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3FC19 eBlast #3

Hello Everyone,

When we began the work to revise and update the registration form for 3FC19, we found that our basic website software had been updated and needed to be installed. Hence, many other plug-in software tools that we used also had to be updated. That was the beginning of the “ripple effect” we face each year when undertaking this update effort.

Fortunately, we have experienced this before and knew what had to be done, albeit is still a time-consuming effort. During this update, new ideas came forth and a better arrangement of information and ticket selections were arranged....hopefully the new layout will make registration a simpler process for you.

Once the registration portal opened early Saturday morning, all operated well and members began registering for 3FC19. Later that afternoon, 60 of the 250 tickets had already been sold.

We have assisted a handful of members with login issues and got them into the website and registered. Mostly these issues involve new members who hadn't noticed the SCMA membership email providing them with a link to complete their registration process.

Hotel arrangements at the Start (San Luis Rio Colorado (SLRC), MEX) and Finish (Vernon, CAN) are still a work in progress. Yours truly discovered two issues that would have an impact upon our riders: 1st was arranging for a enough rooms in both locations to accommodate 250 riders and 2nd was the language barrier at three of the five hotels in SLRC. We are still working on room arrangements as well as a process to complete registration in English at the SLRC hotels that only communicate in Spanish.

Steve Andrus has developed a draft route and will present it in February to the 3FC Committee and then to the Board of Directors for their respective approvals. It will be published to the membership once approval is received from the Board.

Sometime in late June, or early July, a ‘Pre-Ride’ of the route will be conducted, and digital route sheets and Garmin files will be released. It will

be the responsibility of individual riders to print paper route sheets if they so desire and to download Garmin files.

The 44th 3FC Logo concept is almost completed and ready to be sent to the graphics artist. This logo will be the image displayed in the SWAG (t-shirt, hat, decal, patch) you will receive upon checking in at the start in SLRC. It will also be the basis for the Finisher's Buckle you will receive upon being declared a finisher in Vernon BC.

My next report will provide you a bio of SLRC and Possibly Vernon. Both locations have interesting histories.

All in all, we are moving along nicely.

See you in SRLC for the Start !!!

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