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NEWS

CHAIRMAN’S LETTER

Well today is NOT a typical Sunny Southern California Day! The overcast was upon the south well before the sunrise. The temperatures were freezing at 44°F (brrrr). By 9:00am a slight pitter-patter could be heard upon the roof.....was it Santa Claus in March?? That question was answered by 9:30 when the drenching rain fell upon this cold world.

But despite the exterior gloom, I was very upbeat to say the least.

I was in the garage attending to my newly acquired (and yet to be ridden) Honda VFR1200X-DCT. The bike has been sitting for 7-10 days without being connected to the battery tender....I thought it a good idea to hook it up.

The indicator started at yellow. I walked to the back and looked at my new license plate from CA (yes, it was very costly to register this bike in CA). 'Tis a good feeling to know that it is registered and insured and ready to roll as soon as psychological confidence in my knee and ankle is restored.

I opened the Trekker Outback side boxes that Miles passed on to me with the sale and began imagining how I will pack for some SCMA CA Adventure Riding to the Missions, Parks, and CA Best 15 Roads.

Upcoming Events

Watch for possible destination ride eBlast	Mar
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast	Apr
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast	May

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After a few minutes, I closed the box and turned to re-enter the house when a glance at the tender showed it was green! Really?? Only 10 minutes charging was needed? THAT impressed me because the GS seems to need charging every 5 days or so!

About SCMA's latest project: Jack Knorst (IT Guy), Rodney Chew (Vice Chair), and Mark Burdick (Risk Mgr) have formed a committee to find a company to professionally overhaul SCMA's website. If you have a skillset in this area please reach out to me as your help in transforming the website would be most welcome. Our objective is make the website more dynamic and attractive to riders.

Now, perhaps I should go examine the VFR again.....

Ride Safe.....Ride Long,

Gonzo



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SOUTHWEST Regional News Section

(Pages 3 – 15)

To help our readers track and group the information provided in this newsletter, we have grouped the articles into Regional, National, and International sections. This section contains info on events in SoCal, NorCal, NV, and AZ in the SW Region.

Membership Report/News

By James Filley #46151

Not much to report from the membership side of things. Membership packages continue to be compiled and sent out to both our members in the U.S. and Canada. Last month over one hundred packages were mailed. I anticipate another batch to be sent out in March.

When individuals are registering as either new or re-registering as a renewal please ensure you use the email address of the member who is paying the membership fee. At times, friends or significant others sign up for the member and that creates an issue when I try to determine who the new member is.

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Website Redesign Committee

Do you have experience in website design??

If you do, would you be interested in teaming with others on the committee to help develop a top performing website for SCMA?

About 10 or so years ago, Blake Anderson moved SCMA into the digital world. Slowly, our website has been evolving and in 2016 SCMA engaged a professional programmer to work on improving the site. But not much has been changed or upgraded on the site in the last few years. Yet, in the same last few years, significant technological advances have occurred in the digital world.

As the board looked at the website we could see that it was outdated. It was very static whereas the internet world around us is very dynamic. New and improved website platforms have been developed and entered the market. SCMA has not taken advantage of these advances.

It is time for SCMA to upgrade its website and position it to easily evolve with the future. It is time to make the website more appealing to current and future riders.

With these thoughts in mind, a Website committee has been established and is currently staffed by Jack Knorst (IT Guy-Tucson AZ), Rodney Chew (SCMA Vice Chairman-Scottsdale AZ), and Mark Burdick (Risk Manager-Houston TX).

Their challenge is to re-design the website incorporating the latest techniques of style, brand enhancement, navigation simplicity or intuitiveness, eye-catching visuals, product promotion, database management, mobile application, SEO, and more.

To date, Jack has been in contact with a few commercial designers, Rodney is interacting with a designer, and Mark is going to lend his extensive expertise of working in big business website management. We hope to roll out a new and improved website during 2021.

Please contact Jack, Rodney, Mark, or me if you are interested in contributing to this effort.

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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, there are logos for various motorcycle brands: Aprilia, BMW, Ducati, KTM, Triumph, Honda, Ural, Vespa, and Kawasaki. Below the logos is a central shield logo with a sunburst design and the text "GO AZ Motorcycles". The background shows a motorcycle dealership with several motorcycles on display. At the bottom, there is a dark blue bar with white text containing the dealership's name, address, phone number, and website.

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Ventura Mission Report

I was up at the Ventura Mission yesterday and Main St in front of the Mission is closed to all vehicle traffic from California St to Ventura Ave. I was able to get a photo of my bike and the Mission from E Santa Clara St at Figueroa St. Santa Clara St is the first street below (south) of Main. It appears Main St has been closed for outside dining due to COVID. Attached are my photos showing the road closure and the view from Santa Clara St.

Mike Williams
SCMA CA Adventures Chair





CALIFORNIA ADVENTRE SERIES Report

By Mike Williams

#36876

Chair, CA Adventures

What a year! For many of us riding the 2020 California Adventure Series, our riding was impacted by COVID, lockdowns, fires, riots, extreme heat and a national election. Hopefully we are finished with disasters in California for 2021.

Despite the challenges of riding in California last year, the one positive was the much lighter than normal traffic throughout the state. I rode through the San Francisco area three times this year while riding the Missions, Parks, and CA Best 15. While in the Bay area, it felt like I was in a 1950's "B" Science Fiction movie, as the roads were nearly void of all traffic and minimal people out in public.



With the lighter traffic on the roads, I was able to spend a little more time exploring. One of my favorite stops was at "Radar Station B-71" in Redwoods National Park. The station is just below the Klamath River along a dirt road, to which I had no problem riding on my Goldwing. The radar station was built in 1941 after the attacks on Pearl Harbor. One building was designed to resemble a barn and the other a farmhouse. What an amazing site!

Prior to the Radar Station, I stopped

at the "Douglas Memorial Bridge". This bridge was the last section of US-101 to be built. In December 1964, torrential rains dumped more than two feet of warm rain on the nearby mountains, melting much of the snow. This caused massive flooding of the Klamath River, destroying livestock, farmland, the town of Klamath, as well as the "Douglas Memorial Bridge." Two, eight-ton bear statues still stand at the site of the destroyed bridge.





On August 7 – 9, I attended the SCMA “5 Passes Ride” organized by SCMA member Dan Burtt. We had twelve riders who enjoyed this event and it was an awesome route riding over the passes in the Sierra's. The weather was excellent, with Bishop at a balmy 95 degrees.

With COVID restrictions in place, we were unable to meet for nightly dinners, as we did in years past. Everyone picked up food and went back to their hotel rooms to eat. I rode solo, as I wanted to visit Yosemite and ride Highway 89 from Jackson to

Alpine Village for the CA Best 15 Roads and the National Parks. Another change this year due to COVID, were required reservations at Yosemite, even for those just riding through. Fortunately, I was able to get a reservation and get my photo inside the park. National Park (NP) stamps for the SCMA NP books were not required in 2020 due to COVID.

Despite the riding challenges in 2020, the following riders stepped up to the challenge and completed CA Adventure Rides. Well done riders!

MISSIONS:

Keith Cromie
Ben Greenwood
Brian LaFollette
Charles Lamb
Don McFarlane
Mike Williams
Doug Wilson

CA Best 15 Roads:

Dale Gillibrand – Series A*
Les Gullery – Series A*
Dale Gillibrand – Series C*
Les Gullery – Series C*
Mike Williams – Series C

National Parks:

Mike Williams

CA Triple Crown

Mike Williams

*Both Dale and Les rode Series “A” and “C”, completing 30 of the 60 CA Best 15 roads! Great job guys!

For those riders that were unable to complete their CA Adventure rides in 2020, you are eligible to carry over your registration to 2021 to complete your rides. You do not need to reregister for the ride, **HOWEVER**, you will need to send me a 2021 ROL Waiver which is now available to download at the SCMA website. The waiver does not need to be notarized, only signed by you and a witness. Use your current book to complete the rides.

Please send your 2021 ROL to:

Mike Williams
SCMA CA ADVENTURES CHAIR
PO BOX 12191
LA CRESCENTA, CA

CA Rider Status Report

With 2021 starting out as a dry year and minimal rain thus far in California, many riders are already on the road touring the Missions, Parks, and CA Best 15 Roads.

Like last year, National Park Stamps will not be required due to COVID.

SCMA rider John Barrow was able to visit "Lassen Volcanic National Park" with minimal snow and 42 degrees and the next ride to Solano Mission in Sonoma at 72 degrees.



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, has 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 the four groups of roads. The fourth and final set of books listing Series D, the 2021 CA Best 15 Roads, will soon be available.

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.

A new award titled the CA Triple Crown will be awarded to riders completing all three Adventure Series (Missions, Parks, Best CA15). This award will be similar to the Triple Crown awarded to finishers of three of premier rides.

Below is the 2021 (Series D) list of CA Best 15 CA Roads you can ride while visiting various parks and missions within California: This is the 4th 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 Series D roads in 2021combine your ride with the Parks and Missions and earn the beautiful California Triple Crown.

Northern California (2021 Series D)

- CA-96** Willow Creek to I-5
- CA-44** Redding to CA-36
- CA-29/175** Hopeland to Calistoga
- CA-20** Marysville to I-80
- Mormon Immigrant Trail** Pollock Pines to CA-88

Central California (2021 Series D)

- CA-180** "General's Hwy" CA-198 to Kanawyers
- CA-190** Olancha to CA-127
- CA-1** "Cabrillo Hwy" Carmel to San Luis Obispo
- G-14** King City to Paso Robles
- CA-58** McKittrick to Santa Margarita

Southern California (2021 Series D)

- CA-154** "San Marcos Pass" Santa Barbara to US-101



CA-150 "Casitas Pass" Santa Paula to US-101
Amboy/Kelbaker Rd 29 Palms to Baker
CA/79 Temecula to Santa Ysabel
S22 Montezuma=Borrego Salton Seaway Hwy 2 to CA-86

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.



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.

The award very similar to the SCMA Triple Crown and is a beautiful plaque to display in your home.

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 other major 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



Event Calendar

March

No Events Scheduled
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast

April

No Events Scheduled
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast

May

No Events Scheduled
Watch for possible destination ride 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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Board of Directors - Nominations for 2021 SCMA Open Positions

Hello everyone,

As was done last year, due to the impact of the Virus and group meeting constraints, the All Members Meeting required by the SCMA bylaws to be held on the last Saturday of April (4/24), shall be deferred and nominations shall be conducted via USPS mail or via email.

The date of closure of nominations shall be April 23, 2021. The bylaws require 15 days notice before the nomination deadline, and this notice more than meets that requirement.

Below is a definition/description of offices per SCMA By Laws, and the positions that are open for nominations in 2021:

4.03 Designation and Term of Office

There shall be two classes of directors, elected directors and appointed ex officio directors. Elected directors shall be the officers of the corporation, i.e., the chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer, membership services director, and risk manager. The term of office of elected directors shall be two years, commencing July 1, and continuing until their successors are elected and installed. The chairman, secretary and risk manager shall be elected in odd numbered years, and the vice chair, membership services director, and treasurer shall be elected in even years

Being that 2021 is an odd numbered year, nominations will be accepted for the following positions:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Chairman	Vacant
Secretary	Charlie Lamb
Risk Manager	Mark Burdick

Please use the below form to make your nomination and mail to

SCMA Nominations

PO Box 487

Norwalk CA 90651-0487

OR email the form to

Charles Lamb at secretary@sc-ma.com

2021 NOMINATION FORM

Member making the nomination:

Name _____ Member #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Member being nominated for **Chairman:**

Name _____ Member #: _____

Member being nominated for **Secretary:**

Name _____ Member #: _____

Member being nominated for **Risk Manager:**

Name _____ Member #: _____

Self-Nomination: For Position of _____

Name _____ Member #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Name _____ Member #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name _____ Member #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name _____ Member #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Scan and email to: secretary@sc-ma.com (Must be received by 8pm April 23rd)

OR

USPS mail to: (Must be in PO Box by 12:00 PM April 23rd)

SCMA - Nominations
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Norwalk, CA 90651-0487.

USA Four Corners Tour - First Attempt Failure

By Gonzo

It was some time in 2010 that I was finishing up an assignment in WSMR NM and was heading out the east gate onto Patriot's Highway (US-54), just south of Oro Grande. I was sitting at the stop sign, watching for a break in the southbound traffic, when I spied a long line of Harley Bikers heading north towards Alamogordo.

Watching them rumble by, a little light flashed in my pea-brain. I knew what I wanted to do when I retired next year.....I was going to ride a motorcycle all over the USA!

In August of 2011, newly retired, I rolled away from my Orange County CA place of safety with a 14-foot utility trailer loaded with camping gear, clothing, tools, spare tires, and two Harleys – a 2009 Road King and a 1999 Dyna Low Rider.

My first objective was the Sturgis MC rally where I camped out at the Buffalo Chip, spending my days riding the Black Hills and nights listening to rock stars belt it out in the Chip's central arena. At this point, I'm pretty certain I had almost 500 miles of bike riding under my belt!

Then it was off to my brother's place in southern Maryland. The rig was parked and the two of us had been having a good time riding the country roads in southern Maryland. I had spent quite a bit of time planning out a route to ride a big event called the USA Four Corners Tour.....administered by a motorcycle club named the So. CA Motorcycling Association. All I had to do was join the club, send them some money, and they would send me the forms and envelopes to ride the event.

My plan was simple: ride to Madawaska ME, westward across northern USA to Blaine WA, South to San Ysidro, east to Key West, and North back to southern Maryland. Along the way I had this grandiose plan to also ride in every state in the continental USA.

But stuff happens.

.....stuff like Hurricane Irene.

Irene was bearing down on NC and projections were for her to head north along the eastern seaboard. The last thing I wanted was to be out on the road in the middle of a hurricane!

So I hung out at my brother's place waiting for Irene to pass thru MD.....then my plan was to ride north behind the storm.

And then we got hit with the edges of Irene. Trees crashed down, branches broke off, roads were blocked, power was lost, well water was lost due to power loss. Hell, I couldn't even ride out of the neighborhood until roads were cleared.

I spent about another week at my brother's place helping clear trees, etc.

By the time I finally got on the road for Madawaska it was the 3rd week of September.

And this is when the fun of learning and gaining experience started.

My plan was to camp as much as possible. Day 1 destination was Aberdeen Army base where they had a campsite available for me....gratis.

As I rode away from the comfort and safety of my brother's place I was full of enthusiasm with the spirit of adventure full upon me. That dimmed a little when I made my first major highway change from MD4 to MD2. There wasn't any signage. I guess because everyone in the area knew the roads.

They weren't expecting an old man from CA with a bag full of AAA state maps. I pulled off to the side of the road to confer with the AAA map and in the process lost my footing in the loose dirt and down went the Road King (*Sophia*). Oh boy, what a great start!

After righting *Sophia* and confirming I was on the right road, I continued on towards Aberdeen.

About 50 miles later the first slap with reality hit me. RAIN !!!!

HOLY KWAP !!! WTH !!! Wet stuff, drops, was splattering across my windshield and faceplate. OMG !!! IT NEVER RAINS IN SOUTHER CALIFORNIA!! The tires are going to slip out from under me!!! I better SLOW DOWN !!!

And there I was riding an overloaded Road King 35-40 miles an hour through a very light rain.....ok, a sprinkle.

But it was an ominous sign of things to come.

Somehow, via AAA maps, I made it to the campground, at twilight, with barely any time to find a campsite and pitch a tent. Finding a site amongst some trees, I left the bike running and used the headlamp to light up the area of ground that was already quite damp from Irene's generosity. As I began to unload my gear, the kickstand settled into the wet earth and the bike toppled over.

I was being overwhelmed with fun.

As I got her righted for the second time in the day, it started thundering. WTH!!! Are the gods against me on this adventure??? The sprinkling began again.....and more thunder.

That's when I decided, "to hell with camping, let's go to a motel". And am I glad that I did so! As I stepped across the threshold of the motel lobby, with the last of my gear in my arms, the dark sky opened with thunderous flashes of lightening and a pouring deluge began to wash all the mud off *Sophia*.

I hunkered down in my room eating some canned food and washing it down with a beer while looking at the maps. Then the power went out. So I went to sleep.

The morning was bright and sunny as I departed the motel. I don't remember my exact route.....but I think I went thru NYC in the dark, almost being ran off the road by a delivery truck that was in a big hurry to reach a red light. I do remember spending the night in Danbury at a Days Inn. I spent about 20 minutes negotiating with the manager to get the rate down. He finally relented and gave me a 20% discount.....but I still paid too much. What I didn't realize at the time was that the whole area around NYC is VERY expensive.....kinda like living in San Francisco.

I finally made it to Madawaska and spent the rainy night at a motel near the Four Corners Park. The next day at the post office, the clerk totally understood what she had to do with the letter I was mailing to the USA4C Chairman to prove my arrival.

From Madawaska my next stop was the suburbs of Buffalo NY to visit family. I battled rain the whole way to Bangor where I decided to call it quits for the day.....and the next day. I was in the middle of a horrendous rainstorm drenching the northeast.

I remember the morning of the second day standing in the motel lobby watching the rain. Three motorcyclists pulled into the parking lot and came inside to get a room. They had started their day from somewhere in Vermont and after 3 hours of battling the rain and wind they called it quits. Chatting with them a bit, I learned they were from Nova Scotia and were on a weekend trip. Looking out the glass door at their bikes I asked, "What kind of bike are you riding?" "BMW's" was the reply.

"Oh", I said, (pondering the thought that I had never seen a BMW motorcycle and maybe I should go check it out if the rain ever let up). "How's the weather to the east?"

"Miserably windy and hard rain, wait for tomorrow if you're heading that way."

With that they went to their rooms and later, I got to check out their strange looking bikes.....they were not made anything like a Harley. "How can they sit on those things and ride for 2-3 hours", was the thought in my inexperienced and bike-ignorant brain.

I finally made it to N. Tonawanda, but had to ride through rain the whole time. I would often pull into a gas station and wait out the heavier periods of downfall, so it took me three days to get there from Bangor.

One of the first things I did was to buy a new Harley rain suit and waterproof gloves. While visiting the family, I asked if I could use their computer. I had this very original idea of checking out the weather that I would encounter as I headed west. (Wow, what an earth shattering thought coming from a former pilot who used to check weather every day!)

Holy KWAP! The first snow has arrived in Montana! If I'm scared outta my skivvies with riding in rain (and freezing my tail off), it didn't seem to be a good idea to be riding in snow!!

And with that thought, I came to the realization that I had a lot to learn about riding around the country on a motorcycle.

I was 450 miles from my brother's place in MD. I decided to stay a bit longer with the NY family and then return to MD via Williamsport to look at the famous Little League World Series ballpark. I took two days to ride 450 miles and reach southern Maryland.

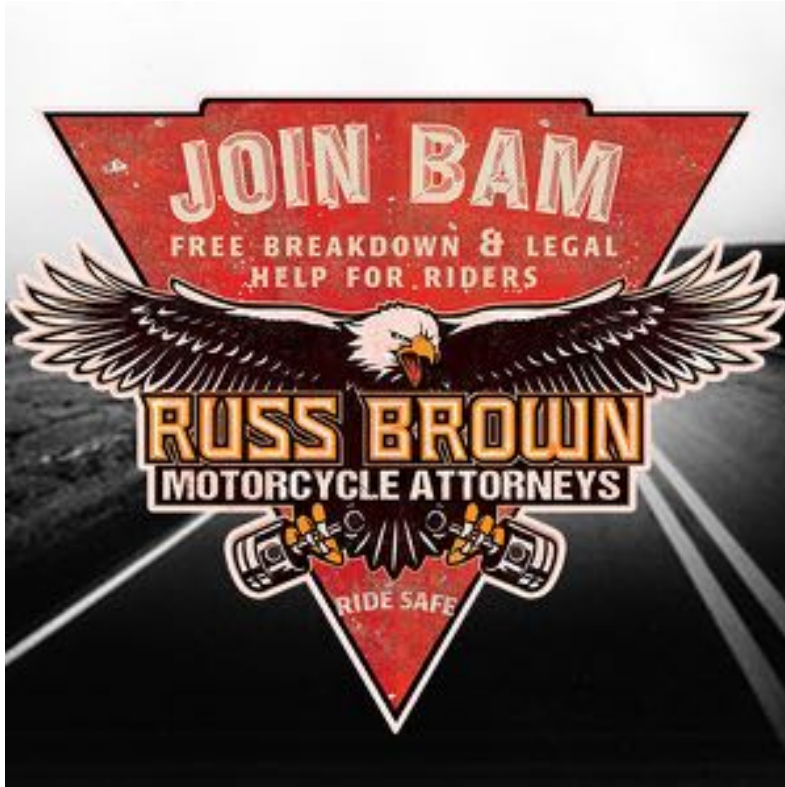
I took my time. I paid attention to a lot more geographical detail. I reflected quite a bit on what I had experienced in this attempt to ride a huge distance. I reflected upon my lack of riding experience, unawareness of the impact weather has on a motorcyclist, my lack of proper riding gear, challenges of finding motel rooms at 9:00 at night, 1-hour lunches/pit stops and how that lost time would cost me covering 50-70 miles that day.

I reflected on a lot of things and began making plans for 2012. My objective would be to ride out of Orange County on the motorcycle (not trailered) and ride the four corners. I decided to meet more people in the SCMA and find out how to ride.

Yes, I failed to complete my first attempt to ride the famous USA Four Corners Tour. But with a bit more riding experience, and better planning/preparation, 2012 should prove to be a FUN year indeed!!

ABOUT BAM

Katherine Markowicz
Marketing & Promotions
Brown, Koro & Romag LLP



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.

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Announcing the 2021 Collection

Best 15 US Roads Challenge

*By Bob Roger
Chair, Best 15 US Roads*

With the travel and lodging restrictions that we all faced in 2020, only three SCMA riders were able to complete the Challenge. For 2020, the road list had been refreshed with eight replacement roads to entice members to take the Challenge. Few were certified finishers of that new list, so it is again being offered as the 2021 Challenge list.



As stated in the best 15 US roads Challenge Rules, a registrant will have a two year window to complete the Challenge, however, ALL roads must be ridden in one calendar year between January 1st and November 15th with ride logs submitted by November 30th. There is a one time exception for that rule for the 2020 registrants because of the “beyond our control” travel restrictions. Those registrants can carry over roads ridden in 2020, then ride the remaining roads on the list to finish in 2021.

There are 16 roads on the Best 15 list, BUT, the registrant can eliminate the road of his or her choice to become a finisher. The reason for 16 roads was to give riders not also doing a Four Corners Tour, options on their ride planning.

Best 15 US Roads Challenge registrants will receive a packet containing a Best 15 t-shirt, and a Best 15 pin and patch. Finishers will also receive an engraved Buck 112 Ranger Knife and a “suitable for framing” certificate to commemorate their accomplishment!!

Best 15 short sleeve t-shirts are available to everyone at \$24 each. Contact me for further information.

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Southern California Motorcycling Association Best 15 US Roads Challenge



This difficult Premier Ride Challenge is offered again for its eleventh anniversary in 2021, with the same roads offered in 2020. The sixteenth road will remain on the list so that a ride registrant may omit any one road from the list, then ride 15 roads to qualify as a finisher. This is a tough ride challenge ... in the first nine years that this Challenge has been offered, there have been 55 finishes which were completed by only 41 riders. Through 2019, just nine SCMA long distance riders have taken the Challenge more than once! Join this very exclusive group of finishers, or maybe the very exclusive group of repeat finishers and TAKE the 2021 Best 15 US Roads Challenge!

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 (January 1 through November 15, and ride logs must be submitted by November 30). 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 attempt. Registrants will receive a starter packet containing a Best 15 US Roads Challenge t-shirt and Best 15 pin and patch. Finishers will also receive an engraved Buck 112 Ranger Knife to commemorate their accomplishment!

Get out on these Roads to Experience the spectacular and varied landscapes these roads offer. One recent finisher commented, "I don't know how you pick these Fifteen roads, I think I rode Thirty great roads to get to the Fifteen!"

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Best 15 short sleeve t-shirts will soon become available at \$24.00 each.

Order information will be released via eBlast once they arrive.



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, at the black navigation bar, simply place your cursor on
Rides > Best 15 US Roads Challenge > Best 15 US Roads List

Best 15 U.S. Roads List

2021 Best 15 US Roads Challenge List

1. ME, Acadia National Park: Park Loop to Cadillac Mt. Summit 22 miles
2. VA/NC, Blue Ridge Parkway: Any 150-mile segment
3. WI, Great River Road: WI35 btwn LaCrosse and Prairie du Chien 63 miles
4. TX Hill Country, Twisted Sisters: SUGGEST Medina RR-337w to Leakey to US-83n TX41w to RR-336s to RR-337w to Camp Wood to TX-55n to RR-335n 155 miles
5. UT, Dinosaur Diamond Prehistoric Hwy UT-128: btwn Moab and I-70 43 miles
6. WA, Northern Cascades Scenic Byway: WA-20 Between Omak and Concrete 150 miles
7. OH, Triple Nickel OH-555: btwn Zanesville and Little Hocking 62 miles
8. SD, Iron Mountain Road, Black Hills: US-16A btwn Custer and Keystone 34 miles
9. AR, Pig Trail Arkansas AR-23: btwn Ozark and Eureka Springs 80 miles
10. CA-1, Pacific Coast Hwy: btwn Monterey and Morro Bay 123 mi
11. AZ, Monument Valley US-163: btwn Kayenta AZ and Bluff Utah 68 miles
12. CO, San Juan Skyway CO-145: btwn Cortez and Placerville 83 mi
13. ID, Payette River Run ID-55: btwn Horseshoe Bend and Cascade 51 mi
14. WY, Big Horn Loop: Ranchester US-14w to Greybull then US-16s/e to Buffalo in either direction 207 miles
15. NM, Geronimo Trail Nat Scenic Byway: Hatch NM-26w to Nutt NM-27n to Hillsboro NM-152w to Mimbres NM-35n to NM-15s to Silver City Ride in either direction 137 miles*
16. MI, Natchez Trace Parkway: btwn Natchez and Clinton (Jackson) 90 mi

Because of the road closure on CA1, as stated in the rules, a rider may start at either end, proceed to the road closed sign, and take the required photo to complete the road requirement. OR, as an alternative, a rider may choose to ride CA70 between Oroville and Quincy.

There are Sixteen roads listed, but only FIFTEEN are required to be a Challenge finisher, the registrant can eliminate any ONE of the 16 roads offered.

*NOT required, but at the junction of NM-35/NM-15 take NM-15 NORTH for 18 miles to the Gila Cliff Dwelling Nat Monument as a point of interest. Spur adds 36 miles

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

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Attracting Riders Through Facebook

Doug Wilson, SCMA's facebook director had been doing a phenomenal job helping the Chairs of our Premier Tours post photos and comments. Slowly but surely, SCMA is getting more viewers visiting the pages.

How can you, as a member of SCMA, help to increase awareness of SCMA and our Premier Ride events?

Simple.....just post a comment or two about when you were on your particular event.

Was there a particular **Mission** you enjoyed visiting on the CA Adventures Tour? Post a photo and comment on:

<https://www.facebook.com/scma.california.missions.tour/>

CA **National Parks** Tour: <https://www.facebook.com/scma.park.adventure/>

Or the **CA Best 15 Roads** Tour: <https://www.facebook.com/scma.best.15.ca/>

How about you riders that have completed the fabulous **Best 15 US Road Challenge**? I bet you have some great photos and comments. Post them on: <https://www.facebook.com/scma.best.15/>

Quite a few of you have ridden the **USA Four Corners**. Post a photo with a comment of yourself at one of the corner:

<https://www.facebook.com/scma.4.corners/>

And our biggest facebook attraction is the **Three Flags Classic**....we always enjoy the many comments, stories, and photos posted to the page:

<https://www.facebook.com/scma.3.Flags.Classic/>

Your postings, comments, and photos will be enjoyed by the many riders that have subscribed to SCMA's facebook pages.....and ultimately may entice them to join you, us, on riding these great adventures!

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.



A photograph of a person wearing a silver helmet and a grey and yellow motorcycle suit, sitting on a blue motorcycle. The background shows a mountainous landscape under a blue sky with some clouds. Overlaid on the left side of the image is the text "GUARANTEED BETTER FIT" in large, bold, red letters. Below this text 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 of the image, the "AEROSTICH SINCE 1982" logo is displayed in white, with the website "aerostich.com/scma" below it. In the bottom left corner, there is a small photo credit: "Photo: Matthew Kabbash - 2016". In the bottom right corner, there is a small copyright notice: "©2016 Aerostich".

Alberta Riding In January

By Brian Hooker
3FC21 Vice Chair
#25029

Editor Note: Some Albertans look for a reason to brave the cold and ride their bikes out on a purposeful mission or destination. Brian Hooker, Vice Chair of 3FC21 did such a ride back in January when temperatures warmed up to 45° F. Read his story below:

'Twas a good ride yesterday to the mysteriously erected Cowboy Trail Monolith.

The monolith, a message to save Rocky Mountains from open-pit coal mining, mysteriously appeared with no fanfare.

It is located south of Longview AB, on Highway-22, just north of the Old Man River bridge. Northwest corner. (2018 3 Flags riders may remember Hwy-22 as that is where some of them hit snow!)

There were quite a number of people, kids, dogs, etc., all marveling at the sight. Temps ranged between +7°c > -1°c (45°f > 30°f) , but roads were dry and it wasn't too windy.

For more info on the monolith, copy and paste the below into your browser:

See: <https://tinyurl.com/y3u84xsr>, or

[Alberta monolith comes with message to save Rocky Mountains from open-pit coal mining | CBC News](#)

Another site: <https://tinyurl.com/y57ejngg>, or

<https://okotoksonline.com/the-eagle-100-9-blog/mysterious-monoliths-what-on-earth-are-they>

UPDATE: Cowboy Trail Monolith Is Gone.

'Tis sad to report.

As you may have heard, coal mining caused excitement in Southern Alberta, and a monolith appeared, in the foothills sometime in mid-January, as a form of protest and to heighten people's awareness of what was going on..

Even though temps were very cool, I went down to see the phenomenon. It had become quite a tourist attraction. While I was there, many others, pets and even children came to see.

Given todays +9°c temps, I had to spark up Ruby, my Goldwing motorcycle, and go to re-visit.

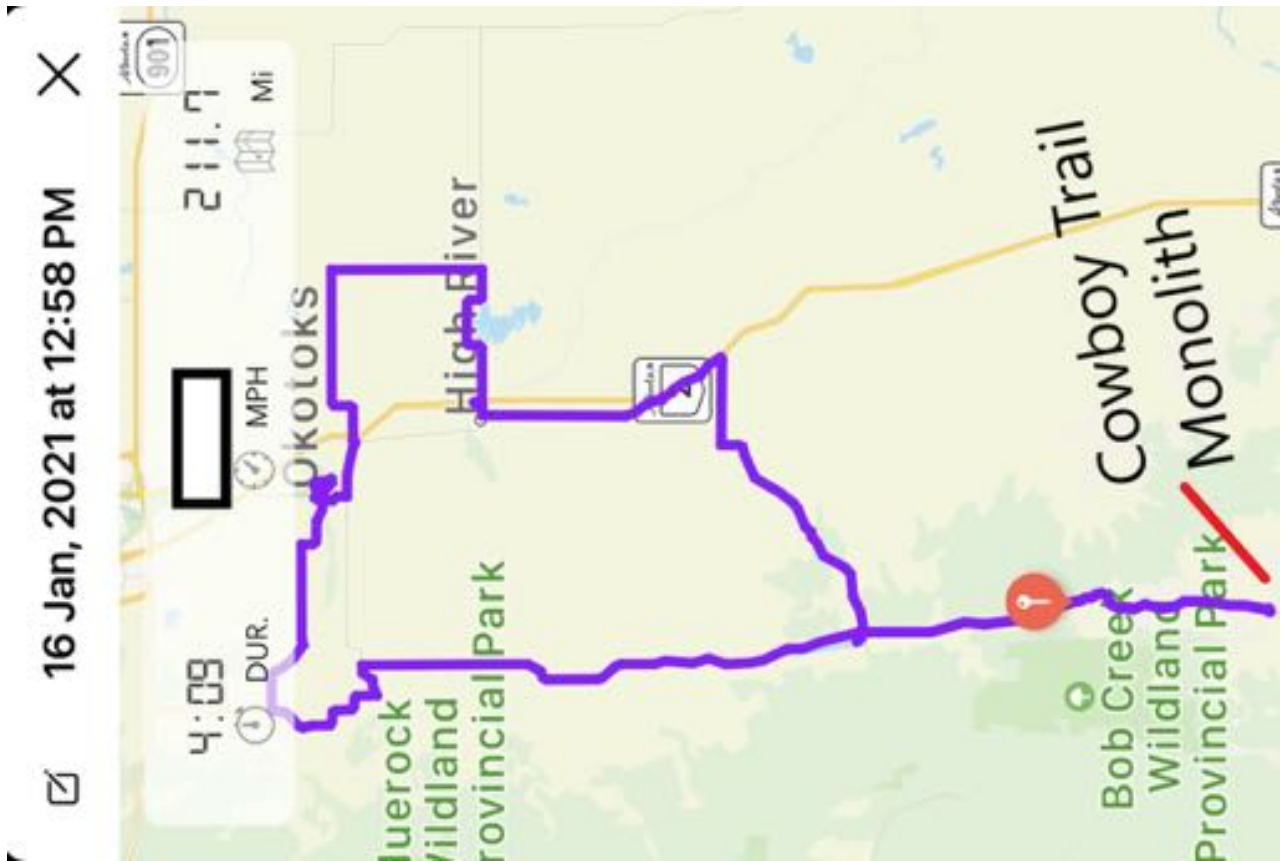
Much to my surprise, the monolith was GONE.

As fast as it came up, it went down.

Disappointing, as you would expect, when something just goes away.

Who knows where the next monolith will appear.





44 Years of 3FC Routes

By Reuben Friesen
Member #37700

A few years back, around the winter of 2017, I came up with the idea of creating a map that reflected the routes of every 3FC that took place since inception of the ride in 1976. Now, if my recollection of 3FC mythology is correct, the first 4 or 5 year's were to just run up the I-5 from Tijuana to Vancouver. Year 1980 the route was reversed with a start in Vancouver and finish in Ensenada.

Collecting info on the routes, checkpoints, hotels, etc., was a challenge. Although I had a large amount of data, there were quite a few years of info missing. Fortunately, Chris White and Dannie Fox (both have ridden 40 or more 3FC's) learned of my project and, with their help and the help of a few others, the project reached completion! Chris (who lives on Vancouver Island) came out to my place for a few days and filled in many of the gaps. The fact that it was winter in northern Alberta, and that we had a case of scotch needing attention, had nothing to do with our taking 4-5 days. I'm just glad that I ran out of scotch otherwise I think Chris would have taken more days to tweak the map.

Anyhow, here is the finished product.....try to find the routes of the rides you have ridden!





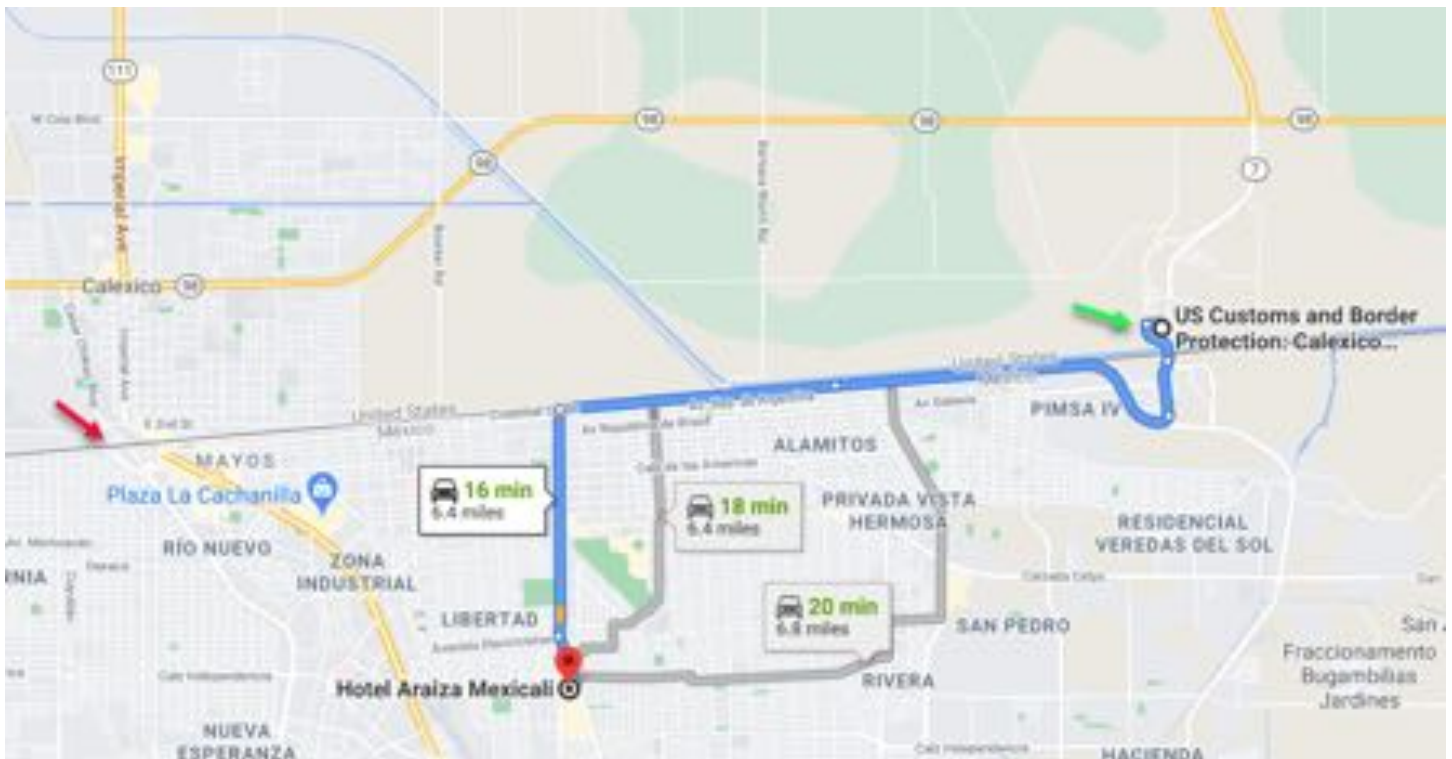
Ports of Entry to Mexicali

*By Karen Butterfield
Pres. Red Hot Riders of San Diego
Member #33996*

Jorge, the manager of the Mexicali Araiza, recommends we use the other border crossing called "Calexico East Port of Entry". It is a little further east on 98 or I-8 (refer to the green arrow in the map below, instead of the red arrow). Due to traffic and construction it could be slower crossing the border at CA-111.

As we get closer to the date of the start we'll publish more information about crossing the border.

Karen





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Three Flags Classic - Ticket Resales

Each year, before the start of a 3FC, approximately 10% of 3FC Ticket Buyers find that they are unable to attend and try to sell their ticket to a buyer.

Since 2016, the 3FC Chairs have been burdened with tracking ticket resales and ensuring SWAG bags are renamed/renumbered, etc. Database corrections and updates became a struggle, as was the collection of stats for Les Gullery to report the numbers of riders, states, countries, bike models, etc.

During the 2019 registration process, we stumbled upon a process that simplified the collection of data and ensures transaction integrity. Riders purchasing a resale ticket are assured they will receive their SWAG, pre-printed passport, and proper sized t-shirt. Sellers can also be assured of receiving their full payment as the resale price remains fixed to the original purchase price.

Here is the resale process that will be followed during 3FC21.

1. SCMA will establish a "3FC21 Ticket Re-sale" page on the forum or somewhere easily accessible by members.
2. Upon deciding to sell a 3FC ticket, seller would go to this webpage and list their name(s), quantity of tickets, contact information.
3. Buyers can be recruited by individual sellers or can simply go to the website and contact a seller.
4. Re-sales will be made in the date-order of listings; exception to this rule will be if a seller brought his/her own buyer to the deal.
5. Seller then contacts the designated administrator (eg. Gonzo at 949xxx or Filley at 619xxx) and informs the administrator that he is selling a ticket to "Buyer Name"
6. Buyer calls Administrator to report he is buying such ticket from (Seller Name).
7. Buyer goes online and purchases a new ticket.
8. Administrator removes the seller from the data records and informs treasurer to repay seller.
9. Repayment will either be via PayPal or a check from SCMA (in event seller purchased ticket more than 6 months prior to resale).
10. Transaction fees incurred by SCMA will be deducted from the refunded amount.

We certainly hope that all registrants for 3FC21 will be able to make it to the start

ARE YOU A LIFE MEMBER ??

Back in the day (I have no idea when that day was), life memberships were being given to members with 20 or more years of continuous membership. Sometime around 2012 the board ended the practice – no new life memberships were granted. However, those with the Life membership were grandfathered as such.

Currently, we have close to 50 lifetime members with invalid email addresses.

We are trying to update our database and would like to hear from them. If you see your name on the below list, or if you know one of these members, please contact:

Jim Filley
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		William	Victorine

SCMA's Premier Events

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

The planning for the 2021, 45th Annual Three Flags Classic is beginning. The ride will start in Mexicali, Baja Mexico, and head north for a finish in Penticton, BC Canada. The ride will be 5 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 2021, 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 2021 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 Premier Triple Crown award. Mike Williams is chairing these events in 2021.

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 2021.

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 2021.

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 2021.

Some Valuable Fine Print (REALLY !)

Articles and advertising must be received by the 25th of the month in order to appear in the next published issue of the SCMA News. Newsletters are circulated electronically and posted on the SCMA website. Send written correspondence to: Southern California Motorcycle Association, PO Box 487, Norwalk, CA 90651-0487

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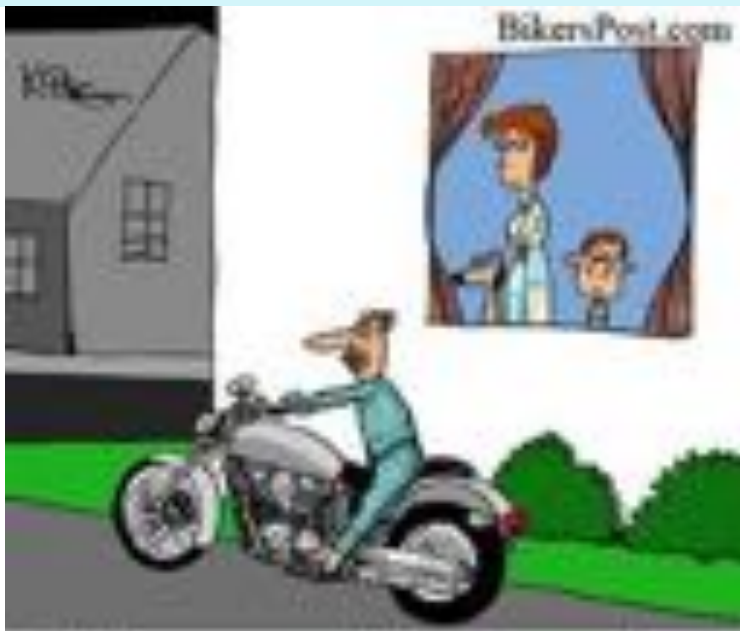
www.sc-ma.com. Links to all our affiliated clubs are there also.

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