada. The ride will be 4 days in duration. A lot of exciting things are happening and it's shaping up to be a continuation of our 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. Mike Williams is chairing these events in 2019.

CPA: During any single calendar year, in any order and at any pace, visit 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 CA Best 15 Roads; 5 each located in northern, central and southern CA. Rules for this event can be found online at: <https://sc-ma.com/ca-best-15-parent/ca-best-15-roads-challenge/ca-best-15-roads-rules/>

SCMA Best 15 US Roads Challenge

During 2019, 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 2019 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 three CA Adventure Series rides in a single calendar year (15Jan to 30Nov 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 2019.

The Premier 5 Award* This award is replaced by the Premier Grand Slam 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 Premier Grand Slam Award*

Complete all six (6) Premier Events: the USA Four Corners Tour, the Three Flags Classic, The Best 15 US Roads Challenge, and all three of the California Parks Adventure Series (Parks, Missions, CA Best 15) in a single calendar year. Gonzo will be chairing the selection committee in 2019.

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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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