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“Hammer Time” by Bruce “Hammer” Mathis

Thank goodness October is over! What a month! Ever heard the saying “With friends like you, who needs enemies!”? Well, that is my take on October ‘11!! And it’s not just by gaining another stranglehold on getting older.

Anyway... enough of reflecting on the “not-so-enjoyable” times. I know I am envious of many of you who were out enjoying the great riding weather! “Sophia” needs a new front tire, & I just can’t seem to find the time to stop, remove the front wheel, & get it into the shop to get a new one on. Maybe this weekend... I sure am missing my “T-Time” (Therapy-Time) astraddle her as we wheel down the back roads of Oklahoma, where the wind comes sweeping down the plains...

As we head into the slower riding season, better get to plannin’ for next year. Do you have a chapter event? If not, may I suggest having a poker or dice run in 2012? Or maybe a toy run? Or maybe meeting up with other chapters in your area... get to know your SCRC brothers & sisters around you. And attend (translation = RIDE TO) other SCRC events. Heck – that bike of yours gets what... 40-60 mpg? You could travel a long ways & back for \$50!

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 Events 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

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

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

*God saw you were getting tired
and a cure was not to be,
So he put his arms around you
And whispered, "Come with me."
With tear-filled eyes we watched
as you suffered and faded away,
Although we loved you deeply
We could not will you to stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard-Working hands at rest,
God Broke our hearts to show us
He only takes the best.*

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 Growing SCRC Nation - New SCRC Chapters

Sending out a “rev ‘em up” welcome to these new SCRC chapters. Chapters can be located at –

<http://www.southerncruiser.com/chapterpage/index.htm>

Loco Lobos SCRC #137 Burleson, Texas 1st Officer – Nelson Mahrt, 2nd Officer – Craig Smith

Chicago South Land SCRC #085 Chicago, Illinois 1st Officer – Norm Wallace

Show Me State SCRC #560 Kansas City North, Missouri 1st Officer – Roger Nunn, 2nd Officer Glenn White

Naples SCRC #561 Naples, Italy 1st Officer – John Parker

Alleghany/Highlands SCRC # 562 Covington, Virginia 1st Officer – Jason Maloney

Three Rivers Muskogee SCRC #563 Muskogee, Oklahoma 1st Officer – Eddie Langley

Thank You Veterans!

November 11 - Veterans Day is an annual United States holiday honoring military veterans. It is a federal holiday that is observed on November 11. It is also celebrated as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in other parts of the world. It falls on November 11, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I (major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice).

The holiday is commonly printed as *Veteran's Day* or *Veterans' Day* in calendars & advertisements.



Had to copy this interesting picture & plug it in from Facebook... Which way would you go? If I was leading, I would have to make a U-turn... or two... or three!! After all, those that have followed me when I lead a ride know that it is commonplace, anyway – at least once per ride!

I'm not lost, I'm just a-ridin'!!! OR... I may be lost, but I'm making good time!



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SCRC 101 #17 – Code of Conduct

SCRC Code of Conduct

- 1) No Officer of the SCRC may hold a post as an Officer of another similar or competing Club/Organization. This does not prohibit dual membership, just multiple Officer positions
- 2) SCRC Officers and Members are responsible for maintaining the public image and perception of the club. No SCRC Officer or Member should make any statement, or commit any act, in any form of communication, that ridicules, denigrates, or otherwise portrays the Club itself or any of the members of the Club in a negative or unfavorable manner.
- 3) NO SCRC Officer or Member will start up any kind of competing Club/Organization or sub group within the SCRC, or use the SCRC to recruit SCRC Members for any other similar group they may be a part of.

Any offending Officer may be removed from his or her position as an Officer, or expelled from the club, or both. Any offending Member may have his or her membership terminated from the club.

Complaints against any Officer or Member may be presented by any member, using the proper chain of command. (See below). All complaints against Regional Officers or State Officer will be reviewed by the National Officers.

All complaints against 1st Officers or the General Membership will be reviewed by the Board Of Directors.

The proper chain of command is as follows:

- 1) Chapter 1st Officers
- 2) State Officers
- 3) Regional Officers
- 4) National Officers

A violation of the above articles will be reviewed by the officers of the Southern Cruisers Riding Club. The accused may provide evidence on their behalf before a decision is made.

For grievances, any member may appeal the decision, if he/she feels the decision is incorrect. All appeals will be made to the Board of Directors (BOD) at this address BOD@SouthernCruisers.Net

All decisions involving the Members grievance will be final.

Meet an SCRC 2nd Officer (SO) – in Pennsylvania

Hello from Berks County, PA. My name is Laura Richardson-Gentry & I have been the SO of SCRC Chapter #243 (Berks, PA) since June. I was a Road Captain before that. The Berks Chapter covers Berks & Schuylkill Counties, an area surrounding Reading, PA, about 60 miles northwest of Philadelphia. Our chapter has monthly eatings, er, meetings & on Wednesday evenings we ride for ice cream.

In fact, in '09 the SCRC love of ice cream prompted a member from another chapter to plan the “Mother of All Ice Cream Runs”, a 3-day pilgrimage to Ben & Jerry's in Vermont! It was my first overnight trip with the SCRC - a wonderful

time of great fun & memories. And also a time when the true spirit of the club showed. So many people worked to make it run smoothly & when something went wrong, people worked just as hard to fix it; a



true group effort.

I heard about the SCRC & started looking (lurking!) on the forum to get the gist of what the club & the members were all about. I liked what I saw, & became a member in August '05. It took more lurking for me to get up the courage to actually attend a ride, but eventually I did & I was sold.

I had ridden with small groups of friends, but never with any organized groups. The camaraderie, the caring & friendship of the SCRC family was apparent from the first moment. There are two things that continue to impress me about the SCRC: 1) the way members look out for one another. When someone is in trouble, big or small, it's certain there will be SCRC brothers & sisters right there to find ways to help. 2) the emphasis on safety. We all follow the same rules, so whether it's 3 members or thirty, the ride is enjoyable because you know what to expect & what's expected of you.



I started riding in '05 after my boyfriend, Chris Burns, bought a bike. That's him in the picture. I rode with him once or twice & could tell I wouldn't be satisfied being a passenger. The next thing I knew this middle aged woman had her first bike. Chris took me to parking lots & got me started, encouraged me & soon I was out on the roads. I took the MSP course that fall & got my license. I was hooked!! In May '07, I bought a brand new Honda VTX 1300R. I wanted a bike that would be comfortable for long day rides & multi-day trips. It now has about 46,000 miles on it, so I guess I found the right bike!

Here in Pennsylvania, there are lots of great roads to ride. But my favorite road is the one I live on, not because it's a spectacular motorcycle road (though it isn't bad), but because it leads to all the other roads I love. I grew up in Wisconsin & have ridden there from Pennsylvania... & on to South Dakota & Nebraska from there! I have ridden the Mid-Atlantic States & into New England. There isn't anywhere I haven't enjoyed riding, but I do love the hills.

I have a lot of memories of roads & trips, but the ones that are most memorable are the ones where riders, especially women, achieve a milestone. A couple of months ago I participated in a group ride to the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon - about 200 miles away. A number of riders from several chapters attended. Two women, both good riders, made this their first long ride & first motorcycle overnighter. They were nervous, but with the support of the SCRC family they did it & had a really good time. It's sometimes tough for women to make these leaps, & I am proud to be part of an organization that welcomes all riders & encourages them to grow.

Thanks for reading my ramblings. Give me a shout if you're ever in Pennsylvania. Chris & I have plenty of room to spare, can always be talked into riding & love meeting new people, especially fellow SCRC members.



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“A Caged Outlook” – What’s in a Handshake?

“I” can be a friendly gesture. “I” make a first impression, either good or bad. “I” may be considered offensive on some foreign soils if performed in the same manner as “it” is in the United State. “I” am taboo in some countries, & considered unnecessary or out dated by others “I” have been around since the time of the Egyptians. “I” am responsible for more honest business transactions than all of the lawyers in the world!

Have you guessed who “I” am yet? “I” am a handshake. The handshake dates all the way back to the Egyptian times, as represented in relief carvings/etchings on whatever they carved it on. I guess that would be prehistoric graffiti!? (I saw the pictures on the internet, so they must be real).



The folklore has it that the clasped hand greeting was originally a show of trust & honor. The left-hand, or shield hand, would be held straight down from the shoulder or behind the back, thus showing trust in your rival not to attack. The right-hand, free of any weapon, would be presented to your adversary showing you are unarmed. They were worried about being attacked... & I am worried if someone washed their hands after they sneezed or went to the bathroom!

In '95, me & a co-worker went to a sister plant in Florange, France (north of Paris near the border with Luxembourg). We were there in a foreign country for 2 wks without so much as an English/French phrase book or dictionary. And the only French I knew was *burrito!* My boss was so worried about “us” creating an international incident, she called us nightly to see how we were doing! Our hotel was a fitting place for Americans - called “*La Liberty!*” There were pubs on both ends of the block. *Location! Location! Location!*

When we finally arrived at the plant, we were a little surprised by the plant customs. First of all, we had to learn & pronounce “*bonjour!*” (with our Okie accent). Then, we learned everyone in the plant shakes hands during the first ‘*encounter!*’ of each other every day!

So, we shook hands with everyone when we arrived at 8 am. After lunch, we discovered there had been a shift change. It was clearly time for more handshaking! Employees would walk across the aisle to shake our hand. It was real cool to me! I can assure you the French have a firm, sincere handshake. It appeared to be very ritualistic when I saw it for the first time. There may even be more handshaking while departing the plant while saying “*au revoir!*” My attempt at “*au revoir!*” sounded more like “*aardvark!*”

I tried shaking hands with my co-workers upon returning to Tulsa, & people thought I was off my rocker!!!! I don’t think they realize the camaraderie they are missing out on.

We are accustomed to a firm handshake. Most Americans give & receive a solid handshake with a couple of up & down ‘pumps’ not lasting more than 3-5 seconds. Like any standard practice, there are exceptions.:

1) “**Cold, dead fish**” handshake - I actually took this even one step limper than a dead fish. I have cleaned & have eaten dead fish! A dead fish, although kinda floppy, still can be pretty firm. I prefer to call it the “*calves liver*” handshake. It is like you have a ball of ooze in your hand, & you’re just waiting for it to drip through your fingers. You are so worried about causing your handshaking partner irreparable damage, you can think of nothing else. Nothing other, that is than letting go as quick as possible, & to seek out a

55-gal drum of hand sanitizer!

- 2) “**Hand saw**” - starts with a good, firm handshake as outlined above, but rather than an up/down “pumping” motion, it is more of back-and-forth motion (as required to operate a hand saw).
- 3) “**6-Shooter**”– requires a brisk walk, jog, or even run. A person approaches you rapidly & at the last moment shoots their hand out catching you by surprise. A handshake of this type oftentimes results in a poorly executed handshake, & or personal injury.
- 4) “**Vise**” - administrator of this handshake is usually over 75” tall, 300+ lbs, & has hands the size of a catcher’s mitt. I don’t even know if they realize what they are doing to the recipient, or if they know, & just want to prove superiority! The Vice handshake is a grip that locks on a full strength, & if you attempt to retaliate, they show you there is still p_l_e_n_t_y more grip! If you cannot out “vice” them, there is only one way to win this battle. Give them all the grip you have, look them square in the eyes, & kick them in the knee with a pair of those square-toe, dingo, biker boots!
- 5) “**Bone Crusher**” - much the same as the vice with only one small, but painful difference. While administering the “Vice” handshake, an attempt is made to crush your *metacarpals* together making calcium powder out of your bones! Once again, if you find yourself in a battle of grip, don’t underestimate the power of dingo boots!

There are rules of engagement, as well as posturing moves to be aware of. Here are just a few:

- 1) **Never** offer a “*Calves Liver*” handshake no matter the age, gender or religious affiliation. In some cultures, a less firm hand shake is more widely accepted. You can be firm without causing discomfort on the recipient.
- 2) **Never** “*Clam shell*” a person’s hand between both of your hands unless, you are good friends, a clergy member, or a politician. Although thought to show extreme trustworthiness, is a little too much contact for most. Mainly me!!!!!!
- 3) Palm up shows you are submissive.
- 4) Palm down shows you are dominate.
- 5) A woman should offer a man her hand first, if a handshake is take place at all.
- 6) A man offering his hand to a woman, can be interpreted as aggressive by nature.
- 7) Male / female handshake should be firm, but not overpowering. You hear that ladies? Take it easy!!!!!!
- 8) A soul brother handshake is acceptable, but is age or activity specific.
- 9) Knuckle bump is less invasive & is quickly becoming accepted, but is age or activity specific.
- 10) Make sure your hands are clean before offering a handshake. There was a time in history when the handshake nearly went out of fashion because of wide spread disease.
- 11) Do not be offended if a handshake is rejected. You offered.
- 12) Be aware of customs while traveling overseas, including shaking hands with the left hand rather than the right hand. A bow maybe standard protocol instead of a handshake.
- 13) Be conscious of any possible physical restriction which might prevent a handshake with the right hand. A little thoughtfulness can defeat awkwardness.
- 14) It is completely acceptable to ask for a second handshake if there was a misalignment of the first handshake.
- 15) Look the person in the eyes, shake their hand, memorize their name, & be sincere.

I will never look at a handshake the same again. A conscious effort is required to perform a handshake in a meaningful, sincere manner. Thanks Hammer for sending me back to school.

From the archives of the twisted wit of “*Mr. Visible!*”!



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Recipes – Soups for Cooler Weather

Taco Soup

- 1-1/2 - 2 lbs ground beef
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1 can (28-oz) stewed/diced tomatoes
- 1 can diced tomatoes w/green chilies (Rotel)
- 1 pkg taco seasoning (regular or spicy)
- 1 envelope ranch dressing mix (dry)
- 1 can (15 oz) pinto beans, optional
- 1 can (11 to 15 oz) whole kernel corn, drained, optional
- 1 to 1-1/2 cups water

Brown ground beef & onions in a large pan (add olive oil if needed – if beef is too lean); drain off fat. Add remaining ingredients & simmer for about an hour. Serve in bowls & top with sour cream & shredded cheddar cheese, if desired.

Recipes – Soups for Cooler Weather (cont'd)

Creamy Potato Soup

- 3 cans chicken broth (5-6 cups)*
- 1 can cream of chicken soup*
- 8 oz cream cheese, cubed
- 1 bag frozen cube style hashbrowns, about 4 cups*
- 1/2 tsp seasoned salt
- 1/4 tsp white pepper (may substitute black pepper)
- 1/4 cup minced onion, optional
- 1 tsp garlic powder, optional (to taste)
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper, optional

In a Dutch oven, combine the chicken broth & cream of chicken soup. Add cream cheese; cook & stir until cheese is melted. Stir in remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 18-20 minutes until potatoes are tender.

To serve, place in bowls & top with shredded cheddar cheese, bacon bits, green onion, etc... Makes about 3 quarts (12 servings)

* Alternatives:

1. Use 6 cups of water with 7 tsp chicken bouillon granules in place of the canned chicken broth.
2. You can use 1 can evaporated milk with 1 tsp chicken bouillon granules in place of the cream of chicken soup.
3. You can use fresh potatoes & peel & cube them in place of the hashbrowns – you will need 4 -5 lbs of potatoes.
4. For even more flavor, sauté the minced onion with fresh garlic in butter, then add remaining ingredients.

Submitted by: Angela Jackson

Safety Tip – Get Winterized

Well folks, here we are at the lower end of the riding season for some of you. I hope you all had a safe & enjoyable season, & those that don't have to put away your bikes it might be a good time to give them a once over. I have noticed the other day that for some reason I got a little lax on the bike maintenance this summer.

This, as usual, is a good time to check (or change) the oil's & grease, check tire wear, inspect cables, & the fasteners (nuts & bolts) on our bikes. If you plan on storing your bike for the winter, you still need to do some prep work before doing so to prevent winter damage.

Always check your manual for the correct way to perform the

maintenance on your bike to insure that you are doing what you need to correctly.

On another note, let's keep our fallen friends & family that were injured this summer in our thoughts & prayers - they didn't have quite as good a summer riding.

I know in my case I had 3 folks that went down this year. Check on them if you have not lately, & see if they are doing okay. Ask see if they need anything... & deliver. Luckily, the 3 I knew did make it, & 2 of the 3 are back to work.

I caught myself thinking this summer about bike safety... Now maybe its old age, or just the fact that one of the downed-bikers hit really close to home this summer - with it being my nephew. In any case, I thought about helmets & riding gear. I know some of us think helmets are a hassle. And wearing jeans & long-sleeve shirts don't look cool, but there is something to be said about road rash & sun damage. Just saying...

Well, not to beat a dead horse, as they say, I will stop for now & just end this month with the weather. I know some of us ride with temps down in the teens. If it's so cold that you have to wear clothing to keep warm to the point that you can't operate your bike safely, then you might want to get in the cage & drive!!! I know in past years, I have been good to about 14° - but I may have to reconsider this year.

Again, it may be my aging, I am not sure. If you are getting to the point that too much clothing hinders your safety & other's safety, then you might consider a heated suit. At least with one of those, you may be able to safely operate your ride.

Well, folks have a great month. Be safe & enjoy!

Submitted by: Mike Sumter, Will Rogers Chapter 159



Mega-special-thanks to Magnus Werner (my Southern Cruisers buddy in Sweden) who recently sent me a menu from a café/restaurant in Sweden – Lucy's Café & Bar. That café looks pretty cool! And the menu is awesome... I wonder if they deliver?

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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2nd Annual Labor Day SCRC Tri-State Meet & Greet

It was a chilly 55° Labor Day 2011 & there was a slight drizzle in the early hours. But like always with Southern Cruisers, the sunshine was from flowing from within. This was our second year for the "Meet & Greet"... & the turnout was even larger than last year's inaugural event. We had over 150 members show up from 11 chapters & 3 different states. We all met in Warsaw, KY, at the Sunset Grill. The grill had set up a great cookout for all to enjoy.

There was even rumor of one of the chapter mascots being kidnapped. Everyone really enjoyed the fun & fellowship with our brothers & sisters from the SCRC. Considering that this started with just a chance mention among a few friends, we are thrilled with the success & growth of this special event.

We all agreed to continue the tradition next year all. And all we are missing is YOU to join us.





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2011 SCRC Oklahoma "Fall Ride in the Pines"

We had an awesome turnout for our 2011 "Fall Ride in the Pines" on October 28-30. There were 82 riders in attendance. We had members from Kansas & Texas, as well as chapter members from within Oklahoma. There was a fun & scenic 200-mile ride, games, & lots of door prizes. Every person attending received a door prize!

We also had a silent auction that included autographed items from Paul Jr. Designs... & Harley Davidson framed items from 1942 era.

On Friday, we had a short 100-mile ride to Robbers Cave in Southeastern Oklahoma for the people that came early - everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Saturday was the big 200-mile event. And we ended up eating at Taco Bobs Grille.

SCRC Southeast Oklahoma Chapter 132 wants to extend our warmest thanks to everyone that attended this year & hope to see more of the Southern Cruisers at next year's event. Again thanks to everyone for making this event a success.

Submitted by: Buster McKinley, 1st Officer Southeastern Oklahoma Chapter 132 in McAlester, OK.

