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Barber Vintage Festival, AL	8-10 Oct
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Watch for possible destination ride eBlast	December

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 very sore from riding the USA4C.....There was a reported visual sighting of Jim sitting on ice packs.

Hopefully things will be back to normal next month for Jim!



Editor



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)

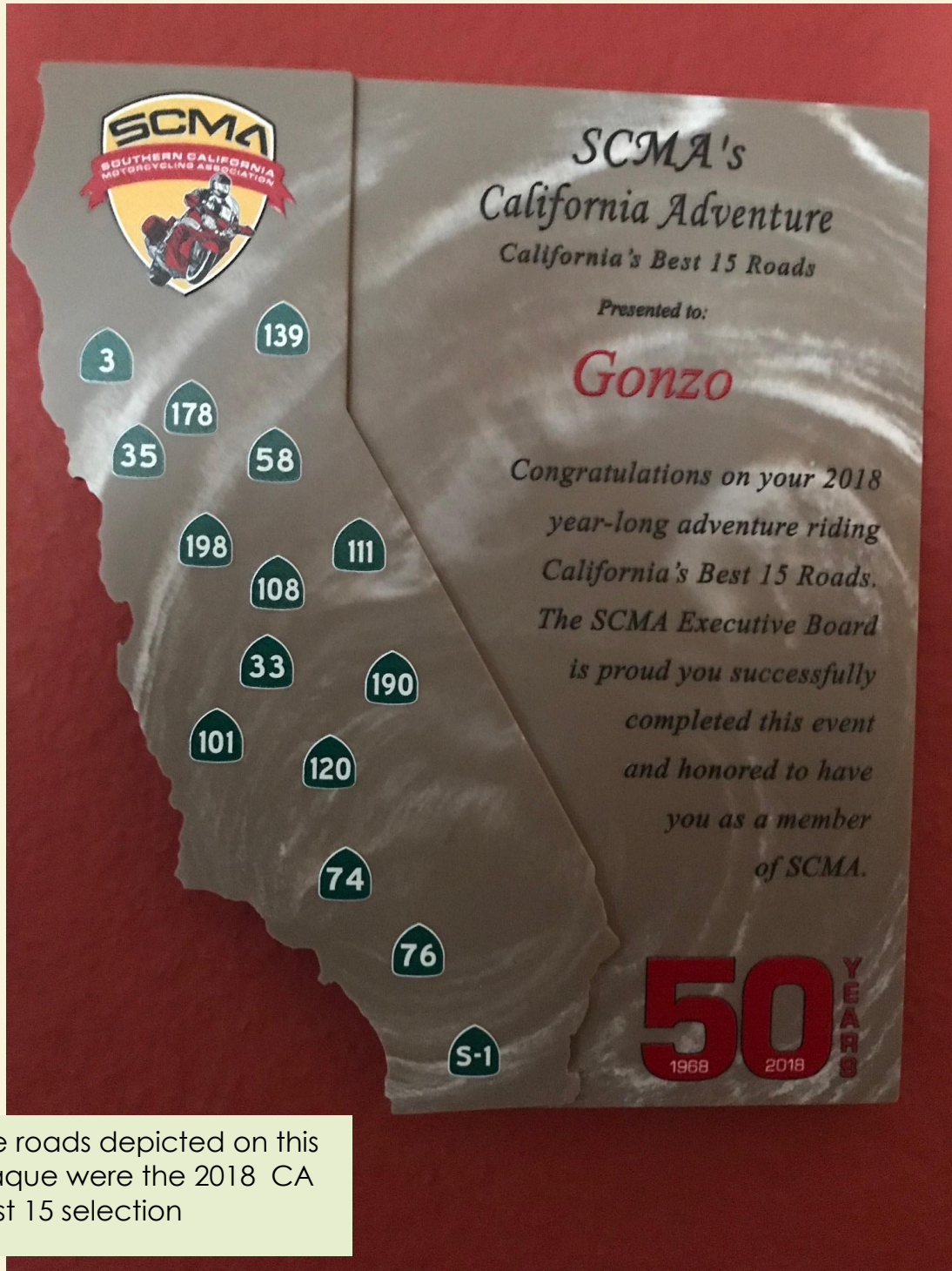
- CA-96** Willow Creek to I-5
- CA-44** Redding to CA-36
- CA-29/175** Hopland to Calistoga
- CA-20** Marysville to I-80
- Mormon Immigrant Trail** Pollock Pines to CA-88

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 1st and November 30th.

The award very similar to the SCMA Triple Crown and is a beautiful plaque to display in your home.

The **CA Triple Crown** will join the ranks of the other major awards designed to recognize riders that accomplish riding a significant distance in the calendar year.

Those other major awards are the **Triple Crown** award for riding three of the premier events, and the **Premier Grand Slam** for riding all six premier events in a single calendar year.

The **California Triple Crown** is defined as completing the full California Adventure Series in one calendar year. There is one year of eligibility, defined as the year a rider registers for the event, to complete the series and qualify for the California Triple Crown

Be one of the few of the SCMA riders to receive this CA Triple Crown and sign up now!!

Contact Mike Williams, Chair of CA Adventures and the CA Triple Crown, if you have any questions.

<https://sc-ma.com/rides/california-missions-parent/california-missions-tour/>

From Home Page>Rides>CA Adventure Series>select ride>select info page



Event Calendar

October
8-10 Oct Barber Vintage Museum, Leeds AL

November
No Events Scheduled
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast

December
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.

Dates of future meetings

October 13 Board/GM Meeting
October 20 3FC22 Committee Meeting
November 10 Board/GM Meeting
November 17 3FC22 Committee Meeting
December 8 Board/GM Meeting
December 15 3FC22 Committee Meeting

If you would like to participate in the above meetings please contact Mark Burdick (SCMA Chairman) and/or Steve Shulman (3FC22 Chairman) for call-in information.

National News Section

(page 7 – 20)

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

2021 USA Four Corners Tour Report

2021 has been a good year for Four Corners Riders.

With 72 new entries and 18 riders that signed up last year for a total of 90 entries this year.

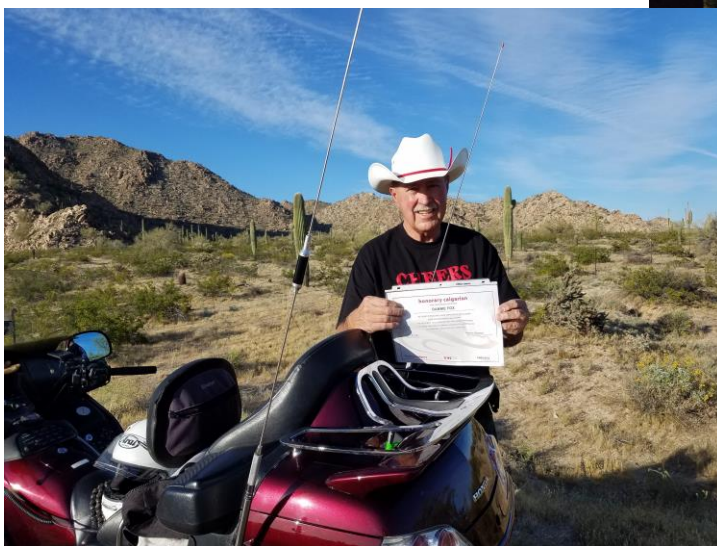
It must be the fact that people are tired of staying home and crave the open road. Or maybe it could be the pandemic pounds because I ran out of X-large tee shirts both short and long sleeves.....That's 50 X-large shirts!

Now for the good news:

As of October 1st. we have 61 finishers of which 10 are True X. Orders for the "Finishers" Plaques will be submitted the second week of October. So if you are a 2021, 4 Corners Finisher and have not submitted your Four Corners finishers materials please send it in ASAP.

And Congratulations to the riders who finished the SCMA's USA 4 CORNERS TOUR (an AMA Extreme Tour) !!!!

Dannie Fox
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Chairman
USA Four Corners Tour



The Big Ride: 5 Factors Affecting Daily Mileage

By Joe Berk

ExhaustNotes.US/Blog

How many miles can you ride in a day?

About 30 years ago I cranked 1070 miles in one day on a Harley Softail coming home from Mexico (and that was on an older Softail without the rubber mounted engine...it's the one you see in the photo above). I was younger and I could ride, as they say, like the wind. A couple of weeks ago, I did a 250-mile day ride on my Enfield and it about wiped me out.

Gresh and I were talking about this recently, and I thought I would share my thoughts on how many miles you can plan on covering in a day. Maybe it will influence your planning. Maybe not. We get paid the same either way.



1: Age

Like I said above, big miles used to be no big deal for me. That's not the case any more. After substantial scientific study and close observation of my geezer buddies over many decades, I developed a graph showing the relationship between age and how many miles you can reasonably ride in a day.

Like it or not, when we get older, it gets harder to rack up big

miles. Serious scientific study went into the above, so if you want to debate our conclusions, bring facts. We want to hear them.

2: Weather

Weather plays a big role in how many miles you can ride in a single day, and here at ExNotes we rely heavily on our weather rock before leaving on any ride. You've probably heard



about weather rocks. We sell weather rocks here on ExNotes and they are conveniently sized to fit into a tank bag. They work like this...you hang the rock from any available support (you have to supply your own string and support). Here's how to interpret your weather rock:

- If the rock is wet, it means it's raining and you should reduce however many miles you had planned to ride by half.
- If the rock is swinging, it means it's windy that day, and you should reduce your miles by maybe a third.
- If the rock is hot to the touch, it means the temperature is elevated, and you should reduce your miles by maybe a third. Maybe even more.
- If the rock is cold, it means it's cold, and you probably can ride as long as you dress appropriately. If the rock is really, really cold, though, maybe you should stay home. If there's ice on the rock, you definitely should stay home.

ExNotes offers weather rocks in brand-specific models:

- If you ride a Harley, we offer chrome weather rocks for \$395, chrome with conchos and black leather fringe weather rocks for \$495, and chrome, conchos, fringe, and matching do rag weather rocks for \$595 (freight and setup fees not included).
- If you ride a BMW, we offer the GS weather rock with an electronically adjustable center of gravity, BMW logos, and a one-year Starbucks gift certificate for \$1995.
- If you ride a Ducati, you probably don't need a weather rock (Ducati riders generally only ride their motorcycles short distances on clear days, anyway, although if you insist, we can provide a red rock for you personally autographed by the former famous racer of your choice, or we can put several rocks in a bag you can shake to sound like a Ducati clutch). Ducati rocks are free, or at least that's what we tell you (we'll recover the cost on your first valve adjustment and let you think you got the rock for free).
- If you ride a Chinese motorcycle, we sell an ExNotes weather rock decal for \$2 and you can put it on your own rock.

3: Roads

The kind of roads you plan to ride make a huge difference. If it's all freeway, you'll be bored but you can rack up huge miles. If it's surface streets (and a lot of us do everything we can to stay off the freeway), you won't cover as many miles unless you're riding in Baja, where you can run 140mph+ on the long straights south of Valle de Los Cirios. If it's in the mountains, it will be less, unless you're posting about your skills on Facebook, where the folks who post are world class riders (to hear them tell it). The same holds true for riding in the dirt. You just won't cover as many miles.

4: Headcount

This is the big one, folks. Maybe I should have listed it first. If I'm riding by myself or with one of my motorcycle



buddies in Baja, I can easily do over 500 miles a day. Throw in more people, and...well, read on, my friends.

The number of riders in your group has a profound impact on how many miles you can ride in a day. In the math world, we would say that the miles per day are inversely proportional to the number of riders in your group.

As a starting point (and after extensive research and mathematical modeling), the technical staff here at ExNotes developed Formula A:

$$A) \text{ Miles per Day} = (M)/(N)$$

where:

M = Miles you want to ride

N = Number of riders in your group

What the above means is that as the number of riders in your group increases, the number of miles you can cover in a day decreases. That's because with more riders you'll start later in the morning, you'll be stopping more often, and you'll take more time at each stop. That is, unless you're riding with me. Then Formula A reduces to Formula B:

$$B) \text{ Miles per Day} = M$$

where:

M = Miles you want to ride

The B in Formula B stands for Berk because basically I'll leave you behind if you're not ready when I am. You can catch up with me later. You might think I'm joking. I'm not.

Formula A varies a little depending on what kind of riders you have in your group, and especially if you have a Rupert. Rupert is the guy who takes 20 minutes putting his motorcycle gear back on after every stop. I once rode with a Rupert who could take 20 minutes just putting his gloves on. He got better when we threatened to cut a few of his fingers off.

5: Your Motorcycle

There are several motorcycle factors that play a huge role in how many miles you can ride in a day. In the old days, a motorcycle was a motorcycle and we did it all with a single bike (touring, off-road, canyon carving, adventure riding, etc.). Today, you gotta get specific:

- ADV-style bikes are actually pretty comfortable and the ergonomics make sense. 500-mile days are easy. My KLR 650 was one of the best touring bikes I ever owned. It had phenomenal ergos.
- Standard motorcycles are also relatively comfortable and you can probably do 500 miles in a day, but you'll feel it, especially if your bike does not have a windshield. My Enfield 650



Interceptor is a good bike, but it's the one that wiped me out on that recent 250-mile ride.

- Cruisers look cool in motorcycle ads and they complement do rags and tattoos nicely, but they are less comfortable on long rides. I've found I can reasonably do 350-mile days on a cruiser without needing to see a chiropractor. Go much beyond that and you'll feel it.
- Sportbikes generally cut into big miles, but a lot depends on your age. Good buddy Marty and I rode sportbikes on the 2005 Three Flags Classic (I was on a Triumph Daytona) and we did big mile days on that ride. But I was 20 years younger then and I bent a lot easier. I wouldn't want to do it again.
- Classic bikes generally require shorter daily riding distances, particularly if they are British and equipped with electricals manufactured by Lucas (as in Lucas, the Prince of Darkness). I think a mid-'60s Triumph Bonneville is the most beautiful motorcycle ever created, but I wouldn't want to ride Baja on one.

Beyond the style issues outlined above, there are other motorcycle factors to consider:

- Bigger motors generally mean more miles in a day, but bigger motorcycles can slow you down if they suck up too much fuel. One year at the International Motorcycle Show, Yamaha's bikes all had labels that showed, among other things, fuel economy. The VMax, as noted by Yamaha, averaged 27 miles per gallon. You'd be making a lot more fuel stops on that one. 27 miles per gallon. I can't make up stuff this good.
- Daily mileage is independent of displacement at 400cc and above (as long as fuel economy is not VMax nutty). Below 400cc, it gets harder (I think) to crank big miles. On my 250cc RX3, 500 miles is a big day for me. But my good buddy Rob once did a 1000-mile Baby Butt on his RX3, so I guess anything is possible.
- Seats can make a big difference. I've never found any motorcycle seat to be really comfortable, but I have found a few to be god-awful (my Enfield is working hard to earn that title). If you want to really improve a motorcycle seat so you can up your miles, get a sheepskin cover (I've found those to be quite comfortable). There are other options like inflatable seats or custom made seats, but my advice is don't waste your money. A guy showed up with an inflatable seat cover on a group ride once and it slowed us considerably. It kept blowing off his bike and we had to stop and look for it each time that happened.
- Fuel tank capacity doesn't make much difference. My KLR could go 250 miles on a tank; my TL1000S would start blinking at 105 miles. You'd think you could ride a lot further with a bigger tank, but I found I need to stop and stretch roughly every hour or two, and if I do that at gas stations, tank capacity doesn't matter.

What do you think?

So there you have it: Our thoughts on a complex topic.

We know there are keyboard commandos out there who will take exception to our carefully constructed and presented thoughts. If you disagree, let's hear it. We appreciate all comments, dumbass and otherwise. Please leave your thoughts here on the blog for others to see. Don't waste your time leaving comments on Facebook (all the cool people leave their comments here...only losers post comments on Facebook). You'll be a faster rider, you'll be thinner, and you'll look better if you post your comments here. And don't worry about spelling, punctuation, grammar, or capitalization (believe it or not, it will help our readers assess the validity of your thinking).

Like they say, your mileage may vary, and we're looking forward to your comments. If they're particularly inane, so much the better. We await your inputs.

<http://exhaustnotes.us/blog/index.php/2020/11/17/the-big-ride-5-factors-affecting-daily-mileage/>



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Our appreciation is extended to Joe Berk allowing SCMA to reprint this article in the Newsletter.

For excellent stories and reporting on rides, bikes, equipment, rifles, pistols, reloading, shooting data, and more, visit Joe's and Gresh's blog report at exhaustnotes.us/blog

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

Announcing the 2021 Collection

Best 15 US Roads Challenge

*By Bob Roger
Chair, Best 15 US Roads*

With the travel and lodging restrictions that we all faced in 2020, only three SCMA riders were able to complete the Challenge. For 2020, the road list had been refreshed with eight replacement roads to entice members to take the Challenge. Few were certified finishers of that new list, so it is again being offered as the 2021 Challenge list.



As stated in the best 15 US roads Challenge Rules, a registrant will have a two-year window to complete the Challenge. However, ALL roads must be ridden in one calendar year between January 1st and November 15th with ride logs submitted by November 30th. There is a one time exception for that rule for the 2020 registrants because of the “beyond our control” travel restrictions. Those registrants can carry over roads ridden in 2020 then ride the remaining roads on the list to finish in 2021.

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

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

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

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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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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.tourofhoron.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) 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 something different. In fact, I thought it was so in line with what SCMA does that I contacted Steve Brooks to discuss possible teaming ideas similar to 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.tourof Honor.com>

Gonzo

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

2022 45th Annual THREE FLAGS CLASSIC

It looks like we are into our third year of planning the 45th Annual Three Flags Classic. Given the time we've had to prepare I'm expecting a great ride in 2022 and a great event! It is our intention to exceed your expectations.

That said we will be having our first organizational committee meeting on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 6 PM via Zoom.

If you were on the committee last year you will automatically receive an invitation from me in the next few days. If you were not on the committee, but would like to participate, or just attend, contact me at Steven1050@aol.com and I will send you an invitation.

Much of the work has been done but I'm looking for some unique ideas to make this ride special given the time people have been waiting to do it. Follow-up meetings are held monthly and meeting number 2 and 3 will November 17 and December 15, 2021.

We are planning on starting at the Araiza Hotel in Mexicali and have already signed an Agreement with the Penticton Lakeside Resort to finish at that location.

More information will come out this month in an E-Blast so keep an eye on e-mails and check your spam folder in case it ends up there.

If you have not rolled your registration over from the last 2-years registration will open on January 1, 2022 at 10:00 AM. See you in Mexicali!

Steven Shulman
#24462
Chairman,
2022 Three Flags Classic

Dates of future meetings

October 20	3FC22 Committee Meeting
November 17	3FC22 Committee Meeting
December 15	3FC22 Committee Meeting

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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 Committee 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
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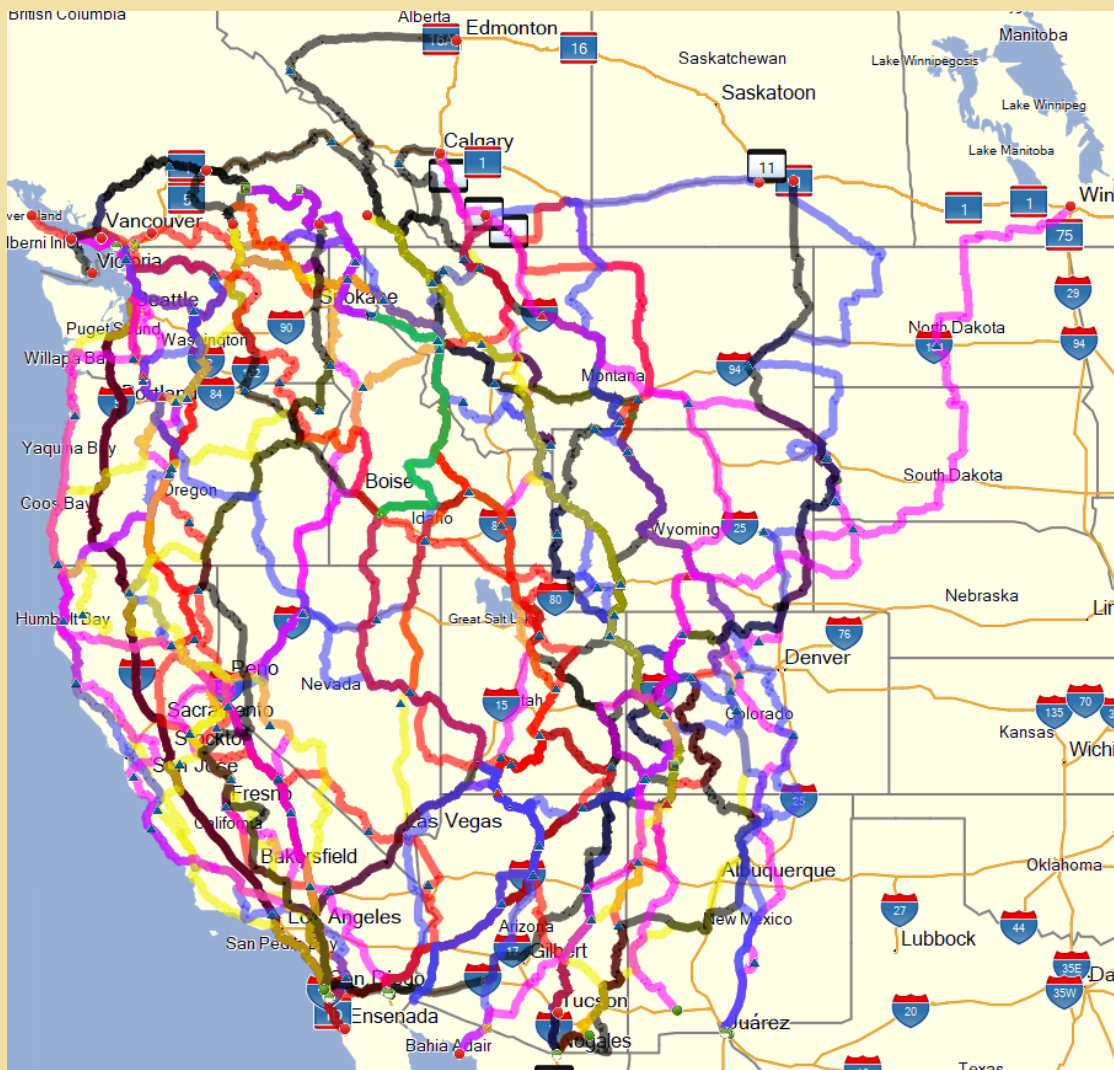
44 Years of 3FC Routes

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!





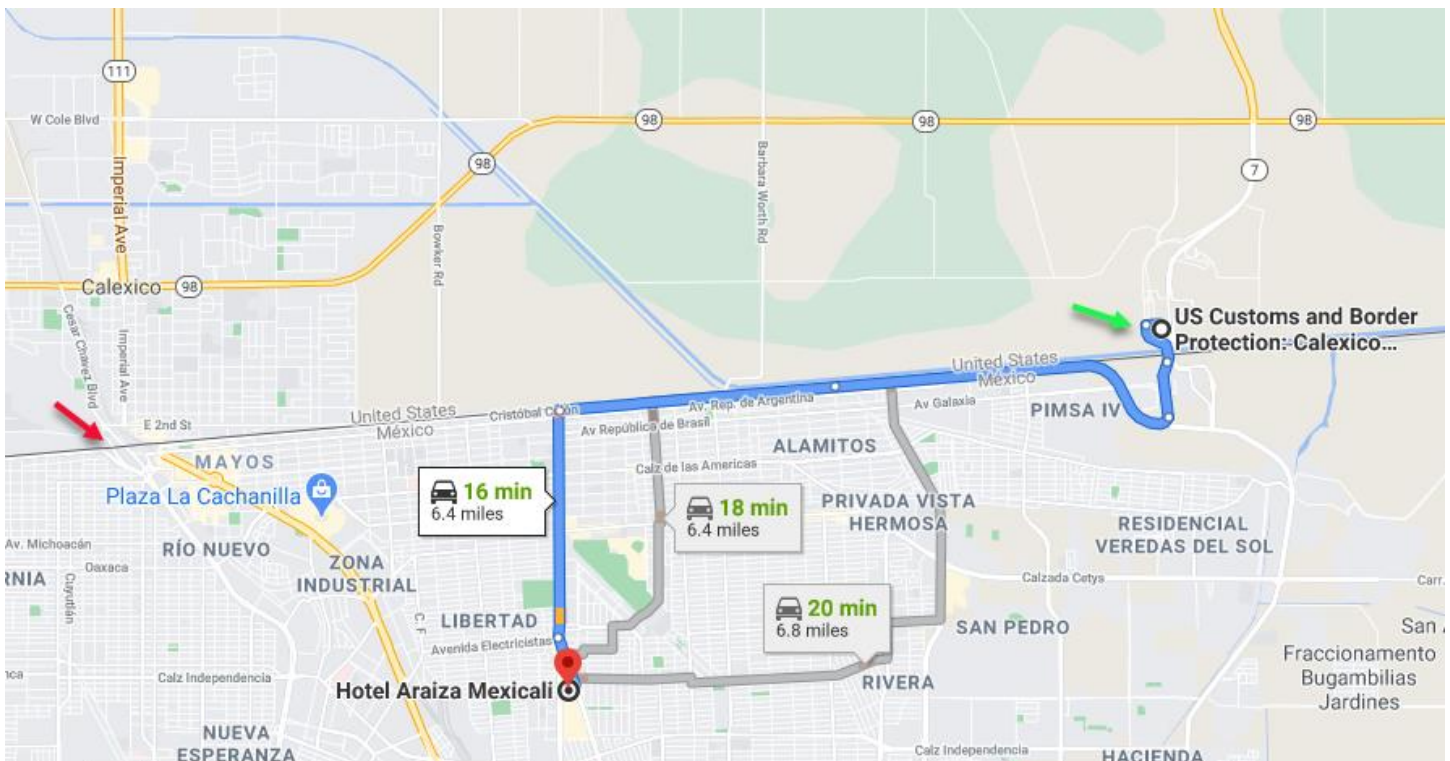
Ports of Entry to Mexicali

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



Three Flags Classic - Ticket Resales

Each year, before the start of a 3FC, approximately 10% of 3FC Ticket Buyers find that they are unable to attend and try to sell their ticket to a buyer.

Since 2016, the 3FC Chairs have been burdened with tracking ticket resales and ensuring SWAG bags are renamed/renumbered, etc. Database corrections and updates became a struggle, as was the collection of stats for Les Gullery to report the numbers of riders, states, countries, bike models, etc.

During the 2019 registration process, we stumbled upon a process that simplified the collection of data and ensures transaction integrity. Riders purchasing a resale ticket are assured they will receive their SWAG, pre-printed passport, and proper sized t-shirt. Sellers can also be assured of receiving their full payment as the resale price remains fixed to the original purchase price.

Here is the resale process that will be followed during 3FC21.

1. SCMA will establish a "3FC21 Ticket Re-sale" page on the forum or somewhere easily accessible by members.
2. Upon deciding to sell a 3FC ticket, seller would go to this webpage and list their name(s), quantity of tickets, contact information.
3. Buyers can be recruited by individual sellers or can simply go to the website and contact a seller.
4. Re-sales will be made in the date-order of listings; exception to this rule will be if a seller brought his/her own buyer to the deal.
5. Seller then contacts the designated administrator (eg. Gonzo at 949xxxx or Filley at 619xxxx) and informs the administrator that he is selling a ticket to "Buyer Name"
6. Buyer calls Administrator to report he is buying such ticket from (Seller Name).
7. Buyer goes online and purchases a new ticket.
8. Administrator removes the seller from the data records and informs treasurer to repay seller.
9. Repayment will either be via PayPal or a check from SCMA (in event seller purchased ticket more than 6 months prior to resale).
10. Transaction fees incurred by SCMA will be deducted from the refunded amount.

We certainly hope that all registrants for 3FC21 will be able to make it to the start

SCMA's Premier Events

Three Flags Classic (an AMA "Extreme Grand Tour")

The planning for the 2021, 45th Annual Three Flags Classic is beginning. The ride will start in Mexicali, Baja Mexico, and head north for a finish in Penticton, BC Canada. The ride will be 5 days in duration. A lot of exciting things are happening and it's shaping up to be a continuation of our return to our Three Flags roots of riding through three countries!!!

<https://sc-ma.com/rides/3-flag-parent/three-flags-classic/>

USA Four Corners Tour/USA Four Corners True X Tour (an AMA "Extreme Grand Tour")

Imagine the adventure and satisfaction of visiting San Ysidro, CA; Blaine, WA; Madawaska, ME; and Key West, FL in 21 days or less. The USA Four Corners Tour is a self-guided tour visiting these four locations in any order you select and at any time of the year. Add Lebanon, KS between each corner and do it in 26 days or less and you have a "True X". Starters shall receive a numbered towel, pin, hat and t-shirt. Certified finishers receive a plaque, patch and finisher's decal. Visit our website for complete information and online registration for this World Class event. More people have topped Mt. Everest than have completed this challenging long distance pinnacle. Dannie Fox is chairing this event. Dannie Fox is chairing this event in 2019. <https://sc-ma.com/rides/usa-four-corners-tour-site/usa-four-corners-tour-ride-summary/>

SCMA Best 15 US Roads Challenge

During 2021, travel our annual list of Best 15 US Roads. Rules, application information and details can be found on our website. <https://sc-ma.com/rides/best-15-parent/best-15-us-roads-challenge/> Bob Roger is chairing this event in 2021 and can be contacted at rsroger03@gmail.com

California Adventure Series: The California Adventure Series includes three different rides: The CA Parks Adventure (CPA), the CA Mission Tour (CMT), and CA Best 15 Roads (CB15). Completing one or the other helps to qualify for the Premier Triple Crown award. Mike Williams is chairing these events in 2021.

CPA: During any single calendar year, in any order and at any pace, visit 24 of the 25 National Parks and Monuments in California as outlined in the rules: <http://sc-ma.com/rides/california-parks-adventure>.

CMT: During any single calendar year, in any order, and at any pace, visit all of the 21 California Missions. It works just like the CPA listed above <https://sc-ma.com/rides/california-missions-parent/california-missions-tour/>

CB15: Ride the CA Best 15 Roads; 5 each located in northern, central and southern CA. Rules for this event can be found online at: <https://sc-ma.com/ca-best-15-parent/ca-best-15-roads-challenge/ca-best-15-roads-rules/>

SCMA's California Triple Crown

Awarded to riders who successfully finish all three CA Adventure Series events in a single calendar year. Mike Williams will be chairing the selection committee in 2021.

The SCMA Premier Triple Crown Award

Imagine completing a three-pack of any combination of USA Four Corners, Best 15 USA Roads, Three Flags Classic, and one of the three CA Adventure Series rides in a single calendar year (15Jan to 30Nov of the same year). It is a rare achievement--completed by only 10-15 riders per year. SCMA honors this significant accomplishment with a limited-edition plaque that tags you as a very unique long-distance rider: A Triple Crown Winner. Gonzo will be chairing the selection committee in 2021.

The SCMA Premier Grand Slam Award*

Complete all six (6) Premier Events: the USA Four Corners Tour, the Three Flags Classic, The Best 15 US Roads Challenge, and all three of the California Parks Adventure Series (Parks, Missions, CA Best 15) in a single calendar year. Gonzo will be chairing the selection committee in 2021.

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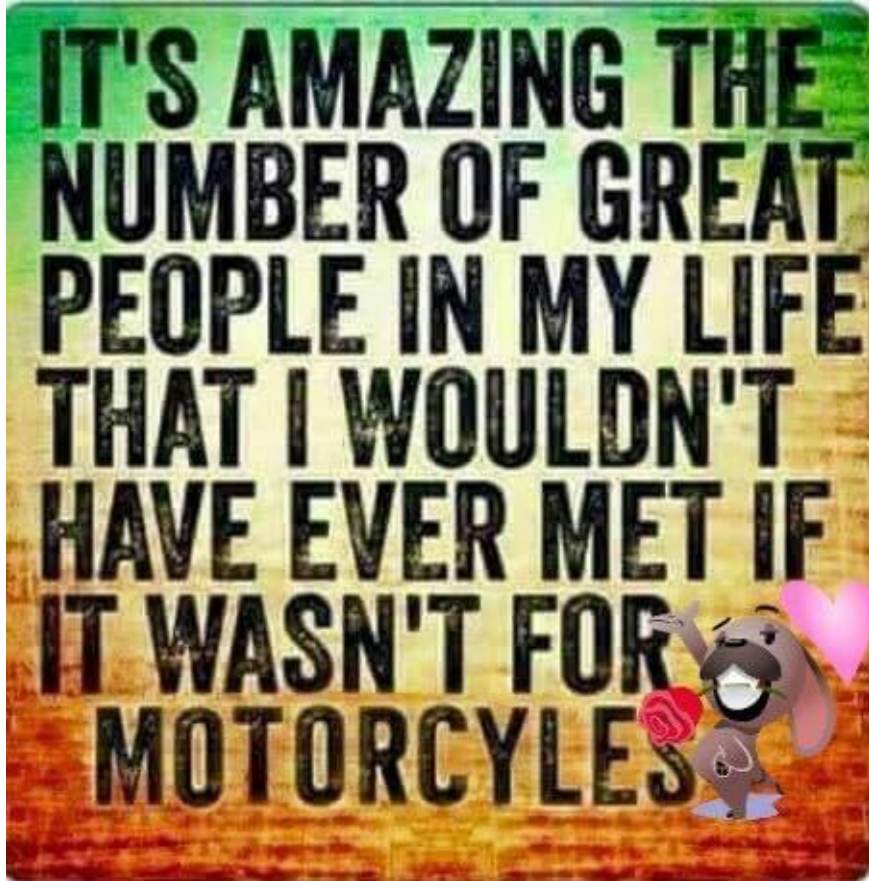
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