

SCMA



NEWS

1968 2018
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Sometimes I am challenged to write this bit of comment....other times my thoughts just seem to flow easily into words from the keyboard. Today is a mixture of the two.

It seems that I have been running from one task to another since New Year's Day in keeping up with the many things needing to be accomplished. The big challenge was refining the website and establishing a solid online registration format. This year we have migrated completely into the digital world and have stepped away from paper registrations and mailing checks. We just do not have the time available to process paper anymore.

The next item on my plate was to begin organizing the three Flags Classic for 2018. Inside you'll see a report on our progress. We have been very fortunate to have 15+ members who have stepped into to help with all the tasks needing attention. Having said that, we still need a few hands to help with publicity, door prizes, and other tasks yet to be identified.

The Annual Awards Banquet is just 10 days away. I've been quite busy working to get the riders awards ready and

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certificates of appreciation prepared for our many volunteers. Again, we need a chairman to run this event in 2019.

And then we have our Travelers Awards Rides. I believe it is time to shake up that particular program and design a whole new approach to our monthly rides. It would be great if one of our SoCal members would join with me in designing a new program for 2019. And closely aligned with that effort is to work on strengthening our Affiliate Program. More on that later.

Now, somewhere amidst this cornucopia of planning fun I need to find time to earn the newly established CA Triple Crown.....by riding to the CA Parks, Missions and Best 15 Roads in the 2018 calendar year. That is going to be a blast !!

Which leads me to another thought....Is there room in the schedule to do a Four Corners and a Best 15 this year?? Hmm.....

Ride Safe.....Ride Long

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SOUTHWEST Regional News Section

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To help our readers track and group the large amount of information provided in this newsletter, we have grouped the articles into Regional, National, and International sections. This section contains info on Traveler's Award rides and local events.

Membership News

By Mike Barber #26168

Hello everyone,

SCMA is modestly increasing membership fees to meet increasing costs of operations. Membership fees are now \$35 for one year and \$60 for two years.

Mike Barber
Membership Director



2018 BMW S 1000 XR

Irv Seaver Motorcycles
Orange County, CA [IrvSeaver BMW.com](http://IrvSeaverBMW.com)



SCMA Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet
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SCMA 50th Anniversary



Happy 50th Anniversary everyone !!!!

SCMA, formed in 1968, is celebrating its 50th birthday in 2018!!!

From its humble beginnings of a local group of riders bringing their families to weekend motorcycling events, SCMA grew into a multi-region association. With the introduction of Three Flags Classic by Joe Usatin, SCMA began attracting riders from across the North American Continent and began evolving into a distance riding organization.

For 50 years now, member volunteers dedicated to the sport of recreational motorcycling and distance riding have contributed their time to providing a great collection of distance riding events and monthly regional rides for the enjoyment of its members.

In the early years of operation these volunteers were typically located in Southern California. With the availability of today's digital tools, SCMA volunteers contribute their

time and effort from locations such as Alberta, Arizona, British Columbia, California, Maine, Ohio, and Sonora.

Fifty years of operation is a huge accomplishment for all past and present members to be very proud about. To recognize this accomplishment, SCMA has designed commemorative membership cards displaying a large "50". These new cards, along with pins and patches displaying the numeral "50", will be issued

beginning the end of February to new and renewing members in their membership packages.

Congratulations to everyone on being part of this great accomplishment !!!





SCMA'S Affiliated Clubs

Antelope Valley Riders
www.avts.av.org

AZRatPack
www.azratpack.com

BMW Club of Southern California
www.bmwcosc.com

BMW Club, South Coast Riders (aka South Coasters)
www.scbmwrc.com

Pasadena Motorcycle Club
www.pasadenamc.com

Red Hot Riders of San Diego
www.redhotriders.com

Shamrock Road Riders
www.sc-ma.com/shamrock.htm

Victor McLaglen Motor Corps
www.thevmc.com

A promotional banner for "GO AZ Motorcycles". At the top, logos for Aprilia, BMW, Ducati, KTM, Triumph, Honda, Ural, Vespa, and Kawasaki are displayed. Below the logos is a central shield logo with a sunburst design and the text "GO AZ Motorcycles". The background shows a motorcycle dealership with several bikes on display. At the bottom, a dark blue bar contains the text: "GO AZ MOTORCYCLES | 15500 N. HAYDEN RD | SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260 | (480) 609-1800 | GOAZMOTORCYCLES.COM".

California Best 15 Roads

SCMA's CA Adventure Series, a long time favorite amongst the Southwest Region riders and our International and National riders pursuing the Triple Crown, is about to become an even bigger favorite.

Dennis Even, longtime SCMA member, former SCMA Treasurer, former Chair, CA Adventure Series, and recipient of the Legacy Award, has developed the CA Best 15 roads to ride while you're out visiting Parks and Missions. The Board of Directors reviewed and approved the overall concept and approved the first set of books listing the 2018 CA Best 15 Roads.

The concept Dennis and Les Gullery (Shamrock Road Riders) developed consists of 60 fantastic roads in CA broken down to 20 in the North, 20 in the Central, and 20 in the South of California. From that inventory of 60, 15 roads will be selected consisting of 5 each from the North, Central and South areas, to be offered over a four-year period. In years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 a different set of 5 will be selected from the inventory so that at the end of a four-year period riders will have ridden all 60 of these fantastic highways.

In addition to expanding the CA Adventure Series, a new award titled the CA Triple Crown will be awarded to riders completing the complete series. This award will be similar to the Triple Crown awarded to finishers of three of premier rides.

Below is the 2018 list of CA Best 15 CA Roads you can ride while visiting various parks and missions within California:

All roads can be ridden in either direction, be sure to obtain your gas or store receipt and write your mileage for the start and for the finish.

Be the first to ride these great roads of California!

And be the first to receive the California Triple Crown !!

Northern California

CA-3 Weaverville to Yreka

CA-108 (Sonora Pass) Sonora to Walker

CA-120 (Tioga Pass) E -Groveland to Benton

CA-139 N - Susanville to Adin

Cecilville Rd Gazelle -Cecilville – Gazelle

Central California

CA-35 (Skyline Highway) Patchen Pass to Alice's Restaurant

CA-190 Porterville to Kernville

CA-198 King City to Coalinga

CA-245 Venida to Dunlap

Caliente - Bodfish Rd. CA-58 to Lake Isabella

Southern California

Woodford - Tehachapi Road (The Train Loop road) Keene to Tehachapi

CA-33 (Jacinto Scenic Byway) Ojai to Maricopa

CA-74 (Pines to Palms Hwy) Hemet to Palm Desert

CA-76 Oceanside to Lake Henshaw

S1 (Sunrise Highway) Pine Valley to Julian

California Triple Crown

We have a new challenge for SCMA members.

A challenge that is completely doable, within reach of everyone, especially members in the southwest region or within a few states close to California.

With the introduction of the California Best 15 Roads, SCMA now has 3 rides with destinations that are often co-located with each other.

The Board of Directors came up with the idea of recognizing those riders who successfully completes the full CA Adventure Series in one calendar year between January 1st and December 15th.

We are in the process of designing this award and expect it to be very similar to the SCMA Triple Crown, but will be a slightly smaller size.

The CA Triple Crown will join the ranks of the other major awards designed to recognize riders that accomplish riding a significant distance in the calendar year.

Those awards may quite possibly have to be redefined to include the newest edition to the California Adventure Series.

Those awards are the **Triple Crown** award for riding three of the premier events, the **Premier 5** award for riding 5 premier events, and the **Grand Slam** for riding all six premier events.

The Board of Directors will review the current requirements for each of the events and will determine if revisions are necessary.

Regardless, the California Triple Crown is defined as completing the full California Adventure Series in one calendar year. There is one year of eligibility, defined as the year a rider registers for the event, to complete the series and qualify for the California Triple Crown

Be one of the first SCMA riders to receive this CA Triple Crown and sign up now!!



Presents



ST. Patrick's Day Ride

March 17 - 18, 2018
Saturday & Sunday

Death Valley

Death Valley National Park -- Manzanar National Historic Site

Sanctioned Event Travelers Award Event All Motorcycles Welcome

Entry Fee: \$10

START: 08:00-09:00

Voyager Restaurant
1434 Flight Line
Mojave, California

First Day Lunch:

Stovepipe Wells Village Saloon, DV.

First Day Finish:

Bishop, California

Overnight Location:

Travelodge \$105+tax 760-872-1771

Creekside Inn \$125+tax 760-872-3044
Includes Hot Breakfast

Second Day Finish:

Mojave Airport, California

For Information Call: Les Gullery -- 661-252-8148
Shamrock Road Riders

2018 Soup Meet Members Breakfast

Last year, for this January breakfast, the weather was cold, rainy, and reported mud slides in the nearby hills. Those that attended drove to Duarte in their cages (cars/trucks)

This year's weather was perfect for a bike ride to the Elk Lodge, and that is what many riders did.

Dianna "Di" Stoneman did a great job setting everything up for the tables. She had the registration forms all set, tables arranged, designated an area for the food collection, and arranged of the banners for the group photo.

During the meeting we had some lively discussion of the Three Flags Classic arrangement made up to that time, chatted about the monthly rides, and had a presentation by Les Gullery covering the St. Pat's Day Ride put on by the Shamrocks Road Riders on March 17th.

The hit presentation however, was about the expanded CA Adventure Series. Dean Sarrocco, chair of the CA Adventures, and Les Gullery, developer of the CA Best 15 Roads series, covered the layout in full detail. Les talked about the 60-road plan to be presented over 4 years with 15 roads each year. He also gave some color commentary about the





uniqueness of a couple of the roads for 2018.

Dean covered how the Series will be administered and reminded members that the CA Adventure Series of Missions, Parks, and Best Roads are co-located. This offers members the opportunity to receive the CA Triple Crown that will be offered at the Awards Banquet in 2019 for the 2018 finishers.

We posed for a group photo under the banners presented to us by the Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys the

AMA. We were having so much fun we then decided to render the famous AZRATPack salute!

On Tuesday I delivered the food and \$210 in donated checks to Families Forward in Irvine. This charity does a fantastic job helping families move forward after suffering a significant setback in their economic status.



Sell it here !!

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



2010 Honda Goldwing GL
1800. 85,000 miles **\$10,500.**

2011 Harley Heritage Softail
Classic. 2,900 miles, **\$12,900**

Contact Steve Shulman for more information at:
steven1050@aol.com or (949) 769-1726

SCMA's Help Wanted

SW Regional Ride Chief for 2018. Start thinking about the 2018 riding calendar. Are you ready to jump in and help administer it? We need someone to help track TA Riders attendance?

If you are interested in helping us please call or email Gonzo) or any member of the SCMA board of directors

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ST1100 Aux Fuel Tank,
luggage rack, seats.

Asking **\$1,200**

Contact Adolph:

626-253-5367





2014 BMW R1200RT-LC comprising of ultra technologies: ABS, Automatic Stability Control, Cruise Control, Dynamic Electronic Suspension Adjustment, Hill Start Control, Traction control, AM FM Satellite Blue Tooth radio.

Dealer options include Gearshift Assistant Pro, 50L top case.

Many after market farkles: HID low and high beam lights, Powerlet 15A socket, German TUV approved Wunderlich front and rear crash bars, Russel's day long seat (32" inseam), AirFlow tall windscreen with wings, Ilium bar backs, hand grip fillers, Extra heavy handle bar weights, Haynes service & repair manual.

36,000 mile service in October 2017, all recall campaign's done and finished, 3 year brake flush. Garaged, and meticulously maintained.

Bike is located in Olympia WA. \$13,500.00. Please call Thomas at [1\(360\) 280-9087](tel:13602809087) or email LoToofLa@centurylink.net.

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2012 HONDA ST 1300 AC

Pristine condition, meticulously maintained and always garage stored with 44,135 miles. Has Russell Daylong seat with passenger backrest and cargo rack as shown. Also, comes with police single seat/rear cowl configuration to revert, dual stock seat and/or Maverick seat also available. Bike is equipped with:

- Transferable Honda 4-year extended warranty valid thru December 2019
- Honda factory heated grips
- Hi/Lo Bi-Xenon headlights
- Soundoff Ghostlight

forward warning lights (white) and rear brake lights

- Front and rear police crash bars with custom modified passenger pegs
- Racetech front suspension
- Fork springs rate at 1.0KG (stock was way under sprung at .860kg)
- Rear suspension is fitted with Progressive 465 fully adjustable shock with Remote Adjustable Preload (RAP).

Must sell; too many bikes to maintain. **\$10,400**. Ask for Steve (#24141) at [\(707\) 479-0849](tel:7074790849).





Rampage Power Lift – loads a full touring bike (Gold Wing, Harley).

Fits pick-up truck with 6.5' box. Easy to operate. Used 1 time. Asking **\$1,250**. Located in North Platte NE

Contact Bud Kleewein

308-530-4068



Three-Month Running Calendar

Mar

- 3 Awards Banquet – Irvine Wyndham**
- 17 *St Pat's Day Ride – Shamrock Road Riders**

Apr

- 6 *Alien Invasion - AZRATPack**

May

- 27 * Grand Blazing Saddles**

Information on each ride will be released on the website and via eBlasts.

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 have more information on their events and are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

ALWAYS consult them for last-minute changes before a ride.

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National News Section

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This section has articles about the SCMA National Rides: The USA Four Corners Tour and the Best 15 USA Roads Challenge.



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SCMA Visits AMA



It started with an from Serena Van Dyke, AMA's Recreational Riding Coordinator. It was back in December when I received an email from Serena informing me that SCMA had been nominated for the AMA Recreational Road Riding Organizer of the Year.

SCMA had been nominated in a group of 10 clubs for the award. The group of 10 was then narrowed down to the final three clubs. Serena was informing us that SCMA had made it to the final three and was hoping that SCMA would send representatives to the banquet.

Needless to say, we had a bit of discussion about this opportunity. First of all, we had Bob Roger, Chair of the Best 15 US Roads Challenge who resides 100 miles to the east of Columbus. He was our first choice to

attend the banquet and represent SCMA. But then Rodney Chew and I started working on ways for us to also attend. Our final conclusion was for Rodney and me to fly from Phoenix to Columbus and tag up with Bob Roger on Friday.....the three of us would then meet with AMA management and discuss a number of concerns and opportunities.

This indeed was a great opportunity for SCMA leadership to meet with AMA's Recreational Riding leadership. We met with Amanda Donchess (AMA Marketing Director), Heather Wilson (AMA Recreational Riding Manager) and Serena Van Dyke (Recreational Riding Coordinator). We discussed a number of issues and opportunities for the two organizations to work on for mutual benefit. We look forward to 2018 for

solidifying our working relationship with AMA!

After our 2-hour meeting we were given a tour of AMA Headquarters and then an escorted visit to the AMA Museum! This visit to the museum was absolutely fantastic. We



SCMA Bob Roger, Gonzo, 5-ft tall SCMA Rodney Chew, AMA Heather Wilson, AMA Amanda Donchess, AMA Serena Van Dyke



encourage our membership to visit this site and enjoy looking at the grand history of motorcycling, racing, dirt bike riding, engineering, etc. that is displayed here!! This was a most enjoyable side trip to our visit to AMA.

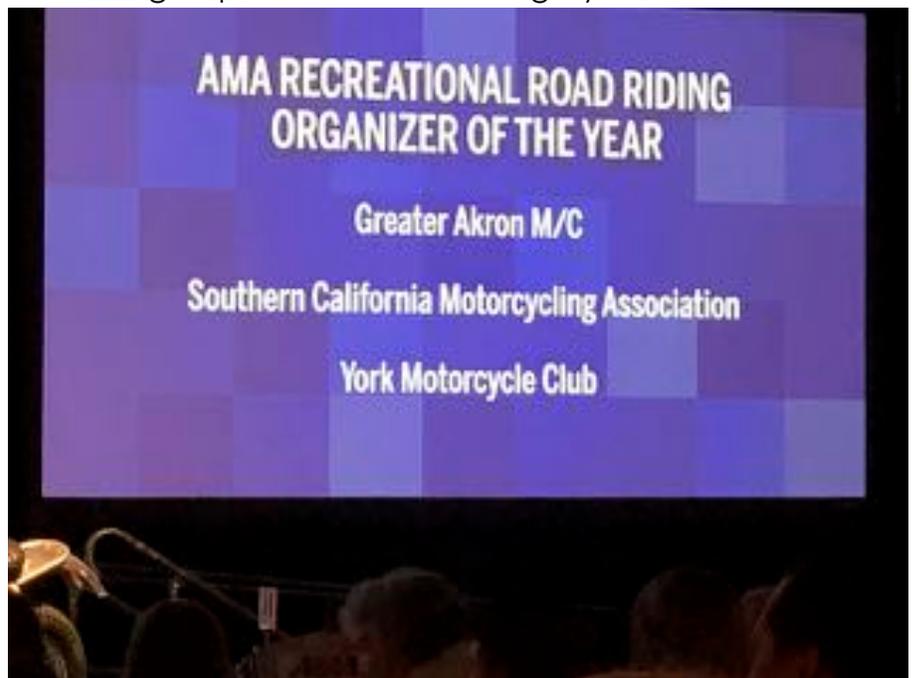
Saturday's banquet was scheduled to start at 5:30 with opening of doors. Our table was assigned and we were seated with representatives from *Lake County Off Road conservation Inc* who

were nominated for off-road organizing. The evening kicked off with awards being presented for *AMA Organizer of the Year Categories* which is where SCMA was classified. There were six categories in this pre-dinner group, and SCMA's category was the last to be announced. When it finally came about, the award went to Greater Akron M/C of Akron OH.

Bummer!!

Then it was off to the buffet line to enjoy a wonderful meal! This was a great time as we learned much about our fellow guests seated at the table. It is amazing at the amount of business being conducted via the dirt-bike event industry!

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The awards ceremony resumed with presentations for the dirt-bike competitions. WOW!! This was an absolute eye opener of what AMA does in this industry. It was a lot of fun to watch 5-year old dirt bike riders come onto the stage, receive a trophy as tall as they were, and then listen to their acceptance comments.

My favorite quote was from the 8 year old who answered an MC's question with, "I just like to get dirty"!!

But my most inspirational moment (being 73 years old) came about when a 74-year old won a trophy for the Super Senior Dirt Track Grand Championship!! Wow, there is hope

for me after all in that there is an old man category for me to try and become a champion of something ☺.

After this it was time to get a few photos of the guys and then return to our room to begin packing. Rodney and I had to be at the airport by 6:00 am to catch our flight back to PHX.

This



was a great event and a real pleasure for SCMA to be part of the festivities.

Thank you AMA for recognizing SCMA for the hard work our volunteers do in keeping this 50-year old club continuing its traditional motorcycling operations across the North American Continent!





WANT TO OWN A 2018 GOLD WING???

Hello Gold Wing Riders!

If you are in the market for a new 2018 Gold Wing please keep reading.

I am in the process of putting together a Gold Wing purchase for SCMA members interested in making a group purchase. In actuality the purchase will be made individually, but by negotiating a group deal you'll have a price that is most likely cheaper than you could negotiate on your own.

The 2018 Gold Wings are hitting the dealers now and most are selling them at or above MSRP. Honda is good at allocating small allotments to maintain high pricing and demand, but I suspect those allotments will increase and the competition and the free market will come into play at some point. If you need to be the first on your block to get a Gold Wing then this deal is not for you. We are planning on waiting until late Spring or early summer to make our deal, though I've spoken to several dealers.

In the meantime, I suggest you do your test-riding and snooping around to see which bike is best for you. Please don't deny yourself a ride on the DCT if you can find a dealer with a demo. Even those magazine reviewers that said they would never own a DCT model have come away very impressed.

I've created an **MSRP** list of the different bikes with options for you review. Keep in mind these are the suggested retail prices, NOT the prices we intend to pay. It does however give you an idea of costs.

When you get a chance, do some homework and check options you may want. We will also negotiate a discounted labor rate and parts rates for options. In the end, your name will be submitted to the dealer with whom we negotiate and you will order your bike under the terms of our deal. There is no obligation at this point and providing your name and number to me will only help to negotiate a better deal for all and place you on the interest list. Please be certain to give me your name, phone, address, and e-mail address. Please contact me with any questions.

Looking forward to seeing you all on new Gold Wings in Puerto Penasco at the Three Flags Classic

Thank you.

Steven Shulman
(Your former SCMA Chairman)
Steven1050@aol.com
949-769-1726

2018 HONDA GOLD WING

#	MODEL	TRUNK	TRANSMISSION	NOTE	BASE COST	COLORS	COST***	
A	2018 Honda Gold Wing	NO*	6 Speed Manual		\$23,500			
						Silver	\$23,500	
						Brown	\$23,800	
B	2018 Honda Gold Wing	NO*	Automatic DCT	Walk Mode/Reverse	\$24,700			
						Silver	\$24,700	
						Brown	\$25,000	
C	2018 Honda Gold Wing TOUR	YES	6 Speed Manual	Reverse	\$27,700			
				Electronic Preload Susp			Pearl Wh	\$27,700
							Red	\$28,000
D	2018 Honda Gold Wing TOUR	YES	Automatic DCT	Walk Mode/Reverse**	\$27,700			
				Electronic Preload Susp			White	\$27,700
							Red	\$28,000
E	2018 Honda Gold Wing TOUR	YES	Automatic DCT AIRBAG	Walk Mode/Reverse**	\$31,500			
				Electronic Preload Susp			Blue	\$28,200
							Red/Blac	\$31,500

*Former F6B

***Does not include \$450 destination charge. Does not include options.



SCMA received a set of Calendars from the US Center Foundation, Lebanon KS.

USA FOUR CORNERS "TRUE X" CENTER OF USA CHECKPOINT !!





Mark your calendars for a fun trip to the town of Lebanon KS....Center of the lower US 48 states. Be part of their summer Bash joining with other SCMA members and ride your bike in this fun parade. Ride a **USA4CORNERS TRUE X TOUR** and visit the Lebanon checkpoint 3 times during your run!

Plan to stay in Smith Center and enjoy a social dinner the night before the parade, hamburgers and beer the night of the parade, and then head home the next morning after breakfast.

It's definitely a fun time for all !!



Mission Boo-Boo

By Andy Andresen #31155

The weather was perfect and the scoot and I were chugging along like a happy Friar Tuck on his contented donkey. The goal was to get all California Missions and National Parks in about 10 days and head back to Georgia with all five SCMA Premier Rides completed at that point.

My next target on the list was San Antonio de Padua Mission. Leaving US101 near Bradley, I proceeded northward toward Jolon, which I assumed would be a small town to make a pit stop for a cold beverage.

The town consisted of a Sherman tank at the intersection where I turned left to enter the Fort Hunter Liggett Army Airfield. I have three GPS units on the bike, all of which became befuddled due to several changes in fence lines and roadways due to airfield construction or something.

All GPS demands were to go through the Main Gate and onto the base where I thought I saw the mission on a hilltop. The gate officer advised me it was not on base, but just around the corner about a half-mile.

Sure enough, it was exactly where it has been for almost 250 years. While taking the obligatory photos, it was amusing to observe a group of senior citizens being 'herded like cats' toward the tour bus by their tour guide - a nun!

Suddenly, I had a brainstorm. A tour guide surely knows the area and could direct me to the north and save going all the way back to the south in order to steer north again to reengage US101. I could almost hear the dinner bells ringing up thar!

Yes! She proclaimed. Just head up Mission Road and it comes out on US101.....

So, off I go in a blissful manner, dreaming of a steak and a



tator and a cold one.

Now this is where lucidity begins to slip away. In about half a mile, the rough pavement turns into a well-maintained three-lane gravel road that was smoother than the aforementioned pavement – Onward, oh mighty steed!

The GPS has now acclimated once again to this hemisphere and decides to talk to me. **{Continue 5.1 miles and turn right}** That sounds good to me and now I have navigation in addition to a nun's word that US101 is right up here – somewhere.

In 5.1 miles, guess what - the GPS was 'correct' and I took a right onto a not-quite-as-wide gravel road that was still good for me and my 1000 pound Harley to easily journey upon. Dirt and gravel are what the hog was originally designed for in WWI, so no big deal and just part of the venture!

In a mile or two I noticed that the roadbed was now whoop-de-doo. In layman's terms, it became like two sunken tracks across the land. Not possible to turn my beast around on this without a struggle so – Onward you filthy beast!

A dry riverbed appeared and gave me some pause (higher pucker factor), but with care I made it through the rounded river rocks that were between the sizes of your fist and a VW bug. Not too scary and less intimidating due to an improved road bed on the other side as far as the eye could see – about 500 feet.

As we proceeded along a solid packed sandy deck of clay and gravel, I felt proud to have overcome the obstacles and felt nearer that steak. Onward and upward – the road now began to climb gradually and disappear behind many twisties and Coweta dips. Eventually, I saw the crest of the hill about 1 mile up, up and more up.

Mind you, it was a little disconcerting that the road was now a side hill track with a measurable drop-off to my left and a straight up to the sky cliff on the right.

Of greater disquiet was the fact that the gradient had now increased to what I later determined was 31 degrees UP! Perhaps I should mention that this machine that was designed after those WWI dirt crawlers, did not have a hill climbing attribute added while travelling down the assembly line in York PA.

First gear could blast off from a stop sign pretty fast, but a Granny Gear it was definitely not.

My speed was around 35-45 up to now and if I pressed hard it would hold – no sir – my jet propulsion mentality was quickly quashed by my rubber band butt. And then it happened!

As the scoot traversed a patch of silica sand, all of that beautiful forward momentum I was truly counting on, dissipated quicker than a honey glazed ham sandwich at the soup kitchen. The 1000-pound monster could not float across that patch any more than a frog could jump the Grand Canyon. Very disappointed I was as she settled instantly several inches into the quagmire.

A mental image would be appropriate here. Remember that 31 degrees addressed earlier?

GRAVITY began to take its mean spirited obnoxious vengeance and pull the whole shebang down the mountain despite both brakes locked and the tranny still in first gear sliding the locked up wheels.

Last time I checked, my skill level was somewhat lacking in the backwards-downward dog doing 30-1000 mph on a scruffy mountain road, so I laid her down (never thought I would emit that phrase).

The scoot's frame and pipes and various appendages dug into that tenacious clay as hard as a driven nail, and no amount of synergy from my awesome 73 year old carcass could break it free from its sepulcher.

While sipping a bottle of water and envisaging my future as a mountain man, I suddenly had another brainstorm. If I had actually got the bike dislodged – what then? Run alongside as it slid over the precipice? Gravity was still lurking and waiting for a stupid move on my part. Yeah, I know, yet ANOTHER stupid move.

"911 - What is your emergency?"

I've fallen and I can't get it up!

"That's not my problem sir." (I swear she snickered at me)

Sorry mam, let me rephrase – I dropped my Harley and I just need help from a couple really strong guys to get it dislodged and upright. {Many words of explanation were required to get to this point}

"Are you hurt and where are you?"

I am not injured and I don't know where I am.

"How did you get where you don't know where you are?"

I rode the Harley here.

"OK – Let's start over – What was your route?"

I then gave her the exact turn-by-turn progression of my course.

"OK, now two of us don't know where you are. I'm the County dispatch - Let me get King City on here"

After a dissertation between the two dispatchers, King City asked me where I was located. So I repeated the route for her.

"Sounds like you might be in the National Forest near the base"

Yes mam, there are many, many trees and I just noticed some interesting facts.

"What might those facts be?"

On the road upon which I am standing, I see the easily identifiable tracks of Bear, Wolf, Deer, and Mountain Lion. Does that help?

"I am thinking it does not help you!" "Let's get the base on here and see if they can figure out where you are"

Thank you, I'm beginning to feel like that dinner bell I heard earlier was for me - literally!!

By the way, it's getting dark up here, does that help?

"Yes, we now know you are in California"

"Fort Hunter Liggett Safety Officer, what is your emergency?"

Since we now have a four-way going, I can hear someone breathing in the phone very heavily – Oh, never mind, that's me. Again, I delivered the full description of my escapade.

"You're on Reliz Canyon Road and we'll be there shortly"

Thank you one and all!!!!

In about 40 minutes there was the distinct rumble of a humongous diesel from around the mountain bend. It was the big red truck I had hankered to come to my rescue – RELIEF!

Then four large firefighters climbed down as I approached and I tried to act nonchalant and asked 'Out for a nice day's drive fellows?' It begat the reply "No, we're looking for your dumb#&.\$#" Well, I had that coming.

It took ALL FOUR of those chaps to dislodge the bike and get it upright. As they held on tightly, it was obvious I needed to lend a hand. So I jumped on and locked the brakes down while they made a controlled slide with me on the bike (still in first gear),

with the front wheel turned sideways to create even more drag. Reaching a relatively level dip in the road we got the scoot turned around and aimed downhill.

She started right up and as I began the descent, I believe two of the guys went to one knee to pray that I didn't hit their shiny rescue truck on the narrow path. I on the other hand was hopeful that the berm on the edge didn't deliver me to the canyon floor.

They advised that a police officer from the county was at the bottom to take a report. He didn't show up immediately, so they called him on the radio and asked where he was. He replied, "None of your bees wax, I'll be there shortly" Ten minutes later he appeared in his 4x4 GPS equipped Jeep and abashedly confessed he got lost.

Suddenly, I felt a huge weight lifted from my shoulders – HE got lost in HIS territory! I'm good.....

I called Gonzo the next day to apprise him of my adventure, and as all good leaders must do occasionally, he made a command decision.

Whenever a Georgia boy comes to California, an escort will be required until he is safely out of the state!

Editor's note: Congratulations to Andy for successfully completing all 5 Premier events in 2017. We look forward to presenting him with his award at the Awards Banquet on March 3rd.

ABOUT BAM

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BAM: Breakdown and Legal Assistance for Motorcyclists

BAM is a unique volunteer organization of bikers helping bikers. Motorcycle Attorney and long-time SCMA supporter, Russ Brown started BAM over 30 years ago when he experienced a breakdown 100 miles from home. Stranded in a remote location with no one he knew nearby that could help him, Russ thought “Wouldn’t it be great to have a fellow biker to call anytime, anywhere you needed help?” And so, BAM was born! Today, BAM’s nationwide volunteer network of roughly 2 million motorcyclists can help provide you with emergency breakdown assistance across the country. If you experience a breakdown or mechanical problems while on the road, call 1-800-4-BIKERS, and we will search our volunteer network and send someone out to help.

Roadside Assistance for Motorcycles

Russ also wanted to provide the support of his legal muscle to every BAM member. Today, Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys, and their nationwide network provide free legal advice 24/7 to all its members nationwide. Started by the Los Angeles motorcycle accident attorneys who ride, BAM is the ultimate resource for riders—one that has developed and flourished for over 30 years. As a result, the motorcycle accident attorneys at Russ Brown have developed trusted relationships with the best lawyers across the country. No matter where you ride, you can rest assured knowing you have the very best biker-friendly lawyers ready to help you if you are involved in a motorcycle crash. BAM’s emergency ID card can speak for you if you are incapacitated in a crash: we list your emergency contact person,

medical problems, and blood type. With your permission, should emergency personnel call, we will supply this information and provide donors if necessary.

BAM membership is FREE!

All we ask is that you volunteer to help another member in need of assistance if called upon and only if you are available to do so. In turn, your Los Angeles Motorcycle Accident attorneys are here to advise you whether you need our representation or just some guidance and advice after an accident.

Join 2 million fellow bikers who have the strong backing of each other as well as the original Motorcycle Attorneys. Enhance your SCMA membership with all the added benefits of BAM: get your FREE BAM Benefit card by calling 1-800-4-BIKERS or visiting www.russbrown.com.



**Southern California Motorcycling Association
Best 15 US Roads Challenge
Announcing the 2018 Collection**



We are offering the Best 15 US Roads Challenge for the 8th year. The challenge started spontaneously in the spring of 2011 when the American Motorcyclist Association published its Best 15 Roads article. Two riders took the challenge that year: Kathy and Larry Lamarche from Kamloops, BC Canada. In 2016, we updated the list with three new roads and a route change to a fourth road. CA-1 will also be replaced for 2018 due to the mudslides that have closed the road.

For a list of the 6 rules of the ride please refer to the SCMA website: <http://sc-ma.com>

In 2018 the Best 15 continues to qualify for the Triple Crown as an option to the Parks Adventure or Missions Tour, when combined with the USA Four Corners Tour and the Three Flags Classic.

1. U.S. 212 & WY 296, Beartooth Pass Highway and Chief Joseph Highway, Red Lodge, MT to north of Cody WY* <http://www.beartoothhighway.com> <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/676/Wyoming/Chief-Joseph-Scenic-Highway-Bighorn-Mountains.html>
2. CA70, the Feather River Scenic Byway, a 78 mile section between Oroville and Quincy. <http://www.pashnit.com/roads/cal/Hwy1BigSur.htm>
3. U.S.12, Lolo Pass, Lewiston, Idaho to Lolo, Montana <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/185/Idaho/The-Lolo-Pass.html>
4. U.S.33, Elkins, West Virginia to Seneca Rocks on to Harrisonburg, Virginia. 100 mile ride. <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/656/west-virginia/us-33-through-the-shanendoah-valley.html>
5. Glacier National Park, Montana, Going to the Sun Road. <http://motorcycleroads.com/75/353/Montana/Going-To-The-Sun-Road.html>
6. U.S. 550, "Million Dollar Highway", Montrose to Durango, Colorado http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/co_us550.html
7. Blue Ridge Parkway, Any continuous 150 mile segment <http://www.blueridgeparkway.org>
8. Washington 20, Concrete to Omak <http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/634/Washington/Highway-20-Washington-Pass.html>
9. Big Bend NP, U.S.385 into north gate, out west gate on TX118 to FR170 to Presidio* 120 mile ride. <http://www.bigbendnationalpark.com>
10. Ranch Roads 335, 336 and 337, "The Twisted Sisters" or "The Triple 3", Texas*** [http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/555/Texas/The-Three-Sisters-\(AKA-The-Twisted-Sisters\)-Ranch-Roads-335-336337a.html#sthash.VtF1zKaL.2OUPjSG.dpbs](http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/555/Texas/The-Three-Sisters-(AKA-The-Twisted-Sisters)-Ranch-Roads-335-336337a.html#sthash.VtF1zKaL.2OUPjSG.dpbs)
11. U.S. 16A, Custer to Mt. Rushmore and then to Keystone, South Dakota**** http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/sd_us16a.html
12. "Kancamagus Scenic Byway/Mt. Washington, Lincoln, New Hampshire to Mt. Washington Summit***** http://www.motorcycleroads.com/Routes/New-Hampshire_105.html
13. U.S.191, Springerville to Three Way, Arizona http://www.motorcycleroads.us/roads/az_us191.html
14. Utah 12, Torrey to Bryce Canyon Turnoff <http://www.scenicbyway12.com>
15. Mount Desert Island, Acadia NP. ME102/ME102A to Bass Harbor Lighthouse. ME102A/ME102 to ME198 to ME233 to Cadillac Mountain Summit. Back down to the LOOP ROAD along the coast. Jordan Rd/ Stanly Rd to ME 3 North to get off the Island.* 75 mile double loop. <http://www.acadianationalpark.com/parklooproad>

*These roads are combined as a single "challenge unit" and all must be ridden

**Southbound has the advantage of putting the ocean and scenic pull-offs on the right

*** To complete this challenge unit we suggest 335 south to Camp Wood, 337 east to Leaky, 336 north to Highway 41, Highway 41 east to US 83, US 83 south back to Leaky, 337 east to Medina. Or the same roads in the opposite direction.

****We strongly recommend taking this road east from Custer to Mt. Rushmore for the awesome views of the monument through the tunnels.

***** NH112, Kancamagus HWY, 23 miles to Left on Bear Notch Rd, US302 W, at Twin Mt US3 N then NH115 E, US2 E to NH16 S to Mt. Washington Auto Road.

Southern California Motorcycling Association

Best 15 US Roads Challenge

RULES

1. The participant must be a member of the Southern California Motorcycling Association.
2. The participant must complete a registration form and pay the associated ride fee.
3. The participant must complete, sign, have witnessed and NOTARIZED an AMA Release and Indemnity Form (ROL) printed in COLOR to clearly show the red watermark, then send it to the Chairman of the 15 Best US Roads Challenge.
4. The participant must provide a GAS RECEIPT clearly showing the date and location at both ends of each road or road group (challenge unit). Also required is a PHOTO of the PARTICIPANT with his or her MOTORCYCLE taken with a SIGN or recognizable LANDMARK to identify the location. The gas receipts and photos must be assembled into a logbook and sent to the Chairman of the 15 Best US Roads Challenge for approval to certify the participant as a Finisher of the Challenge.
5. The participant must ride his or her motorcycle or trike the entire distances to and from home, to and from and along the prescribed roads. The fifteen roads may be traveled in any sequence, breaks in time between roads are allowed and can be taken at the discretion of the rider. In the event of a road closure, ride to the closure sign to take the photo.
6. ALL 15 Roads must be ridden in one calendar year, designated as between January 1 and December 15. There are no time extensions for any reason, including weather, mechanical failures, accidents, illness etc. Participants will have two years of eligibility to complete the ride; the year of registration is considered the first year of eligibility; the following year is the 2nd year of eligibility.

For further clarification, or any other questions about this ride offering,

contact Bob Roger, Chairman, 15 Best US Roads Challenge at:

rsroger03@gmail.com or call at (330) 857 8131



Editor's note: An excellent description of the rides is available on the SC-MA.com website. On the Home page, navigation bar, simply place your cursor on Rides > Best 15 US Roads Challenge > Best 15 US Roads Rules

International News Section

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This section has articles about the SCMA Three Flags Classic and information of a general nature for all SCMA members throughout the world.

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2018 Three Flags Classic Update #3

3FC18 Start/Finish Hotels

SCMA has negotiated with hotels in the start and finish locations for the 2018 Three Flags Classic. The start will be in Puerto Penasco, MEX at the Playa Bonita Hotel (PBH) (with adjoining restaurant) and Best Western Laos Mar Hotel. The finish will be in Calgary CAN at the Deerfoot Inn and Casino (DFIC) and Service Plus Inn & Suites (SPIS), its sister hotel located within walking distance across the parking lot.

The below information is for you to make your reservations for start and finish hotels. If any hotel/motel block arrangements are made at the checkpoint locations we will announce such when completed. That said, typically we don't make such arrangements at checkpoints as many riders elect to stay either before or after the checkpoint.

Dates of 3FC18: (All dates are in 2018)

Aug 30 Thursday	12:00pm – 6:00pm	Rider Check-in
	6:00pm – 9:00pm	HappyHour/Start Buffet
Aug 31 Friday	4:30am – 7:00am	Rider Start
Sep 03 Monday	10:00am – 9:00pm	Final day of Finish check in
Sep 04 Tuesday	4:00pm	Happy Hour
	5:00pm – 9:00pm	Finish Banquet

Start: Puerto Penasco, Sonora MEX



There will be two hotels to accommodate riders: The Playa Bonita Hotel (PBH) and The Best Western Laos Mar Hotel and Suites (BWLM). The two hotels are within 3-5 minutes walking distance from each other. PBH is on the beach and BWLM is slightly inland within a 4-minute walk on the road leading to the PBH. All riders will be able to find accommodations in one of the two hotels.

Last year's finish was at the Penasco Del Sol Hotel which is a very Americanized

Hotel. The PBH is also Americanized but has more of the Mexican ambience. This hotel was selected precisely for that reason, as we want to return the Three Flags to its original

purpose of presenting the adventure of visiting Mexico and enjoying its culture.

The Check-in, Riders Meeting, and Thursday night buffet will be held in the Puesta Del Sol Restaurant located adjacent to the PBH. Expectations are the temperature will be quite warm....in the high 80s at least (if not higher). For this reason, the Happy Hour and Buffet/Riders Meeting will be concurrent and start at 6:00 pm Thursday evening on the restaurant's beachside patio. In the event of inclement weather, the buffet and riders meeting will be moved to inside the restaurant but will be broken up into two groups that will fit into the two separate interior rooms of the restaurant. The patio and interior of the Puesta del Sol restaurant is NOT air conditioned.....part of the adventure of being in Mexico, si??

The 3FC18 Start check-in will take place in the Puesta Del Sol Restaurant between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on Thursday. You are encouraged to check into your hotel room, park your bike in the designated area, unload your gear to your room, and then go to the restaurant to check-in. A beer bar will be open next to the check-in room to assist in quenching rider's thirsts and to facilitate conversation.

Note: The PBH parking lot is hard-packed soil. You will be provided with a pad of wood for your kickstand. Parking will be on the south side of the hotel and spaces will be marked in chalk. **Please follow the directions of the parking directors.**

You have two methods of placing your reservations at the PBH: (**WARNING:** If you elect to register online using the PBH website, or if you call the front desk using the phone number listed on the website, you will NOT receive the SCMA block rate. To receive the block rate you must call Juan/Danny at the number listed below.)

1. Call the below numbers and provide the personal information asked by the receptionist. Your reservation will be activated with an immediate charge to your card for the first night's stay. If you find it necessary to cancel you must do so before 6:00 pm on the day of your reservation.

Juan Jr. Martinez or Danny

Reservaciones: Daily 9:00am – 7:00pm Mountain Time

From USA:

[888-232-8142](tel:888-232-8142)

[602 512 1182](tel:602-512-1182)

From CAN:

[602 512 1182](tel:602-512-1182)

From MEX:

[01 800 426 6482](tel:01-800-426-6482)

[01 638 383 2238](tel:01-638-383-2238)

2. Email the reservation form (click [HERE](#) to download the form) to reservations@playabonitaresort.com

Reservations will be guaranteed with the payment of 1st night.

Reservations must be made before July 31st.

Cancellations must be made no later than 6pm of day of arrival.

Playa Bonita Hotel

94 Doubles	\$99.00	2 Queen
22 Singles	\$99.00	1 Queen
2 Jr Suites	\$147.00	King bed, Sofa/bed, microwave
1 Fam Suites	\$169.00	2 Q bed, sofa/bed, fridge, microwave
	Prices USD	All taxes included

Best Western Laos**Mar**

88 Doubles	\$90.00	Breakfast included
	Prices USD	All taxes included

For email reservations: laosmarreservaciones@hotmail.com

Use the form located at the end of this article to email reservation information to either Playa Bonita Hotel or to Best Western Laos Mar.

BWLM Toll free number: 1-877-736-5005 between 9:00 am to 8:00 pm Arizona time. The contact persons when calling are **Francisco and Adriana**

The reservations code is **G142.**

Finish: Deerfoot Inn and Casino, Calgary Alberta CAN

The finish and check-in will be at the Deerfoot Inn & Casino (DFIC). Designated parking will be evident as you ride into the parking lot. The parking area will be close to the main entrance making it easy for you to unload your bike, check in for your reservation, and take your gear to your room. The 3FC Finish check-in will be nearby the lobby and near a lounge.

There will be two hotel properties available for you to make reservations: **Deerfoot Inn (DFIC) and Service Plus Inn (SPIS)**. SPIS is located across the parking lot within easy walking distance. There is a slight discount offered for SPIS and breakfast is provided. Breakfast is not included at the DFIC but there are adequate restaurant facilities on-site that offer excellent menu selections. A bike wash will be available for member's use.

The Finish Check-in process, to collect your Finisher's Buckle, will open at noon on Monday and close at 9:00 pm Monday evening. Tuesday will be a free day to do the tourist thing or take advantage of the bike wash station provided by the DFIC prior to the 4:00 pm Happy Hour and 5:00 pm banquet.

Reservations can be made by calling

Reservations: (403) 236-7529 or 1-877-236-5225

Group Code: **GCC3FC18 and **SCMA Three Flags Classic****

Company Name: SCMA Three Flags Classic

Callers must identify themselves by providing the Group Code and Company Name to ensure they receive the appropriate rate and are included in the guestroom block.

Reservations must be confirmed prior to 8/17/2018 in order to qualify for the group rate.

Rooms can be guaranteed for late arrival to an individual's credit card. A guaranteed room reservation assures a room for you regardless of your arrival time. Any guaranteed reservations not cancelled by 6:00 PM on the day of arrival will be billed to the credit card attached to the reservation.

Check-in time is 3:00pm – While every effort is made to accommodate guests arriving before check-in time, rooms may not be immediately available.

Check-out time is 12:00 Noon – Requests to retain rooms beyond that hour must be directed to the Front Office Manager after the delegate is registered. Should it be possible to extend a late check-out, a late departure charge may be applicable.

Individual **guest room cancellations** can be made up until 6 PM day of arrival with no cancellations fee to the guest.

Deerfoot Inn & Casino:

Room	\$139	\$139		
Price	CAD*	CAD*	\$139 CAD*	\$139 CAD*
	Deluxe King	Deluxe 2Q	Family Suite 2Q	King Business Suite
	*add + \$17.06 tax		Add \$20.00 for extra bed	

Service Plus Inns & Suites

	Deluxe King	Deluxe 2 Queen	
Room Price	\$134.00	\$134.00	
	+\$16.44 tax		Add \$20.00 for extra bed

Total Cost for Rooms: \$139 + 17.06 = \$156.06 CAD / **approx \$125 US**

\$134 + 16.44 = \$150.44 CAD / **approx \$121 USD**

- Rates are quoted in CANADIAN DOLLARS
- Rates are subject to 5% GST
- 4% Provincial Government Tourism Levy
- 3% Destination Marketing Fee
- Rates are net, non-commissionable

More 3FC18 Info:

The 2nd committee meeting was held Saturday 17Feb with approximately 12 committee members in attendance. Here are some of the current assignments:

Chair – Gonzo
 Vice Chair – Barbara Fox
 Secretary – Dan Burt
 Treasurer – John Mickus
 Registration – Gonzo/Les Gullery/Jim Filley
 Website – Jack Knorst
 Start Director - John Cooper/Oscar Palacio
 Route Director – Dannie Fox
 Checkpoints Chief – Miles
 Route GPX – Jim Bullen
 Finish Director – Brian Hooker
 Finish Captain – Bob Van Ness - Calgary GWRRA Alberta-A
 Artwork Director – Dean Sarrocco
 Awards Director – Dan Burt
 Safety Director – Rodney Chew
 24 Hr, telephone reporting – TBA
 3FC Logo Design – Dean Sarrocco/Brian Hooker
 Buckle Design – Brian Hooker/Dean Sarrocco

Where could we use some help?

Obtaining items to raffle at the finish banquet.

Staffing the 24-hr phone for status reports

Publicity – we need someone to take the publicity helm and publicize 3FC18.

We will continue to keep you informed on our progress.

Gonzo



3FC18 Route

Below is the list of checkpoints for 3FC18. This page will be updated as soon pending completion of route design and documentation.

Please note that Routes, Checkpoints and times are all subject to change at the discretion of the 3FC18 Committee.

Start

Puerto Peñasco, Sonora MEX

Start 4:30am – 7:00am

Cross the USA border at Sonoyta SOM / Lukeville AZ

Border hours of operation: 6:00 am to 12:00 am midnight

1st Checkpoint

Gallup, NM

High Desert Cycles, 1315 Hamilton Rd

2nd Checkpoint

Rawlins WY

Rawlins Best Western, 2221 W. Spruce St

3rd Checkpoint

Great Falls MT

Big Sky Harley Davidson, 4258 10th Ave, South

Finish Checkpoint

Calgary, Alberta CAN

Deerfoot Inn and Casino

11500 35 St SE

In addition to publicizing a turn by turn route sheet, Dannie Fox is working with Jim Bullen and others in developing a GPX file.



SCMA Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet
Saturday, March 3, 2018
Highlighting the achievement of the
Triple Crown Award Participants



**CA Adventures or
Best 15 Challenge**



**Three Flags
Classic**



**USA 4 Corners
Motorcycle Tour**

When: **Saturday, March 3, 2017**
 3:30-4:45 PM Registration and Social Hour
 5:00 PM Dinner
 5:30 PM Program

Where: Irvine Wyndham Hotel
 17941 Von Karman Ave, Irvine, CA 92614
 Hotel reservations call (949) 863-1999
 Mention **SCMA Awards Banquet** for special rates
\$119 plus tax for single; \$119 plus tax for double
 Parking is complimentary, Breakfast 20% discount
Cutoff date for block rate is February 4, 2018

Banquet: Cost is \$55.00 per person.
Banquet reservations Cut-off date is Feb 28, 2018

Come one, come all. Everyone is invited to enjoy an evening of camaraderie with fellow motorcyclists.

Participation in motorcycling events is not necessary.

Membership **NOT** required.

Reservation forms and meal choices will soon be made available.

NO ride is scheduled for the morning of the Awards Banquet.

PREMIER “5” SLAM AWARD

We are reviewing the rules and requirements to earn this award in view of the addition of the CA Triple Crown Award

In 2013, for the first time ever*, one of our riders completed all 5 of SCMA’s Premier Events in a single calendar year. The asterisk is there because we have yet to hear from anyone claiming to have done so previously.

With that precedence set, a few more riders went out and rode all 5 Premier Rides in 2014 and 2015. To date we have four riders who have ridden all 5 Premier Events in a single calendar year. Unfortunately, none of them has received recognition for that extraordinary accomplishment.

In the meantime, the Grand Slam award was established to recognize any rider who completes all 5 Premier Events AND 13 of the monthly Traveler’s Award rides, all in a single calendar year.

Members of the board recognized the challenge of completing all the rides to earn the Grand Slam Award is next to impossible unless a rider resides in the southwest region. Logically, it would seem that many of our members may be able to ride the 5 Events but would be unable to ride to CA every month for a Traveler’s Award event.

Addressing that constraint, the board has unanimously agreed to establish an award to recognize riders who complete all 5 Premier Events in a single calendar year. It will be titled the Premier “5” Slam award and will be retroactively awarded to those who have accomplished that significant event. Completing 5 Premier Events can only qualify for one award....either the Premier “5” or the Grand Slam, in a given year.

Finishers:

- 2013 Gonzo
- 2014 Charlie Hart
- 2015 Claudette Fradette
- 2015 Jean Fradette
- 2017 Andy Andresen
- 2017 Charlie Lamb

With the addition of the “CA Best 15 Roads” to the Adventure Series, SCMA now has six Premier Rides in its’ riding inventory. In view of adding CA B15 to the riding inventory, the Board of Directors is evaluating alternative requirements for this award and will announce them in the March Newsletter.



Premier “5” Award

Triple Crown Award

Wheels on the Road



By Gonzo #25051

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Please send your story to "Gonzo" at Chairman@sc-ma.com

RIDE Chief NEEDED !!

A Ride Chief is need for the 2018 riding season.

Please contact Gonzo at Chairman@SC-MA.com or 949-433-0761

SCMA Facebook Posts

Post photos and comments during your Premier Ride

<https://www.facebook.com/scma.main/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/scma.best.15/>

Valid Driver's License Required

Beginning in 2016, for the safety of all, our insurer is requiring that we confirm, at the beginning of all rides, that our riders have a valid drivers license.

California Law Update

1. Lane splitting is now legal, with rules
2. If ticketed, you can attend an mc safety course instead of traffic school.

SCMA's Premier Events

USA Four Corners Tour/USA Four Corners True X Tour (an AMA "E")

Imagine the adventure and satisfaction of visiting San Ysidro, CA, West, FL in 21 days or less. The USA Four Corners Tour is a self-guided tour in the order you select and at any time of the year. Add Lebanon, KS or less and you have a "True X". Starters shall receive a number of awards. Non-finishers receive a plaque, patch and finisher's decal. Visit our website for online registration for this World Class event. More people have topped Mt. Everest than have completed this challenging long distance pinnacle. Dannie Fox is chairing this event.

We are reviewing the rules and requirements to earn these awards in view of the addition of the CA Triple Crown Award

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

The planning for the 2018, 43rd Annual Three Flags Classic is gaining momentum. The ride will start in Puerto Penasco (Rocky Point), Sonora Mexico, and head north for a finish in Calgary, Alberta Canada. The ride will be 4 days in duration. A lot of exciting things are happening and it's shaping up to be a great return to our Three Flags roots of riding through three countries!!!

California Adventure Series

The California Adventure Series includes two different rides: The California Parks Adventure (CPA) and the California Mission Tour (CMT). Completing one or the other helps to qualify for the Triple Crown award. Dennis Even is chairing this event.

CPA: During any single calendar year, in any order and at any pace, visit at 24 of the 25 National Parks and Monuments in California as identified in the rules. 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. Visit <http://sc-ma.com/rides/california-parks-adventure> for detailed rules.

CMT: During any single calendar year, 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 2018, 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 in a single calendar year. Rules, application information and details can be found on our website. This event qualifies as an alternate to the CA Adventures Series in earning the Triple Crown. Bob Roger is chairing this event in 2017 and can be contacted at rsroger03@gmail.com

The SCMA Triple Crown Award

Imagine completing a three-pack of any combination of USA Four Corners, Best 15, Three Flags, and one of the two CA Adventure Series rides in a single calendar year (Jan to Dec of the same year). It is a rare achievement--completed by only 10-15 riders per year. SCMA honors this significant accomplishment with a limited-edition plaque that tags you as a very unique long-distance rider: A Triple Crown Winner. Gonzo will be chairing the selection committee in 2017.

The Premier 5 Award*

Complete the USA Four Corners Tour, the Three Flags Classic, California Parks Adventure, California Mission Tour, The Best 15 US Roads Challenge and the Travelers Award Gold Level in a single calendar year. Gonzo is the event chair.

The SCMA Grand Slam Award*

Complete the USA Four Corners Tour, the Three Flags Classic, California Parks Adventure, California Mission Tour, The Best 15 US Roads Challenge and the Travelers Award Gold Level in a single calendar year. Gonzo is the event chair.

*Riders can only apply a completed ride for one of the two awards (i.e., the rides used to qualify for a Premier 5 award cannot be used to qualify for the Grand Slam Award).

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there. For more information go to

www.sc-ma.com. Links to all our affiliated clubs are there also.

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