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NEWS

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

We are deep in the heart of winter but a few of us are lucky enough to layer up and go for rides. That Pennsylvania Groundhog says we have six more weeks of winter so you might as well do what I'm doing - planning your 2022 tours!

Spending time in Basecamp and Google Maps is a good distraction from the weather. The 2022 Three Flags classic tour has been setup in my Basecamp for a while. I've decided to make a run at the Triple Crown award this year: 3FC, 4 Corners, and Best 15. Except for two of the Best 15, I'll be running all the rest of the rides on one big tour. I'll be following the path and advice of those who have done this before.

Our Ride Chairs have been busy wrapping up last year's ride documentation, preparing the packages for the finishers and processing the registrations for this year's riders. The Risk Manager has been submitting all of our AMA required documentation for last year's tours and this year's tours. The Marketing director is leading a team focused on coming up with new ideas to support and grow our membership and organization. Many people are signing up for the 2022 tours so the Membership director is processing all those new memberships and making sure the Ride Chairs are in sync. The Webmaster and Vice Chairman have been working hard to maintain the existing website and building a platform for our new website and email

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communications infrastructure. The Secretary and Treasurer are always working in the background to keep our reporting and finances on track. The Three Flags Classic Chairman, Vice Chairman, and the entire committee have been doing a ton of work getting ready for this year's tour. In years past, I was only a participant of the tour and had no idea the amount of work and preparation required to pull an event of this scale together. Route planning, hotel reservations, checkpoint logistics and volunteers, banquet catering and planning, designing/ordering/shipping the event's "bling", border crossing planning, rider check-in, and the list goes on and on.

It is important to remember, every one of the people mentioned above are volunteers — SCMA has no paid staff. Some people are retired, others still have full time jobs. Everyone has family and other responsibilities they must juggle in addition to the time and effort they invest in their roles in SCMA. I can't thank each and every one of them enough for their contribution and dedication to this organization.

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We always need help keeping SCMA and the tours running and supporting the needs of our membership. Please consider joining us as a volunteer.

Thank you for being a member of the Southern California Motorcycling Association and riding our tours with us. Please consider introducing us to your riding friends who aren't members of SCMA - they will thank you for it!

Ride safe and ride often!

Mark Burdick

Chairman

Southern California Motorcycling Association



SOUTHWEST Regional News Section

(Pages 4 – 9)

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. Unfortunately the software used to generate member numbers has become corrupted and we're in a holding plan until its redesign is accomplished by our IT Committee/software engineer.

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, as it has to be done on the member's end.

Three Flags Classic – here we come !!!

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2022 CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE SERIES

By Les Gullery
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The California Adventure Series consists of **'3' Rides:**

- 1.) CA Mission Tour - **21 Missions**
- 2.) CA Parks Adventure – **24 Parks**
Parks/Monuments/ Preserve/Seashore/
Historic Sites/ Historic Parks
- 3.) CA Best-15 Roads Challenge: Series **'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D'**
Consists of **60 roads**; Northern, Central & Southern

California Adventure Series: **"WHOS'S ON THE ROAD?"**

The section, on the next page, will list the names of the riders who are currently out on the road, participating in one or more of the CA Adventure Series.

As riders sign-up for any of the three rides, their names will be added to the list of **"WHOS'S ON THE ROAD?"**

WHO'S ON THE ROADS:

Missions Tour:

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| 1. Wayne Green * | 7. Bob Kehr * |
| 2. Victoria Green * | 8. Gary Whitehead * |
| 3. Tom Sheltraw * | 9. Erik Whitley |
| 4. Taelyn Sheltraw * | 10. Kurt Worden * |
| 5. Gonzo Gonzalez * | 11. Ken Whetstone * |
| 6. Tom Strobbe * | |

Parks Adventure:

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Wayne Green * | 6. Tom Strobbe * |
| 2. Victoria Green * | 7. Bob Kehr * |
| 3. Tom Sheltraw * | 8. Gary Whitehead * |
| 4. Taelyn Sheltraw * | 9. Kurt Worden * |
| 5. Gonzo Gonzalez * | 10. Ken Whetstone * |

Roads Challenge:

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Wayne Green * | 7. Bob Kehr * |
| 2. Victoria Green * | 8. Gary Whitehead * |
| 3. Tom Sheltraw * | 9. Ben Greenwood |
| 4. Taelyn Sheltraw * | 10. Kurt Worden * |
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* RIDER GOING FOR THE "CA TRIPLE CROWN"

The CA Best-15 Roads Challenge

This ride has now existed now for four years. 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 !! “

“The Next Challenge”

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

- Multiple 'Series':
Complete two or more 'Series' in a single year
Complete all four 'Series' in a single year
- * Opposite Direction:
The rider that has completed a 'Series', does that same 'Series' in the opposite direction on those roads for that series. In other words, if you rode the road East to West, you now need to ride that road West to East.

Les Gullery
2022 California Adventure Series Chairman





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



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National News Section

(page 10 – 18)

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

A Ride in All Seasons

By Charlie Lamb
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SCMA Secretary



So, what do you do when you have completed four USA Four Corner rides and by luck, each has been in a different month?

You dream up a new goal and start riding again along a new path.

What about doing the USA4C ride in each of the twelve months?

After a little research, study of weather patterns and selection of cold weather riding gear, I concluded it may be possible. OK, maybe not smart, but possible.

The real challenge would be the last 250 miles from Bangor Maine to Madawaska Maine. In the winter months, Madawaska is typically 10 degrees colder and in a different weather cycle for precipitation than Bangor. On average, there are only a couple of days during the winter months that it is not snowing in either Bangor or Madawaska.

As a pilot, you set personal weather minimums that you absolutely stick to and don't push past.

For winter riding, I did the same:

- Temperature at 0 (-18C) degrees or higher.
- Wind 30 mph or less in blowing snow conditions.
- Not actively snowing.
- A discipline to abandon the ride and try again next year.

The biggest challenges were the cold and limited daylight.

The COLD.

With the temperature and wind chill factor, you go from cold, to num, to 'cold socked'. A heated vest and multiple layers are absolutely required to keep the body core temperatures up. Gear select is critical.

The DARKNESS,

On the second December ride (I had to abandon by first December ride in norther Maine) I was

going around Bangor a dusk. There was still light in the sky, but the dark enough for the streetlights to start coming on. The sky crystal clear. Over my right should came a bright meteor. In fact, the brightest meteor I have ever seen. Then I look at the bike clock and it was 3:56 PM. It was already dusk and only 3:56 PM. The days are short. Surprising short. Especially travel from the west coast to the east coast.

Scariest moment.

I was travel west bound on I-10 at night, approaching Mobile Alabama and record cold temperature.

Right before reaching the 8-mile bridge across Mobile Bay, the steady rain turned to rain mixed with snow.

Mind you, the snow was not accumulating on the road, but the Alabama drivers didn't care. Panic set in and the cage drivers stated braking, slipping and sliding all over the bridge deck. I took the very next exit and found a hotel room.

I was not interested in being on a snowy highway with Alabama cage drivers.





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

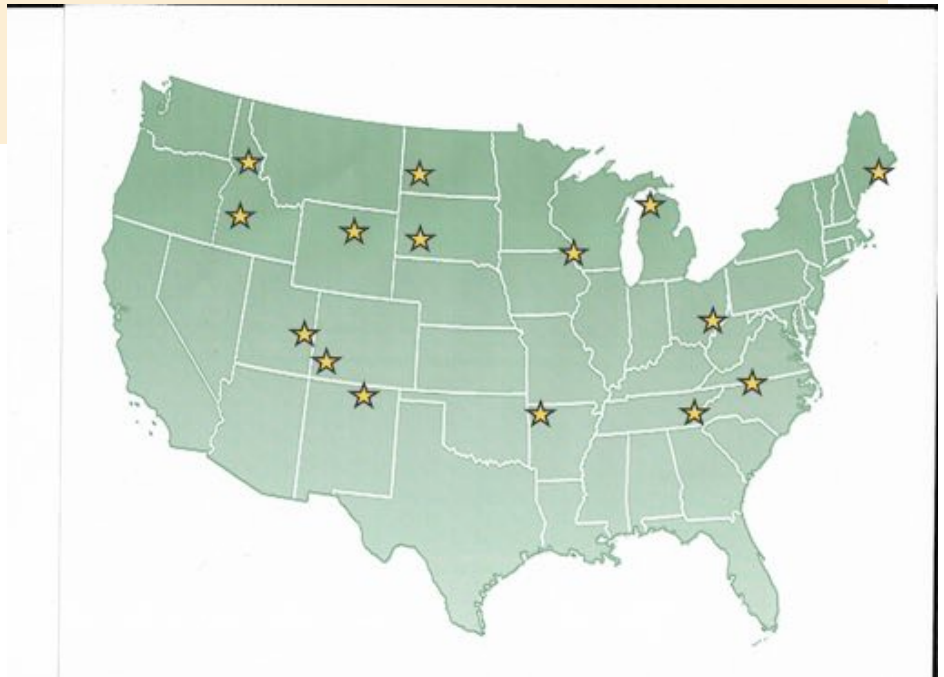


This difficult Premier Ride Challenge is offered again for its twelfth anniversary in 2022, with five new replacement roads. The sixteenth road will remain on the list so that a ride registrant may omit any one road from the list, then ride 15 roads to qualify as a finisher. This is a tough ride challenge ... 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. 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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Tour of Honor's Steve Brooks at The California Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Capital Park in Sacramento.

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?

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 Shoalshire 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 Shoalshire 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 19 – 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







Hello 2022 Three Flag Classic Registrants and any SCMA members who are considering going on this ride in September 2022.

Below is the E-Blast we sent out last week for those wanting to use the hotels we've negotiated at the checkpoints along the route. If you have not taken this journey, I highly recommend it, and stopping in the checkpoint hotels. One of the things not talked about much is the camaraderie you may experience at the checkpoint hotels. Sometimes there are as many as 50 or more riders at one of the hotel along the route. You may have the opportunity to meet some of your fellow riders and share experiences.

I remember one hotel I stopped at a few years ago. I think the checkpoint was in Alturas, California. I got there a few hours before some other riders. I had perfect weather the whole way. These guys were talking about the snow they got on there way. What? Snow in California in September? The ride is different for everyone and the memories last forever. That's why we have several riders who have ridden the Three Flags as many as 40 times or more. One woman is in that group and this year she will be riding her 42nd Three Flags. Amazing!

We have about 250 registered riders thus far... there's still room for more, and we want you to join us. It's not a race, just a back roads tour we designed for you. We provide the route or you get to the checkpoints using your own route. In my opinion we have a great Committee this and this may be the best Three Flags ever... The 45th Annual ride. Please call or e-mail me if you have questions, I'd love to answer any questions you have!

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 2022 Three Flags Classic
 45th Annual Ride
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E-BLAST 2

January 29, 2022

Please find below the checkpoint matrix and hotel list for the 45th Annual, 2022 Three Flags Classic!

Some hotels provide links you may use for booking your reservations. Other hotels just have phone numbers. With the exception of the Super 8 Hotel and the alternate hotels in Missoula please use the group code of THREE FLAGS CLASSIC to get the preferred rate. You are NOT required to stay in Start and Finish hotels, checkpoint hotels, or alternate hotels. This is your ride and you may stay anywhere you wish and take any route you wish to get to the finish. Please note the rates we've negotiated are lower than you may find on the road. Hotel rates around the country have increased substantially in some cities. PLAN YOUR TRIP well in advance of the start.

Regardless of the route you decide to take, you must stop at every checkpoint hotel and have your TFC Passport stamped (provided at check-in in Mexicali) in order to receive your limited edition, 45th Annual TFC buckle in Penticton, BC Canada. We will provide every rider with our preferred route from start to finish. This route utilizes mostly backroads so your day will be longer than interstates. It is designed to be a scenic route and use a variety of roads to make your riding experience enjoyable. Also note that you must check-in at the Finish Hotel no later than 9 PM Monday to be considered a finisher and receive your Finisher's buckle. Late Finishers do not qualify. Please note checkpoint hotels are open for the fast and slow rider. You will have plenty of time to reach each checkpoint if you pace yourself.

There are a limited number of rooms at each hotel. If one hotel block is full, you'll need to use an alternate hotel or find a hotel on your own. The hotels we've negotiated with, in almost every case (unless noted), have rates significantly less than the regular rate.

CHECKPOINT MATRIX

CITY	Checkpoint Date	Checkpoint Day	Checkpoint Times	Miles	Total	KM	Total
Mexicali, Mexico	8/31/22 ***	Wednesday					
Cortez, CO	9/1/22	Thursday	3 PM-7 PM	632	632	1017	1017
	9/2/22	Friday	7 AM-2 PM				
Longmont, CO	9/2/22	Friday	7 AM-7 PM	444	1076	715	1732
	9/3/22	Saturday	7 AM-2 PM				
Rock Springs, WY	9/3/22	Saturday	7 AM-7 PM	441	1517	710	2442
	9/4/22	Sunday	7 AM-2 PM				
Missoula, MT	9/4/22	Sunday	7 AM-7 PM	557	2074	896	3338
	9/5/22	Monday	7 AM-12 PM				
Penticton, BC	9/4/22	Sunday	3 PM-7 PM	423	2497	681	4019
	9/5/22	Monday	11 AM-9 PM				

*** You must check-in in Mexicali after 11:00 AM to get your materials. If you arrive after 4:00 PM you will check-in after dinner. You will depart Mexicali btw 2:30 – 5:30 AM on 9/1/22.

2022 Three Flag Classic Hotels

All rooms below are PLUS tax and local fees, if applicable

START HOTEL

HOST HOTEL START - MEXICALI, MEXICO Telephone from USA: 877-727-2492

THE ARAIZA HOTEL

Blvd. Benito Juarez #2220 Fracc Jardines del Valle,
21270 Mexicali B.C.; Mexico

Standard Room/Double Room	\$ 79.00 USD
Executive Room	\$ 85.00 USD
Suite	\$135.00 USD
Third person in a room add \$20.00 USD	

Link below quotes all rooms in US Dollars
Directions from border to follow in a future e-blast
Parking is controlled and has security

LINK: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/11454?RatePlanId=5830109>

Alternate Hotel:

CALAFIA HOTEL – (1/2 Mile north of ARAIZA. Shuttle Service Available)

Telephone: +52 686-568 3311

Calzada Justo Sierra 1495, Los Pinos
21230 Mexicali, B.C.; Mexico

Standard Single	1180.00 Pesos	\$57.61 USD
Standard Double	1180.00 Pesos	\$57.61 USD
Executive Single	1300.00 Pesos	\$63.56 USD
Executive Double	1300.00 Pesos	\$63.56 USD
Superior Single	1380.00 Pesos	\$67.47 USD
Superior Double	1380.00 Pesos	\$67.47 USD

Link below quotes all rooms in Pesos. Conversion above should be close.
Directions to hotel will be available in future e-blast
This is a sister hotel of Araiza. Shuttles WILL be provided by Araiza

LINK: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/11422?groupID=3401527>

CHECKPOINT #1 - CORTEZ, COLORADO**CHECKPOINT HOTEL**

BAYMONT by WYNDHAM 2279 Hawkins St Cortez, CO	\$119.99	970-565-3400
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LINK: Baymont by Wyndham

www.wyndhamhotels.com/hotels/33417?checkInDate=09/01/2022&checkOutDate=09/02/2022&groupCode=CGTF22

Alternate Hotels: Cortez, Colorado:

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 2121 East Main St. Cortez, CO	\$129.99	970-565-6000
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BEST WESTERN 535 E. Main Street Cortez, CO	\$109.00/\$119.00	970-565-3778
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CHECKPOINT #2 – LONGMONT, COLORADO**CHECKPOINT HOTEL**

SPRINGHILL SUITES 1470 Dry Creek Drive Longmont, CO	\$120.00	303-845-1352 Alt. 303-682-2894
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**THE LINK BELOW SERVES FOR THE CHECKPOINT HOTEL & THE ALTERNATE HOTELS
IN LONGMONT, COLORADO**

[https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1638464954405&key=GRP__;!!FOfmI8qiWcWBHqypJtzENF0!nnrDVOJvctdLEybFxQpN50ljm3WHgSps1APKVN2VE1Oa6gazNktQARYnhXT_iQXF7Q\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1638464954405&key=GRP__;!!FOfmI8qiWcWBHqypJtzENF0!nnrDVOJvctdLEybFxQpN50ljm3WHgSps1APKVN2VE1Oa6gazNktQARYnhXT_iQXF7Q$)

Alternate Hotels: Longmont, Colorado

COURTYARD MARRIOTT 1410 Dry Creek Drive Longmont, CO	\$115.00	303-682-1166
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RESIDENCE INN 1450 Dry Creek Drive Longmont, CO	\$125.00	303-702-9933
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CHECKPOINT #3 – ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING

CHECKPOINT HOTEL

QUALITY INN	\$69.99	307-224-3456
1670 Sunset Drive Rock Springs, WY		

Alternate Hotels: Rock Springs, Wyoming

CLARION HOTEL	\$79.99	307-362-9600
2518 Foothill Blvd. Rock Springs, WY		

BAYMONT by WYNDHAM	\$79.99	307-362-1770
2717 Dewar Drive Rock Springs, WY		

CHECKPOINT #4 – MISSOULA, MONTANA

CHECKPOINT HOTEL

HILTON GARDEN INN	\$113.00	406.532-5300
3720 N. Reserve Missoula, MT		

Alternate Hotels: Missoula, Montana

BROADWAY INN	\$99.95	406-532-3300
1609 W. Broadway Missoula, MT		

SUPER 8	\$120.00/\$130.00	406-549-1199
4703 North Reserve St. Missoula, MT		

Note: The Super 8 Hotel listed above does not have preferential rates for the TFC. There is no need to tell them you are with the Three Flags Classic.

DAYS INN	\$90.00	406-721-9776
8600 Truckstop Road Why, Montana (Off the I-90 west of Missoula)		

FINISH BANQUET HOTEL**HOST FINISH & BANQUET HOTEL – PENTICTON, BC CANADA**

Penticton Lakeside Resort and Conference Centre 800-663-9400
 21 Lakeshore Drive West, Penticton BC V2A 7M5 250-493-0607

Queen or King City View	\$179.00	Canadian Dollars
Queen or Kings Lake View	\$189.00	Canadian Dollars
West Wing King	\$209.00	Canadian Dollars

Alternate Hotels – Penticton, BC Canada

NOTE: We have **NOT** negotiated rates with the following alternate Penticton hotels but they are within a short distance of the Finish Hotel.

COAST PENTICTON HOTEL

950 Westminster Ave. West
 Penticton, BC Canada
 800-665-5177

RAMADA PENTICTON HOTEL AND SUITES

1050 Eckhardt Ave. West
 Penticton, BC Canada
 250-492-8926

SANDMAN HOTEL PENTICTON

939 Burnaby Ave.
 Penticton, BC Canada
 250-493-7151

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!





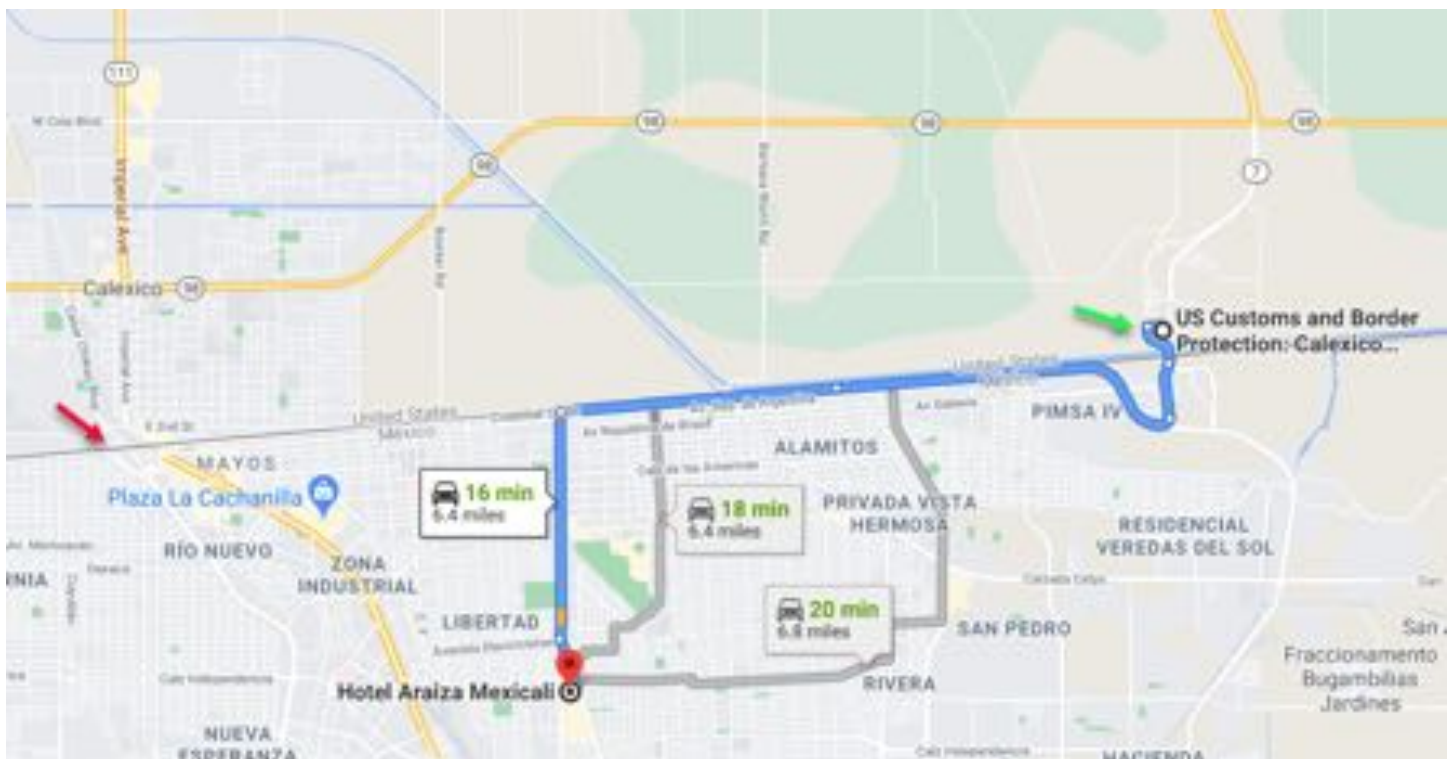
Ports of Entry to Mexicali

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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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.

This is Punxsutawney Phil's ex-wife Phyllis. She now lives in Texas and said Phil is a compulsive liar....



We hope this late breaking news release is true and winter will soon end.....and that we'll all be riding soon!!



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