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NEWS

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

I hope you have been out riding enjoying the dog days of summer! Chances are if you live and ride in the central part of the US, you've had good days in the saddle. That is not the case if you had plans to ride in the western US or east of the Mississippi. The forest fires are blazing from Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington state through Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. Hurricane Ida created havoc from Louisiana to Maine.

Many of you had made alternative plans after the Three Flags Classic was postponed this year due to border crossing restrictions. I had made plans to ride the Four Corners in a counterclockwise fashion starting in Key West and finishing in San Ysidro. The icing on the cake was to finish in time to join the AZRatPack in Scottsdale, AZ and participate in their Alien Tour. Being of sound mind and body and have experienced several different hurricanes over my lifetime, the idea of leaving Houston and being chased by a hurricane/tornado/heavy rain for the better part of 2,500 miles is not my idea of adventure. So now I'll just be joining my AZRatPack friends for the Alien ride. I'm sure to experience my fair share of Arizona's unpredictable summer heat and monsoon rains...

Upcoming Events

Watch for possible destination ride eBlast
Lebanon Bash, KS

Barber Vintage Festival, AL

August
11 Sep
8-10 Oct

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In the motorcycle news category, looks like Buell is starting a new business with super bikes and a 1190 Super Touring model. KTM has announced a new sports bike, BMW has a new R18 Transcontinental and 40-year edition of the R1250 GS Adventure for 2022. Honda announced some improvements to the current Goldwing models. My local Harley dealer told me that this year's Pan America 1250 production has sold out. The 2022 Harley Sportster S is a radical redesign.

Your Board members have been busy. The postponement of this year's Three Flags Classic put a few of our members in a bind who were working hard to earn the Grand Slam or Triple Crown awards. The Board has decided to allow any 2021 Three Flags Classic Registrant who finishes the 2022 Three Flags Classic to use that finish to retroactively count toward the 2021 Grand Slam and/or Triple Crown he or she had been working toward before the 2021 Three Flags Classic was postponed.

The Board is also happy to announce that we are creating a new Premier Ride offering to make participation in SCMA Events more accessible to riders who live in the Midwestern and Northeastern United States, as well as Eastern Canada. The ride shall be named the Great Lakes and Cabot Trail Tour™. This tour would have a two-year window, though the complete tour must be ridden in one calendar year. Bob Roger will be the Chairman of this new ride in addition to his duties as Chairman of the Best US 15 Challenge. Bob has done a ton of research and designed a route that runs around the Great Lakes and over to Nova Scotia. Bob is putting the final touches on this new challenge. Please look for an article in October's newsletter that has all the details of the ride which will start in 2022.

I hope the fires are extinguished and the bad weather ends and we all have great fall

weather to tour!

Ride safe and ride often, Mark Burdick Chairman - Southern California Motorcycling Association







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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

No Membership Report this month.

Why?

Jim Filly is out riding the USA4C......Well, that is what he claims to be doing.

Personally, I think he is on a golfing trip, drinking a ton of beer, and smoking cigars.





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SCMA CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE SERIES REPORT

By Mike Williams #36876 Director, CA Adventures

Just as life was returning to a somewhat level of normalcy after the COVID lockdowns, California is in flames! We are in a drought and the weather has been hot. Fire season came early this year (or did it ever end from last year), with several large fires throughout the state. A couple large fires are still burning out of control in Northern California. In addition to the fires, the US Forest Service has closed ALL National Forests in the state.

I salute those of you that have been out riding the California Adventures. Not only has traffic returned to most of the major, California has had hotter than normal temperatures and smoke is in the air in many areas we are riding.

Due to the fires, some of the National Parks are open, while others are closed. Before heading out on your ride, do your research for open roads, parks, and missions. For a list of the National Parks in California, refer to the National Park Service web page California (U.S. National Park Service) (nps.gov). The NPS web page lists each National Park in California and you can check for "Alerts and Conditions" at each park that will indicate if a park is open or closed.

Reminder: Yosemite National Park still requires reservations to enter the park through September 30. In late July, I had a reservation to enter the park. My wife and I rode up from Mammoth to the entrance via Tioga Pass arriving around 8:00 am. We never made it into the park, as the line was over a mile long and this was for people with reservations! This wasn't a mile long line that was moving, it was stop for long periods of time before slowly moving forward a short distance. We turned around and rode to Lee Vining to enjoy some ice cream at Mono Cone. I will return in October when the park is not crowded. Another unintended consequence of COVID, is that there are more visitors to the National Parks this year due to restrictions in international travel.

Check for road closures before you go. The fires have resulted in many periodic road closures throughout the state that may impact your ride. If a road or National Park is closed, take a picture of you and your bike at the closure to submit with your tour book. I use the Caltrans "Quick Map" to check for road closures, but there are many apps that others use.

QuickMap (ca.gov)

A good source to check for fires in California is the Fire, Weather, and Avalanche Center web page Fire, Weather & Avalanche Center - Wildfire

Map, Avalanche Forecast, and Winter Road Conditions

(<u>fireweatheravalanche.org</u>). They have a link that shows all fires in each state. Lastly, I use the GAIA GPS app and check the smoke forecast of the

area I plan to ride.

When riding in less traveled areas, I enjoy stopping at old pioneer cemeteries and taking a look around. There is so much history at these old cemeteries. On a recent ride up to Mammoth, I stopped by the "Lone Pine Pioneer Cemetery" as I rode north on Hwy 395. The cemetery was established in 1865 when a woman and



her son will killed on Jan 1, 1865, during the last battle of the Owen's Valley Indian War. It is also home to two of the first three climbers to ascend Mt Whitney.



On this particular ride, I also stopped at the last surviving wall of the 1872 "Owens Valley Earthquake" (also known as the Lone Pine Earthquake).

While riding north on Hwy 395, the Manzanar National Historic Site, is worth spending some time at. Often times while riding the Adventure Rides, we are in such a hurry to take a

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photo and get to the next location, that we miss interesting history. I have tour the fabulous museum a half dozen times, but now that the road is paved around the park, I took the riding tour. There is a nice monument at the cemetery in the rear of the park. I highly recommend you at least explore the museum to get a glimpse of what life was like for those at Manzanar.



If you find yourself hungry while riding through the Owens Valley, "Copper Top" in the town of Big Pine is a great place to stop for tri-tip sandwiches. I don't stop every time, as the lines can be quite long, but it is worth a stop if you have never been there.

Ride safe and enjoy the journey!

Mike

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

S22 Montezuma=Borrego Salton Seaway Hwy 2 to CA-86

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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

September

11Sep Destination: Lebanon Bash

Lebanon KS

17Sep Alien Abduction Tour-AZ RATPack

October

8-10Oct Barber Vintage Museum, Leeds AL

8Oct Route 66 Tour-AZ RATPack

November

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.

Saturday September 11, 2021



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.

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 11th. This is a one-day event (All Day) so you should plan on arriving at your motel on the 10th and departing on the 12th 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

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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

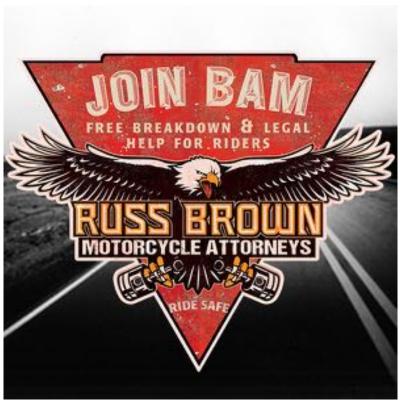
Children's Games

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

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!

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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.

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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!!

Ohio's TRIPLE NICKEL aka OH555

By Bob Roger #24838 Chair, Best 18 US Roads

SCMA members are long distance riders and we most often ride alone. However, when we're out there hundreds, or even thousands of miles from home, it's always nice to find a friendly face or a likeminded rider.

As Chairman of the Best 15 US Roads Challenge, I contact new registrants often offering to ride my "local road" with them and some of them take me up on my offer.

One of those registrants is Tom Jacobs from Winchester, Virginia and we planned to meet at a Marathon gas station at the south end of the Triple Nickel, Thursday morning at 10:30. On Wednesday, the day before meeting Tom, Ken Whetstone from West Valley City, Utah called me saying he would be riding 0H555 on Thursday, but would be starting in Zanesville, at the north end of the road. When I told him I'd be meeting Tom at the south end, he said, "I'll ride down, meet you guys and ride back north with you."

Great!

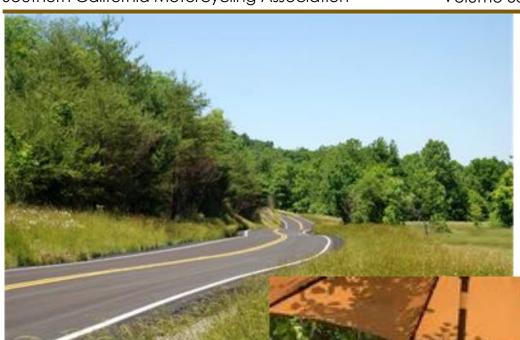
I wanted to be early for this meeting and pulled into the Marathon station at 10am. Both of them were already there, but did not know each other, in fact Tom didn't know that Ken would be joining us. We got through the introductions, then jumped onto the Triple Nickel.

I had planned a lunch stop at the Triple Nickel Diner in Chesterhill, about half way up the road to Zanesville. We had started early out of Little Hocking and arrived at the Diner by about 11am, too early for lunch, but stopped anyway. We had several choices of delicious homemade pies we could wash down with some really good freshly made coffee. We sat telling and listening to each other's tales for an hour as we enjoyed our pie and coffee. We almost hated to leave, but it was time to roll.

The next section on the road is the more technical part with curves, twisties and steep hills with crests you cannot see over until you're at the peak! A rider would need to slow down to about 10 miles per hour IF he wanted to be able to stop within his line of sight! These "whoopidees" add to the interest in riding the Triple Nickel.



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We finished the ride in Zanesville, got our gas receipts, said our goodbyes, and then headed off in our separate directions.

It was a great ride and a pleasure to do with some fellow Best 15'ers!!



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

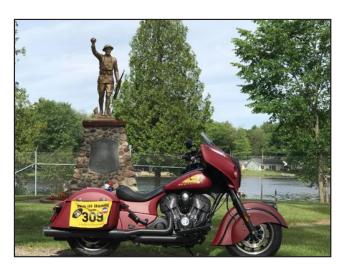
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REMEMBERING SACRIFICE

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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.touroffionox.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 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 scovers 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 Vernam 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

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.

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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DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER

By Steve Shulman # Chair, 3FC22

So before you read the rest of this article it's best to get the complete picture. I encourage you to paste the U-tube link in your internet browser and watch the video first.

https://youtu.be/h0sBETB4BRY

I suppose I'm a bit snobbish and protective of the SCMA rides. I take pride in the people who work to facilitate making them happen each year. They're all volunteers and they work hard. The USA Four Corner Tour is but one of several of those

Editor note: This article is in the Int'l section because Chuck rode from AK thru CAN to reach the Continental US and the first of the USA Four Corners to begin his trek.

SCMA Premier rides and Dannie Fox is the Chairman of that ride. The ride was designed by Joe Usatin in 1976 but the first successful ride was completed by Russ Trumbull in 1979. That said, SCMA offered the official ride to members in 1984 and the first Chairman was Seth Johnson.

If you're familiar with the USA Four Corner Tour you know you start the ride from any of the 4 checkpoints and go to the other corners in no particular order. Many of you know they are San Ysidro, CA; Blaine, WA; Madawaska, ME; and Key West, FL. Depending upon where you begin and end the ride it is about 6-7,000 miles and to be a certified finisher you must complete it in 21 days.

Then in 2011, Chuck Gatecliff of Brighton, MI and Barry Bullington of Neoga, IL came up with the idea of the USA Four Corners Tour True-X. They used Lebanon KS, geographical center of the continental 48 States, as the center point for the True X.

The idea was to start at one of the USA Four Corners and then ride to Lebanon, KS. From Lebanon the rider would ride to a 2nd USA Four corner and then back to Lebanon. They would ride to a 3rd corner and again back to Lebanon. Finally, they would ride to the 4th corner and complete the ride. Again depending on where the rider began and ended this was about an 11-12,000 mile ride. The SCMA under the leadership of Blake Anderson ratified the ride. To be a certified finisher one must complete the ride in 26 days.

The vast majority of these rides are done for bragging rights, not for any of the trinkets the SCMA provides to riders who complete it. Though the trinkets are pretty cool!

This is the history of the Four Corners Tour in a nutshell. This is also the backstory to the real reason I'm writing this article.

If you've watched the video (see link above) you'll see that Max McAllister, owner



of Traxxion Dynamics, outfitted a motorcycle for Chuck Marble of Anchorage, AK to use for 10 back-to-back USA Four Corner True-X rides. If you do the math, 10 back-to-back True X rides is likely to be over 110,000 miles. When I watched the video I saw the guy who decided to set out on this trek. His name is Chuck Marble. Now I had never met Chuck, but I have to say he appears to have visited McDonald's a few more times than I and doesn't appear to spend his spare time at Planet Fitness when not riding his motorcycle. This may sound cruel, but these were my initial thoughts after my initial observation. This large man could double for Santa Claus if you are ever in need.

A few days later a friend of mine, coincidentally from Anchorage, heard about Chuck's ride and sent me his Spot Walla link and I've been following his ride ever since. As of this writing I believe Chuck has finished 3 of the 10 True X rides.

So as I was following Chuck on Spot Walla, I observed he was on his way to Blaine, WA. Given that I live in Walla Walla, WA (southeast corner of Washington State) I thought perhaps I'd intercept Chuck and have a chat. I imagine a guy on a 100,000-mile ride might welcome someone willing to buy him a coffee. I reached out to someone who provided his phone number and I gave Chuck a call. Surprisingly Chuck responded pretty quickly and he was just outside of Billings, MT but was heading to a veteran's memorial south of Colfax, WA. That would minimize my ride to intercept him by about an hour. I jumped on my Goldwing and started to ride northeast to meet



Chuck and I made arrangements to meet at a gas station in Colfax at the intersection of Hwy 26 and Hwy 195. Colfax is about an hour south of Spokane, WA and not too far from the veteran's memorial he was riding to. When Chuck rode up we decided to go over to the Subway a short distance away.

I got a soda and I can't remember what Chuck got but he refused to let me pay for my drink despite my insisting on buying him his drink.

Perhaps he is Santa.

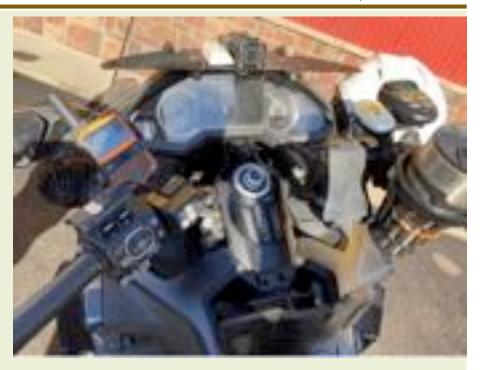
In any case I started to talk about Chuck to find out a little more about him. He told me Max started building the bike for him several months ago but there were a number of delays in the building process delaying his start. Chuck said he was going to start the ride in April but because of the delays he didn't start until a few months later. I asked him how many True X rides he planned on doing since 10 seemed to be out of reach. He told he is going to ride until the weather prevents him from riding any further. At first I found that a little hard to believe, but then I inquired a little more about Chuck's motorcycling experience.

I came to find out Chuck has ridden all of the 8 or 9 Hoka Hey rides since the inaugural ride in

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2010. The first ride began in Key West, FL and ended in Homer, Alaska (8,500 miles) and at the time was a grueling competition. Riders had to be on a V-twin and back then it was a race. First to finish received about \$500,000 or more. Can you imagine the speeds obtained with a prize pool of that amount? Today the ride isn't a race and more of a rally format. That said Chuck has ridden all of them. Long distance riding for Chuck is a daily occurrence... literally, despite his girlish figure!

I dug a little deeper into Chuck's past and found out he's been retired for about 4 years. Again,





jumping to conclusions, I assumed Chuck might have been a machinist, or even a fisherman. Shame on me! Chuck retired from Atlas Airlines about 4 years ago and was certified to fly (and flew) 4 models of the 747 jet airliner for 18 years! Geez, was I feeling like an underachiever at this point? I was actually feeling guilty for judging a guy's ability and stamina by his appearance. Oh, did I mention Chuck isn't staying in hotels along this journey. He's sleeping next to his motorcycle whenever he's inclined to pull over and nap. I didn't ask where he showers, but at this point I'm guessing a stream or waterfall!

Chuck has a plethora of

accomplishments that I won't go into in this article but at this point all I can do is wish Chuck a safe ride and hope he accomplishes as many rides as he can this year. If he fails to complete his 10 rides this year, he has one more year to make up the difference as he's paid the SCMA for all 10. You certainly can't judge a book by its cover. Lesson learned... again!

Good luck Chuck and I hope to see you on the road!

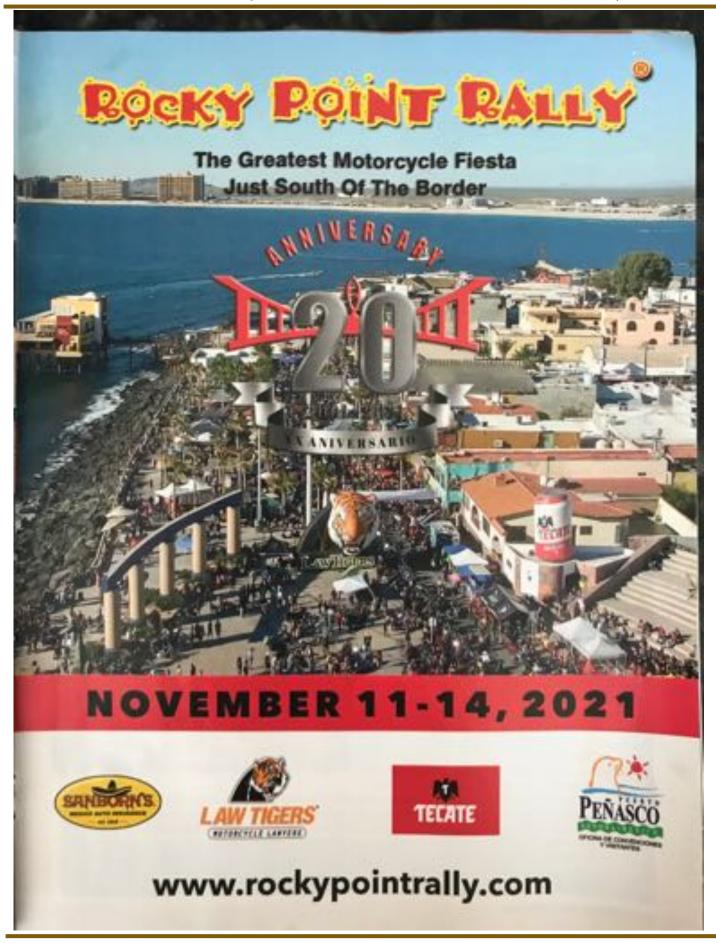
--Steve

P.S. If you haven't watched the link yet, please circle back and do that. It's quite entertaining.

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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 45th 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 (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 45th Annual Ride

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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!





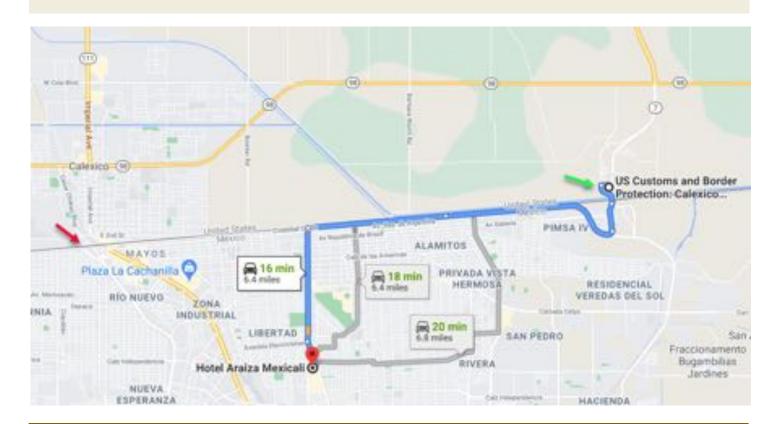
Ports of Entry to Mexicali

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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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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