



# SCMA NEWS

*Serving the Long Distance Riding Community Since 1968*

*December Brings the End of A Great Riding Year  
and the Promise of  
An Even Better One*



*Northern Georgia in the Fall*

*Upcoming Events: (See club websites for details)*

Dec 7-9: Progressive International  
Motorcycle Show, Long Beach

Dec 21: First Annual Winter  
Solstice Challenge

Dec 11: SCMA Board of Directors,  
Shaker Restaurant, Glendale,  
10AM

Dec 29 to Jan 1: Last Chance  
Rendezvous. Agua Caliente  
County Park, \$65 for food and  
campsite, Bill Allen for details  
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Dec 15: TFC Committee, Shaker  
Restaurant, Glendale, 9AM

Jan 20: SCMA Soup Run, Filling  
Station, Orange, 6:30-8AM

Dec 15: BMWCOSC Day Ride TBA

Dec 19: AVR Light Ride/Dinner Ride

Feb 10: SCMA Sweetheart Ride,  
Details TBA

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## Road Signs

### *First Annual Winter Solstice Challenge*

The Iron Butt Association sponsors a 1000-mile, 24-hour event called the Saddle Sore 1000. Steve Howe has issued this challenge: Run the SS1000 on December 21, the shortest day of the year. There are only 10 hours of daylight. Perfect. A group of riders will leave Norm's in Anaheim at 4AM and probably head to Tombstone and return, depending on weather. Interested? Email Steve Howe at [steve\\_howe@sc-ma.com](mailto:steve_howe@sc-ma.com)

### *Our 2013 Calendaring Session is set for January 19, 9AM*

SCMA invites its affiliated clubs to attend this General Membership Meeting to voluntarily coordinate our 2013 riding calendars. Coco's Restaurant, 306 N. Azusa, Covina.

### *Our New Website*

SCMA's new website is in the middle of a "soft launch". When you go to [www.sc-ma.com](http://www.sc-ma.com) you will see it. Its about 80% operational. When all of the bells and whistles are right, you will be able to access information on all events, apply for or renew membership online, register for our five premier riding events and the March banquet online and access all of our forums. Please be patient during this construction period. If you have constructive comments, questions and concerns, please email Blake at [BlakePAnderson@gmail.com](mailto:BlakePAnderson@gmail.com)

### *January 20 Soup Run*

The 2013 Soup Run is set for Sunday, January 20. It starts at the Filling Station Cafe one block north of the traffic circle in Old Orange, crosses over Ortega Highway, winds through North San Diego County and ends in south Orange

County. At the finish, Huey will reprise his world-famous Cincinnati chili: spaghetti covered in chili. Add cheese and onions if you like. Yum. Bring more than two cans of fresh soup as your entry fee. All riders and all bikes are welcome. See the flyer inside.

### *Sweetheart Ride Set for February 10*

Mitch Friedman is chairing this year's Sweetheart Ride. He promises an interesting route

### *March 2 is SCMA's annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet*

Our annual Banquet will be at the Embassy Suites in Santa Ana. Find the flyer inside for more information.

### *Word from Madawaska*

Last month we reported that Madawaska has a tax-deductible fund raising campaign underway to improve their USA 4 Corners Park. It is the only park in the United States dedicated to long distance motorcycling and it features SCMA and our USA 4 Corners Tour.

Joe LaChance reports that they have met the first goal and purchased the adjoining property. Now, they are raising money for the teardown of the existing building, site grading and integration into the existing park. If you have been on the USA 4 Corners Tour and enjoyed this little jewel or are an avid long distance rider, then please consider topping-off your 2012 tax-deductible contributions and help Joe meet his goals. Take a look at: [http://youtu.be/l7XZ\\_4-XKfc](http://youtu.be/l7XZ_4-XKfc) for the facts about Madawaska's efforts to improve the park that we all love.

### *Sunshine Report: A Quiet Month*

Another quiet month. Please email Phyllis at [pshaw2003@verizon.net](mailto:pshaw2003@verizon.net) with any health or accident news about our members.



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*Let's Ride*

## November Membership Report

By Sally Bishop, Membership

Renewing Members During November	11
New Members During November	4
Lapsed Members	300
Life Members	88
Sponsoring Corporate Members	5
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Total Members on the Rolls	691

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## Nominations for 2013 Legacy Award

We are actively seeking nominations for the 2013 SCMA Legacy Award. A selection committee made up of SCMA board members and prior Legacy Award recipients will meet to consider the nominations and select one as the 2013 recipient. The formal presentation will occur on March 2, 2013 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Santa Ana, California. The 2013 Legacy Award Recipient and guest will be hosted by SCMA.

Nominations can come from any current SCMA member. Self-nominations will be accepted. Please provide a one to two page letter to: SCMA Chairman, PO Box 487, Norwalk, CA 90651-0487. Please provide a sufficient detailing of the nominee's accomplishments, volunteer and board assignments and the approximate dates of service so that the selection committee can make an informed determination. Letters from other riders can be submitted to help make the case for the nominee. Nominations must be received by December 20.



*SCMA's Legacy Award Trophy. It sits atop the award given posthumously to Josef Usatin and atop the Perpetual Trophy inscribed with the names of all recipients.*

In late 2011 the SCMA Board of Directors authorized the SCMA Legacy Award. In March of 2012 we inaugurated the award and honored the first five recipients. They were Josef Usatin, Joe Mandeville, Jan Staws, Kenn Hatke and Dannie Fox. Jane Usatin was presented Josef's award posthumously. Josef has the distinction of being the award's first recipient and will always be remembered for creating the Three Flags Classic and the USA 4 Corners Tour. All five represent the best of SCMA: long-term committed motorcyclists

that have devoted decades of time to our organization. They have served in various volunteer capacities and have helped to make SCMA what it is today. Each of them has three decades of service and involvement in SCMA.

If you know of someone that has provided this kind of committed service to SCMA we would like to hear from you. The 2013 recipient's name will be added to the perpetual trophy and will be presented with a special Legacy Award jacket suitable to be worn at all motorcycling events.

Help us honor our best.

The SCMA Board of Directors

## SCMA's Affiliated Clubs

Antelope Valley Riders  
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BMW Club of Southern California  
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BMW Club, South Coast Riders  
[www.scbmwrc.com](http://www.scbmwrc.com)

Motorcycle Touring Association  
[www.mtaca3.org](http://www.mtaca3.org)

Pasadena Motorcycle Club  
[www.pasadenamc.com](http://www.pasadenamc.com)

Shamrock Road Riders  
[www.sc-ma.com/shamrock.htm](http://www.sc-ma.com/shamrock.htm)

Victor McLaglen Motor Corps  
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*The SCMA Board of Directors will be contemplating 2013 during its December and January meetings. Do you have an idea you would like to propose? Now is the time to step forward. Reach out.*

## 2012 SCMA Cemetery Tour Post-Mortem

By Steve Howe, Ride Chairman

This years Cemetery Tour was indeed a year in the planning. As a relatively new rider, I "found" a great series of roads on my way to last year's 7 Passes Tour, which I knew I would use for a ride sometime in the future. As it happened I volunteered to do the Cemetery Tour this year and had those roads in mind. But where are the cemeteries? Internet to the rescue! I searched for cemeteries and found the Kern County Historical Society, contacted them, and they put me in touch with John Codd, their cemetery specialist. I met with John, told him about SCMA, and our annual Cemetery Tour. He was very enthusiastic to help out. John looked at the route, made suggestions for off-the-route cemeteries, and was able to point me to the old and creepy ones rather than the well-manicured ones you will find on an Auto Club map. John also provided historical tidbits that were used in the route sheet and the Coroner's Report.

Sunday morning was a beautiful day in Bakersfield for a Cemetery Tour that should have been subtitled "End of the Road Expedition". We started in the lobby of the Best Western Crystal Palace Inn, signed in, some stopped for breakfast at the hotel café, and rode off into the sunrise.

Our first stop was the Blue Mountain Cemetery where we visited Arthur Brown. Arthur served in WWI as a horseshoer. The second stop was at Oak Grove Cemetery where we visited Mary Ann Dunlap. Mary Ann died as a child in 1888. Imagine the labor involved at that time in getting the headstone and body to the cemetery, and laying her to rest.

Back on the road and things get a little dicey. Mea Culpa, I made an error on the route sheet that sent six riders into the evil forest. They asked directions from a local only to be sent over Portuguese Pass (A great road for goats, not so much for Goldwings). Several miles later they encountered the end of their road. "Road Closed" the signs said. The six chose to ride on, and traveled the closed road for nearly 20 miles finally reaching highway 50 near Johnsondale. They were back on course, but out of time and decided to head west for home.

Meanwhile, those who didn't fall into the forest trap visited Thomas Kerwin, a veteran of "The Great World War" – He died in the 1920's so there was no need to number his headstone--yet. At Havalah Cemetery they visited an obliterated headstone remembering someone who traveled from Ireland only to die in there in 1876. About 20 miles from Havalah these riders too, came to the end of their road. The plan had been to follow Bena Road into Bakersfield, but Bena Road had been graded down to the dirt after the pre-ride. Dannie Fox took pictures and the road looked more suitable for plowing and planting than riding. Upon meeting this challenge our riders got creative, some riding the closed road, some taking the freeway into Bakersfield. Most visited at least one cemetery that was not on the route.

Of the riders that made it to Bena, all made it to the Old Union Cemetery where we met in front of a section filled with Union Army veterans from the Civil War. There was a monument erected in the section with a cannon barrel mounted atop.

And the final Question on the Coroner's Report – Which direction does the Union cannon point? – To the South, of course. Thanks to all who attended and all who helped with the staging of this event. As for me, I have chaired a few rides for the SCMA and the Cemetery Tour has been by far the most work and the most fun to put together. I'd recommend it to anyone thinking of chairing a ride. Who's ready to chair 2013? Call me or Blake if you are.

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## *This Year's Turkey Run was a real turkey*

*By Steve Howe, Ride Chair*

This year, nearly everyone missed the 2012 Turkey Run. Starting at Newcomb's Ranch on the majestic Angeles Crest Highway we arrived on wet roads with a gloomy weather report. To the southeast, light drizzles. To the northwest, serious rain. The front selected the crest of the San Gabriel Mountains as the dividing line. A couple of members showed up at the start, took a second look at the sky and opted not to ride. Two other riders (Joe Mandeville and Mitch Friedman) arrived and were the bold ones that pressed on through heavy rain, fallen (and falling) rocks on the highway, closed roads, and downed power lines--to a point.

Arriving at the third checkpoint, the Big Oaks Roadhouse on Bouquet Canyon Road, where Dannie Fox was on hand to sign Travelers Award cards, our hardy pair decided to get some chow, and head for home. Bold AND wise men.

Blake Anderson meanwhile, was in Wrightwood at the 4<sup>th</sup> check point, where the weather was not too bad--just an occasional light drizzle. But he was as lonely as the Maytag Repairman. No one made the 4<sup>th</sup> checkpoint. Two microwaved burritos and two cups of coffee were his award for the quiet moments sitting in his car in the parking lot.

Oh well.

Since no one actually finished, a drawing was done for the guys that did show up. Joe drew the high hand, and Mitch drew the low hand. Their Turkey Tickets (actually Ralph's gift cards) are in transit.

But not all is lost. SCMA will reprise the route for the July 14 Dog Days of Summer Ride. Gobble gobble. Woof woof.



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## *We Get Letters*

I was very touched by your kind article about my Dad Don Davis and his pins, vest, and stories about him in the November newsletter. I think you captured Dad's love of riding and his participating in "cross-association" runs well.

I hope many of your readers will realize the reason for riding is not to be in a clique of a certain organization, but the sheer joy of being on the road--whether the wide open spaces or the twisties--and the camaraderie of like-minded participants. I believe the best stories, such as Dad's, come from diverse experiences we have doing something we love together. That's what I remember from the runs with Dad.

Many thanks to Blake and Rodney for taking the time to stop by personally in Exeter to hear my

stories and collect the artifacts. I know they are in good hands with SCMA members like you.

Very sincerely,

Patricia Thompson



*Dad with his '76 Goldwing 1000*



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# SOUP RUN 2013



Come one, come all... to the 2013 annual Southern California Motorcycling Association's SOUP RUN. Bring no less than two cans of (non-expired) soup and ride for free. Bring more than two cans and get that warm feeling inside you get from giving since all cans go to a local homeless shelter. After you finish the ride you'll get that warm feeling again, because we're serving CHILI, Cincinnati style! Oh yeah, don't forget to bring your motorcycle because we'll be riding 180 miles of Southern California roads.

When: January 20, 2013

Ride Start: 8:15 a.m.

Where: Filling Station, Café and Coffee House  
201 N. Glassell, Orange, CA. 92866  
714-289-9714

(Restaurant is located on the corner of Glassell and Maple Street.  
[www.fillingstationcafe.com](http://www.fillingstationcafe.com) It opens at 6:30 a.m. and the food is terrific. Gather in the FREE parking lot 50' east of Glassell on Maple Street)

Route: Route sheets will be handed out in the parking lot and a link will soon appear on the SCMA web site ([www.SC-MA.com](http://www.SC-MA.com)). The route is about 180 miles and will take you through back roads of Orange County and North San Diego County for a wonderful day of riding. Ride by yourself or with friends. Everyone leaves at the same time, and rides at their own pace. We'll end in the Newport Beach area where "Huey" will be serving up his old-fashion Cincinnati Chili... oh yeah, not Huey's first rodeo. And, the price of admission - the cans of soup you donate at the start of the ride.

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**SCMA Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet  
March 2, 2013  
Highlighting the achievement of the  
Triple Crown Award Participants**

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**USA 4 Corners  
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**Three  
Flags Classic**



**When:** Saturday, March 2, 2013  
5:00-6:45 PM Registration and Social Hour  
7:00 PM Dinner  
8:00 PM Program

**Where:** Embassy Suites (Orange County Airport North)  
1325 E. Dyer Road, Santa Ana, CA 92705  
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**Banquet:** Cost is \$ 45.00 per person Cut off date for banquet reservations is February 27, 2013.

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A special ride has been planned by Steve Howe. This activity is a Traveler's Award. They will leave from the hotel at approximately 8:00 AM. The length of the ride will depend on the weather conditions the day of the ride. For more information, go to [www.sc-ma.com](http://www.sc-ma.com).

*One More Chance at Long Distance Immortality:  
The First Annual Winter Solstice Challenge*

Are you f'ing nuts? That is one response that Steve Howe recently received when he sent out a 30-person e-blast to his riding buddies suggesting a Saddle Sore 1000 on the shortest day of the year--Friday, December 21st. There are roughly 10 hours between sunrise and sunset on that day. So why not ride for 17 hours to pick up one of the holy grails of long distance motorcycling?

Why not, indeed.

So, the challenge is on. Who out there would like to burn 25 gallons of gasoline while traveling 1000 miles on the Interstates between here and a point east (perhaps Tombstone) and return? The route will be decided after a final look at the weather. But does the destination really matter? After all, the journey IS the destination.

The Iron Butt Association certifies the SS 1000. Take a look at the IBA website to see the rules and download the forms so you can adequately document the ride to

receive the nifty certificate, license plate frame and full bragging rights. [www.IronButt.com](http://www.IronButt.com)

The ride will begin in the parking lot of Norm's Restaurant, 1123 N. Euclid Street in Anaheim. Its just south of the 91 Freeway.

Be gassed-up and ready to go. Kick stands up at 4AM following a brief rider's meeting to make certain everyone is on the same page about riding style, following distance and gas stops. We may divide into groups depending on the number of riders, cruising speed and cruising range of the bikes present.

Dannie Fox has made this a last chance Traveler's Award make-up event for 2012.

An RSVP to Steve Howe at [steve\\_howe@sc-ma.com](mailto:steve_howe@sc-ma.com) would be nice but not necessary. Just showing up is fine. Time to ride.



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## *Ride Safe: Leading A Group Ride*

*By Blake Anderson*

Leading a group ride can be fun. Anyone that rides a lot will get the opportunity to lead other riders. It might be leading a few friends heading to your favorite road house or it might be leading an organized event consisting of people you do not know and who do not know you. You might be simply thrown into the role because you happen to be the guy standing closest to the exit of the parking lot.

I am here to urge you to not take the role of a ride leader lightly and to never begin a ride without first conducting a rider's meeting. As a ride leader you have considerable responsibility for the welfare and safety of the riders that follow you. Beyond that, you can create a far more enjoyable event by being clear about how the ride is going to be conducted and then leading it in a consistent and predictable manner.

If you are new to riding, the person who is least familiar with the route or are having a bad day, then ask someone else to lead. This is not a time for uncertainty or OJT. The other riders want to depend on someone who can lead with confidence, competence and authority. If you believe you are ready to lead the group, then by all means do so. If not, then step aside.

Take a minute or two to establish the group riding rules while also seeking to understand the expectations of the other riders. Here are a few of the essentials:

### Find the slow riders and those new to group riding

Find the slowest and least experienced rider(s) and ask them to take positions behind you. They will help you gauge the pace of the group and you can keep an eye on them. If they begin to lag, then slow down.

### Establish the speed of the group

Decide whether the group will be generally traveling at the posted speed limit or 5 MPH over or 10 MPH over.

### Gas stops and rest stops

Take a poll of your group to find the shortest range bike and use it to set gas stop distance. Discuss how to handle rest stops and whether they will be scheduled. For unscheduled rest stops called by other riders in the group, passing hand signs up the line is a nearly impossible task. Instead, suggest that if anyone has an imperative call of nature or other reason to stop, then ask them to safely filter up to the head of the group and take the lead. That act will be a clear signal to everyone else that a stop is coming.

### Following distance and staggered formation

Establish following distance and describe how staggered formation works. For straight roads and mild curves, a two-second staggered formation works well. For long distance riding, scenic areas, deer zones and falling rock zones, stretch the distance to three seconds or better. For twisties, break out of staggered formation and go single file. As the leader you can direct your group to ride staggered or single file by holding two or one fingers up over your head. Watch to see them comply.

### Bread crumbs

Riders in the middle of the group must keep the rider following them in sight. If not, and the group makes a turn, then the rider, as a courtesy to the following rider, must stop in a safe location near the turn and wait for the following rider before proceeding ahead.

And finally, ask yourself this: Is this a group ride or a wild game of follow the leader? There are two distinct styles of leading. One is group leader.

For this style, the leader maintain a uniform speed and limits lane changes under all terrain and traffic conditions. He/she anticipates traffic light changes to keep the group together and pulls over to wait if a red light chops the group in two. Maintaining a uniform pace keeps the group together, maintains predictability for the other riders and communicates your intentions to the drivers encountering your group.

The second style is called follow the leader and it is played like the game you learned in the school yard as a kid. It includes unexpected speed changes, last minute turns, un-signaled turns, spur-of-the-moment route changes and lots of lane changes. You should take every opportunity in heavy traffic to use big rigs, short lines-of-sight and unfamiliar terrain to befuddle and confuse the riders in your group. Its lots of fun. The riders near the back of the group are treated to the thrill of uncertainty, the challenge of high rates of speed to stay up with the group and learning the art of quick thinking. If you manage to lose them, they get to figure out the route on their own.

You may laugh, but I was recently on the receiving end of follow the leader and it was an indescribable experience. Indescribable. Take the lead but ride like you are at the back of the group.

*Ride Safe*

## *An Interview with Mitch Friedman*

Mitch has three passions: motorcycling, photography and the television business. He has managed to actively pursue all three in a blended combination of recreation, advocacy and vocation. He's been successful in all three. And like many of us, Mitch finds two-wheels his natural place. The trick is to balance work time commitments with his wander lust.

Mitch has been riding since he was five years old. He remembers standing in his front yard when an older neighbor kid rode by on a Honda Mini Trail. This was his wow moment. Wanna ride it? Yup sez Mitch and that was that. The older kid taught him to ride and became a long-term childhood friend. Mitch watched his big boy buddy race and knew he would race someday too. Mitch started racing as a little kid.

Mitch's dad bought him a brand new Yamaha Mini Enduro for his 10th birthday--even though his dad had hoped for an interest in baseball instead of the break-neck risks of motorcycles. A year later we was on a customized Suzuki TS 90--the fastest around--and Mitch was off to the races in earnest. He raced at Ascot and Indian Dunes as a kid. After high school he stayed with racing at Willow Springs and Ontario, collecting trophies and making a name for himself.

As he got older he moved over to motocross racing and won the 1998 Gorman National. Later, he moved over to vintage bikes and in 2000, while racing in Carlsbad, won the World Championship for his class. Sidi Boots provided some of the support that allowed him to race all those years.

At the same time he was racing, he took up photography and became a regular at the flat tracks, shooting the action and the personalities that made the sport so interesting. His first submittal to Motorcyclist Magazine was accepted and he became a regular contributor to it and others. Later he became a hired featured photographer for events here in the United States and around the globe. Like Johnny Cash, he's been everywhere, man. He has taken a week off work, jumped on a plane, flown to Moscow, done a little bit of sightseeing, shot a weekend event, flown home and been back at work in six days.

And speaking of work, that's an interesting part of Mitch's life. He is in the television business. Living in the Burbank area as a young man, he had the advantage of close proximity to the studios. A friend got him his first job and before long he was driving for the

studios and the companies that produce the specials and series we know so well. Driving was his start, but his natural ability to follow through, stay organized and work effectively with others brought him supervisor roles. He is a transportation manager, well known in the industry, and works multiple years for long term series. Everything that moves to a shooting location (cars, lights, sound equipment, chow wagons and actor's trailers) are his responsibility. The director, crew and actors depend on Mitch for the full array of stuff that is on hand as "action!" is shouted on the set. Mitch has worked for the "The Practice", "Ally McBeal", "Boston Legal", "Dante's Peak", "Go On" and many other series over the years.

Mitch is fairly new to long distance riding, as compared to many SCMA regulars. His first 500-mile day was in 2007 with some friends. That was another wow moment that propelled him into our midst. He started doing research on long distance road riding and went first to what he knew--AMA District 37--and found the old vestiges of the California Parks Adventure. And then he found us. As a take charge guy, he asked District 37 if he could take the CPA idea and carry it over to SCMA. He approached us to sponsor the event and we said yes, only if he would take all the responsibility. He did and in 2008 CPA was re-born. We all got the benefit of that. 2013 will be our sixth year presenting this popular long distance riding event.

Mitch and Steve Zincow were behind the Triple Crown and that idea has really underlined SCMA's unique place in the long distance motorcycling world. A new guy with considerable audacity and the willingness to work can make a big difference around here. If you don't believe that, just look at Mitch

And what about 2013? He has his first Triple Crown in his sights along with some IBA events thrown in for good measure. He just has to figure out how to keep work from interfering with the important stuff.



*Editor's Note:*

*From time-to-time we sit down with one of our SCMA riders and find out a little bit about them. SCMA is a very diverse bunch of men and women with interesting lives and histories. This story is one of many that make up SCMA.*

## SCMA's Premier Events

### USA Four Corners Tour *(an AMA "Extreme Grand Tour")*

Imagine the adventure and satisfaction of visiting San Ysidro, CA; Blaine, WA; Madawaska, ME; and Key West, FL in 21 days or less. The USA Four Corners Tour is a self-guided tour visiting these four locations in any order you select and at any time of the year. Visit our website for complete information about this World Class event.

### Three Flags Classic *(an AMA "Extreme Grand Tour")*

The 38<sup>th</sup> annual Three Flags Classic is set for a Deming, NM start on August 30, 2013 and a finish in Winnipeg, MB on September 2. There is a September 3 banquet. 250 riders will travel 2100 miles through the mountains and rolling hills of New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota and Manitoba. Watch the SCMA website and the TFC forum for unfolding information.

### California Adventure Series *(AMA "Grand Tours")*

The California Adventure Series includes two different rides: The California Parks Adventure (CPA) and the California Mission Tour (CMT). Complete one toward qualifying for the Triple Crown award.

**CPA** During any single calendar year and in any order and at any pace, visit all of the 24 National Parks and Monuments in California. Join the fun by purchasing a full color, well-illustrated passport book from SCMA that lists all locations. Get a park stamp and a photo of yourself at each location. Return the completed passport to SCMA and get it back along with a pin and a plaque.

**CMT** During any single calendar year and in any order and at any pace, visit all of the 21 California Missions. It works just like the CPA listed above

For more information visit our website and scroll down the front page to these premier rides.

### SCMA Best 15 US Roads Challenge *(an AMA "Extreme Grand Tour")*

During 2013, travel our annual list of Best 15 US Roads. Every mile from your home to the roads and back again must be traveled on a motorcycle, trike or sidecar. Rules, application and details can be found on our website.

### Tie It All Together with the Triple Crown Award

Imagine completing the USA Four Corners Tour, the Three Flags Classic and one of the California Adventure tours in a single calendar year. It is a rare achievement--done by only 10 riders per year. SCMA honors this significant accomplishment with a limited-edition plaque that marks you as a very unique long-distance rider.

### Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet

Triple Crown Awards and others awards are presented at SCMA's Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet that will be held March 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2013 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Santa Ana, California. More on our website. Registration information for the banquet appears in this newsletter in the fall.

### *Want to help? We need your help.*

Are you interested in getting involved in SCMA this year? Are you retired and sitting home watching too much TV? Are you an avid map guy? Do you think you could make things better at SCMA? Are you bored and looking for something challenging to do? Are you ready to give back a little bit of what you have received from long distance riding? Are you ready to put your money where your mouth is? Are you SCMA curious? Are you simply looking for something new to do?

Well, if any of that describes you, how about giving me a call or an email and start a conversation. If you live within 200 miles of Santa Ana or are willing to ride to within 200 miles of Santa Ana, I will be willing to buy you lunch so that we can talk about getting involved in SCMA as a ride chair or some other volunteer position.

Come on, pick up the phone right now or type up a quick email. Start something.

Blake Anderson (714) 801-3931  
[BlakePAnderson@gmail.com](mailto:BlakePAnderson@gmail.com)

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### *Sell It Here...*

For Sale: HONDA 2006 VTX1300 16k miles \$5,600. Bike is equipped with a J&M CB/MP3 player, saddle bags, windshield, hwy boards, driver back rest, rack, handle bar extenders, hwy light bar, vista cruise, cruise control. Please call John at (714) 974-4569

For Sale: Smart Antenna for Zumo 550. Used. \$50. This is the GMX 30 Smart Antenna (the "hockey puck") required with the Zumo 550 GPS to provide satellite radio, traffic and weather conditions. An XM/Sirius service contract is also required. One left. Location: Santa Ana. Contact Blake at (714) 801-3931

For Sale: Motorcycle lift. A dusty, never used lift. It has two parallel rails and is hydraulically operated like a jack. The load limit is 1500 pounds. It'll work for a personal watercraft, too. The price is anywhere between a twenty dollar bill and "let me save you the trouble of hauling it". Ralph [REFFI@aol.com](mailto:REFFI@aol.com)

*Remember we accept free motorcycle-related ads from our members. Send your ad to the newsletter editor by the 25th of the month.*

### *We Want Your Stories and Photos*

Do you have a story that needs to be told? A ride you have taken? An interesting person you want to profile? Memories of your first motorcycle and what it meant to you? Maybe you have a good old days story about SCMA. If you have an idea, write it or tell it. We'll print it.

### *Everyone is Welcome at Our General Membership Meetings*

We generally meet once per month on Saturdays beginning at 9 AM. We meet at:

Coco's Restaurant  
 306 N Azusa Ave.  
 (just south of San Bernardino Road)  
 Covina, CA

Directions to Coco's:

From the I-210 Freeway, head south on Azusa Ave. 2.2 miles. Coco's is on your left.

Or...

From the I-10 Freeway, head north on Azusa Ave. 1.0 miles. Coco's is on your right.

Please join us any time. Hear first hand about what is planned for the upcoming rides offered by SCMA and its affiliated clubs. Get to know the people that put these amazing events together. Tell us what you think. And get a feel for what it would be like to join our efforts in providing the best that riding has to offer. No one is doing what SCMA is doing. No one.

Our next General Membership Meetings are:

- December (No meeting)
- January 19 (Our annual calendaring session with our affiliated clubs)
- February 16
- March 23
- April 13
- May 4

## Three-Month Running Calendar

### December

- 2 South Coasters GMM and Day Ride
- 7-9 Long Beach Motorcycle Show
- 11 SCMA Board Meeting
- 15 TFC Committee, Shakers, Glendale, 9AM
- 15 BMWCOOSC Day Ride
- 19 AVR Light Ride/Dinner Ride
- 21 SCMA 1st Annual Winter Solstice Challenge

### January

- 6 South Coasters GMM and Day Ride
- 15 SCMA Board Meeting, Shakers, 10 AM
- 19 SCMA GMM & Calendaring Session, Coco's Covina
- 20 SCMA Soup Run, Filling Station Cafe, Orange, 6:30-8AM
- 26 TFC Committee, Shakers, Glendale, 9AM
- 26 BMWCOOSC Visit to USS Iowa

### February

- 3 South Coasters GMM and Day Ride
- 10 SCMA Sweetheart Run
- 12 SCMA Board Meeting, Shaker's, 10AM
- 16 SCMA General Membership Meeting, Coco's, 9AM
- 16-18 South Coasters Death Valley Campout
- 23 2013 Three Flags Classic Committee Meeting, Shakers, 9AM
- 23-24 BMWCOOSC Solvang Ride



*Here's what's on the road ahead. For more information, check the SCMA website [www.sc-ma.com](http://www.sc-ma.com)*

**\*Qualifying Travelers Award Events**

*Club websites (page 4) have more information. Consult them before a ride to look for last-minute changes.*

## Some valuable fine print (really)

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Email newsletter submittals to:  
[BlakePAnderson@gmail.com](mailto:BlakePAnderson@gmail.com)

SCMA's website is always your best source for complete and current information on our rides and events. Our membership application is there too. Go to [www.sc-ma.com](http://www.sc-ma.com) for information, applications and other resources. Links to all of our affiliated clubs are there too.

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