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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

In June of 2012 I was flipping through my latest copy of the BMW Owners News magazine adding to my ever-growing list of upgrades I had to get for my motorcycle. This process is the same that I do when the Harley Owners Group publication (now known as the Enthusiast). When I reached the Events section, I saw an entry for the Southern California Motorcycling Association's Three Flags Classic. Hmmm, this sounds interesting: 37th Annual event, Premier Motorcycle Tour, El Paso, Tx. to Nelson, BC, over four days and not a race. I went to the SC-MA.com website to learn more. I ended up buying a rider's ticket who couldn't attend as the event had been sold out for months. Another good sign.

I arrived in El Paso two days before the start so I could settle in and prepare for the event. I met several organizers who welcomed me, took my picture for the event passport, got me signed in. I then proceeded to the parking lot to check out all the bikes (well over 300) and meet quite a few of their owners. Cruisers, long distance touring rigs, dual sports, a handful of sports bikes, all from a wide variety of manufactures. Diverse riders and BSRs from all over North America all very happy to introduce themselves, welcome me to the party and talk about their experiences riding this event. The

Upcoming Events

Watch for possible destination ride eBlast Watch for possible destination ride eBlast Watch for possible destination ride eBlast July August September

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current Chairman of the SC-MA at the time was Blake Anderson. I was intently studying a mystery small black box on his dashboard when he came up and introduced himself. Turns out the high-tech moto gear was a black spray-painted toll tag mounted by Velcro - the most inexpensive bling that I had added to my list all day. I had a great rally that year. I met many people who remain close friends today. I learned that time invested in preparation of your bike, packing for both hot, cold, and wet weather, and programming your route in your GPS tool of choice makes a huge difference between a stressful and enjoyable tour. I also learned not to always trust your GPS, weather forecasts, and that you always pack more than you need.

I've ridden every 3FC since except the 2013 (big regret) since then. It was a shock to the system last year when SC-MA had to postpone the 45th Annual Event due to the COVID pandemic. I'm very excited, as you will be too, that there has been movement by the Canadian government to loosen boarder restrictions. Please read through this month's newsletter for information and guidance from the Three Flags Classic Ride Chairman, Steve Schulman for more detail. Steve and his team have worked very hard over the last two years on this event and alternatives.

Our membership, affiliates, and the riding community in general, participate and value our other sanctioned events that are widely known for being longer distance challenges that are achievable with a little thoughtful preparation and riding. The California Adventure Series, Four Corners Tour, Best 15 Roads Challenge, and the Triple Crown Award are available for our membership' to pursue.

The SC-MA Leadership organization is composed of a Board of Directors (Officers) and Ex Officio leaders who devote their time and energy on a voluntary basis. My previous role in the organization was serving for two years in the position of Risk Manager and Referee. Most of the other participants have long histories of volunteering in various roles in the organization to support the membership and advance the SC-MA. We always need and welcome volunteers to help with the rides and keeping the organization running smoothly. If you have some time and energy to give back to your community,

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please reach out to anybody on the "contact us" link on our website. I personally can tell you that it is very rewarding to know that you are supporting an organization with such a rich history and promise for the future.

We have many plans to help grow and improve the SC-MA in the near term including a revamped web site with valuable/actionable content, adding new rides, expanding affiliates, and adding new partners supporting your travel and riding technologies.

I would like to thank Gonzo Gonzalez for leading this organization as Chairman for the past five years. His vision and dedication to the organization is in the fine tradition set forth by Blake Anderson and the preceding leaders. Gonzo will continue with the association developing Strategy and Marketing supporting our growth plans. Please give him a big thank you, a warm handshake and pat on the back for all he has done when you see him at the Three Flags Classic this year.

It will be an honor and a privilege to serve you as the Chairman of the Southern California Motorcycling Association for the next two years. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me to share any questions or provide feedback you have on how we can better serve you as a valued stakeholder and fellow long-distance rider.

Ride safe, have fun!

Mark Burdick Chairman









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SOUTHWEST Regional News Section

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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

Membership applications continue to pour in as 3 Flags is just around the corner. The SCMA database and website encountered problems a week or so ago and, although it is now up and running, membership numbers are not being generated.

This means new members who have joined in the last week or so do not yet have a membership number and I cannot produce a membership card for them. Please be patient with this Membership Director!! I will get cards and packages out as fast as I can.

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2021 Election Results

Thank you members for submitting your ballots and electing the nominees in this year's election.

Despite being a non-contested election, it is always a good showing to hold an election with the membership. Here are the officers that were elected:

Mark Burdick SCMA Chairman

Charles Lamb SCMA Secretary

Mike Burges Risk Manager/Referee

We are very fortunate to have Mark Burdick assume the chairmanship and take on the duties of administering this wonderful member organization. Mark will bring his business expertise to the position and keep SCMA operating on solid ground.

Charles was the incumbent Secretary and is continuing in his duties in that position. He captures the minutes for each monthly and special board meeting and ensures they are approved by the board and stored filed in the records.

We greatly appreciate Mike Burges volunteering to become the Risk Manager when Mark moved up to the chairmanship. Previously Mike was gearing up to replace Jim Filley as the Membership Director. Hopefully a member will volunteer to become the Membership Director when elections take place next year.

At the end of the "Election" Board Meeting a motion was made to make Gonzo the Marketing Director so he can continue as a member of the board (Ex Officio) and also continue his work on developing and implementing a marketing plan and overhaul of the website.

We wish everyone success in their new positions!!

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Ride to WING DING 42

Mitch Friedman #24102



Myself with Jane and Steve SCMA Members in Springfield MO for Wing Ding

side of Wilcox, AZ the I-10 was shut down for a fire......we were told the highway would be back open in an hour. 2 Hours later a state highway worker said if you wanted to get around the fire to turn around and go back to Benson, AZ, turn left and ride almost to the Mexican border and turn East to get around the fire.

In El Paso I was back on track hours and miles out of my way. I arrived in Fort Stockton at Midnight PST or 2am CST, and 1,125 miles into my ride. I

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When I bought my Honda Gold Wing at the end of May 2020, Steve Morris said I should go to Wing Ding. In 2020 it was postponed and moved to June 30 to July 3, 2021 in Springfield, Missouri.

I had planned to take the long way to Springfield via Texas. I am already a finisher of the Motorcycle Grand Tour of Texas but thought I should get the stops down near the Gulf. With the weather at the Gulf I thought better of it and planned a Saddle Sore 1000 from Sylmar, CA to Fort Stockton, TX. Like all well planned rides once I got out



MO Fort Worth

Texas Longhorn Cattle drive in Fort Worth

thought, "well I bet I can work this into a Bun Burner 1500 in 36 hours!" So when I woke up I rode to Fort Worth grabbing 2 Grand Tour of TX stops and a 9/11 for Tour of Honor ride.

Spent the rest of the week in Fort Worth getting Tour of Honor and Grand Tour of TX stops as well as

Fort Worth Championship rodeo trick rider

sightseeing and going to the Stockyards Championship Rodeo on Friday and Saturday nights. I also rode down to Waco to see the Texas Rangers museum as well as the Dr. Pepper Museum; both a lot of FUN.

Monday the 28th of June I headed to Springfield again getting Tour of Honors stops along the way. I thought I was going to be in rain most of the day so I put on my rain pants and had my rain jacket ready but I hardly had any rain at all and had a very nice ride.

Met up with Steve Morris and Jane Usatin both long time SCMA members in Springfield and on day of Wing Ding we rode and visited the Wilson's Creek National Civil War Battle Field it was very interesting for sure. Wing Ding is fun and I seem to be one of the younger riders that are here in Springfield. Thursday we rode down to Branson to see a Bluegrass band,





Tour of Honor Freedom Silo 901 Front St. Monett, Missouri GPS: 36.92077, -93.91895

Access: 24/7

Freedom Silo is an awe inspiring 360 degree mural 66 feet tall and 88 feet around, It features a 35 foot tall Eagles head, and 18 foot beak, and 8 foot feathers. It is a project of Main Street Monett and artist Rayne Clotfelter, a Navy Veteran, of nearby Branson. It is painted on a 130 year old silo beside the railroad tracks.

known as The Peterson Family. They are worth seeking if you are in Branson or if they tour near you.

Heading home on the 4th and the plan is to try and ride a Bun Burner 1500 gold so we will see how I do after being on the road 2 weeks.

Motorcycle Grand Tour of Texas stop at the Nat WASP WWII Museum



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



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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 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
\$22 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 colocated 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

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Event Calendar

July

No Events Scheduled

Watch for possible destination ride eBlast

August

No Events Scheduled

Watch for possible destination ride eBlast

September

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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Saturday September 11, 2021



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 https://www.prayerattheheart.com/4corners

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.

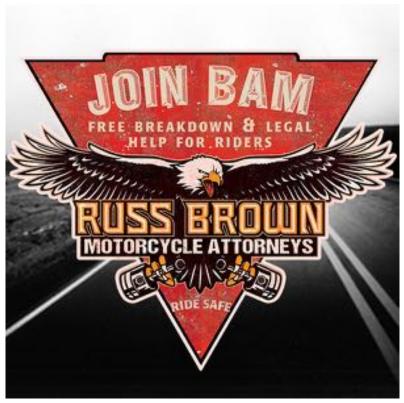
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Link to video: https://youtu.be/QqX1Bw0tP2s

ABOUT BAM

Katherine Markowicz Marketing & Promotions Brown, Koro & Romag LLP



BAM: Breakdown and Legal Assistance for Motorcyclists

BAM is a unique volunteer organization of bikers helping bikers. Motorcycle Attorney and long-time SCMA supporter, Russ Brown started BAM over 30 years ago when he experienced a breakdown 100 miles from home. Stranded in a remote location with no one he knew nearby that could help him, Russ thought "Wouldn't it be great to have a fellow biker to call anytime, anywhere you needed help?" And so, BAM was born! Today, BAM's nationwide volunteer network of roughly 2 million motorcyclists can help provide you with emergency breakdown assistance across the country. If you experience a breakdown or mechanical problems while on the road, call 1-800-4-BIKERS, and we will search our volunteer network and send someone out to help.

Roadside Assistance for Motorcycles

Russ also wanted to provide the support of his legal muscle to every BAM member. Today, Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys, and their nationwide network provide free legal advice 24/7 to all its members nationwide. Started by the Los Angeles motorcycle accident attorneys who ride, BAM is the ultimate resource for riders one that has developed and flourished for over 30 years. As a result, the motorcycle accident attorneys at Russ Brown have developed trusted relationships with the best lawyers across the country. No matter where you ride, you can rest assured knowing you have the very best bikerfriendly 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 <u>online</u> 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 <u>barberracingevents.com</u> 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!!

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4Th of July – Independence Day Hot Dogs and Motorcycles

By Gonzo #25051

It's July 4th.....Independence Day in the US of A.

And I'm eating a hot dog.

As I was munching on the hot dog, I reflected back on my youth and my love affair with this questionable delicacy.....and it brought to mind a motorcycle story.

I believe I was around 11 or 12 years old.....a mere 65 years ago,...more or less. The family of uncles, aunts, and cousins was gathered at my uncle's house



Dodger Dog

out in the country of Western New York (WNY), somewhere between Buffalo and Niagara Falls.....a couple hours drive from where we lived in Tonawanda. The big feast for us kids then was, of course, the Hot Dog!!

We had lemonade, chips, BBQ'd hot dogs on toasted buns, potato salad, and apple pie. I'm sure there were also bowls of salad and vegetables on the large serving picnic table, but it would not have been noticed by an 11-year old.

As I reflected upon this American Icon caloric delight that I was chewing on, I also recalled the parades that took place, the marching bands, and flags waving from extended arms, from flagpoles, and from the front eaves of houses.

65 years later it is still a day of patriotism, celebration, parades, waving flags, and hot dogs.

For example, earlier today at 11:00 am, the neighborhood parents of our small community within congested suburban Orange County CA, had organized a bike parade. In the



parade, and a couple of times afterwards in the late afternoon, a grandpa drove his huge farm tractor bedecked with small flags. It was a beauty, bright red, kids in the saddle with grandpa, and some kids in a large carry box attached to the back.

While munching on my third bite of dog (with bun, ketchup, mustard, relish, onion) I wondered how did this everyday simple food get started? Unlike 65 years ago when I would have had to open an encyclopedia, I instead whipped out my iPhone and googled Wikipedia!

Instant knowledge appeared before my eyes.

Frankfurt Germany. That's where it started as far back as the 13th century; with sausages that were similar to hot dogs. Nowadays in Germany they are referred to as wieners (little sausage).

According to some sources, a German immigrant from Frankfurt, named Feuchtwanger, pioneered the hot dog in the mid-west in 1880 by selling them on the streets in St. Louis. His wife came up with the idea of using buns.

Another source claims it started in Coney Island in 1867. Charles Fellman had a cart in which he boiled sausages. He later bought some land and started a restaurant that included the famous "Coney Island Red Hots" on the menu.

In the USA the term "hot dog" refers to both the sausage by itself and the combination of sausage and bun. Many nicknameshave emerged...including frankfurter, frank, wiener, weenie, coney, and red hot. Annually, Americans consume 20 billion hot dogs. (source: Wikipedia)

Skinner's Restaurant, in Lockport, Manitoba, is reputed to be Canada's oldest hot dog outlet in continuous operation, founded in 1929 by Jim Skinner Sr. Hot dogs served at Skinner's are European style foot-long (30.5 cm) hot dogs with natural casings, manufactured by Winnipeg Old Country Sausage in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Half Moon Drive In, also in Lockport, Manitoba, and located directly across the river from Skinner's, was established in 1938 by brothers Peter and Louie Kosowicz.¹ The original drive-in consisted of three wooden buildings shaped like semicircles — one was for takeout, one was for dine-in, and the third was a dance hall and later an arcade.- The Half Moon also serves European-style wieners manufactured by Winnipeg Old Country Sausage.- One of the most popular items on the menu is the Moon Dog, consisting of a hot dog topped with cheese, bacon, fried onions, pickles and mustard; the Half Moon serves about 2,000 on an average summer weekend day

Yes, hot dogs became perhaps the most famous and favorite USA delight. I can't imagine going to a baseball game and not having a hot dog and a beer!

But back to the motorcycle part of this article. So, us kids are eating about 3 hot dogs each and drinking lemonade, and eating chips and smearing mustard and ketchup on our t-shirts....just having a good old time, when we hear the throaty roar of my uncle's Indian.

I had two uncles in WNY, uncle #2 was a conservative business owner and uncle #1 was a hell raising, wrench turning, welder, factory worker that loved racing anything on wheels. He was one of the first to make go-carts for us kids to terrorize the neighborhood. Yes, he was the one with the Indian.





As we found out later, it appears that he made some comment about how he could ride the Indian with all three 35+ year-old men sitting upon it. Uncle #2 challenged him to perform! As we watched, my father got on back fender (he had a

sore butt), uncle #1 got in the saddle, and uncle #2 got on the handlebars. In a cloud of dust they roared out of the dirt driveway and onto the country road, whooping and hollering with beers in their hands. We got a big kick out of the foolishness and were immensely proud of our respective daredevil parents.....until about 15 minutes later when

uncle #1 came walking back to get on the party-line telephone and call for an ambulance.

Seems they had a bit of a mishap, lost balance, and snuggled up to the roadside gully. Uncle #2 (handlebars) broke his leg and required medevac. My father and uncle #1 spent the next 2+ hours working on extracting the Indian from the gully.

It's very interesting



how munching on a hot dog brought all this to light! I probably would not have recalled the event if I were not into riding motorcycles in my later years now.

I hope you all had a wonderful 4th of July, gathered with family to celebrate our country's history, and enjoyed a hot dog or two.

Hopefully you refrained from performing any daredevil activities on your motorcycles.

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 1th 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!"

(330) 857 8131 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 toTX-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: bwtn Kayenta AZ and Bluff Utah 68 miles
- 12. CO, San Juan Skyway CO-145: bwtn 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

(330) 857-8131 or email to Best15us@sc-ma.com rsroger03@gmail.com

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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!

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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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REMEMBERING SACRIFICE

An AMA Grand Tour Honoring Heroes

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

Motorcyclets also are among the first to acknowledge our country's heroesthe 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.tourothonor.comp, an AMA. Grand Tour organized by AMA members and brothers Steve and Dave Brooks. The Tour of Honor is now in its 6th year, with ridership growing SC percent to 50 percent

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 (1,600 miles in less than 36 hours).

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

EXCESSIVE BE How does the Tour of Honor work?

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 CONTRACT STURIES.

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 memorists and to raise funds for veterans, police and fire charities, depending on rider preference.

CO a lot of your participants have a consection to a fallen here?

EDS Stories abound of riders wishing to honor family members and blends who have passed, or are soll serving. There are several Gold Star porents 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.

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

There are several sites that riders mention being extra special to them. Probably the most commented on, and is 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.

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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

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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.





3FC21 Status Update

Your Three Flags Classic Committee continues to monitor developments and reports coming from border authorities in regards to border policy in Canada and USA. News is expected to come by July 21st......and we're hoping for the best.

As soon as we have a decision we will release an eBlast to membership.

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NEXUS CARD RENEWALS

Check yours now –

Just as an FYI, and a reminder for SCMA members to check the expiry dates on your Nexus Trusted Traveler Program cards.

I checked mine today, and found the 5 year expiry date had passed on my birthday this year.

THERE WAS NO WARNING, advice, email, text, NOTHING.

Apparently this is due to the Nexus offices being CLOSED while the borders are closed.

To renew, or check info see: https://ttp.cbp.dhs.gov/

Remember to check ALL the sections on the application. There are some NEW sections, that were not there in previous renewals.

Those sections will have to be filled in, and/or corrected.

If not completed correctly, you may get rejected, or, have a big hassle getting changes fixed.

From: https://cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/services/covid/changes-changements-eng.html

"NEXUS/FAST

NEXUS and FAST enrollment centres remain temporarily closed as long as COVID-19 border restrictions are in place.

Existing NEXUS and FAST members who renew their membership before the expiry date on their card will retain their membership privileges for twenty-four months beyond their scheduled expiration. Therefore, please renew your membership before it expires to avoid losing your privileges.

We encourage new applicants to wait to submit their applications until enrollment centres re-open.

Temporary lane closures at NEXUS land ports of entry have been implemented until further notice."

Brian Hooker SCMA 3 Flags Classic Tour™ 2021 Vice Chair

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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 #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

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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!





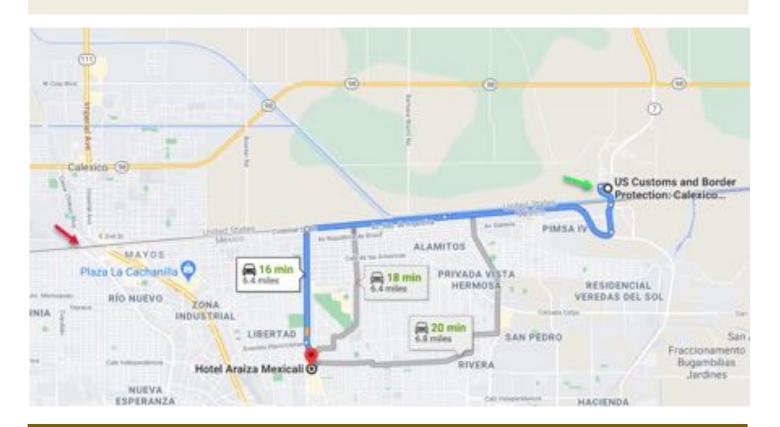
Ports of Entry to Mexicali

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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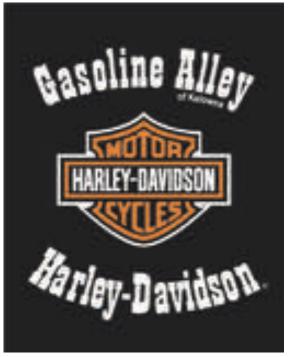




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Three Flags Classic - Ticket Resales

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-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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