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# NEWS

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS** 

#### **CHAIRMAN'S LETTER**

Wow!! What an exciting time in April and May. I thought the schedule was well packed before.....but this month was really packed!

For starters, I've been residing in AZ and had a great ride with the AZRATPack on their Alien Ride. Woody, a RATPack rider wrote a great article in his blog and allowed us to repro it herein. Then we held the nominations for three of our officers so it was a quick jaunt back to CA to attend that meeting.

Next was a run in the CA Desert to knock off some Parks, Missions, and CA Best 15 Roads. Yes, I am trying to be one of the SCMA members to earn the first awarding of the CA Triple Crown ©.

May had me riding/driving 3 times between AZ and CA....such is what happens in one's personal life. But that also was to help Jim Filley with the Membership Cards. Jim is doing a great job in getting that program back on track.

Then we had Kenn Hatke's (designer) and Manny Smith's (Ride Chair) Gold Country Tour that took us through a number of towns along CA-49. Mike Barber and I visited 2 Parks and 4 Missions on Friday, 1 Park and 3 CA B15 roads on Saturday before

#### **Upcoming Events**

Greenhorn Ride – PMC	Jun	9
All Members Breakfast – Ballot Count	Jun	16
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arriving in Fresno to join the Gold Riders for dinner. Sunday was an all day affair for the Gold Country enjoying amazing roads, visiting awesome museums, dodging a rattlesnake strike on the road, and having a great dinner in Placerville with the group.

Monday, Mike and I did 2 Parks and 1 CA B15, moteled in Bakersfield, then headed back to LA via CA-33, another CA B15 road between Mariposa and Ojai. Over the 5 days of riding we covered 1,500 very slow miles with all the stops, twisties and mountain fog in the Sequoias.

Yes, a very busy month, but along the way much has moved forward for 3FC18, and other accomplishments made it lots of fun.

Ride Safe....Ride Long Gonzo







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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 James Filley #46151

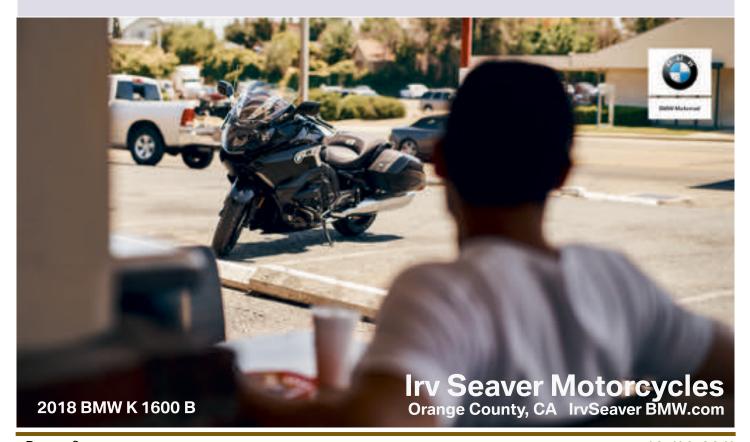
Hello Everyone,

I am continuing to prepare and package membership packages. About 50 packages were sent last week before I participated in Grand Blazing Saddles – Gold Country Tour. I have more packages to send, and should be able to get to completed this weekend.

I also have about 100 packages for our Canadian members that will be going out next week as well.

I will be out of the country for several weeks in June but if any of you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Slowly but surely we are catching up!



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# SCMA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



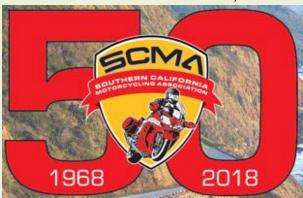
Happy 50th Anniversary everyone !!!!

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 April 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.thevmmc.com



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#### **SCMA 2018 MID-YEAR ELECTION**

SCMA has six-members elected to the Board of Directors. Three are elected in odd numbered years and three are elected in even numbered years. Each director is elected to a two-year term.

This being an even-numbered year, the Vice Chairman, Treasurer, and Membership Director positions are open for election.

In odd-numbered years, the Chairman, Secretary, and Risk Manager are open for election.

Nominations were conducted on April 28th at the Annual Members Meeting. Nominations were received from two members present at the meeting and a written nomination from a member not present. No nominations were received via email or via USPS mail at the SCMA PO Box 487.

The board accepted the following candidates for the positions indicated.

Vice Chairman:

Rodney Chew (Currently Risk Manager)

Treasurer:

John Mickus (Incumbent)

**Membership Director:** 

Jim Filley (Incumbent)

**BALLOT** forms are on the following page. This form, and ballot instructions, is also being sent to members via email and will be posted to the website.

Only paper ballots are acceptable for this election and must be received at the Post Office Box by 8:00 am June 15th or hand delivered to the Secretary at the beginning of the General Membership Meeting on June 16th at the Elks Lodge, 2436 Huntington Dr, Duarte, CA

Members are encouraged to print the ballot form and mail it with:

(Return name and address)

To: SCMA, **Ballot** PO Box 487,

Norwalk, CA 90651-0487

The member's name and return address must appear on the outside of the envelope.

Ballots will be opened in public at the June 16th General Membership Meeting (GMM). The Election committee will validate the active membership status of names reflected in the envelope's return address. Envelopes without the member's name in the return address cannot be validated and therefore will not be accepted for voting.

After validation, envelopes will be set aside until all envelopes have been validated and possible duplicate ballots eliminated. Envelopes will then be opened and ballots tabulated.

The vote count will be announced at the meeting, posted to the website, and posted in the next published Newsletter.

The newly elected Directors will assume their responsibilities after the close of the June 16th Board meeting, but no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>.



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#### 2018 Election Ballot

The below members were nominated for the positions indicated.

Vice Chairman			
[	]	Rodney Chew (Current Risk Manager) (Resides in AZ)	
Tre	as	urer	
[	]	John Mickus (Incumbent) (Resides in SoCal)	
Membership Director			
[	]	Jim Filley (Incumbent) (Resides in CA)	
Se Ad		er's Name ess	

Mail to: (Must be in PO Box by 8am June 17th)
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Norwalk, CA 90651-0487

#### Please ensure your name and return address is on the envelope.

Envelopes without names cannot be validated as being from a member in an active status and therefore will not be included in the ballot count.

# Alien Abduction Tour 2018 – Riding with the Rat Pack & the SCMA!

By Woody, AZRATPack



For me, the Alien Abduction Tour put on by the AZ Rat Pack is the most fun I have on a motorcycle all year. This year started like the last year with me riding down to Scottsdale Thursday evening from the mountains 2 hours north of the city. But after a good night's sleep I was ready to go.

Distance so far, 90 miles.

SEE WOODY'S PHOTOS FROM THE RIDE: https://motorcyclesafari.com/photo-albums/AlienAbductionTour2018/

#### DAY 1

This annual ride starts from Go AZ Motorcycles in Scottsdale, AZ. The riders all met about 9 am to complete paperwork, get a last cup of coffee in, and meet old and new friends. I was pleased to run into several people I had ridden with the previous year including my friends form the Southern California Motorcycle Association (SCMA). We also had riders from Northern California, Calgary Canada, and one young lady from Alaska!

After completing the obligatory paperwork, a pre-ride briefing, and a few group photos, we mounted up and 35+ riders headed out for Show Low AZ for lunch and a gas stop.

The ride up AZ route 87 was awesome as there was not much traffic on a Friday morning and the temperature was about perfect for riding. Passing through Payson we picked up a couple of additional riders and headed up "The Rim" for Show Low. The rim is actually the edge of the Colorado plateau and while it looks like mountains, is really fairly flat on top with just rolling hills

between the edge of the rim and Show Low, which lies at the foot of the White Mountains.

After a delicious and surprisingly fast lunch at "The House" in Show Low, it was back in the saddle for the run to Socorro, New Mexico. Several riders had skipped the lunch break hoping to make it to the Very Large Array (a misnomer – it should be called the Freakishly Huge Array!) outside Magdalena, NM. These huge antennas are on railroad tracks shaped like an enormous "Y" so they can all be configured perfectly to focus their electronic ears on whatever part of the distant galaxy is being observed at the time. When the main group



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arrived the visitor center had already closed (New Mexico being in a time zone an hour ahead of Arizona). However, you could still enter and pick up brochures and look around a bit.

From the VLA it was off to Socorro, NM that was clearly anticipating the next day's activities at the Trinity Site as hotels were full and a local police officer was controlling traffic at the northern entrance to the city from Interstate 25. After checking into the hotel room I had been clever enough to book the day after this year's tour had been

listed online, it was a short walk to <u>Socorro</u> <u>Springs</u> for dinner with everyone who had made the days ride.

Dinner was great with "most" everyone at a big table. Friday night is also 50/50 night and this year there was a \$300 pot to be divided. The winner was Woody (yes, yours truly)! How about that!

Total riding for Day 1 came to 365 miles.

#### Day 2

The second day started REALLY early at 6 AM New Mexico time (5 AM if you were still on AZ time like my body was). The early

start was necessary and turned out to be awesome planning as you will see later. Day 2 had three objectives. The first was to get to the <u>Trinity Site</u>, where the detonation of the world's first nuclear weapon took place. The second objective was to leave by 10 for the <u>International UFO Museum</u> in Roswell, NM. And the third objective was to end up in Las Cruces NM for the evening (although a few brave souls broke off for a side trip to Carlsbad, NM).



Meeting at the EconoLodge in Socorro for a scheduled departure at 6 AM, I think most of us were a bit surprised that it was not only still pitch black, but also quite crisp, temperature wise. Luckily it was only a 30 minute ride to get in line for the front gates of the Trinity Site at the northern end of the White Sands Missile Range to open at 8 AM. It was necessary to get here early as we had quite a day of riding ahead of us and since the site is only open 2 days a year the line to get in can get quite long. Luckily, the security personnel at White Sands have been through this rodeo before and entry and the 12+ mile ride to the actual site could

not have been smoother. They even knew exactly where they were going to park all of our motorcycles when we got there which we greatly appreciated. After a tour of an amazing location from the entire world's history (be sure to check out the photos), we prepared for a 10 am take off to Roswell.

I understand there was some excitement for some on the road to Roswell as a Gold Wing Rider

experienced a flat tire that pretty much ruined the rest of his trip. Several riders tried to assist, but the tire would not cooperate and eventually the bike had to be towed. The group I was with made a



wrong turn and ended up adding about 80 miles and another 90 minutes to our trip to Roswell, but we arrived in plenty of time to end up having lunch with a group of riders (most of whom were determined to visit Carlsbad Caverns) and, since I had won the 50/50 the night before, I was able to treat the whole group. We even had time to tour the UFO Museum (pretty much what you might expect I think) and get a few souvenirs.

After the group headed for Carlsbad left, there were just 5 riders left in our group and, despite the late hour, we determined we were going to stick to the planned route so we could take a ride through Cloudcroft, NM. This turned out to be a fun and very scenic ride (*peak elevation for the entire trip at 8,650 feet*), but costly for one member of our group who was accused of speeding (we don't think she was) and received a rather unrealistic fine. The upside was, according to some locals, the average fine in that area is about twice what she received so, at least there was that.

Once through Cloudcroft, the next goal was to try and get to our hotel rooms in Las Cruces, NM before it became dark (or at least pitch black). While we all arrived safely, thanks to GPS and despite high winds crossing the southern end of the 3,200 square mile White Sands Missile Range, it had been pitch black for about 45 minutes by the time we arrived at our hotel rooms (somewhere around 8:30pm).

The plan then was to go to dinner (I don't even know where that was – some Winery I think) but, while a few riders headed there in case the main group was still there, the rest of us headed for our rooms and I called Dominoes Pizza who rescued me with a piping hot pepperoni pizza and some fresh, hot, cinnamon twists. I was able to convince a fellow rider (Thanks George) to help me "not waste food" and then turned in for the night.

The-days total ride (including a wrong turn) came to 475 miles (I'm told ... it seemed longer).

#### Day 3

There was a plan for day 3 that included an hour north on I-25 then turning west to take back roads through the White Mountains to Safford, AZ for lunch. I don't know if anyone did that part of the ride our not as we had a group in Carlsbad, another group from southern California that needed to get home, and a few others that were just ready to head back to Phoenix by the fastest route possible (which happened to be Interstate 10).

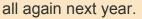
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For some reason, I had a feeling that I needed to get home, to northern AZ, by a faster route than through the White Mountains and my good friend George, who really wanted to stick to the planned route, decided he would stick with me instead. We did 2 hours west down Interstate 10, then turned off onto some of the best roads I have been on in Arizona. On the way we met up with another group headed the same way (and a third group that had stop to visit "The Thing" exhibit along the highway passed us along the way), but eventually George and I ended up heading from Safford to Globe by ourselves.

The last part of the trip was equally gorgeous although quite hurried as I received some news on that road that a family member was being rushed to hospital (it turned out to be a false alarm thank God). Was that the reason I wanted to go the shorter route? No idea, but I was certainly glad to get back to my mountain town with everyone safe and sound.

Riding for day 3 was 402 miles. Total trip mileage was 1,332 miles.

I certainly hope everyone else had an enjoyable and SAFE ride home and I really can't wait to do it







More photos can be seen at the SCMA Flickr site:

https://www.flickr.com/phot os/135120412@N05/albums/ with/72157665812311697

#### 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

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# 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!!

#### 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 2019 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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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, 2-year brake flush. Garaged, and meticulously maintained.

Bike is located in Olympia WA. \$13,500.oo. Please call Thomas at 1(360) 280-9087 or email LoToofLa@centurylink.net.

Ready to Go for Another Three Flags Ride! 2002 Honda Goldwing GL1800 Tags Good till March 2019 Many Comfort Extras! 119,000 miles \$5,500 OBO

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Email: Adventures@sc-ma.com Call or Text: 818-231-4391





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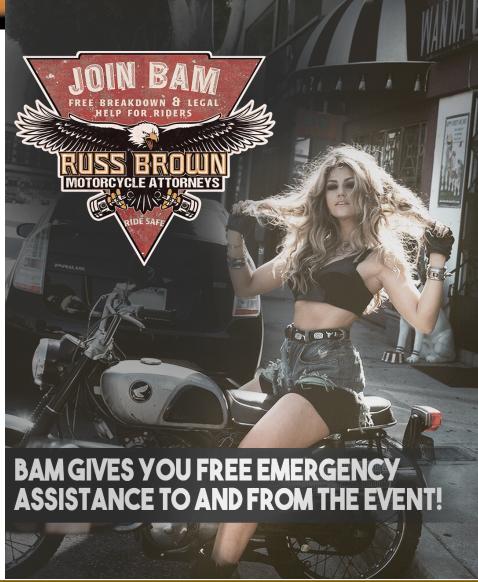


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Fits pick-up truck with 6.5' box. Easy to operate. Used 1 time. Asking **\$1,250**. Located in North Platte NE

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#### Four Month Running Calendar

June

9 \*Greenhorn Ride – Pasadena Motorcycle Club 16 All Members Breakfast (9 am) – Ballot counting 23 USA Four Corners Party – Madawaska ME

July

14 \*Dog Days of Summer BBQ or Ride

August

No event/ride schedule

September

29 \*Poker Run – Pasadena Motorcycle Club

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.



## **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.



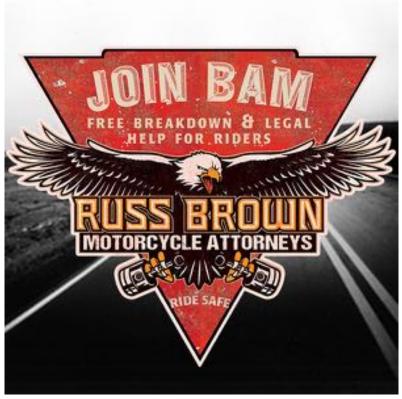




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#### **ABOUT BAM**

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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 bikerfriendly 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

- 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
- 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
- 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. <a href="http://www.acadianationalpark.com/parklooproad">http://www.acadianationalpark.com/parklooproad</a>
- \*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 <u>from</u> Custer <u>to</u> 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.

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## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

#### Four Corners Park, Madawaska ME

Hello Everyone,

Joe LaChance, founder of Madawaska's Four Corners Park, has created a video about how the park was built, how it honors SCMA's USA Four Corners Tour, and also about The Maine Four Corners Tour that Joe created for local riders in the northeast states. It is a cartoonish take and can be seen on youtube. Copy the below url and past it into your browser to see it.

https://youtu.be/Cak6BiwpGwU

Joe LaChance

President and Founder of the Madawaska Four Corners Park Past director on the Aroostook County Tourism Board

www.madawaskafourcorners.org

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RIDE SAFE

# Maine Four Corners Party June 23rd

Come One.....Come All

Madwaska is having a Maine Four Corners Party!!!

Meet at the Gateway Motel 9:00 AM

Day begins with a police escorted parade from Gateway to the Park. All bikes park outside the park on Hwy 1, base of park.

Party at the park begins around 10:00-11:00 am.

Live Music for one hour

\$5 BBQ lunch prepared by Madawaska volunteers.

(Free lunch if you are wearing the Maine Four Corners T-shirt!)

The Four Corners store will be open and selling T-shirts, etc.

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# **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.



# 2018 Three Flags Logo



Hello everyone,

The Three Flags Committee worked together in developing the logo for this year's 3FC.

Dean Sarrocco created a draft concept and Brian Hooker took that to designers for a final design. The above design was completed by Vandermedia Design and Marketing.

Vandermedia designed this final work from a concept by Barbara Fox that followed Dean's original concept and incorporated the shrimp boat in the Peñasco Bay (where the Playa Bonita Hotel is located not far from the vacation condominiums) and the Calgary skyline with representation of their famous Stampede Rodeo. Reuben Friesen further enhanced the concept to better depict the flags and motorcycle. Notice that the flag colors of each nation is embedded in their respective depictions.

The Board of Directors unanimously approved the logo.

My thanks to the 3FC18 Committee / team for their work on this project!

Gonzo

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#### Riding to Puerto Peñasco (Rocky Point)

By John Cooper #46074

If you are a Three Flags Classic rider for 2018, you will be starting in Puerto Peñasco ("PP") and for most of you this means crossing south bound from Lukeville, AZ, into Sonoyta, SON, and northbound back into Arizona as you ride north to Calgary.

This article contains information taken from an AZCentral newspaper article. <a href="https://goo.gl/Gewkfn">https://goo.gl/Gewkfn</a>. For anyone traveling to PP, this article is a good read.

The border crossing at Lukeville is small (two lanes) and the road through Sonoyta is often only two-lanes. Since hundreds of thousands (1.6M from AZ alone in 2017) of U.S. residents travel this each year to the beach, the governors of Arizona and Sonora are doing something about this choke point.

Reversible lanes. The governor's formed the "Arizona-Mexico Commission" which worked with U.S. Border protection to create two reversible lanes at the crossing. This is a major improvement.



Mexico has mirrored Arizona's establishment of a permanent "Safety Corridor" from Sonoyta to Puerto Peñasco (about 65 miles, or 102km). During busy holidays (Labour Day is a very busy holiday) there will be stepped up enforcement of traffic laws, particularly DUI and speeding. Also there will be three points on the drive where you can approach Mexican officers with transportation concerns, health issues or even tourism questions. The article

does not confirm it but I assume these officers will speak English, even if you speak only a little Spanish, give it a try.

For its part Mexico has a longer term plan for improving the traffic flow through Sonoyta but none of that will be done for the 2018 3FC.

If you are heading to PP from the West, you may want to consider the below alternative border crossings to reach PP.

Alternative one.

You can cross at Yuma to San Luis Rio Colorado ("SLRC") and proceed south

on MX-3 to PP. This is a beautiful ride along the Gulf of California but be aware there are stretches with "nothing" and no mobile phone service. Also watch for sand that has drifted across into traffic lanes. Rolling military and Federal check points are possible. This is a so-called "no hassle zone" so no need to worry. These inspections, if any, are brief.

#### Alternative two.

You can cross at SLRC and take MX-2 east to Sonoyta, this skips the most congested part of the ride through Sonoyta and puts you on the more traveled MX-8 to PP. MX-2 from SLRC to Sonoyta is often known as the "Highway to Hell" because it can be hot, 110°F+ and it crosses a gigantic biological preserve (like our National Parks) so there is almost no development. There is a permanent customs checkpoint (as you pass from Baja Norte to Sonora) that usually (but not always) just waives motorcycles through. Even if you are selected for search it will be brief. If there is a line of trucks/cars, pass them slowly on their left, there is no need to wait behind this line. In Mexico, motorcycles are allowed to jump the queue. MX-2 is well maintained and runs fast.

Remember that during August/September the southwest temperatures are very hot, particularly in southern Arizona and northern Sonora. Be sure to hydrate and try to schedule your travel thru this section of Arizona and Sonora early in the morning before daytime temperatures reach their peak.

I look forward to seeing you at the 3FC18 start in Puerto Peñasco!



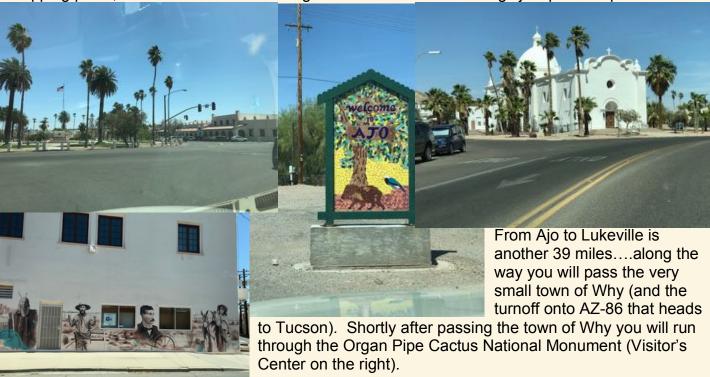
Playa Bonita Hotel hot tub and pool area (not visible)

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# Riding South From Gila Bend To Lukeville

Your final leg to Puerto Peñasco will begin when you depart Gila Bend, the small Arizona town at the junction of AZ-85 and I-8. At Gila Bend you are 146 miles from the Playa Bonita Hotel and 83 miles from the Lukeville border crossing. So this is a good spot to fill up your tank before hitting the even pricier station in Ajo, Why, or the border. And BTW, gas at chain stations in Puerto Peñasco is completely reliable and ethanol free.

As you depart Gila Bend on AZ-85 you will begin a 44-mile stretch of desert before reaching the small town of Ajo. This is a very interesting town for being located in the middle of southern Arizona desert. It is home to about 3,400 people who are mostly retired persons, Border Patrol agents, and a few young families. There is a missionary style church, a Spanish mission-style shopping plaza, restaurants and interesting murals on some of buildings just past the plaza.



When you reach Lukeville you will find a gas station and a restaurant on the right side of the entrance to the border crossing. The border crossing itself is a one-lane road that leads you to the Mexican customs agent/Federale guard. You may or may not be asked a few simple questions such as "where are you going", or "how long will you be in Mexico".

Once you cross into Sonoyta you will be on a two-lane road.

**Welcome to Mexico!!** 



#### Riding From The Lukeville Border to Playa Bonita Hotel

Once you cross into Sonoyta you will be on a two-lane road.

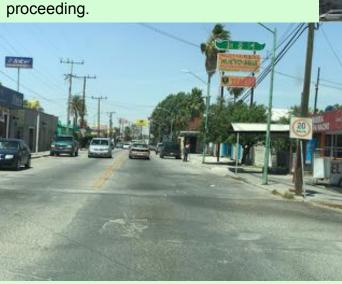
Follow it to where it bears left and T-bones at an "Alto" (stop) sign. Make a left turn when traffic permits. Prior to reaching this point you will see signage with an arrow bearing left for Peñasco.





Once you make the left turn, stay in the right lane as you will be bearing to the right ¼ mile later onto MX-8 and heading to Puerto Peñasco.

After bearing right onto MX-8 you will ride through a small business district. The speed limit here is 20km/h. Be observant of the "ALTO (STOP)" sign. Also, there is a cross walk area where the ALTO sign is partially blocked on the right side of the road....make a full stop here before



You will ride this MX-8 Hwy for 60-miles to the intersection of MX-8 and **Calle No Reelection**.

As you are leaving Sonoyta, keep your speed under control and be observant for a speed bump near the Drug Store. It is not visibly marked!

Also, along this section of town you may come

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upon charity workers in the middle of the road with a ALTO sign in their hands. Often these are for the emergency medical services or for local orphanages. I always stop and give them whatever US coins I have in my pocket.



once along the highway will you come to a reduced speed for a small community. I make sure to slow down here as one time I spotted Federales positioned behind an obstruction.

A few miles (maybe 4) before PP you will cross over a bridge (over MX-3), then ride past the Sam's Club on the left (directly on your right will be a money exchange – although USD is welcomed everywhere).



Within a half mile of passing the Sam's Club you will come upon the intersection with "Calle No Reelection". On the left will be the multi-colored words of PENASCO (behind it is a stadium). On the right will be the monument with "Bienvenidos" at the base.



Turning right you will ride over 3 sets of railroad tracks that will be a bit bumpy, and you may encounter a few potholes on your way to the end of the road where it enters a roundabout and you exit to the left.



Along this road you will see a sign for the Playa Bonita and Laos Mar Hotels, then you will come upon the first right turn that will lead to a gate operated by an attendant who will lift the

barricade arm and allow entry. Continuing along the road with a line of palm trees in the meridian, you will come upon a left turn entry to ride up to the Best Western Laos Mar. If you are registered at the BWLM you should register there first and then walk over to the PB to register at the Puesta Del Sol restaurant located next to the hotel.

If you are registered at the Playa Bonita you should continue to the next roundabout that will turn into the large entry into the Playa

Entry to BWLM and Playa Bonita Hotel locations. Gate after turn



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Bonita parking lot.

This parking lot is hard ground but with some soft soil/sand in the least traveled areas. You will pass straight towards the restaurant then turn left to enter the covered mail lobby area. There you can dismount your bike and register for your

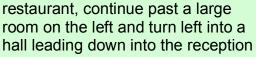


room assignment. After registration you will then proceed straight ahead for a right entry into the large side parking lot. We are working to arrange for guides to direct riders to marked parking areas.

Once in your parking area you can then begin unloading your belongings and move them to your room.

Check-in and registration for 3FC18 will take place in the Puesta Del Sol restaurant located next to the Hotel. Upon entering the main entrance of the







area. At the far right, past tables, will be the check-in room. Before the entrance will be a bar serving cold beer.



Check-in will be interrupted at 6:00 PM for the BBQ and Ride Briefing. After the BBQ, during the first timers briefing and Q&A, the check-in room will be reopened for late arrivals.

The evening BBQ will be a full Mexican buffet on the patio overlooking the beach and the Sea of Cortez. Yes, the temperatures may be warm, but we are hoping for a sea breeze to help cool us down while listening to the 3FC18 briefing.

We're looking forward to seeing you at the BBQ!!



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View of the Beach from the Puesta Del Sol restaurant patio.

#### PREMIER "5" SLAM AWARD

There are six (6) Premier Events offered by SCMA to all members. They are the USA Four Corners, Best 15 USA Roads Challenge, Three Flags Classic, and the California Adventure Series consisting of the CA National Parks Tour, CA Missions Tour, and CA Best 15 Roads.

In 2013 (for the first time ever\*) one of our riders completed all 5 of SCMA's Premier Events (there were only 5 then) in a single calendar year. The asterisk is there because we have yet to hear from anyone claiming to have done ridden all 5 prior to 2013. With that precedence set, a few more riders went out and rode all 5 Premier Rides in 2014 and 2015. Up to that date we had a total of four riders who have ridden all 5 Premier Events in a single calendar year yet they had not received recognition for that extraordinary accomplishment.

In the meantime, the Grand Slam award was established to recognize any rider who completes 5 of the 6 Premier Events AND 13 of the monthly Traveler's Award rides (Gold Level), 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 at least 5 of the 6 Premier Events in a single calendar year. It is titled the Premier "5" Slam award. Completing 5 Premier Events can only qualify for one award....either the Premier "5" or the Grand Slam, in a given year.

We look forward to presenting this award to members who complete 5 Premier Events in a single calendar year!



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## Wheels on the Road



By Gonzo #25051

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#### **RIDE Chief NEEDED!!**

A Ride Chief is need for the 2018 riding season.

Please contact Gonzo at

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#### 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

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

#### SCMA's Premier Events

#### USA Four Corners Tour/USA Four Corners True X Tour (an AMA "Extreme Grand Tour")

Imagine the adventure and satisfaction of visiting San Ysidro, CA; Blaine, WA; Madawaska, ME; and Key West, FL in 21 days or less. The USA Four Corners Tour is a self-guided tour visiting these four locations in any order you select and at any time of the year. Add Lebanon, KS between each corner and do it in 26 days or less and you have a "True X". Starters shall receive a numbered towel, pin, hat and t-shirt. Certified finishers receive a plaque, patch and finisher's decal. Visit our website for complete information and 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.

#### 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 three different rides: The CA Parks Adventure (CPA), the CA Mission Tour (CMT), and CA Best 15 Roads (CB15). Completing one or the other helps to qualify for the Triple Crown award. Dean Sarrocco 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 as outlined in the rules: <a href="http://sc-ma.com/rides/california-parks-adventure">http://sc-ma.com/rides/california-parks-adventure</a>.

**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 <a href="https://sc-ma.com/rides/california-missions-parent/california-missions-paren

**CB15:** Ride the Best 15 USA Roads located in 14 states. Rules for this event can be found online at: https://sc-ma.com/rides/best-15-parent/best-15-us-roads-challenge/

#### **SCMA Best 15 US Roads Challenge**

During 2018, travel our annual list of Best 15 US Roads. Rules, application information and details can be found on our website. <a href="https://sc-ma.com/rides/best-15-parent/best-15-us-roads-challenge/">https://sc-ma.com/rides/best-15-parent/best-15-us-roads-challenge/</a>
Bob Roger is chairing this event in 2017 and can be contacted at <a href="mailto:rsroger03@gmail.com">rsroger03@gmail.com</a>

#### The SCMA Triple Crown Award

Imagine completing a three-pack of any combination of USA Four Corners, Best 15 USA Roads, Three Flags Classic, 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 2018.

#### The Premier 5 Award\*

Complete the USA Four Corners Tour, the Three Flags Classic, The Best 15 US Roads Challenge, and two of the three California Parks Adventure Series, 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, The Best 15 US Roads Challenge, two of the California Parks Adventure Series, 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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