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Editor's Letter

This is the time of year when we are most thankful of family, friends, acquaintances, co-workers, etc, for all the good things that have come our way.

I am especially thankful of all you for supporting SCMA with your membership and participating in our events.

You are the ones who have made SCMA what it is today with your enthusiasm and joy of riding.

Thank you for your many stories that have been published in the SCMA Newsletter. Your stories have made this newsletter what it is today and have brought much interest by our members.

In January our website designers (Mark Burdick, Rodney Chew, Victor Castenada) are planning to have the new website up and running. This new website will include a more modern newsletter format similar to the one being used by the AZRATPack.

With the introduction of this new website I think it is a great opportunity to turn the editorship over to a new editor that can bring a fresh approach to our newsletter giving it a new look and bringing it into the modern era. With that in mind, I have decided to step down from the editorship after releasing the December issue.

Hence, we are seeking a new editor to work with the website team in bringing this new format into production. Please contact Mark/Rodney/Victor if you have any questions as they will be the ones who

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will guide you in the new process.

Thank you for allowing me to be your editor since 2015 and allowing me to post many of my own stories. Publishing this newsletter has been a lot of fun and an enriching experience for me.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving,
Gonzo



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SOUTHWEST Regional News Section

(Pages 3 – 11)

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.

Thank you Irv Seaver BMW for supporting SCMA and the Three Flags Classic.



Completing The Adventure Series Rides In NorCal

by Chris Whitehead
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On 9/26/22, Kurt and I completed a 2,500 mile, 5-day ride to Northern California to visit SCMA Adventure Series Parks and Best Roads. We had great weather and saw some great scenery. Along the way we collected the remaining 8 Parks and 5 Roads to complete the SCMA California Adventure Series. The Series is made up of 21 Missions, which we completed earlier this year, 15 Best Roads, and 24



National Parks in California. The short story is that we had a great ride with only one minor problem and completed our Parks and Roads booklets. The long story is below.

Day one: Kurt and I met north of Bakersfield at 6:30am and headed to Sequoia. We had 3 Parks and 1 Road scheduled and planned on arriving in Jackson, Ca. at 8:30pm. We arrived at the Sequoia entrance sign at 8:50am and took the required picture. Then stopped at the Visitor Center and collected the park passport stamp. Next stop,

Kings Canyon Visitor Center for a start receipt for CA-180. Arrived at 11am and purchased a key chain for the receipt. The road up through Sequoia, Kings and Yosemite is twisty, well maintained, and we had perfect weather in the 60's. We arrived in Jackson at 8:30pm after traveling 654 miles. Kurt had ridden approx. 100 miles further before we met up. We stayed in the Historic National Hotel built in 1862.



Day two: We had a nice continental breakfast in the hotel and headed out for the Mormon Emigrant Trail, CA-20, and CA-44. The hotel is about 45 miles from the start of the east end of the Mormon Emigrant Trail. We picked up a receipt at a market and headed down the road. We turned onto the Mormon Emigrant Trail and quickly we were in an area where a huge forest fire had passed through in August 2021. For approx. 20 miles we rode through huge areas of

burnt trees on both sides of the road. The trees next to the road had been cut and piled up as though they could still use them for lumber. I hope that's the case. Burnt forest would become a 'theme' for the remainder of our trip.



After the Mormon Emigrant Trail, we headed to the east end of CA-20. Got a start receipt in Cisco Grove and headed towards Yuba City. Both Kurt and I agree that our CA-20 experience was not very good. There were approx. 5 construction delays along the route anywhere between 5 and 30 minutes. It looks like they are straightening and widening CA-20. It may need to be

removed from the list. We got our receipt and an ice cream in Yuba City and headed to the east end of CA-44 where Susanville is the closest receipt. Riding north on CA-89 we went through what was left of the town of Greenville. It was totally wiped out during the Dixie fire in July 2021. It was a town of 1,000 people and the news reports says it was destroyed in 2 hours. Now, a year later, there were scattered new buildings each about a block apart. It looked very strange. We got our start receipt for CA-44 in Susanville and headed to Redding. We arrived in Redding about 8pm, 2 hours behind schedule, having traveled 507 miles and collecting 3 roads.



Day three: The objective for the day was 2 parks and 1 road. The visitor center at Whiskeytown Park didn't open until 9am and the park was only 11 miles from the hotel, so we had a later start at 8:30am. Got our stamp and pictures at Whiskeytown Lake and headed to the coast to pickup the Redwood National & State Parks stamp and pictures, 160 miles away. Highway 299 over to the coast is a great road and we again had great weather.

We collected our stamp at the Thomas H Kuchel visitor center just south of Orick on highway 101. Made a gas stop and headed back east via 299 for 69-miles to begin Best Road CA96 in Willow Creek. Got a gas receipt and took a short break and a picture of the CA96 sign in Willow Creek before beginning the 150-mile ride north on CA96. We headed north on CA96 and almost immediately were riding through areas where forest fires had destroyed the trees. We also had about 4 or 5 stops for road construction along CA96. Towards the end of CA96, closer to Yreka we went through the town of Klamath River, which was TOTALLY

destroyed by the McKinney Fire in August 2022, only a month ago. It was awful. It is one thing to see homes destroyed on the news reports, and quite another to ride by home after home that was burnt to the ground with hulks of vehicles in the yards. Very sad.

We made it to Yreka at 6pm having ridden 412 miles. Even though we had multiple construction stops, we managed to stay on schedule and collect 2 parks and 1 best road. CA96 was our last of the 15 Best Roads. Woohoo, no more receipt hunting.

Day four: We had 2 parks (Lava Beds & Lassen) on our schedule along our 470-mile ride from Yreka to Minden, NV. We again had good weather starting out a little brisk in the morning, mid-70's most of the day and mid-80's when we got to Reno. Lava Beds



visitor center was 116 miles away. The stark landscape in and around Lava Beds is very unique and beautiful. We took a picture by the entrance sign and arrived at the visitor center at 10am. The ride to Lassen was through forests and two-lane roads. Again, very pretty. We made it to the Lassen entrance sign at about 12:40, took our picture and continued 30 miles thru the park to the visitor center. We got our stamps and had a quick snack before heading to Reno, 150 miles away. We had dinner in Reno, then rode onto Minden. We rode 485-miles and collected 2 Parks. Another Great Day.

Day five: We were on our way home with one National Park left to visit on the way. We left early riding south on CA-395, thru beautiful country familiar to both of us, to Devils Postpile 120-miles away. Took a picture by the sign and collected our stamps. WE WERE DONE!!!! 21 Missions, 24 California National Parks and 15 Best Roads in one year. I had approx. 300-miles home and Kurt had approx. 400-miles.

It had been a great ride on great roads with great company and some beautiful scenery. Only one minor problem with my GPS and auxiliary power which I was able to patch around. I love riding my motorcycle.

Nothing left but the paperwork.

Thanks to the members of the SCMA for putting this adventure together.

Gary Whitehead



2022 CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE SERIES

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

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

“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 * Finisher | 11. Jerry Walsh Finisher |
| 2. Victoria Green * Finisher | 12. Edward Monsour * Finisher |
| 3. Tom Sheltraw * | 13. Robert Govier Finisher |
| 4. Taelyn Sheltraw * | 14. Joseph Otto Finisher |
| 5. Tom Strobbe * | 15. Bella Michel |
| 6. Bob Kehr * | 16. Pradeep Kundur |
| 7. Gary Whitehead * Finisher | 17. Rambabu Uppu |
| 8. Erik Whitley Finisher | 18. Jagan Borra |
| 9. Kurt Worden * Finisher | 19. Jithendra Vallabhaneni |
| 10 Ken Whetstone * Finisher | |

Parks Adventure:

- 1. Wayne Green * **Finisher**
- 2. Victoria Green * **Finisher**
- 3. Tom Sheltraw *
- 4. Taelyn Sheltraw *
- 5. Tom Strobbe *
- 6. Bob Kehr *
- 7. Gary Whitehead *
- 8. Kurt Worden *
- 9. Ken Whetstone * **Finisher**
- 10. Edward Monsour *
- 11. Bernadette Dye

Roads Challenge:

- 1. Wayne Green * **Finisher**
- 2. Victoria Green * **Finisher**
- 3. Tom Sheltraw *
- 4. Taelyn Sheltraw *
- 5. Tom Strobbe *
- 6. Bob Kehr *
- 7. Gary Whitehead *
- 8. Ben Greenwood
- 9. Kurt Worden *
- 10. Ken Whetstone * **Finisher**
- 11. Edward Monsour *
- 12. Ben Lee
- 13. George Mowry
- 14. Rick Magath

2022 "CA TRIPLE CROWN" Winners

Wayne & Victoria Green

Ken Whetstone

CONGRATULATIONS on completing all three CA Adventure Series:

Missions Tour

Parks Adventure

CA Best 15 Roads Challenge

Les Gullery

2022 California Adventure Series Chairman



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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 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 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



National News Section

(page 12 – 23)

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

My True X Tour – 2022

Dave Burkel
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Leg 1:

I started from Madawaska Maine September 15. I had driven from Fargo ND to get to my start line. The morning I started it was cool temps with spotty rain showers. After I took my picture and got my gas receipt, my thoughts were what have I talked myself into. I started to think about doing it one leg at a time. My goal was to do it in 21 days. That would put me on a pace of about 550 miles per day. I thought very doable. I have done multi day iron butt rides in the past. As I started out, I started thinking I will need a tire and oil change somewhere along the way. That could burn up a day. So, from the start I



was putting in 700+ mile days. I figured I could bank some time for service work or checking out some points of interest.



Leg 2:

Made it to Lebanon KS 2.5 days later. First leg done. Pictures and gas receipt done. It was time to set my thoughts on leg 2. Driving up to Blaine Washington. The weather was perfect until just past Billings Montana, it started to rain and the wind started to hit my side instead being a tail wind. From Butte MT to Missoula the temp was 37 degrees. When I got to Spokane WA. I got off of interstate 90

and went on highway 2, figuring traffic would be a lot less. Everything was great riding was beautiful. Went through Leavenworth WA., made a mental note that I have to take my wife there, beautiful area. Continuing west of Leavenworth on Hwy 2 there was no traffic at all, I thought this is such a beautiful drive I am amazed there is no traffic. I did not meet anything for over twenty miles. Beautiful drive, a little smokey but otherwise beautiful. About 30 miles later not too far from



Stevens pass I found out why. Road closed at Steven pass due to fire. I had to



backtrack east, then back south to interstate 90, this added 150 miles. I thought I could make it to Blaine WA by 6pm instead it ended up being after 9pm. Took my pictures in the dark, hoping they are good enough, got my gas receipt. This was by September 19th. 2 legs done in just 5 days.

Start of leg 3:

I stayed at Lynden WA. While I was eating breakfast that morning, I figured I am close to 2 days ahead of my schedule, it is time to start planning an oil and tire change. My oil change was overdue, my tires still had 2 to 3000 miles left, if I could get both done at the same time I would be good to go all the way to the end. I checked for BMW dealerships near me. There was one at

Ferndale WA. About 30 miles from were I was. I got there before they had opened, they were putting the bikes out side for the day. I asked them if they could do an oil and tire change, they said they would put me on there schedule, something we all dread to hear thousands of miles from home. I told them what I was trying to accomplish that it was with the SCMA. They said they would get me in right away. I cannot say enough about **Pacific Northwest Motorcycles in Ferndale WA**. They had my service and new tires done by noon that day. A huge "Thank you" to them! They are a small dealership that's personal and helps out in a big way. I would recommend them to anyone traveling through that area. Now I could relax. Made it back to Lebanon KS by September 22. Run through a lot of wind, rain and fog from Rock Springs WY to Ogallala Nebraska. Other than that, great leg 3.

Leg 4:

First night was St. Joseph Missouri. I was watching the news and there was some



talk about a hurricane that might be hitting Florida within a week. Next day my wife called me as I was traveling through Kentucky, wanting to know if I was still going to Florida, I told her that was the plan, she told me I was crazy and hung up the phone. Made it to Clarksville TN that night. Watching the weather that night the news confirmed that it was going to be a hurricane and it was going to hit Florida, best guess some time late on September 27. I was bummed out, came all this way, now



the weather is going to stop me. I still had to give this True X Tour my best effort, cover this much distance, there is almost a 100 percent chance that weather could be an issue. I am going to keep moving forward.

made it down to Key West Florida by 11am on September 25

Leg 5:

First focus is to get out of Florida. Made it to Birmingham Alabama the next day. Relieved I was out of weather that could stop me. The ride back to Lebanon KS was relaxing and enjoyable. Made it back to Lebanon KS for my 3rd time by September 28.

Leg 6:

Final leg. It was mostly good weather, windy through Kansas and eastern Colorado but sunny with perfect temperatures. Going through northern New Mexico when the sun was coming up was stunningly beautiful. Made it to San Ysidro California on September 30. So, I did the True X in 16 days. I felt great, relieved, and glad everything worked out better than I would of planned.

I have done motorcycle trips before. I have ridden from Prudhoe Bay Alaska down to Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego Argentina. What I have learned is to take one day at a time. It is all right to have a goal, as long as I do not expect an outcome. What happens when I start expecting an outcome is I start becoming demanding and impatient. Which leads to frustration and a worn out mind and body.

Heading home:

On the way back from San Ysidro to Mesa AZ the sun was setting, filling my mirrors with an orange glow, there was a lightning storm off to my right, clear sailing ahead. It is moments like this that I live for on a motorcycle, it's like a spiritual experience for me. A great end to a great trip! I left my bike at Mesa AZ at the house and flew back to Fargo ND.

The True X Tour was 10,879 miles for me. Getting to the start and back was another 2,400 miles.

The bike I used is a 2021 BMW RT 1250.

I averaged about 680 miles a day. Never had a problem finding a hotel room for the night.

I used about 280 gallons of gas, costing about 1100 dollars.

I got the idea of the True X Tour by reading about different IBA (iron butt association) rides. This True X intrigued me. I thought about it for 2 years. Finally last spring I became a member of the SCMA.

For me this was a great ride that I will always remember.

-Dave Burkle



Four Corner Finishers

By Dannie Fox
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Chairman
USA Four Corners Tour

Hello SCMA Members,

So far we have 27 Finishers. Most, if not all, registered riders are riding this tour solo. Get your finisher credentials to me as soon as you can as plaques are being ordered.

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.

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Danni Fox

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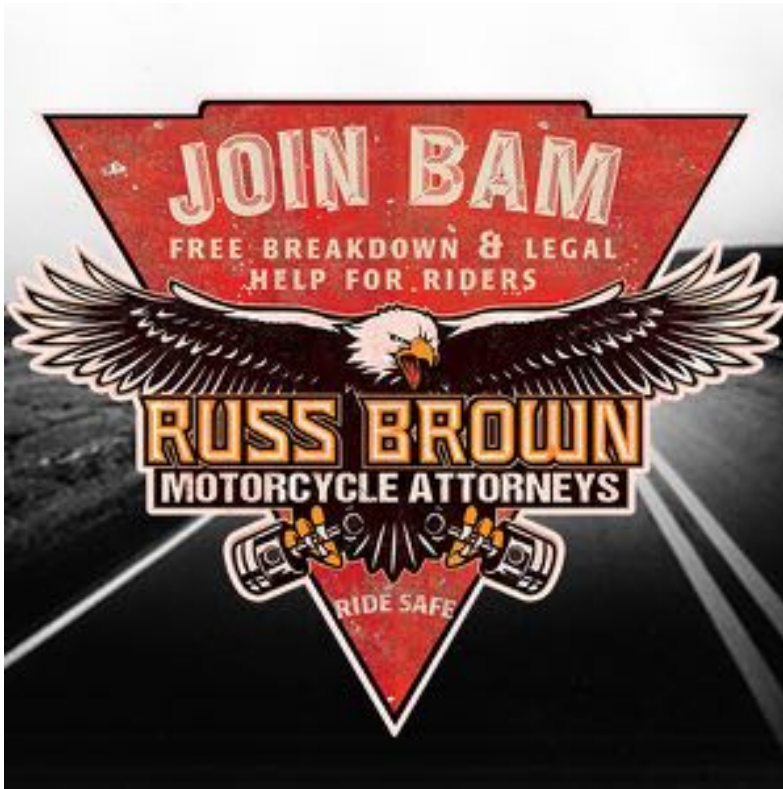
Riding Long Distances Alone And With Friends



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ABOUT BAM

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BAM: Breakdown and Legal Assistance for Motorcyclists

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

Roadside Assistance for Motorcycles

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

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Who's On The Road

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

FINISHER **NEW REGISTRANT**

Best 15 US Roads Riders:

1. Mark Burdick Houston, TX
2. John Mickus Woodland Hills, CA
3. **Charles Lamb Hopewell, VA**
4. **Andy Andresen Newnan, GA**
5. Ken Whetstone West Valley City, UT
6. Thomas Strobbe San Diego, CA
7. Thomas Spearman Mooresville, IN
8. Danny Graham Honolulu, HA
9. Bob Roger Dalton, OH
10. Bella Michel York, SC
11. **Jay Yanick Mercer Island, WA**
12. **Don McFarlane Turlock, CA**
13. **Craig Lanphear Lewisville, CO**
14. **Keith Cromie Livermore, CA**
15. **Doug Wilson Henderson, NV**
16. Noel Henderson, BC CAN
17. **Brian LaFollette, Turlock, CA**





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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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

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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.

The Great Lakes Cabot Trail



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

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

FINISHER NEW REGISTRANT

Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour Riders:

1. **Charles Lamb Hopewell, VA**
2. **Andy Andresen Newnan, GA**
3. **Jeff Kramer Las Cruces, NM**
4. **Richard Pedersen Aloha, OR**
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**
- 10 **Noel Henderson, 150 Mile House, BC CAN**



SCMA - More Than Miles

SCMA
GREAT LAKES CABOT TRAIL TOUR

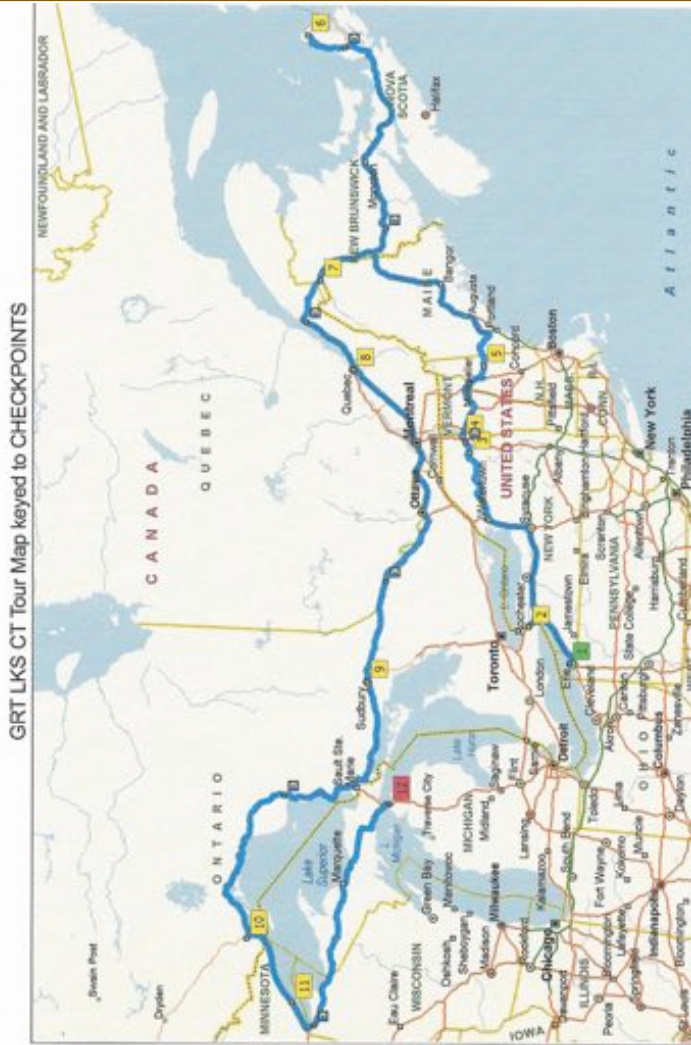
CHECK POINTS:

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, 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.
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 or 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. 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 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.





SCMA - More Than Miles



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, 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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there. For more information go to

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

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