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### “The Prez Sez”

A few words from Rick “Rickster” Perry, SCRC President: “We are going to change the way we have been removing our members for not being active. In the past, if members were inactive for 90-days, they could be removed from our rosters. I am changing that to 1 year. Removed members are joining other riding clubs or starting a new one.

If the SCRC is gonna remain as the biggest & best riding club, we have to stop dropping members so quickly. It should not be a problem to keep them on your roster & e-mail when you send out information about chapter rides or other things your chapter has planned.

Now if a member asks to be removed, go ahead & honor their request. Or if you have a reasonable reason for removal, then you can also remove them.

The point of all of this is to keep SCRC alive & healthy. The more riding clubs that pop up because we removed members is gonna start hurting the SCRC membership. Let’s get a grip on this.

I like the fact that the SCRC is the top riding club & I need all of your help to keep it that way. Let’s stay number one!



**SCRC National Officers**

(l to r) Bill Presley, Richard Krause, Rick “Rickster” Perry, & James “Bubba” Prescott

### UPDATE – Future SCRC National Rallies

It has been decided by the SCRC National Officers to discontinue holding the SCRC National Rally in Memphis, Tn. Next year, the 2011 SCRC National Rally will be held in another location. There are many factors that play into this decision, but they feel it will better serve YOU, the SCRC Nation, to begin having the SCRC National Rally hosted in other cities. And providing other SCRC members the opportunity to host it in their own neighborhood.

A 1<sup>st</sup> Officer may submit an application if he/she & their chapter is interested in having it in your riding area. There will be certain criteria set by national officers to evaluate the availability of certain amenities for a place where the SCRC National Rally will be held. Once an application is submitted, this information will be made available.

The location of next year’s SCRC National Rally will be announced towards the end of the year.

So 1<sup>st</sup> Officers - if your chapter is interested, or if you have any questions, contact James “Bubba” Prescott, SCRC National Event Coordinator.

### “Hammer Time”

Well, we got off to a good start with the first newsletter for SCRC nation! Seemed like everyone that saw it... read it... & liked it! And

many thought it was a good addition to Southern Cruisers! So I did not have to give anyone’s money back yet!

The plan is for this to be published on a monthly basis. I will do all I can to make that happen... along with the help of other Southern Cruiser members, of course, & be available on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Note that “Monthly” is added to the title,

It was great to attend the SCRC National Rally this year & see many friends... & make new ones. I continue to be just blown away by the big hearts of Southern Cruisers towards the children & families of St. Jude Children’s Hospital. I have been a SCRC member since 2000, & I am so proud of what SCRC has become.

And I am looking forward to next year’s national rally... wherever it may be located! Maybe it will be in your hometown!

Remember... “I am Southern Cruisers! And so are You!” You will recognize me when you see me... I am the one wearing the SCRC patch on the back of my vest! “Grab some wind... hammer down!”

### SCRC’s “Lifetime Membership Award”

This year’s “Lifetime Membership Award” award was handed out by the SCRC National Officers at the 2010 SCRC National Rally. This award was presented to a member that has dedicated years of service & their efforts to make Southern Cruisers a success.

This year’s SCRC “Lifetime Membership Award” is awarded to: Richard Krause

Thanks to Richard for his role in shaping and molding SCRC into what it has become!



### Spencer’s Jacket

Spencer was a St Jude patient. He always wanted to ride a motorcycle, but did not survive to accomplish this feat. So a leather biker jacket was purchased & travels among Southern Cruisers in many areas to fulfill Spencer’s dreams.

Along the way, many chapters will make a \$\$\$ contribution to get their chapter patch sewn onto the jacket. Recently they had to expand to a vest which travels along with the jacket.

Last year, Spencer’s jacket was traveling in Canada. And these fine Southern Cruisers rode into Memphis this year from Canada to the SCRC National Rally to return it to the auction for further travels. They also brought a substantial contribution for St Jude!



SCRC Canada – thanks for all that you did in Spencer’s memory! You rock!



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### SCRC's “Cruiser of the Year”

This was a new award presented by the SCRC National Officers at the 2010 SCRC National Rally. This award was presented to a member recognizing her continuously working with, helping, & promoting Southern Cruisers.

This year's SCRC “Cruiser of the Year” award is awarded to: Barbara “BB” Boone, Stone Mountain GA Chapter #221

Thanks to “BB” for all she has done for Southern Cruisers & St. Jude!

So let's meet Barbara “BB” Boone:

“I am free, single & over 21. I ride a Yamaha Venture – unique green in color!”

“My favorite roads are those that bring all of my SCRC family safely together for miles of smiles. I've been riding since July 2002; the why encompasses how I became involved with SCRC.”

“My son, Matthew, was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma cancer just before his 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday in February 2001. He was a St Jude Patient being treated locally in Jacksonville, FL. We made just one trip to Memphis for treatment information. It was during that trip that I saw a motorcycle group come to the hospital & interact with the children & families.”

“The images I brought back of freedom, laughter & out-pouring of love stayed with me. My son was cancer free for only 88 days; when we were notified that the cancer was back & stayed in the hospital for 24 days straight; leaving only after signing the paperwork that said he was under hospice care & no more treatments were to be had.”

“Driving home, I saw on the side of the road a beautiful teal & cream motorcycle. The memories returned & I knew that this could be something that would provide me what I needed. I purchased the motorcycle & it sat in my garage, untouched, until I buried Matthew in June 2002. 60,000 miles in that 1<sup>st</sup> year gave me much needed peace & freedom.”

“In 2003, just when there seemed to be something missing - a need to give back - a wonderful lady named Katie (with wings on her back) made the comment, “You need to ride with us”.”

“After meeting with the group for bike night & going on a couple rides I found out these angels with wings were part of the same group that brought such joy & freedom to those children in Memphis. My first rally in Gulf Shores, AL, brought me in contact with even more SCRC members from around the country & by the 2004 National Rally <Wheelchair Relay>, I was so hooked on the good feelings, the ability to give back & the positive people that you guys probably won't ever be able to get rid of me.”



other items (laundry soap, paper goods, toiletries, etc) over to help re-stock the pantries at the Ronald McDonald House.



Thanks to those that contributed & helped deliver the supplies... & thanks for following the tug on your heartstrings to help! You are truly awesome!



### Meet an SCRC Regional Officer (RO)

This month's officer: 'Charlie' Nunley, Mid States Region

Mid States Region consists of 75 chapters in 5 states: Delaware (1), Kentucky (23), Tennessee (24), Virginia (18), & West Virginia (9).



“I'm a member of Star City Chapter #32 in Roanoke, which is located in beautiful southwestern Virginia. We are surrounded by the Alleghany & Blue Ridge Mountains. A great tourist ride is the Blue Ridge Parkway & I live about ½ mile from the parkway... & only 4 miles to the nearest entrance.”

“So many times after a long stressful day at work, I'll just go for a little ride to clear & refocus the head.. My 2005 Black Cherry Harley Road King I purchased right out of the crate in Aug '04 needs to get out of that HOT garage that it's been cooped up in for some fresh air, too.”



“When my wife Becky (Skippy) & I first started riding together we always referred to other bikes as 'scooters'. One day she says “There's another scooter.”

### SCRC Helping Ronald McDonald House



A few years back several SCRC members decided to start helping out the families of the children going to St. Jude. So they bought some food & other items used by the families at the Ronald McDonald House.

The Ronald McDonald house in Memphis is dedicated just for the use by those families.

This year, as in previous years, SCRC members took a large trailer load of food &



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### Meet an SCRC Regional Officer (RO) (cont'd)

“I said “That’s going to be my road name & it stuck to me like glue. Her nickname is Skippy (like the peanut butter).”

“I bought my first bike right out of high school. I was 18 yrs old & it was my first vehicle ever. It was a 175cc Suzuki which I learned to ride on, but it wasn’t long before I sold it & got a 350 Honda, rode the devil out of it on all the back roads. I needed more power for the open roads, so I purchased my first new bike - a 750 Honda. I got the dealer to customize for me with a Harley back tire, extended front end, headers, & a king & queen seat that I kept for several years.”

“I got into circle track racing in the early 1980’s & didn’t have time to ride much & sold it. Then in the early 90’s I bought a Yamaha, but it wasn’t until ‘04 I purchased my first Harley 1200 custom I kept it 67 days & bought my Road King. And been in love ever since with HD.”

“For the most part, Becky & I rode by ourselves & occasionally would do charity poker runs. In ‘04 we attended a poker run that was sponsored by the Star City Chapter & couldn’t believe how many Southern Cruisers were there. I had never heard of this group, but we talked to several of them & they were so nice & made us feel welcome. Then about a month later several of them were at another poker run... a few weeks later we saw them again & Bulldog Bower invited us to a meeting. We attended their next meeting, went on the next ride with them & after a month or so no one could keep us away. We fell in Love with this group & what the club stood for & IT WAS ON NOW! We would rather get a beating than miss our new friends.”

“I was chosen to be the Safety Officer in ‘05 & took over as 1st Officer in April ‘06. The SCRC has given me the opportunity to go places I would have never gone; I have met so many new friends & still continue to do so. Every time we go out to other states or even local events it’s a new experience. Being an officer of this club has given me the good fortune to grow as a person & a biker.”



“My most memorable experience as a Southern Cruiser: Imagine riding your bike through the streets of New York City, never stopping at lights or being run over by taxis or buses; stopping at ground Zero, going down the Hudson River & up the East River, riding on Broadway, through Times Square with 500 of your closest friends. PRICELESS! (POLICE ESCORTED OF COURSE).”

“SCRC - thank You for letting me be a part of this World!”

### Meet an SCRC State Officer (STO)

This month’s officer: Meet Zdenek “Dennis” Kaplan, 1<sup>st</sup> Officer of Chapter 203 East Bohemian in Czech Republic.



“I live in the town of Dasice, about 130km (81miles) east of the capital Prague. SCRC was started in the CR in 2000 & I was the 25th to join. We had remarkable growth in the first year & we started making regional chapters. That’s how I became 1st officer after the first year & have held that post ever since.”

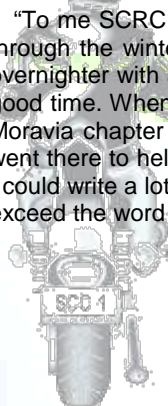
“I started biking late – I was 30 when I heard a spot on the radio about MSF offering a bike course for \$25. The course was in Connecticut where I lived at the time. And for the last 32 years I have had a love affair with biking.”

“You may be wondering why someone from the CR took a MSF course in CT. I was born in Prague, the capital of Czechoslovakia (now Czech Republic) & when I was 1-yr old my parents immigrated to the USA. I grew up in NYC & as an adult I moved to CT where I lived till I retired from Southern New England Telephone Company in 1995 at the ripe old age of 47 & moved with my Czech wife to the CR.”

“OK, now that we have that cleared up, a little background on my biking history. My first bike was a ‘78 Honda CB 750F. From that I moved to a ‘85 Honda Magna & then to my present bike a 2000 Roadstar (called a “Wildstar” in Europe). Yea, I know, only 3 different bikes in 32 years. What can I say, I’m loyal to my bikes. My Roadstar has 230,000km (143k miles) on it & still going strong (like me).”

“It wasn’t till I joined SCRC in 2000 that I really started to make new friends in the CR. I have met many people through SCRC & a lot of them have become very good friends.”

“To me SCRC is more then a club - it is my extended family. Even through the winter we have at least one monthly meeting that is an overnighter with a fun program so that everyone participates & has a good time. When some of our members suffered a flood in the North Moravia chapter a couple of years ago, volunteers from my chapter went there to help with the cleanup. Like I said, it’s more then a club. I could write a lot about riding here in Europe but I am afraid I already exceed the word count for this article.”





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### Howdy Cruisers!

I was honored to be asked to contribute to this great idea of having a monthly SCRC newsletter. I think it is a great medium to get good information & stories out to the members we have stretched across this globe. What started as a local RC (riding club) quickly grew into an International RC. Having this newsletter will only enhance the communications network we have currently in place.

My name is Reb Boggs - proud member of Stone Mountain Chapter 221, Georgia. I started in the SCRC in early 2000. I have served this club in many capacities over the years... & although I don't carry a title any longer, I am still willing to help where needed. This patch I wear was not earned - in fact I bought it from the store. Since a meeting in 2000 I have made an allegiance to the SCRC. My allegiance is not to the patch, but merely to the many people I have met that wear it with the same pride that I do. Wearing our patch is a privilege, not a right.

When you represent the SCRC, do so with pride, dignity, common courtesy & respect for your fellow man. Never do anything that would shed a bad light on the club. The “Golden Rule” would fit in real good right now.

I have seen this club grow closer for many years now. To me it's not about how many numbers we have, but rather the quality of folks we associate with. I have met some of the best friends in my life over the last 10 yrs. Many of these people are very close to me & I consider them my Brothers & Sisters. Having such a great family really warms my soul. I have seen tremendous acts of kindness, generosity, caring, & a sense of camaraderie that I haven't experience since I got out of the Army in '79. The SCRC can be a very rewarding experience. Most people I know who devote time & effort into the club get paid back ten-fold with the many smiles for miles they are a part of.

Over the years we have lost many members, too many members. Many of them were core members that gave their all to this club. I wish you would all take the time to visit our memorial page & read about the many that have gone before us. I have been helped & learned a lot from quite a few of them. I visit the site on a semi regular basis just to reminisce. I have many fond memories of the fellowship I shared with quite a few of them. Check out the link & read about these former members: <http://www.scrctemorial.net/>

I look forward to the next issue & trying to contribute something positive & informative to you all. In the meantime, be safe & enjoy the wind in your face. Being a Cruiser is a good thang.

Respectfully, Reb

### SCRC Eagle Rescue

My husband, Baron "Cracker", & I rode our motorcycles to Cookeville, TN, for the Tennessee State Rally. We had an awesome ride through the mountains on Saturday, June 5, 2010. After enjoying a great week-end with everyone, we left Sunday morning heading back home to Vicksburg, MS.

While heading to the Natchez Trace from Columbia, my brakes locked up & had major road rash. I had to be taken to the emergency room. My husband called our Eagle Rescue coordinator, Jeff Covington. Jeff in turn was able to get in touch with our STO, Dan Jackson. Several other calls were made including "MacDaddy", Tennessee STO, Bill "Jarhead" Strebel, & "Slider", FO of Middle, TN.

While I was being taken care of at the hospital, the Eagle Rescue teams were in motion. Jeff, along with Kimbilia Williams & Robert Schaffer, started driving toward Tennessee with a truck & trailer to pick me & the motorcycle up & take me home.

Meanwhile, Sherry "Lollipop" was able to get in touch with her husband, "Slider" coordinating picking up my motorcycle, & then pick me up at the hospital. He volunteered to drive us to Alabama & meet our team so they wouldn't have to drive all the way.

After "Slider" & his daughter "Tink" picked me up, they drove me & my motorcycle to Warrior, AL, with Baron driving his bike in front of us. Once at Warrior, AL, we were able to transfer my motorcycle & myself to Chapter 212 Eagle Rescue. We then continued homeward bound. I felt pretty lousy because I had laid my bike down, not to mention the pain my body was feeling. But because of the way Eagle Rescue worked, Baron & I could focus on my health. There were so many others involved & other events that took place... & because of all of you, my trust in our Eagle Rescue is much stronger.

Thank you so very much for the phone calls, prayers, e-mails, & cards. Eagle Rescue is such a very important part of Southern Cruisers. If you can help in anyway, please do so.

Apryle "Tinkerbelle" Kleinhans

### SCRC Eagle Rescue – Special Recognition

By Tom Bentley, 1<sup>st</sup> Officer Chapter 285 in Dickson, TN: "On June 25, '10, my wife & I were returning home after a 7-wk, 9,600 mile road trip on our '05 Goldwing. We were near the 163 mile marker on I-40 when the rear tire blew out – it was 4:00 PM on a Friday afternoon. Stuck on the side if I-40 is NOT a good feeling."

"I called Don "Road Dawg" Miller & explained our situation – he told me he could help. He called Jim "Dazz" Mitchell & asked to borrow his bike trailer."

"Don sent his son, Donnie "Double D", to our location to pick up the trailer we had in tow behind our bike. Don & Rhoda went to get "Dazz's" trailer to load up our bike & "Double D" towed the trailer behind his SUV. We were safely delivered to our home with bike & trailer."

"Thanks to all those that helped from SCRC Chapter 285 in Dickson, TN. A special recognition award was presented to Don "Road Dawg" & Rhoda "Green Eyes" Downs for their role in this SCRC Eagle rescue!"

Take the opportunity to recognize the SCRC Eagle Rescue teams that are scattered across our SCRC Nation – it may be you they need to assist next time.

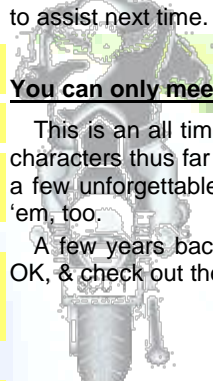


Rhoda "Green Eyes" Downs & Don "Road Dawg" Miller

### You can only meet 'em on the road!

This is an all time favorite of mine – one of my most unforgettable characters thus far that I have met while on a ride. I'm sure you have a few unforgettable characters ... & maybe even rode with a few of 'em, too.

A few years back, we were scheduled to ride down to Heavener, OK, & check out the "Rune Stone". I had not heard of it before & did





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### You can only meet ‘em on the road! (cont’d)

not have a clue what it was. And when someone mentioned it, I knew it was worthy of taking a ride.

So 3 of us (Larry, Peggy & myself) on a couple of bikes headed out for the day to locate the Runestone State Park in SE Oklahoma. Sort of odd - the state park is on top of a big hill...with an incredible view of the town & valley.

Once we checked out the Rune Stone, we headed back into town to get a cold drink. While standing outside at a convenience store, a local rolled in on a bicycle. Now, he looked like the town bum – needing a shave, wearing a thread bare western shirt you could see thru, a cowboy hat & boots, but riding a 10-spd bicycle. Not too terribly odd at first... & he kept some distance from us...until I spoke to him.

Peggy freaked out a little. “Don’t call him over here”, she said.

But I had heard this really odd ‘swishing’ noise emitting from his bicycle each time he rolled a little bit. By now curiosity was killing me. “Hey old timer!” I said.

He took that as an invitation to roll on over to us & visit. I got to checking into the ‘swishing’ noise... & laughed! There was a cow horn ‘floating’ (for lack of a better word) inside the spokes of his front wheel. And each time the tire rolled, the weight of the horn caused it to rotate around inside the spokes. SWISH! It was the craziest thing!

But wait – there’s more! I also noticed there’s no chain on his bike. So I have to ask... “What happened to your chain? It’s gone!” Now here comes the story...

“Well,” he said, “one day I was riding down this highway here so fast I was sticking straight out behind my handlebars hanging on for dear life. Once the police finally caught me, they removed my chain so I could not go that fast ever again.”

Well I also noticed he did not have any brake handles on the bike. He had to slide his cowboy boots on the pavement to slow down & stop. Wisht I would have taken his picture that day.

Now this was a couple of years ago... & I do recommend the ride down to check out the Rune Stone... & eat at the Southern Belle Diner in Heavener. It is a retired railroad car – pretty nice & good food. And I had just plugged this encounter back in my mind & have retold the story a few times, UNTIL...

Recently, an SCRC chapter opened up in Heavener, OK, – Ouachita Mountains Chapter 51. “Princess” & I drove down in January to attend their first chapter meeting & meet them. We had a great time meeting & visiting everyone, & once the meeting was over we stayed awhile & visited with Keith Toney, their 1<sup>st</sup> Officer. And I told him this story you just read about. He laughed & told me that guy o the bicycle was worth a lot of money, & had several properties in Heavener. And the only car he had ever owned was a Corvette – yes, I said car - not cars. That was back in the ‘60’s or early ‘70’s. His son had borrowed it, & was in an accident that killed him. So the old man on the bicycle had never bought another car. He worked for the railroad, so he just walked to the tracks running thru town & caught his ride to work. *Grab some wind, hammer down!*

### Riding for a Friend – in Conroe, Texas

By Matt Stephens ([mstephens@hcnonline.com](mailto:mstephens@hcnonline.com)) Updated: 07/17/10

Chris “Raven” Parr loved his wife Linda, his Chihuahua, Tinki, & his 2006 Honda Goldwing 1800 motorcycle.

“He loved riding,” Linda Parr said. “He loved looking up at hawks in the sky & looking across fields at ponds. He just loved the country.”



Parr, a Houston Police Officer for 20 yrs, lost his life on July 30, 2009, after battling severe back pains for three or four years. Linda said the pain was so bad; it kept him from riding the last few months before his death.

“He was doing a lot of physical therapy, & he was getting a lot of injections,” she said. “He was going to have surgery, but he never came around.”

Parr & his wife of 10 yrs were members of the Conroe, TX, chapter of SCRC, an international recreational riding club founded in 1998 with more than 31,000 members across the country, as well as in Canada & Europe. There are more than 140 members in the Conroe chapter. The organization (SCRC) has raised more than \$1 million worldwide to date for the St. Jude Children’s Hospital, & Saturday the Conroe chapter raised a little more.

In honor of Parr, a member for 8 yrs, the chapter held “Raven’s Run” on Saturday, July 17, beginning & ending at the “Papa’s on the Lake” in Conroe. Doug “Oilman” Lanzara estimated about 150 people would ride, raising about \$3,000 for the hospital through the entry fee, custom shirts & raffle prizes. Linda, still a member, said her husband was “always trying to get people to join” the chapter, & was very passionate about the organization.

The first of two separate rides on Saturday was led by Paul “Jef” Juedes, who led about 25 motorcycles to Yankee’s in Carlos, Texas, before coming back to Papa’s. Juedes said Parr was one of the road captains & “he’d do anything in the world for you.”

Ron “Captain Ron” Brittain, the first officer of the chapter, said he was very close to Parr, & it was hard on the group when he died last year. “We became best friends in a manner,” Brittain said of Parr. “We’d always call each other if we were going riding.”

Brittain said he knew Parr for 15 yrs, having worked in a machine shop where HPD officers like Parr used to visit in their off hours to do paperwork. He said Parr enjoyed his work as a patrol officer & never tried to move up in rank to a desk job. Brittain believed he was “happy with his work & the people he worked with.” He said Parr always met everybody new with a handshake & a hug.

“It’s odd how motorcycle riding brings people together,” he said. “Chris was one of those guys who, mainly on bike night when we’d have new riders, would point at someone he’d never met & say, ‘Who’s that guy?’ We’d say ‘I dunno,’ & he’d say, ‘He’s about to be my new best friend.’”

“This ride is for St. Jude’s in Chris’ name,” Juedes said before the first group left. “To be able to give money to those kids in his name is pretty special.”

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#### SCRC 101 – No. 2

When you were considering joining Southern Cruisers, you clicked the “Sign Up Online” link. Once you were at <http://www.southerncruisers.net/purpose.htm> website, you saw there was a lot of stuff to read. BUT... you didn't read it, right? So let's go over some of it...

- The Southern Cruisers Riding Club is a Free, Family Oriented Motorcycle Riding Club that uses the web to communicate and focuses on the enjoyment and fellowship of riding motorcycles while doing so safely. The Southern Cruisers is not an internet club for motorcycle enthusiasts.
- All information is kept confidential and will not be released to individuals not affiliated with SCRC. Contact information is used by chapter officers in order to contact members about rides and events. The more information made available on the following form, the better chance a member has of being kept up to date. If you have an unlisted number, please type "UNL" next to your telephone number. This will then be listed on the roster so that your fellow members are aware.
- Either a valid email address or valid telephone number is required for an application to be processed for the SCRC. If neither is submitted, or the email address or telephone number we receive is found to be false, the application will not be processed. Correct Age must be entered.
- SCRC is a NON-PROFIT organization, operating with the sole purpose of promoting good, clean, and safe riding activities. Each member participates in activities solely by choice and participation itself relinquishes any responsibility of the SCRC as an organization for any and all liabilities resulting in participation in any club related event or activity. All activities and events must comply with any and all state or local laws and ordinances. Any personal injury or property damage resulting during a club activity or at anytime becomes the responsibility of the individual parties involved, and at no time shall the SCRC or its officers be held liable. Any individual involved in any illegal activities will be immediately scrutinized by their state officer and subject to immediate removal from all club rosters and membership rolls and forbidden to claim any and all association with the SCRC, to include, but not limited to:
  - Removal of club patch and insignias of any sort
  - Prohibited to participate in any activity of the SCRC
- The SCRC reserves the right to accept or reject members and to periodically, and without notice, revise or amend rules and regulations where necessary.
- SCRC encourages you to exercise discretion while using information contained on the SCRC website. SCRC makes no representations concerning any endeavor to review the content of sites listed here, or any of the materials, and so SCRC isn't responsible for the accuracy, copyright compliance or legality of material contained in sites listed or linked from our website.
- Then you were s'posed to go on and locate a chapter near you, and read the SCRC Constitution, SCRC Code of Conduct, and you agreed that...
  - You are 18 years of age or older
  - You have read and understand the Membership "Code Of Conduct"
  - You have read and understand the General Liability Disclaimer and the Club Constitution
  - You have a valid operator's license with required Motorcycle Endorsement (Operators Only)

IF you agreed to those conditions, then you must have you joined the best riding club there is! If you want to review it online for

yourself, go to the Southern Cruisers website & check it out: [www.southerncruisers.net](http://www.southerncruisers.net)

#### Speaking of “M” Endorsement

Do you have your license to ride a motorcycle? An “M” endorsement on your driver's license makes you legal (in the U.S.A., anyway) to ride a motorcycle on the streets & highways.

If you don't have it... & have an accident, will your insurance cover you? your passenger? your bike? Pay for the other vehicle? These are serious questions to be answered... because they may not. 'Cause in all actuality, you are on the road illegally. And it sure would suck to find out AFTER the fact. You may have you a twisted-up chrome lawn ornament when it is all over.

So if you ride a cycle & do not have your “M” endorsement, please pursue getting it as soon as possible.

I heard a couple of older gentlemen talking at a poker run one day. One said a good motorcycle rider can always avoid an accident... if they have an accident, they must not have been paying attention or were going too fast. I lit up pretty quick on this. But did not speak to them about it, just made my exit. I wonder if they had been riding long... or were practicing isolated riding. 'Cause there are many hazards out there on the road that sometimes are unavoidable & completely unpredictable. *Grab some wind, hammer down!*

#### Safety Tip - Communicate!

While riding with another bikers (or bikers), how do you ‘communicate’? Well, you can use lights (blinkers, headlights, brake lights), hand signals, radios, & of course, slow down & holler at the biker beside you.

One of my pet peeves is when the bike(s) in front of me slow down very rapidly (is that an oxymoron?) by ‘gearing down’ without using their brakes. I have no “communication” from them that they are slowing down. If I am letting ‘my mind drift’ on the ride, I can run right up on the back of ‘em.

Last year my rear brake light switch went out. And “Princess” was following me. Needless to say, when I “braked”, there was no communication to ‘tell’ her that I was going to. So she let me know about it at our next stop. From then on, I tried to use my hand brake just to communicate to her. And I ordered parts & got it repaired.

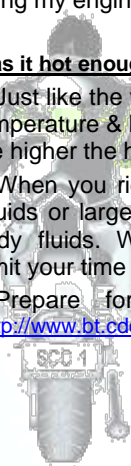
So I want to encourage you to use your brakes when slowing down. Sometimes I use my hand brake just to communicate to the ones behind me that I am slowing down even if I am slowing down using my engine (or gearing down). *Grab some wind, hammer down!*

#### Was it hot enough?

Just like the wind chill, there is also a heat index. It is based on the temperature & humidity combination. The higher the temp & humidity, the higher the heat index... & the more uncomfortable!

When you ride in the heat, DRINK MORE WATER! No alcoholic liquids or large amounts of sugar – they actually cause you to lose body fluids. Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing. Limit your time out in the heat.

Prepare for the heat – get hydrated & stay hydrated (<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heattips.asp>).





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Heat Index	Air Temperature - (Degrees F)										
Relative Humidity	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	115	120
↓	<b>Apparent Temperatures</b>										
0%	64	69	73	78	83	87	91	95	99	103	107
10%	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	111	116
20%	66	72	77	82	87	93	99	105	112	120	130
30%	67	73	78	84	90	96	104	113	123	135	148
40%	68	74	79	86	93	101	110	123	137	151	
50%	69	75	81	88	96	107	120	135	150		
60%	70	76	82	90	100	114	132	149			
70%	70	77	85	93	106	124	144				
80%	71	78	86	97	113	136	157				
90%	71	79	88	102	122	150	170				
100%	72	80	91	108	133	166					

## Hart Less!

Being a sister isn't always an easy job. My brother Justice has proven that point. Hi - I'm Jessica Eugenia Hart – Jay to my friends.

Today I gathered more mushrooms so Justice could cook for his latest adventure: Manda Powell. Other than the motorcycle, I don't see what the two of them have in common.

Justice roars his Honda Valkyrie into the driveway at 3:00 to pick up his mushrooms. He's not alone. An unfamiliar roar is close behind. I step outside to see a Rocket III next to Justice's Valk. My heart beats faster. I hand Justice the paper bag filled with mushrooms while I zone in on the big 2300cc 3-cylinder engine.

"What do you think Sis?" Justice asks.

"Mmmm, I like the 3-cylinder," I purr, dreaming of all the power & racing down the highway with my hair blowing in the wind. I walk around the monster.

"You want to ride?" a Cajun voice asks. I look into a 6-ft pool of blue eyes, attached to a week's worth of beard. He removes a half-lid with an eagle head painted on it.

I put out my hand, palm up. "Keys," I demanded. A pause... & then laughter from Justice & the Cajun.

"I told you she'd want to drive it," Justice laughs. "He said ride, Jay, not drive."

"I want to drive," I demand with my palm still out, waiting for the key. More laughter. "Hey! I can handle her. I have driven your Valk before."

"I'd say there's quite a bit of difference here, Jay. And besides, "T" doesn't let anyone drive it."

"It's a ride or nothing at this point," "T" said.

"I don't ride with just anyone," I argue.

"And I don't just let anyone drive "Rocky", he argues back.

"I can't believe you named your motorcycle. That's classic Redneck!"

"I can't believe you think I'm going to let you drive. That's classic female."

Damn. He's good. I really want to sit on the seat. I really want to ride... or drive. I don't care which. Either one will satisfy the itch to just be on a Rocket III. I want to be on "Rocky" so bad just feeling the power under my seat & the wind in my hair.

"Justice, do you even know this guy or did you just pick him up at the liquor store?" I ask. More laughter.

"She's a pistol," "T" said.

"I told you she was a scrapper."

"Hey! I'm standing right here!" More laughter.

"Sorry, Jay," "T" said as he took two steps closer, hand extended. "I'm Timothy James. I'm new to the chapter." "T" takes my hand & gives it a firm shake.

"I can tell you're not from here. Where you from?" I ask.

"Just moved in from Baton Rouge. Divorced... bought "Rocky" to ride & clear my head. And, this is where I landed."

"Wait here," I said. I walk into the garage & grab my helmet. "Are you going to stand here & tell me your life history or are we going to ride?" More laughter. We strap on our helmets.

"You going?" I ask Justice.

"You kidding? Manda's waiting on that spaghetti dinner I promised. You kids have fun."

"T" straddles "Rocky" & lifts him up off the kickstand.

"Coming up," I announce as I stepped onto the rear peg & swing my leg over.

The water-cooled, 3-cylinder roars to life when "T" turns the key. "T" backs "Rocky" out of the driveway & shifts into first. "You ready?" the Cajun asks.

"Yes," I said, heart beating faster.

"Then you better hold tight," he said grabbing my arm & putting it around his waist.

A jackrabbit start catches my attention & I hold tighter to "T"'s waist. And the adventure begins...

## How Fast Are You Really Going?

Ever wonder why everyone is passing you? Or honking at you when you are cruising down the road? Well, some speedometers are up to 10% off! I know mine is off... when I am cruising 65 mph, I am really going just under 60 mph. that is according to my GPS.

Now someone asked me if I 'trust' my GPS. Sure I do – more so than my speedometer. Better & newer technology is in the GPS. And some are accurate to within 3 ft.

And tire size (& some say even tire wear) can affect the speedometer being off... but being off 10%? C'mon, that was by design! I wondered how could/would that much difference affect my warranty?

Now with all that said, I also expected my odometer to be off by up to 10% or so. But on my first Iron Butt ride, I came to realize it was only off 3 or 4 miles in 1,016 miles. That's not too bad at all. *Grab some wind, hammer down!*

## Does Your Chapter Have a Map? Do You Have a Map?

Several years back, I got a free Okla map at rest stop. And in an effort to ride on a new road ('cause I love riding a road), I started highlighting the roads we traveled as a chapter. And with the miles we logged as a chapter, it was not long before most of the highways in NE Okla were highlighted. What to do now...? I started watching for some good rides on back roads.

Now with all that said about a chapter map, maybe you want to grab a map & keep track of the highways & roads that you ride in 2010/2011 by highlighting them as you go.



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#### Does Your Chapter Have a Map? (cont'd)

I started doing this for the rides Princess & I go on now. It will “speak” clearly to you about how much you are riding (or not riding). Get a map - make your own bragging rights! *Grab some wind, hammer down!*

#### “A Caged Outlook” - Hair Do's and Hair Don'ts

I have now sat here staring at a blank e-mail template for at least ten minutes. I keep hoping for an overwhelming, creative stroke of brilliance for this month's article. By the way, did anyone have an answer to my question from last month? I told you there would be a test. Please post you answers on the forum or send them to “Hammer”. Maybe we could do a top 10 list or something.

So I take a leisurely stroll in the yard which is rudely interrupted by the reality of knee high grass. I realize I have a tough choice: either I can mow or buy livestock. I drag out the mower & grab the gas can. The sweet smell of petro fills my nostrils as I complete my tour of the grounds behind the mower. Roughly half an hour has now passed & now I am covered in grass clippings & the unmistakable stench of a gasoline soaked running shoe in an abandoned football locker.

So in for a quick shower & a bite to eat... still nothing. As I rub my ever-growing forehead trying to stimulate my brain, I realized how much I miss wind in my hair! There is nothing like driving a cage on a cool spring or autumn morning with the windows down. I still like driving with the windows down, but now the only windblown hair is on my ears! Ah, I have reached the ‘magical’ age.

Hmm... wind in the hair? Why is it when you blow dry your hair at home with a 1200 watt weapon of mass destruction, you are happy

#### “A Caged Outlook” - Hair Do's & Hair Don'ts (cont'd)

with the shiny, well groomed look? But take a 70 mph ride in a vehicle with the windows down, a personal water craft skipping effortlessly across the lake, a motorcycle ripping down a curvy road, or setting a land speed record on a high-spirited Shetland pony, your hair is a big rat's nest! You can' even imagine making a public appearance without a little primp-time, a hat or a doo-rag! Wind is wind, right?

The “fresh” outdoor air contains hydrocarbons & volatile organic compounds from the fossil-fuel-gulping beasts of the road. Airborne chemicals mixed with huge doses of miles-per-hour result in an untamable, unsightly, greasy marsupial perched on your head where your carefully blow dried locks were a few hours earlier!

I am not sure if cow flatulence is responsible for global warming, or if vehicle exhaust is the reason for nappy follicles of the scalp. I do know something weird happens, & wind is not wind!

From the archives of: “Mr. Visible”!

Got news that may be of interest to the SCRC Nation? My e-mail address is [news@southerncruisers.net](mailto:news@southerncruisers.net)

Maybe an Eagle Rescue... or your chapter in the news... an update on Spencer's jacket & vest... I cannot guarantee it will be put in the newsletter, but it will be considered.

Thanks to those that contributed stories & pics for this issue!

NOW aren't ya proud to be a Southern Cruiser? I am Southern Cruisers! And so are YOU! “Grab some wind... hammer down!”