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# NEWS

## **CHAIRMAN'S LETTER**

These are interesting times. The digital age has long been upon us; we live on our computers, on our iPads/tablets, on our smartphones.....social media has become our source of entertainment.

But for many us riders, these digital devices are tools. We use them for maps, for directions, for communications......and then we ride.

But what about our "younger" generations? We're in our 60's, 70's.....what about the generations in their 50's, 40's, 30's.....where are they?

Are they finding any interest in the sport of motorcycling; if they are interested in motorcycling how do we foster an interest in the sport of distance riding?

This is a very valid question to ask....the continued operation of motorcycling organizations is dependent upon this answer.

The continued longevity of SCMA is dependent upon all of us to encourage the sport of motorcycling and encourage riders to engage in distance riding.

Are you a Three Flags rider? Do you belong to a local GWRRA, BMW, HOG chapter, or other club? If you do, have you talked to your fellow members

## **Upcoming Events**

Watch for possible destination ride eBlast Watch for possible destination ride eBlast Annual Awards Dinner

Feb Mar 14 Mar

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about the Three Flags? Or about the adventure of riding a USA Four Corners Tour? Or about the big challenge of riding to the Best USA 15 Roads??

If you are a resident of the southwest, have you talked to members in your local clubs about the California Adventures Tour that SCMA offers? Have you told your fellow club riders about visiting the 21 California Missions, or the 25 National Parks in California, or about the 15 CA Best Roads adventure?

I ask these questions because the continued future of motorcycling, of distance riding, of SCMA and it Premier Tours, are dependent upon the younger generations following us.

That in turn infers it is dependent upon you and me to foster that passion, to communicate the joy of motorcycling and distance riding, to the younger generations.

Yes, the future of motorcycling, of distance riding, of SCMA, depends upon me....and upon you.

See you on the road.... Ride Safe.....Ride Long Gonzo







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#### **SCMA 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT**

JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 (Figures rounded to whole USD)

#### **INCOME**

Banquet		2,585
Interest Income		203
Membership Dues		14,205
Motorcycle Events		84,167
Total Income		101,161
	EXPENSES	
Association Expenses		
	Ops & Admin	17,355
Ride Expenses		
	Admin & General	12,818
	Awards & Prizes	43,509
	Ride Expenses	16,335
Total Expenses		90,017
Operating Surplus		11,114
	ASSETS	
Cash In Bank		112,875
	LIABILITIES	
	None	0

This financial report has been prepared by Treasurer John Mickus Questions can be addressed to him via emai to treasurer@sc-ma.com

The Board of Directors is searching for a member, within the SoCal Region, who has financial/audit knowledge/experience to lead a committee in conducting an audit of SCMA financial accounts and financial processes.

The Board of Directors is asking for members with financial experience/knowledge to join the Treasurer's Committee. Candidates will become eligible to become the SCMA Treasurer

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## **SOUTHWEST Regional News Section**

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To help our readers track and group the information provided in this newsletter, we have grouped the articles into Regional, National, and International sections. This section contains info on events in SoCal, NorCal, NV, and AZ in the SW Region.

## **Membership Report/News**

By James Filley #46151

Membership Report: As of the January 1, 2020, SCMA has a total of 654 current members and a total of 1,731 on the mailing list. In Addition to those on the mailing lists, we are in the process of removing over 400 listings of members who have not been active for 5-years.

Membership packages continued to be mailed....just a tad slower being a slow time of the year. January will see a huge increase as registrations for 3FC begin. I have been fielding a lot of questions about the registration process; keep those calls coming, always willing to help!

Jim

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# SCMA'S Affiliated Clubs

Antelope Valley Riders www.avts.av.org

AZRatPack www.azratpack.com

BMW Club of SoCal www.bmwcosc.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



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Contact: Mike Williams, 818-397-5738, mikakw1@yahoo.com



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Schedule a nearby provider to make one at your convenience. (Simply search our website <a href="https://www.BigEarlnc.com">www.BigEarlnc.com</a> for a provider near you, give them a call and make an appointment...It's that easy!

Or you can use our home impression kit. To do that, contact our Customer Service Department at <a href="mailto:ghood@bigearinc.com">ghood@bigearinc.com</a> or 719-271-9081.











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## 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, has 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 this third set of books listing the 2020 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 2020 list of CA Best 15 CA Roads you can ride while visiting various parks and missions within California: This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 4 sets of 15 CA Best Roads.

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.

Sign up now to ride these great roads in 2020....combine your ride with the Parks and

Missions and earn the beautiful California Triple Crown.

#### **Northern California**

CA-89 McCloud to Greenville

CA-36 Fortung to Red Bluff

CA-1 Marin City to Leggett

CA-49 Auburn to Loyalton

CA-88 Jackson to Alpine Village

#### **Central California**

CA-49 Oakhurst to Jamestown

Peach Tree/Indian Valley Rd CA-198 to San Miguel Nacimiento -Fergusson Rd Fort Hunter Liggett to CA-1 Sherman Pass Junction of Mountain Hwy 99 to US-395

CA-155/Granite Rd Bakersfield to Wofford Heights

#### Southern California

**Tepusquet Rd/Foxen Cyn Rd** Los Olivos to CA-166 **NF Route 95** Frazier Park to CA-166 **CA 10** Big Ba and a CA-010

CA 18 Big Bear to CA-210

Lilac Rd Bonsall to Escondido

**S2 Great Southern Overland Stage Route** Ocotillo to CA-79





The CA Triple Crown Award.

2018 was the inaugural year for this Award!

Ride all three of the CA Adventures Series and you will receive this plaque in addition to the individual plaques displayed below.





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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 complete the full CA Adventure Series in one calendar year between January 1st and November 30th.

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 different.

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 other major awards are the **Triple Crown** award for riding three of the premier events, and the **Premier Grand Slam** for riding all six premier events in a single calendar year.

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 few of the SCMA riders to receive this CA Triple Crown and sign up now!!

Contact Mike Williams, Chair of CA Adventures and the CA Triple Crown, if you have any questions.

https://sc-ma.com/rides/california-missions-parent/california-missions-tour/

From Home Page>Rides>CA Adventure Series>select ride>select info page

#### 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.





For Sale: 2005 Gold Wing. Only 22,000 miles. Near perfect condition. Lots of extra chrome. Rider back rest, Kuryackan truck rack, LED accessory lights, Ring of Fire front disk cover, CB and CD player, never down. More pix on request. \$7,000.

For more info Contact Steve Morris at

smorrisrn@aol.com

310-625-1249 cell



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model headlight and chrome trim. Has a trailer hitch with wiring harness.

If you ever thought about building a trike this might be a great cycle for that project. Has a lot of miles left for good riding on either two or three wheels.

Asking \$2,750.00
For more info contact Doug Green at kssncsndg@sbcglobal.net
Or call 831-359-7044 mobile
Willing to discuss delivery

For Sale: 1990 Gold Wing GL1500SE, only 93,000 miles. Really good condition, complete service record, 1990 Honda Service

Manual and VIN Printout. Lots of extra accessories including F-4 Windshield, Corbin Seat with sheepskin seat cover, Muth Mirrors with built in turn signals, 55watt running lights, top box rack and luggage. 1998



### Are you in the market for a new helmet??

If you are not a rider loyal to a specific brand, you may be one of those riders doing research on all the attributes, testing reports, and consumer reviews.

I subscribe to **ExhaustNotes.us/blog**, a blog written by **Joe Berk** (rider, shooter, engineer, ditch digger-you name it he's done it!). He recently published this blog about a helmet research article: <a href="https://exhaustnotes.us/blog/index.php/2020/01/23/404-not-found-blowing-the-lid-off/">https://exhaustnotes.us/blog/index.php/2020/01/23/404-not-found-blowing-the-lid-off/</a>

The article, written by Dexter Ford in Motorcyclist Magazine back in 2006, is a fascinating 36-page dissertation on helmet manufacturing, standards, testing, quality, etc.

Yes, 36 pages! <a href="http://lic.abateflorida.com/Library/Library/BlowingTheLidOff.pdf">http://lic.abateflorida.com/Library/Library/BlowingTheLidOff.pdf</a>

Enjoy Joe's blog, enjoy the article......and good luck on your next helmet buy!!

Gonzo

## Buy it here !!

Phil Graber is looking for a mc product.

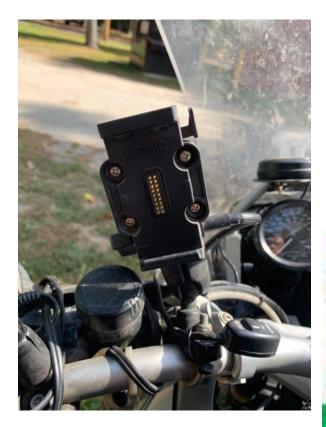
See below

I'm looking for a motorcycle bracket for a Garmin " Zumo 665LM" which is the zumo with XM in it if somebody has one they are no longer using or if they have one in a box that never got put on the bike

Also I'm looking for a

2010-11-12 BMW 1200 GS as mine is fast approaching the 200000 mile mark and I'd like to replace it with a like bike so all my " stuff" will fit on it

Thanks Phil



Contact Phil at indianryder46@hotmail.com





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#### **Event Calendar**

Feb

No Events Scheduled

Watch for possible destination ride eBlast

March

14 Awards Dinner – Montrose CA

Watch for possible destination ride eBlast

April

No Events Scheduled

Watch for possible destination ride eBlast

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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# The AZRATPack Is the AMA's 2019 Recreational Road Riding Organizer of the Year

By Victor Castaneda President AZRATPack



I am proud to announce the AZRATPack received the AMA's 2019 Recreational Road Riding Organizer of the Year award last night at the AMA's Champions Banquet last night in Columbus, Ohio. Board members, Rodney "El Chino Loco" Chew and Stephen Stoops were there representing the club to receive this prestigious award in person.

It was fitting that while we were receiving our award yesterday, El

Vice Presidente and I were riding home in the rain from putting on our Lake Havasu Ride. Kudos go out to Dagame (DJ), Steve, Alan (AK), Rodney and Todd for the hard work along with special thanks to Brian and Madison from GO AZ for the support! Thanks go out to our additional sponsors, Spooky Fast Customs and Law Tigers.

Though this award celebrates the club's organizers, I would like to congratulate the membership also for being such damn good people and for making it a pleasure for us to put the effort in!

This article was extracted from the AZRATPac website at: https://azratpack.com/the-azratpack-is-the-amas-2019-recreational-road-riding-organizer-of-the-year/#more-1433

Congratulations to Victor, Rodney, the AZRATPack Board of Directors, and the entire RATPack membership for this tremendous accomplishment.

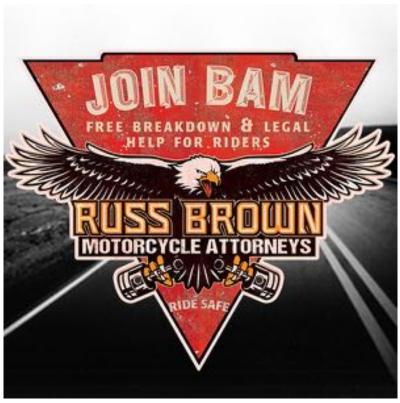
This award has been a long time in coming!!

Victor, you and Rodney worked long and hard to make the AZRATPack a premier organization. You and your board leaders are showing us all how a motorcycle club can prosper and grow in these challenging times.....with the key ingredient being "...to have fun!"

Board of Directors and Members Southern California Motorcycling Association

## **ABOUT BAM**

**Katherine Markowicz**Marketing & Promotions
Brown, Koro & Romag LLP



## 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.

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## Riding From Lebanon to Arizona (Part I)

By Gonzo SCMA #25051

In last month's newsletter you read about a group of us attending the Lebanon Bash, participating in their annual parade, and our time socializing amongst ourselves and within the local community.

The Lebanon Bash was over.....those of us who rode there had a great time participating in the Parade and hanging out. It is always fun to visit Lebanon KS in September and it is always a nice, 2-day ride from CA or AZ. Along the way riders are able to enjoy the vistas presented by the desert in southern CA and AZ, the mountains/hills of northern AZ and NM, and the plains of eastern CO and KS. I love doing this ride once a year.

This year I wanted to do something different on the return trip. Mike Williams (Chair CA Adventures) rode with me from AZ to Lebanon but would be heading to CO to visit his son. That left me to my own devise in planning my return trip home to the Phoenix area.

In my prior trips back to AZ/CA I always bee lined it in the fastest/shortest way. That was not what I wanted to do this time. No, I wanted a 2 or 3-day sight seeing jaunt that would take me to see somewhere I had not seen before.

In 2011, 2012 and 2013 I left home in early June and would return after Three Flags. 'Twas a good 4-month life of living on the road and a great way to see America! During those summers of traveling there were no deadlines imposed upon my riding other than when on 3FC and USA4C. I could go pretty much anywhere and see whatever I wanted to see.

It would be nice to do that once again, although only for a few days versus many months.

So, on Sunday morning I sat in Paul's Café in Smith Center, had breakfast with Brad, Dominic, Mike, Dean, and chatted it up with other customers while looking at Google maps seeking a fun road trip. Almost immediately the destination presented itself.

Dodge City, famous for where Wyatt Earp was the assistant US Marshall, jumped up out of the Google map display. I had never been to Dodge City! Now was the time to go ©.



Dodge City was south of Smith Center and on the way back into NM/AZ. All I had to do was go one block west from Paul's Café on US-36 and turn south on KS-281 for about 110 miles, get onto US-56 for about 50 miles, and then take US-50 to Dodge City. Total Trip was slightly under 200 miles. I could take my time and option to spend the night in Dodge or continue west on US-50 and motel in La Junta.

I finished breakfast, loaded the bike, suited up, and rode out of the parking lot

with anticipation and a smile on my face! Less than 10 miles later I made my first stop!

Lo and behold, I came upon a mini Statue of Liberty in the middle of nowhere Kansas. What a sight it was...... had to stop and take pictures. At the base of the statue was a dedication plaque:

I was blown away to find this gem hidden away in the corn fields of Kansas....Cool, huh??

The landscape here is really nothing but farmland.....check out the photos at the end of the article.





Back onto 281 I continued heading south to Dodge.....and passed upon a small town that I couldn't resist stopping for a photo.....Yup, I found Waldo!!

Still heading south on 281 I was passing the outskirts of a small town. At this point I had no interest in making further stops as I wanted to get to Dodge City. But fate intervened. I spied a small sign, with a westward pointing arrow, saying "Business District".

Really? This place is big enough for a Business District?? I had to check it out.

Making a right at the next intersection on Wisconsin Ave, I noticed the asphalt road changed to a red brick road. Wow.....the whole street was red brick! Continuing west two more blocks I passed a church and then came to a Dollar General store on "Main" Street. This was the business district.

Glancing to the north and south, all I could see was red bricks ....Main St and all the streets crossing it, were all comprised of perfectly laid red brick!! It was amazing to me to see these streets all laid out in brick. I hadn't seen brick paved roads in decades! Towns everywhere were tearing up the brick and laying asphalt roads down in their place. But not this town.....they seem to value the beauty of their Main Street!

I turned north on Main St and rode up to 8<sup>th</sup> St and parked on the corner. There were no cars, parked or moving....the place was deserted. Then I realized it was Sunday and all the businesses were closed. Standing on the corner, I saw a huge mural on the other side of 8<sup>th</sup>. It was titled across the top as "Historical Russell Kansas". After taking a few photos I decided to head south on Main and see what I could see.

A few blocks later was St. John's Lutheran Church also made in brick....wonder if it came from street leftovers? (Of course not) Then came Russell County District Court, and American Legion Post, and that ended the business district with homes now lining Main St.

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All the lawns and yards were trimmed and clean and of a decent size for a yard. These homes were all stand alone single or two story homes. Then I came upon a much larger, two story home made out of blond colored brick or block. This was the larges home I had seen....and made of block or stone. There was a covered veranda on the north end. Easily a 4-5,000 square foot house that wrapped around to line the cross street....it was a corner lot of maybe 34 of an acre. It sported a 3-car garage

with rooms above. This certainly was quite a home of some cost!

Turning left on 1st Street I came upon another church....I think it was Catholic named St. Mary's. At this point I was done touristing and decided to get back on 281 and head south. I crossed I-70 and felt really good about not being on it. Seems that riding US and KS roads and getting to see the country is so much more enjoyable!

A few miles later, south of Russell, I came upon another surprise seeing numerous oil pumping rigs! It seems that this part of Kansas has oil!! I'm sure that had I read about KS oil fields it would not have had such an impact.....but seeing the oil fields really drove home the fact that there were oil fields in Kansas.

Picking up US-56 in Great Bend I was getting antsy to reach Dodge. 56 passed through Pawnee Rock and I noted there was a state park there.....but I decided to keep on going, probably was a very interesting site....but I pressed on. I figured I had about 60 miles to reach Dodge. Somewhere along the way I did come upon an historical marker about the Santa Fe Trail.

About an hour later, I was on the outskirts of Dodge and turned left off of 50 onto US-283 that would take me to Wyatt Earp Blvd. I'm glad I took this turnoff as it paid off handsomely.

First, I came upon the metal silhouette sculptures located in a hay field. And then a few blocks later, the statue of Wyatt Earp appeared. I had to get a photo of this statue!

A tad further was the sitting statue of Doc Holiday.....but I didn't stop for a photo op. As I was saddling up after





the Earp Statue photo I did some calculations of remaining daylight and decided that I could make it to La Junta for a motel night and meal. It appeared, and proved such, that I could reach La Junta and eat a dinner before the sun settled the land in darkness.

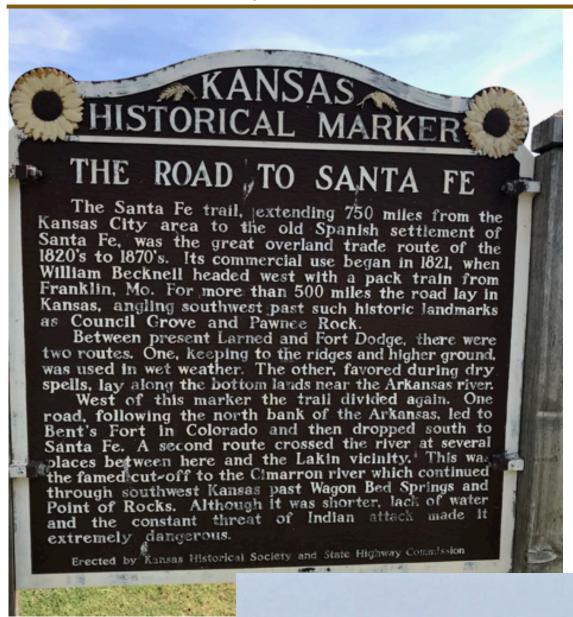
So off I went heading for La Junta and a good room rate at the Travel Lodge La Junta....which I think had a name change.....a new ownership. Yup, the motel was under going a massive overhaul so I got a good rate for the night.

As I settled in for the night I reflected upon the day's discovery. I felt rewarded for taking my time and making a few stops. Once again, I got to see more of American, more of its history.

I wonder what tomorrow will bring?? (To be continued)



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These are the hay fields located next to the Dodge City Silhouette sculptures



### Southern California Motorcycling Association Best 15 US Roads Challenge Announcing the 2020 Collection



This difficult Premier Ride Challenge is offered again with some interesting changes for its tenth anniversary in 2020, with eight replacement roads or road groups introduced. The sixteenth road will remain on the list so that a ride registrant may omit any one road from the list, then ride 15 roads to qualify as a finisher. This is a tough ride challenge ... in the first nine years that this Challenge has been offered, there have been 55 finishes which were completed by only 41 riders. Through 2019, just nine SCMA long distance riders have taken the Challenge more than once! Join this very limited group of finishers, or maybe the very exclusive group of repeat finishers and TAKE the 2020 Best 15 US Roads Challenge!

As a registrant, you will have a two year window to complete the challenge one time, though ALL 15 Roads must be ridden in ONE calendar year (January 1 through November 15, and ride logs must be submitted by November 30). If, for any reason, you do not complete all roads the first year, you will have a second chance, BUT you start with a blank slate for that second attempt. Registrants will receive a starter packet containing a Best 15 US Roads Challenge t-shirt and Best 15 pin and patch. Finishers will also receive an engraved Buck 112 Ranger Knife to commemorate their accomplishment!

Get out on these Roads to Experience the spectacular and varied landscapes these roads offer. One recent finisher commented, "I don't know how you pick these Fifteen roads, I think I rode Thirty great roads to get to the Fifteen!"

(330) 857 8131 best15us@sc-ma.com

Best 15 short sleeve t-shirts will soon become available at \$24.00 each.

Order information will be released via eBlast once they arrive.



To view a full descriptive list of the roads, please go to the SCMA website at:

https://sc-ma.com/rides/best-15-parent/best-15-roads-list/

On the Home page, at the black navigation bar, simply place your cursor on Rides > Best 15 US Roads Challenge > Best 15 US Roads List

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## Best 15 U.S. Roads List

2020 Best 15 US Roads Challenge List

- 1. ME, Acadia National Park: Park Loop to Cadillac Mt. Summit 22 miles
- 2. VA/NC, Blue Ridge Parkway: Any 150-mile segment
- 3. WI, Great River Road: WI35 btwn LaCrosse and Prairie du Chien 63 miles
- 4. TX Hill Country, Twisted Sisters: SUGGEST Medina RR-337w to Leakey to US-83n TX41w to RR-336s to RR-337w to Camp Wood toTX-55n to RR-335n 155 miles
- 5. UT, Dinosaur Diamond Prehistoric Hwy UT-128: btwn Moab and I-70 43 miles
- 6. WA, Northern Cascades Scenic Byway: WA-20 Between Omak and Concrete 150 miles
- 7. OH, Triple Nickel OH-555: btwn Zanesville and Little Hocking 62 miles
- 8. SD, Iron Mountain Road, Black Hills: US-16A btwn Custer and Keystone 34 miles
- 9. AR, Pig Trail Arkansas AR-23: btwn Ozark and Eureka Springs 80 miles
- 10. CA-1, Pacific Coast Hwy: btwn Monterey and Morro Bay 123 mi
- 11. AZ, Monument Valley US-163: bwtn Kayenta AZ and Bluff Utah 68 miles
- 12. CO, San Juan Skyway CO-145: bwtn Cortez and Placerville 83 mi
- 13. ID, Payette River Run ID-55: btwn Horseshoe Bend and Cascade 51 mi
- 14. WY, Big Horn Loop: Ranchester US-14w to Greybull then US-16s/e to Buffalo in either direction 207 miles
- 15. NM, Geronimo Trail Nat Scenic Byway: Hatch NM-26w to Nutt NM-27n to Hillsboro NM-152w to Mimbres NM-35n to NM-15s to Silver City Ride in either direction 137 miles\*
- 16. MI, Natchez Trace Parkway: btwn Natchez and Clinton (Jackson) 90 mi
- \*NOT required, but at the junction of NM-35/NM-15 take NM-15 NORTH for 18 miles to the Gila Cliff Dwelling Nat Monument as a point of interest. Spur adds 36 miles

For further clarification or questions about this event, contact Bob Roger, Chairman, Best 15 US Roads Challenge, at either

(330) 857-8131 or email to Best15us@sc-ma.com rsroger03@gmail.com

## **Attracting Riders Through Facebook**

Doug Wilson, SCMA's facebook director had been doing a phenomenal job helping the Chairs of our Premier Tours post photos and comments. Slowly but surely, SCMA is getting more viewers visiting the pages.

How can you, as a member of SCMA, help to increase awareness of SCMA and our Premier Ride events?

Simple.....just post a comment or two about when you were on your particular event.

Was there a particular **Mission** you enjoyed visiting on the CA Adventures Tour? Post a photo and comment on:

https://www.facebook.com/scma.california.missions.tour/

CA National Parks Tour: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/scma.park.adventure/">https://www.facebook.com/scma.park.adventure/</a>

Or the CA Best 15 Roads Tour: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/scma.best.15.ca/">https://www.facebook.com/scma.best.15.ca/</a>

How about you riders that have completed the fabulous **Best 15 US Road Challenge**? I bet you have some great photos and comments. Post them on: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/scma.best.15/">https://www.facebook.com/scma.best.15/</a>

Quite a few of you have ridden the **USA Four Corners**. Post a photo with a comment of yourself at one of the corner:

https://www.facebook.com/scma.4.corners/

And our biggest facebook attraction is the **Three Flags Classic**....we always enjoy the many comments, stories, and photos posted to the page: https://www.facebook.com/scma.3.Flags.Classic/

Your postings, comments, and photos will be enjoyed by the many riders that have subscribed to SCMA's facebook pages.....and ultimately may entice them to join you, us, on riding these great adventures!

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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.





## Passing of Dave "HotDawg" Larmour

Hello everyone,

It is with sadness that I report that David Shipley sent me a note informing me of the passing of his good friend, and Three Flags rider, Dave Larmour.

Please read David's note reproduced below and feel free to drop him a note. Gonzo

#### Hello Gonzo,

I was not sure who to send this information to, so I thought I'd go right to the top. Hoping you can pass this information along to who ever handle's this type of information.

My friend Dave 'Hotdawg' Larmour of Calgary Alberta Canada passed away on October 25th, 2019. He was an avid long distance rider and participated in 22 Three Flags events and one year was the final destination coordinator for the Three Flags event that ended in Calgary. He always spoke fondly of the many memories he had while participating in the Three Flags. He was a very outgoing and likeable person and I am sure there are many in the Three Flags community that will remember him. Please pass this information along to those people and please remove him from the roster and future mail outs.

Thank you, Regards,



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#### Hello Everyone!

I am happy to announce we opened registration for the 2020 Three Flags Classic at 10:15 AM January 4, 2020. We were scheduled to open at 10:00 AM, but the server crashed immediately at 10:00 AM. Anticipating this might occur we had Jack Knorst, our IT guru standing by, and he was quick on the trigger to get it back up. Once we were operational the first rider got registered at exactly 10:15 AM, along with dozens of others. I'm so sorry for the technical difficulties but thank you for the enthusiasm!

Please glance at the 2020 TFC logo above. I hope you like it as much as we do!

As of this writing we have 191 people registered for the ride. We also have our route completed, commencing at the Araiza Hotel in Mexicali, Mexico, and finishing at the Lakeside Resort and Conference Centre in Penticton, Canada. The 4 checkpoints are Cortez, NM; Longmont, CO; Rock Springs, WY; and Missoula, MT. The length of the 5-day ride is 2497 MI / 4016 KM.

Folks this IS the 45<sup>th</sup> annual ride and we hope to exceed your expectations with the hotels, dinners, route and overall efforts by our hardworking TFC Committee. My Vice Chairman, Brian Hooker and I are excited to have you on this journey. We expect to have in excess of 300 riders with a cap at 350.

If you are thinking of riding, now IS the time to register. Also, don't delay on registering at the host hotels as there is a limit before you have to register at an affiliate near-by hotel. We've negotiated good rates at both hotels at the start and finish. You are not required to stay at any of the hotels we recommend. Please check the SC-MA.com website for former E-Blasts for hotel and other information. You might also read forum posts for additional information.

We are diligently working on checkpoint destination and the hotels in those cities. I hope to have those out in an e-blast in February. I will also identify the first 100 riders registered who receive a little something extra in their swag bag.

If you're planning on riding and don't have your new bike, January is a great month to buy a bike. In areas where weather is a factor, they are always looking for customers and ready to deal. I hope to keep you all up to date as we continue to work on this fantastic and always memorable ride. I'm looking forward to seeing those from last year and many I've talked to who have not

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been on the ride in a few years.

I assure you this will be a ride to remember and one you'll never forget, thanks to all of the committee members working hard to bring you a tremendous event.

Steven Shulman

Chairman, 2020 Three Flags Classic







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## Three Flags Classic - Ticket Resales

Each year, before the start of a 3FC, approximately 10% of 3FC Ticket Buyers find that they are unable to attend and try to sell their ticket to a buyer.

Since 2016, the 3FC Chairs have been burdened with tracking ticket resales and ensuring SWAG bags are renamed/renumbered, etc. Database corrections and updates became a struggle, as was the collection of stats for Les Gullery to report the numbers of riders, states, countries, bike models, etc.

Last year, during the 2019 registration process, we stumbled upon a process that simplified the collection of data and ensures transaction integrity. Riders purchasing a resale ticket are assured they will receive their SWAG, pre-printed passport, and proper sized t-shirt. Sellers can also be assured of receiving their full payment as the resale price remains fixed to the original purchase price.

Here is the resale process that will be followed during 3FC20.

- 1. SCMA will establish a "3FC20 Ticket Re-sale" page on the forum or somewhere easily accessible by members.
- 2. Upon deciding to sell a 3FC ticket, seller would go to this webpage and list their name(s), quantity of tickets, contact information.
- 3. Buyers can be recruited by individual sellers or can simply go to the website and contact a seller.
- 4. Re-sales will be made in the date-order of listings; exception to this rule will be if a seller brought his/her own buyer to the deal.
- 5. Seller then contacts the designated administrator (eg. Gonzo at 949xxxx or Filley at 619xxxx) and informs the administrator that he is selling a ticket to "Buyer Name"
- 6. Buyer calls Administrator to report he is buying such ticket from (Seller Name).
- 7. Buyer goes online and purchases a new ticket.
- 8. Administrator removes the seller from the data records and informs treasurer to repay seller.
- 9. Repayment will either be via PayPal or a check from SCMA (in event seller purchased ticket more than 6 months prior to resale)

As a side note, a number of board and committee members are holding off on purchasing a ticket until early July. They will then purchase a resale ticket and help those members who are trying to sell their tickets.

We certainly hope that all registrants for 3FC20 will be able to make it to the start

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# SCMA Annual Awards and Appreciation Dinner Saturday, March 14, 2020 High Lighting The achievements of SCMA Riders









CA Adventures
Missions/NP/B15

Three Flags Classic

USA 4 Corners Motorcycle Tour

Best USA 15 Roads Challenge

When: Saturday, March 14, 2020

4:00-4:45 PM Registration and Social Hour

5:00 PM Dinner/Program

**Where:** Knights of Columbus Hall

2657 Honolulu Ave, Montrose CA

**Dinner:** Italian dinner catered by Olive Garden

No Host Bar at reasonable prices

**Banquet:** Cost is \$35.00 per person.

Banquet reservations Cut-off date is Mar 06, 2020

Register at: https://sc-ma.com/2020-awards-banquet/

Come one, come all - everyone is invited

Bring friends and family and enjoy an evening of camaraderie

Participation in motorcycling events is not necessary.

Membership **NOT** required.

**Contact:** Mike Williams, 818-397-5738, mikakw1@yahoo.com



**Lodging:** Nearest lodging can be found in the Glendale and Pasadena areas. The best way to find lodging is go to Google and search for "hotels near Montrose CA". Prices will range from \$80's to over \$300. Below are a few that should be within Uber (designated driver) range:

### Best Western Plus Glendale

1-star hotel 2911 Colorado Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90041 (323) 256-7711

## Hampton Inn & Suites Los Angeles - Glendale

Book on hotel site 114 W Colorado St, Glendale, CA 91204 (818) 291-5700

## Comfort Inn near Old Town Pasadena: Eagle Rock

2-star hotel 2300 Colorado Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90041 (323) 256-1199

## Courtyard by Marriott Los Angeles Pasadena/Old Town

3-star hotel 180 N Fair Oaks Ave, Pasadena, CA 91103•(626) 403-7600

# Residence Inn by Marriott Los Angeles Pasadena/Old Town

3-star hotel 21 W Walnut St, Pasadena, CA 91103•(626) 204-9220

## Travelodge by Wyndham Pasadena Central

2-star hotel 2131 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91107 (626) 796-3121

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## ARE YOU A LIFE MEMBER ??

Back in the day (I have no idea when that day was), life memberships were being given to members with 20 or more years of continuous membership. Sometime around 2012 the board ended the practice – no new life memberships were granted. However, those with the Life membership were grandfathered as such.

Currently, we have close to 50 lifetime members with invalid email addresses.

We are trying to update our database and would like to hear from them. If you see your name on the below list, or if you know one of these members, please contact:

Jim Filley Membership Director, Jamesf4@gmail.com

First	Last	First	Last
Gary	Arkebauer	Martin A.	Judd
Frank	Aupperlee	Alvin	Kuznitsky
William	Barcik	Floyd	Maples
Mary	Barcik	Gene	Mason
Billy	Barrett	Wallace	Masters
John	Belgen	Larry	Matsumura
Dale	Brassfield	James	Mc Cord
Ray	Brosell	Buford	Mc Daniel
			Mc
Don	Clark	Dave	Queeney
Tommy	Clifton	Jack	Mccormack
Allan	Cline	Harold	Neumann
Will	Deits	Mark	Parrish
Manuel	Dias	Don	Perdew
Ronald	Edgley	Dean	Porter
Roberta	Epps	Hug	Porter
Jim	Farrand	Clyde	Reynolds
Harry	Fisher	Karen	Richmond
Bob	Foreman	Robert	Smith
Randy	Fox	Terry	Smith
Patrick	Gaffney	Clay	Sweeney
Doug	Galloway	Leroy	Tomasi
Dick	Grant	George	Turner
William	Juchem	Doug	Tyler Jr.
		William	Victorine

## SCMA's Premier Events

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

The planning for the 2019, 44th Annual Three Flags Classic is gaining momentum. The ride will start in San Luis Rio Colorado (SLRC), Sonora Mexico, and head north for a finish in Vernon, BC Canada. The ride will be 4 days in duration. A lot of exciting things are happening and it's shaping up to be a continuation of our return to our Three Flags roots of riding through three countries!!!

https://sc-ma.com/rides/3-flag-parent/three-flags-classic/

#### 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. Dannie Fox is chairing this event in 2019. https://sc-ma.com/rides/usa-four-corners-tour-site/usa-four-corners-tour-ride-summary/

#### SCMA Best 15 US Roads Challenge

During 2019, 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 2019 and can be contacted at <a href="mailto:rsroger03@gmail.com">rsroger03@gmail.com</a>

**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. Mike Williams is chairing these events in 2019.

**CPA:** During any single calendar year, in any order and at any pace, visit 24 of the 25 National Parks and Monuments in California 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-tour/">https://sc-ma.com/rides/california-missions-tour/</a>

**CB15:** Ride the CA Best 15 Roads; 5 each located in northern, central and southern CA. Rules for this event can be found online at:

https://sc-ma.com/ca-best-15-parent/ca-best-15-roads-challenge/ca-best-15-roads-rules/

#### **SCMA's California Triple Crown**

Awarded to riders who successfully finish all three CA Adventure Series events in a single calendar year. Mike Williams will be chairing the selection committee in 2019

#### The SCMA Premier 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 three CA Adventure Series rides in a single calendar year (15Jan to 30Nov 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 2019.

#### The SCMA Premier Grand Slam Award\*

Complete all six (6) Premier Events: the USA Four Corners Tour, the Three Flags Classic, The Best 15 US Roads Challenge, and all three of the California Parks Adventure Series (Parks, Missions, CA Best 15) in a single calendar year. Gonzo will be chairing the selection committee in 2019.

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Email Newsletter submittals to:

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SCMA's website is always your best source for complete and current information on our rides and events. Our membership application is

there. For more information go to

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

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Advertising space is provided to our members only. Regular membership is \$30 for one year and \$50 for two years. Want ads are free for regular members.

Businesses interested in sponsor membership advertising of a half page ad in the newsletter for 12 months, and prominent mention at SCMA's March Awards and Appreciation Banquet and the September Three Flags Banquet, should contact the Chairman.



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