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NEWS

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Hello everyone,

This will be my last letter as the Chairman of SCMA. Effective the 1st of July Mark Burdick (TX) will become your new chairman. Mark will bring a fresh approach to the leadership perspective of the board. He is very experienced in business, has worked extensively on project teams, and is very energetic to assume these responsibilities. And that is exactly what is needed in this leadership role.

My five or so years, of being your chairman since November 2015, have been an honor. I have benefited tremendously from the support of each member of the board. During these years Rodney Chew (resurrected the Newsletter, Risk Manager, Chair 3FC16, SCMA Vice Chair, Banquet Supporter), Barbara Fox (Vice Chair), John Mickus (Treasurer, Tax/State reporting), Dan Burt (Secretary), Charlie Lamb (Secretary), Mike Barber (Membership), Jim Filley (Membership), Mark Burdick (Risk Manager), Steve Shulman (3FC20/21, Advisor), Chris White (3FC17), Dean Sorrocco (CA Adventures), Mike Williams (CA Adventures), Dannie Fox (USA Four Corners), Bob Roger (Best 15 USA Roads), and so many others that have volunteered to handle so many details.....especially at the 3FC events and

Upcoming Events

Watch for possible destination ride eBlast	June
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast	July
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast	Aug

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the annual banquet.

I am looking forward to assisting Mark and the board of directors in any way needed, to publishing the newsletter, and to being involved in Southern California.

I encourage everyone to give Mark the fantastic support you have given me.

Ride Safe.....Ride Long,
Gonzo



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SOUTHWEST Regional News Section

(Pages 3 – 12)

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. I anticipate sending out well over 100 membership packages in the next several weeks.

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.

Jim

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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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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, it features logos for Aprilia, BMW, Ducati, KTM, Triumph, Honda, Ural, Vespa, and Kawasaki. Below the logos is a photograph of the store's exterior, which has a large sign that says "GO AZ Motorcycles". To the right of the store photo are images of several motorcycles. At the bottom of the banner, a dark blue bar contains the text: "GO AZ MOTORCYCLES | 15500 N. HAYDEN RD | SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260 | (480) 609-1800 | GOAZMOTORCYCLES.COM".



PREMIUM HELMETS

A photograph of five motorcyclists riding on a dirt road through a hilly, arid landscape. The lead rider is on a white and blue BMW F 850 GS. The other riders are on various models, including a yellow and black one. In the top right corner of the image is the BMW Motorrad logo, which is the circular BMW logo with 'BMW Motorrad' text below it.

**All New 2019 BMW F 850 GS
and 2019 F 750 GS Are Here!**

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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 2021....combine 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** Olancho 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

June

No Events Scheduled
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast

July

No Events Scheduled
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast

August

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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2021 SCMA Officer Elections

Nominations for 2021 Officers/Board of Director are now closed.

It is with pleasure that I report that each nominated member has accepted his nomination for a 2-year term.

Although the positions are uncontested, we would be most appreciative of receiving your confirmation votes.

Please take the time to email/snail mail your vote to the

Secretary.

Email: Secretary@sc-ma.com

Subject: 2021 Ballot for Officers

For your vote, type in the name of the nominee:

Chairman: Mark Burdick

Secretary: Charles Lamb

Risk Manager: Mike Burges

Your Name: _____

Member #: _____

Mbrship Expiration Date: _____

Signature _____

USPS Mail: If submitting your ballot by mail (USPS), please use the form located on the next page or visit the website: <https://sc-ma.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/2020-Ballot-v1.pdf>

Simply check the boxes in the form, fill out your membership information, sign, and:

Mail to: Secretary
Southern California Motorcycling Association
PO Box 487
Norwalk, CA 90651

Ballots must be received by 0900, 26 June 2021.

On 30 June the Secretary will count the votes and report the election results to the Board of Directors.

An eBlast will then be released to the membership confirming the results.

Thank you,
Ride Safe.....Ride Long,
Gonzo

2021 Election Ballot

The below Members were nominated for the positions indicated.

Chairman

- Mark Burdick (Currently Risk Manager)
(Resides in TX)

Secretary

- Charles Lamb (Incumbent)
(Resides in VA)

Risk Manager

- Mike Burges
(Resides in CA)

To validate your vote, please complete the following:

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Mbr #: _____

Mbr Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Ballots must be received not later than 0900 26June2021.

USPS Mail ballot to: Secretary
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Email to: Secretary@sc-ma.com

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

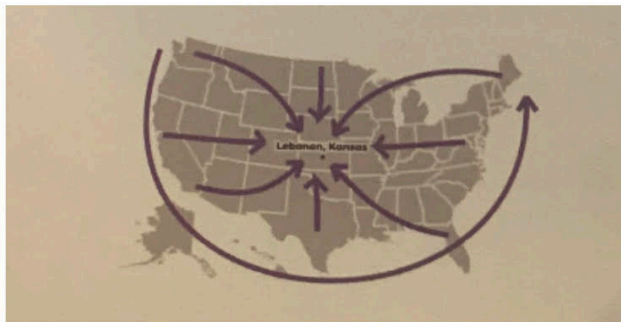
Car show

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??



4 CPR

Four Corners Prayer Ride
Praying for a nation needing life and positive deeds pumped into it.



Praying for the Heart of America, from the Heart of America

Major Stops

- Blaine WA— begin June 27**
- San Ysidro, CA - June 30**
- Key West, FL - July 7**
- Madawaska, ME - July 15**

Stopping every 150 miles

- Play: “God Bless America”**
- Read Scripture**
- Prayer**
- Sing “Amazing Grace”**
- 1X - Personal Grace**
- 2X - National Grace**
- 3X - Invite them to receive prayer**

End In Lebanon, Kansas on July 23,2021
Website: www.prayerattheheart.com all routes can be traced.

Pastor Gary Burd, Amarillo TX, will be riding the USA Four Corners, with a few of his riding buddies.

Here is their website: <https://www.prayerattheheart.com/4corners> and <http://www.prayerattheheart.com/>

His purpose is to Pray for America in which he and his group of riders will pray at each stop along their route. Along the route they will have a “chase” truck with supplies and will be sleeping in churches. Ultimately, after finishing in Madawaska ME, they will ride to Lebanon KS to pray at the “Heart of America”.

He welcomes anyone interested in joining him for the full ride, partial ride or to meet at stops.

Contact information: Gary Burd 806-670-9669
garyburdM25@gmail.com

Link to video: <https://youtu.be/QqX1Bw0tP2s>

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.



**TICKETS & CAMPING ON SALE
JUNE 8 AT 10:00am CST**

Tickets and camping will be available [online](https://barberracingevents.com) starting Tuesday, June 8th at 10:00am CST. Camping reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to reserve your tickets and camping, visit barberracingevents.com at the time tickets go on sale and click on the "BUY TICKETS" button that will appear on the homepage.

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Editor's Note: A big THANK YOU to Dale Van Dellen of Texas for sending this flyer to us!!

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.

Bob Roger
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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!

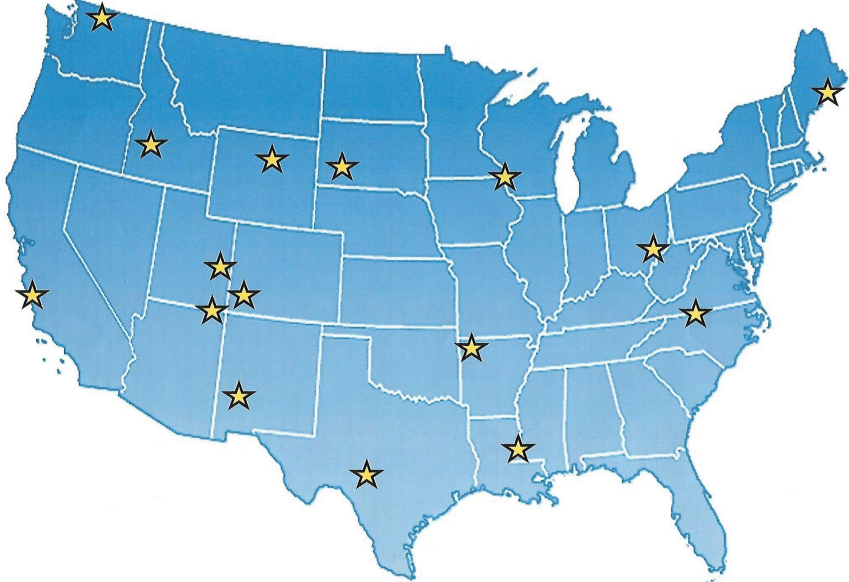
As a registrant, you will have a two-year window to complete the challenge one time, though ALL 15 Roads must be ridden in ONE calendar year (January 1 through November 15, and ride logs must be submitted by November 30). If, for any reason, you do not complete all roads the first year, you will have 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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best15us@sc-ma.com

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. MS, 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:

If you own a V-Twin you may want to consider a subscription to Thunder Press digital magazine.



Your April Issue of *Thunder Press* is Here!

<https://thunderpress.net>

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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Benefiting:





Tour of Honor's Steve Brooks at The California Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Capitol Park in Sacramento.

REMEMBERING SACRIFICE

An AMA Grand Tour Honoring Heroes

Motorcyclists are not ones to easily forget. That quality extends beyond favorite routes from years past or the torque settings you memorized for the head bolts on the 1983 Honda CR125 you had as a teenager. It includes fond memories of friends, good times and bad times, and the sacrifices of those who give more than their fair share.

Motorcyclists also are among the first to acknowledge our country's heroes—the men and women in uniform who are dedicated to the service of others and the protection of our freedoms.

One way we do that is by paying our respects at various memorials around the country. That's the concept behind the Tour of Honor (www.tourofhonor.com), an AMA Grand Tour organized by AMA members and brothers Steve and Dave Brooks. The Tour of Honor is now in its fifth year, with ridership growing 30 percent to 50 percent each year.

Steve and Dave are longtime riders. Steve started riding in 1970. He learned about the Iron Butt Association in the 1990s and rode in the 2003 Iron Butt Rally. He credits the IBA's Mike Kneebone with

contributing to the idea of an AMA Grand Tour created around visiting memorials. Dave is a long-distance rider as well. In 2010, he completed his first Bun Burner ride (1,500 miles in less than 36 hours).

American Motorcyclist caught up with Steve to find out more about the Tour of Honor and how riders can participate.

AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST: How does the Tour of Honor work?

STEVE BROOKS: The Tour of Honor is a self-directed motorcycle ride, as well as an AMA Grand Tour, from April 1 to Oct. 31, visiting selected memorials around the United States.

Each state is represented, including Alaska and Hawaii. Sites change each year and honor individuals and groups that have sacrificed their own safety and lives to protect American ideals for others, including monuments to patriots, military veterans, police and first responders.

Riders photograph their motorcycles along with their unique flag at each site, and the photos are emailed to scorers and tracked on the website. The first three riders to visit all seven memorials in a state receive a trophy, and riders who visit any seven sites during the year receive a finisher's certificate and pin.

The goal is to highlight these memorials and to raise funds for veterans, police and fire charities, depending on rider preference.

AM: Do a lot of your participants have a connection to a fallen hero?

SB: Stories abound of riders wishing to honor family members and friends who have passed, or are still serving. There are several Gold Star parents as well as sons and daughters of fallen heroes, and the Tour of Honor definitely provides a good excuse to ride and ponder their service.

AM: What's the most popular memorial stop among ride participants, and why do you think that is?

SB: There are several sites that riders mention being extra special to them. Probably the most commented on, and a permanent site on the Tour of Honor, is the National Vietnam Memorial in Angel Fire, N.M. For that matter, I think all of the Vietnam Veteran memorials are meaningful because of the sympathy for those veterans that received such poor treatment when they returned home.

Others that come to mind are the seawall murals in Portsmouth, Ohio. Several 9/11 memorials. Officer down memorials. Of course, we think each one is special and encourage state sponsors to research the sites for the Google Map write-ups.

AM: Is there a favorite route that participants talk about?

SB: Not so much a favorite route, but new roads that riders wouldn't ordinarily take. State sponsors are good at picking local motorcycle roads that are off the super-slab. There have been numerous comments from East Coasters about California roads that they weren't aware of before riding to Tour of Honor destinations.

AM: The ride awards the Jack Shoalmire Achievement Award to the rider who visits the most sites. Tell us a bit about Jack.

SB: Jack signed up for the first Tour of Honor and rode it like nobody else. Jack dedicated a large part of his summer riding to every state and visiting every site except in Hawaii. He'd made plans to visit Hawaii, but his tour was cut short when he died in a car accident on Aug. 27, 2011, at the age of 68.

Jack was well-known in the motorcycling community, having won two AMA national motocross championships in his younger years. Later, he became active in the Iron Butt Association, winning a Silver Medal Finish in the 2007 Iron Butt Rally [11,000 miles in 11 days].

Most important, Jack also was a highly-

decorated Vietnam veteran, earning a Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Service Medals and many more.

The Jack Shoalmire Achievement Award recognizes the rider who visits the most Tour of Honor sites in a season. It includes a plaque, free Tour of Honor registration and the No. 1 flag in the following year.

His good friend and son-in-law, Barry Bennett, won the first award by riding to every Tour of Honor site the next year, carrying an urn of Jack's ashes in his tail trunk.

AM: For someone wanting to participate in an AMA Grand Tour for the first time, what's your advice?

SB: Go at your own pace and take some time at each site. Whether riders visit one site, or all of them, we hope to share how riding a motorcycle can enrich your travels.

One recent visit, shared by a rider on the Tour of Honor forum, was at a Japanese internment site. The only other visitor at the time was an elderly Japanese gentleman sharing memories there with his son. A conversation started and a friendship was made, and if the rider were in a cage instead, he claimed it probably wouldn't have turned out that way.



Ask the MSF

SHARING SAFETY

Q: I want to help my non-riding friends better appreciate their role in keeping motorcyclists safe. Any tips?

A: Anything we can do to sensitize car drivers to our presence is a benefit.

Because motorcycles can be hidden in traffic, drivers must look twice before changing lanes or turning left at intersections. Also, some drivers seem to forget that turn signals help prepare other motorists to take evasive action in case they don't notice us during their maneuvers. To keep safe, all motorists must communicate using proper signals, and not engage in distracted driving.

You could set up a small meeting for your friends using the MSF's Host-An-Event video kit titled "Intersection." It's a fun, interactive way to inform non-riders how to share the road and be safer drivers.

Finally, if drivers had a direct experience with riding a motorcycle—or at least being a passenger—they may be more likely to notice us on the road. Consider taking non-riding friends on their first ride so they can experience first-hand the joy as well as the vulnerability of motorcycling.

Editor's Note: I was speaking with George Mowry (CA) a couple of weeks ago and he brought up the subject of the Tour Of Honor. I had heard of the Tour a few times in the past but never any details....hence, I confused it with the annual ride to the Vietnam Memorial. George began telling me details of the Tour and I realized this was some-thing different. In fact, I thought it was so in line with what SCMA does that I contacted Steve Brooks to discuss possible teaming ideas as what he has arranged with the IBA. Steve sent this article, originally published by the American Motorcyclist magazine for us to publish in our newsletter.

To find out more about TOH use this link: <https://www.tourofhonor.com>

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 motorcyclist wearing a silver helmet, sunglasses, and a grey and yellow jacket, sitting on a blue motorcycle. The background shows a scenic mountain landscape under a blue sky with 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", "• Shortis/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".

2021 Three Flags Classic Update It's looking like a definite maybe!

by Steve Shulman
3FC21 Chairman



Hello Three Flag Registrants! Your Three Flags Committee has been meeting every month for the better part of 2 years in hopes of having the 45th Annual Three Flag Classic commencing in Mexicali in September. The main discussion each month is the likelihood of the border opening in Canada in time for the ride. And when I say opening, I mean being able to transit the Canadian border in each direction without quarantine. The other issue is will Canada allow gatherings that will accommodate our group size. For your knowledge, the Mexican border is currently open and not an issue for this ride.

One of the possibilities we have pondered is if the Canadian border opens, will they require proof of vaccination. Will they require proof of a Covid test prior to entering? The answer to both questions is we just don't know yet.

We do know there is a great deal of pressure on the Canada to open the border. Without getting into details, we know some decisions will be made this month and we'll get a sense of direction. We may be able to wait as long as the end of July or even early August to make a decision, but it's going to be a close call as to whether or not we ride. In other words, it's a definite maybe...

If there is any way we can do this ride, rest assured your committee is going to make it happen. I expect there will be much more information by the end of this month. As we get the information we will relay it to you. We'll even give you the opportunity to increase your T-shirt size if you've been locked in your home during Covid this last year.

I hope everyone is healthy and we are able to join together for a great ride in a few short months!

Steven Shulman, Chairman
2021 Three Flags Classic

A Three Flags Miracle

By Bob Hickey

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I started riding the Three Flags Classic in 1985 and have ridden a total of 25. There were several of us in the San Diego area that rode together on many of these rides. Eric, a friend that had ridden on some of these rides, had come down with the Lou Gehrig's disease. Eric was no longer able to hold up a two-wheeler, so he traded it for a trike. He called to say he wanted to do one last Three Flags ride while he still could.

It has been a while, but searching back through the records, I found it was probably the 1994 Tijuana to Courtenay ride. Eric and his wife would ride the trike and I told him my wife and I would take our double cab truck and at any time they needed some relief, they could get in the truck. I took my riding gear in case I needed to take over the trike.

Needless to say, Eric rode the entire ride, even through heavy rain and cold. When we arrived off the ferry in Victoria, we went over to the waterfront in front of the Victoria Hotel. He was able to park in handicap parking by the wall looking down over the harbor. My wife and I had to go and find a parking spot and that took awhile. When we walked back, his wife was by the wall looking at the sailboats in the slips below the wall. They were having a Wooden Boar Festival.

We asked Mary, "Where was Eric"? She pointed out where he was down by the boats. So I walked down and as I approached Eric, he said, "Bob, I want you to meet a friend of mine". His friend had sailed his boat up from New Zealand and decided to stop at the Festival.

It turns out, Eric was originally from New Zealand and when he was serving in the NZ Air Force, he had served with that friend on the boat. They had not seen each in at least forty plus years. When Eric walked up to his boat, which had a New Zealand flag flying, the white haired man on the boat looked at Eric and called him by his name.

That is what I call a Three Flags "Miracle". What is the probability of all these factors coming to play for these two people from opposite ends of the earth to meet in Victoria??

Although Eric is no longer with us to remind me of this story, he has since passed away from the disease, I will always remember this amazing occurrence.

Editor's Note: This amazing story was first sent to me from Bob Hickey in April 2019. It was printed out to be typed in the newsletter back then, but the paper and email was misplaced. While cleaning out 3FC boxes last week I came across it once again.

CHASING THE HORIZON

(AN MOA PODCAST)

EPISODE 107, IN WHICH GONZO SAYS HE HOPES WE RIDE A LOT IN 2021!

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Many moons ago (or so it seems), I had former motorcycle police officer and current MOA Key Volunteer Colleen Sepulveda on as a guest for our sister podcast, *200 Miles Before Breakfast*. (If you've never heard of that podcast, you can find Colleen's episode on the First 12 page). In our discussion, Colleen mentioned her participation in the Three Flags Classic, an open, five-day rally going from Mexico to Canada. I was intrigued, and Colleen recommended I chat with Gonzo, the guy who runs the group sponsoring the Three Flags.

Though I immediately reached out to Gonzo, it was obviously a long time between then and now, but here we are, it's 2021 and the Three Flags is on for later this year. I thought it was a great time to reach out to Gonzo again and find out more about the Three Flags and everything else the SCMA does. You can connect with the SCMA at SC-MA.com and on [Facebook](#), but that's their only social media presence

Listen to the podcast here:

<https://horizon.bmwmoa.org/episode-107-gonzo-scma/>

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

By Brian Hooker
3FC21 Vice Chair
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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

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3FC2021 Vice Chair & SCMA Canadian Liaison

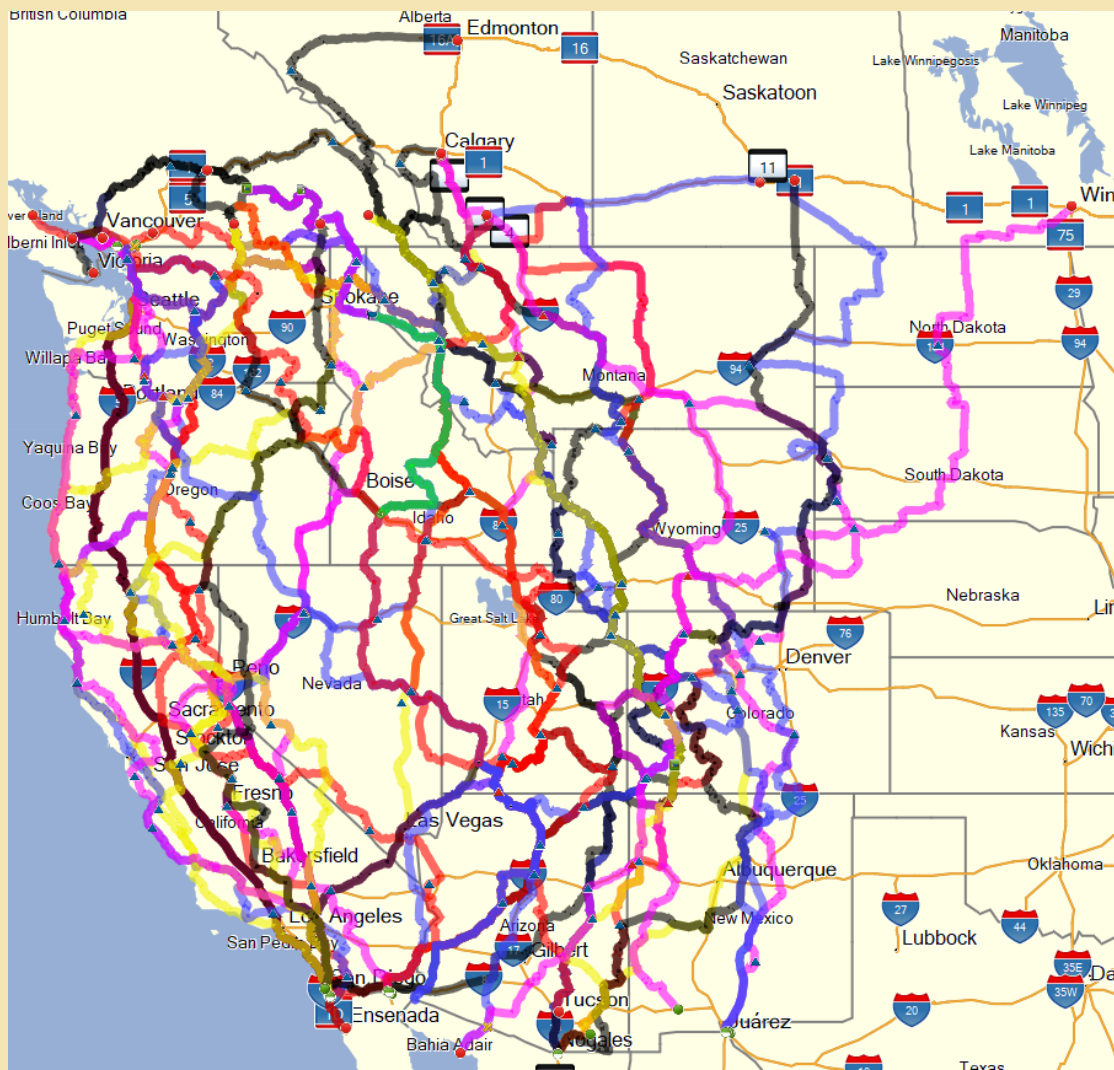
44 Years of 3FC Routes

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!





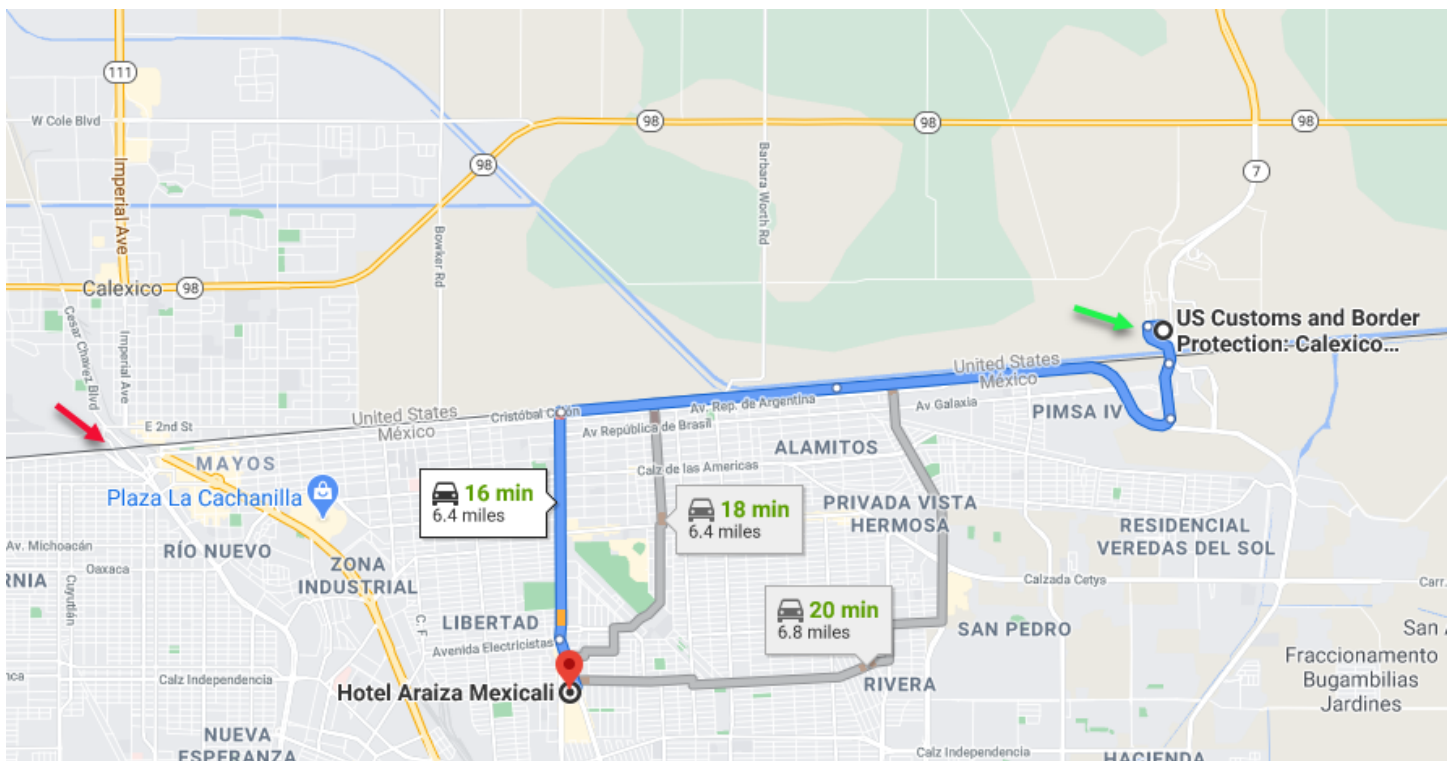
Ports of Entry to Mexicali

By Karen Butterfield
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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 949xxxx or Filley at 619xxxx) 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

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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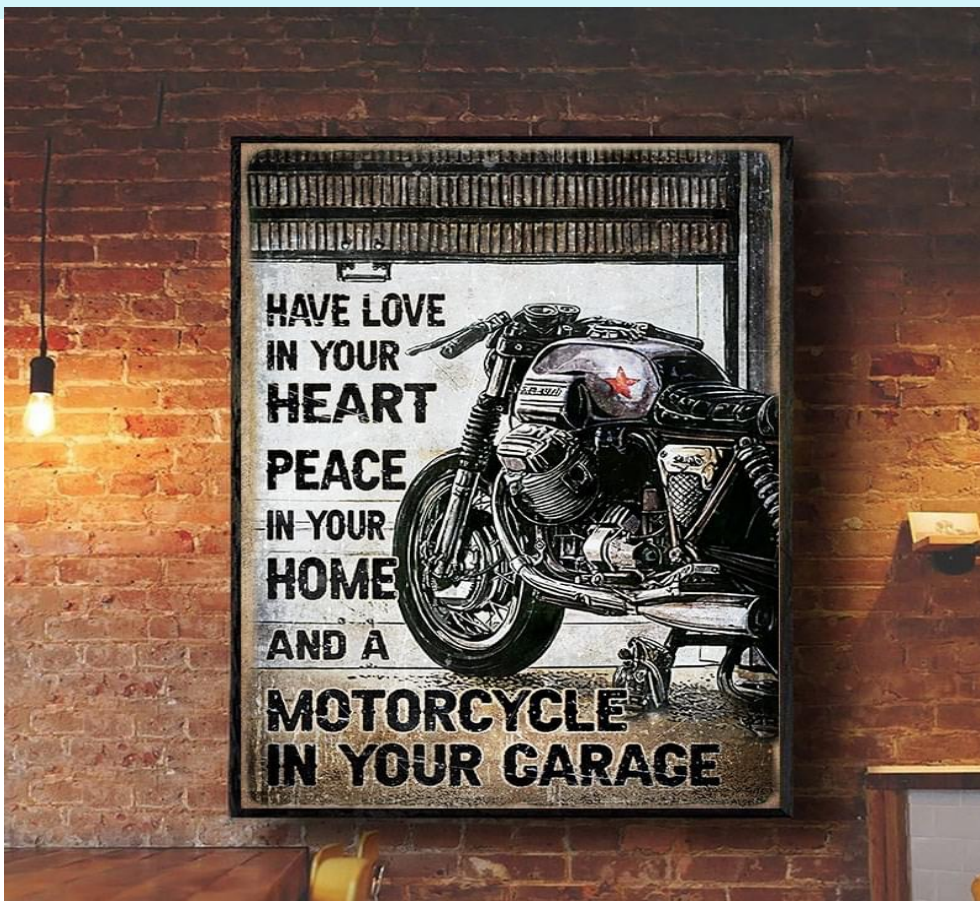
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