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“Hammer Time” by Bruce “Hammer” Mathis

What's your favorite color? One of mine is - FALL! That is... in the colors of the beau-tidous leaves & grasses while riding in the fall! Wait a second... you say that “fall” ain't a color!?!? Well then, neither is chrome! Is it! But I still like both of 'em! It's a seasonal thang!!! I love the fall – cooler weather, lots of color! And rides are crisp in the AM & warm in the afternoon.

There are quiet whispers of toy runs coming up around the next couple of curves – I can hear them, but cannot clearly make out what is being said. What is a toy run anyway? Can someone help me, please? Is it a bike slalom around toys? Is it a “biker polo” game? Maybe the toys in *Toy Story* in boot camp? Someone out there in Southern Cruiser nation – please send me some info on a toy run!!

Anyway – September has come & gone – wow! What an absolutely crazy & busy month for me. This has got to STOP! I am riding veeerrrrrry little nowadays. I have to have my “T Time” (Therapy Time). Gotta, gotta, gotta!!

I wonder if “Sophia” is angry with me yet. She has not had her pipes warmed in some time... I hope she misses me as much as I miss her. Soon. Very soon.

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!”

2011 & 2012 SCRC Event Calendar

Listed below are the SCRC events on the 2011 SCRC calendar: http://www.airsetpublic.com/AirSet.jsp#app.CalServe+qi.taGnyWwQUzIN_v.month

If you plan on having an SCRC event in 2012, contact Bubba Prescott to get it reviewed & approved!

2011

- Oct 7-8 – “Run for the Border” – Del Rio, Texas
- Oct 14-16 – “Party in the Panhandle” – Mexico Beach, Florida
- Nov 4-6 – “Peanut Festival” – Dothan, Alabama

2012

- Jun 22-24 – 2012 TN Ridge Runner – Johnson City, Tennessee
- Aug 30-Sep 2 – 2012 SCRC National Rally – Lafayette, LA

A Growing SCRC Nation - New SCRC Chapters

Sending out a “rev ‘em up” welcome to these new SCRC chapters:

- Mt Baker SCRC #420** Maple Falls, Washington 1st Officer – Jason Schuyleman
- Newport SCRC #495** Newport, Arkansas 1st Officer – Robert Jordan
- Roane County SCRC #043** Rockwood, Tennessee 1st Officer – Chris Jones

Editor's Note: Keep an eye on Washington & Arkansas... they are “ON THE GROW”!!!

There's a New State Officer in town... in Texas

Congrats to Scott “Ras” Rasco – the newly appointed Texas State Officer.

SCRC Memorial Page

Visit the SCRC memorial page... & read a few of the poems & stories. They are absolutely awesome! Check them out at: www.scrctemorial.net

THE ROSE BEYOND THE WALL

A rose once grew
where all could see,
Sheltered beside a garden wall

And as the days
passed swiftly by,
It spread its branches, straight and tall

One day,
a beam of light shone through
a crevice that had opened wide

The rose bent gently
toward its warmth
then passed beyond to the other side

Now, you who deeply
Feel its loss,
Be comforted...the rose blooms...

There Its beauty
even greater now,
Nurtured by God's own loving care.

Please visit the memorial page... the poems are incredible! We are not a very old club, but what gets me is the members we have lost. There are many faces of members that I never met... & some that I have. We are all Southern Cruisers! The pictures prompt me to... Reflect & Remember!

“A Caged Outlook” – Chrome, Sweet Chrome!

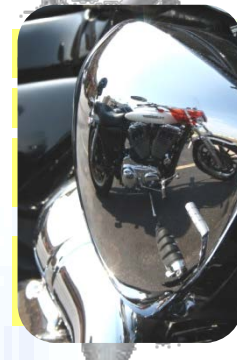
Sure we all know what chrome is... don't we?

According to Wikipedia: "Chrome is a thin layer of chromium adhered to a metal object. The chromed layer can be decorative, provide corrosion resistance, ease cleaning procedures, or increase surface hardness."

To hot-rodders, bikers, most men, & the coolest of cool women - it is more than just a definition from a questionable source. I can tell you what it isn't! It isn't the latest greatest version of your favorite software available online!



Chrome is the stuff dreams are made off. Chrome is to testosterone (men) as shoes are to estrogen (women). It is like a 'chocolate-of-sorts' to the male species. It isn't an option - it is a necessity. It is like breathing! There is no such thing as too much fun, too much money, or too much chrome!



When I think of accessorizing, you can bet your gleaming headlight bezel, it has something to do with electroplating. Chrome even has a liquid state AFTER the plating process. Have you ever heard “that bike is dripping with chrome”? Raise your fingerless



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"A Caged Outlook" – Chrome, Sweet Chrome! (cont'd)

gloved hands if you have ever admired your helmet hair or checked your teeth for bugs in your chrome reflection!

Even the word "Chrome" sounds cool. It rolls off your tongue at a speed only obtainable on the salt flats with high octane fuel. Now say it out loud! Come on! "Chroooooome, Chroooooome, Chroooooome, Chroooooome, Chroooooome". Vary the pitch & duration to simulate twisting the throttle. Come on, no one will know. Feels good doesn't it?

Do it again, this time raise both arms directly in front of you until your elbows are straight, hands are shoulder high, & throw in shifting noises between each "Chroooooome". You can almost feel the wind in your hair, can't ya?

Speaking of wind in your hair – now grab yourself a little portable wind. That's right – get a small, personal fan. Set it up next to your desk or work bench, plug it in, & turn that baby on - HIGH! Lean in until your nose touches the protective cage – now make the "Chroooooome" sound. You should be close enough to get the vibrato effect of the sound waves bouncing back & passing between the blades of the rotary oscillator. Yeah, that's it, just like when you were a kid.



Now if there is a Harley parked over kitty litter in your garage, you gotta take this one step farther. Follow all the steps outlined above up to the point of touching your nose to the cage. Instead, remove the protective cage, & slowly stick your tongue in the running fan till you achieve the unmistakable "potato, potato" sound as your tongue is making a flapping variance while saying "Chroooooome".

Chrome is not what you see... but rather what you see in it. Chrome reflects what is around it in such a way that we see our world differently within it.

From the twisted archives of the wit of "Mr. Visible"

Meet an SCRC Chapter – in California

Here in Southern California we have a saying, "VENTURA CHAPTER ROCKS" & it most certainly does!

The SCRC Ventura Chapter of California, U.S.A., was founded on August 26, '01, by Steve Campbell & a few other riders who managed to get 10 people to come along on their first club ride. The maiden voyage was a short ride up the coast for breakfast. Their second ride was on the following Labor Day & it took 51 posts on the forum just to figure out where to meet & where to eat.

I know this sounds quite comical, but it shows the dedication that Steve had for getting this chapter started & forming the foundation for where it is today. Steve & his SO, Mike Malone, quickly managed a well organized chapter that continued to grow for 5 yrs with numerous rides & overnights. Since that time we have continued to get stronger despite the ill effects of the recent sagging economy.

In October '06 Steve & Mike stepped down to take a well deserved break. After a few years of Tail Gunning along with my husband Bob, I became the FO with Craig Launer & Dean Mills respectively as my SO's. In the 10 yrs of SCRC Ventura's history we've had two FO's & three SO's. I feel that this example of continuity really exemplifies the dedication of our members, Road Captains, & Tail Gunners... & the love for this chapter.



We have continued to maintain a very active riding schedule & the chapter has grown even larger. Aside from riding we also like to include other activities such as bowling nights, concerts in the park, & indoor Go Kart Racing. One of our proudest accomplishments was assisting as escorts for the Vietnam Dignity Wall from Bakersfield, CA, to the Pierce Brothers Cemetery, Westlake, CA in '09. Many members spent the entire weekend of the viewing & ceremony volunteering our time in various ways.

Ventura chapter is also well known for our fabulous overnights. Whether it's just a few of us who saddle up & go, or 20 of us; I can guarantee you that there is always a lot of laughter & good times during each ride. And in the evenings, after we hang up our riding gear, the fun gets even more enjoyable aided by our motto that "What happens on a ride, stays on the ride."

I can't speak for the other chapters in California, but SCRC Ventura does at least one overnights a quarter & they are planned well in advance at the annual Officers Ride Scheduling Meeting. When we began these trips it was as short as riding to State Line, NV, to "contribute" to the casinos or a 3-day weekend to one of California's mountain or beach communities. Most of us had smaller bikes 10 yrs ago, so it was a matter of throwing a toothbrush & a clean shirt in a bag & strapping it to our back seat or handlebars. Now we have 'aged' (and even a little wiser) & have graduated to the bigger bikes with full saddle bags, tour packs, & luggage racks, so the trips have gotten longer.

We have gone on week long trips to Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, & Utah as well as numerous locales in California. The longest trip to date was in July '09 when 15 of us took off & rode for 2 weeks to Nevada, Colorado, Montana, North & South Dakota, Idaho, with some who split off & went to Vancouver, Canada. And of course, for 5 yrs in a row; the SCRC California State Rally has been an event not to miss.

Our chapter has remained a staple in Ventura County & the neighboring communities & we often hear someone say "Hey didn't I see you all riding thru town?" We also pride ourselves on the many charity rides that we participate in throughout the year.

We have scheduled rides every other Sunday & they range from 150 miles up to nearly 500 miles on the annual Labor Day Long Run depending on who is leading. We have had as many as 35-40 bikes on a ride on many occasions but, lately our average is about 15 bikes.

What's more important than the numbers is the laughter & friendship that has been created & maintained throughout the years. There have been a few unfortunate occasions when a member has had to call on "the family" for help & everyone who could, stepped up to help. Whether it's writing a check or building a wheel chair ramp or most recently helping a member's family when they had a house fire, SCRC Ventura is there to help.

I heartily recommend to any chapter, that if you ever have the



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chance to get here to Southern California please look us up & someone will be happy to guide you to the many beautiful places we have to ride - www.venturasrc.com

We have all had a lot of good times & have made some great friends with this chapter, neither of which we will ever forget. This must be why we all continue to hang around!

Submitted by: Dana Blöse, 1st Officer SCR Ventura County Chapter 251 - On behalf of the wonderful chapter members & families in our chapter.

Editor's Note: Ventura Chapter 251 has new FO – Dean Mills

Meet an SCRC 1st Officer (FO) – in Georgia

Meet Chris "U-turn" Bennett , SCRC FO for Valdosta Chapter # 274 in Valdosta, Georgia.

Hey y'all :) I love saying that, because that is not how I was raised to talk. I was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, & lived there most of my life.

I moved to Valdosta, Georgia, in 1998 through my job. The company said they needed someone like me to fill a spot down here in the plant they had, & I thought it would be cool to live near where the movie "Gone with the Wind" was made. That may sound funny to most of you, but all I knew about the south before I got here was what I saw in the movie.

Valdosta is 3,000 miles from my home town of Vernon, BC, Canada - & a very different culture! Anyways, when I got here I decided I needed a hobby. I had bought a house on the golf course here & started to play.

Well, it didn't take me too long to realize that golf wasn't for me... so I put my clubs up in the attic & bought a motorcycle!!

I had been riding off & on since I was big enough to pull start my first mini bike back in the early 70's but had been off a bike since my son had been born in '89.

We bought our Victory TC in '04 & was riding through town on a Thursday night when I saw a bunch of bikers at the local Sonic. Against my wife's wishes, I decided to pull in & check out their bikes & see what was going on. As it turned out, it was a bunch of Southern Cruisers. They seemed like a friendly bunch, so we joined up & started riding on weekends & going to all the bike nights. We rode 10,000 chapter miles that 1st year!!! We attended our first rally, the "Savannah Invasion" & met even more awesome people.

Shortly after, I was asked to be a Road Captain & started leading rides over roads I didn't even know 'cause I wasn't from here. Needless to say, that is how I got my road name "U-turn". Then as things go in most chapters, people's lives change, officers come & go, & I was approached to become the FO & take the reins of the Valdosta Chapter. I truly enjoy being a member of the Southern Cruisers. SCRC Chapter #274 Valdosta has a great bunch of like-

minded people that just like to ride to eat. :)

With a Goldwing now, Tammy & I try to attend all of the weekend rides, bike nights, multi-chapter "meet-&-eats" (my personal favorite), & rallies that our schedules will allow. I have now shared 50,000 chapter miles with Tammy.

It is much more than a hobby to us now. I love riding up to a restaurant with a parking lot full of bikes to have lunch with 100+ Southern Cruisers.



And being very near to the Florida state line, we very often get together with our Florida SCRC family. In fact, we have several Florida residents on our roster because we are so close & have become such good friends & find our paths often crossing.

We don't get to do as many out-of-state rallies as I would like, but we really enjoy the ones we can attend. The next event for us is the 5th Annual "Cruisin' with the Cruisers" 5-day cruise to Cozumel & the Grand Cayman's... & then the "Party in the Panhandle" in Mexico Beach, Florida.

Hope to see y'all down the road sometime... Chris.

Safety Tip – C'mere Deer! NOT!!!

Here we are again getting closer to the winter riding season. I was riding to work the other morning (in the dark) when I topped Keetonville Hill on SH 20 & spotted a deer. Lucky for me, I was going slower than usual & avoided the critter!! However, it was close enough that when I got beside it, it she went to 'dancing' to Meat Loaf (which I was playing on my radio).



With this time of year coming up, we have to be more cautious of the deer in Oklahoma... & I assume it's the same in other parts of the country.

If you are new to a road, use extreme caution when riding at night.





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The deer are going to be 'prowling' along with the other critters. In the past, we have had them run along beside us, cut us off & then just stand & stare at us. They, as with any animal, are always unpredictable & can dart in any direction.

Since I ride the same route one-way (23 miles) year around, I know where & when the deer are usually at along the road & slow down more in those areas. I also keep an eye out for them in other areas as well. I also wear a helmet to work... so if one sneaks in, at least I have head protection (probably should wear it all the time).

As I have grown older, I have come to realize that I don't heal as quickly as I use to... & that I am not invincible. I won't get on the band wagon that we should be wearing a helmet all the time but it is something to think about.

This might be a good time to mention that brake pads need to be checked if you have not looked at them in a while & the tires also. I know we get to riding more during the summer months & get so intent with it that we forget to check those things. So next time before you head out, take the time to check tire wear & brake wear for your own safety.

In closing, I hope you all have a great riding month & a safe one. Keep your eyes scanning the road for hazards & animals, & keep a pre-ride checklist so you don't forget about important things like brakes & tires.

Until next time be safe & enjoy your friends & family & ride safe.

Submitted by: Mike Sumter, Will Rogers Chapter 159

Meet a NEW SCRC State Officer (STO) – in Minnesota

Meet Steve Sawyer, NEW SCRC STO for Minnesota. He currently has 2 chapters: Southeast Chapter 171, Twin Cities Chapter 202.

I started riding at age 17 on a Yamaha XS500 which I purchased without my parents knowledge... & then had to ask my dad for help to pay for it!! After making it to the Washington coast that summer, I then proceeded to tangle with a left-turning dump truck & trailer that fall. The leather jacket I was wearing saved my life & as a result of that incident I am now an advocate for protective gear.

After taking a break from riding for a number of years, I re-acquired the riding bug. AND figuring I was older & wiser, I decided to give it "a go" again. I purchased an '06 Yamaha Roadliner S on Dec 30, '06 as my 2007 New Years resolution.

The summer of '07 my fiancée, Julie, & I went on our first trip (which included a 628-mile return day from the Black Hills!) That fall, we joined a ride that the SCRC Twin Cities Chapter 202 was doing & enjoyed the people, the atmosphere, & the riding. The FO mentioned that the STO was looking to start a chapter in Rochester. That winter (early '08), several of us met with the STO & organized the SCRC Southeast Chapter 171 chapter & I became FO.



We were attracted to SCRC because it is family friendly, all makes are welcome, there is a focus on safety, & there is an alcohol-free

policy during rides. Put simply - we wanted to ride, enjoy the camaraderie, & wanted to do so safely.

It has been a rewarding experience to be involved with SCRC. We have made many lasting friendships & have enjoyed not only our own skill & experience levels growing, but watching other riders progress in their riding skills due to the support & mentoring available within the club. We are fortunate to have a lot of good riding in SE Minnesota & the infamous "alphabet roads" of western Wisconsin.

Julie & I eloped to Vegas & got married on 08/08/08. She is a prime example of how the support, mentoring, & riding with others who are more experienced & skilled can rapidly advance someones skill level.

The two SCRC chapters in Minnesota have a combined membership of 138. With less than 100 miles between the two chapters, we have several opportunities each season for our chapters to ride together & get to know each other.

When our STO mentioned he was stepping down, I thought moving from FO into STO would be a way for me to continue to build on the relationships already in place, as well as to grow within the SCRC.



In spite of a riding season in Minnesota of April Fools Day thru Halloween... followed by 5 months of "Parked Motorcycle Syndrome" (PMS), my '06 Roadliner S is now broken in with 38,000 miles & my wife has put over 14,000 miles on her '09 Raider S in the last 2 seasons. We both look forward to adding to those numbers every chance we get.

What does it mean to be a Southern Cruiser?

What does being a part of the Southern Cruisers Riding Club mean to you? I can tell you what it means to be a part of the Central Ga. Chapter.... It means belonging to a family like no other!

A couple of Chapter members met a couple of years ago, went on several rides & events together, participated in numerous Motorcycle Rodeos, even competed against each other. One or the other would almost always win! These 2 became instant friends.

Well a few weeks ago they became even closer. Mike "Fink" Finkelstien had an inherited medical condition that was causing his kidneys to shut down! Being the quiet, almost shy type he kept his condition close to home. He didn't want the world to know that he needed help.



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Fink was away from home one weekend, visiting family in FL. His wife Nina stayed home & attended a small ride after church to a local restaurant. She was sitting across the table from Arnold "Speedy" Stokes telling another friend about Fink's medical condition. Speedy couldn't help but overhear parts of the conversation. The part that spoke to him the loudest was that Fink had to have a kidney transplant in order to live a comfortably normal life. Something that most all of us take for granted.

Something spoke to Speedy, something that he couldn't shake or ignore. After telling his wife that he felt he was supposed to be the one to donate, he told the Finkelsien's that he hadn't been even dropping but had overheard that Fink needed, had to have a kidney transplant! He told them, "I've got two good kidneys, if we match he can have one of mine." After multitudes of tests, it was confirmed that Speedy was indeed a match. On July the 28th 2011 a kidney transplant was performed.



Fink's new kidney started functioning immediately. Within 24 hours Fink's new kidney removed 10 pounds of toxic fluids from his body that his non-functioning kidneys had not been able to remove.

Recently, August the 6th, a benefit ride was held to help offset some of the cost for the medication that Fink will have to endure. At the ride the two were overheard joking with each other. Speedy told Fink you'll never win another slow race, 'cause even if you cross the line last, I still win cause it'll be my kidney that went over the finish line last!



A brotherhood has been formed all brought on because they both decided to become Southern Cruisers, which allowed them to meet!

SCRC 101 #15 – Charity Events

And now on to one of our favorites...

CHARITY EVENTS

1) The SCRC will not discourage any member from attending a charity event or any chapter from conducting one. If the SCRC

is to sponsor or its name is to be used in the billing of such event, a request for approval of event must be submitted to the National Events Director by filling out the application at this address: <https://secure.southerncruisers.net/eventpack.htm>

After reviewing the submission of documents stating nature of event, benefit organization, insurance information, activity and lodging information. The National Rides and Events Director will make all decisions as to whether or not the ride or event can be a Southern Cruisers function.

- 2) If the name, Southern Cruisers Riding Club®, SCRC, or the Club Emblem is to be used in the promotion of a charitable event, by a chapter or member, then the beneficiary (Charitable Organization) of the event must be approved by the National Events Director, President and Vice President. This is to include any tee shirts or any banners.
- 3) No Bank accounts, Savings or Checking under any circumstance, will ever be opened under the name Southern Cruisers Riding Club by any Officer or Member.
- 4) Any Officer or Member involved in any acts of public Nudity, during a Southern Cruisers function will be removed from the Southern Cruisers Riding Club.

Recipe - Dangela's Chili

The cold weather might not have arrived just yet, but when it does here is a recipe to get you through those cold nights. It is so easy to prepare & it tastes great!!!

Dangela's Chili

Makes approximately 1 gallon

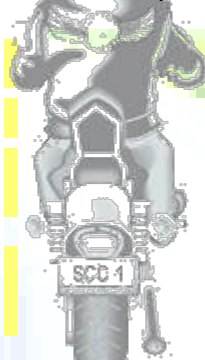
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| 2 pounds ground beef | 1 tsp oregano |
| 2 T olive oil & 2 T butter | 1/2 tsp sweet basil |
| 2 cloves garlic, minced | 1 tsp cumin |
| 1 (8-oz) can tomato sauce | 1/2 tsp paprika |
| 1 (14.5-oz) can diced tomatoes | 1/4 tsp salt |
| 1 (15-oz) can chili beans, mashed | 1/4 tsp black pepper |
| 2 T plus 1 tsp chili powder | 1/4 cup beer |
| 1/2 green bell pepper, diced (about 1/2 cup) | |
| 1 medium onion, diced (about 1 cup) | |

Brown ground beef with bell pepper, onion & garlic in olive oil & butter. Drain. Add tomato sauce, tomatoes, & mashed chili beans. Add beer & seasonings (chili powder, oregano, basil, cumin, paprika, salt & pepper).

Add additional seasonings to taste: crushed or ground red pepper, Tony Cachere's, and/or Mrs. Dash spicy seasoning blend, etc.

Simmer for at least one hour. Serve with crackers, rice, cheddar cheese, additional onion, hot sauce, Fritos.

Submitted by: Angela Jackson





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How was the 2011 8th Annual Virginia State Rally?

The 2011 8th Annual Virginia State Rally was held in beautiful Lynchburg, Virginia, on August 5-7, '11. Southern Cruiser members from all over the commonwealth attended the rally. Hill City Chapter #138 of Lynchburg hosted the annual event that was billed a success.

The rally featured a number of events for the cruisers. The Quality Inn in Lynchburg served as the host hotel & did nothing short of a fantastic job of accommodating all the members.

The Friday registration kicked off with a bang - members starting to arrive as early as 9:00 AM. Friday night's activities included a Karaoke contest, along with a social event in the evening activities. Saturday morning started off with a 130-mile ride that started at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains & ended at the 2nd-largest lake in Virginia - the much heralded Smith Mountain Lake (SML) in Bedford, VA, - SML is the "Jewel of the Blue Ridge Mountains".

A lunch was set up consisting of Philly Cheese steaks, hot dogs along with other snacks. The ride was a complete success & drew lot's of praise from all those attending.

Bike games seemed to be the hit of the rally - they were challenging & comical at times. And you got to love this years names for the games: Blue Balls, Pole n the Hole, hot waitress, along with the traditional slow roll. The games concluded with some pool time & down time until the dinner kicked off at 6:30.

The evening activities started off with a well know Virginia attorney, Matt Danielson. In 2003, Matt joined Tom McGrath's Motorcycle Law Group which allowed him to combine his enthusiasm for the law with his passion for motorcycles. As a member of Tom McGrath's Motorcycle Law Group, Matt has successfully represented motorcyclists in courts throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia



hottest bands in the area Wildcard.

As the cruisers came home from an evening filled with excitement, Sunday morning arrived where they were treated to a continental breakfast & all sad that the rally was coming to an end. With plenty of hugs & compliments & good-byes, another rally had come & gone... & it was all to benefit the wonderful kids of the St Jude Research Children Hospital!!!



We do this because we believe in the cause, believe there is a cure, & there is nothing as special as a child's life. Our donations help bring us closer to the day when every child's precious life can be saved. This is why we do these events - because it touches our lives as parents who have been blessed to have healthy children; it touches your heart as a person who cares. In a world when all you hear about is the economy & terrorist, it is nice to hear of something soothing to the soul that puts a smile on your face & brings a tear to your eye, knowing you are making a difference & you did something about it.

A special thank you goes out to Jennifer ,Jan (of the Quality Inn), Matt Danielson, James Clayton of Parkway Marina, All the wonderful vendors who donated such wonderful gifts, Martin TeeShirt & Apparel for the design of the rally shirt.

And last of all - I want to thank all Hill City Members who made this event possible. My committee: SO, RC, BOD, Treasure, my co-chair, & my wife. We worked on this event for about 6 months. I have been blessed to be associated with some of the greatest members & friends you could have in this family we call the Southern Cruisers. I would run out of space if I tried to name them all, but they know who they are & they know they are the core of this chapter. A great rally for a great cause, It just doesn't get any better than that.



In addition to his duties as a trial attorney, Matt serves as a lobbyist for motorcyclists in Virginia. Matt often lectures throughout the country with regard to laws affecting motorcyclists - Matt provided the cruisers with some valuable information regarding their rights & answered all questions that were thrown at him. Matt gave us a surprise with a nice donation from the firm before he headed back to Richmond, Virginia. Matt was presented with a rally tee shirt & we made him promise to wear it (which he did to no surprise since he was only surrounded by a 125 bikers).

The rally dinner was a featured Italian feast of pasta's, sauces, salad, & the rally commemorative cake being cut after the meal. Later that evening members were taken to the Phase II entertainment club or they attended big lick's tropical grill & were treated to one of the

Submitted by: Phil "Jacker" Stanley, FO Hill City Chapter #138, Lynchburg, VA

Send your SCRC news, or a good riding experience story, or an Eagle Rescue story... to: news@southerncruisers.net I will try to get it a newsletter soon.

Please note - promotions for your individual chapter's events (other than from the SCRC calendar) will not be included in the newsletter.

Remember...

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2011 SCRC Indiana State Rally

Put it down in your history books folks! July 29, 2011, was the day it all started, the first ever stand-alone Indiana State Rally hosted by Southern Cruisers!!!! Several months of planning by devoted members from all over Indiana had come down to this weekend... & the excitement could not be contained! Southern Cruisers from 9 different states started to pour into Columbus, Indiana, on that hot Friday afternoon. Everyone was anxious to see what our members had in store for them - they would not be disappointed!!

Through hard work & dedication, the Indiana Southern Cruisers put together a terrific weekend for our visiting brothers & sisters. There was a large silent auction room with lots of choices - from earrings to guitars; a game of social knowledge that was a tie between "BB" & Amelia Wisner from Chapter 63; bike games; 50/50 draing; & a poker run with snacks included!!! At night, we had some music & a little rain (Friday night), but that didn't stop us! We even took a group picture to commemorate the occasion. BUT the best part was that the \$\$\$ goal that had been set for us to raise was hit!!!! AND THEN SOME!!!!

All-in-all, the weekend was a success for Indiana Southern Cruisers! To host our first rally & raise a goodly sum for St. Jude Children's Hospital, to make new, long-lasting friendships, & to start a wonderful tradition to carry on for many years to come.

You know we plan, worry, list, & even fuss at each other sometimes while planning these events, but when we are all together none of that really matters. Because the real reason we have these events is to remind OURSELVES that we are a family - a huge family of people who love to ride & have a good time. Southern Cruisers isn't just a biker club - we are a living, breathing, loving group of people that helps to care for one another!

Thank you to all that helped make this a special event for the Indiana SCRC. We are working hard on improving the rally & already have started on making next year's rally even better than this years rally. Remember it is only 11 months away until the 2012 SCRC Indiana State Rally. Hope to see you there.

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