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From the Chairman - August 2023

Everyone is out riding now! Be sure to get the latest Ride details in this newsletter. Yes, it is hot but we love riding, in all conditions, vs sitting on the couch watching tv in the conditioned air. We would have chosen another sport if we were content with short activities, little exposure to the elements, and avoiding the ever-present challenges of the road. We know why dogs love sticking their heads out of car windows and the enjoyment of a great meal and adult beverage after a long day in the saddle. My non-riding acquaintances tilt their heads and have the look of disbelief when they try to relate to my explanations of why long-distance riding is so great.

All the SCMA and CMA volunteers are focused on final preparations of the 46th Three Flags Classic. It's going to be great! I'm doing what every other registered rider is doing - prepping my bike, finalizing my trip planning to and from the 3FC, and my packing list. I got a little extra time off from work (miracle) to ride our Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour after the 3FC finish. GLCTT was designed by Bob Roger who also is the Chair for the Best 15. The GLCTT is a well thought out tour with many unique places on the route to experience. I'm adding an optional side trip thru Prince Edward Island with bridges over long stretches of water, horrifying, but I'll do it anyway. I've never ridden in northeastern North America and I can't wait to see it. I'm riding the Arcadia National Park while I'm there and eating my weight in lobster and clam chowder in Bar Harbor.

The only thing better than to be out riding solo is to bring a friend or three along with you who are new to the sport and life style. Our sport is not Saturday afternoon pickle ball. It takes desire, skill, time, toughness, money, and an understanding family to enjoy long distance touring. Please consider passing your love of the sport on to other people to join us - they will be grateful you did.

I'll see you all in Puerto Peñasco Wednesday August 30, for check-in for the 46th Three Flags Classic. Please plan to get out of the HOT Sonoran Desert in Arizona/Mexico and arrive early. After you cross the Lukeville border crossing stop at the Rest Stop and grab a cold refreshment and cool off before you head for the hour drive to Puerto Peñasco. Don't be that rider who crosses the border at 2pm in the hottest part of the day. It is much better to arrive at noon at the Playa Bonita Resort, do rider check-in, and then hang out with old and new friends at the Pool/bar and relax before the Start Banquet. You will be glad you did!

Ride safe and ride often,

Mark Burdick

Chairman, Southern California Motorcycling Association

It's the People - August 2023

By Karen Butterfield, Editor SCMA Newsletter

"It's about the people," is one of the concepts I learned when I was working at a large heavy manufacturing company just after college. A large percentage of the workforce there spent their entire career working at one of the facilities. Quarterly service awards were a big deal and they were noticeably absent in other places I worked later on. When one of the 35+ years of service people retired, he was asked why he stayed so long. His first response was, "It's about the people." That phrase became the moniker for presentations and strategic planning for years. Sure, there are other factors that keep people in organizations, but I think this part is universal. I have always figured that the reason people show up at club meetings, volunteer events, sports activities, and workplaces it's to see their friends and other people they admire who are like them.

We want to cover rider stories in this newsletter and we have some tales to share in this issue about riders of the **Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour**, riders of the **California Adventure Series**, and people devoted to the **Four Corners Challenge**. We have more stories queued up for later and many chances to gather more in the upcoming Three Flags Classic ride. The ride chairs are collecting stories. Be sure to send in your input.

Every month in the newsletter you can find an update of registrants on each of the SCMA rides and who has finished.

Here is a summary of the current numbers, which is changing daily. For the names registered, all finisher names, and more details on each ride, see the links in the email below.

	Registrants for 2023	Finishers in 2023	Reported this month
California Adventure Series			
Missions	10	2	1 - Robert Govier
Parks	7	1	1 - Robert Govier
Roads	8	1	1 - Robert Govier
Triple Crown (all three)	3	1	1 - Robert Govier
Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour	12	5	5 – Trina Williams, Susan Bithell, Rick Lane, James Valentine, John Barrow
Three Flags Classic			Starts 8/30/23 about 200 involved
USA Four Corners Tour	62 people	31	10 – Jeff Hallquist, Anthony Campbell, Harry Knerr, Lee Roberts, Kim Mack, Robert Barker, Michael W. Robson, Greg Strickland, Lyle Cooper, Dave Bennett
Best 15 US Roads Challenge	20	7	6 – Carl Harris, Tone Handy, Lynn Jackson, Tameka Singleton, Rick Lane, James Valentine

Four Corners Park in Madawaska, Maine – August 2023

Bob Roger mentioned he read the history of the Four Corners Park located in Madawaska, Maine on their website <https://madawaskafourcorners.org/> recently. He thought I might find it interesting and a possible topic for a newsletter story – understatement of the year, so far. The park is the only one in the world dedicated to long-distance motorcycle riding. Madawaska is one of the required destinations for riders of the SCMA Four Corners Tour. Four Corners Park is located in northern Maine.

The park's origin story speaks of the vision, purpose, creativity, persistence, and heart of the founder Joe LaChance, his wife Diane, the organization's board and all the supporters including SCMA's Charlie Lamb. I have included the park history from the website in this article with a link to the history page. I encourage you to follow the link also provided to watch the video that shows the creation of the park.

After you read the Four Corners Park history on the next page, you will understand part of the significance of the partnership of Joe LaChance and Charlie Lamb shown in this photo. You can also hear some of the park background in this video that was recently posted on our brand-new SCMA YouTube channel. Joe and Charlie share stories at about the 41-minute mark in this video from the 2013 SCMA Awards and Appreciation Banquet. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFeLCRV1FdU>



There are other notable stories in this video. It has the highlights of the banquet presentations. Back to the Four Corners Park. It's a destination for riders from out of state and way out of state. It has its own guided and certified tour of the area for cars, motorcycles and walkers, taken by visitors from near and far, promoting tourism broadly.

This park has been referenced in the SCMA newsletter in the recent past. Some of you may have seen the letter to Friends and Park Contributors proposal for the Welcome Center completed in 2017 that is also included here. I think the background of the park is so unique and revealing of the tenacity that is required to complete the Four Corners tour that is also present in those who meet that challenge.

Joe LaChance and Charlie Lamb

Four Corners Park Madawaska, Maine

- Park History

Our Beginning - A place to take your feet off the pegs and relax for a while.

People across the USA and the world over visit the Madawaska Four Corners Park to enjoy the view and facilities, wondering how all this came about. Here's our story...

In 2000, after finishing the SCMA USA Four Corners Tour with my wife Diane, I wanted to bring tourism to northern Maine by popularizing the SCMA tour. What would bring people so far north? As an AMA member, I wanted to protect the future of motorcycling and promote the motorcycle lifestyle. What better way than by creating the only motorcycle park in the world honoring long-distance riders?

By 2004, interested members of the community organized a meeting and I presented a plan. Many approved and saw value in it but were afraid that it would never get off the ground. I had to convince them the plan was solid and would succeed. We contacted Fraser Papers who had a piece of land next to McDonald's on Main Street and asked if they could donate the parcel for our cause. On a handshake, we started raising funds to buy a 12-foot-tall granite monument costing \$10,000. We purchased the monument and installed it on the donated land. Unfortunately, a few months later, Homeland Security contacted us and announced that they were taking that parcel of land to build a new border crossing (which they did, 10 years later).

Devastated but not ready to give up, we convinced our postmaster Dick Deschaine to let us temporarily install the monument in front of the post office, but that still left us without an actual park. The Town came to the rescue and offered us a piece of land for back taxes. I assembled a group of civic-minded individuals and create a non-profit organization (501 (c) (3)). With a proper board and all the legal documents in place, I brought up the offer the Town had made to sell us the land. I then partnered with one of the directors and purchased the land for \$4800 with the stipulation that the association would repay us when funds would come available.

In 2008, I contacted Ed Pelletier and Sons, a local construction company if they could, in some way, help us provide machinery to help us build the park. "What do you need?" they asked. Within days they were on site with bulldozers, dump trucks, pay loaders, and manpower donating their time and machinery to cart away the rubble and grade the grounds. Until that time, the Madawaska Four Corners Park was not a reality. Volunteers came from all over and worked long hours installing a base for the monuments, flagpoles, signage, and the substructure and frame for the fountain. Electricians and plumbers donated time to wire and plumb the park. My dream was now a reality.

In 2012, Charles Lamb from Richmond, VA, (a habitual visitor of the park and one of our benefactors), challenged me to raise \$35,000 towards buying the abandoned building adjacent to the park. We need the parking space. If I raised \$35,000, he would donate \$35,000. I took the challenge and started a massive fundraising drive. The Madawaska Four Corners Park finally collected \$35,900 to match Charles's contribution. When I proudly called him that we had succeeded he said, "Joe, the check is in the mail."

So, we bought the land and the condemned house but the task of clearing the land was a challenge. We did not want to ask Ed Pelletier to do more work than they had already done so we offered the vacant building to the Four Seasons Lodge, another nonprofit organization who needed material to build a garage they badly needed. Once the building was dismantled, the ground was prepared and paved, and we had our new parking lot.

In 2017, with the generosity of the community and visitors through fundraisers, donations, and the kindness of local contractors we were able to construct a well-needed Welcome Center that houses a handicap-accessible

restroom, a tourist/information center, and a boutique that offers Four Corners Park merchandise and Maine Souvenirs.

If you would like to help a small group of individuals, in a small town, dedicated to bringing tourists to Northern Maine, donations can be sent to Madawaska Four Corners Park Association, P.O. Box 261, Madawaska Maine 04756. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

Madawaska Four Corners Park Association,

www.madawaskafourcorners.org

We are a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization

Please indicate if you would like a receipt for tax purposes

The History of Four Corners Park

https://madawaskafourcorners.org/about-us_trashed/park-history/

The creation of the Madawaska Four Corners Park on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJcwdj_Al58&t=9s

The Photo and Video Gallery page

https://madawaskafourcorners.org/about-us_trashed/photos-videos/



Four Corners rider John Barrow with Joe LaChance during a recent visit to Four Corners Park

To Our Friends and Park Contributors

More background on the impact of the park from the Welcome Center proposal – completed in 2017.

How do we, as Americans, wish to be represented?

Canadian and international tourists entering the United States from the Saint John River Bridge suffer a first impression of Madawaska, Maine as a drab mill town. With the Three-River Paper mill looming on either side of the road (a visually off-putting sight that, from the viewpoint of tourism, does little to recommend our town as a stopover), these international tourists will, within a few minutes, get a second impression of us that we are working hard to cultivate.

On leaving the river bank from either of two exit roads, this factory-town impression is quickly extinguished by the sight of the magnificent arch over Madawaska's Four Corners Part...welcoming tourists with a vista of flowers, a gushing fountain refreshing the air, picnic facilities in shaded gazebos and, more entertaining still, hundreds of engraved pavers to our Acadian forebears and to the (motorcyclists) pioneers of the open road.

As President and founder of the Madawaska Four Corners Park, a member of the SCMA (Southern California Motorcycling Assoc.) as well as the former member of the Aroostook County Tourism Board and the recipient of the Maine Governor's Award for Creativity in tourism, I recognize that we need to do more for our new found friends from down-state, out-of-state, and from across the border in Canada. If we can immediately get down to brass tacks with a rather crude illustration, this is one of the problems we have to tackle:

While our existing facilities have proved tolerable in the past, a single toilet dump is not reflective of the esteem in which we hold our visitors. For European and Asian tourists entering the United States from Canada in particular, the park if their first impression of American hospitality and neighborliness before they travel down-state, lavishing money into the local economies of Maine and beyond. For these people, who already feel out-of-place in a foreign country, a smelly toilet dump is not how we want them to remember their visit to America.

As such, with your help, we wish to build a more proper accommodation for their physical comfort and to excite their spendthrift inclinations while on vacation, in short: a "Welcome Information Center," where they can learn more about the area and our history and our tourist attractions. The cost of this project is estimated at \$21,000 for a building sized at 14 x 24 feet, including full restroom facilities with actual sewer installation.

From its earliest beginnings to the present, the park serves to bring a much-needed influx of tourists to bolster what is still a dwindling economy. At its most basic, the park shows the disheartened residents of Madawaska that, if we all work together, we can save our little town. With the generosity of good people who make charitable contributions to worthwhile projects, we are sure to reach our goal.

The full details of this project, including a floor plan, are included with this proposal. In addition, should you require more information on how and why this park evolved into and internationally know institution drawing tourists from Europe and Asia, I invite you to click on our website in order to see pictures and visitor acknowledgements of what we've accomplished so far. Our website is www.madawaskafourcorners.org

In closing: We, who serve on the Madawaska Four Corners Park Committee, trust that you will see the value in our proposal, not only in serving this remote town in the most northern reached of the state and country, but in helping the local economies throughout the state. For this, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your consideration. With your help, we can make the "Welcome Information Center" a reality.

Donations can be sent to Madawaska Four Corners Park Assoc. P.O. Box 261 Madawaska, Maine 04756.

P.S. The Madawaska Four Corners Park is a 501c (3) non-profit organization. A receipt for your donation will be sent to you via e-mail or snail mail upon request. All donors of \$100 or more will have their names put on a plaque at the entrance of the Center. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

Thank You for considering The Welcome Information Center at the Madawaska Four Corners Park, for your donations.

Sincerely Presented

Park President and Founder

Joe LaChance

4 Ladies Meet Up and Complete the Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour

By Karen Butterfield and 4 Riders

I heard from Bob Roger right after he certified two women finishers of the Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour (GLCTT). The ride chairs for the SCMA tours and I are interested in telling rider stories. These riders had posted some pictures on the GLCTT Facebook page and Bob thought maybe they would want to say more about the story. I was optimistic they would be willing to share a few paragraphs and some pictures. I asked and they responded with gusto. Here are some stories and a portion of the photos they shared on an impressive trip that reunited long-time friends, started with covering many miles before getting to the GLCTT, consumed more than a month of riding time and months of planning from different locations before taking off. This was going to be a long ride with many things to see and do on the list.

These four riders are all members of the SoCal Chrome Divas which is part of the international organization riding in North America. **Michelle Kluth** and **Trina Williams** (also SCMA) who are still living in Los Angeles, left 5/27/23 for Ivins, Utah to pick up **Susan Bithell** (also SCMA), then on to Brazil, Indiana to get **Beth Simon** before all headed northeast toward the Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour. Group ride!

I suggested telling the most memorable moments and times of improvisation. The riders share their experience with a few pictures. I put together a page of some of the bike shots I liked.

Michelle Kluth – 2021 Triumph Tiger GT – 9189 miles

1 Harley, 1 Triumph, 1 BMW, 1 Spyder, 4 Retired Ladies, 21 Hotels, 33 Days (4 rest days)
794 Gallons of Gas, 32,701 Miles

What could go wrong? Surprisingly Little! 0 - Tickets/Flats/Breakdowns/Bike drops!



Left to right:
Trina Williams,
Susan Bithell,
Michelle Kluth,
Beth Simon



Trina Williams - 2018 Harley Street Glide – 9261 miles

It started off with two of us leaving California (Trina and Michelle) to pick up Susan in Utah. We then traveled to Grand Junction, Colorado; Limon, Colorado; Concordia, Kansas; and Hannibal, Missouri, where along the way we visited Casey, Illinois, a town that had the large rocking chair, seesaw, bird cage, etc. We then moved onto Brazil, Indiana where we met Beth coming from Kentucky. The next stop was Mansfield, Ohio. Along the way we stopped at Brighton Bridge and Crooks covered Bridge. We were surprised at how much we liked looking for the old covered bridges. Our next stop was Lockport, New York. Along the way was Perry Monument and Niagara Falls on the way to Lake Placid. We were exhausted and decide to stay for three nights instead of two. This meant that we had to rearrange all of our other hotel stays and stops. (Note to other riders to plan 250 miles, at most 300-mile days on long trips).



Crooks Bridge
Cross this Bridge at a Walk

Our next stop was North Conway, New Hampshire, we did the Whiteface Mountain and Lake Champlain Ferry crossing. During our stops, we had to deal with the smoke from the Canadian fires. We then moved on to Bangor, Maine but we were not able to take more scenic byways other than Kancamagus Scenic Byway due to the rains. We were able to go to the Maple Factory and the Dog Chapel. We finally made it to Canada and stayed in St John. We then crossed the Confederation Bridge to PEI (Prince Edward Island). We did not stay on the Island since we stayed in Lake Placid for three nights, but we did ride across the island to the Northumberland Ferry to Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

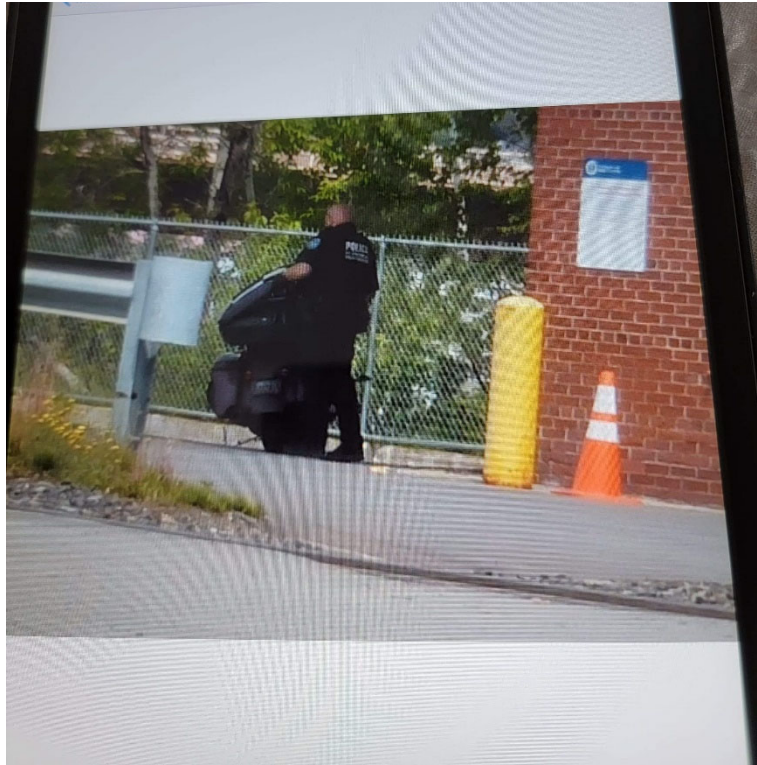
We started our Cabot Trail ride the next morning. We stopped for lunch at a midway point on the Cabot Trail where we had great seafood lunch. We were not impressed by Cabot Trail since we have HWY 1. We stayed one more night in Antigonish and had to move on the next day to Grand Falls, Canada which was about 418 miles. This long day was due to our extra day in Lake Placid and we needed to get to Ottawa to have our bikes serviced. After an exhausting day's ride to Grand Falls, where along the way we went to Four Corners Park which meant crossing the border back to the US, I was searched by border patrol. We were very excited to go to Quebec. It was very rainy and there were lots of road and bridge construction, so we took the ferry and walked around the old city until everything closed except the pubs. This is where we would have liked to have stayed an extra day in Quebec, but we had to move on because we made bike maintenance reservations. (Note to other riders. Don't make so many reservations, just play it by ear We could have stopped at the world's largest covered bridge in Canada but didn't have the time).



White Mountain National Forest – Big Rock



Four Corners Park Madawaska Maine



Searched crossing into the US

We then pushed on to Montreal but could not stop because the traffic was horrible. We found out later there was a Grand Prix Formula 1 race, so all the traffic was pushed to the freeways. We got out of there. We then pushed on to Ottawa where we were scheduled to have our bikes serviced and met up with the Ottawa Chrome Divas. We had dinner with them and they helped us get back to our hotel. We stayed one more day in Ottawa in the bed, exhausted. The next day we headed to Sudbury to take a picture of the Canadian Nickel then to Kakabeka Falls where we also took pictures, then onto Minneapolis, Minnesota where we stayed for two days. I went to Paisley Park, Prince's house, Beth went to go visit her sister-in-law and the rest stayed in bed. We then headed to Kirksville, Missouri, and said good bye to Beth who lives in Kentucky. The rest of us headed home to Utah and California. We decided at that point we were going to cancel all of our existing hotel reservations and travel about 250 miles a day. It was slow going home but we all made it home safely. Note to other riders. Be careful where you stay and make sure the city surrounding your hotel is in a decent area. Also, if you find a hotel brand that you like and is within your budget then try to stick with that hotel brand. We had problems with some hotel brands but we liked the Hilton brands. Hampton Inn had the best breakfast. They were a little pricey but the quality was consistent across the country.

Susan Bithell - 2022 BMW R1250GS – 8251 miles

Every year our group, members of the SoCal Chapter of the Chrome Divas (a ladies only national riding group), plan a long-distance ride. We start formulating this ride at the beginning of the year; meticulously planning routes, stops and hotels over the course of many months. As several of us are retired, we decided to something audacious and epic, because why not! We considered several options but when we saw the Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour challenge we were hooked! The ride would take three of us from the southwest US to the northeast of Canada and roads we have never ridden. Along the way we would pick up Beth who now resides in Kentucky. Unlike other rides, this one gives you the luxury of time which meant we could do the route on our schedule plus stop to see other sites along the way.

Looking back on the tour the standout moments included riding the backroads of New England, especially route 112 through the White Mountains of New Hampshire. We spent the night at the charming Swiss Chalet Hotel in North Conway. Quebec - both the Province and the City were beautiful. The history of the area, the old buildings and French culture made this stop intriguing. Northern Michigan was gorgeous. We found a

wonderful Polish restaurant called Legs that was a short ride from Mackinaw City. After dinner we rode the Tunnel of Trees that follows the Lake Michigan coastline for 20 miles. The tree canopy and wildlife (plenty of deer) made this route special.

As I mentioned earlier, the flexibility of the trip allowed to make our own stops along the way. One notable stop was Saint Johnsbury, Vermont. There we visited Dog Mountain. Founded by artist Stephen Huneck, these grounds house an art studio, acreage open to dogs and their owners, and the Dog Chapel. In the Dog Chapel people leave pictures and notes to their deceased dogs. This was a special stop for me as my dog Daisy recently passed. I left her photo and a note...it was the most emotional time of the trip for me.

The most notable improvisation we made dealt with laundry. Short on clean clothes, we assumed both the washer and dryer worked at one of our hotels. The washer worked but unfortunately the dryer did not (and we did not find that out until we all had washed clothes). We ended up hanging almost every stich of clothing we owned throughout our hotel room while running the air conditioning at full speed for a day. What a fiasco, plus the next day we rode in damp clothes.

Riding 8,200 miles over 30 plus days with a close group of friends can be challenging as you share hotel rooms, meals, and spare time. This was going to be a test of our friendship and maybe our sanity. But it all worked. We enjoyed and laughed through the good times; and learned patience and understanding during the trying times. It was an epic trip and one I will fondly remember. I consider myself lucky to have these ladies as close friends.



Dog Chapel in Vermont

Beth Simon – 2019 Can Am F3 Limited – 6000 miles

I invited myself along on the trip with Susan, Michelle, and Trina. With so many of our SoCal Divas having retired and relocated, taking a long adventure gives us the opportunity to re-group, re-bond and spend good ole quality girl time. We try to take a yearly multi-day (or weeks in this case) trip together and SCMA provided the opportunity for 2023.

It takes a great deal of planning to ensure not only are the required stops/check-ins accomplished but that everyone's personal "wanna-do/wanna-see" needs are met.

Hours and hours were spent planning the routes, hotels, places to see ... and then the "just in case" scenarios and those "once on the road" issues. So many years of riding together, we are a cohesive unit and are able to switch gears, adjust for weather, road, bike needs, all at the last minute.

I began my trip from West Kentucky and met the ladies in Indiana as they traveled west to meet up with me. Then we were on to the first stop for the Perry Monument. What a beautiful ride into the park along the waterfront with all the flowers blooming, people out walking and enjoying the outdoors.

Our journey took us to New York where we spent one day in Lockport and then three in Lake Placid. Rain kept us an extra day but we were in a lovely resort and the down-time was welcomed.

Next was New Hampshire and what a lovely town. We had booked the cutest inn and had a wonderful Italian dinner delivered. It was still raining off and on but ... We are Divas and we go, weather or not.

Bangor, Maine was the next stop and finally I was able to eat lobster. It was so good and had been one of my top goals for the trip. It left me wanting more.

We then headed to Canada, entering through New Brunswick. Riding was beautiful. Scenery was wonderful. We crossed the Confederation Bridge which was epic. Gazing out and across from left to right I was humbled by the expanse of water and I really felt exhilarated.

I so looked forward to the Cabot Trail but must say I was disappointed as I had thought there would be many villages and town dotting the trail with plenty of cute shops to stop at. Sadly, we didn't find any until the last 50 miles. But... we did find a great restaurant and gobbled down fresh crab legs.

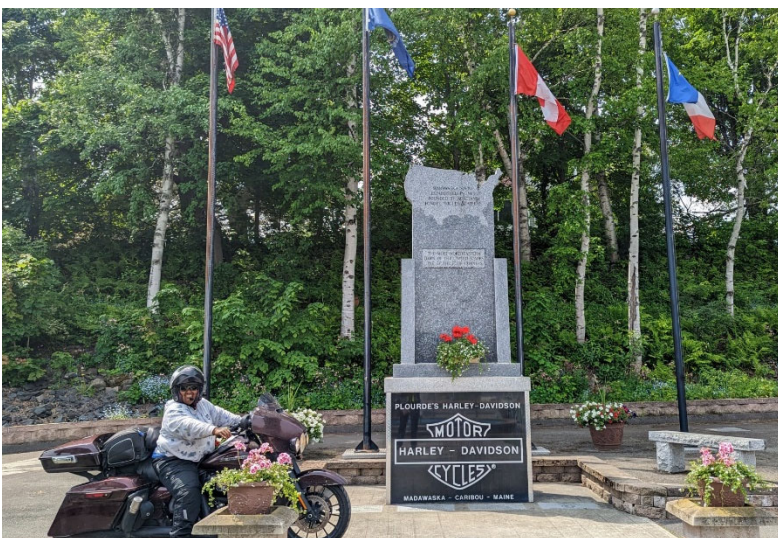
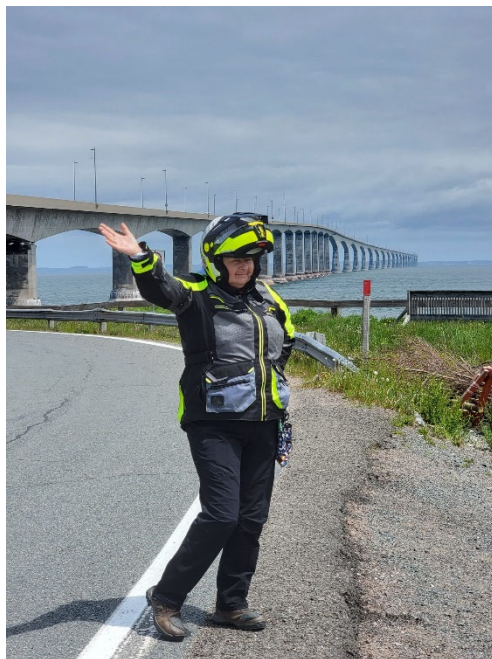
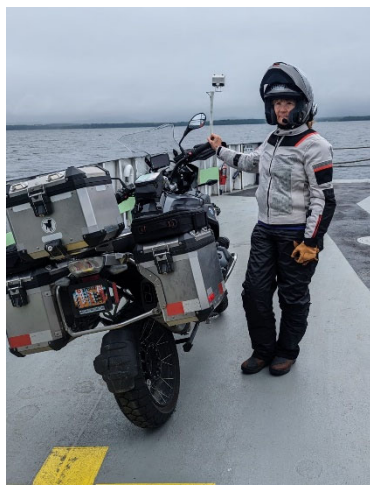
We met up with a large group of our sister Divas from Ottawa and enjoyed a great meal with them. I had reached out earlier in the year to see if we could meet. It's always so nice when things fall right into place. We had a great time and made new friendships.

Ontario 17 was a great ride with farms, businesses, small towns and restaurants inside gas stations. A wonderful route and I so loved this one.

We continued our ride through some smaller towns and then across the Mackinaw Bridge into Michigan. Then back into Canada again for a few days and finally back into the US. Minnesota gave me the opportunity to spend an afternoon with my sister-in-law and that was very nice.

From there we were through Iowa and finally Missouri where I bid my besties good-bye and headed back to Kentucky while they ventured another week back west.





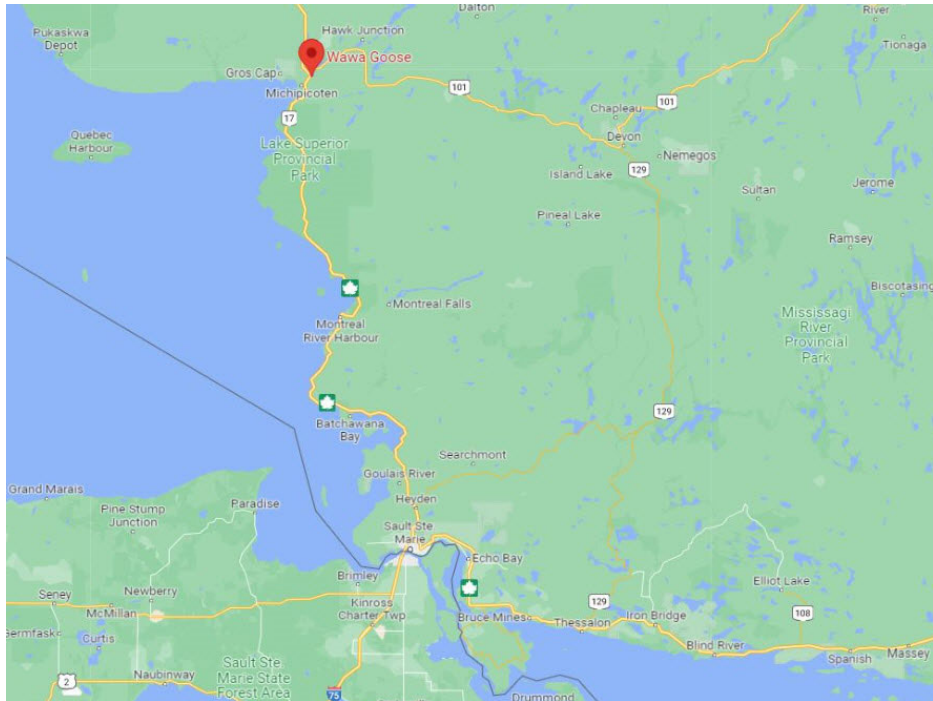
Giant Canadian Goose - August 2023

Bob Rogers, Chairman for the Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour, received a report from Jim Valentine, a GLCTT Rider. He stopped in Wawa, Ontario in search of the Giant Canada Goose, the latest "landmark" included on the Additional Points of Interest page. Jim found one at the Visitor's Center, but just a little further down the road, he found TWO MORE... there seems to be a flock of those giants up there, and here are the portraits. That first one can be found at the intersection of TC17 and HWY 101. We love to hear from riders. You can find a post on this topic on the GLCTT Facebook page. We are sharing it here too.

This is NOT a required stop, but something unique that you might want to include in your GLCTT trip planning. A few fun facts:

- A goose was chosen because the word "Wawa" means "wild goose" or "land of the big goose" in Ojibwe.
- The goose monument is 28 feet tall, 22 feet long and has a 20-foot wingspan
- It is located at the junction of the last link of the Trans-Canada Highway





California Adventures Series

2023 Triple Crown Finisher Robert Govier - August 2023

- Missions, Parks, Roads





California Adventures Series

2023 CA Triple Crown In Progress Bill Wilson - August 2023



ST1100 Parts Available - August 2023

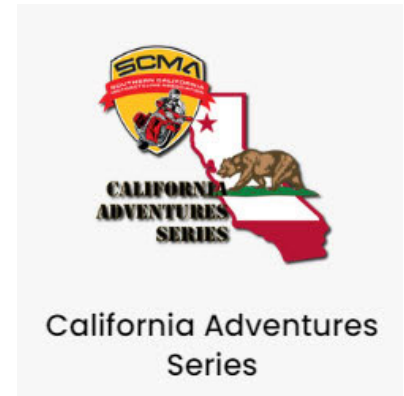
Adolpho Garcia has a complete auxiliary fuel tank for Honda's ST1100, complete with stock fuel tank with fuel pump already plumbed. He also has a stock seat, a Corbin custom seat, and a custom luggage rack. If you want I you just need to contact him and pick it up in the Los Angels area. Cell number is 626-253-5367 e-mail is quadguy91790@yahoo.com

2023 CALIFORNIA ADVENTURES SERIES UPDATE

- August 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



Robert Govier

CONGRATULATIONS !!

CA TRIPLE CROWN FINISHER

2023 CAS – MISSIONS TOUR

2023 CAS – ROAD CHALLENGE

2023 CAS – PARKS ADVENTURE

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

WHO'S ON THE ROADS THIS YEAR:

* Going for the CA Triple Crown

** FINISHER

Missions Tour:

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| 1. Shareef Assadiq ** | Boerne | 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 |

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| 9. Matthew Griffin | Yorba Linda | CA |
| 10. Mark Nechodom | W. Sacramento | CA |

Parks Adventure:

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| 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 |

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 |
| 8. Edward Monsour | Laguna Niguel | CA |

August UPDATE:

Series 'A' Roads Closed;

CA-33 – Landslide

Series 'B' Roads Closed - NONE

Series 'C' Roads Closed;

Nac/Fer - Landslide, CA-155 - Landslide

Series 'D' Roads Closed;

CA-1 - Landslide

Roads: PTR/IVR 'marked closed' BUT one can make it.

Parks:

Devils Postpile – Stamp located at the Mammoth Lakes Visitor Center.

Missions:

San Miguel Mission – Gift Shop Closed, stamp at Parish Office

Les Gullery

2023 California Adventure Series

Chairman

California Adventures Series Summary Lists

The California Missions:

1. San Diego de Alcalá, San Diego
2. San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo, Carmel
3. San Antonio de Padua, Jolon
4. San Gabriel Arcángel, San Gabriel
5. San Luis Obispo de Tolosa, San Luis Obispo
6. San Francisco de Asís, San Francisco
7. San Juan Capistrano
8. Santa Clara
9. San Buenaventura, Ventura
10. Santa Bárbara
11. La Purísima Concepción, Lompoc
12. Santa Cruz
13. Nuestra Señora de la Soledad, Soledad
14. San José, Fremont
15. San Juan Bautista
16. San Miguel Arcángel, San Miguel
17. San Fernando Rey de España, San Fernando
18. San Luis Rey de Francia, Oceanside
19. Santa Inés
20. San Rafael Arcángel, San Rafael
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 Postpile 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 Olancho 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 - August 2023

2023 Registrants of the GLCTT

- **New registrants**
- **Finishers**

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
10. **Doug Wilson**, Henderson, Nevada
11. **Lloyd Doyle**, Okotoks, Alberta, Canada
12. **John Barrow**, Granite Bay, California



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 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

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 .

Three Flags Classic Update – August 2023



It's Now!

We are two weeks away from a large number of our riders, including me, heading out to Puerto Peñasco for Rider check-in and the Start Banquet Wednesday, August 30. The 46th Three Flags committee and a lot of other volunteers have worked very hard over the last 10 months to make this a great experience for you.

We all are in the final stages of preparing our bikes and ourselves for the extended ride away from home. One of the most important things you can do is to plan and prepare for the record heat the US West is experiencing this year. You wouldn't ride if you couldn't stay awake and you shouldn't ride if you are heat stressed - both can be deadly. Please reread last month's newsletter for an in-depth coverage of riding in the heat. I encourage you, at a minimum, to leave at sunrise, sip water all day, and arrive as early as possible in the afternoon at your checkpoint or destination.

You will be riding through the Sonoran Desert region in the bottom half of Arizona and into Puerto Peñasco, Mexico. Please plan, right now, to arrive in Puerto Peñasco early on Wednesday to avoid the hottest time of the day. After you cross the border at Lukeville, take a few minutes at our Rest Stop to cool off and drink some cold water before you continue the 1-hour ride to the Playa Bonita Resort for rider check-in.

The Registered Riders Instructions document you've been receiving is your reference for all ride documentation. Expect another update with final instructions soon. Please discard older copies as the latest has the most current information. Also make sure you look at the list of GPS maps, Turn by Turn instructions, Spotwalla information, and other files to make sure you have the latest version of those documents. I will be sending the Spotwalla code out August 18. It's always convenient if you download the content to your phone or tablet device in case you need it and/or print it.

I can't wait to get on the bike in two weeks for another Three Flags Classic. I still haven't recovered from missing 2 years of rides due to the borders being closed. The 46th is going to be an outstanding ride and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Ride safe and ride often,

Mark Burdick

46th Three Flags Classic Chair
Chairman SCMA

46th 3 Flags Classic Update – July 2023

We are well over 80% of the available tickets sold for the 46th Three Flags Classic. The final day to purchase tickets is August 1, 2023 unless we sell out before that date. If you have friends and family considering riding this year, please encourage them to sign up before it is too late.

All planning for the event is complete and now we are in the next steps of executing the plans - production of hats/t-shirts/buckles, ordering banners and event documentation. When registration is closed, we will finalize the counts for the Banquets and prepare orders for the checkpoint supplies. Del Banack, our Routemaster, continues to monitor the route for construction impacts and anything else that might change the routes/maps he has created for you.



Snake Harley Davidson Idaho Falls 2014

Please continue to monitor your inbox for the Registered Rider's instructions that I send with important updates. Those updates will be coming out more frequently as we finalize all the instructions for you. I also send out notes from time to time for actions you **MUST** take before the ride. For example, I sent out a note to every registered rider to update their profile picture. This photo will be used in the 3FC Passport you will be given at the start. We are asking you to do this by August 1st so we can start printing the passports. Previous riders know how long it takes to get wait in line, get photos taken and printed, then wait in line to get your passport processed. This year, with your help, check-in will be quick with very little time spent waiting in line.

****Note:**** only registered riders receive the Three Flags Classic tour information. This includes all the information you need to plan and organize your tour including, Start/Finish arraignments, check-in, checkpoints, routes, hotels, etc. Registered riders will receive this information by e-mail 24 hours after registration.

Be sure to read and re-read the hot weather riding suggestions in this newsletter. We know that Puerto Peñasco won't be as hot as Mexicali was last year but you will be riding through the northern part of the Sonoran Desert and Arizona in the summer. Planning for and dealing with the weather on this tour is a basic requirement just as getting new tires and servicing your bike.

We have published several articles on how people prepare and pack for this trip.

Here is what I do on a high level:

- purchase ticket and book vacation at work
- download routes and book all hotels for trip
- make sure Passport will be valid for trip
- closely monitor Registered Riders information
- schedule bike service and new tires

- purchase Mexican Insurance - required
- put everything I'm bringing on kitchen table then put half back...
- Pack bike, including snacks and water

You must bring your Mexican Insurance papers with you or you cannot complete Check-in. Also, please ensure you DO NOT forget and pack a handgun, any ammo - not one single bullet, or large knife on your person/bike. If you do, you will face a very unpleasant visit at every border, facing stiff fines, and potential jail time. This also includes bear spray at the Canadian border. You've been warned.

I've been working on my route adding POIs from the excellent Facebook posts Doug Wilson has done on the SCMA Three Flags Classic page. The photos he published are outstanding and I want to thank him for doing so. I also want to call out Del again as he has so thoughtfully added gas stops to the GPS files he created for us! I hate having my gas light flip on and not knowing how far it is to the next station.

While I am the Chair of the 3FC committee, I am first and foremost a rider and participant in the Three Flags Classic. This will be my 9th ride. I am 7 weeks from the start of my trip and am like a kid looking forward to Christmas. 3FC is the biggest ride of my year and I really missed it in 2020 and 2021 with the closed borders.

Please don't delay making your hotel reservations as the demand is high this year.

"I'd rather regret the things I've done than regret the things I haven't done" is a familiar quote we've heard. Don't regret not riding the Three Flags Classic again this year or for the first time. You'll thank your lucky stars that you rode and participated in all the activities.

Mark Burdick
46th Three Flags Committee Chair

46th 3 Flags Classic Update – June 2023

We are 80% sold out of tickets for the 46th Three Flags Classic. Ticket sales close on August 1, 2023 so you have less than two months to get your ticket and any additional meal tickets for your guest. Ticket sales will close whenever we sell out. Please sign up now to guarantee your spot in the tour and the start and finish festivities.



Currently registered riders should have an email from me with all the details regarding the preparation and planning of your tour. Please check your spam and make sure it wasn't snatched out of your inbox before you got to read it. The registered riders document is cumulative and contains the current information for the ride. Please remember to make sure all your information in your member's profile is complete and accurate as that is our "system of record" for sending this document. If you can't find this email, please let me know and I'll resend to you.

As you might imagine, it takes a lot of time and effort by volunteers to pull together an event of this magnitude which meets the expectations of our riders. We do hold ourselves to a high standard because we buy tickets and participate too! I have ridden eight Three Flags Classic tours and hope to ride many, many more. Many of our volunteers have ridden the same or more times as I have. You do have to take the same actions as we do for the event. Ride registration, route review, hotel arraignments, bike preparation, packing and planning the trip to the start and home from the finish. The more you plan and prepare, the more you will enjoy the whole experience.

Checkpoint Volunteers



We still are finalizing the plans for the 3FC. The 46th tour SWAG will soon start production. The Start check-in/banquet on Wednesday, August 30 and Finish banquet Tuesday, September 5 planning is complete except for last minute setup details. We are working on the activities for Thursday, August 31 which is our rest and recovery day in Puerto Peñasco, MX.

Our Route Chair, Del Banack has done a tremendous job tuning the route, creating the turn-by-turn maps, and creating a gas spreadsheet for you to use for your planning. Please reference your registered riders' documentation for location information of those files. Please note, Del is still monitoring the route for road closures and construction information. Please know that we will try to keep all the information up to date as we learn about impacts to the route. That being said, we all know that road work can be unpredictable and unscheduled so always stay alert and prepared for the things that can impact your daily ride, including weather, which is another variable to be considered. Most experienced riders know to not sleep in and get a late start or make too many stops that consume daylight hours. We will cover touring strategies and recommendations in our New Riders seminar on Thursday, August 31. Please note, many riders (including myself) do not use the turn-by-turn instructions and rely strictly on GPS and Phone guidance. If you want to use the turn-by-turn instructions, please print them off at home, make your annotations, and pack them with your maps on the motorcycle.

We think this will be one of the best Three Flags Classic tours we have ever run. We have a few surprises planned and hope you are looking forward to this tour this year as much as we are. This is our main opportunity every year to see many of our old riding friends. We also get to meet and welcome new riders, who will see what the event is all about, and returning next year as old friends!

Please tell a friend or two what fun this tour is and encourage them to ride with us. They will be grateful you did.

Cheers,

Mark Burdick

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713-443-8349 (voice and text)

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

Sep 01: Friday - Gila Bend, AZ – Quick Stop for gas top off and to pick up your Rider bling. (T-shirt, plaque, hat, etc.)

Sep 01: Friday - Kanab, UT - Checkpoint 1

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

Sep 03: Sunday - Ponderay, 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 – August 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.



NOTES

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

Finishers are in blue

RIDER #	First Name	Last Name	City & State	True X	Reg	Order
1	Shareef	Assadiq	Boerne, TX			
2	BJ	Hallquist	New Bern, NC	X		KLBLSLM
3	Carl	Harris	Hopewell, VA			
4	Anthony	Campbell	Kenduskeag, ME		X	MBSK
5	Dean	Aukes	Sherman, TX		X	SBMK
6	Gary	Ballou	Gahanna, OH			
7	Harry	Knerr	Blandon, PA	X		KLBLSLM
8	Dan	McGee	Rockwall, TX			
9	James	Hawkins	Newnan, GA		X	KSBM
10	Avril	Phillips	Stockbridge, GA		X	KSBM
11	Rudy	Payne	Huntsville, AL			
12	Bryan	Bailey	Auburn, WA		X	BSMK
13	Joel	Evans	Fairview, TX		X	SBMK
14	James	Salter	Ingram, TX		X	KMBS

15	Lee	Roberts	Dallas, TX	X	SBMK
16	Melisha	Cilien	Lakeland, FL		
17	Gary	McDowell	Manchester, GA		
18	Ansel	Whatley	Cataula, GA		
19	Kim	Mack	Terrell, TX	X	KLSLMLB
20	Robert	Barker	Hampden, ME	X	MBSK
21	Sinco B.	Steendam	Old Saybrook, CT	X	MKSB
22	Ralfie	Fonseca	Milford, CT		
23	William	Hayes, II	Old Saybrook, CT	X	MKSB
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	X	BSKM
31	Kent	Forsythe	Duck Creek Village, UT	X	SBKM
32	Victor N.	Daly	Red Deer, AB Canada	X	BSKM
33	Mark	Netti	Reno, NV	X	SBKM
34	Greg	Strickland	Metter, GA	X	KMBS
35	Dean	Seigrist	Santa Maria, CA		
36	Ron	Carreira	Springvale, ME	X	MKSB
37	Thomas	Franks	Farmington, NM		
38	Charlie	Wojcik	Fairfax, VA	X	KSBM
39	Charles	Lamb	N Prince George, VA		
40	Bill	Waller	Louisville, KY	X	BSKM
41	Paul	Smeal	Mechanicsburg, PA.		
42	Cynthia	Black	Billings, MT		
43	Steven	Thillen	Ellerslie, GA		
44	Sandra K.	Sack	Lewistown, MT		
45	Stephen	Ryan	Pinehurst, NC		
46	Jeanne	Stone	Cheyenne, WY		
47x10	Chuck	Marble	Lauderdale, MS		
57	Chad	Jordan	Rockford, MN		
58	Charles	Sweatman	Spring Hill, FL		
59	Dorothy	Bradley	Anderson, NC		
60	Dave	Bennett	Cherry Valley, IL		
61	Bryan	Klein	Bangor, PA		
62	Kline	Price	Superior, CO		
63	Charlie	Aprahamian	Dracut, MA		
64	James	Helms	Jacksonville, FL		
65	Cory	Vrolijk	Mosinee, WI		
66	Erick	Caldwell	Charlotte, NC		
67	Edwin	Clark	Lady Lake, FL		

2022 Registrants in Their 2nd Year

First Name	Last Name	City & State	True X	Reg	Order
Lyle	Cooper	Middleboro, MA		X	MKSB
Charles	Lamb	North Prince George, VA			
Dave	Bennett	Cherry Valley, IL		X	KSBM
Peter	Szulewski	Pine Bush, NY		X	MKSB
Paul	Szulewski	Fillmore, NY		X	MKSB

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

2023 Registrants of the B15

- Finishers

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



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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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