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April 19-21: South Coasters Hearst Castle Ride

April 13: SCMA General Membership Meeting

April 19-21: BMWCO SC Benton Hot Springs

April 14: South Coasters Meet Me For Breakfast, Newcomb's Ranch

May 3-5: South Coasters Yosemite Ride

April 16: SCMA Board Meeting

May 4: SCMA General Membership Meeting

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Road Signs

By Blake Anderson

Canadian Triple Crown?

Here are some ideas that are kicking around the SCMA leadership shed: How about a Canadian or Eastern Regional equivalent to the California-based Triple Crown that SCMA now offers? Perhaps a Canadian Four Corners? Perhaps east-of-the-Mississippi versions of the California Mission Tour or the California Parks Adventure? How about broadening the appeal of the USA Four Corners Tour by allowing riders to take it on in pieces?

These are very preliminary ideas that a few of our more active (and imaginative) members have been floating in the "radio traffic" I hear from time-to-time sitting in my chairman's seat.

If any of this resonates with you, shoot me an email and I will forward it to the other folks that are stirring the pot.

Remember that all the major events we take for granted today (like the 38th Annual Three Flags Classic, the Triple Crown and Best 15) started with a few guys shooting the breeze over a beer at the end of a ride. Today, we have the advantage of electronic communication that makes our international club a small village. Ideas (and action) take life very quickly when the right team assembles around a concept and works it out to completion. Your idea and your energy can make a difference.

Broadening Our Appeal

And while we are on the subject of new ideas, let me just say that the SCMA board of directors and our key volunteers are frequently asking themselves how can they better serve the motorcycling community. How do we increase our ridership? To whom should we be advertising? What features do we add to (or eliminate from) our events? What are we missing? We are looking for answers. If you have one, let us know.

Elections Are Coming

At the May General Membership Meeting we will open nominations for President, Recording Secretary and Referee/Risk Manager. Nominations close at June meeting and ballots go out. Two-year terms. Interested? Talk to a board member and show up in May or June to get nominated.

A Grave Task Ahead: Cemetery Tour Ride Chair Needed

We are still looking for someone to take on the job of ride chair for the October 27 Cemetery Tour. Its a little bit of work and a whole lot of fun. Pick a start, find 5-7 cemeteries, design a route and a finish. Find an interesting grave in each cemetery and then write up a question about the departed. In 2012, for instance, Steve Howe got the help of Kern County Cemeteries to put him in the right grave. A macabre sense of humor or a sense of history helps. Its amazing what you discover when you look down. Interested? Email Blake or another board member.



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You will automatically receive the newsletter once per month plus any special announcements and fliers about upcoming SCMA events. Email Blake at BlakePAnderson@gmail.com if you are interested.



What is this? Ten bucks to the first person that emails Blake with the answer.

February Membership Report

By Sally Bishop, Membership

Renewing Members During February	4
New Members During February	35
Lapsed Members	388
Life Members	91
Sponsoring Corporate Members	5
Active Regular Members	517
Total Members on the Rolls	907

Editor's Note: We are a month behind on these statistics this month. We will be back on track when we report the end-of-April numbers in the May Newsletter.

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What You Get for your Three Flags Classic Riders Fee
by Gaylord "Huey" Ward

The rider's fee for this year's Three Flags Classic is \$260. We charged \$275 in 2012 and \$300 in 2011. While we are trying to control cost, the real question is this: What does a rider get for the money? Here is the actual breakdown for 2012--to the penny. All total line item costs were divided by the number of riders to give the cost per rider:

Administrative Expenses		Start Expenses	
SCMA Rider Fee	25.00	Wristbands	.60
Return SCMA Cash Advance	22.73	Film: printer & paper	.91
Bank Charges	.76	Stationary supplies	.45
Mail Box Charges	1.58	Rider Caps	9.95
Committee Expenses	.55	Decals	2.30
Consulting Fees	4.75	Plaques	30.25
Awards & Door Prizes	18.20	Passport Holders	.30
Committee Dinner & Gifts	1.02	Passport Printing	3.25
Support Caps	3.60	Shipping Expenses to	1.55
Rider Gifts	11.00	Trans. Expenses--Whse to Ck.Pt.	1.45
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Framed Certificates of Thanks	.91	Mailing of Non-Starter Packs	<u>.33</u>
Ship Shirts	1.91	Total Start Expenses	53.85
Balance returned to SCMA	<u>11.70</u>		
Total Administrative Expenses	104.61	Finish Expenses	
Drawing Expenses--Food	.26	Banquet Meal	32.65
Route Expenses		Exchange Rate Loss	1.80
Checkpoint Expenses	7.01	Decorations--Piper	.65
Finish Expenses	1.12	T-Shirts	10.14
Framed Certificates (4)	.36	Belt Buckles	32.09
Rooms for Ck. Pt. Volunteers	7.99	Patches	4.45
Banquet Txts for Ck. Pt. Volunteers	1.30	Pins	1.91
Ship Banners	.29	Canadian Customs Fees	3.64
Print Route Sheets	1.65	Shipping Charges	<u>1.37</u>
Pre-Ride Expenses	<u>7.86</u>	Total Finish Expenses	88.70
Total Route Expenses	27.58	2012 TFC Grand Total	275.00

The 2013 Three Flags Committee will continue to meet once-per-month between now and the start in Deming. They are open to all interested SCMA members. Your suggestions and questions are always welcome. Contact Dennis Even, the 2013 Three Flags Committee Chairman or me, Gaylord "Huey" Ward, the 2013 Three Flags Committee Vice Chairman. We will see you in Deming on Thursday afternoon, August 29. All riders must check-in, sign the release of liability form and receive starter packages at that time. The ride begins on the morning of August 30. Check the website for all information on the 2013 ride. Remember that the deadline to buy tickets for the 2013 Three Flags Classic is April 15, 2013.

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*Blazing Saddles, May 25-27**By Dennis Even*

SCMA's annual Blazing Saddles will be offered May 25-27. This year's event will start in the Central Valley in the sleepy town of Kingsburg at the Quality Inn. Kingsburg is that quirky "Swedish Village" set in the middle of agricultural land. The Swedes settled in the 1870s. Over the years its been called Kings River Switch, Wheatville, Kingsbury, Drapersville and Farleyville. We will call it our starting location for what promises to be a fabulous and challenging motorcycle adventure.

Early on Saturday morning, the riders will leave the orchards and vineyards for the foothills of the Sierra Nevada western slope. Unfamiliar roads and names will challenge the riders as do the twists and turns of the road the morning we start. The one lane bridges and green pastures give riders a glimpse of the quiet life of the local residents. Our western heritage is found in the names of roads and places we pass, "Indian Springs" "Ahwahnee" or "Bootjack" and "Coarsgold". The early travelers of California made use of Wards Ferry and Knights Ferry to cross the Tuolumne or Stanislaus River.

The afternoon will bring us across tailings of early 49'er mining efforts along the road to Jenny Lind and Valley Springs. Back on Highway CA-49 in the Gold Country we will have a short ride to Angels Inn Motel on Main St. in Angels Camp and the end of day one.

On Sunday, we tour the back roads of the real Gold Country taking county roads and out-of-the-way tree-lined places that non-riders fear to tread. Look for Daffodil Hill, Fiddletown, Volcano and Railroad Flat. If twisties are your pleasure, this will truly satisfy.

We will head west out of the foothills and down the Sacramento River into the delta. We will ride levees and cut back and forth across the bridges that link the "islands" and give the farmers access to their fields that are 10 feet below the surrounding canals.

Riding the levee roads are a bit weird. The water laps at the edge of the levees near the road on one side while we maintain a birds-eye view of the farm houses below on the other. This is the water that supplies parts of the Central Valley and much of Southern California. One big shake and the peat-based levees fail, the farms flood, salt water floods in from San Francisco Bay in the west and California's major aqueduct system is toast. Fifty years of inaction will be a very bitter harvest for California if a new conveyance system is not built. Water cut-backs will devastate agriculture, business, environmental resources and families up and down the State.

From the delta we will head southwesterly to San Jose, climb up to Alice's Restaurant, cruise through the Santa Cruz redwoods, head down through Monterey and then head southeast to San Juan Bautista for the finish on Sunday night.

Monday you are on your own for the ride back to Southern California or Arizona. There are plenty of terrific roads to explore from there. Find a riding buddy and have fun cutting new roads home.

Hotel rooms for the start, intermediate and finish towns are blocked and reserved for the Blazing Saddles participants. As soon as we get that completely lined up, we will post on the website.

Sign-up for the ride will occur on Saturday morning at the Quality Inn in Kingsburg. You can overnight in Kingsburg for a fresh start or leave home early and meet us in Kingsburg. Registration will run from 6AM to 8:30AM.



*Angel's Camp:
A Bit of California's Gold Rush History*

Ride Safe: Cornering Tips

By Blake Anderson

We all know those riders that are truly one-with-the-bike. Its not blasting down the interstate at 85 miles per hour or riding for half-a-day straight that separates them from the average rider. No, its the way they corner. They negotiate corners with confidence, ease and fluid precision. They seem to leap forward and end up several lengths ahead of you by the end of the curve. It is though they are on a thin wire thread that allows them to glide through the corner with amazing smoothness.

How in the world are they able to do it?

Well, we have re-discovered a DVD by Keith Code called "A Twist of the Wrist, Part II" that explains the basics of excellent cornering techniques. More on that later, but first a bit of sharing.

One of our riding buddies and fellow SCMA members Gonzo was riding with us during the March 2 Awards Banquet ride. We rode up to Crystal Lake and over to Mt. Baldy. The roads are undesigned curves, a bit treacherous and recent rains had scattered sand and pebbles across many of the corners. It was enough to freak out the best of us, but its particularly troublesome for a rider that began with a bit of cornering uncertainty. He trailed the rest of us, watching our technique when he could, but frankly after a couple of turns we would be out of his line of sight.

So, what's your secret he asked when we stopped for lunch. We began talking him through the corners like a bunch of WWII fighter reconstructing a dog fight. I had the benefit of having recently watched Keith Code's DVD. The "secret" boils down to throttle control and looking where you want to go. We have heard that all of our motorcycling lives, but finding that groove and retaining it every time you enter a corner is the trick.



All of us have entered a corner a bit hot, braked late, looked where we DID NOT want to go and found ourselves nearly in the dirt, in the dirt or lying in the dirt. Its a frightening moment and it haunts us the rest of the ride. Occasionally, we do it a second time in short order and now we really get freaked out.

Our riding buddy Gonzo took our advice to heart and took time to practice the techniques until he began to get it right. He reported that his cornering has taken a major leap. After the St. Patrick's Weekend ride he wrote, in part:

"I think I finally pulled it together using the proper mix of gear selection, throttle and lean, to take the curves at higher speeds with confidence.

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Let's Ride

A Twist of the Wrist and other Cornering Tips (continued from previous page)

"On the previous two rides with Anderson, Howe and Barber, I was always the tail dragger, arriving at the destination 3-5 minutes behind those three. They just took the curves much more aggressive than I did. At breakfast in Mt Baldy (Awards Ride) and at lunch in Santa Paula (Poker Run) I brought the subject up for conversation and was given advice by all.

"It was during this weekend's ride where it finally came together. The biggest piece missing in my technique was dropping into a lower gear before entering a tight turn. then the other piece was to be looking farther up the turn so the bike will go there and just lean over on its own accord (funny how that works), and the last piece is to power thru the turn. The tires seem to always hold onto the asphalt. My confidence soared after each successful turn, encouraging me to go even faster.

"In the past, I had been doing this technique without knowing exactly what it was that was making my turns so successful. They I lost it. Especially riding the Tail of the Dragon in Tennessee and the Sisters in Texas. So how did I lose it? That's a story for another time

"This time, This weekend, fun was just oozing out of all the riding pores of my body. Snoopy was having a blast. And I could keep up with the big boys as they sped thru the twisting mountain roads"

And that get's me back to the DVD "A Twist of the Wrist, II". Its a game-changer that was recommended to me by Rodney Chew over in Arizona. I have watched it twice. I need to watch it again. And again. In six months, I need to watch it again. And every six months thereafter.

It was filmed up on Angeles Crest Highway, CA-2 around Newcomb's Ranch (our fabled roadside meet-up cafe). The old veteran racer, Keith Code, explains cornering techniques to two young riders that are all zoom but crappy cornering skills.

It is packed with great advice on how to set up and execute a turn. Learning the physics of cornering and how improper braking, throttle and tracking techniques are inefficient and dangerous, are the basis for your refinement. Watching the DVD isn't enough--you must practice to get good. And eliminating life-long bad habits are really tough. But like flying, dancing and downhill skiing, you need to understand the basics before getting in the air.

The DVD is about 20 bucks. You can find it online at Amazon.com and other places as well. Its well worth your investment in time and money.

Ride Safe...

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RedTraffic Lights: Observations from a Retired CHP Officer

My name is Steve Miriani. In 2010, I retired after 30 years in the California Highway Patrol. My former occupation is the reason I was asked to write an article about red light violations. Next month I'll write about lane splitting.

Before I begin writing about red light violations, I think it important to hit on the topic of police officers. Just like in any occupation, there are good and bad, but for the most part, at least in my opinion, the vast majority of cops are there to serve the public.

As far as enforcing the law is concerned, few enforce the letter of the law and most enforce the spirit of the law. The letter of the law basically means, enforcing the law as it is written in the code, and enforcing the spirit of the law is to enforce the law in the way the legislature intended when they passed the law. I will address this issue a little later.

Lastly, an officer cannot take an enforcement action such as writing a ticket or making an arrest, without a law pertaining to a specific violation. In other words, they enforce specific written laws, they don't make laws.

CVC 21453(a) is the California vehicle code section that a person violates by running a red light--more accurately, failing to stop, or remaining stopped for a red traffic signal. There are numerous reasons a person can be cited for this section. For instance, a "creeper" is a person stopped in front of the pack while waiting for their light to change from red to green. They anticipate the green light and creep past the limit line, sometimes an entire car length, as if to get a head start. However, if they do so while their light is still red, BAM, ticket! I've handled tons of accidents caused by this type of maneuver.

When can you be cited? Any time after the light turns red and a fraction of an inch of your vehicle is inside the painted limit line, the first line of a painted crosswalk or the invisible prolongation line of two lateral corners, it is a technical violation. Consequently, under the the letter of the law, you can be cited. But that is not the intent of the Legislature.

Can a cop cite you for a fraction of an inch past the limit line, yes. Will it hold up in court? That is an entirely different subject.

Conversely, If a police officer was in front of you in a different lane traveling in the same direction and the officer stopped as soon as the light turned amber and you stopped next to the officer, except your front tire was past the limit line, and you were not ticketed, that is the spirit of the law. Although you were in technical violation of the law as it is written, the officer used discretion and determined you could not have caused an accident.

What about red light cameras? Do they reduce accidents? I think so, simply because drivers are more careful around them. Do they generate revenue? Absolutely! The decision to issue a ticket is made by an officer that viewed the photograph, because the only people in California that can issue a citation, are officers.

A major hurdle to camera-based enforcement is the ability of the agency to identify the driver. After all, the vehicle does not violate the law, only a person can. The Court or an officer cannot compel you to say who was driving a vehicle at the time of the violation. Keep in mind, tickets issued as a result of a red light camera are sent to the registered owner of the vehicle.

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*Red Traffic Lights: Observations from a Retired CHP Officer
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I know of a case of a Northern California motorcyclist who wore a mask and a beanie helmet, and would purposely run red-light-camera-equipped intersections within his city. As he crossed through an intersection he flipped the camera off. He did this several times per day over a span of a couple of weeks. His license plate was captured, but his identity wasn't.

Officers were sent to his residence but he remained uncooperative and could not be cited. Because his antics were so dangerous, the police chief set up surveillance on the masked rider. Undercover officers saw him leave on his motorcycle. A police airplane observed him run eight separate red lights, one twice, for a total of nine violations. He was stopped by a marked traffic unit. His license was suspended, his bike was impounded, he

was fined \$6800 and spent six months in jail for a long list of violations.

What happens if a red light camera catches a violator driving a rental? That makes conviction very difficult without a clear photo of the driver. However, if someone is seriously injured or killed and it was captured by a red light camera, search warrants and court orders can be executed and the driver is likely to be identified and arrested.

Bottomline: If a red light violator cannot be positively identified, they can't be prosecuted.



*Editor's Note:
Steve Miriani is an SCMA member and is a contributor to SCMA News.*



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Best 15 US Roads Challenge Update

By Charlie Coyner, Ride Chair

When you ride this challenge, you will join a very small universe of finishers. Two in 2011 and four in 2012. Is that an exclusive enough club for you? Then, get with it. 2013 is your year. Be one of the first ten to have ever done it. As far as we know, only SCMA is offering and marking this world class event.

This year we dropped VT-100 and added New Hampshire's, "Kancamagus Highway" with a side trip up the Mt Washington Auto Road. The highest wind speed clocked in the Continental US was recorded here. Why? Take a look at the topography and you will see. Mt. Washington is the highest point for over 1000 miles. What a view!

The other 14 roads remain unchanged for 2013. They include Beartooth Pass and Chief Joseph Highways; CA-1, Monterey to Morro Bay; Lolo Pass; Cherochala

Skyway and Tail of the Dragon; Going to the Sun Road, MT; "Million Dollar Highway", CO; Blue Ridge Parkway; WA-20, Concrete to Omak; VA-16, "Back of the Dragon"; The Twisted Sisters, TX; US-16, Custer to Mt Rushmore; US-191, Springerville to Three Way, AZ; UT-12, Torrey to Bryce Canyon and; US-50, the Loneliest road in America, Ely to Carson City, NV.

If you plan to ride the 2013 Three Flags Classic or the USA Four Corners, think about combining them with the Best 15 Challenge.

We'd love to have you join us for the fun of it! We always welcome suggestions. Let us know your candidates for the 2014 collection! Check out the flyer on the following page.



 An advertisement for the Tourmaster Transition Series 3 Jacket. The background is a photograph of a paved road lined with bare trees under a blue sky. The jacket is shown in the foreground, primarily in blue and black with reflective silver stripes. The Tourmaster logo is in the top right corner. The text "EVERYWHERE WEAR" is written in large white letters across the middle. Below it, the text "TRANSITION SERIES 3 JACKET" is followed by a list of features and a list of other products.

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2013 Travelers Award Contest Rules

Dan Fox, Chairman

This year we are charging \$20 to participate. For 2013 we will provide new awards and its easier than ever to count to 13. 7 rides for a pin, 10 rides for a plaque/trophy and 13 rides for a free 2014 awards banquet dinner (all prizes accumulating, of course). Even at this late date it is possible to complete 10 rides for 2013.

13 Possible Qualifying Rides for 2013

SCMA Soup Run	January 20
SCMA Sweetheart Run	February 10
SCMA Banquet Day Ride	March 2
PMC Poker Run	March 10
Shamrocks St. Pats Run	March 16-17 (first day)
S. Coasters Hearst Castle	April 19-21 (first day)
PMC Greenhorn Run	May 18-19 (first day)
SCMA Blazing Saddles	May 25-26 (first day)
SCMA Dog Days of Summer	July 14
South Coasters 7 Passes Tour	Aug 2-4 (second day)
SCMA Grand Tour	October 12-13 (first day)
SCMA Cemetery Tour	October 27
SCMA Turkey Run	November 17

Plus 2 Possible Make Up Day Rides

For those riders that miss a ride we are offering two make up rides that can be substituted for any qualifying ride

BMWCOSEC Park & Ride	September 28
SCMA Winter Solstice Challenge	December 21

Plus a Make Up Premier Ride

We also will provide the ability to substitute one of SCMA's Premier Rides for a qualifying ride. .

SCMA Three Flags Classic	August 30-Sept. 3
SCMA Four Corners Tour	21 days in 2013
SCMA Best 15 US Roads	Anytime during 2013
SCMA California Mission Tour	Anytime during 2013
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AMA Network Spring Update

by Dave Hembroff, AMA Road Riding Manager

AMA is working on establishing a State Chapter in your home state. We are continuing to move forward with this new program, and we invite your help with AMA membership, recreational event organization, and grassroots efforts on behalf of motorcyclists.

April is GO Ride! Month

We will be kicking off a bunch of great riding promotions in April with weekly contests, a new Flash Tour and just a bunch of motivational road and recreational riding initiatives as we generally do to start the riding season. If you know of folks who are on the fence about AMA membership, please use these activities (on the main web site and on the AMA Facebook page) to encourage them to join.

AMA Facebook

We just passed 51000 “likes” and are climbing rapidly. This expands the AMA reach, so if you are not connected to us on Facebook, please “like” us today! Also, we can always use your participation in AMA Flash Tours. Read more about that here:

www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Riding/Street/PremierTouringSeries/FlashTours.aspx

AMA LongRider is BACK

After a 5 year hiatus, we are rolling out new AMA LongRider patches and decals for riders who want to mark the miles they’ve ridden. Now we have annual mileage challenges as well as lifetime achievements. Documentation is a must, but we work with riders to make sure they get all the credit they have coming to them. AMA club mileage awards count, as do some other well-documented mileage programs. Members who were in LongRider before will be credited with their previous miles – and all this is now permanently documented in your AMA member profile! If you ride the miles, register today: www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Riding/Street/LongRider.aspx

Memberships

The AMA is working on some new membership classes – mostly to encourage growth of AMA amateur racing efforts and widening this channel to introduce more young people active in motorcycle sports to the Association. At the request of AMA Congress and many of our organizers, the AMA is testing a “one-event” pass at certain AMA sanctioned races. This pass, which costs \$20, allows a non-member to compete in one event – with the AMA reaching out to the rider to encourage them to sign up for full membership within 90 days for an additional \$29. This means that the rider will be not “lose” their \$20 if they decide to become a member.

Also, we are working on family memberships (up to 5 riders in one household) and a youth membership as well. These last two classes of membership are not available yet, but we hope to have them out very early in the season.

Events

If there are any events in your area that you think should be AMA sanctioned – recreational or competition – please let me know as soon as possible. We now have dedicated staff who will reach out to these organizers and clubs about an AMA charter and sanction. All we need is contact information.

Grassroots & Volunteer Involvement

We are bringing back the AMA EAGLES program – starting with our State Chapters network of volunteers. Please take a look at the link below and review the different EAGLES presentations. Once these have been fully reviewed (we need your help) and are approved for wider distribution, all AMA volunteers will be required to complete the program (likely in stages) and be certified to “represent” the AMA as an official volunteer. I welcome all your input: www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Membership/EAGLES.aspx

*SCMA's Premier Events**

USA Four Corners 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 38th 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

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

SCMA Best 15 US Roads Challenge

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 10-15 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 1, 2014. Watch for location and registration information starting in late 2013.

**For more information visit our website and and scroll down to find all of these premier events*

Help Wanted

SCMA needs a ride chair for the October 27 Cemetery Tour

Are you interested? 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. SLO, Fresno, Needles, Calexico. Where do you live?

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

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Sell It Here...

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 currently meet at:

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

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, but remember to check every month to make sure. Changes are possible.

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 2013 General Membership Meetings are:

- April 13
- May 4
- June 8
- July 13
- August 17
- September 21
- October 19
- November 16

Three-Month Running Calendar (with qualifying Travelers Award Events in Red)

April

- 5-7 *South Coasters El Capitan Weekend Campout*
- 13 *SCMA General Membership Meeting, Coco's Covina, 9AM*
- 14 *South Coasters Meet-Me-For-Breakfast Ride, Newcomb's*
- 16 *SCMA Board Meeting, Shaker Cafe, Glendale, 10AM*
- 19-21 *BMWCOOSC Benton Hot Springs*
- 19-21 *South Coasters Hearst Castle Ride**



May

- 3-5 *South Coasters Yosemite Ride*
- 4 *SCMA General Membership Meeting, Coco's Covina, 9AM*
- 11 *SCBMWRC Mother's Day Ride*
- 12 **Mother's Day**
- 14 *SCMA Board Meeting, Shaker Cafe, Glendale, 10AM*
- 18-19 *PMC Greenhorn**
- 25-27 *Blazing Saddles**
- 25-27 *SCBMWRC Death Valley Ride*

June

- 8 *SCMA General Membership Meeting*
- 9 *BMWCOOSC Day Ride*
- 11 *SCMA Board Meeting, Shaker Restaurant, Glendale, 10AM*
- 16 **Father's Day**
- 23 *South Coasters Sumer Solstice Ride*
- 29-30 *BMWCOOSC Big Bear Weekend*

Here's what's on the road ahead. For more information, check the SCMA website www.sc-ma.com and the websites of our affiliated clubs. Club websites (page 8) have more information. ALWAYS consult them before a ride for last-minute changes.

**Qualifying Travelers Award Event*

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Email newsletter submittals to: 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 for information, applications and other resources. Links to all of our affiliated clubs are there too.

The SCMA neither endorses nor sanctions any fund raising activities by its members or riders participating in its events for any purpose benefiting or on behalf of third party charities unless expressly stated otherwise. All such activities are outside of the control and view of SCMA and no support of any kind should be construed.

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