

SCMA**Founded 1968****NEWS**

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Hello Everyone,
It's been a couple of months since our last newsletter, so I'll give you a brief description of events that have transpired.

Board meetings have been held and reports submitted for the record. Despite COVID and the cancellation of Three Flags, due to border closures, we have opened our USA events and have seen a good number of registrations for the national and southwestern rides. Our memberships are holding at slightly above 600 dues paying members.

USA4C registrations have been down when compared to prior years but still a good turnout in view of COVID. The turnout for the USA Best 15 Roads and the CA Adventure tours have increased. Reports received by riders as to COVID impact has been minimal....rarely were riders unable to secure meals or lodging. Fortunately, despite out-of-state tags, no riders were prevented from passing through any states. The best part to report is that we have not received notice of a rider contracting the virus. Hopefully that status will stay that way!

Steve Shulman, Chairman 3FC20/21 has rezoomed (pun??) planning committee meetings. He expects to have an eBlast released in the next few weeks with info on hotels, etc.

We also have held a destination ride in July and a 5-Passes ride in August; We are hoping to see a November ride arranged by the Red Hot Riders of San Diego to be followed by a December SCMA Destination Ride.

Meanwhile, here in SoCal we have experienced our share of fires, the most recent one being the Silverado Canyon fire

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about 3 miles from my house.

In about 2-3 weeks I hope to ride my latest acquisition. Miles sold me his 2017 Honda VFR1200X-DCT. Since it only has 1,685 miles on it I consider it brand new – despite all the improvements Miles has done to it. In preparation for this ride I am working to get back into shape.

Yup, sitting around on my duff since March 1st has not been good for my former “Schwarzenegger-like” physique. I now look like a roly-poly Gonzo version of the Michelin Tire Man. So I’m exercising everyday to the motto, “I’ll be baack”.

Ride Safe.....Ride Long,

Gonzo



Memorial

On August 25, a true friend and lover of the ride, Tom Ogan passed away at his home in Kingman AZ. Tom moved to Kingman from San Diego. He rode Harleys most of his life and was known to build a VW trike or two. Tom loved his motorcycling and the friends with which he rode. Tom was an old friend of SCMA. There will only be one Tom Ogan and he will be missed.

Respectfully submitted: James Marsh



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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.

SCMA'S Affiliated Clubs

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www.redhotriders.com

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www.sc-ma.com/shamrock.htm



PREMIUM HELMETS



A banner advertisement for GO AZ Motorcycles. The top section features logos for various motorcycle brands: Aprilia, BMW, Ducati, KTM, Triumph, Honda, Ural, Vespa, and Kawasaki. Below the logos is a photograph of the GO AZ Motorcycles storefront, which is a modern building with large windows and a blue awning. In the foreground, several motorcycles are parked. The text "GO AZ Motorcycles" is prominently displayed in the center. At the bottom, the address "15500 N. HAYDEN RD | SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260" and phone number "(480) 609-1800" are listed, along with the website "GOAZMOTORCYCLES.COM".

5 Passes Ride - August 7-8, 2020

Article and Photos Submitted By: Dan Burt

DAY1:

The meet-up location for the ride was at Zingo's Café in Bakersfield, CA. The ride registration was at 7:30am and the ride began at about 8:15am. There were 8 riders registered as follows:

Dan Burt – Ride Leader

Mike Williams – “Ghost Rider” – he was there each morning but then vanished.

Jesse Perez

Rick Phenicie

Dave Halliday

Phil Graber

Raymond Graber

John Basile – “Ghost Rider - & Drone Pilot” - same as Mike Williams.

Mike Williams was riding to complete the CA Best 15 Roads as part of the CA Adventure Series. His route was similar to the route we were riding and he was staying in the same cities. John Basile wanted to attempt to film the riders via his aerial Drone Camera. He planned to ride ahead at various points and then stop to launch the drone and film the riders. I do not know how successful he was.

We headed left out of Zingo's on Buck Owens Blvd and turned right(north east) on Airport Blvd which became Granite Road and Granite Road would eventually intersect with CA-155. Granite Road was a winding road through the Kern County ranch country side. It was a very pleasant, meandering type of road, past numerous farms and ranch properties. Horses, cows, goats, donkeys, and other assorted animals were grazing in the fields. The road took us through the towns of Woody, Glennville (Ca155 Intersect), Alta Sierra, Wolford Heights, and into Lake Isabella, a distance of about 58 miles from the start. There were just enough curves, turns, and hills to keep the ride interesting. The road surface was great and there was almost no traffic. Just a great morning to be riding!

We lost contact with John somewhere along the ride, so we pulled over at a Shell station in Lake Isabella, hoping that John would catch up with us. After about a 30 minute wait, John had not arrived. We continued onto CA-178 east toward Walker Pass.



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We stopped at the Walker Pass Marker for photos.



We continued east on CA-178 for another 10 miles to CA-14 and then turned North to join US-395 near Ridgecrest. Then we continued north on US-395 for another 120 miles to our first fuel stop at Lone Pine Chevron. This was a very busy service station as it is a beginning or ending point for travelers going to or from Death Valley. In the future I would travel further north to Independence, CA for the fuel stop, where there is much less activity.

One of the riders (don't recall which one) suggested that we stop for lunch at a road side BBQ place further north on 395. We followed his lead to the Copper Top BBQ in Big Pine. We knew we would have to utilize "outside dining" wherever we stopped. The BBQ meat was fresh off the cooker, (smoke pouring out the smokestack), It was the first time for all of us at this stop, but we all agreed that we would stop here again. The BBQ sandwiches were awesome, (not the cheapest, but worth the price).



We continued north on 395 through Bishop to the Tioga Pass fuel stop. At this point we had traveled about 302 miles. As we passed through Bishop it was 95-96 degrees. Other than the heat it was a spectacular day. Little traffic and little wind. No blips on the radar.

We continued north through Bridgeport to the CA-108 Sierra Pass Highway. The Marine Base on the 108 has become quite impressive as it continues to increase in size and complexity. I was told this is the Marine Corp "Winter/Snow" training facility.

As we progressed up to higher altitude we encountered a few rain drops which were welcome as they offered some relief to the heat. The 108 is a narrow, climbing, very twisty,

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(many 180 degree turns) road for the 79 miles into Sonora. You really need to pay close attention as the road make radical changes without a lot of advance notice.

As we entered Sonora, each rider departed for their respective nights lodging. We had given up on having a group meal as the COVID rules prevented any large gatherings for a meal. Sonora is a very popular tourist town and the hotels are fully booked in the summer. The "outside dining only" really limited the dining options. At this point we had not seen our two "Ghost Riders" since earlier in the day. Total distance for the day was 425 miles.

DAY 2:

The 8:00am meet-up at the service station on Washington St. across for the Heritage Inn (formerly the Inns of California). Both 'Ghost Riders' were present for the start. We headed north on Washington Street through town to CA-49 north and followed CA-49 through Angels Camp, San Andreas and Mokelumne Hill for about 43 miles into Jackson. Again, just a perfect morning for the ride; crystal clear skies, temps in the high 60's for the start. Some really picturesque towns along the way. At Jackson we turned right (east) onto CA-88.

We continued east on CA-88 for 114 miles over Carson Pass to CA-89. CA-88 is a great road, with many wide sweeping curves, some great vistas, and almost new road surface. You felt like you could just ride all day on that road.



We continued on north on CA-89 for 10 miles over Luther Pass to CA-50 and turned right into South Lake Tahoe and Stateline. Riding past the hotels and casinos, the traffic was horrific and the sidewalks were packed with visitors. *(No social distancing and most visitors were not wearing face masks.)* It was just a picture perfect day for strolling the streets. From the turn on CA-50 to the Kingsbury Grade (CA-207) is

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about 8 miles. We stopped at the Chevron station on CA-207 for fuel. There was literally a traffic jam at the gas pumps with many travelers wanting to purchase the cheaper Nevada priced gas before returning to California.

The ride down the mountain on CA-207 is one of my favorite stretches of road; great road surface with long, sweeping curves. Makes you want to put your head down and be a "MotoGP rider" for the few down hills miles. It is about 14 miles from the gas stop on CA-207 to the intersection with CA-88 at the bottom of the hill.

We turned right, (south), on CA-88 for about 12 miles to the CA-89 turn. The ride south on CA-88 is through a valley of ranches and farms. Just an absolutely beautiful valley. Not sure what it would be like in the winter, but in August it is just a picture post card setting.

We turn left (east) onto CA-89 for into Markleeville and continue on CA-89 over Monitor Pass about 30 miles, to US-395. CA-89 is just a terrific and exciting road with many tight and sweeping curves. The Sierra countryside is just awesome. Again the road surface appeared to be newly paved. I re-attached my "MotoGP" mindset and just rode an uninterrupted brisk pace. There was almost no traffic. Made you want to turn around and ride right back the opposite direction and do it again.

We turned right (south) on US-395 and headed toward Bridgeport. The original plan was for a fuel and lunch stop at Bridgeport, but we noticed on the ride north through Bridgeport the day before, that the eating places there were really busy. Riding south we noticed that a BBQ place called Mountain View Barbeque in Coleville did not appear to have a very long waiting line, so we turned in there for lunch. The food was excellent and the service was friendly, and well organized. Another place we all agreed we would visit again.



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We continued south on US-395 through Walker, Fales hot Springs, into Bridgeport. This was a gas stop for some riders in Bridgeport. Continuing south on US-395 we stopped at the Mono Lake Vists pullover for a photo-op. I thhink this might actually be Conway Summit (8,138 ft.). From this pullover you can see for miles south to the Owens Valley and Mono Lake.



We continue south on US-395 passing through Mono City and Lee Vining for about 32 miles as we approach the CA-120 (east) left turn toward Benton. CA-120's 44 miles takes us through some wide open desert country. The open Sierra landscape goes on for miles on either side of the road. There is a stretch of "roller coaster" type road that gets your attention as your drop over each of the dips in the road. There is a stretch through a pass that offers some great views and a few twisty curves. As the road drops down into Benton there are some really sharp turns and that can come up on you unexpected.



At Benton we turn right (south) on CA-6 for 34 miles which will bring us in the north end of Bishop. At this point each rider proceeds to their respective lodging in Bishop for the night. Total distance for the day was 341 miles.

We each planned our own route and time to depart for Bishop on Sunday morning. Most of the riders planned an early departure as the forecast called for temperatures near 100 degrees for the ride south.

This was a great ride, great roads, beautiful country, and great guys to ride with. There were 4 BMW's, 2 HD's and 2 Gold Wings. A total of 766 miles plus the miles to Bakersfield start and home from Bishop.



A rider in a black leather suit and helmet is seated on a black BMW K1600B motorcycle. A woman with curly hair, wearing a brown jacket, stands next to the motorcycle, holding a white helmet. They are on a winding road with a scenic view of hills and a valley in the background. The BMW logo is visible on the motorcycle's fairing. In the top right corner, there is a BMW Motorrad logo. At the bottom, the text "Irv Seaver Motorcycles" is displayed in a large, bold font, with "Orange County, CA" and "IrvSeaver BMW.com" below it. The text "2018 BMW K 1600 B" is also visible in the bottom left corner.

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



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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 18 Big Bear to CA-210

Lilac Rd Bonsall to Escondido

S2 Great Southern Overland Stage Route Ocotillo to CA-79

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California Triple Crown

We have a new challenge for SCMA members. This is a challenge that is completely doable, within reach of everyone, especially members in the southwest region or with 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 30.

We are in the process of designing this award and expect it to be very similar to the SCMA Triple Crown, but it will be slight 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



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Event Calendar

November Possible Red Hot Riders (San Diego) ride

December Possible Destination ride
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.

Interested in a little TV history with a motorcycle theme? Check out the intro to "Then Came Bronson" here:

<https://youtu.be/bYsztoqU9Ls>

It looks like bikes and riding may have changed a bit!!

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

NATIONAL News Section

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

The Best 15 USA Roads Challenge OH555 aka The Triple Nickel: Zanesville to Little Hocking

Article and Photos Submitted By: Bob Roger, Chair, Best 15 USA Roads Challenge

This southeastern Ohio road tightly winds, climbs and falls along rural, wooded countryside from Zanesville for 65 miles down to the Ohio River at Little Hocking. Some sections along the way in this rolling terrain are mindful of a rollercoaster ride with surprises that the locals call "Whoop Dees". As you approach the crests of these hills, the road ahead disappears and is not again visible until you "drop" over the top! The road reappears, but there's no way you could possibly stop in your new line of sight! I found myself slowing down to embarrassingly slow speeds as I came upon these "Whoop Dees"... and was always relieved to see that there was no road obstruction just ahead!

Even if you ride this one at the posted speeds, it will be memorable! Enjoy the ride and the scenery in this beautiful area of Ohio







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!

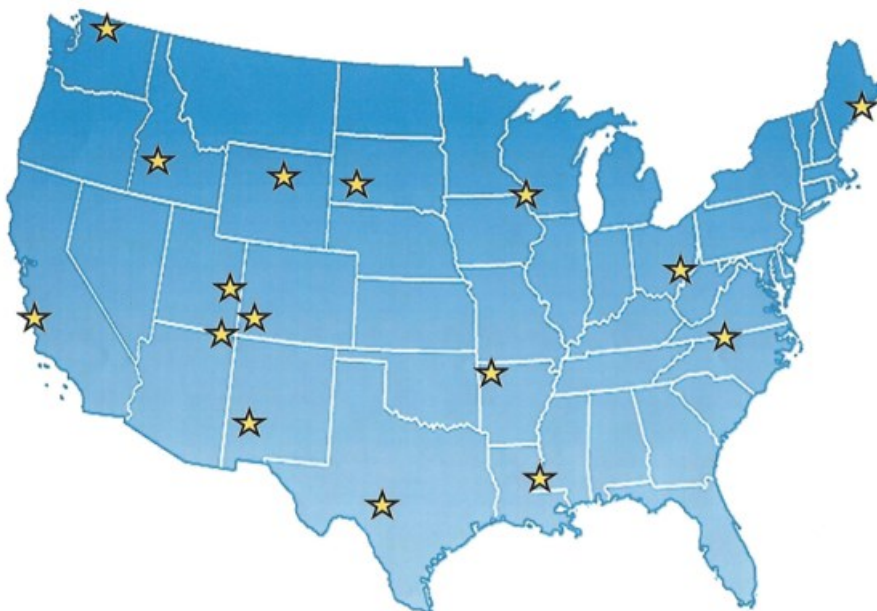
As a registrant, you will have a two year window to complete the challenge one time, though ALL 15 Roads must be ridden in ONE calendar year (January 1 through November 15, and ride logs must be submitted by November 30). If, for any reason, you do not complete all roads the first year, you will have 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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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 Leakey 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: btwn Kayenta AZ and Bluff Utah 68 miles
12. CO, San Juan Skyway CO-145: btwn 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. MS, 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:

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The USA Four Corners Tour

Article and Photos Submitted By: Dannie Fox, Chair, US 4 Corners Tour

As we left off in June's newsletter we had just pulled up the kick stands and we're heading out for check point #2 after gassing up and receiving our coveted gas receipt with a time, date, and location stamp. The gas receipt and proof of visit sheet are safely tucked into their special place in the saddle bag. Make sure the latches on the bags are latched securely! I have received many calls from riders that their saddle bags have blown open and all the contents are strewn along the highway many miles back. "Bummer". So double check everything; a minute wasted checking your bike one more time can save a heart ache later in the day.

So which corner are we headed for? It makes no difference, but for simplicity sake let's say we started our ride in San Ysidro, CA and are heading toward Blaine, WA.

We're heading up I-805 toward I-5 and the San Joaquin Valley. Not the most scenic route, but the fastest. Our gas stops are planned out to average around 200 to 225 miles. We have dedicated ourselves to ride for the first full tank of gas, have breakfast, and once again check the bikes over for anything that might need attention. For the rest of the day it will be gas and go as we have planned on not spending more than 15 minutes in a gas station fueling up. Remember this is about time management and we do not plan on riding after dark. Especially up north as "Bambi" likes to come out after dark to eat and play.

With this plan in place we are trying to complete 800-mile days with a few 1,000-mile days thrown in. Impossible, you say, to complete that kind of mileage in one day! The average time to finish the Traditional 4 Corners Tour, about 6,000 miles, is 14 to 17 days. I've had riders finish the True X version of 4 Corners (12,000 miles) in 10 days. In 2018 Mr. Dave Bennett (after a little ribbing from me) finished the True X (back to back) in 41 days. When he started out Mr. Bennett had 826 miles on a brand-new Gold Wing. 41 days later he had over 26 thousand miles on this Wing. So far Mr. Bennett is the only rider who has achieved this honor.

Up through Northern California we are traveling and the sun is starting to get low in the horizon; it's about time to find a place to spend the night. Early in the day we had decided to spend the night in Mt. Shasta where there are lots of places to eat and bunk. We had called earlier in the day and made reservations just in case a County Fair or Rodeo had come to town and made rooms unavailable. We get to our room and after unpacking we tend to the needs of our bikes and make sure they are ready for the next day. Then it's off to a place to fill our tanks (food).

Back to the room we clean up, lay out everything for tomorrow as we are anticipating an early start. At 4 am in the morning the highway is basically ours for a couple of hours and we will be able to make good time.

Check Point # 2 is in our sights and if all goes well, we will be in Blaine Washington tomorrow evening.

Dannie Fox
2020,4 Corners Chairman

INTERNATIONAL News Section

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



Colorado Rocky Mountains Instead of Three Flags

Article and Photos Submitted By: James Filley

When Three Flags was cancelled this year all of us felt disappointed, but no one more than my riding partner, and fellow SC-MA member, Dave Felkins. Prior to Three Flags being cancelled we discussed the possibility of doing our own ride. Dave had locked in his vacation time, and I am retired, so as soon as we heard the news our trip planning began.

We decided on an 8-day trip through the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. When we discussed routes, I wanted to see Creede, way up in the San Juan mountain range and my father's place of birth. Both of us are experienced long-distance riders so it did not take much to pack and plan...on August 31st, we were off.

I left my home at 04:00 and rode north on the I-15, meeting Dave in Oceanside. Our first night was Winslow, Arizona, a nice easy ride on the I-40 with good weather. We took a brief detour to Oatman, Arizona to see the donkeys and have a little lunch. Cool little town, lots of donkeys. This would be the last freeway we would see in a while.

From Winslow we headed N/E on several roads through the San Juan Mountain range to South Fork, Colorado. The ride was stunning with the average temperature around 77 degrees and crystal-clear skies. The first three days of our ride, I don't believe we saw one other rider. We had most of the road to ourselves, no other cars, no trucks.

We spent our 3rd day in Creede. Creede is a mining town founded in the 1890's. There are still active silver mines in the area, the elevation is about 8800 feet above sea level. We spent the day here, and took a tour of an old mine, learning about what the miner went through in the 1800's, just amazing. After the tour, we had a little lunch and were off to our next stop.

We headed up the 149 to the 50, staying the night in Buena Vista, Colorado. Once again, the roads were all ours. The next day we headed to Pikes Peak, a mountain that tops out at 14,115 feet. After paying our 15 dollars, we were off. The road was clear, the sky was blue, and the curves were perfect. It is about an 18-mile ride to the top. The view was stunning, and visibility was at least 30 miles. We spent several hours up top taking pictures and visiting the gift shop. There is a lot of new construction going on and next year the top of Pikes should be very nice.



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We had planned on riding Mt. Evans the following day, but the road was closed. This freed us up to explore several other back roads and just ride. In the initial ride planning, I contacted a friend of mine who had been a career law enforcement officer in Jefferson County, Colorado for suggestions on roads we should explore. He was incredibly helpful and due to Mt Evans being closed we headed over to Golden to buy him lunch! Heading back to our hotel from Golden, we experienced significant traffic due to the holiday weekend. It took us 5 hours to get back to our hotel 130 miles away. The next few days were spent summiting as many passes as we could before we started heading south.

The Covid-19 situation certainly was a minor inconvenience on our trip. Arizona was still locked down, pools in the hotels were closed, and outdoor dining in 120-degree heat. We managed to get through it.

We rode south, staying in Raton, NM for a night and the next day riding to Hilbrook, AZ. Both rides were long but enjoyable. It was the last leg that I can only describe as painful.

We had decided at the beginning of this trip that we would not take the I-40 to the 215 in Riverside. We knew we would be travelling in warm weather and the 215 is famous for 90-minute traffic delays. We got caught in that mess last year heading home from Three Flags.

Our route traded traffic issues for heat heading south through Flagstaff. As we left our last hotel in Holbrook, it began to get warm just north of Phoenix as we transitioned onto the 303 and ultimately the I-8 West. I have ridden in high heat in the past, but this trip was different, and I was not able to stay hydrated. We consumed literally gallons of Gatorade and water. It got to the point where I needed to stop every 100 miles or so to hydrate. I was miserable and, in the future, will trade that misery for a nice hotel. We should have left earlier in the morning.

All in all though this was an amazing trip, with a great riding partner, and I highly recommend doing the mountains of Colorado!



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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.

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Currently, we have close to 50 lifetime members with invalid email addresses and no phone number. We have no way of contacting them and finding out if they are alive and well.

We are trying to update our database and would like to hear from them. If your name is NOT on the below list, that means we know that you are indeed alive and well and probably a grouchy pest to your neighbors.

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