



# Three Flags Classic E-BLAST 1



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Dear Fellow Three Flag Classic riders & SCMA Members:

Let the fun begin and see if we can get this done in 2021!

This is the first E-Blast for the 2021, 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Three Flags Classic, in September 2021. We are looking forward to making this a ride to remember given the wonderful route with a start in Mexicali, Mexico and a finish in Penticton, British Columbia, Canada. This will be a combination 2020/2021 ride and handled like an every 5-year ride with 4 checkpoints instead of 3 and the ride is 5 days instead of 4.

## **SCHEDULE:**

Check-in Mexicali: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Riders Mtg/Dinner: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
Ride Start: Thursday, September 2, 2021 2:30 AM to 5:30 AM  
Ride Days: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday  
Finish Penticton: Monday, September 6, 2021 **NO LATER THAN 9:00 PM**  
Happy Hour(s) Tuesday, September 7, 2021 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
BANQUET: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

## **REGISTRATION FOR 2021 45<sup>th</sup> THREE FLAGS CLASSIC:**

Registration is scheduled to open **Saturday January 2, 2021 at 10:00 AM on line only at SC-MA.com.**

If all goes as planned hotels, registration codes, and links for registration will be available on the SCMA website for you PRIOR to January 2, 2021. There are hotel discounts for Three Flag riders, but you can stay anywhere you choose. We've negotiated better than standard rates at 21 hotels from Mexicali to Penticton.

I personally recommend you make reservations at the host hotels for both locations as soon as possible after you register for the ride as we only have limited rooms available to us at the host hotel in Penticton, and at the Start hotel in Mexicali. If you are not an SCMA member you must join or renew your membership BEFORE registering for Three Flags. It is my recommendation you register or renew membership before January 2, 2021 so all you have to do is register for Three Flags. Please be advised 180 riders from last year left their registrations on account for 2021. Maximum registration is 350... so we only have 170 spots left and much of the TFC Committee has not registered yet.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Riders number 1 and 2 were determined by raffle at the 2019 Three Flags banquet in Vernon, BC. Gloria Amezcua is #1, and Ron Farkas is #2. **Riders number 1 – 100 from the 2020 will be given a special little gift at check-in in Mexicali.**

### **THREE FLAG HOST HOTELS:**

Our host hotel is the **Araiza Hotel in Mexicali, Mexico**. This is the same brand hotel we used in San Luis Rio two years ago. The rooms were very good and they were great hosts. The dinner was fantastic and the menu in 2021 should be comparable. There is an alternate sister hotel ½ mile away for our use as well, at SCMA discounted rate. The hotel is called Hotel Calafia.

Our host hotel in Penticton is the Lakeside Resort and Conference Center. They also have very nice rooms with options of two double beds or a king size bed. The banquet will be at this hotel. We will list nearby, alternate hotels, with discounted rates as well.

Alternate hotels will be listed on the Three Flags Registration page and in E-Blast #2 which will be out by December 31, 2020. You are responsible for your reservations and payments to all hotels. Please pay close attention to hotel cancellation policies. You are free to stay at any hotel of your choice at the Start/Finish or in between. There is no requirement to stay in the city of a checkpoint location, but if the checkpoint is a hotel, keep in mind the hotel was kind enough to allow us to use their hotel as a checkpoint and patronage would be nice.

### **START/FINISH and CHECKPOINT CITIES:**

The checkpoints are subject to change but the Start and Finish are locked in. The Start and Finish, with checkpoints and distances, are listed as follows:

Start:	Mexicali, Mexico	
Checkpoint #1:	Cortez, Colorado	631 miles
Checkpoint #2:	Longmont, Colorado	445 miles
Checkpoint #3:	Rock Springs, Wyoming	443 miles
Checkpoint #4:	Missoula, Montana	548 miles
Finish:	Penticton, BC Canada	419 miles
		Total 2,486 miles

All mileage is approximate.

The link to the route is [www.tinyurl.com/20203FC](http://www.tinyurl.com/20203FC) but you need to know this route will be pre-ridden in May 2021 to confirm the conditions of all roads and confirm they will be open. There could be route corrections! Final route sheets will be posted to the SCMA web site and available at the Start in Mexicali.

Many thanks to all of the 2021 TFC committee working or will be working on this ride. A great deal of effort goes into planning and you'll have one hell of a time as a result of their efforts!

Enjoy!

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