

SCMA**Founded 1968***NEWS*

CHAIRMAN's LETTER

Once again, this has been a very busy month for the Board of Directors and myself. February was the 50th reunion of my military graduating class. We held a 4-day event in San Diego and I was there 5-days to assist with the arrangements of welcoming our classmates.

Because of this conflict with our SCMA schedule I had to replace our monthly conference meeting with asking board members to email their status reports. My schedule became further complicated with the challenge of listing my AZ house for sale and arranging it to be shown to the public. This further became time demanding as I had to travel twice between CA and AZ hauling furniture.

The time demand almost overtook getting this newsletter out.....but it seems to have overcome the hurdles and evolved into this release.....albeit a tad light.

March is upon us now and the annual Rider and Appreciation Awards Dinner will be held on **March 14th**. Mike and Teresa Williams have done a great job making the arrangements for this event. They redefined it to be more of a "family get together", versus a formal dining at a fancy hotel, and found a location for the event that imbues a more "down

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home" gathering for motorcycle riders.

At this dinner event we will honor those SCMA Riders that have earned the CA and Premier Triple Crown Trophies and the Grand Slam Trophy. We will also honor the many volunteers that have contributed many hours of their time to keeping SCMA operating. Without these volunteers SCMA would not function at the level it does.

I hope that you will register for the event and join us in honorific clinking of beer bottles while socializing before we help ourselves to a catered Italian dinner!

See y'all then

Ride Safe.....Ride Long

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SOUTHWEST Regional News Section

(Pages 4 – 16)

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: We mailed out over 80 membership packages to USA members and 25 packages to Canadian members. I continue to answer questions about the registration process, so keep those calls coming, always willing to help!

Jim

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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

A banner for GO AZ Motorcycles. It features logos for Aprilia, BMW, Ducati, KTM, Triumph, Honda, Ural, Vespa, and Kawasaki. The central logo is a shield with a red and yellow sunburst design and the text "GO AZ Motorcycles". Below the logos is a photograph of a motorcycle shop with several motorcycles parked outside. At the bottom, a dark blue bar contains the text: "GO AZ MOTORCYCLES | 15500 N. HAYDEN RD | SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260 | (480) 609-1800 | GOAZMOTORCYCLES.COM".



SCMA Annual Awards and Appreciation Dinner
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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

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Membership **NOT** required.

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



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

Residence Inn by Marriott Los Angeles Pasadena/Old Town

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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 3rd 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 Fortuna 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

Nacimientto -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 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.



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.

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310-625-1249 cell



2008 Honda Goldwing 1800 & Hannigan Astro 2+2 Sidecar

This sidecar rig is a 2008 Honda Goldwing 1800, that currently has 98k miles on it, and a 2003(ish) Hannigan Astro 2+2 sidecar, which means it is a double-wide sidecar, capable of seating two thinner adults, or one larger adult, or two kids, grandkids, dogs, a Llama, or three Goats.

The bike and the sidecar were married to one another last year, in the Spring of 2019.

100% of all maintenance and service items have been done to both the bike and the sidecar. NEW tires at all three points on this rig. NEW brakes on the rear of the bike, and in the Brembo disc brake of the sidecar. K&N air filter, and NKG Iridium spark plugs in the bike. All Fluids are fresh, having been flushed, and replaced with OEM fluids.



The suspension on the bike is all upgraded to Progressive Suspension, front and rear, with PS Monotubes in the front forks. The sidecar has a NEW Hagon shock.

The Triple Trees of the bike have been replaced, with new "trail-reducing" triple trees and new bearing and seals.

This rig drives straight down the road, steers very easily, and you can NOT lift the sidecar wheel in a hard right turn.

I put this rig together myself, with the actual marriage performed by DMC Sidecars in Washington state. 100 % of all maintenance, repairs, improvements, wiring, etc. were done by me, because this has been my wife's sidecar rig, so I had to make certain, 100%, that it was safe/sound/solid at any speeds, under any condition.

MUCH more info available, as well as a LOT of pictures, just contact me, and we can talk. MANY, MANY more upgrades and improvements since these pictures below were taken, so it "looks" better than what you see below.

Contact me at: Miles (360) 250-3667 midliferider@aol.com

Price: \$ 13,000.00 USD.

And that price includes DELIVERY to your home, anywhere in the lower 48 contiguous states.





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

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

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Willing to discuss delivery



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<https://www.rideapart.com/articles/397241/dot-helmet-failure-rate-increases/>

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

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Event Calendar

Feb

No Events Scheduled
Watch for possible destination ride eBlast

March

14 Awards Dinner – Montrose CA
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April

24-26 Alien Abduction Grand Tour - AZRATPack
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Information on each ride will be released on the website and via eBlasts.

Here's what's on the road ahead. For more information, check the SCMA website www.SC-MA.com and the websites of our affiliated clubs. Club websites have more information on their events and are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. ALWAYS consult them for last-minute changes before a ride.

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TCX
FOCUS ON BOOTS

The advertisement features a black and white background image of a road winding through a forest. In the foreground, four pairs of black motorcycle boots are displayed in a row. Below each pair is its model name. At the bottom, there are four small action shots of motorcyclists: a rider on a track, a rider on a road bike, a rider on a dirt bike, and a rider on a motorcycle. The TCX logo and tagline 'FOCUS ON BOOTS' are prominently displayed in the center.

National News Section

(page 17 – 26)

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



Official Attorney Sponsors of SCMA

RUSS BROWN
MOTORCYCLE ATTORNEYS

FREE BREAKDOWN AND LEGAL
ASSISTANCE FOR MOTORCYCLISTS

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The advertisement features a black background with a white eagle with spread wings in the center. Above the eagle, the text 'Official Attorney Sponsors of SCMA' is written in a white, curved font. Below the eagle, the name 'RUSS BROWN' is displayed in large, bold, yellow-outlined letters, with 'MOTORCYCLE ATTORNEYS' in smaller white letters underneath. At the bottom, there is a yellow banner with the text 'FREE BREAKDOWN AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR MOTORCYCLISTS' in black, and a black banner with the phone number '1-800-4-BIKERS' in white.



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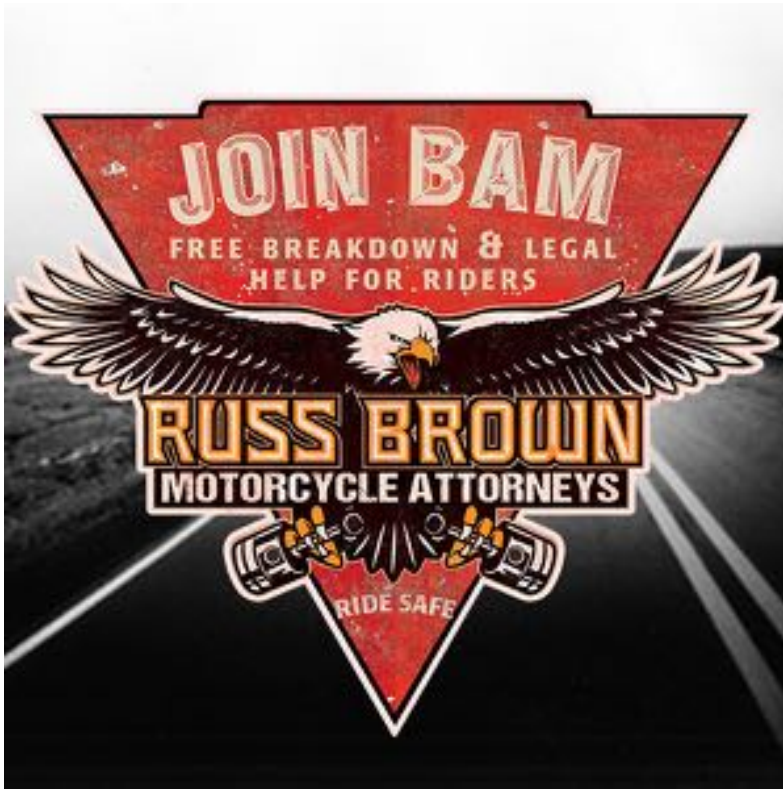
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Travelodge by Wyndham Pasadena Central

2-star hotel
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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 biker-friendly lawyers ready to help you if you are involved in a motorcycle crash. BAM’s emergency ID card can speak for you if you are incapacitated in a crash: we list your emergency contact person, medical problems, and blood type. With your permission, should emergency personnel call, we will supply this information and provide donors if necessary.

BAM membership is FREE!

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

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

Riding From Lebanon to Arizona (Part II)

By Gonzo
SCMA #25051

The next morning I was well on the road heading for Trinidad CO and then south through Albuquerque....highway US-350 is a great ride through eastern CO with views of farms, open lands, and distant hills. Sadly, there were many small, very small locales with no names; just empty decrepit and decaying building and old, unoccupied houses. No more stopping, no tourist stops, no stopping to photo an old decaying building because of its photographic appeal. This is a straight run into Trinidad.

Ooops, not what happened. About 35 miles east of Trinidad I came upon an interesting site....a site that I had noticed on previous trips but disregarded as uninteresting.

This time I stopped. It was the Pinion Canyon Maneuvering Site (PCMS). What in the world is a maneuvering site?? It is a site for US Army forces from Fort Carson to conduct training exercises at battalion and brigade force levels. It is the one place for our Army to conduct realistic training. I was certain I had taken photos of the displays at the entrance display. But no photos were in the cellphone. Hmmm, I would not like to think it was user error.....I prefer to blame Apple and/or Google. ☹



From here it was run to Trinidad, gas and on through Las Vegas NM, swing thru the south end of Pecos National Historic Park and a pit stop in south Santa Fe with a quick bite of a Wendy's spicy chicken sandwich. From there it was on to Albuquerque and then west to Gallup where I spent the night at a very nice Day's Inn. Dinner was a very tasty Kung Pao Chicken from Panda Express. About 10 miles south of Trinidad I encountered light rain and stopped under an overpass for this photo of this interesting rock formation. I figure anytime now one or more of those rocks are going to come tumbling down.

The next morning I was looking at a quick and easy ride of 300 miles to my AZ home.

After coffee and two hard boiled eggs I was on the GS and heading west; again, no more touristy stops, just a straight run home.

Ooops. Yeah, something popped up. A little town called Winslow AZ.

Ever heard of the rock band named "The Eagles"? "Standing on the corner of Winslow Arizona".....yeah, I had to go stand on that corner. When the exit for Winslow appeared in my vision, I felt the musical magnetic pull upon my handlebars.....I took exit 252 at the west end of town.

First stop was the Winslow Visitor's Center for a photo of route 66 monogram on the road and to chat with the Director. From there it was on to the intersection of Rte 66 and Kinsley Ave where the statues of the Eagles Standing On The Corner, a window in the



building displaying "...a flatbed Ford" and 2nd story window showing a young couple in a romantic embrace. Pretty cool.

Now I was really motivated to gett'er rollin' and get home. Off to Flagstaff, about 60 miles away, to head south on I-17, and into my driveway 130 miles later. Riding on I-40 out of Winslow there were some headwinds to deal with....but nothing strong or overwhelming. About 8-10 miles west of Winslow, crossing the windy, high desert plains, I came upon the exit for the Meteor Crater National Landmark, but I kept on rolling, intent on reaching Flagstaff.

I-40 was doing a steady climb out of Winslow as it headed to Flagstaff. Between the two towns the land climbs about 2,000 feet, but it is stretched over 50 or so miles making it a very gradual climb. At some point, nearing Flagstaff, the landscape began displaying much more foliage and pine and other trees. The air

became cooler, fresher, and the skies seemed clearer with no dust in the air. It may be an interstate highway, but it was running thru some pretty country.

Before I knew it, I was at Flagstaff, got confused on the I-17 exit, and blew right past it. No problem, a few more miles down the road, with the air heavy with scent of pine, I exited and got back on I-10 heading west. I hadn't gone but a couple of miles when a sign popped up. "Sedona, AZ-89a"

Ooops.....looks like a side road trip I just gotta take! Yup, AZ-89a to Sedona; a place I had never been to before but was always on my list of places to see. I had heard quite few stories about how great it is to ride 89a.....especially if there's no traffic.

At the beginning, the road was rather straight forward, riding through the pines taking in some very gentle bends and land undulations. Being at 6,000 feet plus, the air was crisp and clear. Clouds were drifting in however, and it seemed a good possibility of encountering some rain. I kept straining my vision into the distance, looking for the Sedona Red Monument cliffs, hills and mountains that I had heard about so often. But only green was before my eyes.

The road then entered into a 90-degree bend and began descending, then into another bend, a 180, and next thing I knew I was heading down the side of a cliff! Seems the northern portion of 89A from Flagstaff is on a mesa of sorts and it is quite a descent to get down into the valley. There were at least 4 180-degree turns for riding enjoyment, albeit at a slow pace ☹.

Yes, there was traffic, not that much heading south, but 89A is a two lane road with no opportunities to pass a car/truck in front of you. Would be a waste of time if you did pass the car because you would only encounter the next car in front of that one.

But the southbound traffic was nothing compared to the northbound. An older model RV was laboring up the steep climb and cars were backed up for a few miles moving at

about 15-20mph. At least I was doing around 35+ until a bit of light rain hit us and then the stop and go for road construction presented itself just north of Sedona.

Because of the traffic, and not wanting to stop or to take other roads, I never did see the red cliffs. But I did see the small town of Sedona and decided I would never want to live there! 89A is the only road in and out of the valley and it is highly populated as well as visited by tourists.

Finally out of Sedona I briefly escaped the traffic crush and was back on open desert, heading for Cottonwood. I made some good time here and picked up AZ-260 south heading to intercept I-17 south.

Once on I-17 it was going to be a quick 80 miles to my house in the northwest Valley of the Sun (Phoenix).

I must say, reflecting back on the trip home from Lebanon, that it was a real kick in the saddle to take a couple of unplanned stops and side roads. I got to see some interesting parts of Kansas, a couple of small towns, and some interesting sites!

I hadn't done that in a long time and think such opportune jaunts should be done more often! (now I just need to remember to take more photos !!)



Through the heart of Winslow AZ





**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!"

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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

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 Leahey to US-83n TX41w to RR-336s to RR-337w to Camp Wood to TX-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: bwtm Kayenta AZ and Bluff Utah 68 miles
12. CO, San Juan Skyway CO-145: bwtm 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: <https://www.facebook.com/scma.park.adventure/>

Or the **CA Best 15 Roads** Tour: <https://www.facebook.com/scma.best.15.ca/>

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

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!

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.



A photograph of a person wearing a silver helmet and a grey and yellow riding suit, sitting on a blue motorcycle. The background shows a mountainous landscape under a blue sky with clouds. Overlaid on the left side of the image is the text "GUARANTEED BETTER FIT" in large, bold, red letters. Below this text is a list of bullet points: "• 40 + sizes in stock", "• Mens and Womens grading", "• Shorts/Regulars/Talls", "• Alterations available", and "• All returnable". At the bottom of the image, the "AEROSTICH" logo is displayed in white, with "SINCE 1982" in smaller text below it. Below the logo is the website "aerostich.com/scma". In the bottom left corner, there is a small text credit: "Photo: Matthew Kabbash - 2016". In the bottom right corner, there is a small copyright notice: "©2016 Aerostich".

3FC20 Update

As of this writing (2.27.20 at 1630 hrs.) there are 231 people registered for the 2020 Three Flags Classic. We are excited to have at or over 300 registrants this year. It's going to be a fun route and a great event starting in Mexicali and ending in Penticton, Canada. Go to SC-MA.com and click on the 3 Flag emblem for more details. Remember you must become a member (insurance requirement) of the SCMA (\$35.00) to register for the ride which is \$295. Cheap at twice the price!

You will see the 3FC20 logo (shown below) on some of the literature and swag you receive at the check-in in Mexicali. This of course, is NOT the design for the belt buckle. That will be revealed later in the year.

We still have lots to do before the start and I want to thank all who are participating in organizing it for their help. Many have called to ask if they can help at the start and the finish. Many of us will get there a few days early to set-up. The more the better! Besides I think that's where we can get a pretty good Margarita....Si.



If you have not made checkpoint hotel reservations yet, please check E-Blast 3 for the hotels, phone numbers of links to hotels recommended at the checkpoint cities at discounted prices. Please check E-Blast 2 for Start and Finish hotel information. E--Blasts are located in the right margin of the Three Flags page.

Until the next update and E-Blast... best to you all.

Steve Shulman
2020, Three Flags Chairman





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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)

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



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

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
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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
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Randy	Fox	Terry	Smith
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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. <https://sc-ma.com/rides/best-15-parent/best-15-us-roads-challenge/>

Bob Roger is chairing this event in 2019 and can be contacted at rsroger03@gmail.com

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: <http://sc-ma.com/rides/california-parks-adventure>.

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

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.

Some Valuable Fine Print (REALLY !)

Articles and advertising must be received by the 25th of the month in order to appear in the next published issue of the SCMA News. Newsletters are circulated electronically and posted on the SCMA website. Send written correspondence to: Southern California Motorcycle Association, PO Box 487, Norwalk, CA 90651-0487

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.

Next best thing to riding a motorcycle through twisties!!!



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