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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Sitting here at the keyboard, reflecting upon the wonderful Thanksgiving I had yesterday hanging out with my family, receiving and sending best wishes to friends via email and cell phone, it got me to thinkin'.

It got me to reflect back upon the time when we only could send a letter to a loved one as a phone call was cost prohibitive. Of all the griping about the difficulty with technology, I am most appreciative of how I can instantly communicate with anyone regardless of where they, or I, are located.

But my thinking then took a step back.....I thought about those days of writing letters to Mom and Dad, to brothers and sister, to my wife when I was stationed away from home. It was very special moment to receive a letter. I remember the anticipation I experienced while opening an envelope.....anticipation of reading someone's stories, adventures and thoughts.

Hmmm, why not do that today?

So I have decided to write letters to my grand daughters with snippets of my adventures, thoughts, and stories.....just to give them a feeling for life as it was before email and texting.

Upcoming Events

Watch for meet up notices via eBlasts

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.....I hope that I shall receive responses via the same method.....and if I do receive letters from them, I wonder if I would feel that same anticipation while opening their letters? ☺

I hope you all had a wonderful thanksgiving dinner and were able to share your time with family and friends.

Now.....about that Christmas list I was going to work on.....

Ride Safe.....Ride Long,
Gonzo



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SOUTHWEST Regional News Section

(Pages 3 – 15)

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

Well, I am back from 3FC and back in the Membership Saddle! What a great ride!! Beautiful weather and scenery! I have begun to process new and renewed applications received over the last month. Please remember to ensure your contact information is correct when you register. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call or email me.

Jim

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Judge Joseph Mandeville

On October 17th we lost a great friend, civic leader, and long time SCMA leader/supporter and avid motorcyclist.

Joe was born in Spearville, Kansas and is survived by his wife Elaine (nee Swiderski), son Joseph M. Mandeville, daughter Suzanne Jones, granddaughter Kristina Jones and grandson Blake Jones.

He was a Chairman of the SCMA for 2 terms (4 years) in 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001. In addition to serving many years on Three Flags Committees, he was a six-time Chairman of the Three Flags Classic in 1984, 1987, 1995, 1996, 2004, and 2011.

Joe was a 7-time finisher of SCMA's USA Four Corners Tour in 1984, 1987, 1988, 1989, 2005, 2008, and 2009 and was awarded BMW's 1,000,000 mile Certificate. Joe also was a member of the Pasadena Motorcycle Club, the Shamrock Road Riders and the Iron Butt Association.

Joe served honorably in Vietnam as a Navy Corpsman assigned to the US Marines, and in 1967 received the Navy Commendation Medal with a "V" device for valor. He earned a BS from Kansas State University, a Juris Doctor from Western University School of Law, and an MBA from California State University. After many years in private practice, Joe was appointed to the bench in 1990 and served until his retirement in 2010.



His love of adventure also led him to obtain his private pilots license in 1999. In his free time he would fly his family to their vacation homes in Palm Springs and Las Vegas. Joe was also proud of his collection of classic cars, especially his '69 and a half Plymouth Dayton Orange Roadrunner.

Joe was bigger than life but despite his vast achievements, Joe remained a simple, humble and kind man.

Elaine, Joseph, Suzanne, Kristina and Blake, on behalf of the members of Southern California Motorcycling Association, we share your loss and sorrow, we are thankful to have benefited from Joe's leadership, and we extend our deepest sympathies.





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Antelope Valley Riders
www.avts.av.org

AZRatPack
www.azratpack.com

BMW Club of SoCal
www.bmwcosc.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

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

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

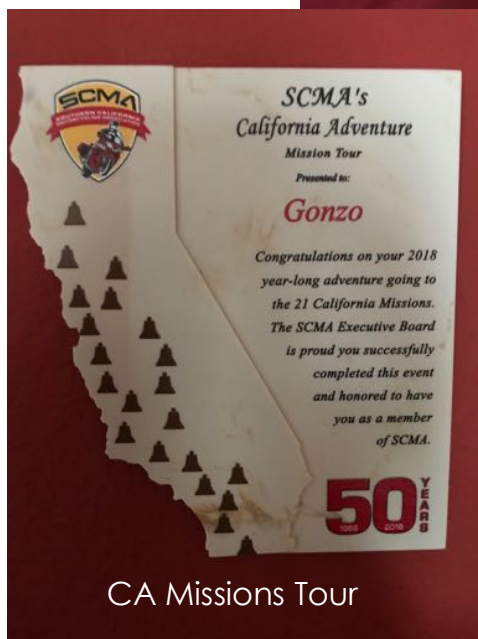
CA Triple Crown



The CA Triple Crown Award.

2018 was the inaugural year for this Award!

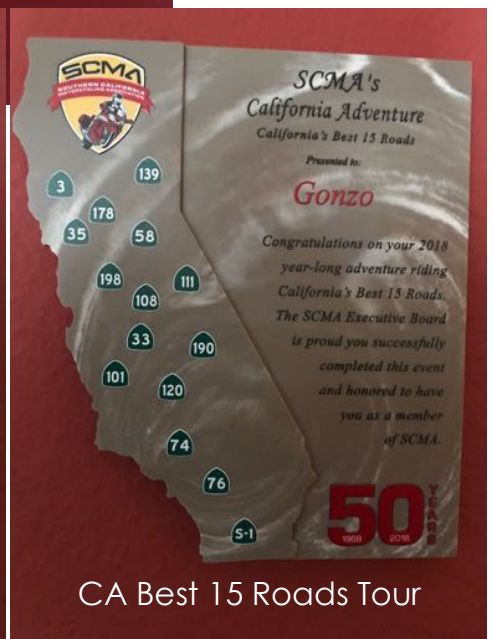
Ride all three of the CA Adventures Series and you will receive this plaque



CA Missions Tour



CA Parks Tour



CA Best 15 Roads Tour



Schedule a nearby provider to make one at your convenience. (Simply search our website www.BigEarInc.com for a provider near you, give them a call and make an appointment...It's that easy !

Or you can use our home impression kit. To do that, contact our Customer Service Department at ghood@bigearinc.com or 719-271-9081.



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

60, 15 roads will be consisting of 5 each Central and South offered over a four-years 2018, 2019, different set of 5 will from the inventory end of a four-year have ridden all 60 fantastic highways.

In addition to CA Adventure award titled the CA

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.

2020 CA Best 15 Roads will be announced by January !!!

that inventory of selected from the North, areas, to be year period. In 2020, and 2021 a be selected so that at the period riders will of these

expanding the Series, a new Triple Crown will

Northern California

Central California

Southern California



The advertisement features a photograph of several BMW motorcycles on a dirt road in a mountainous, hilly landscape. The motorcycles are kicking up dust. In the top right corner, there is a BMW logo with the text 'BMW Motorrad' underneath it. At the bottom of the image, there is white text that reads: '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'.

California Triple Crown

We will continue this challenge in 2020 for SCMA members.

This challenge is completely doable, within reach of everyone, especially members in the southwest region or those 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 15th and November 30th.

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, and is defined as the year in which the rider registers for the event. The rider must then complete the series before Nov 30th of that year of registration.

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





Sell it here !!

We accept free motorcycle-related ads from our members. Send your ad to the newsletter editor by the 25th of the month.



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

310-625-1249 cell





For Sale: 1990 Gold Wing GL1500SE, only 93,000 miles. Really good condition, complete service record, 1990 Honda Service Manual and VIN Printout. Lots of extra accessories including F-4 Windshield, Corbin Seat with sheepskin seat cover, Muth Mirrors with built in turn signals, 55watt running lights, top box rack and luggage. 1998



model headlight and chrome trim. Has a trailer hitch with wiring harness.

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Phil Graber is looking for a motorcycle product.

I'm looking for a motorcycle bracket for a Garmin " Zumo 665LM" which is the zumo with XM in it if somebody has one they are no longer using or if they have one in a box that never got put on the bike

Also I'm looking for a 2010-11-12 BMW 1200 GS as mine is fast approaching the 200000 mile mark and I'd like to replace it with a like bike so all my " stuff" will fit on it
Thanks Phil



Contact Phil at

indianryder46@hotmail.com



Event Calendar

Dec 2019

No Events Scheduled
Watch for possible meetup eBlast

Jan 2020

No Events Scheduled
Watch for possible meetup eBlast

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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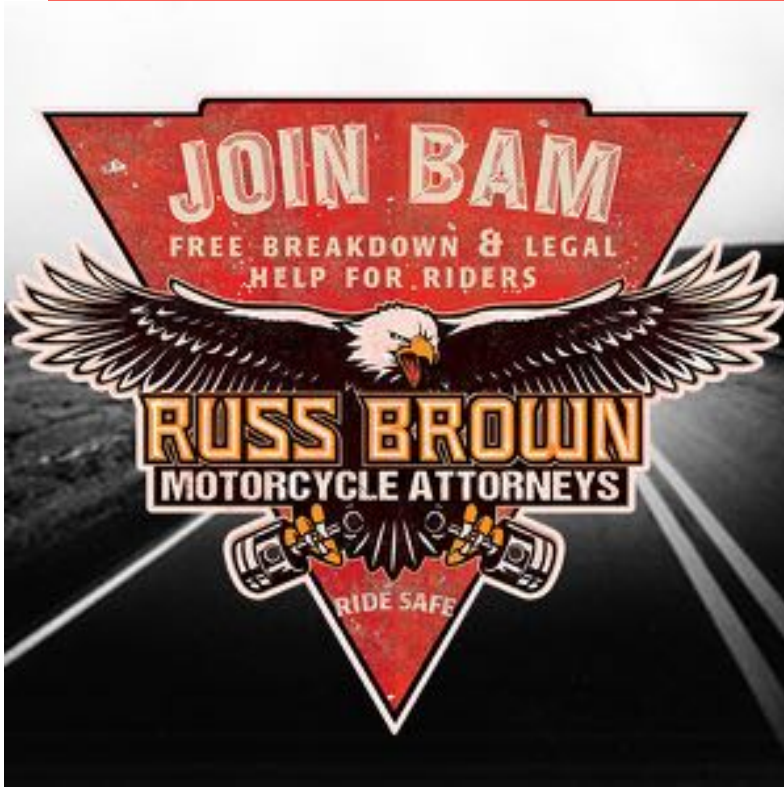
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ABOUT BAM

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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!

All we ask is that you volunteer to help another member in need of assistance if called upon and only if you are available to do so. In turn, your Los Angeles Motorcycle Accident attorneys are here to advise you whether you need our representation or just some guidance and advice after an accident.

Join 2 million fellow bikers who have the strong backing of each other as well as the original Motorcycle Attorneys. Enhance your SCMA membership with all the added benefits of BAM: get your FREE BAM Benefit card by calling 1-800-4-BIKERS or visiting www.russbrown.com.



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

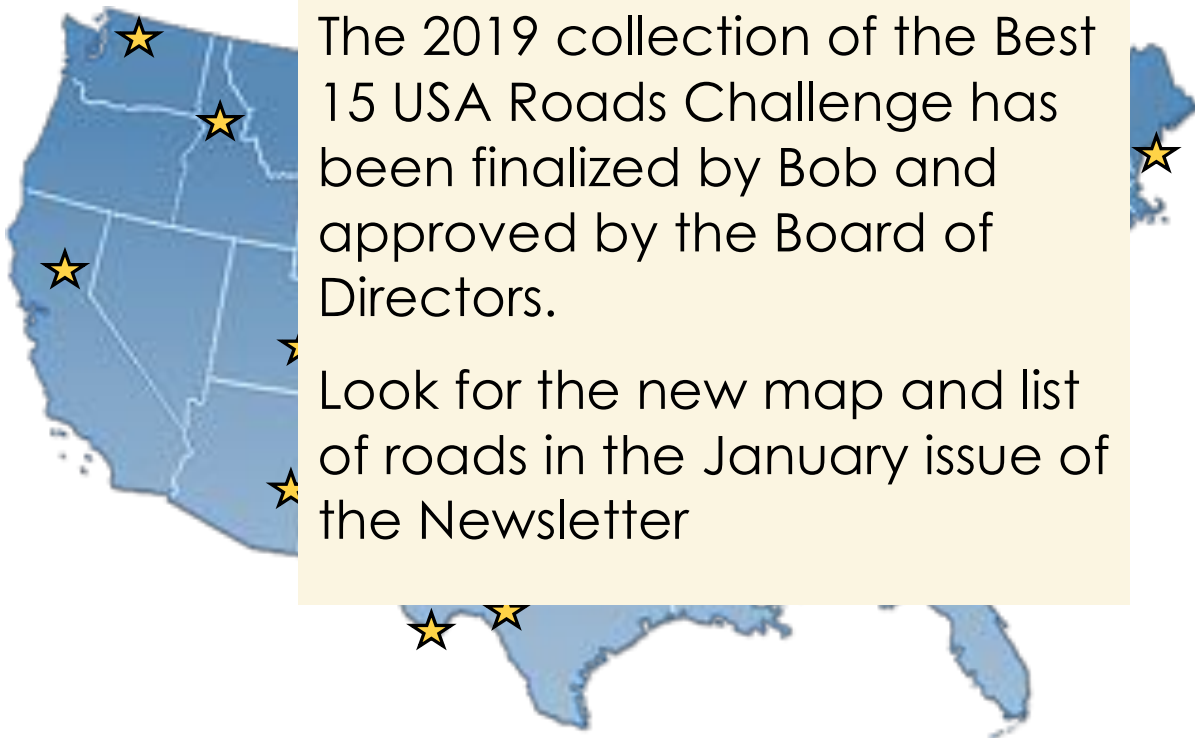


This difficult Premier Ride Challenge is offered again with some interesting changes for its ninth year, 2019. Six replacement roads or road groups, plus a Sixteenth road have been added to the list. A challenge taker may ride any 15 of the 16 listed roads to qualify as a finisher. But, this ride challenge 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



The 2019 collection of the Best 15 USA Roads Challenge has been finalized by Bob and approved by the Board of Directors.

Look for the new map and list of roads in the January issue of the Newsletter

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

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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.



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 in the upper left. Below it, a list of bullet points is shown: '• 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. A small photo credit 'Photo: Matthew Kabbash - 2016' is in the bottom left, and a copyright notice '©2016 Aerostich' is in the bottom right.

2019 Three Flags Classic

By Gonzo #25051

A lot of excitement leading up to 3FC19!!

Route was finalized and released, as were the GPX files; all SWAG was in hand.....shirts and hats looked great.

Last minute update to checkpoint 1 Cedar City location, final pickup of shirts and hats, and then delivery of all SWAG to SLRC a week before the event. I did have a truck search conducted by Mexico customs but Rebecca at the Alcalde's office got me cleared through customs with no problem.

When Bob Roger and I arrived on Wednesday there were already about 10-15 riders to greet us at Hotel Araiza. Miles was there having ridden his side car to the start (he wasn't riding 3FC....just wanted to be there to help with the set up); the Canadian Kamakazi were there (**Brian Hooker, Terry Burrill, Kim Coubrough**) – they departed Calgary and successfully completed a Border-to-Border Insanity in 23 hours and a handful of minutes. **John Cooper** (Start Director), **Colleen Sepulveda**, and a number of others were busy setting up the tables and sorting the gear in preparation for Thursday's check in process.

By Wednesday afternoon the team of **Cooper, Sepulveda, Gullery, Miles**, et al, had the room and SWAG system arranged and ready for Thursday morning's 10:00 am check-in. The only thing left for me to do was to adjourn to the lounge, order a margarita and socialize while scripting the Agenda for Thursday's Mexican Dinner Buffet!!I did my best with the margarita's.

Thursday morning the Team kicked off the 3FC19 rider check-in process.....it was flawless. They did a great job!

John Cooper took over the arrangements of the banquet room and coordinated hanging the Thirty-three foot 3FC Welcome banner. Due to excessive winds John smartly decided to hang it in banquet room.

That evening at the Buffet, John took the stage and started the evening's festivities. He introduced the Three Flags Chairman who welcomed everyone, called everyone up to the stage for a group photo, and presented the evening's agenda. Gonzo also mentioned the recognition of Rider Volunteers who manned the check-in stations. He explained that Volunteer hats were designed for Committee members (Orange) and rider volunteers (yellow);

checkpoint volunteers would also be wearing these hats.

Oscar Palacio, SCMA's



John Cooper, Start Director, addressing check-in volunteers





Mexico Representative, addressed the riders and welcomed everyone to Mexico. Oscar got some laughs when he apologized for not riding this year's Three Flags because he didn't have a bike. Seems he sold his bike in anticipation of the arrival of a new bike he purchased.....Oooops, it didn't arrive on time.

Gonzo then presented Oscar with an appreciation SWAG bag for his hard work in coordinating hotels, city government, Mexican

Customs, and USA Customs. For the benefit of our Mexican sponsors (The Mayor of SLRC and his department heads, Araiza Staff members, US Customs) Gonzo and Oscar displayed and described each SWAG item in the bag.

The Alcalde (Mayor) of San Luis Rio Colorado, **Santos González**



Yescas, took the stage and welcomed us to Mexico. He spoke in Spanish, and his Director of Tourism, Ms **Rebeca Ching**, interpreted for him. It was a wonderful welcome and he had the audience cracking up with a few, funny anecdotes.

The buffet dinner was amazing!!! It was chef styled Mexican dishes with delicious spices and toppings available. Very tasty and filling.....extra portions available for all. During dessert the agenda was resumed with Gonzo calling the assembly to order and, since 3FC is the largest assembly of members, declared the evening as an "All Members" meeting. Prior SCMA Chairmen (**Steve Shulman**) and 3FC Chairpersons (**Jane Usatin, Steve Shulman, Chris White, Rodney Chew**) were recognized as riding the event this year.

In 2017, the Good Samaritan award was overlooked by mistake. **Mike Burges** had provided first aid to victims in a bad, non-3FC crash, so Gonzo gave him recognition at the start, announcing he would also



receive recognition at the Finish Banquet along with the 2019 Good Samaritan. The evening progressed quickly with reading of the rules, discussion of Passport Book contents (Rodney Chew), Start Process (member agreement to allow 2:00am chip drop in bucket), Route Presentation (Steve Andrus), Twitter presentation (Colleen Sepulveda), Border Crossing/re-entry to USA, Raffle prizes (pre-drawn), photographs to flickr, Purpose of Call-Line), and ending with the "First Timers" Q&A meeting.

With that, a motion was made to end the meeting and, with anticipation of a great 3FC ride, we all called it a night. When I got to my room, **John Mickus** was already zonked out; he had to get up very early, as he was the designated 3:30 am holder of the "Start Bucket".



Day 1 - Friday

Bob Roger and I headed out at 5:00am and got in the #3 lane to cross the border. This lane was for "Motorcycle Event" only, and despite being in a long line of motorcyclists it only took us about 30 minutes to cross back into USA!!!

Soon we were on our way out of San Luis, taking a shortcut via AZ-195 to reach US-95 and head to Quartzite about 106 miles north. This was a flat out ride through darkness in the Sonoran Desert! We passed the Yuma Proving Grounds,

and some huge, wind-eroded rocks that were reminiscent of Monument Valley. Being 6-7:00am twilight had come upon us, the sun was slowly rising, and the air, fresh and clear and bearing the scent of the desert, was beginning to warm. We rolled into Quartzsite and decided not to visit the famous monument to Hi Jolly, a Syrian camel master who came to the US in 1856 with a number of camels via a project started by Secretary of War – Jefferson Davis before he became the President of the Confederacy.



In Quartzsite we refueled at the Chevron Station and then continued on to Congress where we stopped for breakfast at Nichols West. From there the ride became interesting as we jumped onto AZ-89, rode past the memorial to the "Granite Mountain Hotshots" firefighters, and headed up the mountain twisties into Yarnell then on to Prescott. After tanking up north of Prescott we continued north on 89 to I-40 east of Ash Fork and rode through Flagstaff on towards Page.

We stopped at the Shell station in Page for fuel and a brief rest. It was getting hot so I decided to don the cooling vest that was swimming in a ZipLok bag full of water. Wearing it made a big difference as it allowed my body temp to cool off a little. But the important thing I failed to do was to eat a meal....instead, after drinking a some water and having a

cliff bar, we got back in the saddle and headed to Kanab.

This is where two things happened to me....first, the cooling jacket was completely evaporated and I was now feeling the heat and, second, I personally was depleted of energy! With that happening to me, Bob and I stopped at McD's, which was going to close in 20 minutes, and had a quick hamburger and coke....that got the energy level back up and I was able to resume the final leg of 80 miles to Cedar City checkpoint.

Forty miles later, after leaving Kanab, we came upon the UT-14 turnoff that would take us to an altitude around 10,000 feet. We had been looking forward to this leg not just because the altitude would make the temperatures cooler, but also for the scenery and vistas we would encounter. This forty-mile section of road is absolutely a joy to ride as it passes through wooded areas, open fields, sweeping curves, and a few twisties.

When we arrived in Cedar City we were surprised to find the street taking us to the checkpoint completely blocked off for a city event. We figured out how to get around the event and finally found the checkpoint.

Checkpoint #1 – Cedar City was manned by the **Duey Vernon and the Christian Motorcycle Association** members from Henderson NV and Cedar City UT. They had a great setup with excellent snacks, water, and soft drinks!

After hanging with the Checkpoint CMA volunteers for a while, Bob and I left for our motel room and an evening dinner.



Day 2 - Saturday

I had not been feeling well since getting overheated in Kanab. Either that or I didn't sleep well. Whichever the cause, Bob decided that we would slab it to Mountain Home via the interstate. (I don't think either of us was happy about that decision because our plan was

to ride the route on days 1,2, and 4. Day 3 we were planning on riding the Lolo Pass US-12, a Best 15 USA Road, between Lewiston ID and Lolo MT.)

The 3FC route for Day 2 was an awesome route.....one that I had ridden twice before. It would take riders through the Great Basin National Park, on



Tim Wanamaker
Checkpoint Captain
Cedar City

Sherry Sutherland,
CkPt Asst Captain

Victim ??

US-50 between Ely and Eureka, then 278N to Elko to get on NV-225/ID-51 into Mountain Home. These roads are awesome as riders travel over the NV high desert with its varying topography and vistas!

While on I-15 I kept thinking we should've ridden the route, but later, I was glad Bob had made the decision to slab it via I-15 and I-84 to Mountain Home. I struggled all day with my riding.....just wasn't comfortable. But we made it to the Mountain Home checkpoint, had a good dinner, and then I hit the sack with hopes of feeling better in the morning.

Hats off to Tim Wanamaker and Sherry Sutherland for organizing Checkpoint #2 and teaming with the local CMA.

Day 3 – Sunday

This was the day that Bob and I wanted to ride the Lolo Pass.

The route itself was to take US-20 out of MH to ID-75. Neither Bob nor I had been on these two roads before so it was frustrating for us to miss out on it. Hwy 75 will probably be known as the best road of 2019! It takes riders through every imaginable road style!! Some 140 miles later, riders were then treated to another great ride as they connected onto US-93 and headed into Lolo and then Missoula to head west on I-90 to reach the 3rd checkpoint in Wallace, ID.

But Bob and I had plans to ride the Lolo Pass for the Best 15 USA Roads. We headed west on I-84 to Boise to take ID-55 to US-95 to get onto US-12 Lolo Pass. All three roads were amazing! We had a great time riding them. A quick story, we were somewhere on 95, coming out of a gas station, when we saw **Betty McCloskey** zip by in her Slingshot. We quickly took off in chase of her and almost caught up to her. But she noticed us in the mirror and opened the throttle to the slingshot and left us in the dust! We never caught up to her after that!

Larry Wanamaker (Checkpoint Captain) and **Susan Ziese** and greeted riders at the checkpoint room that the Wallace Inn provided for 3FC. Dinner later that night was with Larry and Sue at a local restaurant within walking distance.

Day 4 – Monday.

Due to conditions beyond 3FC control, the planned route for the day would be iffy. The route was to take riders to Coeur d'Alene and north through Sandpoint into

Canada to connect onto 3A for Kootenay Bay to catch the ferry to Balfour and on to Hwy 6 to Nakusp and Fauquier Ferry then into Vernon.



Unfortunately, the Kootenay Ferry companies were experiencing an employee strike and, although one of the ferryboats became available, schedules were going to be risky. It was announced to everyone (at start buffet and CkPt#3) to decide on their own how they wanted to handle the Day 4 route. Some did get to ride the ferry, some took Hwy 3 west to 6 and then headed north to Nakusp, and some took 97 out of Spokane. No matter which route was taken, all were treated to the beauty of British Columbia's lakes, woods, and delightful towns.



We arrived in Vernon and found the Vernon Lodge....YAAAAYYY.....we were finishers! Finish Director **Dave Senger** and his crew were there to welcome us, review our 3FC19 passports, and present us with our Finisher's Buckle. **Steve Shulman** and crew were there selling promotional 3FC20 T-shirts, and the lounge was serving COLD Canadian beer....what more can an old tired rider ask for??

A great dinner.....that's what could be asked for.....and exactly what was presented by the menu in the Lodge's restaurant. The Vernon Lodge had a huge courtyard in the center of the building, plants and trees abounded, hanging lights, and subdued tables lamps created an ambiance that was enjoyed by all. The menu provided excellent entrée choices and the wine list was well chosen. This was a welcome change after subsisting on motel breakfast food and Mickey D sandwiches for 3 days....(but always an excellent beer before bed)!

Day 5 – Tuesday (Banquet Day)

The day started with a superb breakfast buffet specifically crafted for 3FC riders by the Lodge's chef. He even had a biscuit and gravy serving along with a wide variety of eggs, meats, pastries, breads, juices, coffee and teas.

Brian Sowers & Betty McCloskey – 3FC19 Oldest Riders



At 10 am the 3FC committee members met to review the banquet arrangements and finalize the evening's agenda. This fantastic team of committee members came up with more great ideas on how to streamline the agenda, get everything covered, and wrap up the evening early enough to allow riders to prepare for their morning departure – their final leg, homeward bound trip.

Riders began assembling in the Vernon Lodge's banquet room around 4:30pm. **Dave Senger** had done a great job directing the room's table arrangement, stage location, food service area, and getting banners hung in key places. The first task at hand was to have a group photo taken beneath the 2019 Banner. **Reuben Friesen** was our master photographer for 2019.....and he did a superb job climbing upon a 15 foot ladder without breaking his leg!! We were able to seat **Betty McCloskey (see her interview at: <https://www.castanet.net/news/Vernon/265018/Ride-granny-ride>)** in the front of the group in honor of her amazing, ageless accomplishment.



With the group photo completed, Dave then welcomed the riders and began the evening's agenda with calling for the piper and drummer to lead the flag bearers into the room. The drummer (Neil Morrison) beat a march and the piper (Maureen Soichuk) bagged out another great one as they led flags (CAN-Holly Turton, USA-Kaitlin Mollette, MEX-Rodney Chew) into the banquet room filled with riders standing in respect to our respective nation's flags. With the flags in place, and flag bearers introduced and applauded,

the piper and drummer marched from the room and Gonzo took the stage to introduce Canada's Mounty representative, Constable **Nick Reimann**. The Constable gave a superb welcome to all and had us laughing in the seats with a story of one of a traffic stop early in his career. Note for the record, Constable Nick is now licensed as a motorcycle constable and he rode his bike to the Vernon Lodge!

Next was a moment of silence in place of an invocation, and then the evening's excellent dinner buffet was opened.

The agenda was resumed during dessert and over 40 volunteers were named and called to the stage to be recognized for their hard work in making 3FC19 a success. Their names and positions can be seen on subsequent pages.

The "Good Samaritan" was awarded retroactively to **Mike Burgess** for his EMT activity in 3FC17, and for 2019 to **Manny Smith** for his helping at a deer crash incident.

Les Gullery then presented the rider stats. There's quite a few numbers of stats, as well as the names of prizewinners, so I decided to place it on a separate page following this article.

Colleen and **Charlie Lamb** (3FC19/SCMA Secretary) next conducted the awarding of raffle prizes. These were prizes from our sponsors and included 2-Aerostich Riding suits, Shoei Helmet, Dunlop Tires, TourMaster Riding Jackets from Helmet House, discounts from Corbin and Sargent Cycle accessories, Irv Seaver BMW Gift Certs, Big Ear certificates, Venture Heat riding gear discounts, Stop N Go gear, ROK Straps, Bohn Body Armor riding gear, and many more! **Dan Burt** did an awesome job recruiting these awesome companies to sponsor the 2019 Three Flags Classic.....Thank You Dan and Thank You Sponsors !!

Chris White (Chair 3FC17) and **Steve Shulman** (Chair 3FC15) then held the traditional Rider Stand-Up Sit Down. First was the recognition to first time riders of the Three flags Classic.....It was exciting to see 30-40 riders stand as being first timers! Next was to invite everyone to stand.....Chris and Steve then began inviting riders to sit down as the number of years having ridden Three Flags were called;

“If this is your 2nd year of riding Three Flags, please sit down”

“If this is your 3rd year of riding Three Flags, please sit down”

etc.....all the way to 30 years when the last few riders were asked to come forward and be recognized. This year marked Gloria Amesqua's and Dannie Fox's 41st year of riding the Classic!

The BIG PRIZE that everyone wanted to hear being made was the 50-30-20 raffle held by **Sandra Downs**.

Winners of this year's cash raffle received \$850 (20%)-Larry Wanamaker, \$1,224 (30%) we don't have this individual's name, and \$2,040 (50%)-Dannie Fox!!!



Sandra has been a huge mainstay for Three Flags by being present year after year (2017 excepted when Ken was very ill and couldn't ride). She takes on the job, beginning at the start, of selling practically every ticket. In years past she would literally tackle people and encourage them to buy a ticket....then buy more! This year she fooled me.....I bought \$20 at the start and forgot that I



had.....when she got me to buy \$20 again at the finish! Such is her persuasiveness that this year she raised \$4,114 for the raffle. She did all of this while experiencing much discomfort from her injured foot and having to get around in a wheelchair! Hats off to Sandra for being such a huge supporter of 3FC!!

Gonzo then announced **Steve Shulman as the Chairman for 3FC20** and invited him to make a presentation. Steve reported that the 2020 Start location would be Mexicali, Sonora MEX and the Finish Location would



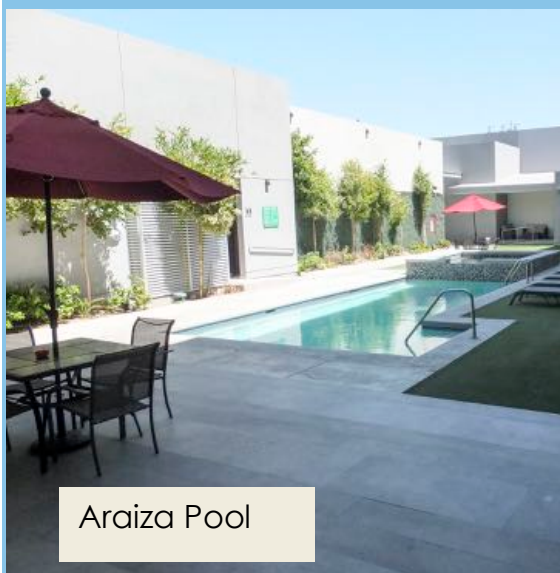


be in/near Vancouver, BC, CAN. He reported as having a rough outline for the route and is working to present it to the Board in November for approval.

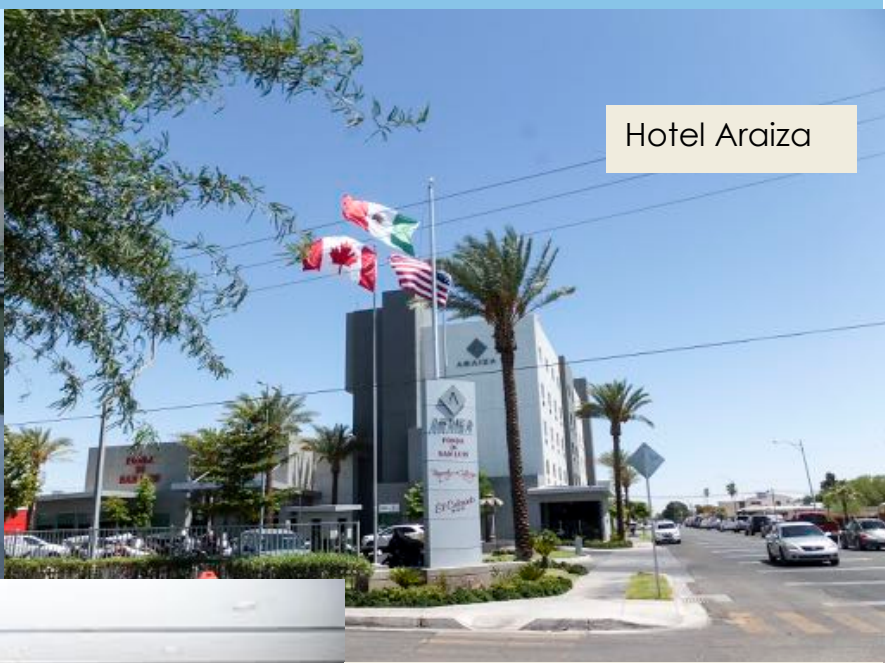
Next up the two Nigerian Riders "Buki" (Houston) and Sam Akinfe (Nigeria) took the stage and told their challenge of crossing the Canadian Border. Then Buki sang a song he wrote about riding...pretty cool stuff!

With that Gonzo brought the banquet evening to a close, invited everyone to

ride the 3FC in 2020 and to bring a friend, and wished all a great ride home!



Araiza Pool



Hotel Araiza



Group photo at the start

A partial display of the variety at the Mexican Buffet



We have too **many photos** to be able to display the full 3FC19 event. Please paste the following links (copy and place in your browser)

Reuben Friesen's Collection: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ma7mZnC0v-3gyihMGE-MO9zQMe0TiRuW>

SCMA's Collection:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/135120412@N05/albums/72157710771293243>

3FC19 Volunteers at the Finish Banquet



3FC19
Group
Photo

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3FC19 Volunteers

3FC19 Committee Members: These members attended the monthly committee meetings and worked on the planning stages since January.

Board Members

Gonzo Chairman 3FC
Rodney Chew 3FC Advisor SCMA Vice Chair, SCMA Risk Director
Charlie Lamb 3FC Secretary, SCMA Secretary
John Mickus 3FC Treasurer, SCMA Treasurer
John Filley 3FC Registrations, SCMA Membership Director
Dannie Fox, Passport Photos, USA4C Chairman
Mike Williams, 3FC Advisor, CA Adventures Chairman
Bob Roger, 3FC Advisor, Best 15 USA Roads Chairman

Committee members

Steve Andrus, Route Design, Advisor
Turin Atol, Acquisition Director, Advisor
Dan Burt, Sponsor Recruiting Director
John Cooper, Start Director
Reuben Friesen, Logo Concept Artist, 3FC Photographer, Advisor at Large
Steve Howe, Quartermaster
Jack Knorst, IT Director
Brian Hooker, Canada Representative, Finish Advisor
Oscar Palacio, Mexico Representative, Start Coordinator-Facilitator
Dave Senger, Finish Director
Colleen Sepulveda, Publicity, Sponsor recruitment, Twitter, Advisor
Tim Wanamaker, Checkpoint #2 Captain, Advisor at Large
Doug Wilson, facebook Director

Advisors to the Chairman

Mike Barber, Advisor
Barbara Fox, Advisor
Max Marker, Advisor
Miles, Advisor, start location selection
Steve Shulman, Advisor, previous 3FC/SCMA chairman

3FC19 Volunteers

Route Design/Checkpoints

Steve Andrus, Route Design
Jim Bullen, GPX File, Turn by Turn Route Sheet
CMA Henderson NV Chapter, Checkpoint #1
Steve Howe, Quartermaster, Checkpoint supplier
CMA Idaho Chapters, Checkpoint #2
Paul Lax, Checkpoint Director, Route Design, Pre-ride, Route Sheet
Andrew Measures-CMA NV/ID, Checkpoint #2
Sherry Sutherland, Checkpoint #2

Duey Vernon Checkpoint #1 Captain
 Larry Wanamaker, Checkpoint #3 Captain
 Tim Wanamaker, Checkpoint #2 Captain
 Susan Ziese, Checkpoint #3



Start – Wed Setup, Check-in, etc

Steve Andrus, Check-in Stations
 Turin Atol, Set-up, Check-in Stations
 Gary Ballou, Set-up, Check-in Stations
 Mike Barber, Set-up, Check-in Stations
 Roger Brassard, Check-in Stations
 John Buchanan, Check-in Stations
 John Cooper, Start Director
 Sandra & Ken Downs, 20-30-50 Raffle
 Barbara Fox, check-in stations, Advisor
 Dannie Fox, Passport Photos
 Reuben Friesen, Check-in Photography
 Shelly Friesen, Set-up, Check-in Stations
 Doug Green, Check-in Stations
 Les Gullery, Stats, Start Check-in, Awards
 Candace Hartley, Check-in Stations
 Brian Hooker, Set-up, Check-in Stations
 Pat Julien, Check-in Stations
 Miles, Set-up, Check-in Stations
 Terry Owen, Check-in Stations
 Bob Roger, Set-up, Check-in Stations
Colleen Sepulveda, Start co-Director
 James Tremblay, Check-in Stations
 Leo Trudel, Check-in Stations



Finish, Vernon Lodge

Shellu Burrill, Finish check-in
 Terry Burrill, Finish check-in
 Dan Cook, Finish check-in
 Bev Friesen, Finish check-in
 Gord Friesen, Finish check-in
 Brian Hooker, CAN Rep, Finish Advisor
 Kathy Lamarche, 2020 T-Shirt Sales, Finish check-in
 Collette Laplante, Finish check-in
 Jan Orem, 2020 T-Shirt Sales, Finish check-in
Dave Senger, Finish Director, Banquet Arrangements
 Jacqueline Senger, Finish check-in
 Cheryl Swityk, Finish check-in
 Terry Swityk, Finish check-in
 Gordin Warner, Finish check-in
 Brandon Watson, Sales Director Vernon Lodge



2019 3 Flags Classic Tour Statistics & Awards:

3FC19 entrants (tickets sold)	233
3FC19 Official Starters by country	USA:141, Canada:87, Baja Mexico: 5, Nigeria: 2
(Rider cards handed in)	Alberta 39, BC 37. Man 5, Sask 3, NFLD 2, Ont 1. California 69, AZ 24, TX 10, WA 7, CO 4, NV Iowa 3, NV 3, OR 3, WY 3, ML 2, OH 2, These states had 1 rider each: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia
First year of 3 Flags Classic tour	# new riders. Appears 30+ this year, (no count, sorry)
Didn't start, or didn't finish	25 non-starters, 15 non-finishers; 40 total. Non-finishers: breakdown, tires, personal, etc
Accidents:	(2) Deer strike, (1) Blown tire
Number of Women riders	18 riders, ? passengers (215 Male riders) Male: 59, Female: 58. In 90's- 1, 80's- 3, 70's- 53, 60's- 115, 50's- 42, 40's- 11, 30's- 5, 20's- 1, 17- 1
Average age of entrants	
Oldest Male Finisher:	89 – Bryan Sowers 93 – Betty McCloskey (Slingshot) https://www.castanet.net/news/Vernon/265018/Ride-granny-ride
Oldest Female Finisher:	
Youngest Male	24 - Ali Bashir
Youngest Female	17 – Katrina Bulger
Most Miles to get there	Joe Trudel, Maine, 3314 m, Susan Pendleton, Prince George, 1957 m
Most 3 Flags Tours	#41 for Danny Fox, & Gloria Amesqua
Bike Makes	72 Honda, 56 BMW, 52 Harley Davidson, 14 Yamaha, 8 Victory, 8 Other, 6 Triumph, 3 Indian, 2 Suzuki, 3 Can Am, 2 Kawasaki, 2 KTM, 1 Ducati, 2 Moto Guzzi.
Smallest CC bike	Katrina Bulger, CB500X Honda
Oldest Bike	David Heusser, 1996 BMW
Good Samaritan	2019-Manny Smith 2017-Mike Burges
Highest Poker Hand	Terry Burrill
Twitter Game	Brian Norrie Terry Owen, Phil
New Aerostich riding Suits	Graber

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Prizes Won By Rider # Raffle

Poker Chip – 3FC20 Free ticket:	Gloria Amesqua
Miles – Free 3FC20 ticket #2	Ron Farkas
50/30/20 draw winners	50% - \$2,040 Danny Fox-AZ, 30% - \$1224 to ???, 20% - \$850 to Larry Wanamaker-MT
New Aerostich riding Suits	Phil Grabar-NV, Terry Owen-CA
Shoei Helmet	Gene Ehret, AL
Dunlop Tires	Les Preston-BC, Holly Turton-BC
Irv Seaver BMW Gift Cert	Roy Morgan-BC, Steve Morris-CA, Steve Allen-WA
Corbin Seat	Holly Turton-BC
Sargent Cycle Products-seat	Marcel St Amanp
Helmet House	Steve Morris-CA, Blake Mahler-CA, Robert Therrell-TX
Venture Heat	Wes Mossing-BC, Gonzo-AZ, Dan Thomas-WA, Greg Gordey-AB, Dennis MM-AZ, , Richard Pederson-OR, Michael Farmer-IA, Tim McGinn-AB, Gary Ballou-OH, Brian Maier-SK
Big Ear	Jay Dorsey-AZ, James Filley-CA, Mike Strader-CA, Steve Brandt-CA
Stop N Go	Brian Norrie, AB
LDC Comfort	Anthony Dulcich-CA, Robert Torres-CA,
Rok Straps	Mitch Friedman-CA, Jo-Anne Cardinal-BC
Twitter Game	Brian Norrie

Join Our Woman Rider Consumer Panel And make your voice heard!



Women are the fastest-growing segment of the motorcycle industry, and we also happen to exercise considerable control over household purchases even when we aren't the one in the rider's seat. I think that motorcycle and apparel manufacturers, tour companies and dealerships all want to make us happy...they just don't know how to do that!

So I thought, let's create a consumer panel, so that we can join together in a chorus impossible to ignore, and make our voices and opinions known.

I would like to invite YOU to join our first-ever Woman Rider Consumer Panel. If you would like to participate, the link at the bottom of this page will take you to a survey with some baseline demographic questions that will give us an idea of who we all are and what we ride. I'll share some of that information with you once we've compiled it, and we can see what our family of moto-sisters looks like

Then, we'll start sending out questions to those of you on our panel, where you can share your opinions, desires and dislikes. We won't spam you—I'm picturing maybe one or two emails per month—and it's important for you to know that I take your privacy very seriously, so none of your personal info (like your email) will be shared when we compile the panel's answers.

The link to join our Consumer Panel is below. Please feel free to share it with other woman riders who might not be on our e-newsletter list. Let's stand together and be heard!

Join at: (Copy and paste into your browser)

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Jenny Smith
Managing Editor, Rider Magazine
Editor, Woman Rider

Editor's Note: Jenny Smith is a 3FC18 Finisher and published a 3FC article in both Rider and Woman Rider Magazines.

SCMA's Premier Events

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

The planning for the 2020, 45th Annual Three Flags Classic is gaining momentum. The ride will start in Mexicali, Sonora, Mexico, and head north for a finish in BC Canada. The ride will be 5 days in duration and around 2,600 miles. 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 2020, travel our annual challenge found on our website. <https://sc-ma.com/rides/best-15-us-roads-challenge/> Bob Roger is chairing this event.

California Adventure Series:

Adventure (CPA), the CA Missions (CMT) helps to qualify for the Triple Crown.

CPA: During any single calendar year, ride all 25 National Parks and Monuments in California.

CMT: During any single calendar year, ride all 21 California Missions. It works just like the Triple Crown. [parent/california-missions-award/](https://sc-ma.com/parent/california-missions-award/)

CB15: Ride the CA Best 15 US Roads Challenge. The event can be found on our website. <https://sc-ma.com/ca-best-15-us-roads-challenge/>

The 2020 collection of the Best 15 USA Roads Challenge and CA Best 15 will soon be presented.

Look for the new maps and list of roads in the January issue of the Newsletter

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 combination of any 3 from the premier group: 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 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. Charlie Lamb will be chairing the selection committee in 2020.

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Somewhere beautiful on the 3FC Route

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