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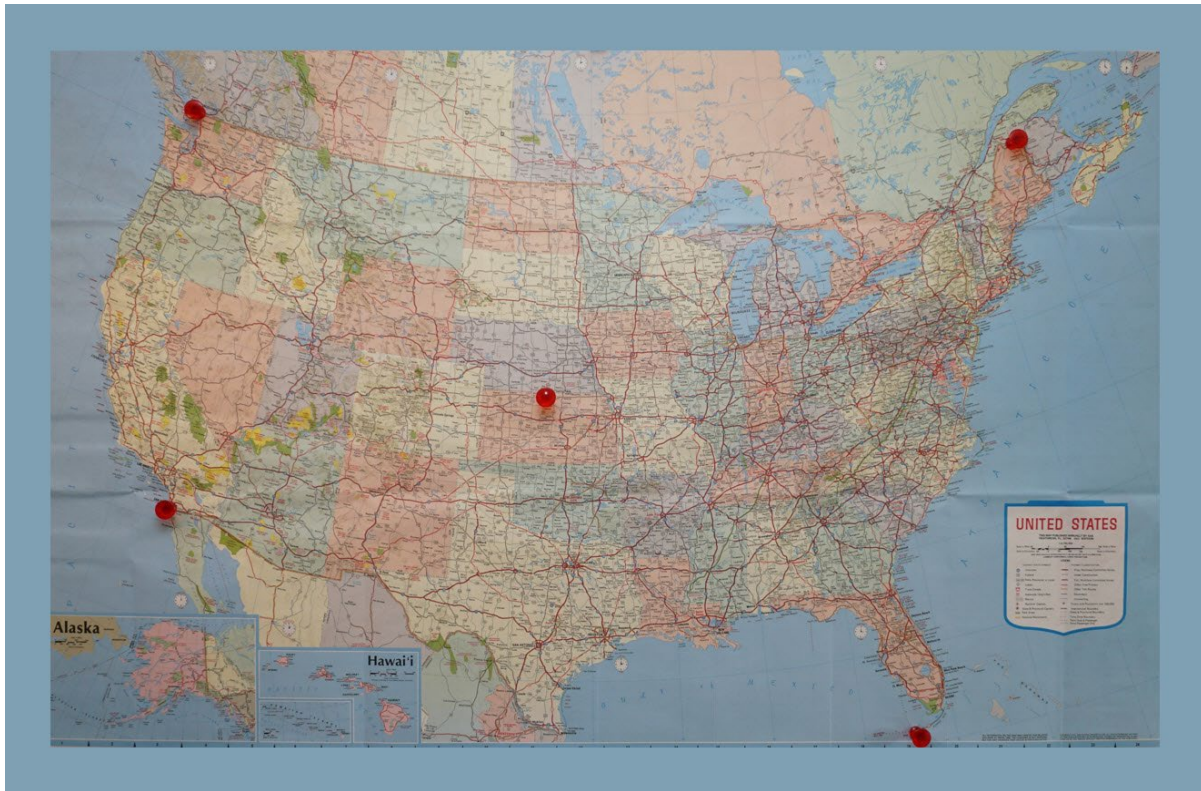
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SCMA Rides - Review of 2023



Map of the United States with USA Four Corners Tour™ Markers

Presenting the 2023 review of all of the Premier Tours offered by the SCMA. A lot of great times! You can see more ride details on www.sc-ma.com. The SCMA was founded in 1968. The Rides were started at different times over the years. Some have been around for a long time and some were started in recent years of the long history of the group.

- **USA Four Corners Tour™**, since **1984**, probably the most challenging ride
- **Three Flags Classic**, since **1976**, highest number of riders each year
- **California Adventures Series**, since about **2006**, lots of variety of roads all in California
- **Best 15 US Roads**, since **2011**, annual choice of 15 roads in the US
- **Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour**, since **2022**, newest and focused on the Northeastern US

USA Four Corners Tour™

The AAA map above of the United States has red tacks identifying each of the required stops for the USA Four Corners Tour™: San Ysidro, California; Blaine, Washington; Madawaska, Maine; Key West, Florida plus the geographical center of the US in Lebanon, Kansas. The True X version is to go through Lebanon, Kansas after the first corner and between rides to the other corners of the US. You can choose what order to visit each corner in 21 days for the regular 4 Corners and 26 days for the True X.

From Dannie Fox – USA Four Corners Ride Chair

- 78 entries this year
- 6 holdovers from last year
- 47 finishers
- About a normal number of finishers
- The interesting thing is that we had several riders who did the 4 Corners more than once in 2023
- First time couple completed the True-X in October see the November newsletter.



Refer to the end of this document to see the 2023 Four Corners Finishers

Three Flags Classic (TFC)

The Three Flags Classic is an annual 4-day or 5-day event motorcycling from Mexico to Canada or the reverse over the US Labor Day weekend with specified checkpoints on a different route each year.

Mark Burdick – TFC Ride Chair

Many of us on the Three Flags Committee this year remember what it was like to work on the 45th TFC event in both 2020 and 2021 and having to wait until 2022 for the 45th TFC due to Covid delays. The ride in 2022 was the longer 5-day event in honor of the milestone year since it was originally planned for 2020. The TFC after a milestone longer ride is typically a smaller group.

In 2023, we had more than 200 attendees and about 175 riders. We tried a few different things this year. We heard about many of the prior ride changes over the 40+ years from riders as the times and demographics change. In 2023, we planned check-in and Start Banquet on the Wednesday before the ride, a rest and prepare day on Thursday with departure on Friday. Most attendees were positive about the change after trying the change. We also distributed the heavier swag (plaques, t-shirts, hats) in a quick stop on the first day of the ride. We saved lots of time and effort for everyone by avoiding the big task of getting the swag to the start and distributing it at check-in. We intend to make it more efficient for everyone in 2024. The route for 2024 is mostly clear. It won't be too far east toward heat or too far west toward traffic. We anticipate the number of Mexican citizens participating in the TFC to continue increasing. More on 2024 next month.



California Adventures Series (CA ADV)

This series has a lot of variety with 3 different areas of focus and the opportunity to do all three for the California Adventure Series Triple Crown.

- Missions – Visit 21 Missions
- National Parks in California – Visit 24 of the 25 Parks SCMA selected of the 35 in California
- CA Best 15 Roads – Choose from 4 Best 15 Roads Series in Northern, Central, Southern California

Les Gullery – CA ADV Series Ride Chair

- CA Triple Crown Finishers - 2
- Missions Finishers – 7
- Parks Finishers - 3
- CA Best 15 Roads Finishers – 6
- There was some activity on snow closures and landslides, with Monitor pass on SR 89 opening in mid-May, latest in in 19 years.



2023 CA ADV Triple Crown Finishers

Robert Govier
William Wilson

Santa Ana, California
Camarillo, California

2023 Missions Finishers

Matthew Griffin	Yorba Linda, California
Michelle De La Cruz	Santa Ana, California
Mitchell Cohen	Santa Ana, California
Kenneth Trass	Bowie, Maryland
Robert Govier	Santa Ana, California
Shareef Assadiq	Boerme, Texas
William Wilson	Camarillo, California

2023 Parks Finishers

Rambabu Uppu	San Ramon, California
Robert Govier	Santa Ana, California
William Wilson	Camarillo, California

2023 CA ADV Best 15 Roads Finishers

Doug Wilson	Henderson, Nevada
Dick Wolff	Napa, California
Edward Monsour	Laguna Niguel, California
Kenneth Whetstone	West Valley, Utah
Robert Govier	Santa Ana, California
William Wilson	Camarillo, California

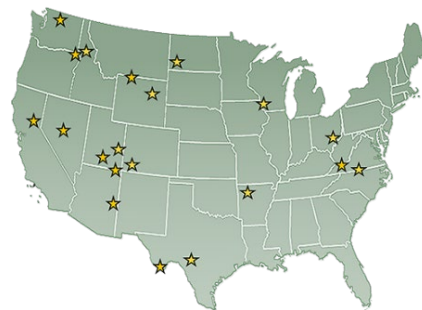
Best 15 US Roads

- 15 Roads in the US selected from a larger SCMA list of roads chosen each year
- 1 Required then choose at least 14 more roads from a list of 19 in 2023
- Ride them in any order

Best 15 US Roads riders marveled at how many other interesting roads you need to travel to get to the Best 15. These are roads you probably wouldn't notice or experience on any other ride.

From Bob Roger – Best US 15 Roads Ride Chair

- Largest number of participants in its 13-year history with 21 registrants!
- Of the 6 that were carried over from 2022, just 2 finished.
- Of the 15 new registrants, 10 finished.
- Among all 12 finishers, 4 were multi time finishers. The 5 non-finishers this year will be carried over to try again in 2024.



2023 Best US 15 Roads Finishers

Jeff Kramer	Las Cruces, New Mexico	Third Finish '16 '19 '23
Robert Roger	Dalton, Ohio	Third Finish '13 '15 '23
Ken Whetstone	West Valley City, Utah	Second Finish '21 '23
Steven Jackson	Lindon, Utah	Second Finish '20 '23
Albert (Dick) Wolff	Napa, California	
Carl Harris	Hopewell, Virginia	
Edward Monsour	Laguna Niguel, California	
J Lynn Jackson	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	
Jim Valentine	Capistrano Beach, California	
Rick Lane	Newport Beach, California	
Tone Handy	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	
Tameka Singleton	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	

Great Lakes Cabot Trail Tour (GLCTT)

This one is the newest Rides, established in 2022. It takes place in the northeastern corner of the United States and goes back and forth across the Canadian border. For those of us in the southwest, it can be an epic total journey. In the August newsletter we told the story of the 4 riding buddies who rode from the west to the east to run the GLCTT. Of course, when you are done you then need to turn around and head home. Depending on your point of origin, it can be a small, medium or large sized adventure.

From Bob Roger – GLCTT Ride Chair

- In its second year, more registrants than in the first year...also more finishers!
- In 2022, we had 10 registrants with 8 finishing. Neither carryover finished in 2023.
- For 2023, we had 13 registrants, with 11 of them being new this year, and 9 of 11 finished the Tour! I hope the new non finishers will take advantage of the opportunity to try again in 2024!



2023 GLCTT Finishers

Gary Ballou	Gahanna, Ohio
Ian Fergusson	Carriere, Mississippi
Jim Valentine	Capistrano Beach, California
John Barrow	Granite Bay, California
Kenneth Trass	Bowie, Maryland
Lloyd Doyle	Okotoks, Alberta, Canada
Rick Lane	Newport Beach, California
Susan Bithell	Ivins, Utah
Trina Williams	Los Angeles, California

2022 GLCTT Finishers (First Year)

Andy Andresen	Newnan, Georgia
Anthony Handy	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Bob Roger	Dalton, Ohio
Charles Lamb	Hopewell, Virginia
Jeff Kramer	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Noel Henderson	150 Mile House, British Columbia, Canada
Richard Pedersen	Aloha, Oregon
Steven Jackson	Lindon, Utah

2023 Four Corners Finishers

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>City & State</u>	<u>True X</u>	<u>Reg</u>	<u>Order</u>
Anthony	Campbell	Kenduskeag, ME		X	MBSK
Avril	Phillips	Stockbridge, GA		X	KSBM
Bill	Waller	Louisville, KY		X	BSKM
BJ	Hallquist	New Bern, NC	X		KLBLSLM
Bryan	Bailey	Auburn, WA		X	BSMK
Bryan	Klein	Bangor, PA		X	MBSK
Carl	Harris	Hopewell, VA			BSKM
Charles	Harris	Milpitas, CA	X		BLMLKLS
Charlie	Wojcik	Fairfax, VA		X	KSBM
Cory	Vrolijk	Mosinee, WI		X	MBSK
Cynthia	Black	Billings, MT		X	BSKM
Dave	Bennett	Cherry Valley, IL	X		MLBLKLS
Dave	Bennett	Cherry Valley, IL		X	KSBM
Dean	Aukes	Sherman, TX		X	SBMK
Dorothy	Bradley	Anderson, NC		X	SBMK
Dudley	Carver	Ozark, AL		X	KSBM
Edward	Monsour	Laguna Niguel, CA		X	BSKM
Edwin	Clark	Lady Lake, FL		X	KMBS
Gary	Ballou	Gahanna, OH		X	BSKM
Greg	Strickland	Metter, GA		X	KMBS
Harry	Knerr	Blandon, PA	X		KLBLSLM
Jack	Winternheimer	Evansville, IN		X	BSKM
James	Hawkins	Newnan, GA		X	KSBM
James	Helms	Jacksonville, FL		X	MBSK
James	Salter	Ingram, TX		X	KMBS
Jeanne	Stone	Cheyenne, WY		X	BSKM
Joel	Evans	Fairview, TX		X	SBMK
Kent	Forsythe	Duck Creek Village, UT		X	SBKM
Kim	Mack	Terrell, TX	X		KLSLMLB
Kline	Price	Superior, CO		X	BSMK
Lee	Roberts	Dallas, TX		X	SBMK
Lyle	Cooper	Middleboro, MA		X	MKSB
Mark	Netti	Reno, NV		X	SBKM
Michael W.	Robson	Anmore, BC Canada		X	BSKM
Nancy	Harris	Milpitas, CA	X		BLMLKLS
Paul	Smeal	Mechanicsburg, PA.	X		MLBLSLK
Paul	Szulewski	Fillmore, NY		X	MKSB
Peter	Szulewski	Pine Bush, NY		X	MKSB
Randy	Lepper	Webb City, MO		X	MBSK
Robert	Barker	Hampden, ME		X	MBSK
Ron	Carreira	Springvale, ME		X	MKSB
Sandra K.	Sack	Lewistown, MT		X	BSKM
Shareef	Assadiq	Boerne, TX	X		KLSLMLB

2023 Four Corners Finishers (cont.)

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>City & State</u>	<u>True X</u>	<u>Reg</u>	<u>Order</u>
Sinco B.	Steendam	Old Saybrook, CT		X	MKSB
Stephen	Ryan	Pinehurst, NC		X	KSBM
Victor N.	Daly	Red Deer, AB Canada		X	BSKM
William	Hayes, II	Old Saybrook, CT		X	MKSB

2023 Three Flags Classic Rider Photos and Contest



2023 TFC Ride Finishers at the Deerfoot Hotel, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Check out the links to all the 2023 Three Flags Classic Photos. We asked riders for photos and we had a contest. We have photos from the Start Banquet and the prized Rider Finish Photos. There are many more from the entire event including from riders Out on the Road. Riders have seen most of these although some have been added recently. We collected the best in the Photo Contest Album. There were so many great shots that represent the beauty, the adventure, and the fun of the open road and celebrations all along the way. Take a look.

The winning Photos and Videos are also below. Many riders contributed. TFC committee members were not eligible to win. The committee voted on the winners. Reuben Friesen created a place for us to gather photos so we could share them after the ride. Brian Hooker and Ron Parkinson got local photographers to take pictures of riders at the finish in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. All of the people in the list below provided help and photos from the event.

Contributing Photographers

Becky Tarts	Jeff Griffiths	Reuben Friesen
Brian Hooker	Joyce Roberson	Rob Estep
Candice Kaufman	K Harris	Ron Parkinson
Carl Harris	Karen Butterfield	Shareef Assadiq
Charlie Hart	Mark Burdick	Sidd Wing
David Felkin	Monica Short	Steve Shulman
Doug Wilson	Nancy Harris	Tim Wanamaker

2023 Three Flags Classic Albums

You can share these links with your friends and family. Anyone with the link will be able to see the photographs.

PHOTO CONTEST SELECTIONS	https://photos.app.goo.gl/V24SWhCXL1w1W3bEA
Photos at the Start Hotel Playa Bonita in Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, Mexico	https://photos.app.goo.gl/eL8hXtE7HkeZtG7h7
Check-in at Playa Bonita	https://photos.app.goo.gl/jLDi9Pcxo4FEeEsw7
Start Banquet at Play Bonita	https://photos.app.goo.gl/o5E3phdZ89XDGaUR7
On the Road before or during the TFC	https://photos.app.goo.gl/W6P9r7YXos7xf8H7
Finishers at the Deerfoot Hotel in Calgary, Alberta Canada	https://photos.app.goo.gl/6MDT5EKpzG7hLYrK6
Finish Banquet Deerfoot in Calgary	https://photos.app.goo.gl/nxPwezExp5PgSQRQ9

Photo Contest Winners

First Place
Carl Harris
\$100



Second Place
Edward Monsour
\$75



Third Place
Ksolo Harris
\$50



Video Contest Winners

First Place <https://youtube.com/shorts/XSDyiQibCug?si=5zwBKvc8io8Wj3ms>
Second Place https://youtube.com/shorts/TpHJZrCLby4?si=mQ8McHJA4mai_yBk
Third Place <https://youtube.com/shorts/Pn9tsvCpl80?si=HEcaEIS8ckqbxFmh>

Place	Award	Name
1st	\$100	Felipe Salman
2nd	\$75	Todd Hammer
3rd	\$50	Ksolo Harris

La Baja Challenge Correction - December 2023

We need to correct the misleading phrase in the last issue that said the route was both paved and unpaved. Apologies for the error likely from miscopied text.

The Baja Challenge route is 100% paved. The ride is about 1600 kilometers/1000 miles in 24 hours.

There is also a tourist tour the day after the ride certification in Cabo. Here are the highlights of this endurance type ride that has captured the interest of some of our members in Arizona!

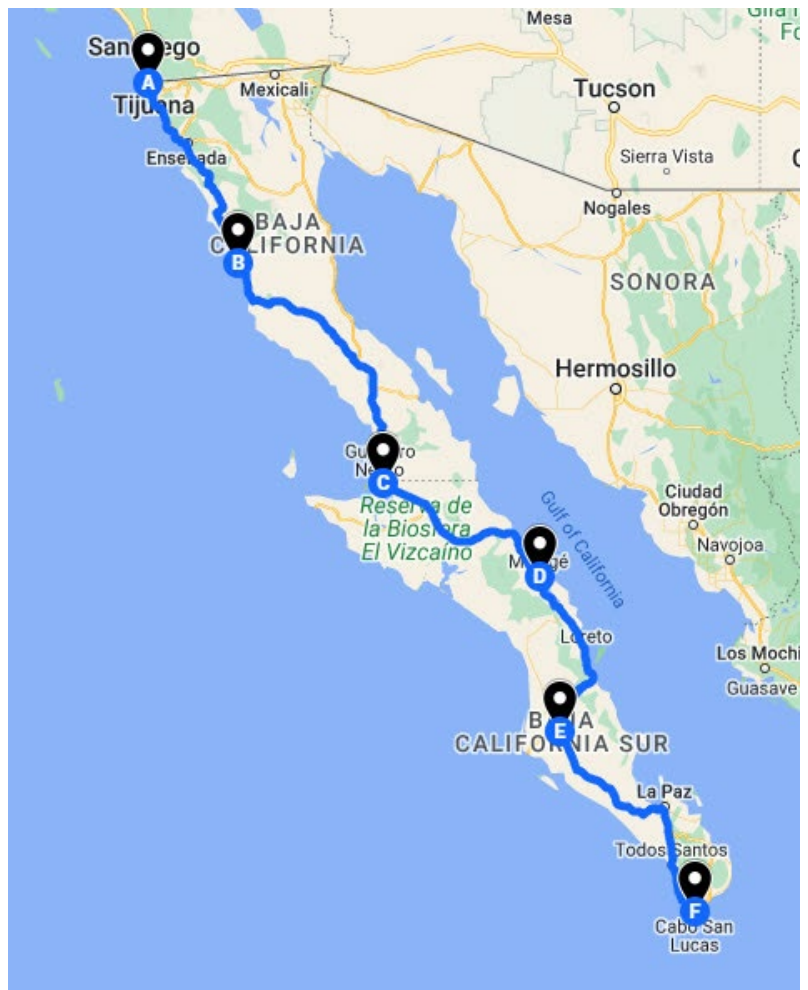
The ride was created by our affiliate group AMORAK and avid rider Felipe Salmán.

The next page has the official flyer in English.

Certification ride endorsed and organized by the Association of Endurance and High Mileage Motorcyclists AC (AMORAK) where Endurance Motorcycling is practiced and which will take place within the states of Baja California and Baja California Sur following **100% asphalt roads with a length of just over 1,600 kilometers, and a limit of 24 hours** to travel it from start to finish.

The route was developed by the experienced motorcyclist Felipe Salmán, which begins at the TIJUANA WHERE THE COUNTRY BEGINS sign located in the Friendship Park in Tijuana, Baja California and ends at the KM 0 sign located in the Amelia Wilkes Ceseña Park in Cabo San Lucas, Baja California Sur, but not before enjoying one of the most scenic roads such as **Mexico Highway 1**.

The day after finishing the certification ceremony of the **La Baja 2024 Challenge**, our friends from **Moto Turismo in La Baja** have prepared a tourist tour for us through some of the most emblematic points in southern Baja California where we can ride, be together and have fun on the 14th and January 15, so don't forget to include your swimsuit to enjoy the beaches of this paradise state.



<https://amorak.com.mx/reto-la-baja-2024/>

LA BAJA CHALLENGE 2024

WHERE THE HOMETLAND BEGINS EDITION



AMORAK, Moto Turismo en La Baja and Baja ADV Garage invite you to participate in **LA BAJA CHALLENGE** to be held on **January 11, 12 and 13, 2024**, starting in **Tijuana** and ending in **Cabo San Lucas**. **1632 km** in less than **24 hours** of pure asphalt fun. A route full of entertaining roads and beautiful panoramic views

Following the endurance ride we will have the **Finisterra Motorcycle Tourism Expedition** through South Baja on **January 14 and 15**.

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