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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Christmas 2019 was very good for me.....I was able to celebrate it with my son and extended family living in the Palo Alto/San Jose areas. My son recently relocated to Palo Alto having landed a new position there.

My daughter's family and I wanted to celebrate Christmas with him and found it a great opportunity to hold a reunion with our extended family in the Bay Area.

When I reached the party house that night it was overwhelming to be embraced by everyone and have such a fun party.

As I look back on it now, it is much like when arriving at a Three Flags Classic start location. Whenever I arrive at a start, I am immediately greeting old friends, giving hugs, high-fives, cheers....all amidst laughter and smiles. It is a great feeling being at a Three Flags start!

Steve Shulman (3FC20 Chair) has moved along quite well (despite a bump in the BC CAN road) and selected Penticton for our 2020 finish. He's identified the route, checkpoints, and we have a date for starting registration.

Each chair of the other Premier Rides has also

Upcoming Events

Watch for possible destination ride eBlast	Jan
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast	Feb
Annual Awards Dinner (Actual date TBA)	7 or 14 Jan

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finished reviews of their tours. You'll see new roads in Best USA 15 and the CA Best 15 Roads. You'll also see some price adjustments.....yup, the outside world is raising our cost of business, forcing us to make adjustments.

Our Banquet will be scheduled for March....Mike Williams is making some adjustments to the venue.....making the event more simple, cozy, and fun!

New Year's Eve is upon me today. 2020 is only a few hours away. Again, I benefit welcoming the New Year with loved ones.

But my real New Year's Eve will be Saturday, January 4th at 10:00 am when I, and my SCMA family are dutifully hunkered over our computers registering for 3FC20!

I am so looking forward to seeing y'all in Mexicali and greeting old friends, giving hugs, high-fives, cheers....all amidst laughter and smiles.

Wishing you a wonderful New Year and the best of 2020!

Ride Safe.....Ride Long,

Gonzo



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SOUTHWEST Regional News Section

(Pages 3 – 19)

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

Membership packages continued to be mailed...just a tad slower being a slow time of the year. January will see a huge increase as registrations for 3FC begin. Please remember to ensure your contact information is correct when you register. I still have to complete some packages for our Life members that have contacted me asking for new membership cards. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call or email me.

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www.bmwcosc.com

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www.pasadenamc.com

Red Hot Riders of San Diego
www.redhotriders.com

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

A banner for GO AZ Motorcycles. At the top, there are logos for various motorcycle brands: Aprilia, BMW, Ducati, KTM, Triumph, Honda, Ural, Vespa, and Kawasaki. Below the logos is a photograph of a motorcycle dealership with several motorcycles on display. In the center of the banner is a shield-shaped logo with a red and yellow sunburst design and a blue star. Below the shield, the text "GO AZ Motorcycles" is written in a stylized font. 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".

Mark Burdick

SCMA Referee - Risk Manager

Hello Everyone,

Please join us in welcoming Mark Burdick to the SCMA Board of Directors as the Risk Manager/Referee.

Mark grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma, moving to Houston, TX in the late 1970s. Mark has worked his entire career in Information Technology and is closing in on retirement in 5 years.

Mark started riding on dirt bikes on his Dad's ranch and progressed to loving long-distance motorcycle touring like the rest of this membership. His garage currently has a 2007 SE Harley Ultra, 2014 BMW GS 1250 Adventure and 2016 BMW K1600 GTLE parked inside, but he has an eye to adding a Honda Goldwing to the stable.

Mark read an ad for the 2012 37th Annual Three Flags Classic in the BMW ON magazine that started in El Paso, TX, and finished in Nelson, BC. He got a last-minute ticket and attended the Rally. Little did he know he would make life long friends on that ride and would only miss one Classic in the following seven years.

Mark wanted to give back to the organization to ensure its continued viability to the long-distance motorcycle touring community so he volunteered to serve. Mark's business background provided a good foundation for performing the responsibilities required for the Risk Manager role on the board.

Mark is married to Candice, his wonderful wife, who also loves touring and has ridden several of these Three Flags Classics on the backseat with him.

Mark is grateful to be able to serve you as a Board member and welcomes your questions and feedback.

He wishes the entire membership a very Happy New Year and Decade.



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!

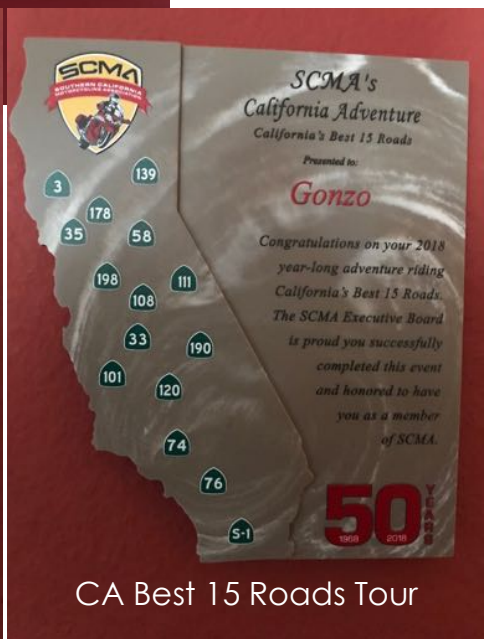
Ride all three of the CA Adventures Series and you will receive this plaque in addition to the individual plaques displayed below.



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.





The advertisement features a photograph of several BMW motorcycles on a dirt road in a mountainous, arid landscape. The motorcycles are kicking up dust. In the top right corner, there is a small BMW logo with the text 'BMW Motorrad' underneath it. At the bottom of the image, the following text is displayed in a white, sans-serif font: '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'.

Breakfast with ABATE Local #8

IMS in Long Beach

I got back into SoCal Saturday late afternoon, and immediately rolled the GS out to get it ready for a Sunday Ride to Long Beach. With the exception of tire pressure being low about 6 lbs in each tire, the GS was in perfect condition for a simple 90-mile round trip ride.

Sunday morning was perfect weather, in the high 60's and little to no wind. The sun was shining with a promise of reaching a high in the mid-70's. Ahhh, weather is one of the few things that is good about SoCal.....the others of course are great rides with oceanic views and fantastic hills/mountains. But I digress.....

The ride north on I-405 was surprisingly uneventful. Usually there is a ton of traffic, even on a Sunday! Best part of this leg is that no one attempted to kill me.....something that happens every now and then when drivers are texting, eating an In N Out, or vaping (Ooops, there I go digressing again).

I took the Westminster exit and immediately my mind kicked in to when I was working at Boeing and had an office at the Seal Beach and Huntington Beach facilities. This exit was my standard exit to reach the office. I didn't divert to check out the HB Facility but I rode directly past the Seal Beach building still proudly displaying the Boeing name on it. Continuing on the street becomes E 2nd street at the LA Dept of Water and Power generation facility as the road leaves Seal Beach and enters Long Beach.

This is where riders get to see the ocean, marina, etc. I love this marina here....we get to see many boats, water, breathe fresh ocean air, and find some really neat restaurants. We were meeting at *Schooner or Later* and I was the last one to arrive. It was a fun time to meet up with the ABATE gals and guys and talk about bikes, roads, interesting destinations, etc. The best part was that my simple breakfast of 2 eggs was free....oh yeah, I mooched a piece of sourdough toast from Mike Barber when he wasn't looking.

After breakfast Steve Howe and I rode to the Long Beach Convention Center and once again I was amazed that no one tried to inadvertently run me off the road. We road through the little town/Island of Naples and all its shops, then 2nd street turns onto E Ocean Blvd and passes through Belmont Shores where my daughter used to compete at the huge Olympic Swim Facility. Ocean Blvd parallels the sandy beach of Long Beach and I was now getting a good view of the ocean and the 4-manmade islands that are offshore oil drilling derricks completely camouflaged to look like buildings and apartments. The islands are "*named after early astronauts killed in the line of duty: White, Grissom, Chaffee, and Freeman. That led to their being named the "Astronaut Islands" (italics from online Curbed LA Newsletter).*

Entering the parking lot area of the Convention Center (free parking for motorcycles) we found it easy to get a parking slot.....it was Sunday and the 3rd day of the event. As Steve and I were walking towards the entry we bumped into the Eric (PMC) and Gil (Combat Vets) Whitley. Cool!! Already we were seeing fellow SCMAers!

As always, the event was loaded with new bikes and vendors and I teamed up for awhile

with John Mickus checking out BMWs and then Yamaha pedal bikes. Mitch Friedman was there and he gave me a copy of *Thunder Press* that ran his story about 3FC19 (we hope to get permission to run the story next month).

I then teamed up with Erik and Gil and we toured the whole place checking everything out.

It was another excellent time at the IMS

See y'all there next year!!







the ultimate stretch strap



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 20 in the North, 20 in the South of inventory of 60, 15 consisting of 5 Central and South over a four-year 2019, 2020, and 5 will be selected that at the end of riders will have fantastic

In addition to Adventure Series, the CA Triple awarded to riders

complete series. This award will be similar to the Triple Crown awarded to finishers of three of premier rides.

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

All roads can be ridden in either direction, be sure to obtain your gas or store receipt and write your mileage for the start and for the finish.

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

Northern California

Central California

Southern California

2020 Best 15
Roads will be
announced
next month !!!

CA broken down to in the Central, and 20 California. From that roads will be selected each from the North, areas, to be offered period. In years 2018, 2021 a different set of from the inventory so a four-year period ridden all 60 of these highways.

expanding the CA a new award titled Crown will be completing the

California Triple Crown

We have a new challenge for SCMA members.

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

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

The Board of Directors came up with the idea of recognizing those riders who successfully complete the full CA Adventure Series in one calendar year between January 1st and November 30th.

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

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

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

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

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

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

<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.
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If you ever thought about building a trike this might be a great cycle for that project. Has a lot of miles left for good riding on either two or three wheels.

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For more info contact Doug Green at
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Buy it here !!

Phil Graber is looking for a mc product.

See below

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

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Event Calendar

- Jan
No Events Scheduled
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast
- Feb
No Events Scheduled
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast
- March
 - 7 Potential Date for Awards Dinner
 - 14 Potential Date for Awards Dinner

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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Update On Annual Awards and Appreciation Dinner (Either the 7th or 14th of March)

I'm hoping the above title catches your eye!!!

We will be having a 2020 Awards Dinner - we just haven't been able to nail down the location yet. Regardless, we wanted to get this info out to you so you could mark the two date options on your calendar (in pencil for now).

In the last few years we have held the banquet dinner at the Wyndham in Irvine. Earlier this year the Wyndham sold the property so we have decided to change our venue to something different.

We have the good fortune of having Mike and Teresa Williams volunteer to help out with Banquet arrangements; they have been searching across the LA Basin for a location for the event. As the Board, Mike, and Teresa envisioned it, they wanted a dinner within a more reasonable price range.....less formal and more down-home cozy.

Mike and Teresa have visited a number of restaurants and halls from the Ontario area to Simi Valley and have narrowed the location down to two spots.

Negotiations are in process but they can announce that the event will be held on either the 7th of March, or the 14th. Depending on which location is selected.

The location will be either Montrose or Duarte CA.

Once the details are finalized, an eBlast will be sent with needed information, including local Hotels/Motels to consider for reservations.

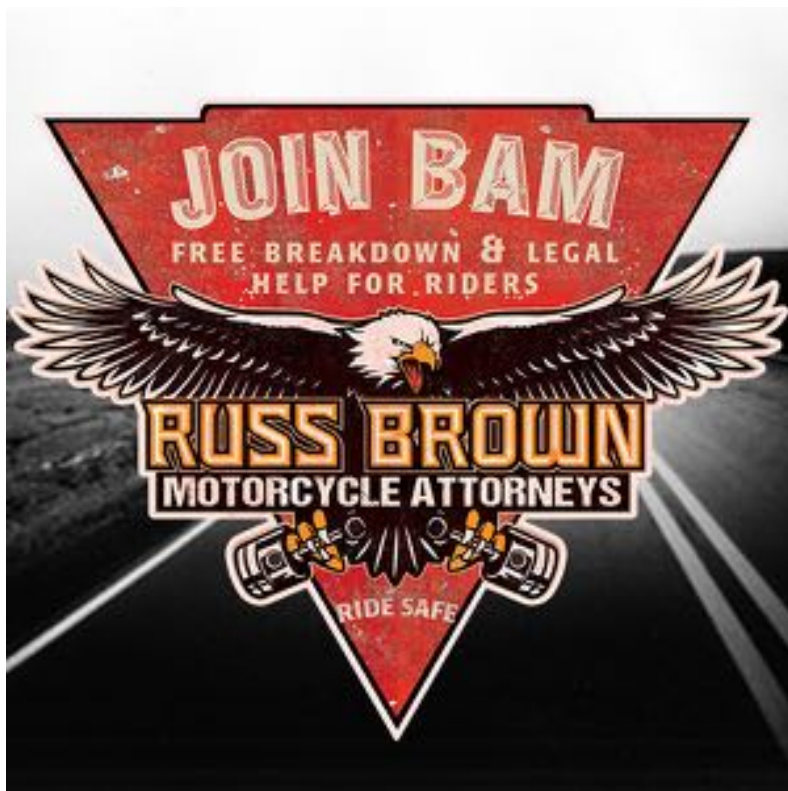
For those flying into the LA Basin, nearby airports will be Burbank, Van Nuys and Ontario. LAX and Orange County are also possibilities but a little farther away.

Thank you for being patient waiting for this announcement. The next eBlast will be coming out as soon as the final arrangements have been negotiated.

We hope to see many of you at the party/dinner!!

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.

Lebanon Bash 2019

Lebanon KS is a favorite place for SCMA, most especially for those riders that completed the USA Four Corners True X. Each year, some time in September (after Three Flags), the town leaders hold the "Lebanon Bash" and SCMA riders are invited to be part of the "Parade Down Main Street".

This year it was held on Saturday, 14 September and a group of us were excited to be there. The original plan for my eventual arrival in Lebanon was to ride the Three Flags, then meet up with Bob Roger in Redding for us to ride 3-4 Best 15 USA Roads. I would split off from Bob's homeward bound trek somewhere north of Lebanon, near Kearny on I-80, and then head south to Smith Center. Unfortunately our plans for a lot of exciting rides came to an end when Bob's bike became inoperable west of Oroville on CA-99.



Mike Williams and I teamed up in AZ a week later and enjoyed a two-day ride to Lebanon. We departed the greater Phoenix area around 7 am Thursday morning (Sep 12th) and headed north on I-17 to I-40 east towards Albuquerque then north on I-25 to Raton for our first night's motel. Dinner that night was in K-Bob's Steakhouse for a great meal!

Early next morning we were on our way to Trinidad where we would then head northeast on US-160 to merge onto US-350 towards La Junta and CO-109 as we continued north to connect onto KS-36 to Smith Center.

Our destination for the night was the US Center Motel where Mike and I would meet up with other SCMA Riders: Dean Sarrocco (CA), Phil and Brad Graber (NV), Dominic DiVincenzo (NV), and Neal Herndon (Lebanon resident).

Friday night we met up at "Pooches", an awesome local dive, that makes a great Kansas Steak served with cheap wine! Then back at the Center Motel where we sat out in the courtyard sipping on some brew and telling stories.

Morning sunshine found us next door for a fun breakfast at Paul's Café. Many local farmer's and business workers stop there for breakfast and it was fun to chat with them and answer their questions about where we were from and why we were attending the Bash.

After breakfast we rode 13 miles east on KS-36 into Lebanon. The Bash was getting started with about 50 folks milling about and checking out the car show, socializing, buying

lunches from the food caterers, and playing in various competition games for young and old. We went in to Ladow's and had a simple lunch provided by the folks who reject tips!!

Before Parade time, the children's tractor pull competition was held. This is where age groups competed in pedaling a Deere Tractor cycle while pulling a trailer loaded with various weights. My photos of this fun event turned out to be videos (yeah, I'm still challenged with technology !!) so I wasn't able to insert them here.

I then wandered over to the car show and saw some amazing vehicles: 327 camaro's, '27 hot rod with an amazing candy red paint job, Model T Fords, '55 chevy, Firebird, Corvette, '37 Chevy Coupe, some choppers, and an amazing tow truck called "The Big Hooker"



Then I strolled over to the vendor area to look at local eats, products, and a Dinosaur history display.....pretty cool for the kids of all ages!!

Around 3pm Mike and Dean led the group to the north end of Main Street to form up for the Lebanon Bash Parade. I hung out with the parade organizers and helped remove street barriers so the parade could begin. This Parade has to be the most fun parade of all small

town parades!

By 5:00pm, parade time, there were around 150 people in the small town. VFW flag bearers, escorted by Patriot Riders led the Parade and were followed by:

- Regional EMT Ambulance
- Candy Shooter (Fertilizer spreader)
- Various John Deere vehicles
- Farming Tractors
- Heavy Farming Truck of some kind
- 12-year old driving dad's Tractor
- SCMA Riders
- The Big Hooker
- 2-year old atop a big horse led by her Mom
- There were many more vehicles that I missed

The fun part was watching all the children run out into the street to grab candy being

tossed to them. The other amazing observation was to see young children and teenagers outside doing physical activities and talking to each other. I didn't see any youth hunkered over a cell phone.....although I am sure they own one.

After the parade we hung around for a bit, socialized a little then, despite an open-air Country Music concert starting up, we headed back to the Center Motel.

Dinner that evening was at Las Canteras Mexican Restaurant. We enjoyed some really good Mexican cooking and great margaritas before heading back to the motel courtyard to drink more beer and hear more stories.

The next morning after breakfast everyone will be heading home or to other destinations. Mike Williams planned to ride to CO to visit his son.....I decided to take a slow ride and visit some places not seen.....more on that story next month.

See y'all next year, after 3FC20, at the 2020 Lebanon Bash!!

12-year old driving Dad's tractor (or maybe it's his??)

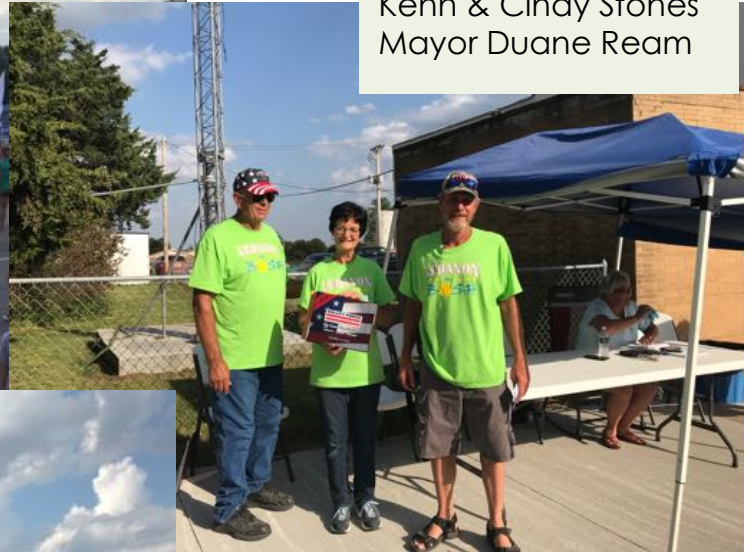


SCMA Riders

Shooting candy out of the fertilizer spreader



Organizers
Kenn & Cindy Stones
Mayor Duane Ream



VFW leading the parade down Main



Two year old riding her horse and waving to the spectators



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

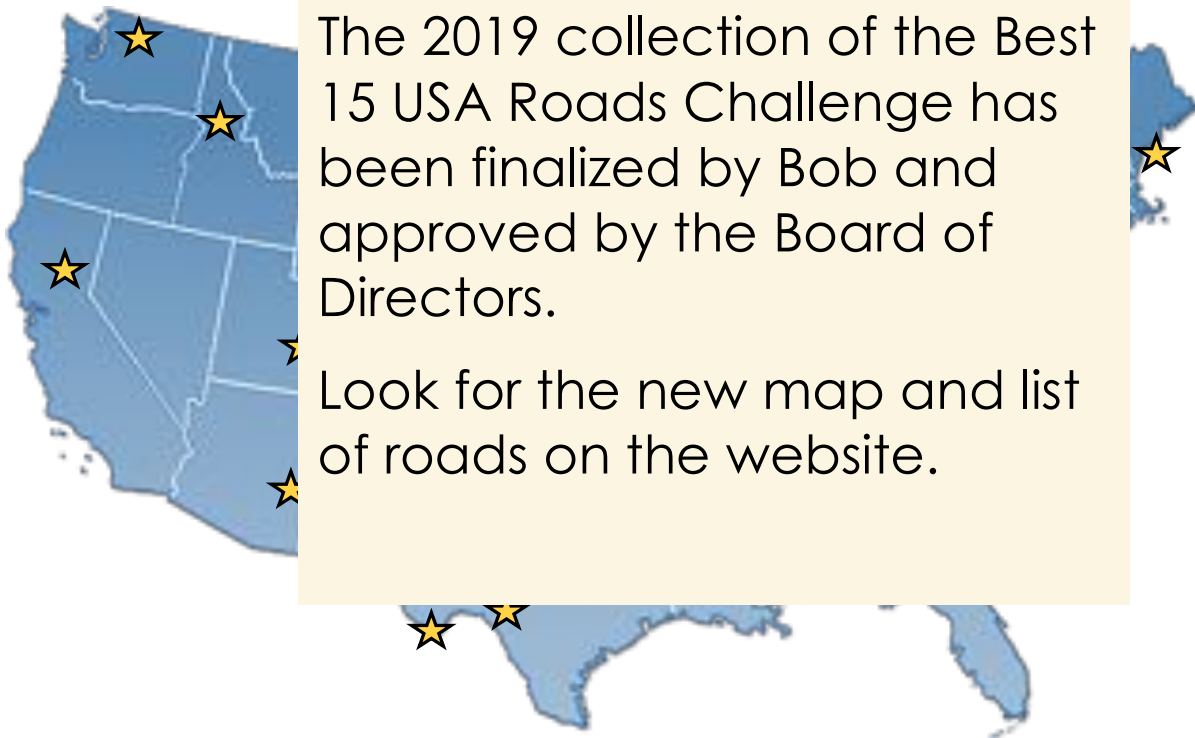


This difficult Premier Ride Challenge is offered again with some interesting changes for its ninth year, 2019. Six replacement roads or road groups, plus a Sixteenth road have been added to the list. A challenge taker may ride any 15 of the 16 listed roads to qualify as a finisher. But, this ride challenge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

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 27 – 33)

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 is a list of bullet points: '• 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 copyright notice '©2016 Aerostich' is in the bottom right corner.

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Three Flags Classic E-BLAST 1 December 15, 2019

Dear Fellow Three Flag Classic riders & SCMA Members: Let the fun begin!

This is the first E-Blast for the 2020, 45th Annual Three Flags Classic, in September 2020. We are looking forward to making this a ride to remember given the wonderful route with a start in Mexicali, Mexico and a finish in Penticton, British Columbia, Canada. Given this is a 5-year ride there are 4 checkpoints instead of 3 and the ride is 5 days instead of 4.

SCHEDULE:

Check-in Mexicali: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Riders Mtg/Dinner: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Ride Start: Thursday, September 3, 2020 2:30 AM to 5:30 AM

Ride Days: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday

Finish Penticton: Monday, September 7, 2020 **NO LATER THAN 9:00 PM**

Happy Hour(s): Tuesday, September 8, 2020 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

BANQUET: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

REGISTRATION FOR 2020 45th THREE FLAGS CLASSIC:

Registration is scheduled to open **Saturday January 4, 2020 at 10:00 AM.**

If all goes as planned hotels, registration codes, and links for registration will be available on-line on the registration form for you on January 4, 2020. There is a hotel discount for SCMA members but it does not go into effect until 10:00 AM on January 4, 2020. If you make reservations **before** registration day, you will not get the discounted rate.

I personally recommend you make reservations at the host hotels for both locations as soon as possible after you register for the ride as we only have 145 rooms available to us at the host hotel in Penticton, and 100 at the Start hotel in Mexicali. We do have alternate hotels we're working with for the overflow. If you are not a SCMA member you must join or renew your membership **BEFORE** registering for Three Flags.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Riders number 1 and 2 have already been determined at the 2019 Three Flags banquet in Vernon, BC. **Riders number 1 – 100 will be given a special gift at check-in in Mexicali. Ridership is limited to a maximum of 350 riders.**

THREE FLAG HOST HOTELS:

Our host hotel is the **Araiza Hotel in Mexicali, Mexico.** This is the same brand hotel we used in San Luis Rio last year. The rooms were very good and they were great hosts. The dinner was fantastic and the menu in 2020 will be identical. There is an alternate sister hotel 1/2 mile away for our use as well, at SCMA discounted rate.

Our host hotel in Penticton is the Lakeside Resort and Conference Center. They also have very nice rooms with options of two double beds or a king size bed. The banquet will be at this hotel. We will list nearby, alternate hotels, with discounted rates as well.

Alternate hotels will be listed on the Three Flags Registration page or a link to the hotels. You are responsible for your reservation and payment. Please pay close attention to hotel cancellation policies. You are free to stay at any hotel of your choice at the Start/Finish or in between. There is no requirement to stay in the city of a checkpoint location, but if the checkpoint is a hotel, keep in mind the hotel was kind enough to allow us to use their hotel as a checkpoint and patronage would be nice.

START/FINISH and CHECKPOINT CITIES:

The checkpoints are subject to change but the Start and Finish are locked in. The Start and Finish, with checkpoints and distances, are listed as follows:

Start:	Mexicali, Mexico	
Checkpoint #1:	Cortez, Colorado	631 miles
Checkpoint #2:	Longmont, Colorado	445 miles
Checkpoint #3:	Rock Springs, Wyoming	443 miles
Checkpoint #4:	Missoula, Montana	548 miles
Finish:	Penticton, BC Canada	<u>419 miles</u>
	TOTAL	2,486 miles

The link to the route is www.tinyurl.com/20203FC but you need to know this route will be pre-riden in May 2020 to confirm the conditions of all roads and whether or not they will be open.

There could be route corrections! Final route sheets will be posted to the SCMA web site and available at the Start in Mexicali. At the time of this E-Blast the cities for the checkpoints have been determined but not the actual hotel, motorcycle dealership, etc. This information will be forthcoming.

Many thanks to all of the 2020 TFC committee working or will be working on this ride. A great deal of effort goes into planning and you'll have one hell of a time as a result of their efforts!

Enjoy!

Steven Shulman

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2020 SCMA Three Flags Classic™ Start/Finish Hotels – eBlast #2



In advance of registering for the 2020 Three Flags Classic which opens on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 10:00 AM please see the hotel booking information for the Start, Finish, and additional hotels in both Mexicali, Mexico and Penticton, Canada below.

If the hotels fit within your budget and there is still availability we recommend booking at the host hotels. Please note you may book at any hotel you wish, but we have negotiated very good rates at both locations.

The event days breakdown as follows: Sept 2 as check-in day at Araiza Hotel, Mexicali. Ride 3,4,5,6,7 Arrive Penticton Sept. 7. Banquet Sept. 8.

3FC20 Hotel Information

Host – Start Hotel:

Araiza Hotel –

Blvd. Benito Juarez #2220
Fracc Jardines del Valle,
21270 Mexicali

Phone: 1-877-727-2492

Rates: \$79.00 USD + Tax

Mention THREE FLAGS CLASSIC for promotional rate

Riders can also book by e-mail: reservasmxl@araizahoteles.com or by contacting: rcardenas@araizahoteles.com

Affiliated Araiza Hotel –

Hotel Calafia

1495 Justo Sierra Drive,
21230 Mexicali

Phone: 1-877-727-2492 or 52-686-568-3311

Rates: \$59.00 USD + tax

Riders can also book by e-mail: reservasmxl@araizahoteles.com or by contacting: rcardenas@araizahoteles.com

Host Finish Hotel:

Penticton Lakeside Resort and Conference Centre

21 Lakeshore Drive West, Penticton BC V2A 7M5

Phone: 1-800-663-9400

Phone: 250-493-0607

Must mention: "SCMA Three Flags Classic" for special guestroom rates

Rates:

Queen or King Cityview: \$169 (Canadian) + tax (US equivalent is approx. \$127 + tax)

Queen of King Lakeview/Beachview: \$179 (Canadian) + tax (US equivalent is approx. \$135 + tax)

West Wing King: \$199 (Canadian) + tax (US equivalent is approx. \$150 + tax)

Click on the below Reservations Link:

<http://www.onressystems.com/vendors/pentictonlakesideresort/Group-Reservations.html>

CODE: SCMA2020

Additional Hotels in Penticton:

Coast Penticton Hotel

950 Westminster Avenue West, Penticton, BC Canada V2A 1L2

Phone: 1-800-665-5177

Group Name: SCMA 3 Flags Classic 2020

Rates:

1 King or 2 Queen beds: \$138 (Canadian) + tax (approx. \$104 USD + tax)

Ramada Penticton Hotel & Suites

1050 Eckhardt Avenue West

Penticton, BC Canada V2A 2C3

Phone: 250-492-8926 Ext. 0

Group Name: 2009SCMA3F

Rates:

2 Queen Beds \$139 (Canadian) + tax (approx. \$105 USD + tax)

2 Queen Beds Courtyard Room Ground Floor \$159 (Canadian) + tax (approx. \$120 USD + tax)

1 King Bed (Deluxe King Room) \$159 (Canadian) + tax (approx. \$120 USD + tax)

Sandman Hotel Penticton

939 Burnaby Ave. Penticton, BC Canada

Phone: 250-493-7151

www.sandmanhotels.com

Rates:

2 Queen Beds or 1 King Bed, based on availability. \$114 (Canadian) + tax (approx. \$86 USD + tax)

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

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 SCMA Premier Grand Slam Award*

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

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there. For more information go to

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