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### Chairman's Letter

Finally! Most everyone has started their summer riding season. We have members running the challenges including the new Great Lakes Cabot Trail. Our SCMA Secretary, Charlie Lamb, just finished the GLCT tour said it was a great ride with daily rain (it is early spring north of the Great Lakes). I'm sure he will speak up for the benefits of riding in the one-piece Aerostich suit. Nothing worse than riding in wet gear unless it is cold and wet!

A bunch of us are going to the BMWMOA National Rally in Springfield, Mo next week and even more of our membership will be heading to WingDing 43 in Shreveport, LA at the end of the month. Our Harley friends will head to Sturgis in August. There are so many events to participate this summer. I hope everyone gets out and enjoys some quality saddle time and gas therapy.

Our big ride this summer for all of our membership is the Three Flags Classic. Steve Shulman - Ride Chairman, the entire 3FC committee, and checkpoint volunteers are finalizing all the details for our tour this year. If you have

signed up for this year's tour or carrying over your registration from previous years, rest assured that this will be one of the best we have ever run. If you haven't signed up or are on the fence about going, you will regret if you don't go on the web site and sign up



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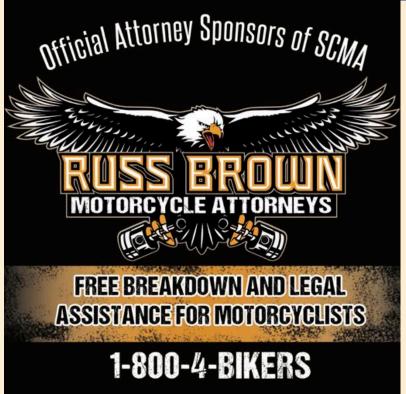
right now and go. These are the good old days!

Be sure and meet up with your local riding clubs - AZRatPack, Pasadena Motorcycle Club, and the Red Hot Riders. They have rides, breakfasts, and other opportunities to hang out and enjoy being with each other

Looking forward to seeing you all out on the road.

Ride often, ride safe! Mark Burdick Chairman







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## **SOUTHWEST Regional News Section**

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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

Jim Filley is on a work assignment on a tropical island trying to stay sober while evaluating the beauty of islands and bikini swimsuits. Actually, he really is working, despite being located on Waikiki.

He will be back in another week and will then attack the backlog of membership applications. Meanwhile, we will be getting a new laptop for the membership department and have it programmed to work with the membership card printer.

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.

Jamesf4@gmail.com

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## 2022 CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE SERIES

By Les Gullery Chair, CA Adventures #25101

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
- 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" New Registrant

#### **Missions Tour:**

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

- 11. Ken Whetstone \*
- 12. Jerry Walsh
- 13. Edward Monsour \*
- 14. Robert Govier Finisher
- 15. Joseph Otto
- 16. Bella Michel
- 17. Pradeep Kundur
- 18. Rambabu Uppu
- 19. Jagan Borra
- 20. Jithendra Vallabhaneni

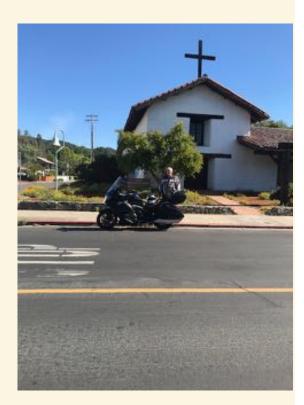
#### Parks Adventure:

- 1. Wayne Green \*
- 2. Victoria Green \*
- 3. Tom Sheltraw \*
- 4. Taelyn Sheltraw \*
- 5. Gonzo Gonzalez \*
- 6. Tom Strobbe \*

#### Roads Challenge:

- 1. Wayne Green \*
- 2. Victoria Green \*
- 3. Tom Sheltraw \*
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- 5. Gonzo Gonzalez \*
- 6. Tom Strobbe \*
- 7. Bob Kehr\*

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- 8. Gary Whitehead \*
- 9. Kurt Worden \*
- 10. Ken Whetstone \*
- 11. Edward Monsour \*
- 12. Bernadette Dye
- 8. Gary Whitehead \*
- 9. Ben Greenwood
- 10. Kurt Worden \*
- 11. Ken Whetstone \*
- 12. Edward Monsour \*
- 13. Ben Lee
- 14. George Mowry



Les Gullery 2022 California Adventure Series Chairman





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## Pasadena Motorcycle Club **Greenhorn**

Motorcycle Ride and Rally

by Eric Whitley SCMA-PMC Liaison #46523 and Pat Julien #27051

At 8 o'clock on Saturday morning of May 21st, approximately 170 riders began arriving at the starting location in Malibu Village to register for the Pasadena MC's 76th Annual GreenHorn Motorcycle Ride and Rally. FYI, the PMC was founded in 1907 and is considered one of, if not THE, oldest MC clubs in the USA. There were many clubs represented for this event, including members of the San



Francisco Motorcycle

Club, also one of the oldest (if not THE oldest). There were also some members from the Don's MC of San Jose.



From there, riders took off to follow old fashioned paper route sheets that would take them through a carefully plotted course that would be both incredibly scenic and also offer both technical tests of skills as

well as an optional enduro section. The weather was perfect, only climbing into the mid-70s in the afternoon.

Many would choose to traverse the gravelly and twisted road leading up to the peak of Black Mountain, while others chose to avoid it.

At the start, riders were given a route sheet and a time card. Since this was also a time rally, the rider meeting the time nearest the PMC's official time would be awarded with a nameplate on

the trophy.

The ride culminated in beautiful Moonstone Beach (just west of the sleepy little town of Cambria). On the beach, the Club awarded the event winners (based on how close their times matched the official Club time) whose names will be the first to adorn the Del Kuhn Memorial trophy. Birthday cake was shared in honor of PMC's 115th birthday. There were many great raffle items donated by sponsors



auctioned drawn at the finish. Mike Barber from SCMA won an official Pasadena Motorcycle Club hat!

Some riders left towards home that night, but most continued the festivities late into the night as we took over Main Street in Cambria. Retiring for the night either camping at San Simeon or staying in at one of the plentiful hotels and inns in Cambria, an optional day 2 route offered a plethora of twisty back roads and highlighted amazing panoramic vistas to indulge the senses.

A quote from Pat Julien of SCMA: The route was well planned encompassing rides through the California back roads and beaches. They also included an optional section of the route that went off road for over 30 miles (we didn't take it!) We met so many

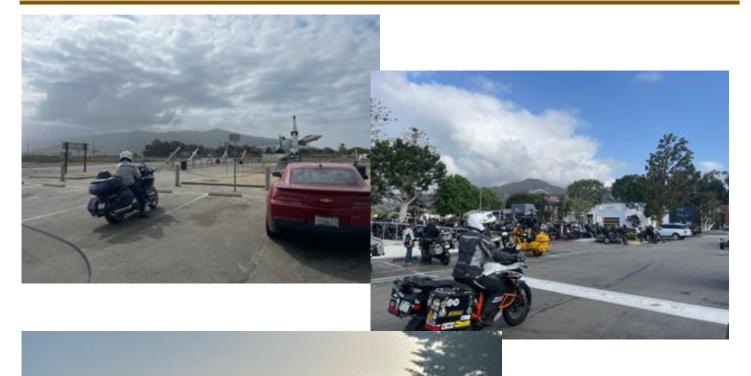
interesting riders and made some new friends, and got to see many we hadn't seen for years. It was great fun, and an amazing turnout!







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# 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 colocated 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 seven 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

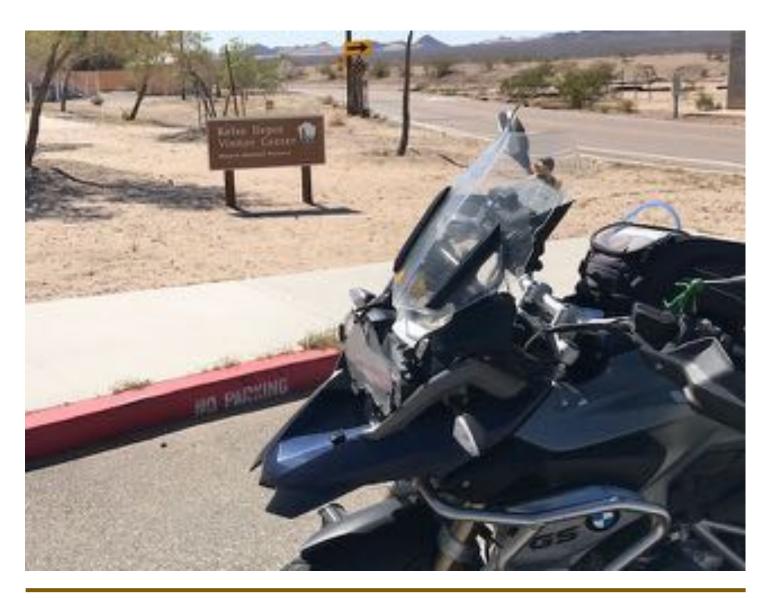
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## CLOSED!!

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.

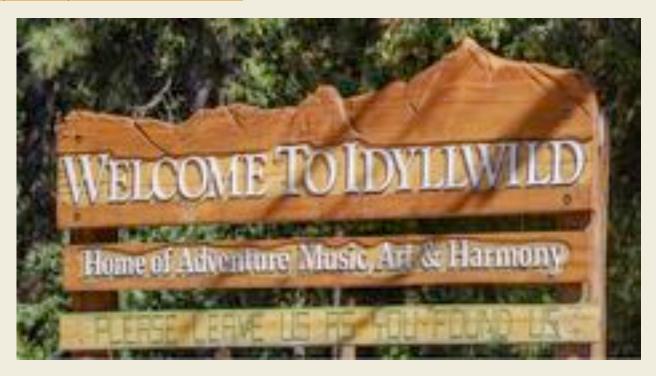


## **Idyllwild Run**

#### San Diego Red Hot Riders

### **SATURDAY, June 11, 2022 AT 8 AM – 2 PM**

See the event and map on Facebook – **RedHot Riders Motorcycle Club** https://tinyurl.com/m5d8znvh



## Highlights - Wilson Valley Road, 74 from Hemet, 243, Lunch at Mountain Center Fork and Spoon

#### Meet at the Shell Station / Starbucks / McDonalds

3480 Del Lago Blvd, Escondido, CA 92029 – Off of I-15

Meet at 8am leaving 9am. See the map link below going through Valley Center, Lilac, brief stop at Pala Casino Gas Station, 79 East to 371/Cahuila Rd, to Wilson Valley Rd, Sage, Hemet to 74 East, stop at Mountain Center Fork & Spoon for lunch. Into Idyllwild on 243 after lunch and home when you are ready. Options home - 243 north to I-10, 74 Southeast to 371 to 79 West to I-15, some will go 79 Southeast through Ramona.

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## **National News Section**

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

## 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

## **Board of Directors – Nominations for 2022 SCMA Open Positions**

#### Hello everyone,

The Board of Directors (BoD) has set the date for SCMA's Annual Meeting for Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup> 2022. Due to the widespread population of our membership (throughout N America), the BoD has decided to hold the meeting via ZOOM at 6:00PM PDT. (Zoom information below)

Nomination for the Vice Chairman, Treasurer, and Membership Services Director shall be accepted at that time. Nominations shall be accepted via USPS (snail)mail/email/in- person per the deadlines stated below.

The date of closure of nominations shall be **June 24, 2022**. The bylaws require 15 days notice and this more than meets that requirement.

Below is a definition/description of offices per the By Laws, and the positions that are open for nominations in 2022:

#### 4.03 Designation and Term of Office

There shall be two classes of directors, elected directors and appointed ex officio directors. Elected directors shall be the officers of the corporation, i.e., the chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, membership services director, and risk manager. The term of office of elected directors shall be two years, commencing July 1, and continuing until their successors are elected and installed. The chair, secretary and risk manager shall be elected in odd numbered years, and the vice chair, membership services director, and treasurer shall be elected in even years

Being that 2022 is an even numbered year, nominations will be accepted for the following positions:

Office	Incombent
Vice Chairman	Rodney Chew
Membership Director	James Filley
Treasurer	John Mickus

Here is the website link *CLICK HERE* to the nomination form to be used. Please use that form and mail the nomination form to (must be postmarked no later than June 16<sup>th</sup>)

**SCMA** Nominations

**PO Box 487** 

Norwalk CA 90651-0487

OR email the form to

Charles Lamb at secretary@sc-ma.com

#### **Zoom information:**

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9410196977?pwd=VG9oNTZjdjY3Ri91d05peEJuREhFZz09

Meeting ID: 941 019 6977

Passcode: 278702

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### **2022 NOMINATION FORM**

Member making the nomination:	
Name	_ Member #:
Signature:	Date:
<b>Member being nominated for Vice Cha</b> Name	
<b>Member being nominated for Member</b> Name	
<b>Member being nominated for Treasur</b> Name	
Self-Nomination: For Position of	<del></del>
Name	_ Member #:
Signature:	Date:
Three (3) "Seconds" for Self-Nominati	on:
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Signature:	Date:
Scan and email to: chairman@sc-	ma.com (Must be received by 8pm <b>June 24, 2022</b> )

OR

USPS mail to: (Must be in PO Box by 8:00 AM **June 24, 2022**)
SCMA - Nominations
PO Box 487
Norwalk, CA 90651-0487.

### 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

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	Murfeesboro, 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	Cariboum 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
Princess	McCall	Miami. FL
Jeff	Gomer	Sebastopol, CA.
Kim	Henry	Killeen, TX.
Thomas	Jacobs	Winchester, VA
Henry	Mros	Taunton, MA
Nick	Greear	Cedaredge,CO.
Juanita	Shaw	Edwardsville, IL.
Carl	Harris	Hopewell, VA.

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

## Riding Long Distances Alone And With Friends

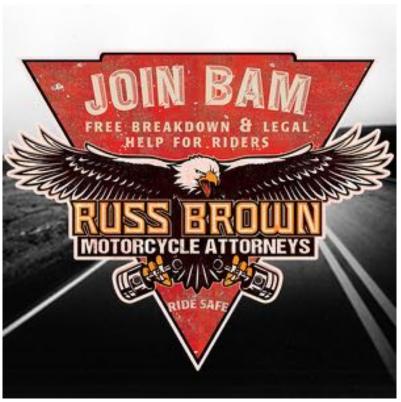


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### **ABOUT BAM**

**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 bikerfriendly 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
- 11. Jay Yanick Mercer Island, WA
- 12. Don McFarlane Turlock, CA





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#### Southern California Motorcycling Association Best 15 US Roads Challenge



This difficult Premier Ride Challenge is offered again for its twelfth anniversary in 2022, with five new replacement roads. The sixteenth road will remain on the list so that a ride registrant may omit any one road from the list, then ride 15 roads to qualify as a finisher. This is a tough ride challenge ... in the first nine years that this Challenge has been offered, there have been 55 finishes which were completed by only 41 riders. Through 2019, just nine SCMA long distance riders have taken the Challenge more than once! Join this very exclusive group of finishers, or maybe the very exclusive group of repeat finishers and TAKE the 2021 Best 15 US Roads Challenge!

As a registrant, you will have a two-year window to complete the challenge one time, though ALL 15 Roads must be ridden in ONE calendar year (January 1 through November 15, and ride logs must be submitted by November 30). If, for any reason, you do not complete all roads the first year, you will have a second chance, BUT you start with a blank slate for that second attempt. Registrants will receive a starter packet containing a Best 15 US Roads Challenge t-shirt and Best 15 pin and patch. Finishers will also receive an engraved Buck 112 Ranger Knife to commemorate their accomplishment!

Get out on these Roads to Experience the spectacular and varied landscapes these roads offer. One recent finisher commented, "I don't know how you pick these Fifteen roads, I think I rode Thirty great roads to get to the Fifteen!"

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best15us@sc-ma.com

#### **Riding Long Distances Alone And With Friends**



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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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## International News Section

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This section has articles about the SCMA Three Flags Classic and information of a general nature for all SCMA members throughout the world.

## NEXUS CARD RENEWALS - Check yours now -

Just as an FYI, and a reminder for SCMA members to check the expiry dates on your Nexus Trusted Traveler Program cards.

I checked mine today, and found the 5-year expiry date had passed on my birthday this year.

THERE WAS NO WARNING, advice, email, text, NOTHING.

Apparently this is due to the Nexus offices being CLOSED while the borders are closed.

To renew, or check info see: <a href="https://ttp.cbp.dhs.gov/">https://ttp.cbp.dhs.gov/</a>

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.

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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

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# Nexus program backlog balloons to nearly 300,000 applications

Submitted by Brian Hooker Vice Chair 3FC22

Christopher Reynolds
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Canada's backlog of Nexus applications has ballooned into the hundreds of thousands, despite a sharp downturn in applicants during the pandemic.

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) says 295,133 Nexus applications have yet to be processed due to ongoing office closures prompted by COVID-19.

Would-be cardholders in the program, which allows pre-approved Canadians to pass through separate, speedy lines when travelling to the United States, must be risk-assessed by both the CBSA and U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

The American agency reopened its Nexus enrollment centres for applicant interviews on April 19, but centres in Canada remain closed after shuttering in March 2020.

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However, once both countries have pre-approved the application, "the onus is then on the applicant to schedule an interview at a Nexus/Fast EC (enrolment centre) using the online portal," the agency said.

It has not set a date for when Canadian enrolment centres will unlock their doors.

Nexus memberships are typically valid for five years, after which they must be renewed. The process involves a risk assessment and a screening interview - for both first-time applicants and longtime card holders - the CBSA said.

Nexus membership declined by 170,814, or nine per cent, to 1.73 million enrollees between 2020 and 2021, according to agency figures.

Between 2018 and 2019, the number of new applications had risen by nearly a third to 262,125. They then plunged to 172,125 in 2020 and 29,705 in 2021. Nonetheless, with enrolment centres shuttered, the pile of partially processed applications continued to mount.

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https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/nexus-program-backlog-balloons-to-nearly-300-000-applications-1.5924162

## **SCMA Spring Fun in the Sun**

Vice Chair: ElChinoLoco

In early spring a plan was thatched at a spur of the moment to have a fun in the sun event in Rocky Point, SON, MX. A visit with Oscar Palacio yielded an open weekend at the Playa Bonita Hotel and Resort that was open before summer (hot temps) and holidays took over the Mexico beach scene.



A last hurrah before the busy season kicks in.. The weekend of May 26,2022 was selected, and the word was sent out to SCMA members, affiliate club and friends.

It turned out to be a perfect weather for the weekend and great time to for the 20 that rode in for the event. Riders came from CA, AZ and as far away as WA and TX. be at the resort. Relaxing and enjoying food at the Playa Bonita was a great way to spend a weekend in Mexico.

Each morning started a relaxed day near the beach with the resort's restaurant providing everything needed just to hang and chat with the other riders. Everyone enjoyed great food prepared at the hotel and spent the afternoon relaxing at the pool or hot tub. In the evening, around sunset, Oscar had his staff prepare a wonderful dinner of fish, seafood and meats, served to us on the patio around sunset. A band played every evening, with other hotel guests dancing and sharing company on the back patio. A definite slice of heaven had by everyone !! A special treat was having Oscar eat with us each evening and share his riding stories and experiences.

On the last night in Rocky Pt we had a birthday celebration for SCMA - Candace Hartley. Oscar and his staff orchestrated a great evening with great foods and drinks for all.

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During our time in Mexico people were actually comfortable hanging at the Playa Bonita and barely left the premises. Everyone had a great time just hanging out!

There were no rides or activities planned while in Mexico. However, a group arranged for a tour of the UNESCO Heritage Site: El Pinacate y Gran Desierto de Altar Sonora located 25 miles north of Puerto Penasco.

At the same time those participating in the tour

learned of the long history of the Tohono O'odham Indian Nation that has shared the southern border of the US with Mexico for hundreds of years. It was also amazing to discover how much life actually thrives in the vast dry desert and how humans thrived and protected this land for centuries. There are two craters that were featured as part of the tour with the actual heritage site covering thousands of square miles.. There are 19 craters in total. The actual boundaries of the Indian nation stretch from Phoenix, AZ to the Sea of Cortez to the south, near Rocky Pt. Those that came on the tour were treated to how tough a Ford Van is bouncing across the desert can be. As many times as I have been to Rocky Pt. I have never seen this park. It was a great experience. I learned you can drive any vehicle into the park, but not UTV or motorcycle. It took half a day to see the two craters. Walking up to the edge of the Elegante Crater as a wonderful experience. It is also possible to make an extended camping trips into the park (when its cooler maybe). As a note NASA tested the lunar rover for the Apollo Moon missions in the Gran Desierto.

This SCMA Ride In was a GREAT TIME. It was good for everyone to get more acquainted

with Mexico and of course with Oscar. For those who don't know Oscar has his own yearly event

Elegante Crater, El Pinacate y Gran Desierto de Altar



call the Rocky Point Rally, drawing 10,000 plus riders to Puerto Penasco. You are all encouraged to join in the fun when this is held again. Anytime you want a nice beach getaway consider the Playa Bonita in Puerto Penasco, SON, MX. Please take a few minutes to talk to Oscar fellow rider and SCMA member.

It was difficult leaving Penasco, such a good time had been had you just wanted to stay longer and longer. I hope we there will be a longer trip planned next year and we can all enjoy everyone's company.

Gracias Oscar and the fine people at the Play Bonita Hotel

Click here to see more of the fun:

https://www.flickr.com/photos/el\_chino\_loco/sets/72177720299268974/

The SCMA Spring fun in the sun was not a sanctioned Ride. Riders chose to participated



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#### 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**

#### Riding Long Distances Alone And With Friends

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
- 6. Mark Burdick Houston, TX
- 7. Dennis Mitchel Ft Myers, FL
- 8. Steven Jackson Lindon, UT
- 9. Anthony Handy, Philadelphia, PA



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## 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 of 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:

- Perry Monument Presque Isle Peninsula, Erie, PA
- Niagara Falls Either Side, New York, or Ontario
- 3. Lake Placid, Summit of Whiteface Mountain
- Ferry across Lake Champlain, The Essex NY to Charlotte, VT Ferry is now the recommended crossing since the Port Kent NY to Burlington VT Ferry is closed for 2022.
- Kancamagus Scenic Byway, RT112 Lincoln, NH to Bartlett, NH
- Cabot Trail Cape Brenton Island, Nova Scotia HWY19
- 7. Madawaska, Maine The Four Corners Park
- 8. Quebec City or Montreal, the walled cities
- Sudbury, Ontario the Giant Canadian Nickel at the Dynamic Earth Science Museum, 122 Big Nickel Mine Road, Sudbury
- Kakabeka Falls, TC11 20 miles west of Thunder Bay Ontario
- 11. Two Harbors, Minnesota, MN61 Split Rock Lighthouse
- 12. Mackinac 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 Brenton, 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. Aerostuch 8 S 18<sup>th</sup> Aw W Duluth, MN 55806. From the north: I-35 ex255A, US53 to next exit, Right onto N 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



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## Three Flags Registration Almost Sold Out

By Steven Shulman Chairman, 3FC22

Hello Three Flag Riders, Passengers and those of you who are on the fence about riding the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Three Flags event. We are rapidly closing in on the start of our long anticipated event, and it is going to be epic!

Probably the most important thing to tell you is we are going to maximize the ridership to 300 riders and passengers. If you have a ticket you are going to have a great experience. If you don't have a ticket, it's time to buy



one today because we have approximately 285 riders and passengers and only 15 spots remaining. I expect these tickets to be gone by the end of June.

For those of you going these last few months are pretty hectic for the Committee. We gather our raffle prizes, lock down the menu for dinner in Mexicali, bring you any new information about route changes and buy all the swag you receive in Mexicali.

The limited-edition buckle, received by finishers in Penticton, BC, has been ordered and I think it's pretty good looking. Remember, it's the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual ride so it needs to be impressive. I think it is an outstanding piece and will fit in your Three Flag collection quite nicely.

It's been quite some time since you've met up with the Three Flags family and I know many of you are looking forward to seeing friends you typically visit with once a year. In this case it's obviously been 3 years because of the Covid-19 pandemic. I have had the pleasure of speaking with many of you over the past 3 years while helping to organize this ride which I thought might never happen. I think the Committee was skeptical too but almost everyone of them hung in there because they know this ride is something special.

If you've done this event multiple times, think back to your first ride and how you didn't know anyone. Please take the effort to talk to people in Mexicali, especially first-timers, because everyone was a first timer once.

If you are attending for the first time I encourage you to introduce yourself to other riders when you arrive in Mexicali. It will make your experience even better. We are all friends on and off the road and you'll see how friendly everyone is.

In the next newsletter I hope to provide you a list of items you may want to carry with you on any long distance motorcycle ride. It's just my list of things to consider and you may find it helpful.

Steven Shulman, Chairman 2022 Three Flags Classic 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride







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## 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. <a href="https://sc-ma.com/rides/best-15-parent/best-15-us-roads-challenge/">https://sc-ma.com/rides/best-15-parent/best-15-us-roads-challenge/</a>
Bob Roger is chairing this event in 2022 and can be contacted at <a href="mailto:rsroger03@gmail.com">rsroger03@gmail.com</a>

**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: <a href="http://sc-ma.com/rides/california-parks-adventure">http://sc-ma.com/rides/california-parks-adventure</a>.

**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 <a href="https://sc-ma.com/rides/california-missions-parent/california-missions-tour/">https://sc-ma.com/rides/california-missions-parent/california-missions-parent/california-missions-tour/</a>

**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: <a href="https://sc-ma.com/ca-best-15-parent/ca-best-15-roads-challenge/ca-best-15-roads-rules/">https://sc-ma.com/ca-best-15-parent/ca-best-15-roads-challenge/ca-best-15-roads-rules/</a>

#### 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, Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour, 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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