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Chairman's Letter - May 2023

Winter is over and the Spring riding season is going full tilt. I hope you were able to go participate in probably the most popular motorcycle event in the Mexico, the 2023 Mazatlán International Motorcycle Week. All reports said it was a great event. I'm thinking about getting with some like-minded SCMA members and joining the festivities next year.



I am looking forward to riding the AZRatPack 20th Anniversary Tour (5/18 thru 5/21) and the Pasadena Motorcycle Club's 77th Greenhorn ride, May 28. Please go check out these rides and participate. www.azratpack.com and www.pasadenamotorcycleclub.com.

How do you remember and document your rides? I know some folks carry a small notebook and write down a log of every day on the bike, with mileage, gas and food stops, and a summary of the ride. Others take a few pictures and capture summary notes on their phone. Many others who are documenting their ride online for posterity or for an Iron Butt certification uses a combination of a tracker app on their phone and/or a satellite tracker with SpotWalla. The satellite tracker not only leaves "breadcrumbs" of where you have been, even where there is no cell coverage, but provides emergency contact functionality if you ever need it. A tracker app is used to take pictures of odometer readings at gas stops and post on your SpotWalla map for proving positioning for the ride certifications.

We have registered the 46th Three Flags Classic with the help and sponsorship of SpotWalla so our registered riders can document their participation in our event. Rider registration and participation on the SpotWalla site for this event is not required but is optional. It is very interesting for all riders and volunteers to see where the group is on the route. The route will stay on the SpotWalla site so folks can track their participation in the future.

Our annual Board meeting will be held in June followed by a ballot sent to current members for the election of Chairman, Secretary, and Risk Manager. Please watch your inbox for that email.

Please consider riding an SCMA tour this year you that have ridden before or one you have never taken. We have one member who has ridden every 3FC, another who has ridden many USA 4 Corners, others have completed the Best 15 year after year. Every ride is different. "No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and he's not the same man - Heraclitus."

Ride safe and ride often,

Mark Burdick

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- SCMA Chairman

- 2023 Three Flags Classic Chairman

Updating the Long-Distance Motorcycling Checklist

By
Brian Hooker and
Karen Butterfield

Introduction

TRIP:	DATES:		
Southern California Motorcycling Association		Version 2.0, May 2023	
<i>Long Distance Motorcycling Checklist</i> <i>by Steve Shulman, Updated by Brian Hooker and Karen Butterfield</i>			
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<i>Personal Items</i>	<i>Riding Gear Essentials</i>	<i>Riding Essentials</i>	<i>Last Minute Preparations</i>
Prescription Medication	Helmet	Drinking Water	Pay Monthly Bills
Driver's License	Cold Riding Jacket	Earplugs	Pay Insurance Bills
Bike Registration	Light Riding Jacket	Sunglasses	Verify Canadian Insurance
Passport	Rain Jacket / Pants	Sun Block	Buy Mexican Insurance
SCMA Tour Paperwork	Riding Pants	Lip Balm	Check Cell Phone Plan
Maps	Thermal Pants	Roll of Quarters (tolls)	Notify Credit Card Company
Address Book / Passwords	Riding Boots	First Aid Kit	Notify ATM Company
Credit Cards	Leather Gloves	Erasable Marker for	Stop Newspaper
ATM Card	Weather Gloves	Windshield	Stop Mail

Last month we started a series of articles focused on preparation for the Three Flags Classic. Most of the topics are transferable to other rides as well. We promised to provide updates to the guide Steve Shulman created in 2013. You have probably seen it. This link will lead to a PDF file with only the form. You can save it locally for your own use. [Long-Distance Motorcycling Checklist PDF](#).

Why is this important? Long-distance motorcycling can be an exciting and fulfilling adventure, but it requires a lot of preparation and planning to ensure a safe and successful journey. Steve Shulman, a seasoned long-distance rider, has put together a comprehensive checklist for long distance motorcycling known as the SCMA Long Distance Motorcycling Checklist. This checklist covers all aspects of a long-distance motorcycle ride, from bike maintenance to safety gear, and is a valuable resource for any rider embarking on a long-distance journey.

The SCMA Long Distance Motorcycling Checklist includes over 100 items, including critical motorcycle maintenance checks, essential safety gear, and important documents to carry. Some of the items on the checklist include things like tire pressure, oil level, and brake pads, which are all essential to ensuring a safe and smooth ride. Additionally, the checklist includes items like a first aid kit, reflective gear, and a GPS, which can all help to prevent accidents and keep riders safe on the road.

By using the SCMA Long Distance Motorcycling Checklist, riders can feel confident that they are well prepared for their journey. With careful planning and attention to detail, long distance motorcycling can be a safe and enjoyable adventure. Whether you're a seasoned rider or embarking on your first long distance journey, Steve Shulman's checklist is a valuable resource that can help ensure a successful and safe trip.

Full-disclosure - Brian Hooker contributed the last three paragraphs from an AI (Computer Artificial Intelligence) experiment by using ChatGPT and requesting a 3 paragraph article about SCMA Long Distance Motorcycling Checklist by Steve Shulman. It's such a fine description of why this kind of planning is a priority, we thought we would share it.

New To the List

Items added to the list in this version 2.0 are: power bank with connections, a thin strong bag to get items to and from the bike, a pocket flashlight, pictures of important items on your phone, and Mexican insurance. Every trip will not go to across a border, but it's important to remember

to verify your US insurance will cover you Canada and to purchase Mexican insurance for any trip into Mexico.

Power Bank

If you can take a power bank, you will be able to carry it with some small connectors and skip a few larger power converters and cords. I have seen people using power banks for travel in the last few years. Last year I carried a small lightweight GoPro bank that I had and could use to charge my phone, a small camera, a large camera and a Bluetooth ear piece. You can't charge them all at the same time. You need to check the voltage requirements and details of the cords. The charging cable for my small camera has a large converter and about 6 feet of cord. I was happy to leave that cable at home that is much bigger than my pocket-sized camera.



This year I bought a Micro-Start SPORT. It's a power bank and a starter. My Shorai lithium battery does not like to start the bike when it's cold. The Micro-Start which is also lithium will be going inside with me. Yes, there are more little cords that come with each of these.

Thin Strong Bag

The reason I could contribute to the First Time Riders Reference last year is because I had only done the Three Flags Classic once before last year's ride. I had ridden many trips over weekends or one or two weeks, but long days and many miles in a short period of time is "next level." On my first TFC, I underestimated the level of effort involved in getting things off the bike and back on it every day. I would take each saddle bag off and carry them into the hotel one at a time. It was impractical and not necessary for waterproof bags locked on the bike. Saddle bag liners work well for some people, but most nights you only need some items from each bag not the whole contents. Home Depot hardware stores have these large nylon bags to replace the plastic ones for \$2.47. I tried one last year on the TFC and it worked well. It's bigger and stronger than the plastic bags. The loops can go over your shoulder. This wads up really small. It's washable when something goes wrong. Some people also like the IKEA shopping bags that are bigger and heavier.



Pocket Flashlight

I started carrying around a small and very light old headlamp when I am doing night photography. I could wear the elastic strap around my neck and the small light was ready when I needed to adjust the camera. It's helpful to have a small flashlight handy when searching in the saddlebags or otherwise investigating somewhere in the dark like under the seat. My electrician shared the details on a very bright little flashlight he had on a belt loop for dark jobs. You can find it searching for Nebo Keychain Flashlight.



Pictures of Important Papers and Things

Another contribution this year is to take a few pictures of important papers or things and setup a folder for such items on your phone. Some of us don't have the license plate memorized. You need it for paperwork for the TFC and for hotels. A nice picture of your Drivers' License, Passport, insurance paperwork, and bike registration could come in handy as well.



If you have become aware of something cool that makes your trips easier, please share what you have found with stories and pictures and we will make the information available and possibly update the Checklist.

Enjoy the planning process while anticipating your next ride or the 2023 Three Flags Classic ride with 250+ new friends and old friends.

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by Steve Shulman, Updated by Brian Hooker and Karen Butterfield

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Personal Items

Prescription Medication
 Driver's License
 Bike Registration
 Passport
 SCMA Tour Paperwork
 Maps
 Address Book / Passwords
 Credit Cards
 ATM Card
 Cash
 Checkbook
 Medical Card
 Insurance Card
 Hotel Reward Cards
 Credit Card #'s & Lost #'s
 Reading Material
 Reading Glasses
 Book Light
 Stamps

Electronics

Power Bank &
 Connections or
 Chargers for all
 AA/AAA Batteries
 GPS Locator
 GPS clear track log
 GPS load routes &
 waypoints
 Spotwalla setup/test
 Cell Roam Package
 Thumb Drive
 CD Music
 Satellite Radio
 Camera / Charger
 Video / Charger
 Cell Phone / Charger
 Computer / Charger
 iPod / Charger
 iPad / Charger DC

Riding Gear Essentials

Helmet
 Cold Riding Jacket
 Light Riding Jacket
 Rain Jacket / Pants
 Riding Pants
 Thermal Pants
 Riding Boots
 Leather Gloves
 Weather Gloves
 Bandana
 Neck Warmer
 Thin strong bag - get
 items to/from the bike
 Pics of important items

Clothing Essentials

Socks
 Underwear
 Walking Shoes
 Tee Shirts
 Collared Shirt
 Jeans
 Shorts
 Swim wear
 Ball Cap

Toiletries

Shampoo
 Soap
 Toothbrush
 Toothpaste
 Hair Gel
 Hair spray
 Hair Brush
 Cologne
 Shaving Cream
 Razor/Blades
 Q Tips
 Baby Powder
 Towel

Riding Essentials

Drinking Water
 Earplugs
 Sunglasses
 Sun Block
 Lip Balm
 Roll of Quarters (tolls)
 First Aid Kit
 Erasable Marker for
 Windshield

Motorcycle Essentials

Hidden Spare Key
 Tire Gauge
 Tire Plug Kit
 Compressor
 Fuses / Bulbs
 Leatherman
 Flashlight / Charger
 Pocket Flashlight
 Toolkit
 Cleaning Towels
 Windshield Spray
 Cleaning Solution
 Communication Cords
 Bike Cover
 Velcro Straps
 Bungee Cords
 Zip Ties
 Zip Lock Bags

Camping Gear

Tent and Spikes
 Sleeping Bag
 Pad
 Stove, Cooking Gear
 Pillow
 Toilet Paper
 Tissue
 KOA Card / Map

Last Minute Preparations

Pay Monthly Bills
 Pay Insurance Bills
 Verify Canadian Insurance
 Buy Mexican Insurance
 Check Cell Phone Plan
 Notify Credit Card Company
 Notify ATM Company
 Stop Newspaper
 Stop Mail
 Notify Neighbors
 Notify Security Company
 Turn-off, unplug, de-activate
 Update Trust, Will
 Oil Change
 Tire Change
 Check MC battery

On-the-Road Service

Locate shops
 Schedule tire change*
 Schedule oil change*
 *If projected mileage makes
 service necessary

***A Final Note on Last
 Minute Motorcycle
 Service***

Complete major service at
 least a week ahead of your
 trip so that you can get at
 least 100 miles on your
 bike. Over the years we
 have seen a number of
 riders chasing corrective
 adjustments during a tour
 because of a servicing error
 back home. Give yourself
 time to make sure the
 service on your bike was
 done right.

New Product - Dainese Ladakh Jacket

I'm a big fan of product reviews. Part of the game is finding gizmos that make things easier or better somehow and riding gear that provides comfort and more safety. I was talking to Rodney Chew about jackets the other day. We agreed that when you find a jacket you like because it fits and feels good, it's difficult to give it up even when the zipper is just about to come off.

We would love to hear about your favorite things and new finds. Send in your stories any time. Here is my story about a new jacket I just found and bought.

I wore a mostly black jacket with limited venting during last year's Three Flags Classic. Arriving in Mexicali in late August was memorable. The jacket was great most of the time. It had a little bit of stretch with water resistant fabric and a nice rain liner built into the jacket. It was cozy in the cold, but it was not so great in heat. When I kept meeting people who were all wearing gray jackets, I started looking for one of those. The BMW and Revit jackets didn't fit me well. I bought a couple of Dainese jackets a few years ago and I really like the fit and the fabrics. Before these jackets I wore a unisex Cortech suit that was too big for me, which is a bad thing in many ways.



I went to my bike shop to see about ordering one of the other Dainese jackets I had seen that has more vents and some sections with lighter colors. I asked Joe the Parts Manager about jackets. I have known Joe since he used to go by Joey, 20 years ago. He knew about a new model of jacket that didn't come up in my search of the Dainese website.

The Ladakh jacket is Dainese's new jacket style intended for easy adventure riding or urban riding. They have the Dainese D-Dry waterproof membrane liner. I like having more and bigger vents. I often miss wearing an old Hein Gericke leather jacket with vents from my shoulder to my waist. The new jacket is 600D Polyester Oxford fabric with better Level 2 armor. The air vents are on the chest, arms and back. The chest vents flip up a plastic snap like a pocket flap. There are lots of other little features. They swapped the snaps on the zipper flap for Velcro which should save a minute or two when zipping up. I have cursed the snaps on the old jacket many times.

One of the more interesting vents is on the back of the collar. I haven't seen this approach before. I don't know how well this one works in heat yet, but I can't wait to find out. It seems like it could be a great idea. We will see if there is some noise or just a unique airflow.



Ask a GPS Expert

SCMA member Del Banack is an expert with GPS navigation on all kinds of different brands and models. His knowledge comes from vast experience routing his own and group touring rides. He is coordinating the route for this year's TFC. Del is willing to answer any questions you send to him on how to make a particular feature work. He may also need to explain what is and is not possible on the GPS model of interest. Email your questions to Del at banackd@shaw.ca

You can also look forward to asking questions in person at the start of this year's TFC in Puerto Peñasco. Del is on the calendar to share his knowledge in a session on Thursday, August 31, 2023.

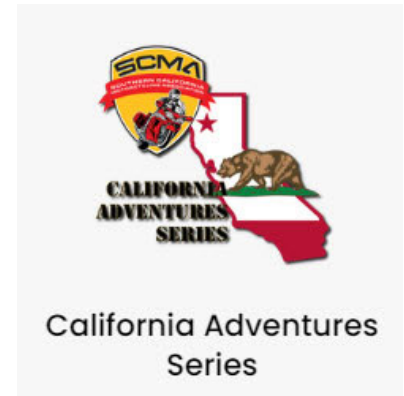


2023 CALIFORNIA ADVENTURES SERIES UPDATE

- May 2023

The California Adventures Series consists of '3' Rides:

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



State Route 89 (Monitor Pass) opens May 12, 2023, latest in 19 years.

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid02tynWkHCVBLEuN7gv5SLhW1t3F6QhHWRoD1sxUY9xQBPFuSgYXcNS3fx2BtngiyYRI&id=100064507907873&mibextid=qC1gEa

Summary lists of roads and destinations are below, and for **all the details** follow this link to the series on scma.com. <https://coyote-heron-7x64.squarespace.com/california-adventures-series>

WHO'S ON THE ROADS THIS YEAR:

* going for the CA Triple Crown

Missions Tour:

1. Shareef Assadiq	Boerme	TX
2. John Parker	Fallbrook	CA
3. Robert Govier *	Santa Ana	CA
4. William Wilson	Camarillo	CA
5. Kenneth Trass	Bowie	MD
6. Albert Wolff *	Napa	CA
7. Michelle De La Cruz	Santa Ana	CA
8. Mitchell Cohen	Santa Ana	CA
9. Matthew Griffin	Yorba Linda	CA
10. Mark Nechodom	W. Sacramento	CA

Parks Adventure:

1. Robert Govier *	Santa Ana	CA
2. Pradeep Kundur	San Ramon	CA
3. Albert Wolff *	Napa	CA
4. Maruthi Emany	San Ramon	CA
5. Rambabu Uppu	San Ramon	CA
6. Ragen Borra	San Ramon	CA
7. William Wilson	Camarillo	CA NEW IN MAY

Roads Challenge:

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|----------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. Robert Govier * | Santa Ana | CA |
| 2. Gary Whitehead | Grand Terrace | CA |
| 3. Ben Greenwood | Laguna Niguel | CA |
| 4. Albert Wolff * | Napa | CA |
| 5. Doug Wilson | Henderson | CA |
| 6. William Wilson | Camarillo | CA |
| 7. Kenneth Whetstone | West Valley City | UT NEW IN MAY |

APRIL UPDATE: Series 'D' Roads, CA-1, Between San Luis Obispo and Carmel, is currently CLOSED due to landslide. Still closed now in May.

California Adventures Series Summary Lists

The California Missions:

1. San Diego de Alcala, San Diego
2. San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo, Carmel
3. San Antonio de Padua, Jolon
4. San Gabriel Arcangel, San Gabriel
5. San Luis Obispo de Tolosa, San Luis Obispo
6. San Francisco de Asis, San Francisco
7. San Juan Capistrano
8. Santa Clara
9. San Buenaventura, Ventura
10. Santa Barbara
11. La Purisima Concepcion, Lompoc
12. Santa Cruz
13. Nuestra Senora de la Soledad, Soledad
14. San Jose, Fremont
15. San Juan Bautista
16. San Miguel Arcangel, San Miguel
17. San Fernando Ray de Espana, San Fernando
18. San Luis Rey de Francia, Oceanside
19. Santa Ines
20. San Rafael Arcangel, San Rafel
21. San Francisco Solano, Sonoma

The California National Parks

1. Cabrillo National Monument
2. Channel Islands National Park
3. Death Valley National Park
4. Devil's Postpone National Monument
5. Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

6. Fort Point National Historic Site
7. Golden Gate National Recreation Area
8. John Muir National Historic Site
9. Joshua Tree National Park
10. Kings Canyon National Park
11. Lassen Volcanic National Park
12. Lava Beds National Park
13. Manzanar National Historic Site
14. Mojave National Preserve
15. Pinnacles National Park
16. Point Reyes National Seashore
17. Redwood National and State Parks
18. Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historic Park
19. San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park
20. Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
21. Sequoia National Park
22. Whiskeytown National Recreation Area
23. Yosemite National Park
24. César Chávez National Monument

California Best 15 Roads

Series A

Northern California:

CA-3 Weaverville to Yreka.

CA-108 Sonora to Junction of CA-395.

CA-120 Junction of CA-108 to Benton.

CA-139 Susanville to Adin.

Gazelle-Callahan / Callahan-Cecilville Rds Gazelle to Cecilville.

Central California:

CA-35 "Skyline Blvd." Junction of CA-92 to Junction of CA-17 (Patchen Pass).

CA-190 Porterville to Kernville.

CA-198 Coalinga to San Lucas.

CA-245 Junction of CA-198 (Visalia) to Junction of CA-180.

Caliente Bodfish Rd. Caliente to Lake Isabella.

Southern California:

Woodford–Tehachapi Rd. Junction of CA-202 to Keen.

CA-33 Junction of CA-150 (Ojai) to Maricopa.

CA-74 Hemet to Palm Desert.

CA-76 Oceanside to Lake Henshaw.

S1 "Sunrise Highway." Junction of I-8 to Junction of CA-79 (Julian).

Series B

Northern California:

CA-4 Angels Camp to Markleeville.

CA-70 Oroville to Quincy.

CA-299 Redding to Arcata.
NF-15 Junction of CA-97 (Macdoel) to Junction of CA-89.
Mattole Rd. Ferndale thru Petrolia & Honeydew to Redcrest.

Central California:

CA-25 "Airline Highway" Junction of CA-198 to Hollister.
CA-168 Big Pine to Junction of CA-266.
CA-178 Junction of CA-14 to Bakersfield.
Santa Rosa Creek – Old Creek Rds. Cambria to Cayucos.
Vineyard Canyon Rd. San Miguel to Parkfield.

Southern California:

CA-38 Redlands to Big Bear Lake.
CA-74 San Juan Capistrano to Lake Elsinore.
CA-94 Campo to Junction of CA-54.
CA-243 Banning to Mountain Center.
Lockwood Valley Rd. Junction of CA-33 to Junction of Frazier Mountain Park Rd.

Series C

Northern California:

CA-89 "Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway" McCloud to Greenville.
CA-36 Red Buff to Fortuna.
CA-1 "Shoreline Highway" Marin City to Leggett.
CA-49 "Golden Chain Hwy" Auburn to Loyalton.
CA-88 "Carson Pass" Jackson to Alpine.

Central California:

CA-49 "Golden Chain Hwy" Oakhurst to Jamestown.
Preach Tree / Indian Valley Rds. San Miguel to Junction of CA-198.
Nacimiento-Fergusson Rd. Fort Hunter-Leggett to Junction of CA-1.
Sherman Pass Junction of Mountain Highway 99 to Junction of US-395.
CA-155 / Granite Rd. Wofford Heights to Junction of James Rd. (Bakersfield).

Southern California:

Foxen Canyon – Tepusquet Rds. Los Olivos to Junction of CA-166.
NF-95 Frazier Park to Junction of CA-166.
CA-18 Big Bear to Junction of CA-210.
Lilac Road Junction of Camino del Rey (Bonsall) to Junction of S6 (Valley Center Rd., East Grove).
S2 "Great Southern Overland Stage Route" Junction of CA-79 to Ocotillo.

Series D

Northern California:

CA-96 Willow Creek to I-5.
CA-44 Redding to CA-36.
CA-29/175 Hopland to Calistoga.
CA-20 Marysville to I-80.
Morman Emigrant Trail Pollock Pines to CA-88.

Central California:

CA-180 "Generals Highway" CA-198 to Kanawyers.
CA-190 Olancha to CA-127.
CA-1 "Cabrillo Highway" Carmel to San Luis Obispo.
G-14 King City to Paso Robles.
CA-58 McKittrick to Santa Margarita.

Southern California:

CA-154 "San Marcos Pass" Santa Barbara to US-101.

CA-150 "Casitas Pass" Santa Paula to US-101.

Amboy/Kelbaker Rd. Twentynine Palms to Baker.

CA-79 Temecula to Santa Isabel.

S22 "Montezuma-Borrego Hwy/Borrego Saltón Seaway" Hwy 2 to CA-86

Have questions? Contact Les Gullery, Ride Chair for the California Adventures Series at adventures@scma.com .

Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour (GLCTT) Update - May 2023

2023 Registrants of the GLCTT

1. **Ken Trass**, Bowie, Maryland
2. **Gary Ballou**, Gahanna, Ohio
3. **Charles Lamb**, North Prince George, Virginia
4. **Mark Burdick**, Houston, Texas
5. **Dennis Mitchell**, Fort Myers, Florida
6. **Trina Williams**, Los Angeles, California
7. **Susan Bithell**, Ivins, Utah
8. **Rick Lane**, Newport Beach, California
9. **James Valentine**, Capistrano Beach, California (new registrants in blue)



For more details on the GLCTT tour –
www.sc-ma.com/great-lakes-cabot-trail-tour

2023 Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour Checkpoints

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 Brenton 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

For further clarification or questions about this event, contact **Bob Roger**, Chairman, Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour, at either (330) 857-8131 or email to GLCTT@sc-ma.com or rsroger03@gmail.com .

46th 3Flags Classic Update – May 2023

We have 74 tickets remaining for this year's Three Flags Classic. The final ticket sales date is July 31, 2023, unless we sellout before then. We all are going to enjoy the ride, touring with old and new friends, and all the festivities - you won't want to miss it! If you have a riding buddy who is considering making the tour this year, please encourage them to get a ticket now and experience the event. I hear people say that they never had any idea how great the Three Flags event is and wish they had started riding it sooner.



Please grab your passport and make sure that it won't expire until six months after your return to your country. The six-month rule is the preferred scenario. There are cases where certain passports traveling across borders by land need only be valid through the trip dates. Airline travel typically enforces the six-month rule in all cases. I personally did not know this requirement last summer when I was not allowed to board a plane for a two-week trip to Germany. You can research the details. It might be best to renew and avoid more research or a debate at a border crossing. There are expedite procedures you can use now to get your new passport if you need one but you got to do it NOW.

Covid travel restrictions are being lifted on May 12 for Canadians entering the US by motorcycle/car. No restrictions are in place for entry into Mexico, to the US from Mexico or for entry into Canada.

The 3FC committee is very busy with working on making sure this year's event is one of the best. There is a lot of work-in-progress by folks running the start, checkpoints, and finish. The committee is finalizing the designs for hats, t-shirts, and buckles so production may start.

Please watch your inbox Friday for the latest Registered Rider tour document that I will be sending out. It will contain the most current "one stop" information for planning your ride. I do expect changes to the route to be included in this release also. It is also important to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible due to the demand of the general public traveling during the weekend we are riding.

I hope you are out enjoying the beginning of the riding season. I look forward to seeing you at the starting festivities in August in Puerto Peñasco!

Cheers,

Mark Burdick

Three Flags Classic Update – March 2023

Don't miss out on a great Three Flags Classic this year - 166 riders already signed up! <https://www.sc-ma.com/the-three-flags-classic>

Since we opened registration on January 16, 166 riders have signed up for the 2023 46th Three Flags Classic. We have already sent start and finish hotel registration information to those riders. We should have our checkpoint hotels and overflow hotel arrangements in place by March 15.

Our "Routemaster", Del Banack, has designed a unique route that will be fun to ride. Once we finalize the checkpoint hotels, we can publish the route and GPS files. I will release an e-Blast with the known details at that time. This year, all the e-Blasts will be cumulative and have all the information released about the ride available at that time. No more looking for separate notes for relevant trip planning information. The hotel registration information and discount codes will be release only to registered riders.



The registration will close on August 1, 2023. If there are any remaining rooms left in our blocks held for riders, participating hotels will release them. Please remember that this tour is limited to 300 riders. Also, do not wait until later this spring/summer and try to find rooms on the tour. Many vacationers have rediscovered the great American road trip and are avoiding flying. Hotel occupancy rates and prices have greatly increased due to demand.

The 2023 46th Three Flags Classic Start Banquet and day one of Rider Check-In is Wednesday, August 30. You will pick-up your SCMA passport in Rider Check-In on this day, preferably.

We will continue late arrival rider Check-In Thursday and use this day for "relaxing, re-hydrating, having fun, and recovering." SCMA is planning optional workshops where you may choose to participate, such as the First Time Rider's briefing, GPS Programming, and other sessions to be announced. We will also have information posted in the lobbies where you can find out about optional activities you may want to do like fishing, water sports, massages, etc. in addition to just hanging out at the pools/restaurants/bars talking to the other riders about bikes, gear, and touring. We are working with the local Puerto Peñasco Fire Department to host fundraising bike washes at the host hotels. We will also have the great bike mechanics and service team from Mexicali returning this year to support any work you need done. Details to follow.

The TFC will start Friday morning 4AM to 8AM September 1st. The US Border opens at 6AM.

2023 46th Three Flags Classic overview:

Aug 30: Wednesday - Rider Check-In and Start Banquet

Aug 31: Thursday - Rest, recover, re-hydrate and have fun day!

Sep 01: Friday - Puerto Peñasco, Mex - START

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Sep 01: Friday - Kanab, UT - Checkpoint 1

Sep 02: Saturday - Idaho Falls, ID - Checkpoint 2

Sep 03: Sunday - Sandpoint, ID - Checkpoint 3

Sep 04: Monday - Calgary, Can - FINISH

Sep 05: Tuesday - Calgary, Can - Finish Banquet

I want to thank all the volunteers on the committee for the hard work they have done to date to plan a tour that will be remarkable and will live up to the experience of the past tours.

I hope to see you all in Puerto Peñasco on August 30. I should add that some riders are planning to come in a little early before we start. It is a great spot to visit and enjoy the sights and people of this friendly town on the "Sea of Cortez." Your hotel discount codes will apply for these earlier days too.

Mark Burdick
Chairman, 2023 46th Three Flags Classic committee and SCMA



Puerto Peñasco planning session in January 2023. Les Gullery, Karen Butterfield, Oscar Palacio, Mark Burdick, Rodney Chew

USA Four Corners Tour Update – May 2023

The USA Four Corners Tour™ is the most challenging SCMA ride to specific destinations in the Four Corners of the United States in 21 days or less: San Ysidro, CA; Blaine, WA; Madawaska, ME; and Key West, FL; using any route and sequence you desire. You do not have to return to the first corner to finish the event.

The ride is approximately 7,000 miles (depending on your route), not including your travel to the first corner and your ride home from your final corner.

The True X version of the tour is to ride from one of the Four Corners of the United States to the geographical center of the country in Lebanon, Kansas. Then ride to one of the remaining three corners and back to Lebanon, Kansas. Then ride to one of the two remaining corners and then back to Lebanon, Kansas and finally ride to the fourth corner to complete the ride in 26 days or less.



The details and registration for this ride are here - <https://www.sc-ma.com/usa-four-corners-tour>

The riders currently signed up to ride in 2023 are listed below.

APRIL UPDATE: Before starter boxes can be mailed out, we need the Release of Liability (ROL), shirt size, sleeve length (short or long sleeve); the year, make, and model of the motorcycle to be ridden on the Tour; age and birthdate for bragging rights after completing the Tour.

Tony Campbell should be back in Maine by 30 July after riding the Four Corners this year. He is offering up a place to stay for riders and some northern hospitality. He is 200 miles south of Madawaska in Bangor and reachable at this phone number 207-852-8509.

2023 Registrants

RIDER #	First Name	Last Name	City & State
1	Shareef	Assadiq	Boerne, TX
2	BJ	Hallquist	New Bern, NC
3	Carl	Harris	Hopewell, VA
4	Anthony	Campbell	Kenduskeag, ME
5	Dean	Aukes	Sherman, TX
6	Gary	Ballou	Gahanna, OH
7	Harry	Knerr	Blandon, PA
8	Dan	McGee	Rockwall, TX
9	James	Hawkins	Newnan, GA
10	Avril	Phillips	Stockbridge, GA
11	Rudy	Payne	Huntsville, AL
12	Bryan	Bailey	Auburn, WA
13	Joel	Evans	Fairview, TX
14	James	Salter	Ingram, TX
15	Lee	Roberts	Dallas, TX
16	Melisha	Cilien	Lakeland, FL
17	Gary	McDowell	Manchester, GA

18	Ansel	Whatley	Cataula, GA	
19	Kim	Mack	Terrell, TX	
20	Robert	Barker	Hampden, ME	
21	Sinco B.	Steendam	Old Saybrook, CT	
22	Ralfie	Fonseca	Milford, CT	
23	William	Hayes, II	Old Saybrook, CT	
24	David	Allen	Providence, RI	
25	Edward	Monsour	Laguna Niguel, CA	
26	Don	Later	Burlington, WI	
27	Paul	Whelan	St. Augustine, FL	
28	Jack	Winternheimer	Evansville, IN	
29	Randy	Lepper	Webb City, MO	
30	Michael W.	Robson	Anmore, BC Canada	
31	Kent	Forsythe	Duck Creek Village, UT	
32	Victor N.	Daly	Red Deer, AB Canada	
33	Mark	Netti	Reno, NV	
34	Greg	Strickland	Metter, GA	
35	Dean	Seigrist	Santa Maria, CA	
36	Ron	Carreira	Springvale, ME	NEW IN MAY
37	Thomas	Franks	Farmington, NM	NEW IN MAY
38	Charlie	Wojcik	Fairfax, VA	NEW IN MAY
39	Charles	Lamb	N Prince George, VA	NEW IN MAY
40	Bill	Waller	Louisville, KY	NEW IN MAY

2022 Registrants in Their 2nd Year

First Name	Last Name	City & State
Lyle	Cooper	Middleboro, MA
Charles	Lamb	North Prince George, VA
Thomas	Franks	Farmington, NM

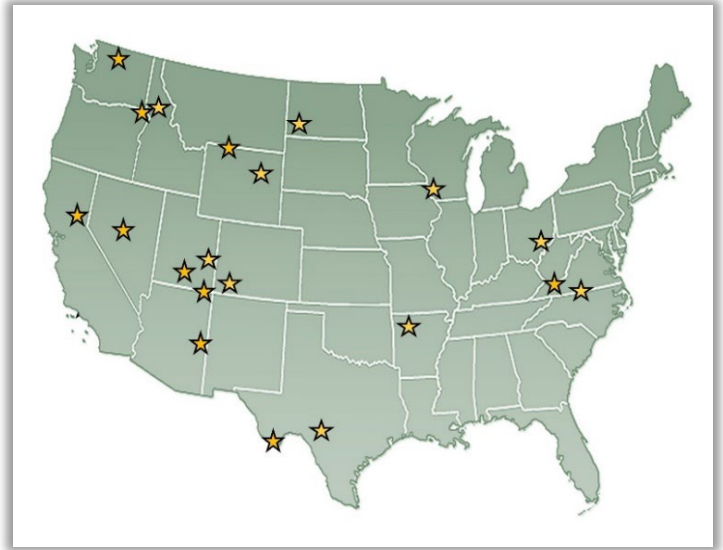
Have questions? Contact Dannie Fox, Chair, USA Four Corners Tour™ at usa4c@sc-ma.com

[Also visit our USA Four Corners Tour™ Facebook page.](#)

Best 15 US Roads Challenge (B15) Update – May 2023

2023 Registrants of the B15

1. **Ken Trass**, Bowie, Maryland
2. **Albert Wolff**, Napa, California
3. **Carl Harris**, Hopewell, Virginia
4. **James Bowen**, Centennial, Colorado
5. **Charles Lamb**, North Prince George, Virginia
6. **Jeff Kramer**, Las Cruces, New Mexico
7. **Bob Roger**, Dalton, Ohio
8. **Mark Burdick**, Houston, Texas
9. **Noel Henderson**, 150 Mile House, BC, Canada
10. **Ken Whetstone**, West Valley City, Utah
11. **Thomas Strobbe**, San Diego, California
12. **Bella Michel**, York, South Carolina
13. **Edward Monsour**, Laguna Niguel, California
14. **Tone Handy**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
15. **Lynn Jackson**, Hopkinsville, Kentucky
16. **Jay Yanick**, Mercer Island, Washington
17. **Tameka Singleton**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
18. **Steven Jackson**, Lindon, Utah
19. **Rick Lane**, Newport Beach, California
20. **James Valentine**, Capistrano Beach, California (new registrants in green)



For more details on the B15 tour – <https://www.sc-ma.com/best-15-us-roads-challenge>

2023 Best 15 U.S. Roads Challenge

1. **Blue Ridge Parkway Virginia and/or North Carolina** - Any 150 mile segment.
This ONE is required ... to get you east of the Mississippi River!
2. **Pig Trail Arkansas Rt23** - Ozark to Eureka Springs - 80 miles.
3. **Twisted Sisters Texas RR335** - RR36 RR337 - 155 miles.
4. **Big Bend National Park Texas US385** - Ross Maxwell Scenic Drive Maverick Drive to Santa Elena Canyon - 33 miles out and 33 back.
5. **Coronado Trail Arizona US191** - Three Way to Springerville - 130 miles.
6. **Monument Valley Arizona US163** - Kayenta to Mexican Hat - 43 miles.
7. **San Juan Skyway Colorado CO-145** - Cortez to Placerville - 83 miles.
8. **Dinosaur Diamond Prehistoric Highway Utah UT128** - Moab to I-70 - 45 miles.
9. **Grand Staircase Escalante NM Utah UT12** - Torrey to Bryce Canyon exit - 102 miles.
10. **Loneliest Road in America Nevada US50** - Ely to Fernley - 285 miles.
11. **Feather River Scenic Byway California CA70** - Quincy to Oroville - 79 miles.
12. **Northern Cascades Highway Washington WA20** - Concrete to Okanogan - 148 miles.
13. **WA129/OR3** - Clarkston Washington to Enterprise Oregon - 84 miles.
14. **Lolo Trail US12** - Lewiston Idaho to Lolo Montana - 206 miles.
15. **Beartooth Pass/ Chief Joseph Scenic Byway US212/WY296** - Red Lodge Montana to Cody Wyoming - 112 miles.
16. **Bighorn Scenic Byway Wyoming US14** - Greybull to Ranchester - 80 miles.
17. **Theodore Roosevelt National Park** - Medora North Dakota Park Loop - 35 miles.
18. **Great River Road Wisconsin WI-35** - LaCrosse to Prairie du Chien - 63 miles.
19. **Triple Nickel Ohio OH555** - Zanesville to Little Hocking - 62 miles.
20. **Back of the Dragon Virginia VA16** - Tazewell to Marion - 32 miles.

It's still the Best 15 US Roads Challenge, but with a little twist for 2023. There are 20 roads listed, all of which have been on a Best 15 US list over the past twelve years. **Number One above, the Blue Ridge Parkway, is the only Road that must be included on your list.** The registrant can choose 14 of the remaining 19 roads to complete his/her list of Best 15 US Roads for the Ride Log. I have included all of these roads on one continuous loop around the country so that 20 roads could be ridden. Ride 15, or ride'em all, it's up to the ride planner. Just remember to include the BRP! 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 or rsroger03@gmail.com .

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