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NEWS

CHAIRMAN’S LETTER

“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery; Ride and live today”- Anonymous.

Seasons have changed and Fall is here in North America. The weather has cooled off in the southern and southwestern US making for good riding but big storms pounded the West, Midwest, and east coasts. Sometimes life is not waiting for the storms to pass. It’s about learning to ride in the rain. That is especially true for the long-distance riders who can’t hunker down for a few days while we wait for sunshine to return. Luckily, with weather radar on our phones, we can usually thread the needle and avoid those “yellow and red” storms in our paths.

We still have a few good riding weeks for those of you in the North before you put your bikes up and start winter service. My southern colleagues will break out our heated gear for protection when the temp get down to 50 degrees (10 Celsius). Brrrr...

US Border Opened November 1.

Travel restrictions at the borders with Canada and Mexico are open for fully vaccinated travelers. Foreign travelers must show proof of vaccination. Unvaccinated travelers are still banned. Those who were never banned from traveling across the land borders, including commercial drivers and students, will also need to show proof of vaccination when crossing starting in January, giving

Upcoming Events

Watch for possible destination ride eBlast	November
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast	December
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast	January

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them some time to adjust to the new rules, officials said.

Motorcycle news you can use.

The [Progressive American Flat Track season](<https://www.americanflatrack.com/news/view/mees-crowned-2021-grand-national-champion-dramatic-progressive-aft-finale>) concluded October 10 and Jared Mees (Indian Motorcycle) reclaimed the title.

BMW has updated its K1600 line and added R18 models. Ducati Multistrada gets revisions. Harley-Davidson announced a resolution to [EU 232-Tariff Dispute](<https://investor.harley-davidson.com/news-releases/news-release-details/statement-harley-davidson-eu-tariff-resolution>) which should end the company's trade conflict and improve sales. HD also announced the [Pan America became the #1 selling Adventure Touring Motorcycle in North America](<https://investor.harley-davidson.com/news-releases/news-release-details/harley-davidson-pan-american-1250-special-becomes-1-selling>) — no comment from BMW, Honda, Ducati, Triumph....

Membership fee vs. Tour registration fee.

SCMA is a non-profit membership corporation. When you apply for membership, pay your dues, and are accepted as a member, you become a member of the corporation. You can vote on all major issues concerning the corporation, such as changes to bylaws and other issues concerning the corporation's organization and management. You can nominate individuals to serve as officers and directors of the corporation, and you can yourself serve as an officer or director of the corporation. And of course, membership allows you to register for one of SCMA's premium rides, which are available only to members. Membership dues are not refundable, because our members have voted not to have dues refundable.

Tour registration fees fund our rides, unlike membership fees that fund the operation of SCMA. Each year the committee for each ride, which is made up of SCMA members, of course, prepare a budget for the ride, which is approved by the board. The financial goal is to cover costs and provide an enjoyable and sustainable ride. The goal is not to make a profit, and ride fees are not intended to fund SCMA's general budget. That is why there are restrictions on refunding tour entry fees. Since the budget assumes a certain number of riders based upon prior year's experience, unanticipated cancellations could jeopardize the solvency of the ride. You

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must be an active member to participate in a Tour, including the Three Flags Classic.

2022 Tour changes.

We are excited to announce the new [Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour](<https://sc-ma.com/great-lakes-cabot-trail/>). This Premier Ride is unique as it is the first tour focused on the northeastern part of Canada and the US. For those of you who have run the Four Corners Tour, some of these roads will be familiar. The Ride Chairman, Bob Roger, lives in the northeast and knows these roads well. You absolutely want to consider riding this challenge on its inaugural year. This ride can also be used as a qualifier for a Grand Slam award.

The Ride Chairmen are also working on revisions to the 2022 Best US Roads and California Best 15 Roads Challenges. Be sure to check the website for updates.

Please make sure you complete all your rides in progress this year and send your documentation to your Ride Chairmen as the rides this year must conclude by November 30.

New website coming!

Rodney Chew, Vice-Chairman of the SC-MA is leading a team that is focused on delivering a new web experience for our membership. Please check the current website as we will be posting updates on status soon.

Ride safe and ride often,

Mark Burdick
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To all our veteran's

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VETERAN'S
DAY**

And to all our members

**Wishing you a
Happy
Thanksgiving**

SOUTHWEST Regional News Section

(Pages 5 – 12)

To help our readers track and group the information provided in this newsletter, we have grouped the articles into Regional, National, and International sections. This section contains info on events in SoCal, NorCal, NV, and AZ in the SW Region.

Membership Report/News

By James Filley #46151

Membership applications continue to come in. I'll be sending out several completed packages to our Canadian members in the next week or so and I will be continuing to process new member applications. Please remember to update your email address and your USPS address in your profile. We need that to send you your membership package and to deliver email notices.

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California Best 15 Roads

**This page will be updated next month
with information about the
2022 CA Best 15 Tour.**



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



“Let’s Just Go”

By Les Gullery
#25101

It all started off as just going for a ride. The 2021 Three Flag Classic had been cancelled. We both had the time scheduled on our calendars' to be on the road riding the 3FC. So we decided to “Let's Just Go”. Oh, the ‘We’, is Candace Hartley and myself. We asked a couple of other 3FC riders to join us. But being such a last minute decision, we had no takers. Candace had to put in for her 3 week vacation time months earlier and it started in 7 days. So we had a week to put together a route and find/make reservations for the next 14 days. The first decision was to do the 3FC route in basically the reverse direction. Candace riding her 800 Triumph Tiger and me on my BMW 1200

Day 1: Head north, up US-395 to Reno NV. Our first stop the Three Flags Trading Post in Walker, CA. We also hit a lot of smoke as we got to Gardnerville NV from the fires burning in the area.
8:00 hrs. – 435 miles.



Day 2: North towards Susanville CA, Bend OR to The Dalles OR. Rode up CA-139 (CA-Best 15 Road) and we had to gear-up around the MT. Hood ski area.
9:45 hrs. – 545 miles.

Day 3: North on US-97 to get to the Colombia River. Rode US-2 along the river to Brewster, then head east to Sandpoint ID. The weather, the river, the road and the fruit stands were all fantastic.
9:50 hrs. – 506 miles.



Day 4: Head east out of Sandpoint along the river to Missoula MT., then on to Helena MT., and Bozeman MT. Stop at the Triumph dealer in Missoula, but it wasn't opening until mid afternoon, Candace wanted to get another t-shirt, real bumper. But we were excited to get to the overnight location, Howlers Inn, a Wolf Sanctuary.
7:30 hrs. – 409 miles.

Day 5: Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and Jackson Hole WY. Came in the northern entrance, visited Roosevelt Lodge, Canyon Village, Lower/Upper Falls and the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone. Then headed to Alpine WY for the overnight, another “Great Day”,
6:00 hrs. – 280 miles.

Day 6: Headed east to Casper WY, then on to Custer SD.

Got caught in quick rain storm on the way, but got to the Crazy Horse Memorial that late afternoon.

9:00 hrs. – 563 miles.

Day 7: Custer State Park and Mt. Rushmore. The day started with an early morning ride thru a herd of buffalo, "WOW", a little eerie on a bike. Then rode to Mt. Rushmore, a couple of hours walking around, awesome. Then headed to Walden CO for the overnight.

5:15 hrs. – 324 miles.

Day 8: Headed south to Georgetown CO, then over the Guanella Pass to Grant, Fairplay and Canon City.

Picked up some great peaches in Fairplay and spent the afternoon at the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park.

5:00 hrs. – 232 miles.

Day 9: Headed northwest, rode over Independence Pass (12,095 ft.) to Aspen CO. Then took a ride on the Silver Queen Gondola to the top of Bell Mountain (11,212 ft.). Then to Glenwood Springs for the overnight and the "Best Pizza in Colorado" Uncle's Pizza.

5:15 hrs. – 210 miles.

Day 10: South to Montrose CO, over the McClure Pass, to pick up the 'Million Dollar Highway' US-



Canyon, only one word applies, "Awesome"

5:30 hrs. – 340 mile.

Day 12: South to Flagstaff AZ on US-89. Stopped for lunch in Sedona and ride the Sedona Loop. Headed to Prescott for the overnight at Dennis Even house in Prescott. Went for a 'GREAT' dinner with Dennis &

550 to Durango. On the way, a relaxing stop in Silverton, to have lunch and just to walk around the town.

5:00 hrs. – 230 miles.

Day 11: West, with a ride thru Monument Valley, to Page AZ, then onto Jacob Lake for the overnight. Made the ride down and back to the North Rim of the Grand



Diana at LaBruzza's Italian Ristorante. Thanks Dennis & Diana.

5:15 hrs. – 256 miles.

Day 13: Split Day, Candace headed to Lake Havasu City AZ to visit a friend for a couple of days. Then she head back to Home. I hung out at Dennis's for the day.

3:45 hrs. – 222 miles. 4:30 hrs. – 280 miles.

Day 14: I headed Home.

7:30 hrs. – 415 miles.

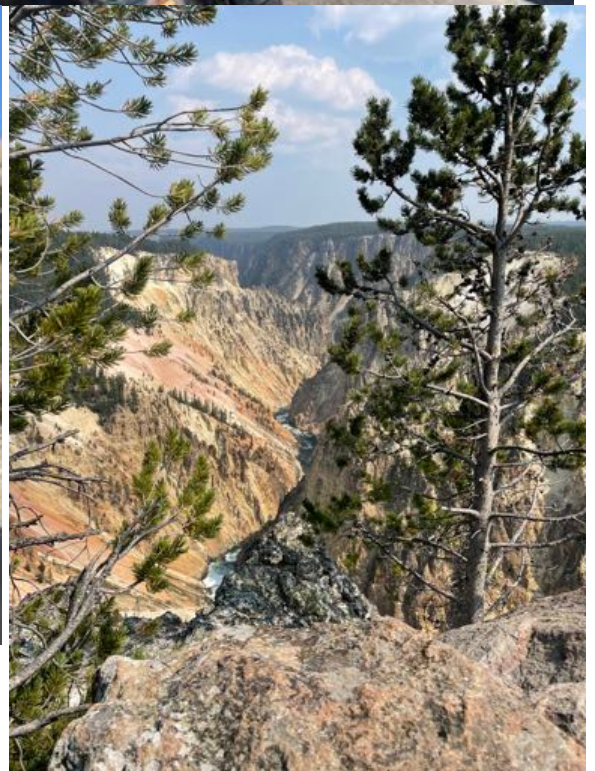
All in all:

Candace and I rode thru 11 States in 12 days, map miles 4,745, actual miles for me from door to door, 5,230 miles,

My Thanks and Gratitude to Candace for being one of the 'Best' Ride buddies I have ever had and a true 'Long Distance Rider'.

LES GULLERY
SCMA Member #25101

P.S. Candace, for the 2022 3FC, it's my turn to 'tag-a-long'.





Event Calendar

November

No Events Scheduled
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast

December

No Events Scheduled
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast

January

No Events Scheduled
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast

Information on each ride will be released on the website and via eBlasts.

Here's what's on the road ahead. For more information, check the SCMA website www.SC-MA.com and the websites of our affiliated clubs. Club websites have more information on their events and are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. ALWAYS consult them for last-minute changes before a ride.

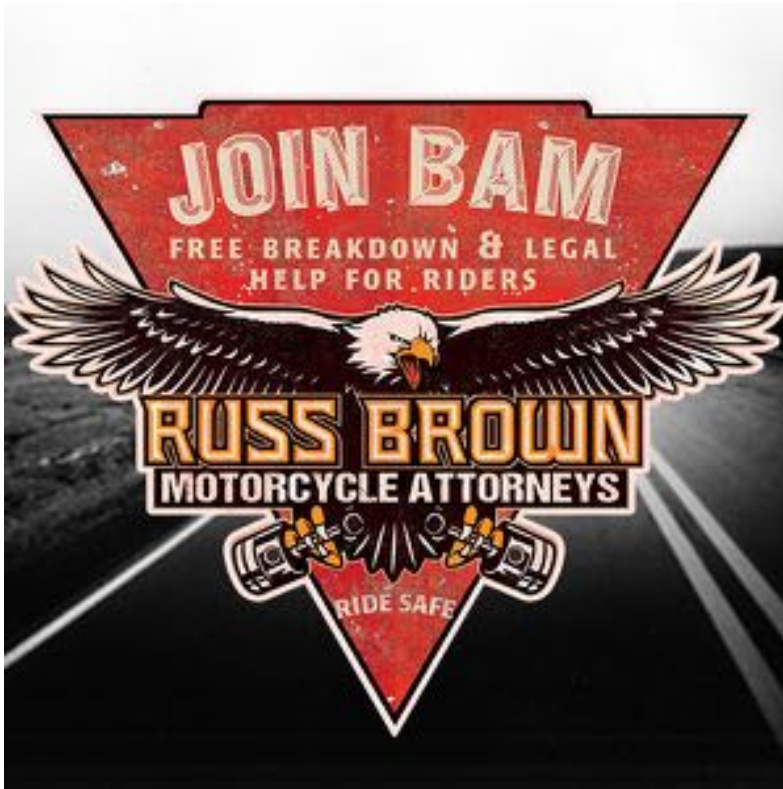
National News Section

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

ABOUT BAM

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BAM: Breakdown and Legal Assistance for Motorcyclists

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

Roadside Assistance for Motorcycles

Russ also wanted to provide the support of his legal muscle to every BAM member. Today, Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys, and their nationwide network provide free legal advice 24/7 to all its members nationwide. Started by the Los Angeles motorcycle accident attorneys who ride, BAM is the ultimate resource for riders—one that has developed and flourished for over 30 years. As a result, the motorcycle accident attorneys at Russ Brown have developed trusted relationships with the best lawyers across the country. No matter where you ride, you can rest assured knowing you have the very best biker-friendly lawyers ready to help you if you are involved in a motorcycle crash. BAM’s emergency ID card can speak for you if you are incapacitated in a crash: we list your emergency contact person, medical problems, and blood type. With your permission, should emergency personnel call, we will supply this information and provide donors if necessary.

BAM membership is FREE!

All we ask is that you volunteer to help another member in need of assistance if called upon and only if you are available to do so. In turn, your Los Angeles Motorcycle Accident attorneys are here to advise you whether you need our representation or just some guidance and advice after an accident.

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Announcing the 2022 Collection

Best 15 US Roads Challenge

*By Bob Roger
Chair, Best 15 US Roads*

Again, the list has been refreshed with six replacement roads. Two have been on previous Best 15 US Roads lists, the Lolo Trail, US12 in Idaho, and the Cherohala Skyway in Tennessee and North Carolina.

New additions are the Tunnel of Trees and SR22 in Michigan, the Park Loop in Theodore Roosevelt National Park in North Dakota, and the Enchanted Circle Scenic Byway in north central New Mexico. The sixth replacement road will be #16 titled "My Favorite Road". It is a road that the registrant can select for himself, but cannot be selected from one of the other 15 roads on the list (ie, you cannot repeat a road by riding it twice). The registrant can omit any one of the sixteen roads, but fifteen roads must be ridden to finish the Challenge.

A registrant will have a two-year window to complete the Challenge, however, ALL roads must be ridden in one calendar year between January 15th and November 15th with ride logs submitted no later than November 30th.

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

We have Best 15 US short sleeve-shirts available to everyone for \$24 each.

For further information, contact Bob Roger at

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2022 Collection

Best 15 US Roads



For information on the Roads, the Rules and Registration, visit:
www.sc-ma.com, go to the Best 15 US Roads page. For additional
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Southern California Motorcycling Association Best 15 US Roads Challenge

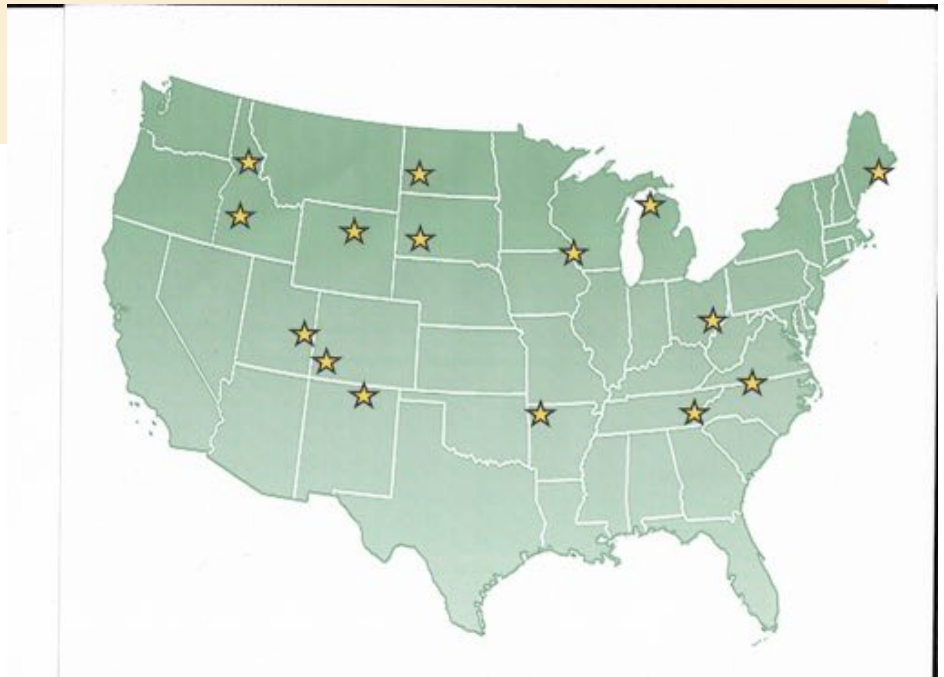


This difficult Premier Ride Challenge is offered again for its twelfth anniversary in 2022, with five new replacement roads. The sixteenth road will remain on the list so that a ride registrant may omit any one road from the list, then ride 15 roads to qualify as a finisher. This is a tough ride challenge ... 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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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

2022 Best 15 US Roads Challenge List

1. Acadia National Park (Maine): Park Loop 34 mile one way road.
2. Tunnel of Trees Plus MI 22 (Michigan): Cross Village MI 119 to Harbor Springs, US 31 to Traverse City, MI 22 to Empire, 164 miles.
3. Great River Road (Wisconsin): Prairie du Chien WI 35 to LaCrosse, 63 miles.
4. Theodore Roosevelt NP Medora (North Dakota): I-94 exit 24 or exit 27. Ride Park Loop, 35 miles.
5. Iron Mountain Road in the Black Hills (South Dakota): Keystone US16A to Custer, 34 miles.
6. The Big Horn Mountains (Wyoming): Ranchester US14 to Grey Bull, 79 miles.
7. Northwest Passage Scenic Byway (Idaho): Lolo US12 to Kooskia, 134 miles.
8. Payette River Scenic Byway (Idaho): Cascade ID55 to Horseshoe Bend, 51 miles.
9. Dinosaur Diamond Prehistoric Highway (Utah): I-70 exit 204 UT128 to Moab, 45 miles.
10. San Juan Skyway (Colorado): Placerville CO145 to Cortez, 83 miles.
11. The Enchanted Circle Scenic Byway (New Mexico): Counter-clockwise: Taos US64 to Eagle Nest, NM38 to Questa, NM522 back to Taos, 82 mile loop.
12. The Pig Trail (Arkansas): Eureka Springs AR23 to Ozark, 80 miles.
13. Cherohala Skyway (Tennessee/North Carolina): Tellico Plains, TN onto TN165 to NC143 to Robbinsville NC, 53 miles.
14. Blue Ridge Parkway (North Carolina/Virginia): ANY 150 mile section.
15. The Triple Nickel (Ohio): Little Hocking OH555 to Zanesville, 62 miles.
16. MY FAVORITE ROAD: The registrant can choose ANY US Road that is not already on this list! This one will also require the receipts and photos. By using this choice, the registrant can omit any one of the other 15 roads on the list.

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. If you opt to ride "Tour Favorite Road" it cannot be one of the 15 (as in doing one of the 15 a second time).

For further clarification or questions about this event, contact **Bob Roger**, Chairman, Best 15 US Roads Challenge, at either

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FACTS AND FIGURES

USA Four Corners

Jim Filley
#

Membership Director

Facts and figures from our travel to the 4 corners of the United States. Myself and my friend Dave Felkins started in San Ysidro CA, to Blaine WA, to Madawaska ME, to Key West FL. We completed this ride in 17 days. Total travel days were 22. This is a sponsored ride supported by the Southern California Motorcycle Association of which I am a member of the board. I ride a 2016 Victory Vision and Dave rides a 2017 1200 RS BMW.

Total Mileage for the trip: 10,760 miles.

I (we) spent 3,148.65 on 21 hotel nights.

I spent 1088.42 on fuel.

I drove 450 miles on a bald rear tire in the rain in order to get it replaced.

We drove on average 500 miles a day.

We enjoyed travel through 30 States.

I only almost crashed twice.

Fuel was most expensive in California and New Hampshire and least expensive in the South.

In 22 days of travel, we only experienced 2 days with rain.

Warmest day was 105 degrees thru the South and Key West. Baby Powder on rides like this is your best friend.

Mt. Rushmore was incredible. Water bottle, 3 bucks!

COVID during travel is still a problem. Hotels provide toilet paper but no tissue paper or pads and pens. Most hotels still have closed spas and pools. Everywhere we went there were signs to wear a mask. Very few were.

We left El Paso several days ago and for the first 100 miles under a full moon, we experienced an amazing lightning show right in front of us.

We fixed/replaced two rear tires (one flat, one bald) and I completed one oil change in a hotel parking lot.

I lost my credit card twice, but found it. Dave was not so lucky.

At the end of each day, I enjoyed one to two ounces of Jameson's Black Barrel Whisky. I went through Two and one half bottles (1/5th)

The New England States, this time of year, are amazing.

Texas is still Texas, Great BBQ but UGLY.....

In 2020, we did a long distance ride through the Colorado Rockies. On that trip and through every major city, we observed robust construction projects. Cranes, workers, construction equipment was everywhere. Farmers were working, farm hands were harvesting and 18 wheelers were on all the roads. On this ride we saw a complete absence of this activity. It is as if everything has come to a screeching halt. You can form your own opinions, I have mine.

This type of travel is not for the soft.....the days are long and the weather , wind and heat can beat you to death. You worry about an equipment failure while in the middle of nowhere and pray it does not happen. Twice, due to poor planning on my part, I rode distances that could have placed me on the side of the road holding a sign that said "GAS"...I got lucky.

Would I do this again??

Ask me in July of next year! I know my partner would!!

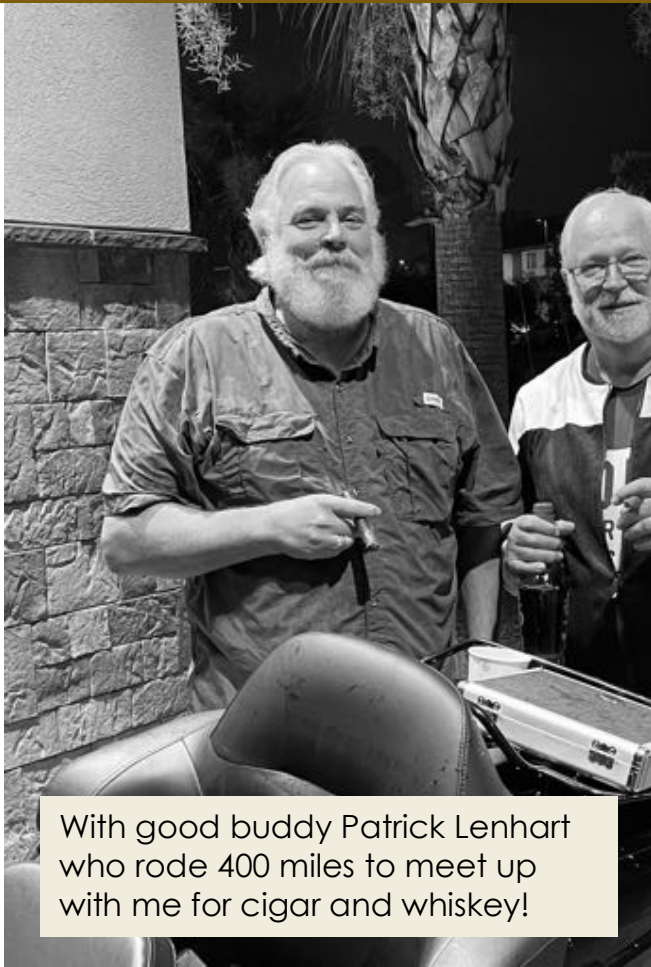
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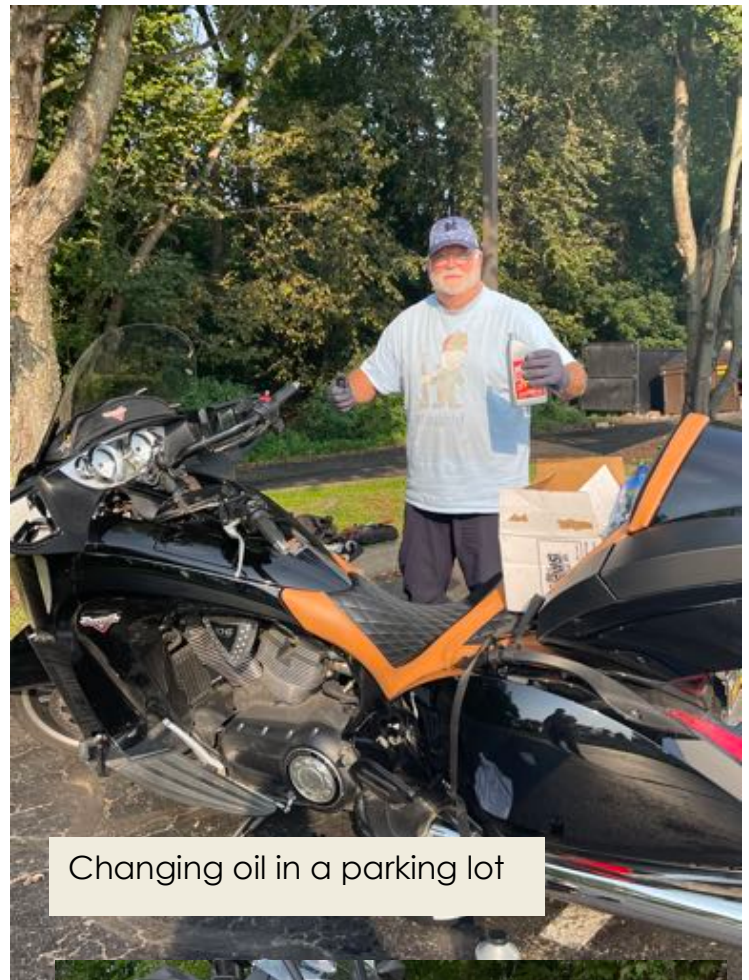
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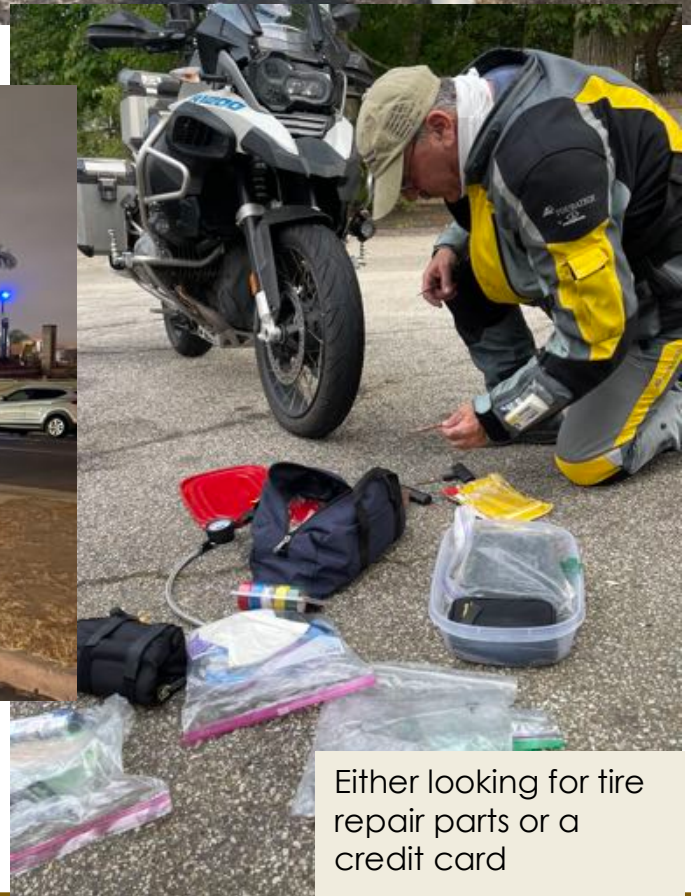
With good buddy Patrick Lenhart who rode 400 miles to meet up with me for cigar and whiskey!



Changing oil in a parking lot



San Ysidro CA



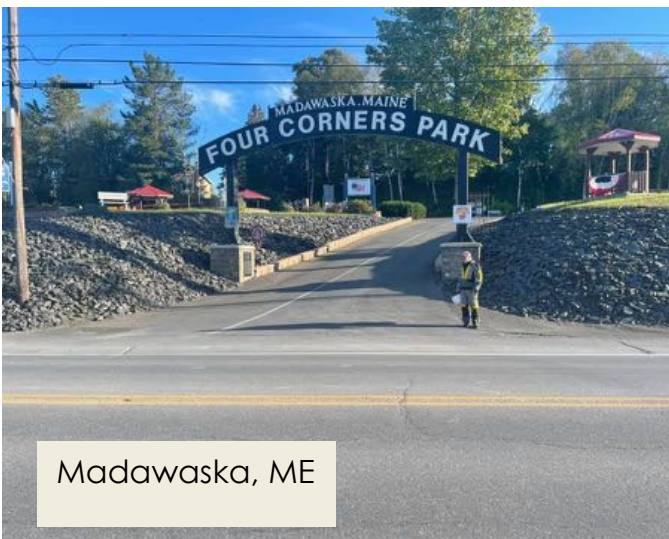
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Cascades



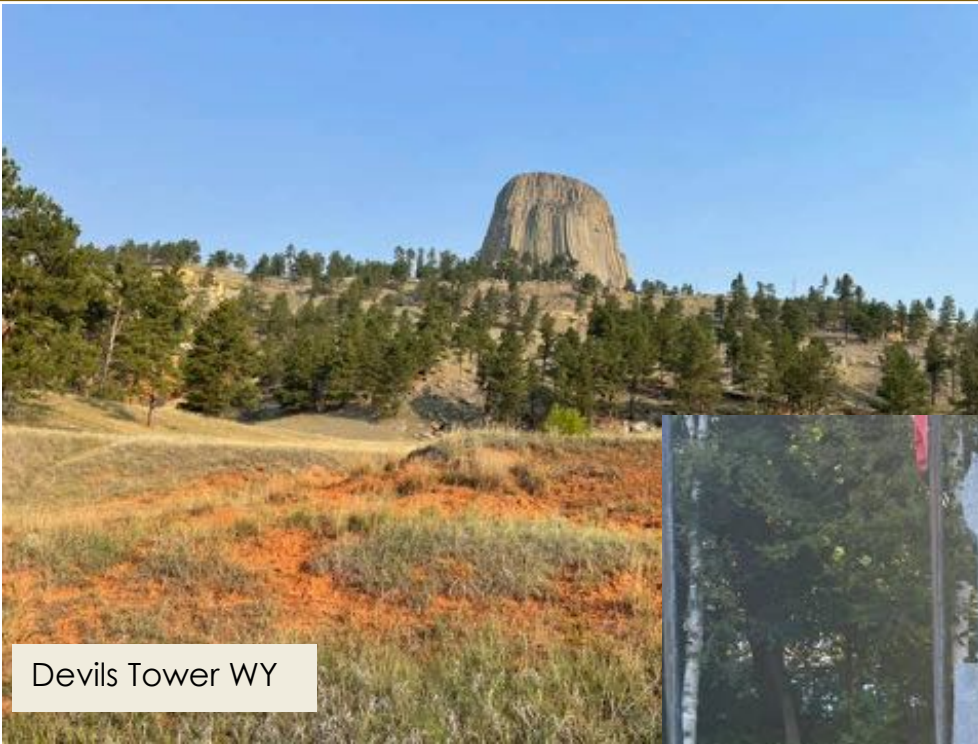
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Dave Felkins
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REMEMBERING SACRIFICE

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.tourofhoror.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 1973. 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 Blunder ride (1,600 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.

AMA Grand Tour of Honor 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.

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

Steve Brooks: 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.

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

Steve Brooks: 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 several 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.

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

A: 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-stab. There have been numerous comments from East Coasters about California roads that they weren't aware of before riding to Tour of Honor destinations.

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

A: 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 Shoalmine 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.

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

A: 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.tourofhonor.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 Three Flags Classic Status Report

Hello Three Flag Classic (TFC) Registrants and Future Riders!

We are so excited to prepare (for the third time) the 45th Annual Three Flags Classic. Let me bring you up to speed.

On October 20, 2021 your TFC Committee met for its first monthly meeting and confirmed who would Captain various teams. With little exception the same Captains from 2021 will remain in place for 2022 and I'm pleased to know we have many of the same people in the planning process. It's no small feat nor time commitment by the committee and it's great to know they are excited about making this ride happen.

Registration for those who have NOT carried over their registration from 2020 and 2021 will open on January 1, 2022 at 10:00 AM. In case you didn't know the ride was cancelled in those years due to Covid-19 and border issues.

I'm happy to say over 200 riders left their registration fee on account and planning on riding next September. Remember, this is a "5-year" ride and will start on Thursday, September 1, 2022 in Mexicali and finish in Penticton, BC, Canada on Monday September 5, 2022.

The checkpoints will be Cortez, Colorado; Longmont, Colorado; Rock Springs, Wyoming; and Missoula, Montana. Discount rates for hotels in the checkpoint cities are currently being negotiated so I highly recommend that you wait until we get rates if you are going to lodge in a checkpoint city. An E-Blast will come out prior to January 1, 2022 with the names of hotels, links and rates. You may stay anywhere you wish, so don't feel obligated to use this benefit.

Please check your passports to ensure they will not expire within 6 months of the ride. If they will, please renew your passport now.

Also, remember you need to be a current member of the SCMA in order to register for the TFC. I suggest doing that before January 1, 2022.

As we have more information we'll put it on the web site, in E-Blasts, on our Facebook page. I look forward to seeing additional registrations in January. Here's to having a 45th Annual TFC... finally!

Steven Shulman
Chairman
2022 Three Flags Classic




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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!





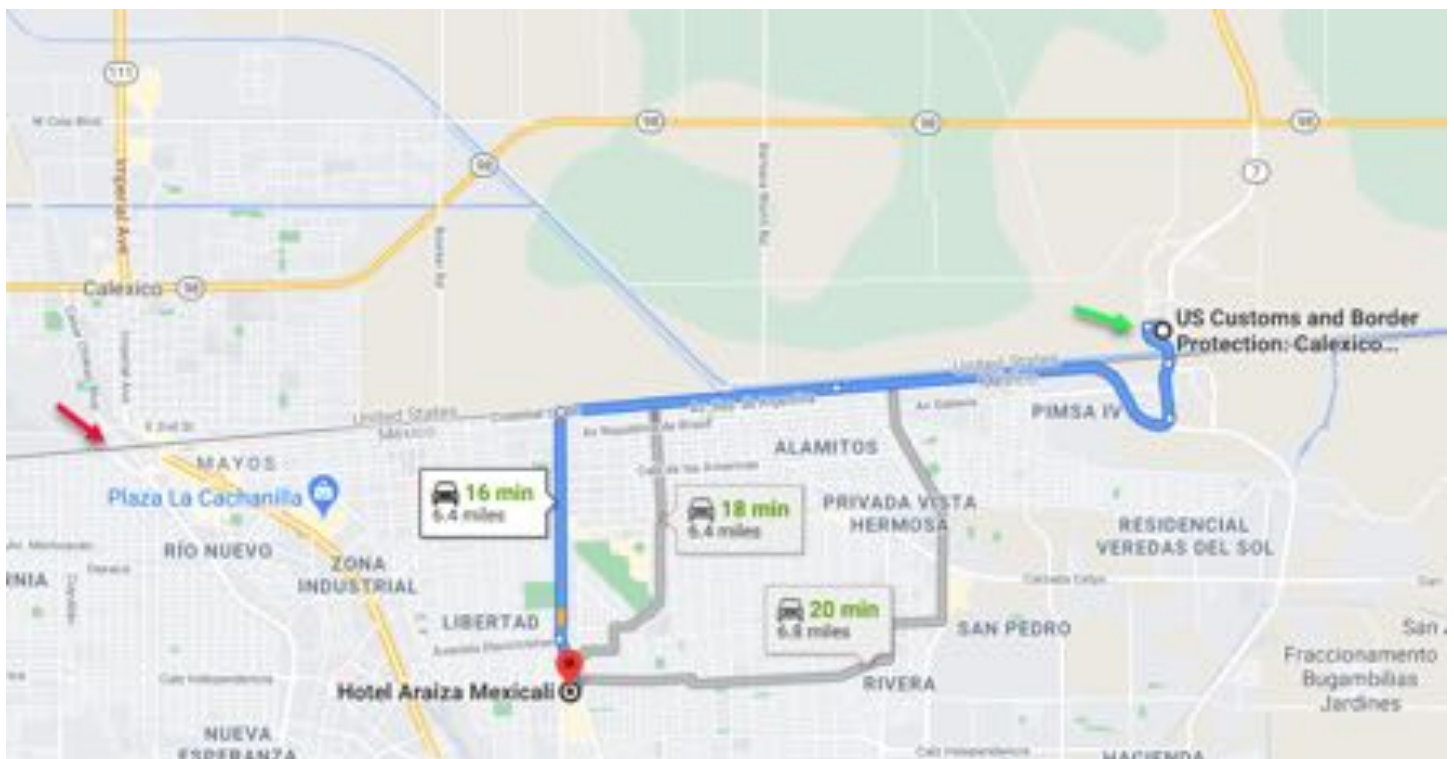
Ports of Entry to Mexicali

*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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there. For more information go to

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