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NEWS

CHAIRMAN’S LETTER

I hope you and your family had a great holiday season and a very happy New Year!

Now is the time when many of you, who have parked your bikes for the winter, are looking for those rare days when you can put on heated gear and ride for the day. Even in the southern third of the US, we have poor riding weather often in January and February. The best cure for being inside and not riding is grabbing a computer, having the sc-ma.com website up, and looking at our tours and planning your year’s rides.

I can’t wait to ride the Three Flags Classic this year after a two-year delay. Have you looked at the new Great Lakes Cabot Trail tour? This is the first year of this new ride and I think many of our long time members will want to ride this tour in its first year.

I personally think this is the year I can earn the Triple Crown award combining 3 Flags, 4 Corners, and Best 15. What about you? I do have a personal challenge for every member riding a tour this year — bring along another rider who is not a member and introduce them to our challenges. They will thank you for it!

California Adventures update

After four years of being the CA Adventures Ride Chairman, Mike Williams has decided to pass the baton to Les Gullery. Mike is a retired Lieutenant of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. That

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spirit of serving and protecting the public prepared him for his role and responsibilities to be our Ride Chairman. Many of our members who have ridden one or all of the California Tours knows how Mike is dedicated and devoted to his tour riders. The board and membership are grateful for his service and look forward to riding with him on our tours.

Les Gullery is a 15-year member of the SCMA. He is co-author of the CA-Best 15 Roads Series. He has served as a committee member of the Three Flags Classic tour ten times. In 2016, Les was the 2nd SCMA rider to earn the Premier Grand Slam award that was first accomplished by Gonzo Gonzalez in 2013 (Gonzo is the former Chairman of SCMA and current Marketing Director). That same year Les was the 2nd highest mileage award winner of the BMW MOA with 36k total miles. He is close to earning over 460k lifetime miles on BMW motorcycles. His current scooter is a 2008 R1200GS with 172k miles. BMW should thank him for riding their motorcycles and would like for him to add a new GS to his stable. ;-)

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FRAUD ALERT!

It has come to my attention, that emails have been received by a few of our members and board members that have asked for money and/or gift cards. Please know that no one from SCMA will EVER solicit you for cash or gift cards for any reason!

This is a classic phishing email campaign — please ignore and delete ANY email you get from someone posing as one of your friends/employers/family asking for gift cards or money. If you have any doubt, call the person on a number you know is valid (not contained in the email) to verify the request. Email and text-based fraud attempts (phishing) are extremely common today and hundreds of millions of dollars are lost to these criminals.

Please closely examine all emails for hints of fraud including misspellings, weird email addresses, requests for cash/gift cards, a need for an immediate response, etc. In texts that you receive, be particularly cautious of “shortened” links, that do not show the true site name of the link. This shortened link with random characters will take you to a fraud site. I recently got a text that “thanked me for paying my phone bill and to click on the link for a reward”. I know of no vendor that rewards me for paying my bill.

Please share this information about fraud prevention with your family and friends.

Ride safe and ride often!

Mark Burdick
Chairman
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLING
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Editor's Letter

Hello everone,

Happy New Year!!!

Personally, I can't believe I made it through 2021..... I am so looking forward to 2022 being a great riding year. Yup, I hope to have my tailbone back in the saddle and ride to various destinations in the southwest. Hopefully, I will be able to generate a few stories for this newsletter. Something I implore you to do.

This newsletter is dependent upon input from its membership.....without it, we don't have much to fuel our imaginations, to tickle our traveling itch, or to point our bikes in a direction. Stories and photos from members are encouraged, welcomed, and printed.

Your stories do not have to be about riding on an SCMA Premier Ride (although we love to have that publicity). Your story could be about a Saturday ride to a local destination that is well known to you and your local riding community, but not to others outside of your county or state. Your story may give your fellow members an insight to your local area and a reason to ride there.

For example, lets say you live in western North Carolina and there is a well-known biker restaurant nearby that is kinda unique. To get there, a rider will enjoy some scenery, some twisting roads, and a good BBQ. Sam, who lives in KY, is heading to Key West in April to begin a USA Four Corners Tour. He reads your article and puts that restaurant on his ride plan on his way to Key West. It may possibly even work out for him to make it a way stop and spend the night.

Your stories, regardless of their non-journalistic touch, will be read with interest by the membership, and may spur a few to visit. (BTW, the only journalist that I am aware of in SCMA is Charlie Lamb, SCMA's Secretary on the Board of Directors. If you want some writing encouragement read one or two of his past inputs. I guarantee you will feel like you are a Nobel Laureate after trying to read his stuff!)

Feel free to call me if you have any questions about writing your story. I will gladly assist you in any way you need.

So please, on your next ride, take some photos and some notes of your adventure! Between the two of us we will pump out a nice little read that even Charlie would enjoy ☺.

Wishing you all a wonderful long distance riding year in 2022

Gonzo

Editor, Marketing Director

(PS: Charlie will never read this because he is a slow reader, so please don't tell him what I wrote about him.)



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 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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2022 CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE SERIES

By Les Gullery
Chair, CA Adventures
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My name is Les Gullery and starting in Jan. 2022 I'll be taking over the Chairmanship of the SCMA California Adventure Series from Mike Williams.

First thing I want to do is say 'Thanks Mike' for doing such a "Great Job". Thank you for all your effort and dedication to the California Adventure Series

The California Adventure Series consists of '3' Rides:

1. California National Parks Tour – 24 National Parks
(Parks/Monuments/Preserves/Seashores/Historic Sites/Historic Parks)
2. California Mission Tour - 21 Missions
3. California Best-15 Roads Tour: Series 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' Consists of 60 roads; Northern, Central & Southern

Starting in January there will be a new section of the SCMA Newsletter titled "California Adventure Series: WHO'S ON THE ROAD?" This new section will list the names of the riders who are currently out on the road, participating in one or more of the CA Adventure Series challenges

CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE SERIES:

WHO'S ON THE ROAD ?

Parks Tour:

1. Wayne Green (currently registered)
 2. Gary Whitehead
 3. Gonzo
 - 4.
 - 5.
- etc

Missions Tour

1. Wayne Green (currently registered)
 2. Gary Whitehead
 3. Gonzo
 - 4.
 - 5.
- etc

Roads Tour:

1. Wayne Green (currently registered)
 2. Gary Whitehead
 3. Gonzo
 - 4.
 - 5.
- etc

The CA Best-15 Roads Tour; The Next Challenge:

This challenge has existed now for four years. To those riders who decided to take the CA Best-15 challenge, starting with Series 'A' and in the following three years, completed the Series 'B', 'C' & 'D';

“CONGRATULATIONS !! “

But the challenges of the CA Best-15 Roads are still out there! As a co-author of the CA Best-15 Tour, this ride was designed in a way to provide numerous challenges to the 'Long Distance Rider'.

Multiple 'Series':

- o Complete two or more 'Series' in a single year
- o Complete all four 'Series' in a single year

Opposite Direction:

- o The rider that has completed a 'Series', do that same 'Series' in the opposite direction on those roads for that series.
- o In other words, if you rode the road East to West, you now need to ride that road West to East

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The roads depicted on this plaque were the 2018 CA Best 15 selection

California Triple Crown

SCMA will continue to offer challenge for SCMA members riding the CA Series.

This is 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 is 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 Les Gullery, 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





Brake Free: Plug and Play

*By Colleen Sepulveda
BMW Woman's LD Mileage
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I received the Brake Free helmet light for my birthday. Since my husband went out of his way to purchase the unit, I decided to install it ASAP so he would feel good about his gift. I had no idea what the light did but I was committed to trying it out.

Minimal instructions led me to charge the light with a USB (no batteries) and figure out where the BrakeFree would fit most securely on the back of my Shoei X-14. I simply applied the base of the light to the back of my helmet with the adhesive pad and snapped the light onto the base.

The light can function in several ways depending upon your choice: Mode 1 is normal (all LEDs on), Mode 2 is flashing all LEDs, and Mode 3 is stealth (16/100 LEDs on). No matter which option you choose, the light recognizes that you are slowing or stopping which intensifies and flashes the red light and activates all of the LEDs.

People riding behind me really notice the light because it is high up and there is flashing and intensified light. This conspicuity element occurred whether it was bright daylight or

nighttime. The unit has 100 LED lights with a 120° viewing angle. I didn't have to hook anything electrical up at all!

The technology inside this little unit includes accelerometer and gyrometer sensors that activate the bright and flashing lights. I had fun playing with my helmet when it was off my head to generate the slowing or backing movements that caused the light show.

I love the conspicuity that the Brake Free provides. It is easy to charge and easy to remove from my helmet. I just charge it while it is still connected to my helmet. The company says that the battery will last for 8-12 hours before needing a charge but I haven't tested the limits. I just charge it after every ride.

I would appreciate a different "on/off" switch as I have trouble switching it on or off while it is on my head. I can't tell if I succeeded in turning it on since I can't see it. Sometimes, I ask strangers to push the button for me.

I am amazed by the simplicity of installation and the efficacy of the unit. I see more and more Brake Free lights on riders in my area and I appreciate the heightened awareness that it demands from other roadway users.

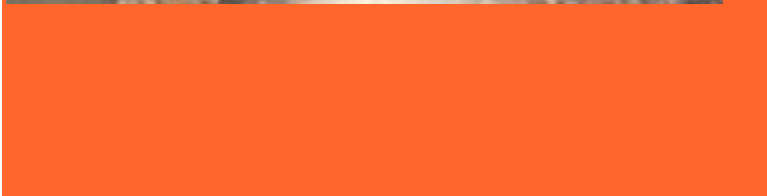
Check them out @brakefree tech.com The light costs \$169.99 with free shipping. It is a non-mechanical rider's dream for instant visibility on the road.

Happy Holidays,
Colleen
Ride Intelligently



The Hair Color and Curls proves this is Colleen !!





National News Section

(page 13 – 21)

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

Happy New Year everyone

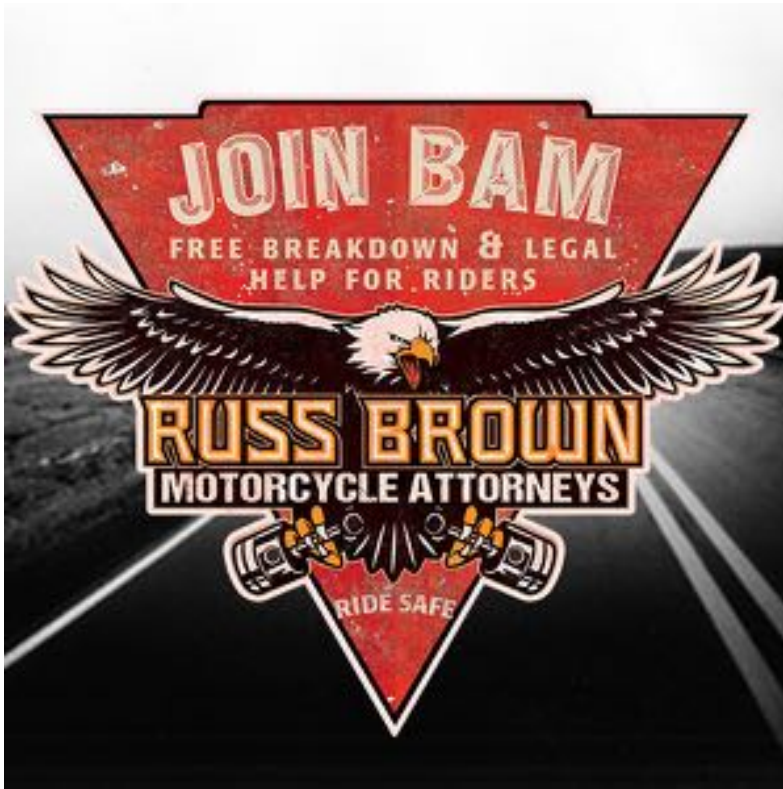
Dale Van Dellen, from Texas, forwarded this to me. Since there are 12 things on the list, it seems like a good idea to write one for each month of you calendar.....good way to start each month off with a chuckle!

Twelve things that a motorcycle can teach...

1. The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rear view mirror.
 2. Four wheels might move the body...but two wheels move the soul.
 3. I'd rather be riding my motorcycle and thinking about God than sitting in Church and thinking about my motorcycle.
 4. Life may begin at 50...but it doesn't get interesting until about 95....mph.
 5. Midnight bugs taste just as bad as noontime bugs.
 6. Sometimes it takes a whole tank of gas before you can think straight.
 7. A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.
 8. Young riders pick a destination and go... old riders pick a direction and go...
 9. When you are riding lead, don't spit.
 10. Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt at 75 mph can double your vocabulary.
 11. I've never seen a motorcycle parked outside a psychiatrist's office.
- And Finally:
12. Only Bikers know why dogs stick their heads out car windows.

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.



**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. Cherochala 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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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 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?

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 Shoalme Achievement Award to the rider who visits the most sites. Tell us a bit about Jack.

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 Shoalme 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?

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

(pages 22 – 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







Three Flags Classic eBLAST #1

December 30, 2021

Dear Fellow Three Flags Classic riders & SCMA Members: Let the fun begin and see if we can get this done in 2022!

This is the first E-Blast for the 2022, 45th Annual Three Flags Classic, in September 2022. We are looking forward to making this a ride to remember given the wonderful route with a start in Mexicali, Mexico and a finish in Penticton, British Columbia, Canada. This will be a combination 45th ride and handled like a 5-year ride with 4 checkpoints instead of 3 and the ride is 5 days instead of 4.

SCHEDULE:

Check-in Mexicali:	Wednesday, August 31, 2022	11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Riders Mtg/Dinner:	Wednesday, August 31, 2022	5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Ride Start:	Thursday, September 1, 2022	2:30 AM to 5:30 AM
Ride Days:	Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Monday	
Finish Penticton:	Monday, September 5, 2022	NO LATER THAN 9:00 PM
Happy Hour(s)	Tuesday, September 6, 2022	3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
BANQUET:	Tuesday, September 6, 2022	5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

REGISTRATION FOR 2022 45th THREE FLAGS CLASSIC:

Registration is scheduled to open **Saturday January 1, 2022 at 10:00 AM on line only at SC-MA.com.**

If all goes as planned, hotels, registration codes, and links for registration will be available on the SCMA website for you around January 20, 2022. There are hotel discounts for Three Flags riders

but you can stay anywhere you choose. We've negotiated better than standard rates at about 23 hotels from Mexicali to Penticton.

If you are not an SCMA member you must join or renew your membership BEFORE registering for Three Flags. It is my recommendation you register or renew your

membership before January 1, 2022 so all you have to do is register for Three Flags. Please be advised about 200 riders from 2020 and 2021 left their registrations on account for 2022. Maximum registration is about 350... so we only have 150 spots left.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Riders number 1 and 2 were determined by raffle at the 2019 Three Flags banquet in Vernon, BC. Gloria Amezcua is #1, and Ron Farkas is #2. **Riders number 1 – 100 from the 2020 will be given a special little gift at check-in** in Mexicali.

THREE FLAGS HOST HOTELS:

Hotels will be listed on the Three Flags Registration page and in E-Blast #2 which will be out around January 20, 2022. You are responsible for your reservations and payments to all hotels. Please pay close attention to hotel cancellation policies. You are free to stay at any hotel of your choice at the Start/Finish or in between. There is no requirement to stay in the city of a checkpoint location, but if the checkpoint is a hotel, keep in mind the hotel was kind enough to allow us to use their hotel as a checkpoint and patronage would be nice.

START/FINISH and CHECKPOINT CITIES:

The checkpoints are subject to change but the Start and Finish are locked in. The Start and Finish, with checkpoints and distances, are listed as follows:

Start:	Mexicali, Mexico	
Checkpoint #1:	Cortez, Colorado	631 miles
Checkpoint #2:	Longmont, Colorado	445 miles
Checkpoint #3:	Rock Springs, Wyoming	443 miles
Checkpoint #4:	Missoula, Montana	548 miles
Finish:	Penticton, BC Canada	419 miles

Total 2,486 miles

All mileage is approximate.

The link to the route is www.tinyurl.com/20203FC. There could be route corrections! Final route sheets will be posted to the SCMA web site and available at the Start in Mexicali.

Many thanks to all of the 2020/2021/2022 TFC committee working on this ride. A great deal of effort goes into planning and you'll have one hell of a time as a result of their efforts!

Enjoy!

Steven Shulman

Chairman, 2020/2021 45th Annual 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!





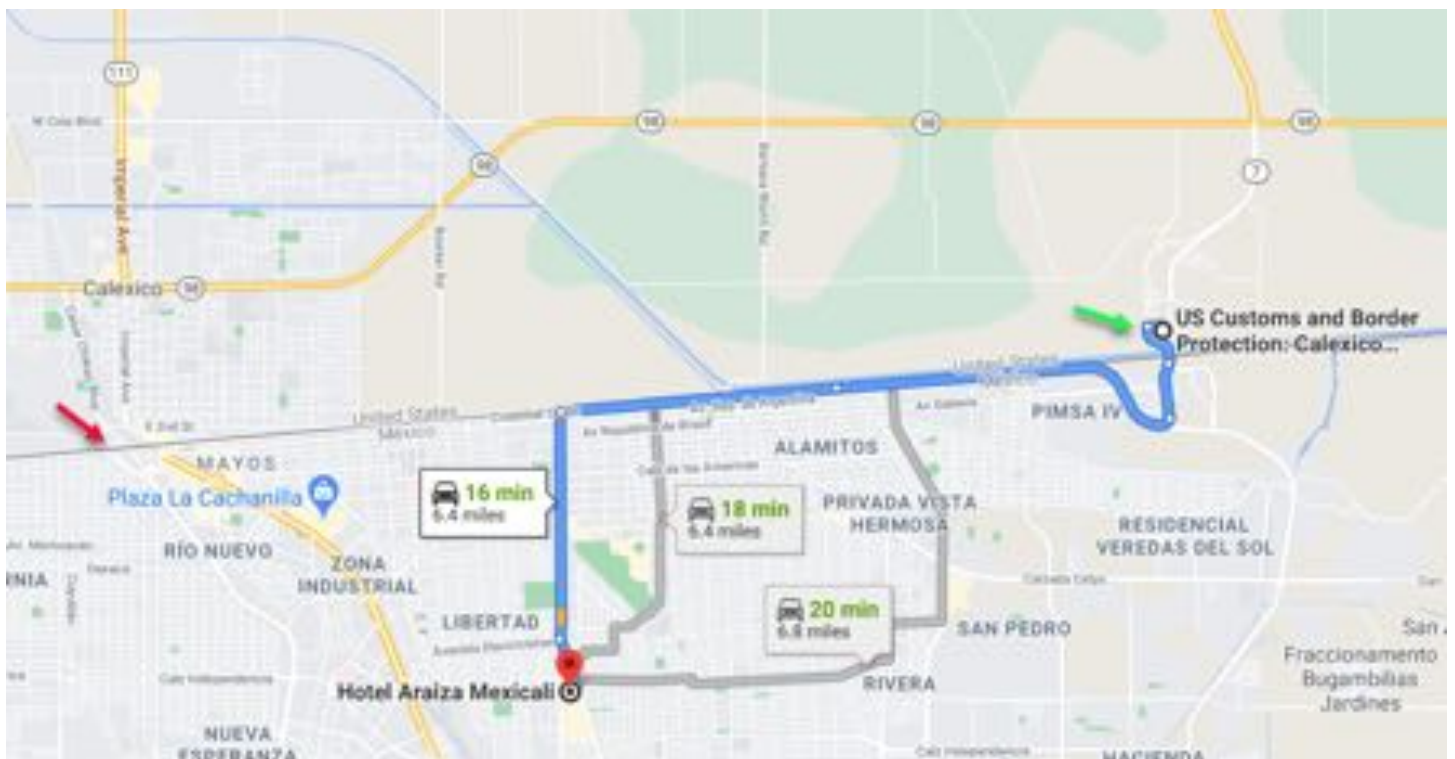
Ports of Entry to Mexicali

*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 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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there. For more information go to

www.sc-ma.com. Links to all our affiliated clubs are there also.

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Businesses interested in sponsor membership advertising of a half page ad in the newsletter for 12 months, and prominent mention at SCMA's March Awards and Appreciation Banquet and the September Three Flags Banquet, should contact the Chairman.

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