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**NEWS**

## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Earlier this week, Eblast 7 was posted with the announcement we all hoped we would not see. We all were hopeful this pandemic was coming to an end. We thought the borders would be open by now and welcoming visitors from the Three Flags countries. Most of us have been touring inside our borders and looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones as we always do during the annual Three Flags Classic. Instead, we cancelled hotel reservations and settled into a bit of a quandary of what we were going to do during the two weeks we have marked on the calendar for the tour - again this year.

Well, since we all have our bikes ready to go, money set aside, and time off from work or home responsibilities - LETS RIDE!!!

If you are in British Columbia, go see Nova Scotia. In Alberta, go explore Labrador, in Quebec go visit Victoria Island. Saskatchewan or Ontario - either west or east is a good choice to get off the prairies.

If I lived in Mexico, I might ride all the way down Baja and enjoy the ocean views, beaches, and seafood. Otherwise, Copper Canyon is always a good choice.

The rest of us USA folks, why not do the Four Corners

## Upcoming Events

Watch for possible destination ride eBlast	August
Lebanon Bash, KS	11 Sep
Barber Vintage Festival, AL	8-10 Oct

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Ride? Another option would be to sign up for the Best 15 and do as many great rides as you can this summer so you can finish the challenge next year? Yes, California is having some wildfire problems this summer but with a little planning and careful monitoring you might be able to knock out one or more of the California Adventure series.

The Chairman of the Three Flags Classic committee and his team will restart their planning activities in mid-October. Please rest assured that this outstanding team of dedicated riders will put the finishing touches on a great 45th Rally that we all will enjoy September 2022.

We will also be working hard to build out a new website for 2022 to better support our membership and organization.

Please send me a note (Chairman@SCMA.com) on what touring you did during the first week of September. We will select the best story from each country (CA, US, MX) and post in the October Newsletter. Winners will each receive a \$200 gift card. That should be enough for 10 tanks of gas for the bike!

Ride safe and ride often!

Mark



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Editor's Note:

## Why Is August Newsletter So Late??

Hello everyone,

Yes, I know. It is the 18<sup>th</sup> of August and you are just now receiving the newsletter.

WTH??

First off, thank you for being so patient.....no one called and asked where was the newsletter. All three of you monthly readers patiently waited for it to come out.

My simple explanation is that on 19July I became quite ill and didn't begin recovery until around 4August.

.....and then I had no energy or ability to focus.

You will notice a difference in this month's issue.....very few if any logos from our 3FC sponsors.

I decided to take a shot at restructuring the newsletter and, since 3FC21 was cancelled, began by removing all sponsor advertisements. We'll see how September's issue turns out.

Speaking of which.....I know many of you out there were on rides these past few months. How about drafting up a story about your trip and send it to me with some photo's (or no photos if you forgot to take any)??

Big Destination Ride in September! Take a look at page 9 for information on the Lebanon Bash scheduled for 11September.

Ride Safe.....Ride Long,

Gonzo



## **SOUTHWEST Regional News Section**

(Pages 3 – 8)

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*

This has been a very busy week for me. About 150 membership packages have gone out and I have about 25 Canadian packages to forward to Brian Hooker.

We still have a system issue with generating membership numbers. Hopefully that will soon be solved!

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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)

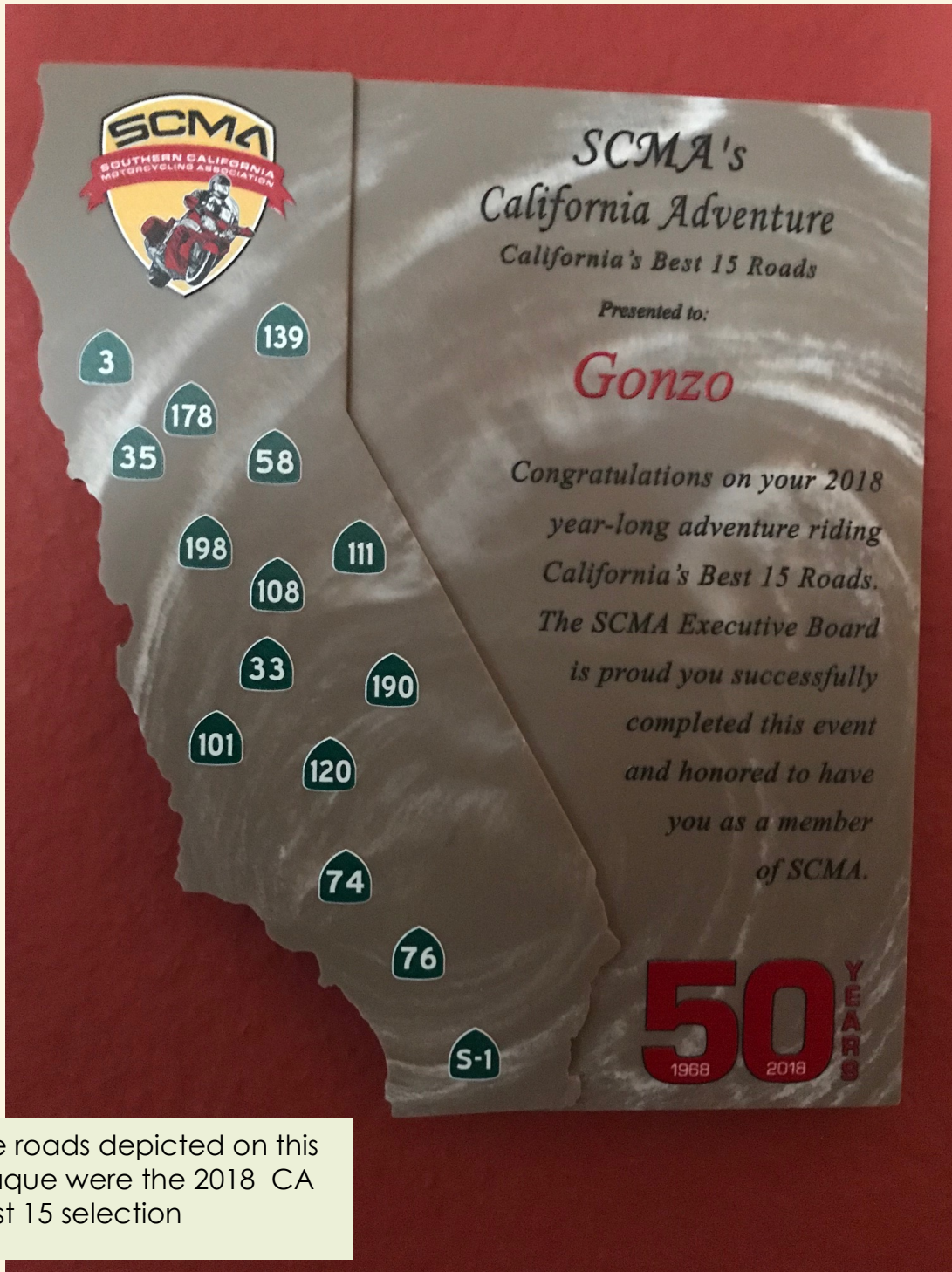
- CA-96** Willow Creek to I-5
- CA-44** Redding to CA-36
- CA-29/175** Hopland to Calistoga
- CA-20** Marysville to I-80
- Mormon Immigrant Trail** Pollock Pines to CA-88

### Central California (2021 Series D)

- CA-180** "General's Hwy" CA-198 to Kanawyers
- CA-190** 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 roads depicted on this plaque were the 2018 CA Best 15 selection

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 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

August

No Events Scheduled  
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast

September

11Sep Destination: Lebanon Bash  
Lebanon KS

October

8-10 Oct Barber Vintage Museum, Leeds AL

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](http://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.*

## Saturday September 11, 2021

# LEBANON

• Smack Dab In The MIDDLE Of The Continental US •

# BASH



## National News Section

(page 9 – 18)

This section has articles about the SCMA National Rides: The USA Four Corners Tour and the Best 15 USA Roads Challenge.

### Are you looking for a Destination Ride?? Something to fill in for the cancelled 3FC??

With the Three Flags Classic 2021 now officially cancelled I imagine a number of you are looking for an event to ride in September before the winter weather arrives.

Try the Lebanon Bash 2021 at the Center of the Continental USA in Kansas on September 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a one-day event (All Day) so you should plan on arriving at your motel on the 10<sup>th</sup> and departing on the 12<sup>th</sup> for your return leg.

What makes this Bash a fun event is the parade that riders can participate in and the small town shows that are put on.....all part of the celebration with the local citizens in this awesome little town in the Center of the USA.

Eateries in Lebanon consist of Ladow's (no tipping allowed) and food trucks.

In Smith Center there is Jiffy burger (awesome fries) on US36, Las Canteras Mexican Restaurant (great margaritas) on Main Street, Pete's BBQ (on 36 near Main St) and Pooches (Bar & restaurant) on E. Kansas Ave.

Best place to have breakfast is at Ladow's in Lebanon itself.....opens at 7:30am

12 miles west of Lebanon, in Smith Center, you can reserve rooms at the US Center Motel located at 116 US-36, Smith Center, KS .

US Center Motel Reservations: **+1.785.282.6611**

SCMA riders have been participating in the parade for the last 3 years, enjoying the local Mexican food, and relaxing in the US Center motel's courtyard sipping brew and telling stories.

So put this event on your calendar and get your bike ready for a great destination ride to offset your "Blues" over the cancelling of 3FC21

**Saturday  
September 11, 2021**

# LEBANON

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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, candy shooting fertilizer cannon, and more!

# 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](http://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](https://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 1<sup>st</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup> with ride logs submitted by November 30<sup>th</sup>. There is a one time exception for that rule for the 2020 registrants because of the "beyond our control" travel restrictions. Those registrants can carry over roads ridden in 2020 then ride the remaining roads on the list to finish in 2021.

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

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

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

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## Southern California Motorcycling Association Best 15 US Roads Challenge



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

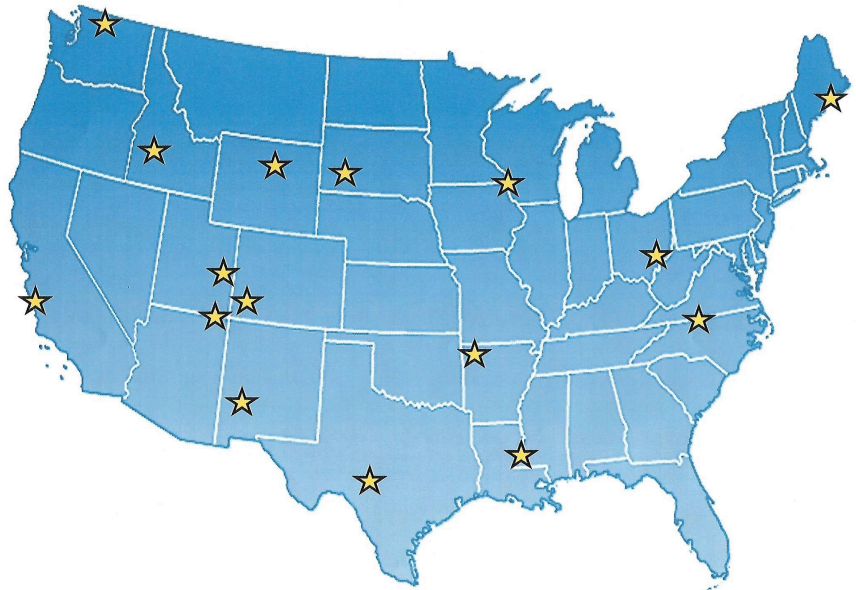
As a registrant, you will have a two-year window to complete the challenge one time, though ALL 15 Roads must be ridden in ONE calendar year (January 1 through November 15, and ride logs must be submitted by November 30). If, for any reason, you do not complete all roads the first year, you will have a second chance, BUT you start with a blank slate for that second attempt. Registrants will receive a starter packet containing a Best 15 US Roads Challenge t-shirt and Best 15 pin and patch. Finishers will also receive an engraved Buck 112 Ranger Knife to commemorate their accomplishment!

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

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

Order information will be released via eBlast once they arrive.



To view a full descriptive list of the roads, please go to the SCMA website at:

<https://sc-ma.com/rides/best-15-parent/best-15-roads-list/>

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

# Best 15 U.S. Roads List

## 2021 Best 15 US Roads Challenge List

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

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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.

## 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.

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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  
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# 2021 TFC Ride is Postposed Until 2022

Hello Three Flag Riders!

It is with utter disappointment we are announcing the 2021 Three Flags Classic ride is postponed, and we will begin planning the 2022 ride.

A number of things transpired in the past week making it impossible to have a ride that would meet our standards of quality, not to mention the probability of the borders opening. The logistics for our team and registrants would not allow us to put on the ride we hoped for. At a special meeting last night of the TFC Ccommittee and a quorum of the SCMA Board, there was a unanimous vote to call off the 2021 ride and conduct the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Three Flags Classic in 2022. The start of the ride will be Sept. 1 and finish on Sept. 5, with the banquet on Sept. 6.

The route will remain the same, start and finish hotels the same, checkpoints the same, and most of the hotels will be the same. A new list of hotels and prices will be provided by E-Blast in Oct. or Nov. 2021. Plenty of time for you to make new reservations. Please cancel any reservations you have so you are not charged when you don't arrive!

I know you are all concerned about your registration fees. No worries. The SCMA Board and the committee have come up with a process to ensure your registration fees are rolled into next year or refunded.

Here is the process:

- 1) If you plan to ride in 2022 and would like your registration fee from 2020 or 2021 to roll into 2022, **do absolutely nothing**. You will remain on the registration list for 2022. You **will not** be subject to any increased registration fees that WILL take place in 2022. If, for some reason you chose not to ride as the ride gets closer, the SCMA will handle all re-sales, but there is no guarantee we will have buyers. Our committee typically does not buy tickets immediately as we know people won't be able to go. In that case we try to sell your ticket to someone who has yet to buy a ticket, but there is no guarantee.
- 2) If you prefer a refund, we will gladly refund your registration fees as long as your request is received by December 1, 2021. You must e-mail [Treasurer@SC-MA.com](mailto:Treasurer@SC-MA.com) (John Mickus) requesting a refund. Please include your full name, address and phone. We will process your refund, no problem. You will be removed from the rider list for 2022. You will have to re-register on or after January 1, 2022 to register for the 2022 ride at the registration fee determined for 2022. I can assure you the 2022 registration fee will be higher than that of 2020 and 2021 and won't be determined until after December 1, 2021.

I sincerely regret not having the 2021 ride. I'm sure you all understand the ups and downs we've gone through, and I suspect some of you have been profoundly affected more than we have.

You'll be glad to know your committee has stuck together for the last two years and I suspect most, if not all, will remain a part of the committee going into 2022. I will remain the Chairman for the ride and many of the things necessary to put this ride on are still in place for 2022. You have a dedicated committee and SCMA Board dedicated to bringing you the best the SCMA has to offer. I look forward to help plan and lead a successful team and provide a wonderful event for you in 2022. I hope you'll stick with us! More to follow in the coming months.

Please stay safe, ride safely and enjoy the riding season.

Respectfully,

Steven Shulman, Chairman  
The 2022 Three Flags Classic  
45<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride

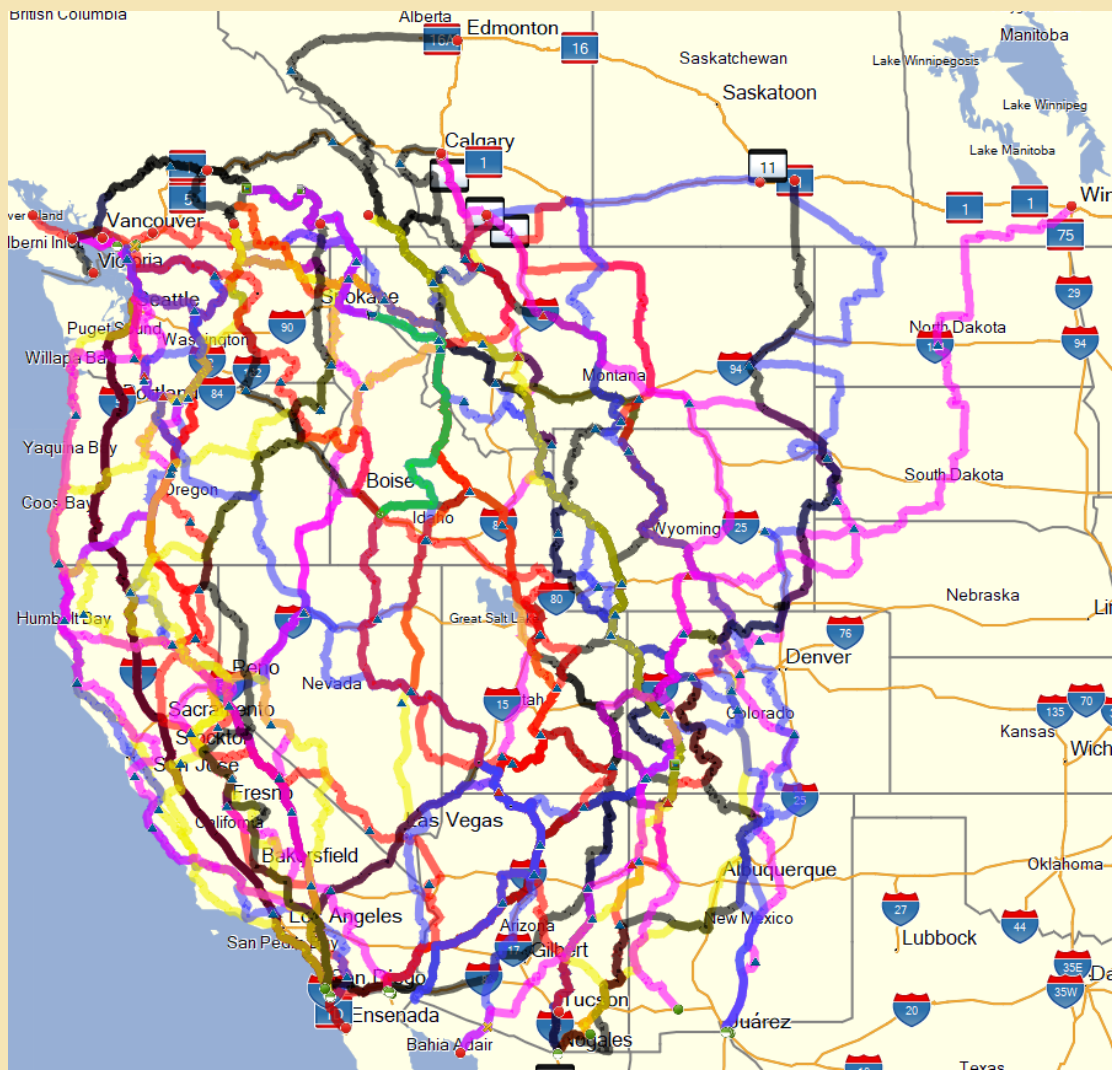
# 44 Years of 3FC Routes

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!







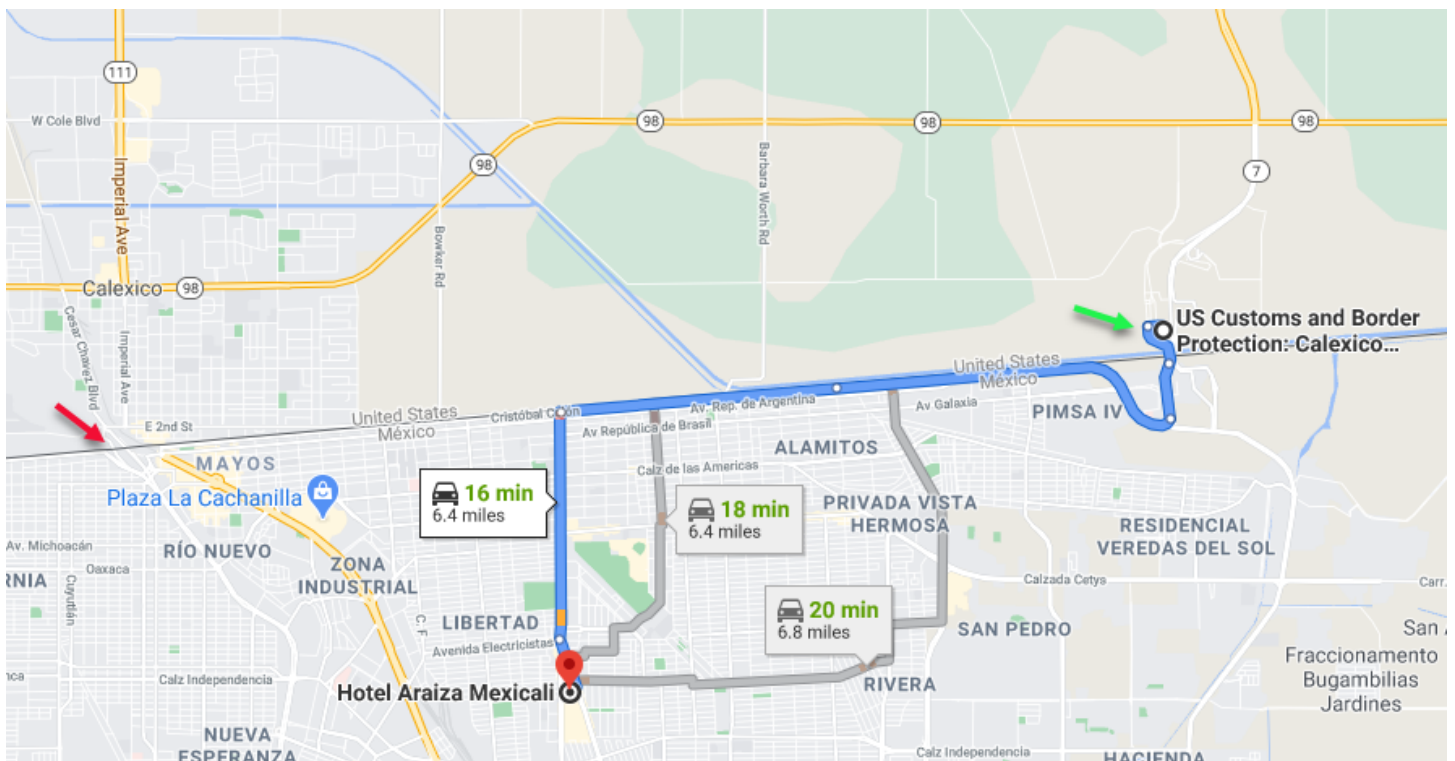
## Ports of Entry to Mexicali

*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



## 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](mailto: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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