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**NEWS**

## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

It feels sooooo good to be riding once again!

The last time I rode a good distance ride was Thanksgiving Weekend when Mike Barber and I did a couple thousand plus miles wrapping up the CA Adventures Triple Crown. It was a good ride, but I was suffering from a torn meniscus in the left knee that needed surgical correcting.

Finally, on March 8<sup>th</sup> the surgery was done.....I was expecting to be riding within 3 weeks, same as August 2016 when the right knee torn meniscus was cleaned. Nope, didn't happen. Dr. Scott Graham, being the awesome surgeon that he is, decided to do a good cleanout of arthritis in the knee to give it another 20 years or so of good use.....hopefully.

Problem was, the extra work ended up taking almost 10 weeks for recovery before exercising again and riding the bike.

This past weekend I rode with the Red Hot Riders of San Diego on the Grand Tour and it was an exhilarating time, as well as an eye opener for me.

This is my eighth year of riding motorcycles. I am nowhere near the level of riding expertise of y'all.....you ride circles around me. I point this out because, I am not a "natural" like so many of you,

## Upcoming Events

All Members Breakfast-Duarte Elks Lodge	Jun	29
Greehorn Road Tour - PMC	Jul	27-28
Lebanon Bash – Kansas	Sep	14

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nor a racer, nor having my youthful years riding in the dirt. So this weekend was constant training, disciplining myself to put the eyes where I want to go, to trust the tires in an extra lean, to relax the arms, and ultimately enjoy the ride and the thrill of the speed and the feel of the wind.

I feel so much better now and am looking for reasons to hop on the BMW and put the skillset to work once again.

It also makes me very appreciative of all of you that have given me slivers of advice to improve my limited riding skills and have patiently ridden with me some time in the past!

See y'all at San Luis Rio Colorado for the 44<sup>th</sup> Three Flags Classic!

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

### Membership News

*By James Filley #46151*

We're caught up thru May.....I'll be sending the June membership cards in the next week or so.

Please ensure your information is correct in your Profile. Also, if you register a riding mate please use their email address and their PayPal/credit card. Using your email or financial info will result in your profile/membership being credited as a renewal and not your partner.

Life Members (grandfathered): Please send me a note if you have not received SCMA's new 50-Year membership card.

If you have been a member over three months and have not received your membership package please send me an email at [jamesf4@gmail.com](mailto:jamesf4@gmail.com) or call me at 619-825-7390

Jim



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[www.bmwcosc.com](http://www.bmwcosc.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)

A banner for GO AZ Motorcycles. At the top, there are logos for Aprilia, BMW, Ducati, KTM, Triumph, Honda, Ural, Vespa, and Kawasaki. Below the logos is a photograph of a motorcycle dealership with several motorcycles on display. In the center of the banner is a shield-shaped logo with a sunburst design and the text "GO AZ Motorcycles". At the bottom of the banner, there is a dark blue bar with white text: "GO AZ MOTORCYCLES | 15500 N. HAYDEN RD | SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260 | (480) 609-1800 | GOAZMOTORCYCLES.COM".

## **2019 Mid-Term Election Results All Members Breakfast Meeting**

An SCMA All Members Breakfast Meeting was held Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup>, ostensibly to count ballots and install the newly elected officers.

Per the SCMA Bylaws, as filed for our California charter as an organization, SCMA must hold an Annual All Members Meeting on the last Saturday of April to conduct nominations to elect its Officers to a two-year term. To maintain continuity of operations, SCMA established a cycle of mid-term elections whereby three of the six officer's terms expire each year. Odd years the Chairman, Secretary and Risk Manager are elected; even years the Vice Chairman, Treasurer, and Membership Director are elected.

Ex-Officio Directors are filled by the Chairpersons of each of the Premier Events; 3FC, USA4C, B15, and CA Adventures. When a Premier Ride chairperson is replaced, that person becomes a non-elected Director on the Board with full rights similar to Officers of the SCMA/Board.

This year, only single nominations were received for Chairman and Secretary. No nominations were received for Risk Manager. Since there was only a single nomination for two of the positions, the balloting became a formality, sort of a slam-duck decision as to who will be elected. Despite that, it is necessary to carry on the practice of receiving ballots, establishing a "ballot counting committee", and announcing the results. Continuing this practice keeps us in compliance with our bylaws and keeps the process alive in the minds of our officers.

Although an All Members Meeting is not required for counting of the ballots, the board decided that ballot counting should be done in full transparency....so why not hold an open meeting. In fact, why not make it a sponsored breakfast?

We met at the Elks Lodge in Duarte at 9:00 am with Gerry Delker, Lodge administrator, firing up the stoves in the kitchen and providing the group of 13 attendees (2 online video) with a full up breakfast of juices, pastries, breads, scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon, ham, sausage links, and lots of coffee. In other words....an AWESOME breakfast !!

Charlie Lamb (VA resident), SCMA's big time distance riding Secretary, was on hand to form the ballot count committee. Charlie was in SoCal to finish up the CA Best 15 Roads and to begin his USA Four Corners Tour.

While the ballot count was in progress, the rest of us began discussing ride ideas, camping rides, destination rides, camping while riding a Three Flags Classic, and a number of other subjects.

Stories abounded and laughter was amongst the noisy chatter. And then the election news was presented to those assembled

**Chairman** – Gonzo elected to a two-year term

**Secretary** – Charlie Lamb elected - two-year term.

**Risk Manager** – Open position needing to be filled

With the announcement made, our bodies warmly nourished, and our spirits high from our social activity, we adjourned the meeting and continued on to our personal plans for the day.

Here is a list of attendees:

Mike Barber

Larry Mollett

Robert Torres

Charlie Hart

Dan Burt

Nhon (Tony) Nguyen

Dominic DiVincenzo

Dean Sarrocco

Mike Williams

Charles Lamb

Jean Fradette

Claudette Fradette

Jim Filley

Steve Howe

Gonzo

Thank you everyone for mailing in your ballots and for attending the breakfast.

# California Adventure Series

By Mike Williams #36876  
Chair, CA Adventure Series

The road to Devil's Postpile is closed at Mammoth Lodge due to snow blocking the road, not surprising given the heavy snowpack this year. It may be difficult to take a photo at the closure on weekends/holidays, as the ski lifts are still operating. Therefore, a photo at the Mammoth Visitor Center along with the stamp (also available at Mammoth Visitor Center) is acceptable while the road to Devil's Postpile is closed. The ranger did not know when the road would open this year and explained that the road will more than likely be closed in 2020, as they plan to do MAJOR repairs to the road. Beginning in 2020, it may be a couple years before we get back in there.

If you will be mailing your Passport Book to me for review upon completion, please mail it to the below address. This will expedite the mailing process.

**SCMA/Mike Williams**  
**P.O. Box 12191**  
**La Crescenta, Ca, 91224**

For those living in the Southern California area, we may be able to arrange a halfway spot to review the completed book(s) if you choose. I will also be riding Three Flags and available to review the book(s) for those that completed their ride on the way to Three Flags.

Safe riding,

Mike Williams  
SCMA #36876  
California Adventures Chair

## *Editor's Note:*

*Dean Sarrocco was our CA Adventures Chair last year and before turning it over to Mike Williams, he updated the plaque designs for the three tours. The Triple Crown Plaque (Team collaboration) is the crowning piece awarded to those who ride the full series in the calendar year.*

*Kudos to Mike Williams for doing a great job in his first year of administering the Series for us! He just recently returned from the Bay Area having visiting the locales that you will visit there when riding the Series.*

*These same awards will be presented to you at the 2020 banquet when you complete the events in 2019. The CA Triple Crown is a standalone plaque similar to the Premier Triple Crown. The individual tour plaques are wall mountable and will look great when you add them to your collection!*

*Gonzo*

# CA Adventure Series Plaques Awarded to 2018 Finishers, and To be awarded to 2019 Finishers

CA Triple Crown



The CA Triple Crown Award.

2018 was the inaugural year for this Award!

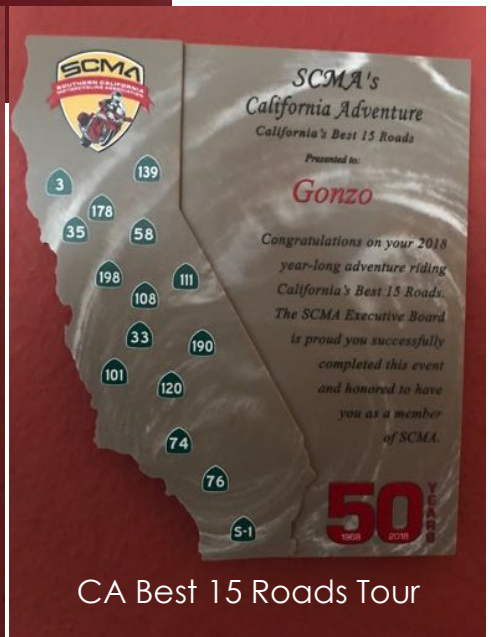
Ride all three of the CA Adventures Series and you will receive this plaque



CA Missions Tour



CA Parks Tour



CA Best 15 Roads Tour

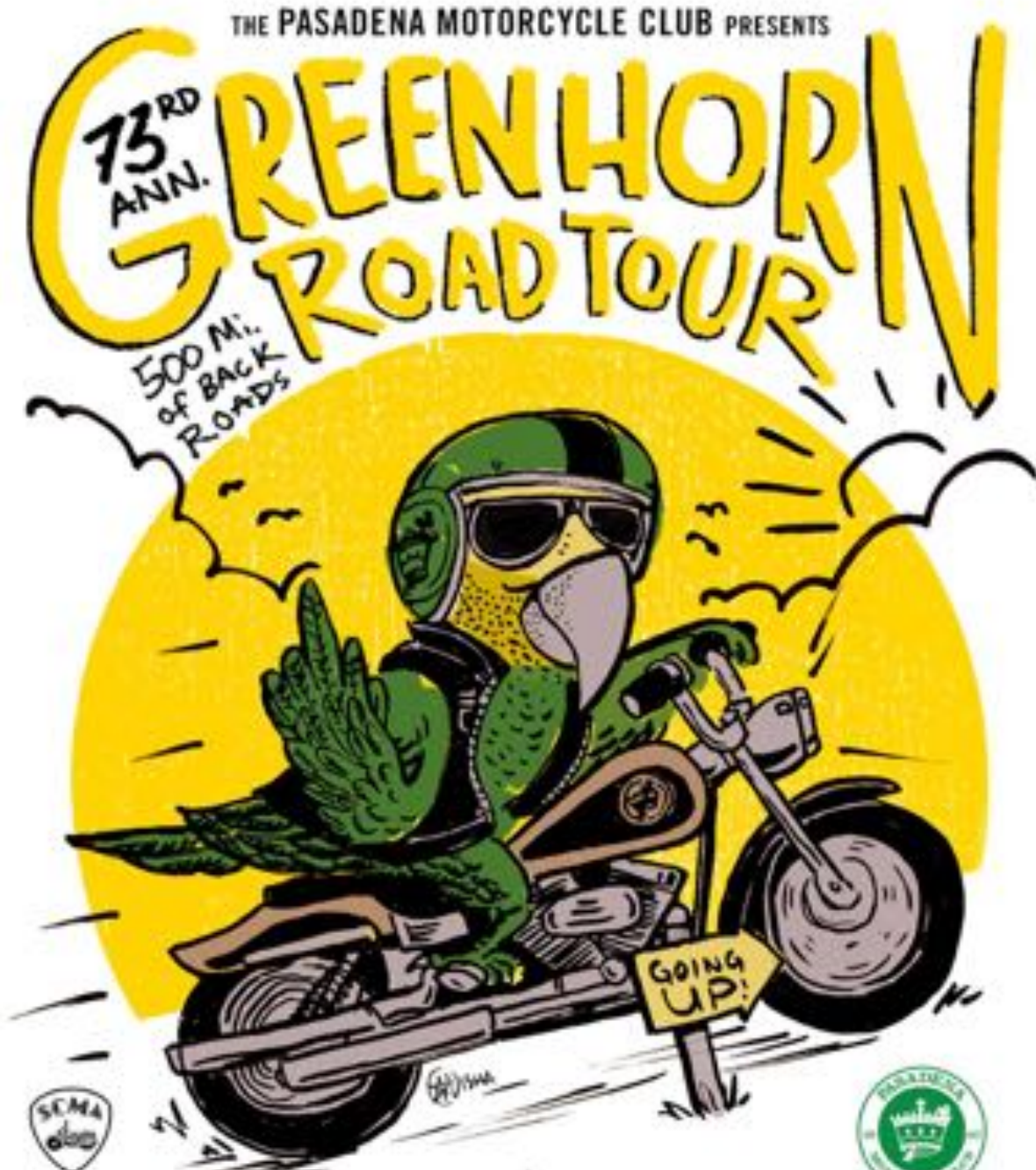




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A photograph of several motorcyclists riding on a dirt road through a hilly, arid landscape. The lead motorcycle is a white and blue BMW F 850 GS. In the top right corner, there is a small BMW Motorrad logo. Overlaid on the bottom right of the image is the text: 'All New 2019 BMW F 850 GS and 2019 F 750 GS Are Here!' followed by 'Irv Seaver Motorcycles' and 'Orange County, CA IrvSeaver BMW.com'.

# Grand Tour San Diego

## Red Hot Riders

Riding in SoCal can be exhilarating and frustrating. SoCal hills, mountains, and deserts offer the best riding fun and gorgeous vistas. SoCal freeways to get anywhere can cause frustration and could lead to insanity.....were it not for CA's Lane Splitting Law.

Friday at 1:00 pm, Mike Barber (former Membership Chair), Pat Julien (Awards Banquet), and I departed Lake Forest in Orange County heading to Santee in San Diego County. Immediately, upon coming down the on-ramp we were confronted with stop-n-go traffic.....we had to lane split.

The normal 90 minute ride took 2.5 hours....yup, a whole extra hour!! Hence the frustration of riding in SoCal with all its millions of cars on the freeways!

But I digress....

We arrived at the Carlton Oaks Country Club, lodge and Resort at 3:30 and got checked in to our rooms. The Hotel seemed to immediately appeal to our discriminatory tastes.....rooms were simple cinder block walls (no neighbor noise), the property has an excellent golf course, Pro Shop, restaurant, lounge, and a huge patio well furnished with furnishings and outdoor heaters. Once out on the patio we tagged up with Karen, President of the San Diego Red Hot Riders.

Yes, we needed the heaters. As soon as we split off I-805 onto CA-52 heading east to Santee, the June ocean clouds (with drizzle) rolled in and temperatures dropped to the 60's. By the time the sun had set the air was in the low 60's with a bit of a chill factor.....hence the patio heaters were a welcome accessory!

We ordered 3 or 4 appetizer plates along with glasses of wine. The appetizers and wine were on Happy Hour prices and the food was absolutely delicious!!! It was also very filling so we didn't bother to order an entre.

Entertainment was provided by a solo singer/guitarist who sang/played famous hits of Joplin, Eagles, Elton, Foreigner, etc. She had an amazing voice and talent to render her versions of these great hits. Our evening ended early as we planned to meet in the lounge to have breakfast and conduct the sign-ins for the event.

The restaurant was open at 6:00 am and plenty of tasty coffee on hand! Breakfast matched the quality and quantity of last night's appetizers. Bob and Lisa were not



riding but they were on hand to handle the reservations. Eight of us were on hand for this 2-day event. Jim Branch (former RHR Prez) would be leading the group and Karen would be sweep. Steve Bunis, Bill Kellerman, and Mike Coutts were behind Jim, then Mike and Pat, then me.



Picking up CA-125 S, we worked our way to the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center (Olympic Training Center). We didn't stop for a tour, but it was a neat little visual to see the facility. From there we rode Otay Lakes Rd around the north side of Otay Lake.....pretty cool seeing fishermen in their small boats trying their luck out there.

So far our riding had been brisk on highways; now we were riding country two-lane roads that provided nice and easy warm up curves for me as I hadn't ridden since Thanksgiving. We headed west on CA-94 for an eighth of a mile and then north on Honey Springs Rd to Skyline Truck Trail and followed that into Jamul where we got onto Jamacha Rd leading to CA-94 Campo Rd.

CA-94 is on the CA Best 15 Roads Adventure, one of three rides in the CA Adventure Series. We rode Campo Rd for about 50 miles passing through Jamul (passing the Jamul Casino), through Dulzura, Barrett Junction, the turnoff for the border crossing at Tecate (CA-188), Potrero (a campground is located here), Canyon City (no city here, but there is the Mountain Empire Campgrounds and Campo Creek Vineyards), into Campo (Pacific Southwest Railway Museum here), and into Cameron Corners where we stopped for gas at the Sinclair Gas Station (I got my photo here with the CA-94 signage behind me). This was a great section of riding through the southern San Diego hills....lots of vistas and at times we could see the huge border wall that was erected in the 90's or early 2000's from the ocean at San Ysidro to the bad hills around Jacumbra.

BTW, I think that we crossed the Pacific Crest Trail before entering Campo. And we also rode





under the massive railroad bridge spanning across CA-94 connecting two big hills somewhere near Cameron Corners.

Riding these roads was fun and enjoyable with the nice weather, clear air, and gentle sweeping turns intermixed with the mild ascents and descents provided by the hills. Every time I am riding these hills along the USA Mexico border I am amazed by the geology. We were alternating between hard packed soil, sandy soil, rocky soil, solid

rocks/boulders jutting upwards. When I see these boulders I always wonder what caused this phenomenon.

After the pit stop we continued on 94/Old Hwy 80 to the Wisteria Candy Cottage to buy chocolates and candies. I loaded up on some tasty looking chocs for my grand kids. Unfortunately, they melted in the bag while riding in the heat of day-2.

From here we back tracked slightly and took 94 to I-8 west and headed for the Sunrise highway. This was a slab run to make up for lost time taking us west for about 15 miles. I have previously ridden the Sunrise Highway north to south. This time we would be riding it south to north giving us a different view to the roads. As we passed the entry road into Pine Valley (paralleling I-8), I saw about 10 exocytic sports cars....I recognized some of them as Ferrari's and maybe a Corvette. The others were not identifiable as we zipped by the road.



Soon we were climbing onto the hills of this magnificent road and enjoying the twisting road and sweeping curves. The wind picked up a little here and I could feel the cooling rush of air thru my Darien Aerostich riding suit.

We made a stop at the Kwaaymii Pacific Crest Trailhead and enjoyed the view of Banner Pass, Borrego Springs, and the Salton Sea far in the distance. It was quite windy up here and after chatting a bit with some Christian Riders on Harleys, we mounted up and continued on our way to CA-79 where we hung a left and rode to Lake Cuyamaca for



lunch at the local restaurant and store there.

Our arrival was perfectly timed as my stomach announced hunger pangs to me about one mile before we arrived at the restaurant.

Lunch here was a bit slow, but the sandwiches were tasty and camaraderie was exhibited with a lot of banter, discussions and story telling. After a good hour of eating and relaxing we paid our bill, suited up, and mounted our mechanical steeds.

Our route was to retrace our ride back to where we had entered CA-79 off of the Sunrise Highway but continue on 79 through Julian (think apple pie) and on to CA-78 and other roads getting us back to Santee and the Carlton Oaks Resort.

It was a long day of great riding. Now we needed to shower, grab a bite to eat out on the patio, and then wrap it up for the day!!!

Tomorrow will be day 2 leading us into Idyllwild and then back to our home destinations. That story will be in next month's newsletter.

A big "Thank You" to Karen Butterfield, Jim Branch, and the Red Hot Riders for producing this fun event!!!



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<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 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.

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

From Home Page>Rides>CA Adventure Series>select ride>select info page

## Samuel George Turner Member back in the 1970's

Barbara Fox #  
SCMA Historian



Dannie Fox, USA Four Corners chairman (member # 10193) recently received an email from Kathy Walker-Turner whose husband Samuel George Turner was an SCMA member years ago. She had his motorcycle vest and a jacket with various pins and patches on them and wanted to know if SCMA would be interested in having those items. Yes, indeed, we would!

Mrs. Walker-Turner sent them to Dannie with a letter. She explained that they were married long after Sam was riding but he always talked about his riding years. He was from Oxnard, CA in those years and was a pressman for Oxnard's newspaper.



We don't recall seeing an SCMA patch with a number at the bottom, but we have membership pins designed that way. Sam's SCMA patch has a "1" at the bottom-- SCMA was founded in 1968. His five membership pins continue, numbered through "5", for 1972?

The Jamboree pins show the partnership between SCMA, Southern California Motorcycling Association in Southern California and SRRA, Sierra Road Riders Association in Northern California. It wasn't unusual for riders to run up and down the length of the state to attend each other's weekend rides.

I hadn't realized the Jamboree was a joint event with SRRA. I do know that the annual Jamboree



served as the annual all-member meeting for SCMA, in keeping with SCMA’s bylaws. With just SCMA’s huge membership in the ‘70’s, the Jamboree was quite an event. We joined SCMA in 1978. Dannie came home saying it had about 9,000 riders. That number was poo-pooed by some in the ‘90’s, but supported again by past chairmen whom I interviewed for the Legacy Award in the 2000’s. One was certain his membership was in the 8,000 range.

As a joint venture with SRRA no wonder the Jamborees were huge. We were at one or two, the 1978 and 1979 Jamborees at the Kern County Fairgrounds in Bakersfield, CA. Bakersfield was about the same travel distance for SCMA and SRRA. There were vendors’ booths set up in one fair building, scheduled meetings, workshops, and skill riding contests. (and FOOD.)

It looks like Sam was riding a “Honda Four”, perhaps a 750, one of the new four-cylinder bikes Honda began putting out in

about 1969. Check that Honda pin on the vest, with the “flying Honda wheel.” Does anyone else remember that one? And his Mason pin, nice touch.

We recall the Party Time club patch, too. Handling it as I unpacked the vest, the embroidery is machined, but “rough.” It is not at all “satiny” like embroidery work now. It’s all “history.”

Sam’s Jamboree pins are dated 1975, 1977, and 1978. 1978 is the date on the round pin for a Pasadena Motorcycle Club’s Poker Run. Even though we lived in Ventura, CA just across the Santa Clara River from Oxnard and obviously attended the same events, we didn’t get to know Sam Turner, among the thousands

of new acquaintances.

But, receiving these pieces of history reinforces the “old acquaintances, friends and family feeling” that prevails in the SCMA.

Many thanks, Kathy Walker-Turner, for sending them to SCMA.



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For Sale: 2005 Gold Wing. Only 22,000 miles. Near perfect condition. Lots of extra chrome. Rider back rest, Kuryackan truck rack, LED accessory lights, Ring of Fire front disk cover, CB and CD player, never down. More pix on request. \$7,000.

For more info Contact Steve Morris at

[smorrisrn@aol.com](mailto:smorrisrn@aol.com)

**310-625-1249** cell



## Open Position – Board of Directors

The position of **Risk Manager** is currently open and a replacement for **Rodney Chew**, is needed. Rodney is currently SCMA Vice Chairman but double hatting as Risk Manager until we can find someone to replace him.

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.

The Risk Manager is also a member of the Board of Directors. As a member of the Board you will be in a leadership position making decisions in regard to SCMA's continued operations.

This 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.

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

## Chairman, 2020 Three Flags Classic (3FC20) Vice Chairman, 2019 Three Flags Classic (3FC19)

SCMA is welcoming those interested in being Chairman of the 2020 Three Flags Classic to contact Gonzo. You will be invited to present your concept of start/finish locations and possible route/checkpoints to the Board of Directors.

As the chairman, you will lead a committee of volunteers and identify start/finish locations, 3-4 checkpoint locations, design the 3FC20 logo, buckle, shirts, hats and plaques.

You will be supported by the SCMA Board of Directors, and provided with a Standard Operating Procedure listing the processes and vendor sources to ensure a successful execution of a Three Flags Classic event.

To become the chairman of 3FC20 you will participate as the Vice Chair 3FC19 to introduce you to the detailed tasks and responsibilities of organizing a 3FC.

Please contact Gonzo at 949-433-0761



*- Dad, why do people who ride motorcycles look so happy?*

*-Look son, it's my opinion they are crazy.*

*They have this weird philosophy. They think they are free. They believe in enjoying the wind in their faces, the dust, the rain, the sun and everything else.*

*They call their friends brothers; they help each other, they greet each other even though they are strangers. When they get off their bikes they embrace as if they have not seen each other in years, they live for the day. They are likely to die at any time but apparently do not care.*

*-Dad, can you buy me a motorcycle?*

### Event Calendar

- July  
27-28 Greenhorn, Pasadena Motorcycle Club
- Aug  
29<sup>th</sup> Three Flags Classic – Sign in  
San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico
- Sep  
2 Three Flags Classic - Finish 9:00 PM  
Vernon Lodge, Vernon, BC Canada  
14 Lebanon Bash, Lebanon KS USA4C True X

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](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.

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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 Rsoads Challenge.

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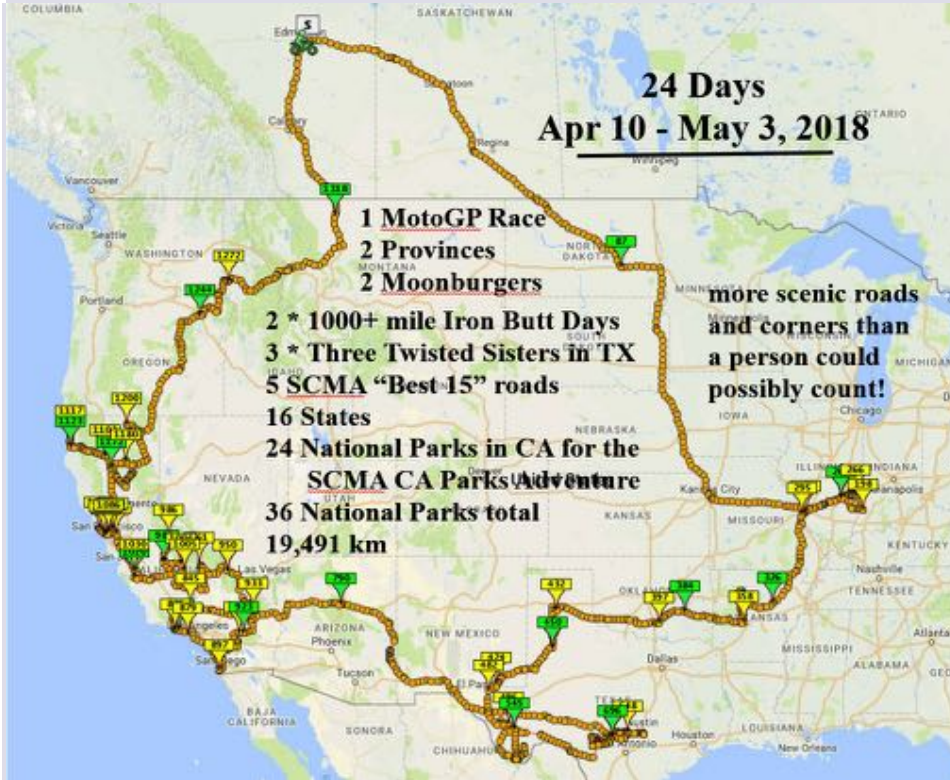


# My Little Problem

## A Triple Crown Confession (in three parts)

### Part Two

*by R. Bruce Thomas*  
#37460



In 2016 and 2017 Norm and I did some other big IBA rides such as the 48 States Plus Alaska in 10 Days and the National Parks Tour Master Traveler Gold certificate. I also participated in the Three Flags Classic (3FC) in 2017 for the first time, riding from Abbotsford, BC to Puerto Penasco, Mexico whereas Norm had done the 3FC three times. Of course, my little problem had Norm and I also working towards the Team Strange Love & Merci Grand Tour and IBA National Parks Silver Challenge during the 3FC so we made a few little detours from the official 3FC route.

Which brings us to 2018 and more exciting SCMA Rides.

Norm and I were lucky to have one day in April where we could escape Canada in -5C (23F) weather on our way to the last Moonshine Lunch Run. For the next 10 days our families and friends kept telling us how it got colder and was snowing at home. After Moonshine we headed for Texas and the MotoGP race.

But, you know about my little problem.

We were also working towards another IBA National Parks certificate plus the SCMA's Best 15 Roads challenge. In the week between Moonshine and MotoGP we visited



ten National Parks & Historic Sites including riding through Big Bend National Park in Texas. The latter, along with the Three Twisted Sisters, began our assault on the Best 15 Roads.

After enjoying spectacular weather and a wonderful day of MotoGP racing at the Circuit of the Americas we headed west and bagged another Best 15, Arizona Hwy 191. This long and winding Best 15 was part of an IBA Saddlesore 1000 mile day during which we gained two hours on time zone changes between Kerrville, TX and Flagstaff, AZ. On the remainder of our route home we planned to ride two more Best 15 Roads – California's Hwy 70 and US12, Lolo Pass, in Idaho.

But, you know about my little problem.

Since we needed to visit at least 50 National Parks for the IBA National Parks challenge, and we had to ride through California for the SCMA Best 15 Roads challenge, we might as well do the CA Parks Adventure at the same time. Over the course of eight days we visited 24 National Parks which took quite a bit of planning and plotting due to the days and hours the parks are open plus the parking restrictions at Eugene O'Neill and now Muir Woods. But, all the planning, plus a little luck along with reduced traffic at the end of April, as opposed to trying this in the middle of summer, paid off.

Now, since we had started the Best 15 Roads challenge and would have to go to Maine and New Hampshire for a couple of the roads it seemed to make sense that we should do the Four Corners again. But, we'd already done that so why not tackle the True-X? But, what to do on our way to Maine?

Well, you know about my little problem.

The IBA has a challenge that only three people had completed when I first started planning. It is called the Far North Insanity (FNI) and requires a rider to visit all ten Canadian Provinces plus the two road-accessible Territories in 14 days or less. Our friend Don, who has earned two SCMA Triple Crowns, decided to join

Norm and I for the FNI. Since Don was also working on the 2018 Team Strange Melting Pot Grand Tour we worked in a few stops along the way for Don as well as numerous National Parks for our IBA Parks Tour. We completed the FNI in eight days and then parted ways for our further challenges.

Norm and I crossed Acadia National Park, the Kancamagus Scenic Byway, Blue Ridge Parkway and West Virginia 33 off our Best 15 list before doing an IBA Saddlesore 1000 through Lebanon, KS for our first visit to the center of the USA. Norm didn't feel up to spending two more weeks on the road so headed for home. I got my San Ysidro corner photo halfway through another IBA Saddlesore 1000 ride from Cedar City, UT and back, and then



rode UT 12 and Colorado's Million Dollar Highway on my return trip to Lebanon to cross off two more Best 15.

This second stop in Lebanon was pretty special. As I got off my bike a vehicle pulled in behind me at the pumps and then I heard a voice asking if I was doing the True-X? It turned out to be Lebanon resident and 2017 True-X Finisher Karen Herndon and, after chatting about our rides, she took my picture at the gas station to make my second visit official.

Between Lebanon and Key West I only had one planned extra stop and that was in Florida at the DeSoto

National Memorial to go towards my quest for IBA Parks Gold certification. I spent a night at my buddy Eric's place in Sarasota and he gave me some good advice about Atlanta. On my way down I had taken the I-285 ring road but he said that I-75/85 right through the middle of Atlanta has an HOV lane that motorcycles can use and it is quicker than the ring road. So very true and this also gave me a chance to get the Park Stamp from the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Park in the middle of Atlanta on my way back north.

I have to mention Key West just because I never thought I'd ride there once, nevermind twice. My SPOT Tracker and the SPOTWalla web site are both fantastic tools for peace of mind for my family and friends when I am off riding around like this and one of my friends, SCMA Social Media Guru Reuben Friesen, was watching as I headed for Key West. Unbeknownst to me there is a webcam at the corner and Reuben grabbed a screenshot from the webcam as I was getting my corner picture taken. Pretty cool!



<http://southernmostpointwebcam.com/>

My third visit to Lebanon, KS also came during an IBA Saddlesore 1000 ride from Oak Grove, KY to Ogallala, NE. It's always nice to pick up a time zone change or two when doing an IBA ride.

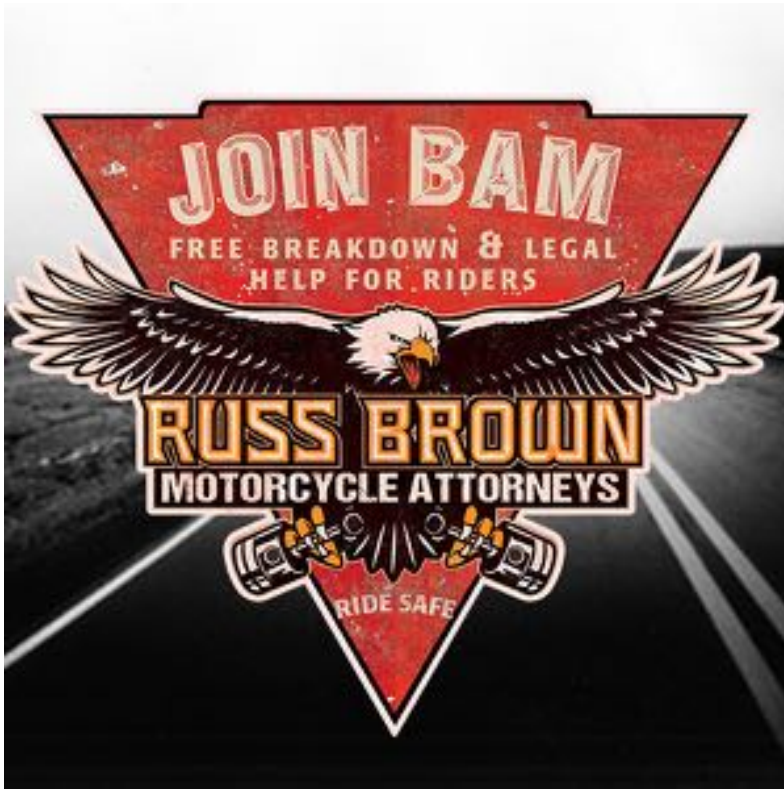
From Ogallala I just had four Best 15 Roads left to ride and they were all favorites I had previously ridden. Iron Mountain Road in South Dakota's Black Hills, Chief Joseph Hwy and Beartooth Pass in Wyoming, Montana's Going-to-the-Sun Road, and Hwy 20 through the North Cascades led me to Blaine, Washington for my final True-X corner picture after 17 days of the allowed 26. I spent a night at my sister's place in Mission, BC and then headed for home finishing off 31 days and 32,689 km (20,312 miles) and capping a Triple Crown summer.

Near the end of my True-X I looked at my SPOTWalla track and realized my final track would create a reasonable facsimile of a Caribou all across North America. What fun!

Next time, deconstructing an 8-day, 24-Park, CA Parks Adventure ride plus stretching oil.

# ABOUT BAM

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# Ride Around Texas

Eugene C Adee #26062

*Editor's Note: Back in April/May I received this from Gene Adee and overlooked getting it out to the membership as a ride of interest.*

*My apology to Gene*

*Although he probably has already completed his ride, it may be something that others may find to be of interest.*

Here is the note from Gene:

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Gonzo, would you mind posting this somewhere that SCMA riders might see? I've got other friends who have done this and really enjoyed it. Thanks.

Gene

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From May 23-26 I will be riding the Ride Around Texas (RAT) Iron Butt event. It's something you plan yourself but you have to hit numerous checkpoint in order. You can read all about it at <http://ironbutt.com/themerides/rat/>. I have already planned it out so there's nothing you would have to do except sign up for the ride and SpotWalla as indicated on the website.

I plan to start and finish at the checkpoint nearest El Paso and ride the RAT clockwise. As you can see it's a true test of your mettle and is not for everybody. My goal is the 70 hour Insanity Gold but you can do whichever you want (70 hour or 85 hour). 3125 miles... a good breakfast ride, no?

If you might have an interest in joining in the fun, or know anyone else who might, please let me know ([ecadee@mac.com](mailto:ecadee@mac.com) or 602-315-6559) and we can make plans.

Thanks.  
Gene Adee





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



This difficult Premier Ride Challenge is offered again with some interesting changes for its ninth year, 2019. Six replacement roads or road groups, plus a Sixteenth road have been added to the list. A challenge taker may ride any 15 of the 16 listed roads to qualify as a finisher. But, this ride challenge is not for everyone... to date, only 30 riders have been able to complete the Best 15 US Roads Challenge. There have been 41 finishes as some of these long distance riders have gone around more than once over the years. Do you have what it takes to join this very limited group of SCMA long distance riders?

As a registrant, you will have a two-year window to complete the challenge one time, though ALL 15 Roads must be ridden in ONE calendar year. If, for any reason, you do not complete all roads the first year, you will have a second chance, BUT, you start with a blank slate for that second try.

For further clarification, or questions about this event, contact **Bob Roger, Chairman, Best 15 US Roads Challenge** at either

(330) 857 8131  
Best15us@sc-ma.com



To view a full descriptive list of the roads, please go to the SCMA website at: <https://sc-ma.com/rides/best-15-parent/best-15-roads-list/>

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

## International News Section

(pages 31 – 42)

This section has articles about the SCMA Three Flags Classic and information of a general nature for all SCMA members throughout the world.



An advertisement for Aerostich. The background is a photograph of a person wearing a silver helmet and a grey and yellow riding jacket, sitting on a blue motorcycle on a paved road overlooking a mountain range under a blue sky with light clouds. The text 'GUARANTEED BETTER FIT' is written in large, bold, red, sans-serif letters on the left side. Below this, a list of services is provided: '• 40 + sizes in stock', '• Mens and Womens grading', '• Shorts/Regulars/Talls', '• Alterations available', and '• All returnable'. At the bottom, the 'AEROSTICH SINCE 1982' logo is displayed in white, with the website 'aerostich.com/scma' below it. Small text at the bottom left reads 'Photo: Matthew Kabbash - 2016' and at the bottom right reads '©2016 Aerostich'.

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*(You must have a paper copy of your Mexican Insurance when Checking-in for 3FC19 at the SLRC check-in desk. You also must present a valid driver's license.)*

It is a Mexico law that you have Mexico Automobile Liability Insurance to enter the country. This liability insurance protects you against claims of damages or injuries you caused to others. It does NOT cover damage to your motorcycle or medical coverage for yourself. For that you must purchase the full coverage – When calling to purchase your insurance, if you want full coverage you MUST ask for it.

You can purchase your insurance from any of the providers listed below by either going online, calling them directly, or visiting their offices.

It is highly recommended that you purchase your insurance BEFORE departing on your trip as there is no guarantee an office would be open for business at the time that you would be knocking on their door.

*(Remember to bring a paper copy of your Mexican Insurance to the Check-in for the Start)*

## Arizona

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### Locations:

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Yuma, AZ 85364



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San Luis, AZ 85349**AAA of Arizona – Liability Only**<https://az.aaa.com/insurance/mexico>

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# Checkpoint Information

**Paul Lax**  
**3FC19 Checkpoint Director**

As those who have been following the forum know, after some revision of the route to avoid 105+ degree temperatures on the first leg and the checkpoint staff finding locations, the following information on checkpoints is available. Hours for each checkpoint as well as for the start and finish will be added when determined.

The exact location of Checkpoint 1 will be available as soon as the checkpoint staff for that location is confirmed. Volunteers to work Checkpoint 1 will be welcome. Contact:

Paul Lax  
[plax0611@gmail.com](mailto:plax0611@gmail.com)  
(213) 369-8454

## **Checkpoint 1 – Cedar City, UT**

Exact Checkpoint Location to be determined

- **Best Western – Town & Country**  
189 N. Main St., Cedar City, UT  
(435) 586-9900
- **Best Western Plus**  
50 W 200 N, Cedar City, UT  
(435) 586-1234
- **Quality Inn**  
250 N 1100 W  
(435) 586-2082

## **Checkpoint 2 - Mountain Home, ID**

- **Checkpoint** - Best Western - Foothills Inn  
1080 Highway 20, Mountain Home, ID  
Adjacent to restaurants  
(208) 587-8477  
Call the hotel directly and ask for Three Flags rate – Special rate will also be available for Three Flags participants at these motels:
- **Hampton Inn & Suites**  
(208) 587-7300
- **Mountain Home Inn**  
(208) 597-9743

## **Checkpoint 3 – Wallace, ID<sup>1</sup>**

- **Checkpoint** - Wallace Inn  
100 Front St.  
Wallace, ID  
(208) 752-1252

<sup>1</sup> This location was altered because of uniformly high costs of a checkpoint in Coeur d' Alene. The delay in publishing the location was entirely the responsibility of the Checkpoint Chairman, aka Paul Lax.

- **Stardust Motel**  
410 Pine St.  
Wallace, ID  
(208) 752-1213
- **Ryan Hotel<sup>1</sup>**  
608 Cedar St.  
Wallace, ID  
(208) 753-6001

Wallace, ID is on I-90 about 48 miles east of Coeur d' Alene. There are lots of motels in Coeur d' Alene.

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# 2019 Three Flags Classic

## Route Sheet

Jim Bullen is in the process of updating this route sheet with directions to depart Hotel Araiza, get to each of the checkpoint address, and the easiest entry into the Prestige Lodge in Vernon. The update will be eBlasted to the membership when complete.

By Steve Andrus #25058

Paul Lax #34610

	<p><b>This route sheet will be updated as the event gets closer. The checkpoint cities will not be likely to change but the exact locations will be added. You will note a date in the footer to be sure you are looking at the current route. Checkpoint volunteers will be found as soon as possible. Once those are identified, the exact location of the checkpoints will be added to this route sheet.</b></p> <p><b>Rather than turn by turn, these directions guide by following the route numbers of the highways. The route has been pe- ridden to be sure that roadside signs identify the highways at all intersections.</b></p>	
<b>TOTAL MILES</b>	<b>DIRECTIONS</b>	<b>MILES</b>
0	THE EXACT DIRECTIONS FROM THE START HOTEL TO THE BORDER WILL BE ADDED	
	TAKE U.S.95 NORTH TO QUARTZITE, AZ	105
	I-10 EAST TO U.S.60	12
	U.S. 60 TO AZ 71	56
	AZ 71 TO AZ 89 NORTH	24
	AZ 89 NORTH TO I-40	96
	I-40 EAST TO U.S. 89 NORTH	56
	<p><b>NOTE: On U.S. 89 YOU WILL PASS THE MEMORIAL FOR THE GRANITE MOUNTAIN HOT SHOTS, A FOREST SERVICE CREW OF WHICH 19 OF ITS 20 MEMBERS WERE KILLED WHILE FIGHTING A FIRE.</b></p>	

	U.S. 89 NORTH TO U.S. ALT. 89	104
	U.S. ALT 89 TO U.S.89	92
	<b>RECOMMENDATION – IF YOU WON'T MAKE CEDAR CITY BEFORE DARK, THINK ABOUT STAYING IN KANAB. Utah 14 is too nice a road to ride in the dark.</b>	
	U.S. 89 TO UT 14	40
	UT 14 TO I-15	41
	<b>UT 14 reaches a summit elevation 9917'</b>	
614	<b>CHECKPOINT #1 IN CEDAR CITY</b>	
	I-15 NORTH TO UT 130	4
	UT 130 TO UT 21	36
	UT 21 TO U.S. 50 WEST	107
	U.S. 50 WEST TO NV 278	134
	NV 278 TO I-80 EAST	88
	I-80 EAST TO NV 225 NORTH	20
	<b>RECOMMENDATION – FILL UP IN ELKO – NO GAS UNTIL IDAHO BORDER</b>	
	NV 225 NORTH BECOMES ID 51 – CONTINUE TO MOUNTAIN HOME	180
569	<b>CHECKPOINT #2 IN MOUNTAIN HOME –</b> <b>RECCOMENDATION – CONSIDER OVERNIGHT IN MOUNTAIN HOME – UNLESS YOU ARE CAMPING, NOT MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR MOTEL ROOMS FOR THE NEXT 220+ MILES</b>	
	<b>RECOMMENDATION – WATCH YOUR FUEL LEVEL ON THIS STRETCH</b>	
	U.S 20 north	83
	ID 75 north – Sawtooth Hwy. <b>ID 75 IS A GREAT ROAD</b>	138
	U.S. 93 north	200
	i-90 WEST	173
423	<b>CHECKPOINT #3 IN WALLACE ID</b>	
	U.S. 95 NORTH	94
	ID 1	11
	<b>BORDER CROSSING INTO CANADA</b>	
	CONTINUE ONTO BC 21	11 km
	BC 3 TO 3A	<1 km
	<b>AT THIS POINT, FOLLOW THE SIGNS TO THE FERRY – THEY WILL PUT YOU ON 3A NORTH</b>	
	BC 3A TO FERRY	74 km

<b>THERE IS NO FARE ON THIS CROSSING - CHECK THE FERRY SCHEDULE – <a href="http://www2.gov.bc.ca">www2.gov.bc.ca</a> – CROSSING TIME IS 35 MINUTES</b>		
<b>CONTINUE ON 3A TO BC 6</b>		<b>63 km</b>
<b>NOTE: 3A AND 6 RUN TOGETHER FOR 21 km FROM NELSON TO SOUTH SLOCAN</b>		
<b>BC 6 NORTH (TOWARD NAKSUP)</b>		<b>176 KM</b>
<b>FAUQUIER – NEEDLES FERRY – QUITE SHORT – NO FARE</b>		

## Garmin and Base Camp

For Garmin products you need Basecamp, a free download from Garmin.

Not the most intuitive bit of software, but they do have videos on how to get started. Also lots more instruction available on YouTube.

I open Basecamp & then just drag the file into map window & it should load.

It's best if your GPS is plugged into your computer first before dropping the gpx file.

There may be other ways to open it & transfer it to the GPS, but that's what I use.

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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

## Status Report (eBlast #4) on 3FC19 Hotels at Start and Finish

It is now April, and 4.5 months or so to the final push of getting all our gear in place for the check-in process in San Luis Rio Colorado (SLRC). Despite a few challenges, the 3FC19 Committee continues moving forward in getting all details finalized.

Let's go over some of the details''

1. Start and finish locations finalized - SLRC Sonora Mexico and Vernon BC Canada. Item #7 below addresses hotel reservations.
2. Route and checkpoint were determined. However, a pre-ride recently completed by Paul Lax identified some issues with day 1 routing. Paul and Steve Andrus are redesigning that portion of the route. As soon as that is completed we will release a turn by turn for all.
3. Physical location of each checkpoint will soon be identified. Once Paul has the route completed he will begin making arrangements for check-in locations within the checkpoint cities.
4. A logo design has been completed but is awaiting the final mileage pending Steve and Paul's final route design. This logo is being shopped to the buckle manufacturer for initial consideration to start the buckle design.
5. The committee is considering some pin and patch designs as an alternative to the designed logo. Hat and t-shirt designs are now in progress.
6. The big challenge has been with arranging start and finish hotels; we're please to announce that arrangements are completed.
7. Hotel Araiza has an English speaking staff to take reservations via telephone. Hotel San Angel has part-time English-speaking staff. For the other three, non-English speaking hotels in SLRC, registration will be facilitated by the Mayor's Office of Turismo via an email reservation process to be handled by their English-speaking staff.
  - a. Hotel Araiza can accept telephone reservations using "Three Flags Classic" as the Group Code.
  - b. Reservations for Hotel San Angel, The Hotel Panda Inn, Motel Continental, and Hotel San Antonio can be accomplished via email. Below is the format you need to type into an email and send to:

**[Turismo.sanluisrc@gmail.com](mailto:Turismo.sanluisrc@gmail.com)**

## 3FC19 Start Hotels, SLRC Sonora, Mexico

<b>Hotel Araiza</b>	Av. Francisco I. Madero 1800,		
<b>English-speaking</b>	Residencias, 83448		
	San Luis Río Colorado, Son., Mexico		
		Fee – pay in USD (Tax not included)	
Standard Sencilla	\$70.00 USD	25 rooms	
Standard Doble	\$70.00 USD	25 rooms	
Superior Sencilla	\$80.00 USD	5 rooms	
Superior Doble	\$80.00 USD	5 rooms	
Suites Sencilla	\$95.00	2 rooms	
Suites Doble	\$95.00	3 rooms	
<b>011 52 (653) 517-2400</b>	Ask for reservations, "Three Flags Classic"		

<b>Hotel San Angel</b>	Av Alvaro Obregon 1050,		
<b>Some English</b>	Comercial, 83449		
<b>-speaking</b>	San Luis Río Colorado, Son., Mexico		
	<b>011 52 (653) 849-2981</b>		

		Approx USD	
Standard Sencilla	\$1,200 Pesos	\$70.00 USD	35 rooms
Standard Doble	\$1,400 Pesos	\$80.00 USD	55 rooms

**Email reservation** (if no English-speaking clerk): [Turismo.sanluisrc@gmail.com](mailto:Turismo.sanluisrc@gmail.com)

<b>Panda Inn</b>	1405, Av Alvaro Obregon,		
<b>Spanish-speaking</b>	Residencias, 83448		
	San Luis Río Colorado, Son., Mexico		
	<b>011 52 (653) 535-1997</b>		

		Approx USD	
Standard Sencilla	\$800 Pesos	\$47.00 USD	9 rooms
Standard Doble	\$900 Pesos	\$53.00 USD	20 rooms
Suite Junior	\$1,000 Pesos	\$59.00 USD	4 rooms

**Email reservation:** [Turismo.sanluisrc@gmail.com](mailto:Turismo.sanluisrc@gmail.com)

<b>Continental Hotel</b>	Av Alvaro Obregon 2003,		
<b>Spanish-speaking</b>	Colonia Residencias,		
	San Luis Río Colorado, Son., Mexico		
	<b>011 52 (653) 534-2396</b>		

Standard Sencilla	\$500 Pesos	\$30.00 USD	15 rooms
Standard Doble	\$700 Pesos	\$41.00 USD	45 rooms

**Email reservation:** [Turismo.sanluisrc@gmail.com](mailto:Turismo.sanluisrc@gmail.com)

<b>Hotel San Antonio</b>	Av Alvaro Obregon 269, Comercial, 83449		
<b>Spanish-speaking</b>	San Luis Río Colorado, Son., Mexico		
	<b>011 52 (653) 518-3781</b>		

Sencilla Queen	\$685 Pesos	\$40.00 USD	5 rooms
Doble Queen Suite	\$899 Pesos	\$53.00 USD	8 rooms
Sencilla King	\$757 Pesos	\$45.00 USD	7 rooms
Doble King	\$986 Pesos	\$58.00 USD	5 rooms
Doble Matrimonia	\$785 Pesos	\$46.00 USD	15 rooms

**Email reservation:** [Turismo.sanluisrc@gmail.com](mailto:Turismo.sanluisrc@gmail.com)



## 2019 Three Flags Classic™ SLRC Hotel Registration Form

**Send this info in your email to: [Turismo.sanluisrc@gmail.com](mailto:Turismo.sanluisrc@gmail.com)**

The Panda Inn, Continental, and San Antonio Hotels in San Luis Rio Colorado do not have English speaking clerks at their front desk. The Mayor's Office has arranged for a select individual to go to the motels/hotels and make a reservation for you based on interpreting the information you provide below. (we are working to arrange for an English speaking interpreter to be at these hotels to assist on Thursday when most riders will be checking into their these hotels.

Use the below format when you type your information on the email you send to the hotel.

Please indicate 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> choices in the event a hotel fills up.

**Hotel Choice:** (Please indicate 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> choices in the event a hotel fills up)

- \_\_\_\_\_ San Angel
- \_\_\_\_\_ Panda Inn and Suites
- \_\_\_\_\_ Continental Motel
- \_\_\_\_\_ First available

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last)

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Standard 1 Queen bed	\$125.00
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Standard 1 King	\$135.00
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More rooms will be made available in Vernon depending on demand

### 3FC19 Checkpoint Changes

The Route and Checkpoint teams completed a pre-ride in the USA (yes, they rode in snow). As a result of this pre-ride they provided information to the 3FC19 committee recommending some routing changes and checkpoint changes.

Checkpoints previously announced as Tonopah, Mountain Home, and Sand Point are being reviewed by the committee and may be changed to match with the new routing being proposed by the team.

As soon as a final decision is made, and approval received from the Board of Directors, an eBlast shall be released to inform you of the changes.



## *SCMA's Premier Events*

### **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!!!

<https://sc-ma.com/rides/3-flag-parent/three-flags-classic/>

### **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. <https://sc-ma.com/rides/usa-four-corners-tour-site/usa-four-corners-tour-ride-summary/>

### **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](mailto:rsroger03@gmail.com)

**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's California Triple Crown**

Awarded to riders who successfully finish all three CA Adventure Series events in a single calendar year. Mike Williams will be chairing the selection committee in 2019

### **The SCMA Premier 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 has been replaced by the Premier Grand Slam Award

### **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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