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### “Hammer Time”

Somebody told me it's already December... Where did 2011 go already? Heck – it will be 2012 before we know it!!! Seems like Y2K was just last year... do you remember that? Y2K – do you remember? When the world was gonna end... & every electronic device was in potential jeopardy of major failure. Thinking back, I think the only devices that had real issues were VHS recorders. BUT, IMHO the best part about Y2K was the movie “Entrapment”. I love that movie... I am a Sean Connery fan, & a fan of Catherine Zeta-Jones as well. Yeah – especially when she is slowly squirming thru those laser light beams - blindfolded no less - in that ‘sprayed-on’ black outfit. Woo hoo!!!

Ok – speaking of being a fan... I am a HUGE FAN of... No, I'm gonna save that story for the new year. Let's not tarnish 2011 anymore than it already has been. “Old Man 2011” just cannot handle it this late in the game. My close friends know who I am referring to... & she is HOT!!!

So enough of my ranting... what's up with you out there in the Southern Cruiser Nation? Have you got any good rides planned for 2012? How about an SCRC event? Plan on attending any? Or hosting any?

Did you enjoy any that you went to last year (2011)? How about telling me about it... sure, you will have to write up something. And maybe send me a couple of pics. Bu that is how you get in this newsletter!!! Plain & simple!!!

Many thanks to those that sent in stories & pictures... YOU ARE AWESOME!!!! Keep them coming... And watch future issues for them!!!!

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!” by Bruce “Hammer” Mathis

### 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](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!

Jun 22-24 – 2012 TN Ridge Runner – Johnson City, Tennessee

**Aug 30-Sep 2 – 2012 SCRC National Rally – Lafayette, LA**

This is just the start but it will get you to the Motel information for booking rooms. The special rally patch will **ONLY** be for those who pre-register... & will not be available for sale at the SCRC National Rally. There will be other items added for anyone pre-registering as time goes. The site will be updated as things are completed.

The link to the national website is [www.southerncruiser.com](http://www.southerncruiser.com)

Bubba Prescott, National Officer

Mark your calendars!

2012 Cruisin' for a Cure National Rally

Aug 30 thru Sep 2, 2012

Southern Cruisers “Cruisin' for a Cure”

In Lafayette, Louisiana




### Chapter Name Change:


Morgantown #542 is now Mountaineer Country #542

### 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>)

 **Marion County SCRC #237** Jasper, Tennessee 1<sup>st</sup> Officer – Thomas York

 **SCRC Perth #440** Perth, Australia 1<sup>st</sup> Officer – Greg Smith

### SCRC Memorial Page

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

[www.scrcmemorial.net](http://www.scrcmemorial.net)

*I'm safely home in Heaven  
Though I know you miss me so,  
The love I've always felt for you'  
Within my heart still flows,*

*My spirit will remain with you'  
Every single day appearing as a  
Rainbow or as ocean waves at play,  
I'm in the gentle rains that fall'  
and in the morning dew,  
All you see that's beautiful  
reflects my love for you.*

*I didn't mean to cause you pain,  
My time had simply come.  
The work that I was meant to do  
On earth had all been done.*

*I'm safely home in Heaven,  
Where eternal peace is mine.  
And where, when God has called you,  
too, I'll be forever Thine.*

*When I get where I'm going,  
there be only happy tears.  
I will shed the sins and troubles  
I have carried all these years.*

*I'll leave my heart wide open,  
I will love and have no fear.  
When I get where I'm going  
don't cry for me down there.*

*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!





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### SCRC Rings Coming Soon!

Watch the SCRC store for the new Southern Cruisers rings as recently announced. There will be a limited quantity!



### SCRC 101 #17 –GROUP RIDE GUIDELINES – Part 1

The intent of this guideline is to provide the Southern Cruisers Riding Club Chapters and SCRC members information to help to ride together safely. Please keep in mind that these guidelines are not intended to restrict your freedom, but instead, to help ensure that we all return home safely.

These guidelines cannot encompass every possible set of circumstances, and they are intended to serve as a basic guide for most situations. Each person is therefore expected to read, understand, and apply these guidelines, using their best judgment.

Please remember that YOU have the ultimate responsibility for YOUR safety, and always ride within your capabilities and that of your machines.

While this guideline states that the Road Captain is in charge, it is the 1st Officer and/or the 2nd Officer of the Chapter that are overall in charge of their chapter and all functions concerning the chapter. This includes rides. All the officers should be intimately familiar with this guide and the safe riding practices.

(Note: Ride Leader may be substituted for Road Captain.)

(Yes, as you read through this, there are many things repeated, for emphasis.)

#### ALL GROUP RIDERS' RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A) Will observe the objectives and guidelines in order to assure the safety and the welfare of every individual within the group, and any surrounding motorists or pedestrians.
- B) Will follow the instructions of the Road Captain in all situations, unless those instructions place the rider or any other individual in an unsafe situation.
- C) Will maintain their motorcycle and other equipment in a safe riding condition.
- D) Will ride with headlights on or IAW the state laws.
- E). Will ride with a "safety first" attitude. The safety of all individuals, whether or not they are a part of the group, is of paramount importance.
- F) Will ride with a helmet where the state law requires a helmet
- G) Each individual rider is 100% responsible for:
  - G1) Safely operating their vehicle in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws.
  - G2) Making sure that they and their vehicle are un-impaired, and are currently functioning safely.
  - G3) Making sure that they can perform and maneuver safely in the riding environment that they are in. Should they be not 100% sure of their ability in the current ride, they must remove themselves from the situation. At all times, each rider must ride within their capabilities.
  - G4) Section (1) - (3) above and thus, ultimately, their own safety, actions and/or lack of action. It is the duty of every rider to make sure the environment is safe for themselves as well as for other riders. In doing so, every ride will be as safe as possible.
- H) The Southern Cruisers Riding Club does not condone drinking

and riding. Anyone participating in a Southern Cruisers ride or event who consumes alcoholic beverages or any other substance that may impair their ability to operate a motorcycle or any other motor vehicle does so without the consent of the Southern Cruisers Riding Club. Everyone that participates in a Southern Cruisers ride or event must follow the laws regarding driving under the influence set forth by the state(s) within which that ride or event will take place.

- I) The Southern Cruisers Riding Club requires all members to follow and observe all State and Local Laws while participating in a Southern Cruisers Event. The Southern Cruisers does not condone any illegal activities or practices while riding in or holding an event or ride including but not limited to parading and road blocking. Whenever possible, event or ride organizers will coordinate with their local law enforcement or department of transportation for their assistance in road blocking for large processions. If law enforcement assistance is not available, large groups must be split into smaller groups that will be manageable without blocking any intersection, streets or drives. Any violation of this article will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and/or the National Officers and could lead to dismissal from the Southern Cruisers.”
- k) Any officer recognized by the constitution for the Southern Cruisers Riding Club may dismiss anyone participating in a Southern Cruisers ride or event if they are impaired or are endangering the safety of ride participants. Ultimately it is the individual's responsibility to maintain themselves in a safe and lawful manner.

### A Few Words of Advice

Got any new members lately? Are you trying to grow your chapter? Are you riding as a chapter? Once a week, or maybe once a month?

If you are not riding as a chapter, you need to start! if you do not have a ride schedule, you need to plan one - & get it sent it out to your members.

My advice several years back to a new Oklahoma 1st officer was: **Activity & Visibility**. I still believe in that same philosophy to grow a chapter...

Activity - Ride as often as you can as a chapter. Once again I go back to having a ride schedule. Not having your members "on notice" to check their e-mail every Friday to see if there is a ride on Saturday or Sunday. But a "plan" of riding as a chapter. Typically, rides are scheduled at least a month in advance, & get copies to **ALL** members in your chapter.

Visibility – Sure, riding as a chapter will bring visibility. But are you a visible presence in your hometown? Do you & your members wear their vest with the SCRC patch so the locals know who you are... in the parking lot & on the ride? Do you meet to ride in a conspicuous parking area that passers-by can see easily? Do you dine (as a chapter) in local businesses? Do you have an SCRC 1<sup>st</sup> Officer or chapter business card that you can hand someone? These will attract bikers that will ask questions about SCRC. And ultimately grow your chapter.

Submitted by Bruce “Hammer” Mathis





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### Seasonal Recipes - for the Holidays

#### Cornbread

2 cups white self rising cornmeal

NOTE: Martha White self-rising cornmeal mix is best.

1 large egg

1-3/4 cup buttermilk

1/4 cup vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 400°. Coat your skillet (generously) with Crisco & place it in the oven to preheat. Once preheated, pour any excess oil into your cornbread recipe. Bake 25-30 minutes until nice & golden brown.

#### Cornbread Dressing

4 cups crumbled cornbread (from cornbread recipe above)

2 cups dried bread crumbs (can use old bread, biscuits, etc just toast & crumble)

1/2 tsp poultry seasoning

4 eggs, lightly beaten

1/2 cup onion, chopped

1 cup celery, chopped

5-6 cups hot broth

Salt to taste

1/2 tsp pepper

Sauté the onions & celery in butter (or chicken broth if you prefer a healthier method) over low heat until translucent & tender. Then dump all ingredients into large bowl & mix. Taste to see if you want more poultry seasoning, salt, or pepper. Pour into greased casserole dish & bake at 350° for about an hour, until set & golden.

#### Giblet Gravy

Giblets from 1 turkey or chicken

4 cups cold water

2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped

4 tablespoons flour

2 cups pan drippings or chicken broth

4 tablespoons butter

1/2 cup milk (or half & half)

1/2 teaspoon salt & pepper

Remove liver from giblets & refrigerate. Place giblets in saucepan, cover with 4 cups cold water & bring to a boil. Reduce heat & simmer for about an hour. Now add the liver & simmer for another 30 minutes. Drain in a colander, allow to cool, chop & set aside. Melt butter in a heavy saucepan & stir in the flour. Cook & stir for 3 to 5 minutes, or until butter barely begins to turn golden. Slowly stir in drippings or chicken broth & milk or half & half. Continue cooking & stirring until thickened. Season with salt & pepper. Stir in hard-cooked eggs & chopped giblets & serve. Makes 3 cups.

#### Sweet Potato Casserole

3 cups cooked sweet potatoes, mashed

1 cup sugar

2 eggs, lightly beaten

1 tsp vanilla

1/4 cup butter, very soft

1/4 cup milk (or cream)

Optional: 1tsp cinnamon & 1/4 tsp nutmeg

#### Topping

1 cup brown sugar

1/3 cup flour

1 cup pecans, chopped

1/3 cup butter

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix sweet potatoes, sugar, eggs & vanilla with electric mixer until smooth, add milk & pour into buttered 1-1/2-qt casserole dish. Mix topping ingredients together & sprinkle over the

top of the potatoes. Bake at 350° until browned, 25-30 minutes.

#### Pecan Pie

Unbaked 9-inch pie crust

1 cup light corn syrup

3 eggs, slightly beaten

1/3 cup butter, melted

1/3-1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar

1 cup pecan halves

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine corn syrup, sugar, eggs, butter, salt & vanilla; mix well. Pour filling into unbaked pie crust. Sprinkle with pecan halves. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until center is set (toothpick inserted in center will come out clean, when pie is done.).

(If crust or pie appears to be getting too brown, cover with foil for the remaining baking time.). Cool.

Submitted by: Angela Jackson

Here is a pic of my daughter on our burger night ride to Rosamond Foster Freeze.

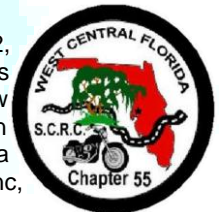
Submitted by: New member Bill Q.



#### Chapter 55

#### SCRC Chapter 55 Veteran's Day Parade

The Veteran's Day Parade, Saturday, Nov 12, 2011, SCRC Chapter 55, Zephyrhills, FL, was led by FO Dudley Albert & Helen with nine fellow members close behind: Ernie Foote, John Riska, Mike Douglas, Bill Donlon, Bruce & Linda Henry, Morris Brewer, Jim Weis, George LeBlanc, Gaetanc & Theresa Charbonneau.



It is an annual affair & have been fortunate to have been a part of it. Tossing our candy from a two-wheeler was a challenge, but at the end all candy was gone. In the evening all riders & several members gathered for a meal at one of the local restaurants. A special thank you to Dudley for his un-tiring efforts of co-ordinating this ride.

Chapter 55 is a very active chapter with a Monday night bike night, Wednesday morning breakfast ride with a bike night, Thursday ride for the enjoyment of out in the country riding, Friday morning no-ride breakfast, & Sunday lunch ride to include an occasional night ride for dinner and/or ice cream.



Submitted by: Ernie Foote, West Central, Chapter 55, Zephyrhills, FL



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#### **Benefit for Baby Halle a Success!**

A very special 9-month-old baby named Halle Marbrey Hayes was the focal point in a special benefit Poker Run on Sunday, Oct 16.

Halle, daughter of Roger Hayes & Ashleigh Marbrey of Dyersburg, was born with three different types of heart defects & only has one functioning lung. Halle had heart surgery just 6 days after she was born & has been beset by many trips to the emergency room since.

"If we can hold off long enough for her veins to mature, we can get an operation that may cure her in Boston at the Boston Children's Hospital," said Marbrey.

The Poker run had four starting points headed by leaders in their communities spearheaded the promotion in their cities:

- Carol Cumberland - Mid-South Riders
- Michael Cole - Southern Cruisers
- Dawn Cook - Rendezvous Club
- Joy Rogers & Tyler Faulkner - Jackson
- Gary Jill & family of Trenton

We were also blessed to have 20-plus Jeeps from the Mid-South Jeep Club participate by the direction of club president Sam Hartman from Hickman, KY, & (riders from) other points all over Kentucky & West Tennessee.

This world is a better world because of the community of motorcycle riders. It was a proven fact this Sunday as more than 100 motorcycles & 20 jeeps rumbled into Big Tim's Citgo in Trenton. The sound was deafening & it got my heart to racing. Pride in my fellow man brought a tear to my eye. It was truly a sight to behold.

Michael Ballard of TRU-TV's Full Throttle Saloon of Sturgis, S.D. was on hand riding his own bike & signing autographs as the motorcycle & jeep enthusiasts joined to complete the Poker Run together.

From Trenton, as one large contingent, we made a beeline to our hosts the Mid South Riders' Clubhouse in Dyersburg. We received a police escort from the Trenton Police Dept. & the sheriff's departments of Gibson, Dyer, Madison & Obion counties.

Once at the clubhouse, we had hot dogs & chili cooked by Dyersburg Mayor John Holden. Upon arrival, participants drew their final poker card & the results were tabulated. Val Smothers of Benton, Ky. & Tyler Faulkner of Jackson had the winning hands.

All money won was donated to the family of baby Halle. We received so many large donations from individuals & motorcycle clubs.

The event was filled with an indescribable fellowship, camaraderie.



Approximately 120 motorcycle and jeep enthusiasts joined together on Sunday, Oct. 16 to aid Halle Marbrey Hayes (left). The 9-month-old daughter of Roger Hayes and Ashleigh Marbrey of Dyersburg, Halle was born with three different types of heart defects and only one functioning lung. Participants in the Poker Run wound through four counties and raised \$3,164 to benefit Halle and her family. The funds will be used to help get Halle to Boston Children's Hospital for a life-saving surgery when she grows just a bit more.

Whatever you want to call it, we were all of one accord.

Story submitted by Michael Cole, FO Ken-Ten Chapter #330 in Union City, Tennessee, & written for the *State Gazette*.

#### **“A Caged Outlook” – Where the Heck Am I?**

There is a small “country church” not too far from where I live which holds a “service” every Thursday night - 6:30 pm SHARP! You better get there early, get a number, find a seat, because when Joe starts “preaching”, it gets pretty rowdy & there are a lot of hands in the air.

Now Joe is not your ordinary stuffy, suit-wearing, clean-shaven, city-slicker preacher... Oh no! He wears boots, jeans, cowboy shirts, a vest, & hat. He gets loud quick, & tends to talk faster the longer the “service” goes. Although there isn't a choir, several folk help out to ensure the congregation knows exactly what “Preacher Joe” is talking about. The ushers don't pass brass or chrome plates down each row of “believers” during the “service”. Each “parishioner” owing “tithes” must go to one of the two ushers to pay up. Each usher is armed with your number, checks your account on a lap top computer, & collects as needed.

You see, this isn't really a “church” at all - but rather an auction house. People start showing up early for free coffee & popcorn. Much like most churches, people wander around visiting for a while before settling into their normal seat. The regulars know who sits where, who is out of place, who is a visitor, who wasn't at last week's auction, who has shops, & who owns other auction houses. They are very picky with whom they sit.

I attend every sale religiously, thus the reason for the church metaphor. It is some of the cheapest entertainment around, as long as you don't wave, nod, or raise your hand! I go to people-watch. I arm myself with a Diet Pepsi & a BBQ sandwich from the snack bar, & let the festivities begin! I have attended enough auctions to know most of the regulars, & even categorized them into the following subsets:

- 1) **Collectors** - Buy the same sort of thing every week, as if to add to a collection.
- 2) **Shop Owners** - Buy stuff to be sold in antique shops, flea markets, or at another auction.
- 3) **Spiteful Bidders** - Buy something they don't even want, rather than to see 'Ol Widor Jones buy it & get a good deal on it!!!
- 4) **Hell-or-High-Water Bidders** – Buy something regardless of the final price. They might be able to get it somewhere else for less money, but get caught up in the moment or just simply will not be out-bid. I personally think they have a lot of money & want everyone else to know they have a lot. They will not be out bid!!
- 5) **“Why did I buy this?” Bidders** - These are the people I like the most. They buy a box full of treasure because it was only \$2.

They usually will try to play it off by picking up a single item out of the box & say “I can't believe I had to buy the entire box just to get this”!!!

I have talked people into buying a box rather than having it put back until the next auction! This box had a complete set of 5 mismatched coffee mugs, a bicycle pedal, a small wooden cedar box, a brass thingy, a rusted whatchama-callit, the prettiest piece of broken blue glassware you have ever seen, a couple of items you should never be caught dead without, & a fine collection of things no one could identify!

I ended up buying a coffee cup for 25¢ because I felt guilty (I don't even drink coffee).



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### “A Caged Outlook” – Where the Heck Am I? (cont’d)

Auctions are a wonderful place full of “things” no one could possibly need, but yet someone is willing to buy as long as it is a good deal!!!! An auction crowd contains some of the friendliest people you could ever meet, & still has its share of colorful individuals. If you are not looking for anything in particular & have a little time to spare, stop at an auction. Usually the food is good, folks are friendly, & there are as many characters as there are at your local Wal-Mart. This auction has something for everyone - even if it is nothing more than a BBQ sandwich & a Diet Pepsi.

Now before any of you cycle-rider readers start thinking “What does this have to do with motorcycles or riding?”... well I will have you know a local biker-celebrity attends almost every week.

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

### EAR PLUGS ARE DANGEROUS!!

OR... How I waited until I had 19 years of street bike experience & a brand new bike to have a crash!

I picked up my brand new '04 Suzuki V-Strom DL1000K4 from MR Motorcycles in Asheville, NC, on Saturday! I had wanted this bike for 2 yrs - since Suzuki first introduced the model here in the US. I did a lot of shopping around to find the right one & the right deal (I also spent a lot of time convincing the wife that I should get it, but that is a different story!).

What a bike! I immediately headed for the Blue Ridge Parkway, & put about 75 miles on my new rig for my first couple of hours of new owner bliss. There were some really awesome sections of parkway, especially the areas with northward facing cliffs that had iced over natural springs (I had never been on the parkway in March, prior to the spring melt).

LeAnne (the previously mentioned wife) delivered me to Asheville, using it as an excuse for a nice weekend getaway with me, her sister, & our niece (also known as “the little red devil”, but I digress). We all assembled back together again at the hotel, in order to have dinner & a movie, & then settle in for a peaceful night. For me, the excitement of a nice, leisurely, scenic ride back home on Sunday was building, & I couldn't wait to mount my new steed once again.

I left the hotel at 9:30 Sunday morning, with the intention of taking the parkway all the way from Asheville to Boone, then finding some back roads for the final leg of my trip back to Burlington. I made it halfway to Mount Mitchell before the Park Service threw a wrench into my plans. The parkway was barricaded, so I had to take the last connecting road to avoid back-tracking.

Fortunately, I had brought along my “back roads” map book, so I was hooked up for some great “undiscovered” roads exploring. The book did not let me down. I took a back road over to Weaverville, then hit US 19 for a few miles to NC197. My map showed that 197 had several miles that were unpaved. I may have chosen another route if I was on my old bike, but the V-Strom is billed as an “adventure tourer”, so I figured that this would be a good mild test of its abilities. The Strom handled great and, other than some places where a thick coat of fresh gravel made it a little squirrely, it gave me lots of confidence in its abilities. I caught US19E near Burnsville, where I consulted the map again to find Altapass Road from Spruce Pine back to the Blue Ridge Parkway. This road runs roughly parallel to NC226, but was a much better choice due to its complete lack of any other traffic.

Getting back on the parkway, I was also on Bike Route 2. I'm sure you have seen the bike route signs on some of the better, little traveled roads. I decided I would take this bike route for as long as I

could, possibly even all the way to NC62, which would take me into Burlington. Except for the fact that some of the bike route signs are missing (or maybe I was oblivious, which is entirely possible), taking these roads seems to be great for routing a motorcycle cruise. I made it all the way to Lenoir on BR2, but then life threw me a curve.

Since it was past 1:00 PM when I got to Lenoir, I decided to hit the local Arby's for some grub. I took my trusty map in with me, & studied my route in between curly fries. The V-Strom has had some complaints on internet forums about wind noise. I personally did not think it was all that bad (I often ride without a windshield, so wind noise is something I am used to). However, upon gearing up to leave Arby's, I decided to install a couple of ear plugs to see what a difference they would make. BAD IDEA! I completely blame those ear plugs for what was about to happen. After all, my day had been perfect before using ear plugs.

I cruise out of the Arby's & prepare for a left turn at the stoplight. As I approach, I notice that the light is green for those in front of me, so I speed up to catch the light. It turns yellow, but by then I am close enough to make it. I slow down as I cross through the intersection, downshift, then let out the clutch as I start to straighten back up. At that moment, my V-Strom decides that instead of leaning into the left-hander, it would rather lie down on its right side. And it did. It also must have decided that I was Superman, & I did my best impression by flying out of my saddle. Unfortunately, I am not Superman, because gravity decided that I should land flat on the pavement.

Now for the fortunate things: I was wearing my leather coat, leather chaps, & gloves. I did not even get a scratch on my body. Also, since I was the last vehicle through the light, there were no cars behind me to use my Shoei helmet as a wheel chock. Two guys stopped to assist me - one in a red 4x4 that pulled up behind me to block anyone from using me & my machine as a speed bump, & another in a green Volvo who made sure that I was not injured. Thank you both for your consideration.

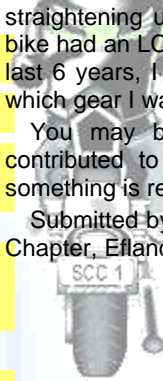
While I did not suffer any harm, my brand new bike was a different story. The only thing actually broken was the front turn signal housing & lens, but there are several scratches to plastic parts, the worst being my right-side hard saddlebag. However, the bike fired right up, & once I taped up the turn signal (which still worked), I was good to go.

At first I was undaunted, & was going to continue on my Bike Route 2 journey. But after a few miles, thinking about the damage I had done to my new pride & joy, I decided to take the most direct route home. So I took US64 to Statesville, & hit I-40 the rest of the way home.

The whole incident is still sort of a blur. It was incredible how fast everything happened, one minute enjoying my ride, the next second thrown to the pavement. My best explanation is that I must have downshifted too far, then stupidly let the clutch out before straightening up. I guess I can only blame laziness. My previous bike had an LCD that showed the gear position at all times. Over the last 6 years, I have become lackadaisical about paying attention to which gear I was in, because I could always look down & see.

You may be wondering how ear plugs could have possibly contributed to my incident. Honestly, they didn't. But dammit, something is responsible, & it certainly couldn't be me! ☺

Submitted by: Kenny "Toxic" Keel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer of Alamance County Chapter, Efland, NC





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### Fall Fest in South Carolina



Roy Todd, 1<sup>st</sup> Officer of the SCRC Sumter SC Chapter, & his wife, Angie, hosted a Fall Fest on Saturday October 29th to raise money for St Jude.

Despite the weather, there was a good turnout including several members from Pee Dee Chapter & Midlands Chapter. Roy & Angie had their property decorated in festive Halloween tradition, & many people came in costume. The Fall Fest started around 10:00 AM with plenty of food, & several events planned throughout the day.

There was a Scavenger Hunt, a Pumpkin Hunt, a Chili Cook-Off, & 50/50 Drawing. Rich & Rainey Greenleaf won the Scavenger Hunt, Zeke & Dana Fazekas won the Pumpkin Hunt, & Diane Carter & Rich Greenleaf tied for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Chili Cook-Off.



Later in the day, the Sumter Chapter did a Motorcycle Parade to a local Children's Charity & handed out Halloween Goody Bags with treats & toys. Everyone had a good time with the kids, & the kids really enjoyed sitting on the bikes, & honking the horns!

The Fall Fest raised some \$\$\$ for St Jude. This will be an annual event that the Sumter Chapter plans on hosting. Thank you to Roy, Angie, the Sumter Chapter, & everyone who participated.



Submitted by Linda Lerner, SCRC Sumter 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer,  
Ride Safe, Enjoy The Ride!

### A Few Words from "Mr. Clean"

"Mr. Clean" here... & JoJo - We have been back in the good ol' U.S. of A. for almost 6 months during which time was able to meet & greet several great people within the SCRC.



The Reunion at Houston was a blast, to say the least. The wife & I were able to ride the entire distance there & back - PLUS bring a little rain along to help somewhat. Houston put a great ride together on Saturday which made us finally feel at home.

Not to stop there, we have just completed a 2,431-mile road trip which we were able to the great folks in San Diego, CA. The ride & dinner with them was fantastic.

On the way home, we were also able to see John "No Fear" in Phoenix, AZ, one could not ask for more.

Our sights are now set for bike week & see the folks there - which I had the pleasure of meeting in '03. Except this time, I am bringing my lovely bride with me!! Also, we shall not forget that Mr. Lee is with us every step of the way.



As said in a very good way - too many roads & not enough time. We hope to make the SCRC National Rally & more events as time goes by. I do know... LOOK OUT Ellis County as we are headed to the Reunion 2012 in Sep.

Thanks to: Jo & George

*Editor's Note: I am glad you two are back home in the states safe & sound! If you are not familiar with "Mr. Clean", you have not been on the SCRC forums!!!*





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### Got a Story?

Everyone has a story to tell. Easy to tell, but harder to write down! Thanks to all of those that have responded & sent me stories for the newsletter. It will be a great help for future newsletters.

When you send me your story, please include:

- Your full name (& nickname if you have one)
- Chapter name & no.
- Chapter hometown
- A few pictures to go with it
- Copy (CC:)your 1st & 2nd officers
- Stories should be your story about riding... and/or riding with Southern Cruisers.

Thanks for the stories. Just wanna make sure it is tied to SCRC & a SCRC chapter. Again... thanks. Send me your story & pics: [news at southerncruisers.net](mailto:news@southerncruisers.net)

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

Remember...

***"I am Southern Cruisers! We're all family here!"***



***Southern Cruisers***  
***Wishes You and Yours A....***

***Merry Christmas***



***and a***  
***Happy New Year!***