

SCMA**Founded 1968****NEWS**

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

What a tough year to ride. Covid, expensive motels, overbooked campgrounds, forest fires, hurricanes, heavy rains, record heat, and closed borders. I'm glad that many of you got out and road the Tours - I'm sure you are happy that you did.

It is now December, so all the Tours have concluded for this 2021. Please make sure you have turned in your paperwork for review to your Ride Chairman. You can sign up for all the 2022 Tours on January 1, including the 45th Annual Three Flags Classic. Please check out the new Great Lakes Cabot Tour. Bob Roger has put together a fantastic tour you will want to ride.

Dear Santa: I've been very, very good this year. Here is my list.

1) Spot Gen 4

<https://www.findmespot.com/en-us/products-services/spot-gen4>

2) Wunderling

<https://blackboxembedded.com>

3) Darla + Krista lights

<https://www.clearwaterlights.com>

4) Gen4 heated liners

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<https://www.warmnsafe.com>

5) Waterproof Expandable Tank Bag

<https://touratech-usa.com/store/Touratech-Extreme-Waterproof-Tank-Bag>

6) new wheels and hubs

<https://woodyswheelworks.com>

7) Hardanger hi-vis suite

<https://www.klim.com/Hardanger-One-Piece-Suit-3737-001?quantity=1&color=1048>

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9) Best Western Gift card for 50 nights

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/offers/travel-card.html

10) 2022 BMW R1250 Adventure:

<https://www.bmwmotorcycles.com/en/models/adventure/r1250gsadventure.html>

11) 2021 Road Glide Limited <https://www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/motorcycles/road-glide-limited.html>

12) 2022 Gold Wing Tour DCT

<https://powersports.honda.com/street/touring/gold-wing>

Motorcycle News

Wow, can you believe these guys accomplished this?

Chris Hopper - 100,000 in 100 days. https://new.spotwalla.com/trip/a656-38decd3-5b5d/view?fbclid=IwAR0eI0d22OxczLnRFoao2GlrpMJy-ZbUmG1FAo3VB90_RFyk9dQVJbRkW3g

Chuck Marble - 6 x 4 Corners True X in 2021.

<https://new.spotwalla.com/trip/9375-3614d7-fc4a/view>

Motorcycling safer than riding Horses: https://advrider.com/motorcycling-safer-than-ridinghorses/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&utm_content=11_27_2021

Honda dumping kickstand... <https://www.visordown.com/news/viral/honda-motorcycle-can-stay-upright-all-itself>

Voxan Wattman Team Blasts Through 21 Electric Motorcycle Speed Records

<https://www.webbikeworld.com/voxan-wattman-team-blasts-through-21-electric-motorcycle-speed-records/>



Member Spotlight - Carl Harris

People who know Carl call him "Solo" and his prolific motorcycle touring is journaled in Facebook under the name of "KSolo DaRyder". He added "DaRyder" in memory of his good friend, Kelly "BOSS Ryder" Wilkerson, who was gunned down in Oct 2015. He is a published writer for Get Yonder Magazine, a blogger for 'asolomoment.com', co-started the Facebook group Tents & 2's Camping For Bikers, and started the 'Back Roads of America on Two's' and 'A SoloMoment' pages. He recently started a youtube channel to capture other riders' perspectives of the motorcycle lifestyle and culture and what it means to them. I highly recommend you follow his channel and read his chronicles.

When Solo retired from the U.S. Army in 2010, he decided to open a motorcycle shop in Tacoma, Washington. Someone once said, "it's not work if you love what you're doing." He ended up selling the shop in 2012 because he wanted to feel the freedom of the road, and he has been long-distance riding ever since. Like many of us, motorcycle riding is his therapy.

To date, he has completed over 60 iron butt certified rides, achieving Titanium status. He has completed 48 state runs and two all 50 states in a year rides.

He has completed the SCMA Four Corners ride six times, one being a True X earning his first 10/10ths with the IBA with a certified ride of 10,000 miles in 10 days. In 2020 he participated in his first Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge, finishing 3rd out of a field of over one hundred and fifty riders. He is currently the keeper of the challenge totem. The totem is an engraved Moose antler rightfully named AKICITA, which is the Lakota Indian word for warrior. He will be doing the challenge again in 2022, so be on the lookout for rider #990. He was one of five riders to complete the challenge of 10k miles in 10 days a second time.

He rode over 100k documented miles in 2019 and was inducted into the Iron Butt Association 100,000 Miles Club in one year. This same year, he



rode alone to Prudhoe Bay, Camp Dead Horse, also known as the 'Top of the World' in Alaska along a 400-mile stretch and dirt road known as the Dalton Highway on his Harley. On Nov 17, 2021, he hit 100k miles again in one year on his 2021 Road Glide Special that he purchased on Feb 3, 2021, and they are still rolling.

Memberships:

- DAHURU MC NATION
- IBA Rider #63499
- HoKa Hey Motorcycle Challenge Rider #990
- Life Member of the Harley-Davidson Owners Group (HOG), Boneyard H-D Chapter
- 2021 Titanium member of the AZRATPack
- 6 year as a member of the SCMA

I'll be highlighting other members who are doing extraordinary riding in following columns.

Ride safe and ride often!
Mark Burdick



From the Board of Directors

Wishing You A Happy Holiday Season



And The Best In 2022



SOUTHWEST Regional News Section

(Pages 7 – 10)

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 roll in. Please be patient as I get to them as fast as I can. Please remember to use the email address associated with PayPal. If you do not have the expertise to sign up online, or you do not have a computer, please find someone to assist you. I cannot sign you up, has to be done on the member's end.

Thank you for all of the cooperation I have received this year.....Three Flags Classic – here we come !!!

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California Best 15 Roads

**This page will be updated next month
with information about the
2022 CA Best 15 Tour.
(Yeah, I know, I said this last month)**



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



National News Section

(page 11 – 20)

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

Three of the Best US 15 Roads – One day of Joy

On May 31, 2021, I had the pleasure of 'rounding the bend' and discovering three of the Best US 15 Roads.

Early morning started under clear skies in Kayenta, AZ to ride the famous US 163 running through the heart of Monument Valley. The Monument Valley is a life-bucket list ride.

By midmorning, the bike had made it to Cortez, CO to start the long climb along San Juan Skyway via CO-145. A lot of the ride was through the San Juan National Forest. The climb reached over

10000 MSL with a mixture of rain and snow. The active snow line was about 1,000 feet above Lizard Head Pass. It was an 83-mile ride of beauty, but not a ride for colder months of the year.



Late afternoon, I arrived in Moab, UT to ride the Dinosaur Diamond Prehistoric Highway (UT-128) along the Colorado River. Simply one of my favorite rides in America.

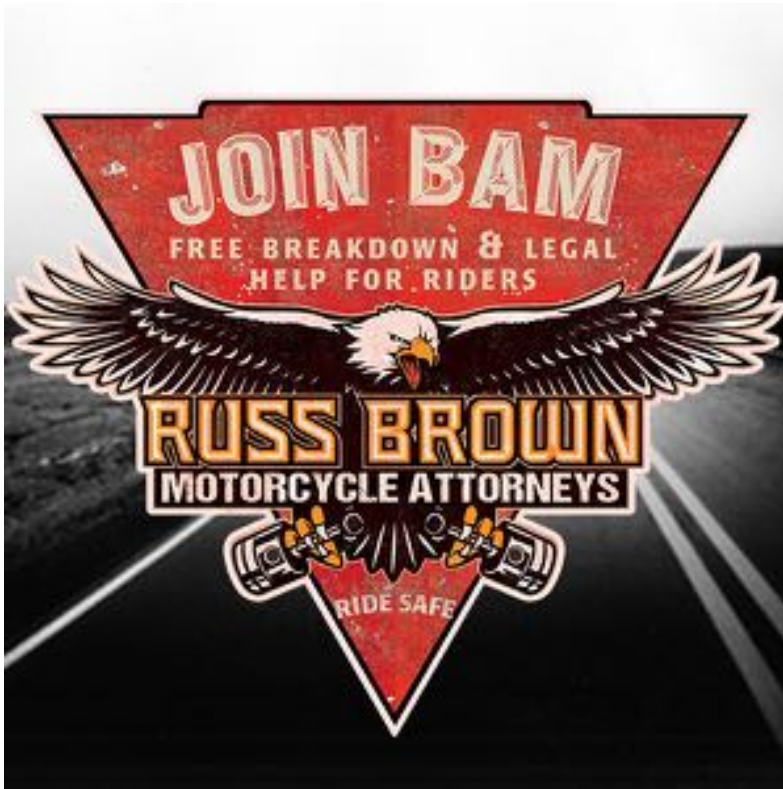
Bob Roger had outdone himself by selecting these three spectacular roads as part of the 2021 Best US 15 Roads. Each road had its own unique personality and beauty. Truly it is a day's ride to remember forever.

Charlie Lamb



ABOUT BAM

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BAM: Breakdown and Legal Assistance for Motorcyclists

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

Roadside Assistance for Motorcycles

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

BAM membership is FREE!

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

Join 2 million fellow bikers who have the strong backing of each other as well as the original Motorcycle Attorneys. Enhance your SCMA membership with all the added benefits of BAM: get your FREE BAM Benefit card by calling 1-800-4-BIKERS or visiting www.russbrown.com.

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.

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Join Us and Ride

Southern California Motorcycling Association's
2022 Collection

Best 15 US Roads



For information on the Roads, the Rules and Registration, visit:
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assistance, contact Bob Roger, Chairman, Best 15 US Roads, at
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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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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 19th 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 2002 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 Bunner 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 MEMBER PROFILE 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: 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: 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 intervention 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

(pages 21 – 33)

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

The Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour



SCMA is proud to announce a new Premier Ride for 2022 titled The **Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour**.

The Tour will be a self-guided ride to twelve designated checkpoints scattered along a suggested route through the northeastern United States and Southeastern Canada. The preferred starting point would be the Perry Monument on the Presque Isle peninsula in Erie, PA, though riders from western Canada may want to begin at Thunder Bay, Ontario. From Erie, the next checkpoint is Niagara Falls, on either the US or Canadian side. From New York there are several checkpoints through Vermont and New Hampshire before crossing Maine into New Brunswick and on to Nova Scotia to ride the Cabot Trail.

Next is a return to the US with a checkpoint at the SCMA Four Corners Park in Madawaska ME. Then the ride heads back into Canada to ride along the St. Lawrence River to the walled cities" of Quebec and Montreal.

The suggested route turns west away from the St Lawrence River through Ottawa and Sudbury to the north shores of Lake Huron and Lake Superior. The route follows the shoreline of Lake Superior back into the US, turns the corner at Duluth MN, and heads east through Wisconsin into the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. After a ride over the famous Mackinaw Bridge, the 4200 mile long Tour finishes in Mackinaw City MI,

All 12 checkpoints must be visited. Proof of the visits will be a personal ride log containing a photo from each checkpoint that includes the rider, the motorcycle, and a sign or landmark showing the location, and a sales receipt showing the date and location.

The registrant will have a two-year window to complete the ride, BUT all checkpoints must be visited in one calendar year.

Bob Roger

Chair, GLCTT

SCMA

GREAT LAKES CABOT TRAIL TOUR

CHECK POINTS:

1. Perry Monument Presque Isle Peninsula, Erie, PA
2. Niagara Falls Either side, New York, or Ontario
3. Lake Placid, Summit of Whiteface Mountain
4. Ferry across Lake Champlain, Port Kent, NY to Burlington, VT
5. Kancamagus Scenic Byway, RT112 Lincoln, NH to Bartlett, NH
6. Cabot Trail Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia HWY19
7. Madawaska, Maine The Four Corners Park
8. Quebec City and Montreal the walled cities
9. Sudbury, Ontario the Giant Canadian Nickel at the Dynamic Earth Science Museum, 122 Big Nickel Mine Road, Sudbury
10. Kakabeka Falls TC11 20 miles west of Thunder Bay Ontario
11. Two Harbors, Minnesota, MN61 Split Rock Lighthouse
12. Mackinaw Bridge to Mackinaw City, Michigan

Great Lake Cabot Trail

Additional Points of interest, but NOT required:

1. Mount Washington Auto Road to Summit, entrance is on NH16.
2. Acadia National Park is a 110 mile round trip spur out of Bangor, ME.
3. Confederation Bridge in New Brunswick to Prince Edward Island, is an 8 mile crossing in each direction adds a 75 mile spur off the main route. On Trans CAN Hwy 2/NS104 at Westmoreland, New Brunswick, take Trans CAN Hwy 16 to the bridge.
4. Fortress of Louisbourg, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Spur from the Cabot Trail at St Ann adds 80 miles and 2 hours riding time to the Cabot Trail Loop.
5. Toronto Spur (Ottawa > Toronto > Sudbury) adds 180 miles to the Tour.
6. Aerostich 8 S 18th Aw W Duluth, MN 55806. From the north: I-35 ex255A, US53 to next exit, Right onto N 21st Ave W., Left onto W Superior St., go four blocks to Aerostich.
7. Tunnel of Trees from Mackinaw City – it's a 24 mile ride to Cross Village. From there, MI 119 hugs the Lake Michigan shoreline for 21 miles to Harbor Springs.

GRT LKS CT Tour Map keyed to CHECKPOINTS





COAST TO COAST CANADA STYLE

By Del Banack

On August 9th to make up for the cancellation of 3 Flags, and USA borders closed, Brian Hooker, Kim Coubfough, and Del Banack decided to make a quick Coast to Coast bucket list run.

Thanks to initial inspiration from SCMA members Norm LaFleur (3FC2016), and Bruce Thomas for planning ideas, and Spot supervision.

The challenge: the Iron Butt Association (IBA) "Trans Canada Quest" - Vancouver BC to Halifax NS in less than 90 hours. We completed in 84.5 hrs.

Long range weather forecasts and road closures were researched and the official kick off from Vancouver to Halifax was set for Monday August 23rd.

The Pilots



Brian Hooker
"Iceman"



Kim Coubfrough
"Mig"



Del Banack
The "Lost Leader"

Sunday was leisurely 600-mile ride from the outskirts of Calgary to Vancouver in 11 hours. The traffic was light and roads were great with the usual highway construction at Golden, forest fires between Merritt and Hope, and stop and go traffic for 15 miles by Chilliwack.

Pilots in Vancouver

Monday August 23rd to Swift Current

It was the first day of ride to Halifax. 920 miles in 14 ½ hours. We retraced our ride back to Calgary and continued onto Swift Current. A little mist/fog/smoke for the first 2 hours to Merritt but did not hinder our speed. Sunshine and a slight wind at our backs for the rest of the day. The views of the Rockies were spectacular. As we left Canmore the Prairie opened up and flattened out in front of us. Sun and wind at our backs. The fields were a mixture of various colors of green, yellow and red. Our fluky planning worked great!! We missed the tornado that went through Moose Jaw, our original first stop.



Tuesday August 24th to Thunder Bay

Sunshine, a slight breeze on our backs, 15 ½ hours and 960 miles and we arrived in Thunder Bay. Roads and weather were on our side. The Great prairie views started to change at Winnipeg into low mountainous areas with lots of lakes and forest and continued as we entered Ontario through Kenora on to Thunder Bay. Lots of long sweeping curves. We could not have asked for a better day to ride.

Wednesday August 25th to Montreal

Off to an early start. Sunshine no wind. We road 75 miles east to Nipigon and turned north on Highway 11. For 120 miles we were on the shore line of Helen and Nipigon Lakes. Long sweeping curves, sun on our backs and nothing but pristine views with no traffic. We owned the road. The road changed direction toward Quebec. Again good roads until we hit Kirkland Lake. A road from Hell as per everyone. 1 hour to go 25 miles. We road into Quebec through the towns of Rouyn-Noranda and Val-D'Or and then south on route 117 to Montreal. Again this is a land of many lakes and forest. Pristine and almost untouched. Every turn revealed an unbelievable view. As we entered Montreal in the dark on new roads we were at the mercy of outdated GPS mapping but we came out of it in great shape. Even the multi-nova camera gave us a break. It was a long day 1005 miles in 19 hours. With Covid in full colors restaurants we not open and potato chips and pop/coffee was the evening supper.

Thursday August 26th to Halifax

It was short day of the trip. 810-miles in 13 hours. Again it was sunshine and no wind. We

were on mostly major highways until we hit Nova Scotia. The roads in Nova Scotia were more inviting. As we got into Halifax it was a real feeling of accomplishment, 4015 miles in 5 days, and Vancouver to Halifax, 3690 miles in 84 ½ hours.

The tour home to Alberta included The Cabot Trail, PEI, Confederation Bridge, Gaspé Peninsula, Anne of Green Gables, and other touristy type places.

Further info, pictures, details at www.BrianHooker.com/TCQ21 (caps shown are required).

The Route



The Pilots in Halifax



2022 Three Flags Classic Status Report 6 Dec 2021

Hello Three Riders!

This is a reminder that the Three Flags Classic (TFC) registration opens on January 1, 2022 at 10 AM (Pacific Time). Many people who want to do this ride forget that they must be an SCMA member before they can register for any SCMA ride. It would be my suggestion to become a member before January 1, if you aren't already. This will make the registration process faster and easier on registration day. Of course, if you carried your registration over from last year you are already registered for the TFC. If your membership expired, you will want to renew it as this will save you time in Mexicali during check-in on August 31, 2022.



Because this is the 45th annual ride there is an extra day for a 5-day vs. a 4-day ride. The ride will commence in the early morning hours of Thursday Sept. 1, 2022 and finish on Monday September 5, 2022. As usual, the Finisher's Dinner Banquet will take place on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. The finish will be at the Penticton Lakeside Resort. It is an exclusive hotel on the lake with a dinner house having spectacular views of the lake. The resort also boasts a large bar just a few steps from the restaurant, attached to the hotel also with lake views. The banquet will be held in the large banquet room and also overlooks the lake. This will be an awesome setting with a terrific dinner and ceremony for those who finish or for guests you invite. Riders may purchase tickets for guests who wish to attend the dinner/banquet. It should be a ton of fun with a few surprises. You'll have waited 3 years for this ride and you deserve a great time. It's our goal to exceed your expectations.

Here are a few other things you'll want to consider. Sometime in January we'll send out an E-blast with a list of about 20 checkpoint hotels (3-4 in each checkpoint city). You are not required to stay at any of these. You decide where you stop and where you stay. There is an advantages to stay at a hotel in the city the checkpoints are located. We will have negotiated discounted rates from the

hotels standard rates. If you've done any traveling at all recently you've found out hotels can be hard to come by and the rates are substantially higher than they have been. We typically block out about 200 rooms in each checkpoint city for 3GC riders. We've gone to great lengths (and time) to negotiate rates that are 20-30% cheaper than the hotel's standard rates. We have not negotiated enough rooms for everyone so book as early as you can if your plans are to stay in checkpoint cities. For those who miss out, you'll have to find your own lodging and negotiate the best rate you can. We will attempt to provide you a link to each hotel, but all hotels can be booked by phone as well using the code, Three Flags Classic.

Here is another thing to consider... insurance. Mexicali is the Start city and borders California. It's a large city and fairly modern. Our start hotel (Araiza Hotel) is 5-10 minutes from the border. We'll also have a sister hotel available which is 5 minutes from the main hotel. It is our intention to have a free hotel shuttle from the sister hotel to the Araiza Hotel which will run on a schedule to be announced later. Mexico requires liability insurance. I however get collision and theft insurance because it's cheap. You can buy insurance by the hour, day, or week. You can get insurance from Baja Bound Insurance, Sanborn Insurance or others on-line. More about insurance in a future E-Blast, but make a note you'll need it, and it IS required by the SCMA insurance carrier. You'll need to provide proof of insurance at your check-in on August 31, 2022.

Here is the last thing I want to bring to your attention. Because this is a 5-year ride and we haven't been able to do the ride for the last 2-years, it's extra special. It's always my goal to exceed the rider's expectations and I have no interest in disappointing you in 2022. Our committee is going to work hard in 2022 to bring you a great experience. If the Three Flags Classic has been on your bucket list or you're a seasoned Three Flagger, this is NOT the year to miss this ride. We already have over 200 registered riders and we'll only be accepting 100-125 more riders. Please don't wait to register. I don't want you to miss out! I'll be watching the registrations come in at 10 AM on the morning of January 1, 2022.

Until then, I wish you and your family the best for the holidays and a very happy New Years!

Steven Shulman,
Chairman
2022 Three Flags Classic (3FC22)

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!





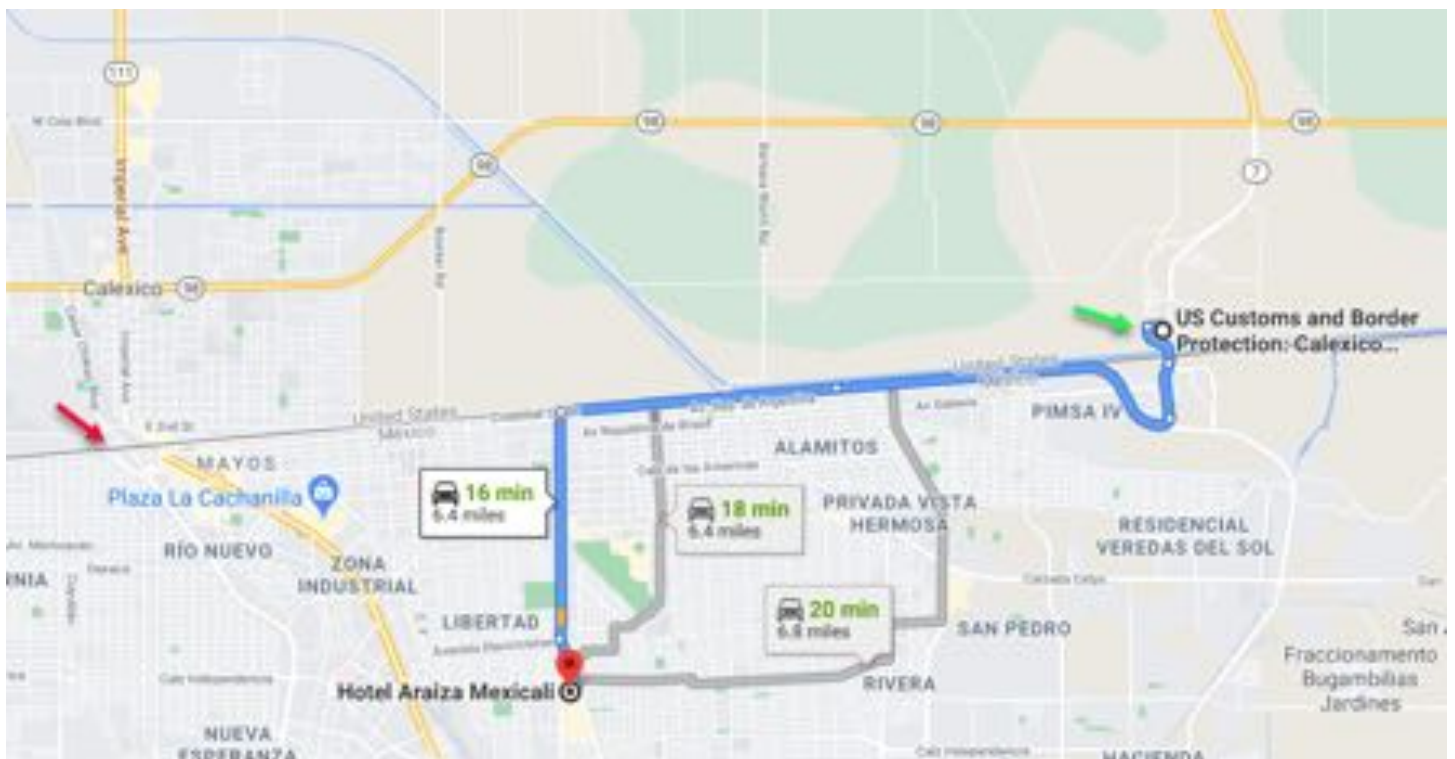
Ports of Entry to Mexicali

*By Karen Butterfield
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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 Re-sales

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 2022, 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/>

Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour (New Premier Ride in 2022)

Ride this 4,000+mile tour around the Great Lakes and along the Canadian side of the St. Lawrence River into Nova Scotia. Bob Roger is chairing this event in 2022.

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. Dannie Fox is chairing this event in 2022. <https://sc-ma.com/rides/usa-four-corners-tour-site/usa-four-corners-tour-ride-summary/>

SCMA Best 15 US Roads Challenge

During 2022, 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 2022 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. Les Gullery is chairing these events in 2022.

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; select 5 each located in northern, central and southern CA. Riders will select their roads from a list of 60 CA roads. 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. Les Gullery will be chairing the selection committee in 2022.

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. Mark Burdick will be chairing the selection committee in 2022.

The SCMA Premier Grand Slam Award

Complete all seven (7) 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. Mark Burdick will be chairing the selection committee in 2022.

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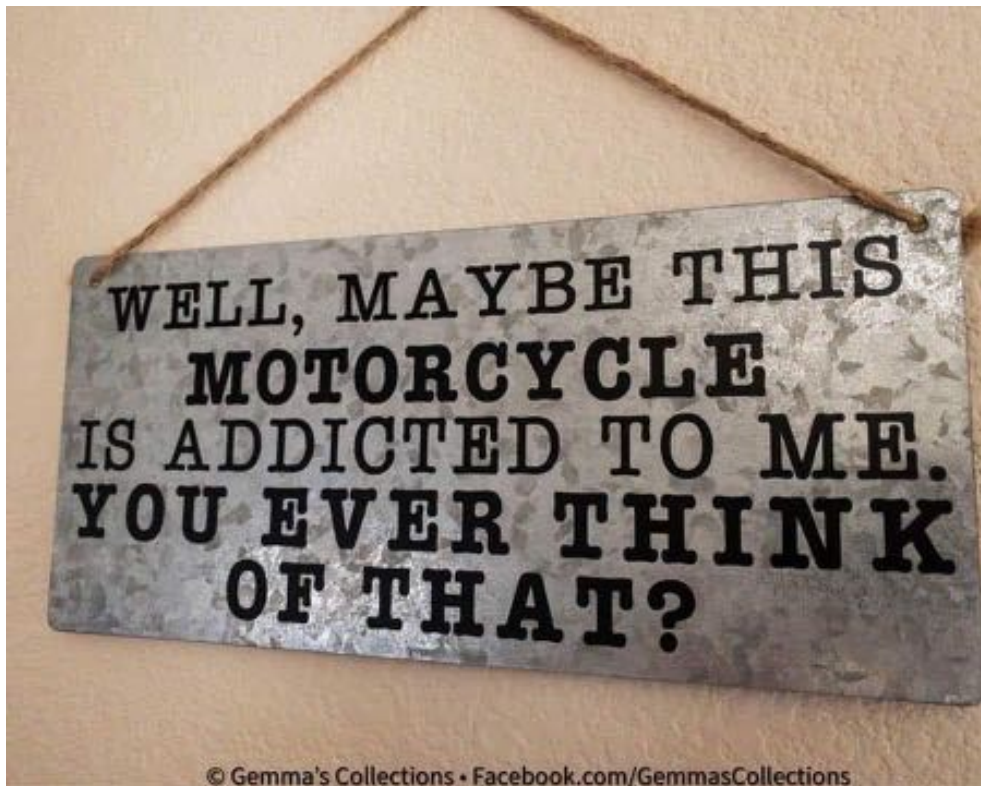
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