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### “The Prez Sez”

A few words from Rick “Rickster” Perry, SCRC President:

First I would like to say I hope everyone is doing well and having a great time with the Southern Cruisers Riding Club. We as a club have come a long way over the last 12 yrs... and I see no reason why we can't do the same thing over the next 12 yrs. With the structure of the SCRC, almost all things are possible for us as a Club to move forward and set the standards for a riding club like we have in the past, and just like we will do in the future. Each and every person that is a part of the SCRC has been the backbone of the club from the very beginning and has helped put SCRC on the map as one of the very best riding clubs around the globe today. The Southern Cruisers is not just known as a great riding club, but known as the “Original Motorcycle Riding Club”.

It's my hope that the SCRC National Newsletter will spark even more interest in our club, and help keep our current membership more up-to-date than ever before.

I would also like to thank Bruce for taking on such a tall task as the SCRC National News Editor and keeping the membership of our club as informed as possible on all the activities that the SCRC is involved in - so please work with Bruce to make the SCRC newsletter a big plus for the entire Southern Cruisers.

I would like for everyone to know that I am available, and will be more than glad to discuss any issues you may have that concerns the Southern Cruisers or just to call and talk about anything that's on your mind. We are always open to new ideas and ways to improve our Club.

I received a call just a few days back about the death of one of our members and Retired Officers, Jonce “Devil Dog” Hubble. Jonce was a long-time member of Sand Mountain Chapter 71 in Albertville, Alabama. Please say a prayer for the family and friends of Jonce... he will never be forgotten.

### SCRC National Officers

- Rick “Rickster” Perry – President
- Richard Krause – Vice President
- James “Bubba” Prescott - Rides and Events Director
- Bill Presley - Membership Director

### Time for Southern Cruisers Annual Pilgrimage to Memphis, TN

August 19-22, 2010 – time for all of us SCRC members to make our pilgrimage to Memphis, TN, for our annual Southern Cruisers National Rally! There is still time to make reservations and plan on attending this year.

Parking for SCRC members - get your parking pass for under the overpass/viaduct from the SCRC Table. If it is closed and someone comes in late, the Marriott will let you park in the covered area until you can get the pass from us the next day. The entrance gate will be locked at 9:00 PM until 8:00 AM. There is no guard. Parking is \$15 – under the Marriott is \$20. If you park in the Marriott, you can come & go as much as you want & it is guarded.

What is there at the rally? Well, you will meet other members from all over SCRC nation, visit the St. Jude Children's Hospital, ride some of the beautiful roads near Memphis on the annual dice/poker run, meet other officers... the list goes on & on. You cannot enjoy the experience if you don't attend. And coming to the rally once is NOT enough.

### St. Jude Children's Hospital – SCRC's “Charity of Choice”

You cannot fully appreciate what St. Jude's does for the kids until you visit their hospital and/or Ronald McDonald House. Listening to the guides on your tour will expose only a small part of what is available. It is an incredible place with incredible people. Thank you St. Jude's for what you do for the kids.

The SCRC National is a great time to visit the hospital or the Ronald McDonald House.

### “Hammer Time”

Let me introduce the first of the first! This is the first ever newsletter for the SCRC Nation! Woo hoo!

I am Bruce “Hammer” Mathis, SCRC National News Editor. And I gotta add my 2¢ worth. In Jan 2010 I started an SCRC Okla newsletter, and the national officers suggested I start one for national. Soooo, here we go!

“What for?” you ask. Because there is information and interesting info/stories that you need to read & know about. Plus your club dues will cover the cost... it's FREE, too!

You will get to read some SCRC news that may or may not be on the forums (you do visit & read the forums, right?), meet various SCRC officers, members, maybe even read some humorous stories, and maybe even a joke or two now and then.

BUT I will need your help... if you like the newsletter (or particular stories), let me know. If you don't like it... well, I'll see that national reimburses your subscription fee!

I (or someone helping with this newsletter) may contact you or your chapter for info that others may be interested in reading. That's right – you may be featured in this newsletter that goes out to all of the SCRC Nation! Coolie, huh?

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

### Meet Your New SCRC National News Editor

Bruce “Hammer” & Sandy “Princess” Mathis: I joined SCRC Tulsa Chapter 167 in Oct 2000 (member #167034 – chapter is closed now). It was an active riding chapter and we had a great time with the members. But the chapter split in March 2001. I became 3rd officer and began planning rides. In June, I began hosting “Tuesday Cruiseday” (Tuesday night dinner ride) leaving Claremore. My intent was to meet riders locally.

In Sep 2001, I became a 1<sup>st</sup> Officer and opened an SCRC chapter in Claremore – Dog Creek Hills Chapter #276. I was 1<sup>st</sup> officer for 5 years. During that time, Chapter 276 rode almost 200,000 chapter miles! I also rode on 4 Iron Butt rides ([www.ironbutt.com](http://www.ironbutt.com)) (more on that in coming editions). Many of my SCRC brothers and sister (yes – a female went) also got certified as Iron Butt riders!



Anyway, Sandy “Princess” (the better looking of us) rode with me on my 1100 Honda Shadow ACE Tourer until 2005. Then she got a 750 Shadow and she would rather ride her own now.



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## Meet Your New SCRC National News Editor (cont'd)

In June 2005, I became SCRC Okla STO (yes – voluntarily). And I stepped down as SCRC Okla STO in March 2010. And in July 2010, I accepted the position as SCRC National Newsletter Editor.

Since joining SCRC, we have made many new friends with our fellow SCRC Okla members and others across the USA. And as a side note... we have made the SCRC National Rally in Memphis every year (except one) since we have been members. And each year we visit St Jude Children's Hospital or supporting facility. St Jude's is Southern Cruiser's national 'charity of choice'. And those kids can really soften a person's heart – please go if you get a chance.

## "Around the Next Curve"

In future newsletters, we will be reviewing and discussing the following:

- SCRC Constitution - Dubbed "SCRC 101" to get you acquainted with what is in it (<http://www.southerncruisers.net/constitution.htm>)
- SCRC Store – Order and wear your patch here... plus other neat SCRC stuff! (<https://secure.southerncruisers.net/store/>)
- SCRC Code of Conduct – what is proper and not! (<http://www.southerncruisers.net/coc.htm>)
- SCRC Riding Guidelines – learn 'em and apply 'em (<http://www.southerncruisers.net/newriding.htm>)
- SCRC Eagle Rescue – what it's role in SCRC nation is all about (<http://southerncruiser.com/eaglerescue/>)
- SCRC Memorial Page – a tribute to SCRC's fallen members (<http://www.scrctemorial.net/>)
- SCRC Events Calendar ([http://www.airsetpublic.com/AirSet.jsp#app.CalServe+qi.taGn.yWwQUzIN\\_v.month](http://www.airsetpublic.com/AirSet.jsp#app.CalServe+qi.taGn.yWwQUzIN_v.month))
- St Jude – SCRC charity of choice and how we support it. (<http://www.stjude.org/>)

## A Growing SCRC Nation - New SCRC Chapters

Sending out a "rev 'em up" welcome to these new SCRC chapters:

- Speedway City # 279** Martinsville, Virginia - 1st Officer Bruce Reid
- St Jean sur Richelieu #417** St Jean sur Richelieu, Quebec – 1st Officer Serge Girard
- Bethany #438** Bethany, Oklahoma – 1st Officer Jim Lancaster
- Manila #535** Manila, Philippines #535 – 1st Officer Willi Cargile
- Ohio River #536** Owensboro, Ohio – 1st Officer Greg Newman

## Meet an SCRC State Officer (STO)

This month's officer: Meet Magnus "Mange" Werner – Sweden State Officer.

Sweden has 4 chapters – Big Lakes #528 in Skövde, Southeast #316 in Karlshamn, South Scania #228 in Skurup, and South Sweden #76 in Bjuv. All are in the southern part of Sweden –and to put things in perspective, the southern part of Sweden is slightly north of being parallel with the southern tip of Hudson Bay, Canada.



"I'm in Chapter #76 South Sweden, the very 1st Chapter created here in Sweden. I am in my best years (+50) and I live in house in a small town named Billesholm about 25 km outside a large, very well known town here in the south of Sweden named Helsingborg.

My family is my four lovely daughters - 28, 24, 22 and 14 yrs old."



"My motorcycle riding started when I was 16 on a '69 Yamaha AS1 that I drove for a couple of years. Then a bunch of cars, including a '63 Chevrolet Impala... came as a substitute for the bikes. In the late 80's I finally, once again, got myself another bike.



It was a Yamaha XT 500 that some guy rebuilt to a chopper with no rear suspension but with a great paint job. Too bad it was murder trying to get it started when it was warm, so after a year I got tired of it and sold it."

"Once again several years went by until it was bike-time again. In 2005 I bought my pride and joy – a '99 Suzuki Intruder VL 1500 LC. A large, low, custom with a big engine, saddle bags and lots of

chrome. Since then there have been many miles on the roads and lots of stuff and more chrome has been mounted to the bike. :-)"

"I joined the Southern Cruisers in July 2008 after reading about the club on the web. Like Rick, I got tired of riding alone and searched for something more. Lucky for me, a guy named Micke Brännlund had started a SCRC Chapter here in Sweden, just a couple of months before (actually the first Swedish Chapter #076 started in the beginning of May 2008). The chapter grew to 72 members in the first year and the distances increased, so in June 2009 we decided to split the Chapter and open a second one - Chapter #228 was born."





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“In September 2009 I got the question from Micke if I was interested in assuming the position as State Officer. He thought we needed someone who could be the link between the Chapters and also take care of the communication up the chain of command. What can one say? I proudly accepted and promised to do my very best, and since September 18 2009 I’m the State Officer in Sweden. Since then, 2 more Sweden chapters have been born - #316 and #528 and we are still growing. :-)”

“The best thing about SCRC must be the friendship among the members. Every time we meet, if it was just a week ago, it’s like we didn’t see each other for months. Always happy faces, always a helping hand. Everybody is always greeting new members with open arms so that they feel really welcome. I can go on and on forever! It’s like a family!”

“Being an Officer in SCRC is nothing less than an honour, and so far, a very rewarding experience. If I have a question about whatever, the answer is never far away. Just a post on the Officers Forum, and there are lots of other Officers with years of experience that gladly helps you out. That’s great!”

“In Sweden, we have lots of great roads to ride and you can never pick a favorite road, just because there are so many left to discover. So many miles of great roads and so little time!”

### Meet an SCRC Regional Officer (RO)

This month’s officer: Brian “Boss” Potter - SCRC Central States Regional Officer.

Central States Region consists of 5 states and 45 chapters: Kansas - 8, Missouri - 8, Nebraska - 3, Oklahoma - 17, and Arkansas - 9.



“I am a member of Flint Hills Chapter #452 in Emporia, KS. A long time ago, I rode for about 5 yrs, and quit riding. I had just got back into riding after an extremely long break when a friend of mine had joined SCRC and applied for a chapter. So in 2005, I thought I would join - I thought it would be fun, I really didn’t know what the SCRC was about at that time. Then when I became the 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer, I began spending all my spare time researching and reading about them. Once I found out what we are all about, I got serious. About a year later, I became the 1<sup>st</sup> Officer. Time went on and I moved up to SCRC Kansas State Officer – and I was the state officer for about 2 yrs. Then in Aug. 2009, I became the Central States Regional Officer.”



“I was dubbed the nickname “BOSS” - not sure why, but a friend started calling me that and it stuck. Maybe ‘cause I can come across as ‘bossy’ – hell I don’t know. I ride a 2008 Harley-Davidson Electra Glide. It’s my baby.”

“What I like most about the SCRC is probably the

camaraderie, family oriented, and just good people with like-minded attitudes that work for the same reasons. As far as being an officer, I like challenges. I’m the type of person that gets bored pretty easy. And being an officer, there is always something to do.”

“I like all roads as long as I’m on 2-wheels... but if I had to choose just one, I think it would be Hwy 62 from Eureka Springs, Ark, to Gateway. It really keeps you on your toes (when you see Frances you might ask her and get her opinion (LOL).” “And... I just want to say thanks for giving me this opportunity to let everybody get to know me a little better.”

### Meet an SCRC Member

Meet this month’s member: Steve Lavendusky - Member of South Central Chapter 266 in Benton, Arkansas.

“I have been riding motorcycles since I was 16 yrs old. Now I ride a 2000 Harley Davidson Road King. I joined Southern Cruisers in 2009 to “have fun with good friends.” I like the people and the cause in SCRC.”



“I am married to Sarah (who is also an SCRC member) and we have four children who refer to our SCRC Riding Club as ‘our motorcycle gang.’” The kids (Stevie, 16, Abigail, 12, Joshua, 8, and Jodee, 8) all argue over who is going to ride with me next.”

“My favorite road is Hwy 5 from Benton, AR to Hot Springs, AR. Hwy 5, also known as “Old Hot Springs Road”, has a very picturesque landscape I like it because it takes us to Hot Springs.”



“Sarah and I are both looking forward to the SCRC Central States Regional Ride-In in May 2011, which is scheduled to be held in Hot Springs.”

### “A Caged Outlook” – Just Another Reason to Eat

A hospital canteen is a great place to ponder the mysteries of my own mind. I have always said “Between my ears is a very scary place. Mostly a vast wilderness, but scary nonetheless”.

One of the reoccurring thoughts I have is “Why is it a pair of pants is called a pair but it is only one article of clothing”? I have asked numerous people this question without a suitable answer. Most reply with “Well, there are two legs per pair of jeans”.

Aha! Now I have them right where I want them! They have taken the bait...they are set up like bowling pins! I then ask them “Why isn’t it called a pair of shirts? The shirt contains two sleeves?!” I love it! The total look of “Ah, well... Ah, hmm. Well, I don’t know. That doesn’t make much sense does it?”



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I also want to know, “How can you put on clean socks every day, but still end up with dirt under your toenails?” But I will save that bantering for another day. Please think on it though - there may be a test.

While wasting time on a completely unrelated thought process, it dawned on me it's late in the month, and Hammer is set to unveil his SCRC global newsletter (Congrats on a job well done Hammer)!

So let's get back on track... as I mentioned earlier, while in a hospital canteen there isn't much to do but think, drink, and eat.

EAT! Now there is a subject I know. I then begin to wonder “What is the maximum distance a group of folks on cycles are willing to travel to eat?”

Now I know the town from which Hammer originates from. I also know there is no shortage of places to eat in his home town. However, he chooses to team up the Princess and ride to other towns to eat! And the two of them are not alone on this ride. They ‘herd up’ with a whole passel of other bikers and head out to destinations unknown. How many towns do they ride through that have perfectly good restaurants with non-discriminatory policies willing to allow *their kind*?

Ohhh No! They have their sights set on a poor un-suspecting Mom & Pop diner filled to the brim with law abiding families trying to enjoy a quiet dinner. Why don't the gaggle of riders ever stop at McDonalds... or Burger King? I know... I know... it isn't the destination, it's the ride! *Mr. Visible!*

### Safety Note

Do you have those cable barriers separating the lanes of traffic going different directions? I have been seeing more and more of them being installed.



It sounds like many bikers are not for them... and you may be of that opinion, too. And I am not trying to change your mind or opinion... Many think if a biker hits one of these barriers it ain't gonna be pretty... sort of like a ‘cheese slicer’ effect. BUT – I have not heard any actual occurrences of this - & hope I never do!

But I travel roads on a regular basis that has these barriers in the median. And the cables are ‘tested’ regularly by vehicles. Many days, I see new spots where a vehicle has violated the cable barriers. And I say to myself “Self, I am glad they are there to keep those vehicles from coming into my lane! Whether I am on my bike or in my vehicle, I do not want any vehicle traveling the other direction coming into my lane.”

And I see the cable barriers doing their job time and time again. I am sure they have saved many injuries and many lives! “*Grab some wind... hammer down!*”

### SCRC Officer Stack-up

SCRC National Officers – 4ea  
 SCRC Regional Officer (RO) – 11ea  
 SCRC State Officer (STO) – 36ea (with 10 Vacant)  
 SCRC Assistant State Officer (STO) – 12ea

29,671 Members (including officers) – 537 Chapters Worldwide

### SCRC – Canada - In the News

New Tours Rev Engines in Waterloo Region of Ontario, Canada  
 WATERLOO, Ont. (July, 2010) – It's a rider's paradise in Waterloo Region! The Waterloo Regional Tourism Marketing Corporation (WRTMC) has partnered with Southern Cruisers Riding Club (SCRC) Kitchener 270 to highlight the Region's premier motorcycle riding roads. SCRC Road Captains systematically rode and documented every road in Waterloo Region to design eight riding tours. Each route highlights top sight-seeing points of interests and road riding safety in the cities of Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo and the four townships of North Dumfries, Wellesley, Wilmot and Woolwich.

“The Southern Cruisers have done an excellent job designing trails that showcase the Region, while also considering rider safety,” said Susan Cudahy, general manager, Waterloo Regional Tourism Marketing Corporation. “Thoughtfully designed tours provide visitors with an opportunity to discover interesting back-roads and areas that are usually only known to locals.”

Most tours can be ridden in two hours through a diverse countryside of modern and Old Order Mennonite farms. Riders will experience some of Ontario's most fertile and productive farmland, one of North America's best farmer's markets, as well as scenic heritage districts, numerous unspoiled conservation areas and natural waterways.

“This is a win-win partnership between the WRTMC and the SCRC Kitchener 270 Chapter,” said Len Luksa, SCRC member. “With help from our sister club in Cambridge we have been able to map out some of the best riding roads in the Region. The collaborative support we received from WRTMC has made this a fun and worthwhile initiative!”

Riding tours can be printed or downloaded directly into your GPS unit (if compatible with the .gpx format).

For complete list of riding tours, please visit:  
<http://www.explorewaterlooregion.com/tourstrails/type/2>

### SCRC Eagle Rescue

I sent an email out to everyone in April about this program (SCRC Eagle Rescue). I'm sending it out again because it has helped another SCRC member.

We had booked into a hotel in Livingston, Mississippi on Monday night and up pulls a wrecker with a bike on it. He unloads the bike and a lady, Suzie, making a journey from Ontario, Canada to San Antonio, Texas, alone. She had a flat tire (with spoke wheels). The nearest motorcycle shop was closed on Monday, so they dropped her off at the hotel. The tow cost her \$100.

In chatting with her, she said she was a Southern Cruiser... we found out she was a member of SCRC Quinte Chapter #236 in Belleville (Ontario, Canada). I had mentioned SCRC Eagle Rescue to her, especially since she was traveling alone. She had heard about it and even said she signed up to house anyone



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### SCRC Eagle Rescue (cont'd)

traveling in her area, but had forgotten and didn't realize it was in the states also.

So we called and within an hour, we had made arrangements for someone to come get her first thing Tuesday morning and trailer her back to the dealership so she could get her tire fixed and back on the road. Thanks to the Northshore Chapter #256 out of Covington, Louisiana, for helping her out!!!

If you are traveling, please write this web site down and carry it with you. It may come in handy. These SCRC folks are all over and willing to help out when ever needed!

<http://southerncruiser.com/eaglerescue>

Jodie “Thumper” Orlando

1<sup>st</sup> Officer – Houston Chapter #49

As posted on Delphi forum:

<http://forums.delphiforums.com/scrchou/messages?msg=11742.1>

### SCRC 101 – No. 1

Here's a little info - it may be new to you, or it may be a 'refresher'. Either way, enjoy... free of charge!

From the home page of Southern Cruisers website:  
[www.southerncruisers.net](http://www.southerncruisers.net)

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.

The **Southern Cruisers Riding Club** is for everyone who enjoys riding with a club, and our club Policies are very simple.

No Dues or Fees

You DO NOT have to show up at All club meetings

No tasks for you to perform

and No Major Commitments!

However, we do ask a few things from our members:

- Always ride safe!
- Don't Give The Club A Bad Name.
- Support Your Club and Chapter.

We just want to ride for the thrill of riding. Most of our trips will be local and not 500 miles from here. So whether you ride a Harley, Honda, Kawasaki or any other Street Legal motorcycle, you will always be welcome at the Southern Cruisers Riding Club. **The cost for membership is FREE.** Our Club Patch is optional and is available for purchase at the online store. The SCRC is involved with charity fund raising rides, local and long distance rides, overnights and club dinner rides, and of course the unknown rides which may lead us anywhere. We also promote Motorcycle and Public Safety rules, And **under NO CIRCUMSTANCES will we be involved in any illegal activities.**

### Smokin'!

I have watched many a TV show about rallies where someone burns their tire off. In fact, some rallies make it a competition to burn their tire off. And sometimes it is more than the tire that is damaged!

Now think about what you expect to happen... it absolutely lights up our senses! At the visual forefront, you have smoke... lots of smoke. And NOISE...lots of NOISE – especially if the bike(s) has straight or loud pipes. And SMELL... burnt rubber – there's nothing

like it! Inhale deeply... it may be next year before you get to enjoy this olfactory delight again! And if you don't wanna TASTE or FEEL the rubber, stay out from behind the rear tire.

While in Shreveport, LA, last year for their SCRC Louisiana State Rally, I asked a fella (shown) in the early afternoon if they were gonna have a “burn out” competition. Must have planted a bug or something.



'Cause shortly thereafter, I caught him out in the dirt a 'practicing! Maybe he thought he was on a dirt bike... and I didn't think anymore about it.

After the sun set, they had a great fireworks display in the parking lot. After the fireworks finale, I thought that was it for the evening. But we had not seen the grand finale yet!



One of the local members pulled up against the curb across from my bike trailer. I did not know what he was doing. Then he turned and pulled up next to me... and put it in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> gear and LET 'ER RIP!

WOW! What a display! Let 'er rip, tater chip! One of the guys said he actually heard the tire pop. Not sure how with all the noise... but he did leave a sizable divot in the parking lot pavement AND a pile of rubber you could bury a cat under. And his little missus came runnin' – she was not too happy about it. I think she gave off almost as much smoke! Guess he wanted a new tire pretty bad! *Grab some wind, hammer down!*

### I Don't Believe It!

Did you know that Maine is not the northern-most point of the lower 48 states? Nope – it is in Minnesota. A small part of Minnesota juts up about 90 miles further. AND it is not accessible from the USA by land – only by water! You must go into Canada to access it by land.



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### Hart Less!

My name is Jessica Hart – ‘Jay’ to my friends. Today started as any normal day for a normal woman in a normal small town in Normals-ville, OK. Yes, everything was normal today. Normal, that is, until my brother, Justice, rolled into the driveway.

Justice rides a Honda Valkyrie. It’s big. It’s loud. It’s fast. And Justice? Well he’s big (6’2”)... & he’s loud... & he drives really fast.

“Justice. What’s up?”

“Well, you know I’ve been staying over at Manda Powell’s.”

“I do now,” I said. “Damn, Justice. You know Skeeter’s going to be pissed when he hears it.” That’s Manda’s on & off boyfriend.

“Yeah, but he ain’t hearin’ it from no one here.”

“Okay. So what brings you here?”

“Well, I wanted to do something special for Manda so I told her I’d cook.”

“No way! I am not cooking dinner for you, Justice!”

“Damn, Jay...Can you let me finish?” I bite my lip.

“I don’t want you to cook for me. I just want to know where I can get some morel mushrooms. I thought they’d be good with the spaghetti I’m cooking for Manda tonight.”

“One. Breathe in, breathe out. Two...”

“Quit counting! I’ll pay you for them. Besides, you know where the morels grow & I want to cook up a special supper for Manda.”

“How much?” I ask.

“Well, how about \$5?” he asks.

“\$10 - I have to go hunt them. I have to fight the chiggers & the bugs & the snakes. I want \$10.”

“Done,” he says as he sticks out his hand to seal the deal.

“Arrrrh!” I growl as I turn away, “Come & get them about 3:00.”

Helmet on head, Southern Cruisers vest on body, small paper sacks & my Lady’s 9mm Smith & Wesson in my backpack, I climb onto my Enduro motorcycle & head towards the lake. I bought the Enduro when my last ex split. It was the only way I could clear my head. It was the only way I could think. I had to ride. It was cheaper than therapy.

It’s only a short ride to get to the lake. I always hunt mushrooms in a secluded area 1/4-mile away. There’s a small grove of trees with a clearing in the middle. The morels thrive around fallen timber. I take off the helmet, shake the helmet hair loose & start unloading my backpack. The paper sacks are for the mushrooms. The Lady’s S&W for any wild critters.

The grass is about thigh high this time of year. The grasshoppers are swarming. As long as I don’t see a snake, I will be okay. Snakes scare me. I’m a little jumpy thinking about the snakes, but let it go when I reach the first fallen tree.

“Bingo!” I yell to myself when I score several morels growing behind the tree. Morels are easy to find. They don’t look like other mushrooms. They actually look like little sponge brains. Not anything that can be confused with something poisonous. I pinch the tops from all of & put them in my sack, looking all the while for another fallen tree. There’s one across the field, just a hundred feet away. I start walking that way. About 10 feet from the tree, I trip & fall.

“Damn, Jay. You can’t even walk today,” I mumble while picking myself up. I start to knock some of the yuck from my jeans.

“Holy crap! I knew I should have charged more than \$10!”

To be continued next month...

### SCRC “Patch Project”

The SCRC “Patch Project” was conceived and started by Bubba Strawn several years ago. And through a misunderstanding, it came to me at the ‘06 SCRC National Rally. We presented the project to Rickster at the ‘07 SCRC National Rally and he has asked us all to keep it growing and to share it with everyone.

This project is not owned by anyone or any one chapter - it belongs to all of SCRC. It is a focal point of reference for all the chapter patches; a visual representation of where we are and where we have been.

It is awesome to see folks look at the hanging and find their chapter on it. The diversity of locations and range in style of patches are amazing. The patch project will continue to grow – with your help – as SCRC continually grows and changes.

We all share the same hobby – riding our motorcycles. SCRC is made up of folks from the highbrow to the hillbilly, we have from beautiful to beastly, royalty to redneck. However, we all are in an organization that shares the same type of heart. We’ve come as individuals to join local groups to become statewide friends and an international family.

Isn’t it great to be able to ride anywhere, enjoy a smile on your face and have the side benefit of helping the children and families at St. Jude Children’s Hospital? Every one of us gives of themselves in time, money, heart and more. BUT we get so much appreciation, love and great feelings in return. Thank you so much for letting me be a little part of this and for allowing me to do this small thing to show what a great organization we are.

Barbara “BBRune” Boone

### “From the Passenger Seat”

April 3, 1969: I will be four years old in 18 days. Mom is coming home from the hospital with my new baby brother for me to torture. I sit on the windowsill and watch for Mom and Dad. Finally the car pulls into the drive, but Dad is not in it. He is driving behind the car on a shiny new red 1969 Honda Dream 305. I jump from the windowsill and run out the door. I walk around the motorcycle admiring the shiny red fender.



“Do you want to come in and see your new brother?” Mom asks.

“I want to ride with Dad!” I reply.

Dad smiles and says, “Well come on then!” He lifts me onto the passenger seat and then he climbs on.

“Sonny, you better not let her fall off!” Mom yells as he starts the motorcycle.

“You put your arms around my waist,” he says, “And hold on as tight as you can!” And I do. The faster he drives, the tighter I hold on. My pigtails and pink skirt fly in the wind and I am the happiest little girl alive!

This journey began forty years ago “From the Passenger Seat”.

**NOTE:** *From the Passenger Seat* is written by an SCRC Okla member.

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