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NEWS

SCMA - More Than Miles

Chairman's Letter

Spring has finally arrived! To our readers from the northeastern part of North America, Spring looks a lot like Winter with all the snow. Folks in the Southeast are out on their bikes keeping a close eye on the skies as tornado activity has been high from Texas to the Carolinas. We've been out riding in the southwest enjoying all the blooming wildflowers.

Please get your registrations in place for the 2022 touring season. I encourage all SCMA members to consider riding the first year of the new Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour. The GLCT Ride Chairman has designed an outstanding tour of the region that very few people have seen as part of one ride. The Three Flags Classic has great participation this year and we do have a few tickets available for the ride. When we sellout, you will only be able to obtain a ticket via the resell process. All the Ride Chairmen are looking forward to seeing everyone get out of their neighborhoods this year and riding one or more tours. You will thank your lucky stars that did long distance touring next winter!

I hope many of you are hearing the call of the waves crashing on the beach in Puerto Peñasco and will join us for our SCMA meetup at the beautiful Playa Bonita Resort. There is plenty to see, eat, and shop in Puerto Peñasco or you can just relax at the pool, beach, or bar. Please keep reading the newsletter for registration details.

I'm trying to remind myself that a gallon of gas is still much cheaper than a gallon of specialty chain store coffee. Most people are tired of staying home and will be traveling this season on vacation and taking road trips. Room availability and drive time thru national parks will be impacted. I strongly suggest you make reservations well in advance for your touring this year and try to avoid the most congested sightseeing spots.

I hope to see you at the Meet Up next month and one or more of tours this riding season.

Ride safe and ride often!

Mark Burdick
Chairman,
Southern California Motorcycling
Association



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SOUTHWEST Regional News Section

(Pages 3 – 22)

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 and I am back to working on printing cards and shipping envelopes. Jack Knorst (IT Guy) and Rodney Chew (ViceChair) figured out a way to generate member numbers manually....Jack checks for new members each day and assigns memberships numbers to each new account.

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.

Please UPDATE YOUR snail MAILING ADDRESS!! A number of renewal membership packages have been returned to me.

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2022 CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE SERIES

By Les Gullery
Chair, CA Adventures
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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

“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.

WHO'S ON THE ROADS:

* RIDER GOING FOR THE "CA TRIPLE CROWN"

Missions Tour:

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Wayne Green * | 9. Erik Whitley |
| 2. Victoria Green * | 10. Kurt Worden * |
| 3. Tom Sheltraw * | 11. Ken Whetstone * |
| 4. Taelyn Sheltraw * | 12. Jerry Walsh |
| 5. Gonzo Gonzalez * | 13. Edward Monsour * |
| 6. Tom Strobbe * | 14. Robert Govier |
| 7. Bob Kehr * | 15. Joseph Otto |
| 8. Gary Whitehead * | 16. Bella Michel |

Parks Adventure:

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Wayne Green * | 7. Bob Kehr * |
| 2. Victoria Green * | 8. Gary Whitehead * |

Erik Whitley

Robert Govier

CONGRATULATIONS !!

FINISHER

CA MISSIONS TOUR

2022 CA ADVENTURE SERIES

- 3. Tom Sheltraw *
- 4. Taelyn Sheltraw *
- 5. Gonzo Gonzalez *
- 6. Tom Strobbe *
- 9. Kurt Worden *
- 10. Ken Whetstone *
- 11. Edward Monsour *



Roads Challenge:

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- 2. Victoria Green *
- 3. Tom Sheltraw *
- 4. Taelyn Sheltraw *
- 5. Gonzo Gonzalez *
- 6. Tom Strobbe *
- 7. Bob Kehr *
- 8. Gary Whitehead *
- 9. Ben Greenwood
- 10. Kurt Worden *
- 11. Ken Whetstone *
- 12. Edward Monsour *
- 13. Ben Lee

Les Gullery
2022 California Adventure Series
Chairman



900-Miles, 2-Days Missions, Parks, and Best Roads

BY Gary Whitehead
#47071

This past Wednesday, I began a 2-day 900-mile ride to visit 7 missions, 1 park, and 3 best roads. My original plan was to ride through the high desert to Buttonwillow and begin riding CA-58, then CA-1 to Carmel and meet up with Kurt.

On Monday I began checking the weather and it looked like I would have difficulty getting to Buttonwillow either over the Grapevine or Tehachapi because of snow. I re-routed up the coast through Ventura/Santa Barbara. I would ride CA-58 with Kurt on the way home. My first stop was now going to be the San Luis Obispo Mission.

I left home at 5:30 and hit traffic on the 210 in Irwindale and on the 101 in Santa Barbara, but made it to SLO at 11am. A couple of Cal Poly SLO students agreed to take a picture of me, my bike and the mission, with only a brief explanation of what the heck I was doing. I then headed up CA-1, and a beautiful ride along the California Coast. I had clear skies, and temps in the mid 50's. I was slowed by a few slow cars that wouldn't use the turnouts, but that's to be expected these days.



Stopped for a lunch break (Clif bar and Gatorade) at a beautiful vista point. The pictures don't do it justice. Arrived at the Carmel mission at 3:30 and took my pictures. Checked into the motel and had a nice dinner from a local deli.



405-miles for day-1! Kurt was coming from SLO the following morning and meeting me at the mission at 8:30 for the ride north to Santa Cruz, then back to SoCal.

Kurt made good time, although a bit frozen, from SLO and we met at 8:30 and headed to Santa Cruz. We ran into morning traffic getting into Santa Cruz and made it to the mission at 9:40. We took our pictures and headed to Mission San Juan Bautista. We had a short walk to the front of the mission.

Next, we turned off US101 and rode

a nice twisty road up to Pinnacles National Park. Some traffic slowed us down from our normal pace on a twisty road, but the surrounding hills were nice and green from the recent rains. The visitor center was closed (not scheduled to be closed), but the passport stamp was setup outside, so we got the required stamp for our rally book.



Next was Soledad Mission about 10 miles away. Took our pictures at Soledad, and headed to King City to begin Route G14. G14 goes from King City to Paso Robles through the hills west of US101. Very pretty, plus mission San Antonio de Padua is within Fort Hunter-Liggett Army training facility all in a high valley covered with huge oak trees. Got our mission pictures then rode past Lake Nacimiento into Paso Robles and the end of G14.

Our last mission on the ride, Mission San Miguel, was only a couple of miles up US101 north from Paso Robles. After San Miguel we headed south to Santa

Margarita and the start of CA-58. This is a great road that I usually end up riding at least 2 – 3 times a year. It's well maintained with high-speed corners through some beautiful scenery.....way too much fun and concentration to take pictures. Stopped in McKittrick to get an end receipt for CA-58 then to Taft where we paid 5.49 for gas while being surrounded by oil wells.

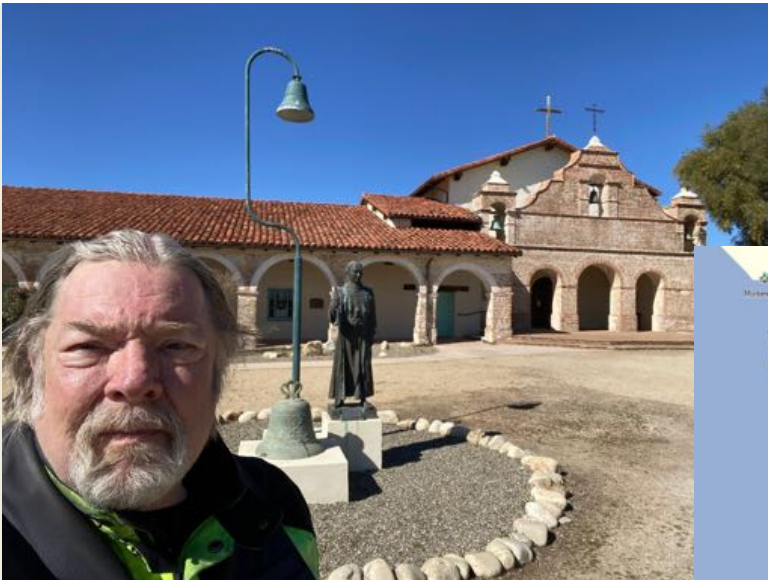
From Taft it was 180 miles home with no more stops. Kurt and I said our goodbyes, and headed across 166 to the I-5. I peeled off at the 138 and headed across the high desert



for home. I arrive home at 9:00, 566 miles since leaving Carmel.

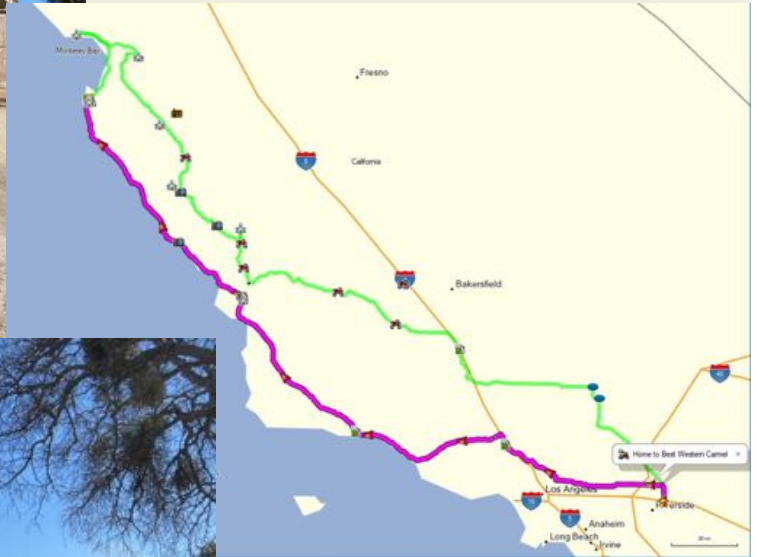
Kurt is a very accomplished long-distance motorcycle rider. I know he is very comfortable with 1,000-mile days. I have never had a 1,000-mile day, and usually ride about 400 miles per day, so I had my doubts about keeping up for 500 miles, but I did. It was a great day. We hit our goals. For me, 3 roads, 1 park, 7 missions and some very beautiful country and an enjoyable ride with a riding buddy. If I could just get my Sena headset





to communicate with his non-Sena device, we would be good.

Looking forward to our next trip that is now planned to be through Death Valley.



San Gabriel Mission

Photo Locations During Reconstruction

By Gonzo
#25051

Back in July 2020 the mission was badly damaged by fire. The mission is currently under restoration and heavy green fencing surrounds the whole property making it impossible to get close to the mission for a photograph.

But not to worry.

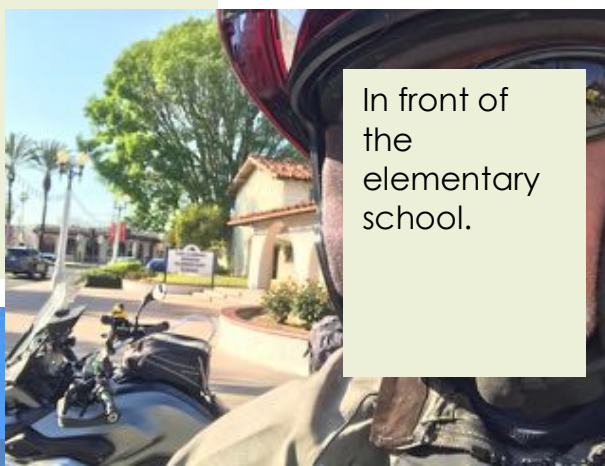
There are a few excellent alternatives to get a good proof of being there photo.

1. Under a directional sign in the parking lot.
2. in front of the statue of Fr Serra repositioned in front of the modern church.
3. On the south side, in front of the rectory.
4. In front of the elementary school.

Les Gullery is very much aware of the situation and is very familiar with the layout of the mission and will work with you in confirming the photos you take of your visit.



On the south side, in front of the rectory.



In front of the elementary school.



In front of the statue of Fr Serra repositioned in



Under a directional sign in the parking lot



Mission Rectory on So Mission Dr. (near elementary school),

CLOSED !!
 Kelso Station,
 Mojave National Park

NP STAMP UNAVAILABLE

To verify visiting this national park you need only provide a photo at the Kelso Station or a photo at the Mojave HQ.



Any of you know Bryan Whitcomb of Nanaimo BC??

His son Cameron is a country singer (also an SCMA member) and he auditioned for American Idol, has advanced through Hollywood Week, and finished in the top 24. He will be in the finals this Saturday/Sunday (Apr9/10) in Hawaii. After that, America votes (Canadians are not allowed to vote) on who is their favorite singer. Here

are some links to his videos for you to paste in your browser and listen. Hopefully you will enjoy his performance and vote for him.....I know I will!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laCR5jWvEpU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aKkfd91rEDc>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zLWKuKs_LoU

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Olncx8q-3kw>

BTW, Cameron is riding 3FC22 and you will see him at the start and finish.

NEWS - Malibu, CA,

Sat. May 21, motorcyclists of all sorts unite for the legendary GREENHORN as it takes place once a year.

Ask anyone who's done the HORN and you'll hear how this thoughtfully planned road tour (new route every year) challenges riders and is full of scenic surprises. This isn't a parade up the hwy.

Everyone checks in (FREE) Sat morn between 8-9am to receive the secret route sheet, a ride pin, a coffee and pastry, sign up for raffles prizes awarded later in the day, and then sets out with turn-by-turn directions.

Riders visit each checkpoint along the all-day route of country back-roads. Enjoy it solo or with a group, going at your own pace. For Dual-Sport riders there's an optional section of the route going off road for over 30 miles then rejoining the rest as we all finish at the same spot; one of Americas most beautiful beaches in Cambria.

There isn't a central hotel this year, instead many will camp at Hearst San Simeon State Park, while others are reserving hotels around Moonstone Beach in Cambria. Do that NOW! Saturday evening the ride hosts, members of Pasadena MC, welcome everyone to meet near the ocean for a raffle of impressive moto-related prizes thanks to our sponsors. It's a good time to socialize, make dinner plans, and celebrate the days adventure.

Sunday morn most bikers plan to slab it home in packs. A few always opt for the luxury exploring further. Feel free to contact this years friendly ride chairman (email) Dracula@pasadenamc.com for lodging suggestions or any other questions.

This ride, as always, is sanctioned by the American Motorcyclist Association @ama_riding

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Pasadena Motorcycle Club is a non-profit organization. We stopped charging for our rides and are grateful to all who donate anyway (every amount is helpful) to support the tradition of hosting these all-day SoCal road rides. THANK YOU! Our treasurer has tip jars at the event, and loves Venmo offerings @ PMC1907



The Pasadena Motorcycle Club presents
76th Annual

GREENHORN

May 21-22, 2022



**MOTORCYCLE
RIDE AND RALLY**

Start Location: Malibu Village 3900 Cross Creek Rd
Overnight Location: Moonstone Beach, Cambria CA

8AM - 9AM Registration, Ride is FREE, All Motorcyclists Welcome
Most Accurate Riders Win DEL KUBN Trophy
All Day Road Ride with Optional DualSport Sections

TOBACCO  **LEXIN** 

For details about the event, scroll back one page to page 11 and dig into the details!!

See y'all at the start, and the finish !!



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



Borrego Springs Ride

(San Diego Red Hot Riders)

By Gonzo
#25051

Wow!! What a great riding day with the San Diego Red Hot Riders!

20 of us showed up at the Shell station at I-15 and Del Lago Blvd in the hills of northern San Diego County. Karen Butterfield (President) and her crew were there to welcome us and get us checked in.

I thought that Manny Smith, Mike Barber and I would be the only ones from SCMA attending, but I was proven wrong as there were about 7 SCMA members showing up for the event.

It was like old home week! Seeing faces of friends that we haven't seen in a couple of years. We had so much catching up to do with a lot of stories to tell.

You all are aware of the fact that I haven't been riding since fracturing my left leg and ankle in March 2020. There have been other medical issues following that one that have kept me away from riding. As time went on, I became more and more reluctant to get on the bike.....to go on distance rides.....to get into those challenging twisties.....and most especially to have to get on freeways with all the crazy cagers out there. But it had to end.

Health finally got better and I decided to sign up for the three CA Adventure tours and attempt to earn another CA Triple Crown. March was going to be the month of turning things around. I got the GS checked out by Irv Seaver BMW and on March 5th I got out on a first ride. I teamed up with a local friend and we rode to two local missions. It was an easy ride designed to be simple and get me reacquainted with being on the bike, relearning key riding techniques, and learning the bike's switchology. Sunday I headed out to Mike Barber's place and we rode to a national park and two more missions in the LA area. With these warm up rides I was ready for a full day of next level challenges. And that is exactly what the RHR Borrego Springs ride did for me!

I met Mike Barber and Pat Julien at the Carl's Jr on Lake Forest and I-5 in Lake Forest Orange County. We headed to San Juan Capistrano and met up with Manny Smith at McD's. From there we headed south on I-5, along the Pacific Coast past Camp Pendleton and exited onto CA-78 headed for Escondido. The weather was cloudy but dry, and cold. In Escondido, as we exited onto Del Lago, I entered the tight exit turn a little too hot and applied breaking.....lo and behold, by rear tire skidded out! That's when I noticed the road was all wet....it had been raining in this area while it was dry everywhere else. With heart doing a little thumping from the skid out recovery, we rolled into the Shell station for gas and to meet up with the RHR group.

What a great surprise at the start to see so many familiar faces. First to greet me was Steve Morris....big time 3FC riding partner with the well known Jane Usatin. Jane couldn't join us as she was in SF helping with grandchildren (if I remember correctly). From Steve, I moseyed over to an older Honda GW and met a new member, Mark Templeton. Mark

had picked up this GW1500 from a friend at a decent price and it only had 50K miles on it. While chatting with Mark another rider came over and I introduced myself to him not recognizing him offhand. We bumped knuckles and he said his name was Mark. As I introduced him to the "Honda GW1500" Mark I looked back at the 2nd Mark again and recognized him. WOW....it was Mark Sovern!! We did a man hug and then chatted up old times. Mark is one of those quiet guys with an amazing history....as in serving in the Army, Air Force, and Marines. He was enlisted and commissioned....quite an accomplishment to say the least.

From the two Marks, I went over to another group and reacquainted myself with Steve Bunis, a long time RHR member and his riding partner Sylvia. And then Ron Paproski showed up!! Holy Mackerel!! Ron and I rode 3FC16 together and had quite an experience with him getting a flat rear tire on his Gold Wing in Aztec NM. And then came the icing on the cake....I met up with Dave Mendenhall of 3FC fame. Dave has ridden over 30 3FC's and was wearing his 3FC05 buckle.....that was the 30th 3FC! (We're now into 3FC45). I got a text from Tom Strobbe letting me know that he had to bail out at the last minute and wouldn't be riding...bummer.

With 20 riders on the event, Karen decided to split us up into three groups. Mike, Manny and I ended up being in the 3rd group. After the ride briefing and a group photo we all mounted up, lined up into our groups, and rolled out on different routes.

Much of the first part of the route was getting through Escondido, into a few hillside and picturesque county roads.....of which I do not

remember their names. But we had some good twisty roads for me to warm up on and renew my riding skills. Which was a good thing because it prepared me for the S6 climb up Palomar Mtn.

Ultimately, we came into Rincon from the south, passed by Harrah's Resort and Casino, and got onto CA-76 east for 16 miles or so to get onto San Diego south grade S6, the challenging twisting road leading up to Mt. Palomar Observatory.

When we began riding up Palomar Mtn, the visibility was completely clear under the overcast skies. However, when we reached about 2,500' we entered the clouds and were completely fogged in, AND the temperature dropped. The rider in front of me became a dark shadow as we slightly slowed our speeds down. I believe I was mostly in



2nd gear on this climb with maybe a brief use of 3rd perhaps twice on the whole climb. This was definitely a good training run for me, but I could have done without the fog! And I could have done without the cold weather.

Rincon's elevation is 1,030 feet and the Observatory sits at 6,140'. A google search showed Mother's Kitchen to be around 5250'. If the Rincon and Mother's numbers are correct it appears we climbed around 4,000 feet to get up to east grade S6 where the Mother's Kitchen is located. That was a lotta climbing with about 38-40 turns & twisties over 6.9 miles of road. Eleven of those turns were complete 180 degrees of ascending turns! WOW !!

Tennessee's "Tail Of The Dragon" may exceed the S6 numbers with its 318 turns in 11 miles, but this road can't be topped for the number of hairpin turns climbing 4,000 feet through the clouds!

We all safely reached Mother's Kitchen and the Palomar Mountain General Store for a brief respite, water sip, Keto Bar breakfast, and more social time camaraderie. My numb fingers regained their warmth and sensitivity. After about 20 minutes we mounted up and headed out on the East Grade Road towards Lake Henshaw. As we skirted along the side of the mountain we could see the tops of the clouds. I had to stop and take a photo of the cloud tops.





It wasn't long before we re-entered the clouds.....but this time there weren't any hairpins in the clouds. We were descending off the mountain so it was a lot easier with the bike mostly in 4th and 5th gears and an occasional 6th gear. There were still curves in the road that contributed to the joy of the ride. Once below the clouds I think we hit two or maybe three 180 degree hairpins but they were not tight ones like we experienced on the south grade.

As we popped out of the clouds we were treated with a gorgeous view of the Warner Springs Valley and Lake Henshaw. Ahhh, the joys of riding in the hills of northern San Diego County! BTW, Lake Henshaw was quite full of water....good to see that the rains have been helping lately.

We hung a left turn on CA-76 heading east to Santa Isabel, rode past the Lake Henshaw Resort area, and continued for about another 3 miles when our fearless RHR leader, Scott Simerson, turned right, off 76, and into more hills. Oh boy, I remembered being on this section of road a few years past, and I was anticipating some more twisties. It was the Mesa Grande Road, and yes indeed, we got into some awesome twisties and sweepers. Unfortunately we also popped back into the clouds (and cold air) and were not able to

enjoy the beautiful the scenery (sad face). When we did pop out of the fog, about half way thru the road, we got to see the farms and ranches and countryside. Beautiful views!!

We came out onto CA-79 south heading for Santa Ysabel and a stop at Dudley's Bakery/Don's Market Place/Julian Pie Co. One of the sights along this section of 79 is the Santa Ysabel cemetery and Chapel/Mission. There are a couple of interesting grave sites here..... one of the



headstones displays a poker hand on it.

We didn't stay long at Dudley's as our next objective was Borrego Springs. Scott led us back onto 79 heading for Julian. Julian is a very interesting tourist town famous for its Julian Apples and Apple Pie. The town was initially formed around 1850 by European settlers. Around 1869 the Baily bros and their cousins (Julian bros) settled here and Bailey decided to name the town after his better looking cousins. Gold was later discovered in 1869 by Fred Coleman, a former slave, and a bit of a gold rush ensued. It was around this time that James Madison brought a wagon load of apples to the town and started growing apple trees

CA-79 does a sharp right at the edge of town, right at the gas station, but we continued straight and the road became CA-78, The Banner Grade. Banner Grade follows the curves and dips along the side of the mountain as it descends into the Anza-Borrego State Park desert valley. It was starting to get warm so I was glad to have removed a layer of clothing at Dudley's. CA-78 will continue on to the Salton Sea then head southeast to Brawley. We weren't going there however.....at about 12 miles off the mountain we turned left onto Yanqui Pass Rd and headed to Borrego Springs Rd for the



last leg into town. Either along Yanqui Pass or BS Rd we spotted the Desert Eagle sculpture and then a number of mustang horse sculptures. This is what I luv about this ride to Borrego, we get to see some amazing artwork sculptures done by Ricardo Braceda around 2007.

Ricardo Braceda is from Durango Mexico. In Durango he was a boot maker and boot salesman. One story I heard was that he made a pair of boots for a welder who didn't have money so he gave Ricardo his welding equipment as payment. Ricardo then began experimenting, and at the request of his then 6-year old daughter, made a dinosaur. He is known as the accidental artist as this was a new avocation for him. Dennis Avery, a philanthropist saw Ricardo's work in the Perris CA studio and asked him to create a number of animal sculptures to be displayed on Avery's property in Borrego Springs. Ultimately, Avery acquired 130 sculptures that are now located throughout the town. Braceda became well known for his work and has sculptures are in many places around the world including Australia and Europe.



Soon we arrived at Jilberto's Taco Shop for lunch. As I was parking my GS I heard a voice greeting me.....it was Phil Graber and Donna!!! Phil and Donna spend their winters in Borrego Springs and was aware of our ride plans to stop at Jilberto's. I believe the last time I saw Phil was in Kansas at the 2019 Lebanon Bash. This was definitely an awesome experience to meet up with so many old friends!



After lunch we all rode over to the famous "Sea Serpent" sculpture about 3 miles north of the circle and did a few group shots. The Sea Serpent is a very creative bit of art work. First of all, it is huge! On the east side of the road one can see the rattler tail of the serpent that coils into the ground to reappear arching in



a semi-circle back into the ground, under the road, and reappears on the west side of the road, arching up and down into the ground, to reappear out of the desert floor into a giant serpent head. Very creative of Ricardo combining the physical with the imaginary!

After that it was to head back into town, tank up with gas (hi-test at 7.199/gal) and head back to Santa Ysabel via

the Montezuma Valley Rd. This road (S22) is an awesome twisting and ascending road designed for motorcycling (we should post signs stating the road is not for campers and slow cages). I was really feeling my oats now, being very comfortable on the bike, and was taking the curves at very good speeds. Don't get me wrong now.....I'm still not at the level of long time riders like Mike Barber or Rodney and Victor and others of the AZ Rat Pack. And I am nowhere near the level of Ducati racers like Karen Butterfield and others of the Red Hot riders. But it was a good feeling to know that I didn't fall behind the group!

Mike, Pat, Manny and I had plans to ride the Lilac Rd (CA Best 15, Series C) on our way back to OC but when we reached Dudley's in Santa Ysabel it was already getting late. From SY to my house was 96 miles of relatively slow riding; and inevitably we would be

hung up behind campers or slow cars. I estimated it would take over 2 hours for Manny and I to get home, and almost three hours for Mike and Pat to get to their respective homes in LA County.

So at Dudley's we decided to pass on the Lilac Rd adventure and head home. I reached home at twilight, Mike reached his in darkness.

What a fantastic day! It was exhilarating to have ridden on so many great roads today, regain my confidence, and to meet up with so many happy faces! I am so looking forward to completing the CA Adventure tours and to establishing some meet-ups in the greater LA Basin for our fellow SCMA members.

Here is a list of the riders that rode the event:

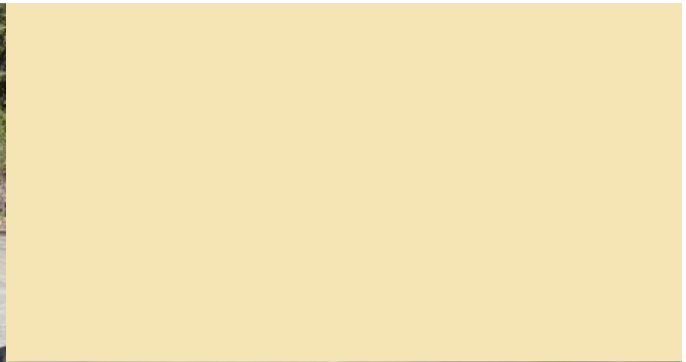
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| Karen Butterfield | Silvia Dreyfuss | Pat Julien |
| Evelyn Wisneski | Mike Barber | James Branch |
| Steve Bunis | Gonzo | Malcolm Jarvis |
| Dave Mendenhall | Steven Morris | Cary Mullen |
| Jason Mullen | Ron Paproski | Scott Simerson |
| Malcolm Smith | Mark Sovern | Mark Taylor |
| Mark Templeton | Rafael Del Vecchio | |

Here are some cool stats that Mike Barber captured on his new RT1250:

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| 281 miles | 6:45 hours riding time |
| Temps 91° high/51° low | 42 mph average speed |
| Max 39° lean angle | |

See y'all at the next SCMA Destination Ride !!
(Watch for eBlast announcements)





National News Section

(page 23 – 31)

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

Madawaska Maine USA4C Park Gathering

By Charlie Lamb
#24220
SCMA Secretary

THIS IS BIG !!!

June 24, 2022

2:00 PM

Several of the SCMA USA Four Corner riders and other long-distance riders will be gathering in Madawaska ME on Friday June 24, 2022. If you need an excuse for a ride, - join us.

Visit the only park in the world dedicated to long distance motorcycle riding.

Meet other long-distance riders.

Enjoy the pleasant summer weather in Maine.

Use the trip be part of your USA Four Corner Tour or Great Lake Cabot Trail Tour.

USA Four Corner Park
213 West Main Street
Madawaska, ME

If you need more information about the “meet-up” please contact Charlie Lamb at (804) 931-3786 or Gonzo at (949) 433-0761

Four Corner Riders On The Road

By Dannie Fox
#10198

Chairman
USA Four Corners Tour

Hello SCMA Members,

Registrations for USA4C are in progress with 22 of our members currently signed up for the ride. Each month SCMA will publish the names of those riders who have registered for the tour. Most, if not all, registered riders are riding this tour solo. However, if you notice another rider from your state and are interested in tagging up with that rider, we encourage you to place a shout out on the SCMA 4 Corners facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/scma.4.corners>

Also, Gonzo (Editor, SCMA Newsletter) would like to interview you about a leg or day of your 4C adventure. Give him a call when you can for a phone chat and to arrange for a lunch visit when you pass through Orange County CA between San Ysidro and Blaine WA.

Gonzo 949-433-0761

BTW, some of you are sending me your ROL's before actually registering. If you do that, please be sure to include your phone number on the ROL so I will have a way of calling you if necessary.

Danni Fox

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| Dave | Bennett | Cherry Valley, IL. |
| Jerry | Bullock | Boyds, MD. |
| Larry | Janssen | Stillwater, MN |
| Cal | Ollerhead | Wellington, Nova Scotia |
| Thomas | Stobbe | San Diego, CA. |
| Don | Grieger | Murfreesboro, TN |
| Mary | Begley | Cadott, WI. |
| Ursula | Ashton | Memphis, TN |
| Javier | Ashton | Memphis, TN. |
| Jim | Begley | Cadott, WI. |
| Rebecca | Brown | Walpole, NH |
| Patricia | Caya | Boston, MA |
| Lyle | Cooper | Middleboro, MA |
| Doug | Fields | Blue Ash, Ohio |
| Andy | Andresen | Newnan, GA. |
| Vivian | Spearman | Mooresville, IN. |
| William | Francis | Caribou ME. |
| Richard | Pedersen | Aloha, OR. |
| David | Bouchard | Mount Vernon, OH. |
| Gentry | Sharpe | Sugar Hill, GA. |
| Charles | Lamb | North Prince George, VA. |
| Bella | Michel | York, South Carolina |
| Mark | Burdick | Houston TX |
| James | Davis | Pinehurst NC |
| Bryan | Weber | Front Royal VA |
| Thomas | Spearman | Moresville IN |

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ABOUT BAM

Katherine Markowicz
Marketing & Promotions
Brown, Koro & Romag LLP



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**



Hello SCMA Members,

Registrations for the Best 15 US Roads Challenge are in progress with 10 of our members currently signed up for the ride. This event is quite a challenge, so there are very few who attempt the ride, let alone finish it.

Each month SCMA will publish the names of those riders who have registered for the Challenge. Most, if not all, registered riders are riding this tour solo. However, if you notice another rider from your state/city and are interested in tagging up with that rider, we encourage you to place a shout out on the SCMA Best 15 facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/scma.best.15>

Also, Gonzo (Editor, SCMA Newsletter) would like to interview you about a leg or day of one of your destination rides. Give him a call when you can for a phone chat.

Gonzo 949-433-0761

Safe Riding everyone,

Bob Roger

Chair

B15 US



Best 15 US Roads Challenge:

1. Mark Burdick Houston, Texas
2. John Mickus Woodland Hills, California
3. Charles Lamb Hopewell, Virginia
4. Andy Andresen Newnan, Georgia
5. Ken Whetstone West Valley City, Utah
6. Thomas Strobbe San Diego, California
7. Thomas Spearman Mooresville, Indiana
8. Danny Graham Honolulu, Hawaii
9. Bob Roger Dalton, Ohio
10. Bella Michel York, South Carolina





**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!"

(330) 857 8131
best15us@sc-ma.com



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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

(330) 857-8131 or email to

Best15us@sc-ma.com

rsroger03@gmail.com

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500 memorials.
You, your motorcycle,
And a good reason to ride.**



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Benefiting:





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

A: Jack signed up for the first Tour of Honor and rode it like nobody else. Jack dedicated a large part of his summer riding to every state and visiting every site except in Hawaii. He'd made plans to visit Hawaii, but his tour was cut short when he died in a car accident on Aug. 27, 2011, at the age of 68.

Jack was well-known in the motorcycling community, having won two AMA national motocross championships in his younger years. Later, he became active in the Iron Butt Association, winning a Silver Medal Finish in the 2007 Iron Butt Rally (11,000 miles in 11 days).

Most important, Jack also was a highly-

decorated Vietnam veteran, earning a Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Service Medals and many more.

The Jack Shoalmine Achievement Award recognizes the rider who visits the most Tour of Honor sites in a season. It includes a plaque, free Tour of Honor registration and the No. 1 flag in the following year.

His good friend and son-in-law, Barry Bennett, won the first award by riding to every Tour of Honor site the next year, carrying an urn of Jack's ashes in his tail trunk.

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

A: Go at your own pace and take some time at each site. Whether riders visit one site, or all of them, we hope to share how riding a motorcycle can enrich your travels.

One recent visit, shared by a rider on the Tour of Honor forum, was at a Japanese internment site. The only other visitor at the time was an elderly Japanese gentleman sharing memories there with his son. A conversation started and a friendship was made, and if the rider were in a cage instead, he claimed it probably wouldn't have turned out that way.



Ask The MSF

SHARING SAFETY

Q: I want to help my non-riding friends better appreciate their role in keeping motorcyclists safe. Any tips?

A: Anything we can do to sensitize car drivers to our presence is a benefit.

Because motorcycles can be hidden in traffic, drivers must look twice before changing lanes or turning left at intersections. Also, some drivers seem to forget that turn signals help prepare other motorists to take evasive action in case they don't notice us during their maneuvers. To keep safe, all motorists must communicate using proper signals, and not engage in distracted driving.

You could set up a small meeting for your friends using the MSF's Host-An-Event video kit titled "Intersection." It's a fun, interactive way to inform non-riders how to share the road and be safer drivers.

Finally, if drivers had a direct experience with riding a motorcycle—or at least being a passenger—they may be more likely to notice us on the road. Consider taking non-riding friends on their first ride so they can experience first-hand the joy as well as the vulnerability of motorcycling.

Editor's Note: I was speaking with George Mowry (CA) and he brought up the subject of the Tour Of Honor. I had heard of the Tour a few times in the past but never any details....hence, I confused it with the annual ride to the Vietnam Memorial.

George began telling me details of the Tour and I realized this was something different. In fact, I thought it was so in line with what SCMA does that I contacted Steve Brooks to discuss possible teaming ideas similar to what he has arranged with the IBA. Steve sent this article, originally published by the American Motorcyclist magazine, for us to publish in our newsletter.

To find out more about TOH use this link: <https://www.tourofhonor.com>

Gonzo

International News Section

(pages 32 – 46)

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

SCMA National Meet Up

Hello everyone,

We have some great news for you. At the last Board Meeting, Rodney came up with an idea of having a get together somewhere in the southwest.

Oscar, SCMA's representative for Mexico, and owner of the Playa Bonita Resort, suggested the meeting be held in Puerto Penasco!

Wow!!! Great idea!!

Here's a note from Mark inviting everyone to c'mon down!

Gonzo

Ride Safe.....Ride Long

It has been some time that we all have had the opportunity to enjoy each others company and swap riding stories in person.

I'd like to announce a Southern California Motorcycling Association Meet Up, May 13 and 14 in Puerto Peñasco, Mexico.

This is NOT a sanctioned ride for the SCMA nor will there be SCMA organized rides to, from, or inside Mexico. You are highly advised to obtain Mexican insurance for the time you will be across the border.

There are no organized dinners or activities, just hanging out with each other in Oscar's beautiful resort. You are free to head into town or stay the entire time at the resort.

Oscar has obtained special discounts for us - please do not use their website for making reservations as you will NOT receive the



group rate.

-Please call Toll Free at:

888-232-8142 or 855-271-9685

Make your reservation under #57104

- This number goes directly to the reservations dept. and the rate is \$129.00 per room per night tax included.

We hope you can find the time to attend. My wife and I will enjoy seeing you there by the pool!

Mark Burdick

Chairman, Southern California Motorcycling Association

Who's Riding the GLCTT ??

Bob Roger
#24838
Chair GLCTT

Hello SCMA members,

This is a very exciting time for me as I get to chair the Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour in its inaugural year!

Currently we have five riders registered for the tour.....and I'm one of them.

You may have noticed that this event is listed within the International Section of the newsletter.....that is because it is indeed an international ride within USA and Canada. So, make sure your passport is up to date and you have records of your COVID vaccination as CAN requires that proof for entry into their country. You may also need to present a negative COVID test taken within recent hours of your entry. Requirements are very fluid, so be sure to do your research.

Each month SCMA will publish the names of those riders who have registered for the tour. Most, if not all, registered riders are riding this tour solo. However, if you notice another rider from your state and are interested in tagging up with that rider, we encourage you to place a shout out on the GLCTT facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/scma.GLCTT>

Also, Gonzo (Editor, SCMA Newsletter) would like to interview you about a leg or day of your GLCTT adventure. Give him a call when you can for a phone chat and to arrange for an interview and some photos to email for him to place in the newsletter

Gonzo 949-433-0761

Wishing you the best of riding.....and
c'mon out on this ride !!

Bob Roger

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Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour Riders:

1. Charles Lamb Hopewell, Virginia
2. Andy Andresen Newnan, Georgia
3. Jeff Kramer Las Cruces, New Mexico
4. Richard Pedersen Aloha, Oregon
5. Bob Roger Dalton, Ohio



SCMA - More Than Miles

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







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E-BLAST 3

March 27, 2022 Hello Three Flag Registrants and SCMA Members:

This E-Blast will provide you with information, some of which is likely to change in the coming months. We will keep you posted as things change.

First, please note that we have revamped our Three Flags logo. The old logo had circle insignias representing the flags for each of the three countries involved in this ride. The new logo replaces the circles and includes the actual flags. A subtle change, but a change never-the-less.

Next, we want to let you know about recent decisions. At our March 16, 2022, the Committee made the decision that the 2022 Three Flags Classic WILL take place absent unforeseen pandemic changes. As conditions are now, we are going to have the ride, and we are going to having a blast! Woo Who!

ENTRY INTO MEXICO and CANADA:

As of now, getting in and out of Mexico without a vaccine or PCR test is permitted. However, Mexico has instituted a process requiring people to get a tourism card. The process is called FMM. We are getting more information, but it is supposed to be free and all you do is enter your information to get through the process. It also requires you to identify your port of entry. We are sorting that information out now and will report again in the next E-Blast. If you are coming into Mexico via Calexico, California we will have more information for you in another notice.

The next hurdle is Canada. As of April 1, 2022, Canada will allow vaccinated people into their country without a pre-test. But you must also be processed through their ARRIVE CAN system. The link below will

provide you information. Vaccines and ARRIVE CAN may go away before our ride, but there is no way of knowing at this time. We know there are registrants and potential registrants that will not or cannot get a vaccine. For this reason, those of you who fall into this category may request a refund through May 31, 2022. We suggest you wait until mid-May in case Canada changes their rules and allow people into the country without vaccines. If you make the request before May 31, 2022, you will receive a refund, less any Pay Pal fees. If you rolled your registration over from 2020 or 2021 and request a refund and the Canadian government removes the vaccine requirement, you will need to re-register at the current \$329.00 registration fee. We suggest you wait until mid-May. We will provide more information in a subsequent E-Blast. Please e-mail John Mickus jdwickus@gmail.com if you are seeking a refund for the reason mentioned above. You should insert "Request 3FC22 Refund" in the Subject line of the e-mail.

Entry into the USA currently requires proof of a vaccine if port of entry is via land.

The Links regarding USA and Canadian crossings are listed below.

Cut and paste link below into your browser for Canadian and US information or press CONTROL and double click on the link.

CANADA:

Government of Canada will remove pre-entry test requirement for fully vaccinated travelers on April 1 - Canada.ca

USA:

<https://ca.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information-canada-3/>

Once again, we are hoping the Canadian and USA requirements change before May 31, 2022, and/or before the ride. We will keep track, and if the requirements change, we will send out an E-Blast immediately.

INSURANCE:

Riders are required to get Mexican Insurance before they enter Mexico. You will be required to show proof of insurance at check-in in Mexicali. You can buy this insurance for one day or more. The typical policy runs between \$40.00 and \$65.00 USD, depending on your length of stay. We suggest using Sanborn Insurance or Baja Insurance. Both are reputable companies to the best of our knowledge and have been used by TFC riders for years. You will be able to print your policy at the time you register for it. Carry it

with you on your bike. Also have your driver's license and VIN number for the bike you will be riding when you buy the policy on-line. There are places in the USA you can buy the insurance before entry into Mexico, but we suggest doing it online, in advance of your travels. It is just one more thing you can get out of the way before you travel.

I anticipate another E-Blast coming out in April and the last week in May to bring you up to date on the latest news.

Four members of your TFC team will be visiting Penticton in May to dial in banquet details.

We now have our buckle, t-shirts, hats, pins, decals, and plaques designed. I think you will be pleased with the outcome, and we look forward to providing these to you when you arrive in Mexicali, and of course in Penticton, when you receive your buckle as a 2022 Three Flags finisher! Are you getting excited yet?

Respectfully,

Steven Shulman, Chairman 2022 Three Flags Classic 45th Annual Ride

44 Years of 3FC Routes

By Reuben Friesen
Member #37700

A few years back, around the winter of 2017, I came up with the idea of creating a map that reflected the routes of every 3FC that took place since inception of the ride in 1976. Now, if my recollection of 3FC mythology is correct, the first 4 or 5 year's were to just run up the I-5 from Tijuana to Vancouver. Year 1980 the route was reversed with a start in Vancouver and finish in Ensenada.

Collecting info on the routes, checkpoints, hotels, etc., was a challenge. Although I had a large amount of data, there were quite a few years of info missing. Fortunately, Chris White and Dannie Fox (both have ridden 40 or more 3FC's) learned of my project and, with their help and the help of a few others, the project reached completion! Chris (who lives on Vancouver Island) came out to my place for a few days and filled in many of the gaps. The fact that it was winter in northern Alberta, and that we had a case of scotch needing attention, had nothing to do with our taking 4-5 days. I'm just glad that I ran out of scotch otherwise I think Chris would have taken more days to tweak the map.

Anyhow, here is the finished product.....try to find the routes of the rides you have ridden!





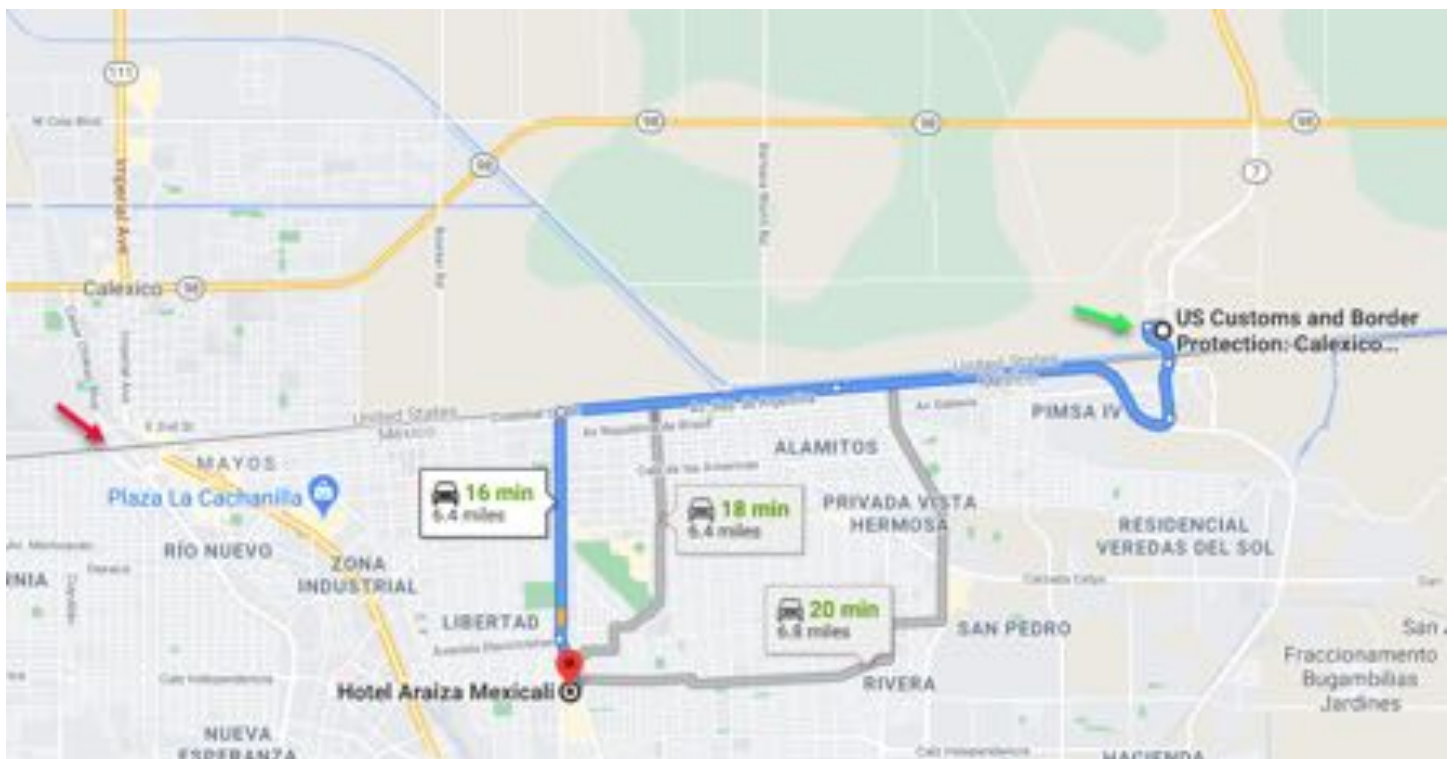
Ports of Entry to Mexicali

By Karen Butterfield
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 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 look forward to seeing all registrants at the start in Mexicali

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

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