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NEWS

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Hello Everyone,

Looks like the riding season is opening up!!

Inside you will find some good articles on riding the CA Adventures and US Best 15 Roads. You'll also find a reprint of the Lebanon 2019 article that reported on the Lebanon BASH that a number of us went too. Why the reprint? ?

Because on **September 11, 2021** the small town of Lebanon, Center of the Contiguous 48 States, will be having the famous **LEBANON BASH !!** I plan on being there for the party and hope to see many of you there. Please plan on putting this event on your calendar and join up with us in riding in their parade down Main Street.

Officer Nominations are due in this month of April.....please fill out the nomination form and send it to the Secretary, Charlie Lamb.

If you are a 3FC rider be sure to check out the article by Brian Hooker in regards to obtaining health insurance for riding in countries other than your own. This is very critical if you find yourself in a situation of requiring medical attention while in a foreign country.

We're hoping that Canada will soon open its borders

Upcoming Events

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

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to Americans as many of us want to ride in that country.....and many Canadians would like to ride in the USA without having to be quarantined upon their return home!

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 **design** 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 is outdated. It is very static whereas the internet world around us is very dynamic. New and improved website platforms have been developed and have entered the market. SCMA should take 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.

So, if your are interested in working with the committee in identifying what our requirements need to be we would be glad to have you on the team.

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

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Gonzo



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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, 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 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".

Greetings SCMA Mission Riders.

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



CA-1 and FORT POINT

SCMA CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE SERIES

By Mike Williams
Director, CA Adventures
#36876

Hard to believe that it is already April.

Some good news for California is that the number of COVID hospitalizations and deaths has dropped, leading to the easing of some of the government-imposed lockdowns. In much of the state, indoor dining is allowed at limited capacity, but masks are still required when entering most businesses. With the easing of COVID restrictions, it has also brought back much of the traffic which has been absent the past year.

April 1 also brings the availability of the COVID vaccine to those 50+ and on April 15, the vaccine will be available to all those above 16.

As I plan on riding all SCMA Premiere rides this year, I am completing the majority of the CA Adventure rides prior to heading out on my "4 Corners" and "US Best 15 Roads" in mid-May. In early March, I took advantage of the weather and finished the CA Missions ride, along with visiting some of the National Parks and CA Best 15 roads. The Missions were still closed due to COVID, but should be opening soon.

One of my favorite parks in the National Parks ride is Fort Point located just below the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Although the Fort was still closed due to COVID at the time of my ride, I still enjoy riding there and taking a break near the fort. Spectacular views are afforded of Fort Point, the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz Island and the San Francisco Bay. This year,



I was treated to the entertainment of about 30 surfers riding the waves in the bay next to Fort Point. A reminder to those riding the CA National Parks that due to COVID, park stamps are once again optional. Many of the parks are still not offering the stamps.

Fort Point was built between 1853 and 1861 for the protection of San Francisco Bay. The Fort has had many uses throughout its existence including an Army barracks, detention barracks during WWI (although never used for that purpose), the 1920's it was a barracks for unmarried officers, and

during WWII it was staffed to guard the entrance of the Golden Gate from submarine attack.

During my visit to Mission San Carlos Borromeo de San Carmelo in Carmel, I decided to ride south on Hwy 1, which is one of the "CA Best 15 Roads and US Best 15 Roads." After fueling up and obtaining my receipt, I headed south. It was a weekday and I had Hwy 1 nearly to myself as it appeared void of those professionals that keep us safe by enforcing the traffic laws, making for some fun riding, as I occasionally slowed to take in the views of the Pacific Ocean.



Hwy 1 sustained major road damage when a section of the road collapsed during a large rainstorm in January. The road is currently closed from about 15 miles south of Big Sur State Park and four miles north of Lucia. The repairs are expected to be completed by summer.

I rode to the road closure south of Big Sur State Park, where the area was coned off and Caltrans was busy repairing the road. After obtaining a photo at the closure, I rode back to the gas station in Carmel for my end receipt. I later learned that our SCMA treasurer, John Mickus, was riding the same road from the south and we were at both ends of the closure at a similar time.

Enjoy the journey, ride safe!!!



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 BMW logo with 'BMW Motorrad' written below it. At the bottom, there is promotional text for the 2019 GS models.

All New 2019 BMW F 850 GS
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RIDING PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

By John Mickus
Treasurer-Director
#19522

This year, Pacific Coast Highway (PCH), California Route 1, is shown on both the US Best 15 Roads list and the California Best 15 Roads list (Series D). The US Best 15 has us ride CA1 between Morro Bay and Monterey, and the CA Best 15 indicates a route between San Luis Obispo and Carmel. The ride can be made in either direction.

Of course as we all know, on January 28, 2021, a storm washed away a section of Highway 1 along the Big Sur coast, south of Pfeiffer and Big Sur State Park; hence you can't go from Monterey to San Luis Obispo along Highway 1. Accordingly, the route has been adjusted. You can go either north from SLO or south from Monterey until the road ends. Just take a picture of the road closed sign and you're done. Well, almost done. You have to drive back the way you came, so the distance is in fact doubled.

From Monterey to the road closure it is about 45 miles. From Carmel, it's about 42 miles.

From San Luis Obispo to the closure, it's about 80 miles. Subtract about 13 miles if you're leaving from Morro Bay. Best US 15 allows a rider to skip PCH in view of the closure and ride CA 70 between Oroville and Quincy instead.

But I just rode from SLO to the closure just north of Lucia, and it's the best ride I've ever taken on that route.



The closure has changed everything. In San Luis Obispo, it's business as usual; lots of traffic. It stays busy past the university and is normal traffic all the way to Morro Bay. North of Morro Bay, you notice a distinct change. There are way fewer cars than normal, no RVs, and few trucks. Past Harmony, CA 46 goes east toward Paso Robles (that is the last road going east). Pass the CA 46 turn and the road is yours. I've ridden PCH many times over the years, but never before have I been able to ride at the pace I wanted without regard to anyone else. I did not see a single Highway Patrol vehicle, although I did see a couple of sheriffs, so it's best not to go completely wild.

Hearst Castle is closed, but San Simeon has open hotels and restaurants. A good many roadside businesses are closed, but there are enough open that getting a snack or gas is not a problem. Campgrounds are open and appear to be full, but during the week, I didn't see any movement. It is likely that you might run into campers if you rode on a weekend.

Riding north, I concentrated on riding as fast and as smooth as possible. PCH rewards dedication. I got to the closure exhilarated, but tired, so going south, I turned the ride into a cruise. Going south, you're on the beach side, so it's easy to pull over and take a look. Whether your doing an SCMA challenge, or just want to ride one of the country's best roads at an ideal moment, I urge you give PCH a try while it is still blocked and before summer tourists discover what a great ride it is.

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** Hopland 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

April
 No Events Scheduled
 Watch for possible destination ride eBlast

May
 No Events Scheduled
 Watch for possible destination ride eBlast

June
 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.



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

(Must be received by 12pm 23April21)

OR email the form to

Charles Lamb at **secretary@sc-ma.com**

(must be received by 8pm 23April21)

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
PO Box 487
Norwalk, CA 90651-0487.

**Saturday
September 11, 2021**

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Mark Your Calendars – Plan To Attend This Event !!

More information to be forth coming:

Recommended Motels

Recommended Campgrounds

Entertainment/music bands

Food trucks

Car show

Children's Games

Competition Games

Parade Schedule – 2019 had these participants in the Parade: SCMA Riders, 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, The Big Hooker, 2-year old atop a big horse led by her Mom.

Depart Penticton **Three Flags Classic Finish** on Wednesday 8Sep21 and head to Lebanon KS before heading home. Should we plan for a campout??

Lebanon Bash 2019

Reprinted by Gonzo
#25051

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 – especially us in the 70's!!

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 dads 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.

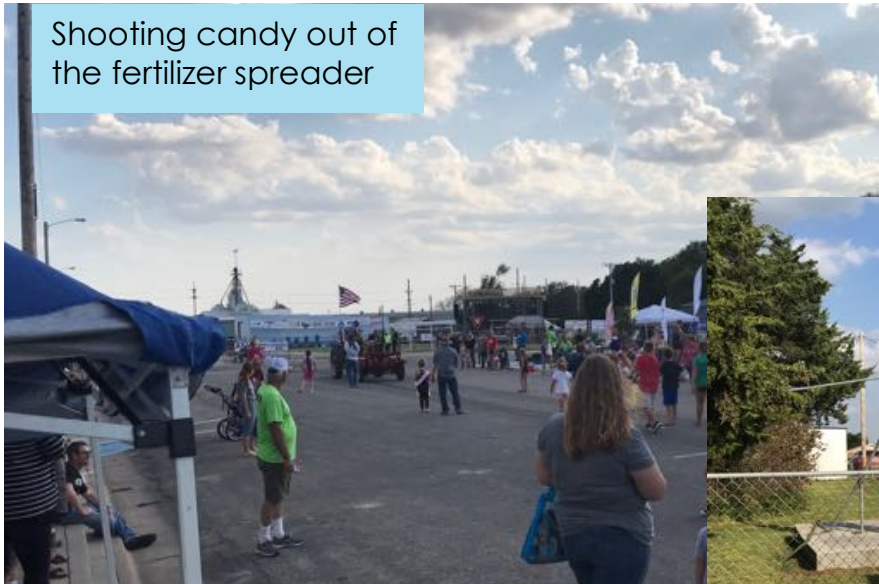
Hope to see y'all at this year's event. Especially those of you heading home from Penticton (3FC21 finish point) as this would be a perfect waypoint to get your photo at the Memorial of the Center of the USA !!

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



SCMA Riders with Mike Williams in the lead

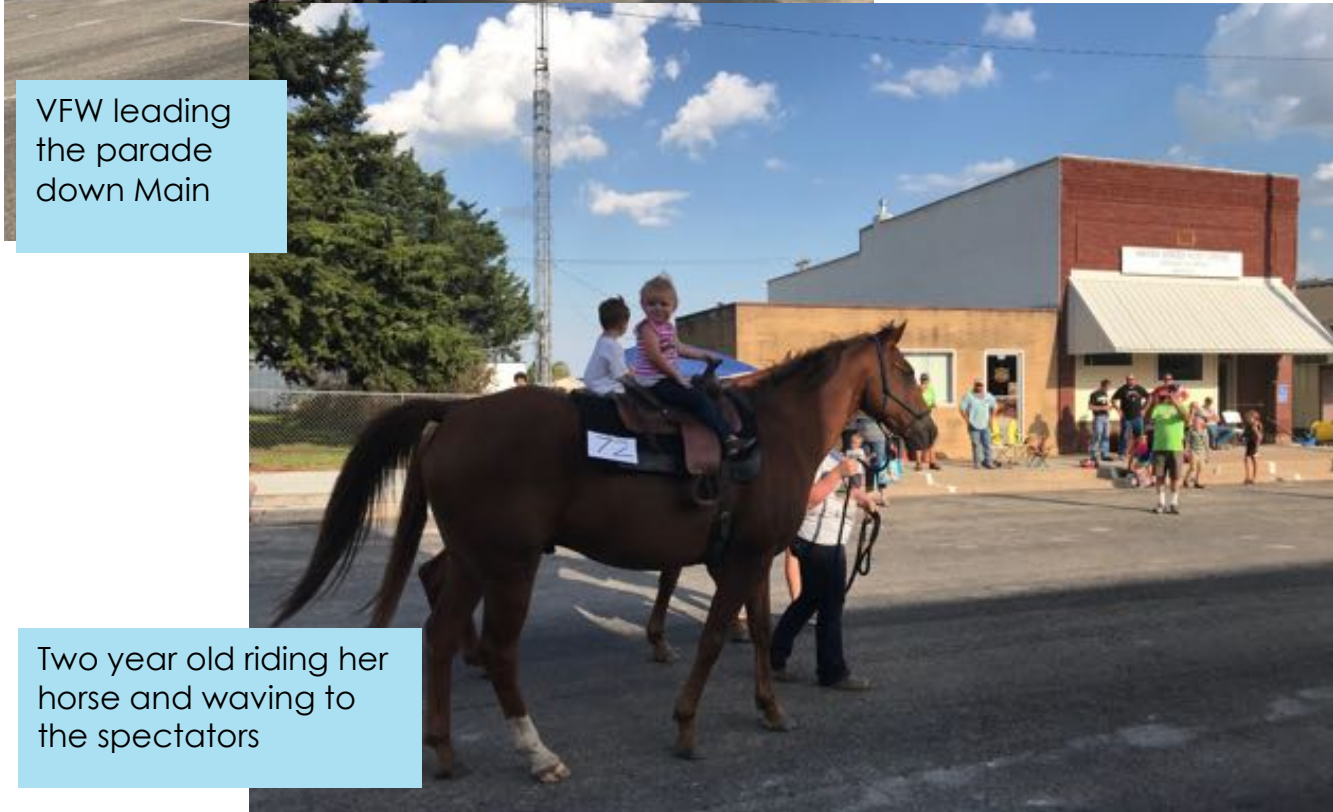




Shooting candy out of the fertilizer spreader



Organizers
Kenn & Cindy Stones
Mayor Duane Ream



VFW leading the parade down Main

Two year old riding her horse and waving to the spectators

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.

Ever Been on an Ozark Mountain Pig Trail?

Just one of the 2021 Best 15 US Road Challenge adventures (#9)

By Charlie Lamb
Secretary – Director
#24220

Give it a try – all or part – Bob Roger has published The Best 15 U.S. Roads List and it is ready for your enjoyment.

In mid-February, I gave the Arkansas Pig Trail (AR-23) a try. The weather was cold, but the recent heavy snow had melted, and the road was clear.

Arkansas AR-23 scenic byway 'Pig Trail' runs through the Ozark National Forest and Ozark Mountains for 80 miles from Eureka Springs to Ozark, AR. It is just one of the 15 (maybe 16) great roads picked for this year's riding list.



The Best 15 U.S. Best Roads list started in the spring of 2011 when Larry and Kathy Lamarche took on the challenge and completed all 15 selected roads spread across the entire the United States. In fact, only three people have completed 'The Best Road' challenge three times or more. Larry and Kathy are the first.



The ride started in Ozark, AR on my 2020 HD Road Glide and run north to Eureka Springs, AR, just south of the Missouri Stateline. Since it was to early for lunch, I turned around and headed south on AR-23. I found a great family dinner along the Pig Trail in Huntsville, AR.

What was the restaurant's name? You guessed it, "Granny's Kitchen".

After a delicious lunch and a bowl of ice cream, I headed south again on my way to Clinton, AR to ride the Natchez Trace Parkway.

What a great way to start the 2021 riding season!!



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: bwtwn Kayenta AZ and Bluff Utah 68 miles
12. CO, San Juan Skyway CO-145: bwtwn 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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Editor Note:

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Your April Issue of *Thunder Press* is Here!

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Interesting new bikes, an inside look at the “season-opener” of major rallies, a sweet custom and more are just some of the highlights of the April issue.

The latest bike news is from Indian. We throw a leg over the renewed 2022 FTR series and share our perspective on these unique machines that combine improved agility with flat-track styling. Also, check out details on Indian’s new, limited-build Chieftain Elite.

We also take you behind the scenes at the 2021 Daytona Bike Week, profile the Tiger Glide — a 2020 Road Glide that Paul Yaffe and his crew built into an exclusive performance bagger — and much more.

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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 letters on the left side. Below this, a list of bullet points is provided: '• 40 + sizes in stock', '• Mens and Womens grading', '• Shorts/Regulars/Talls', '• Alterations available', and '• All returnable'. At the bottom, the 'AEROSTICH SINCE 1982' logo is displayed in white, with the website 'aerostich.com/scma' below it. Small text at the bottom left reads 'Photo: Matthew Kabbash - 2016' and at the bottom right reads '©2016 Aerostich'.

Out of Country Medical Insurance You probably need it...

By Brian Hooker
3FC21 Vice Chair
#25029

Canadians travelling to the USA, Mexico or other places have long known about severe financial implications of medical issues when away from home base.

Horror stories of people loosing their houses, huge debts, upfront payments and the like. To avoid these consequences, we buy Medical Insurance. Even travelling within Canada, to different provinces, medical insurance is recommended. Each province has their own healthcare plans, limits, and exclusions, especially travelling to Quebec. Credit card or Group Plans probably isn't enough.

Apologies to American, Mexican and other countries riders – your coverages may differ. You need to check before any trouble.

Travel insurance is not a big expense, for the peace of mind the coverage gives you. Buying a policy is easy online or by phone. If you travel and ride a lot, look at an annual plan. I personally have done the annual plan for years, one less thing to think about before going for a burger and beer in Eureka MT. The links below are not an endorsement, and there are many other coverage options. I highly suggest you do your own research and proceed with what you are most comfortable with. Ask any current insurers about limits and coverages. Be safe out there!

Further info:

<https://www.debt.org/medical/hospital-surgery-costs/>

Medi-Quote Insurance

<https://www.mediquote.ca/>

The Canadian Snowbird Association recommends Medipac Travel Insurance

<https://www.snowbirds.org/travel-insurance/>

AMA - Alberta Motor Assn

<https://www.amatravel.ca/travel-medical-insurance>

Brian Hooker

3FC2021 Vice Chair & SCMA Canadian Liaison

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!





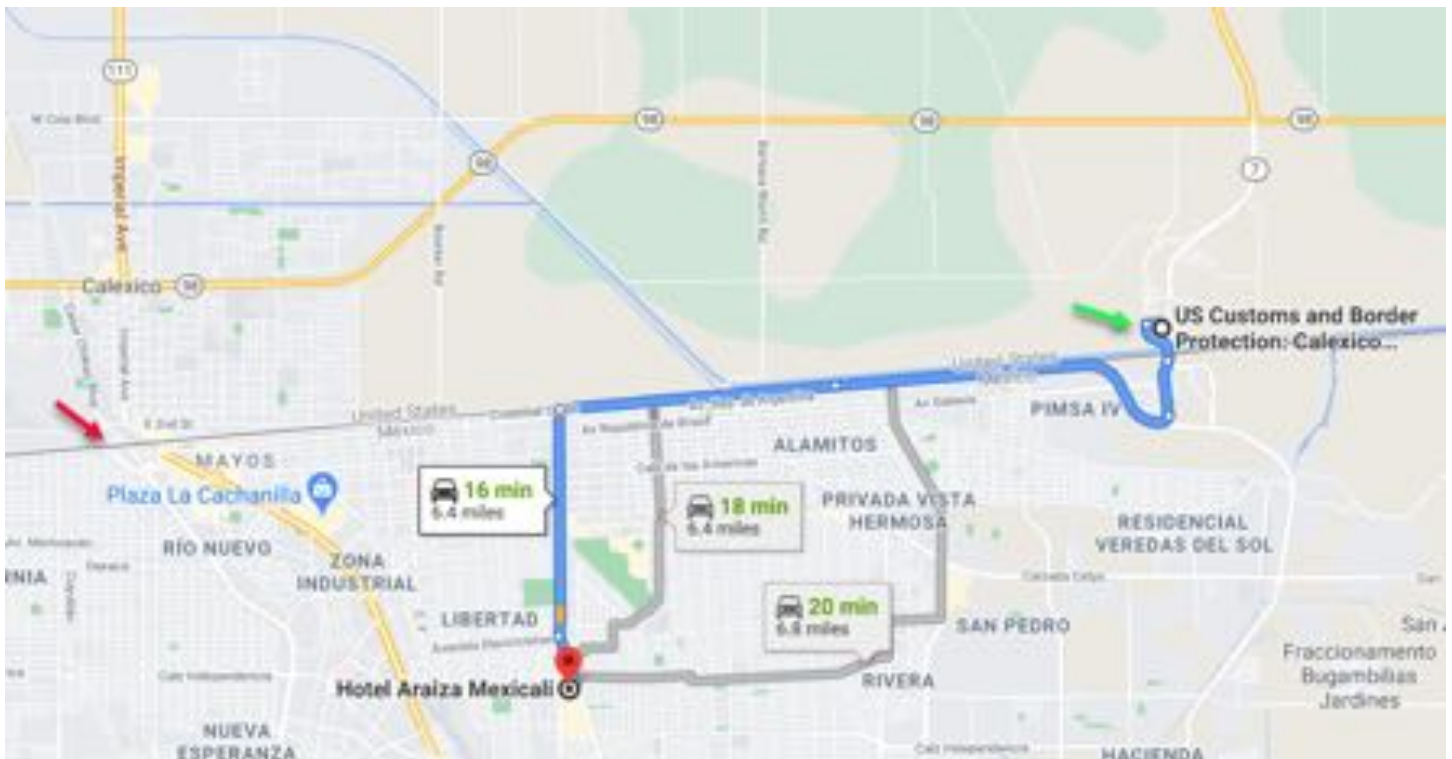
Ports of Entry to Mexicali

*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 ??

We have not heard from any of the below former Life Members.

They are on our rolls

BUT

Their profile has **NO** contact information.

For the past few months this list of names has been published in the hopes that we would hear from them and their profile could be updated.

Beginning next month, these names **will be deleted** from the SCAM database.

Thank you,

Jim Filley
Membership Director,
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Mary	Barcik	Gene	Mason
Billy	Barrett	Wallace	Masters
John	Belgen	Larry	Matsumura
Dale	Brassfield	James	Mc Cord
Ray	Brosell	Buford	Mc Daniel
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Don	Clark	Dave	Queeney
Tommy	Clifton	Jack	Mccormack
Allan	Cline	Harold	Neumann
Will	Deits	Mark	Parrish
Manuel	Dias	Don	Perdew
Ronald	Edgley	Dean	Porter
Roberta	Epps	Hug	Porter
Jim	Farrand	Clyde	Reynolds
Harry	Fisher	Karen	Richmond
Bob	Foreman	Robert	Smith
Randy	Fox	Terry	Smith
Patrick	Gaffney	Clay	Sweeney
Doug	Galloway	Leroy	Tomasi
Dick	Grant	George	Turner
William	Juchem	Doug	Tyler Jr.
		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.

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