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### "Hammer Time" by Bruce "Hammer" Mathis

Wow! Has May flown by or what? I did get out and ride a bit – rode to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the 2011 Central State Regional Ride-In in mid-month. It was cool weather riding that weekend, that's for sure! But on the ride down, on the poker run, and on the ride back – it was great to ride with everything green. The smell of the honeysuckle was the dominant factor on the 2-lane highways. And the yellow hop was in full bloom covering the fields with their yellow flowers.

It sure was great to be out among fellow SCRC riders and friends! "Sophia" teased me with a bit of trouble while there... but with the assistance of Chapter 159, we got her fixed up right away.

"Princess" has been spending a lot of her time at the hospitals. At them not in them - both of her parents have been ill. Looking forward to them both getting back to healthy.

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

### As the SCRC Nation Grows... NEW SCRC Chapters

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

-  **Southern IL SCRC #552** Illinois 1<sup>st</sup> Officer – Rick Dunaway
-  **Searcy County SCRC #356** Marshall, Arkansas 1<sup>st</sup> Officer – Wayne King (Welcome back Wayne!)

### NEW Assistant State Officer (ASTO) in - Texas

Texas has a new Assistant State Officer – Jodi Orlando, who has been FO for Houston Chapter 49, has accepted the position as ASTO for East Texas. Congrats to Jodi!!

### NEW Assistant State Officer (ASTO) in - Georgia

Congrats to Brian "BK" Harbin as he takes on the responsibilities of Assistant State Officer (ASTO) in Georgia.

### NEW State Officer (STO) in - Kentucky

Welcome Cullen Thomas as the new State Officer in Kentucky. He is stepping up from being FO of Buffalo Trace Chapter 467. Join me in wishing the best of luck to Cullen Thomas!!

### SCRC 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 2011, you better "get to gettin" it approved! Contact Bubba Prescott to get it reviewed & approved!

- June 2-5 – California State Rally – Oakhurst, California
- 3-5 – Tennessee State Rally – Cookeville, TN
- 4 – "Rollin' for the Kids of St Jude" – Berwick, Louisiana
- "Run to the Sun" – Wilmington, North Carolina
- VA "Pig Iron Run 500" - Virginia
- 9-12 – Kentucky SCRC State Rally – Morehead, KY
- 10-12 – Oklahoma SCRC State Rally – Pryor, OK
- 17-19 – "Fun Run" – Bedford, Virginia
- 24-26 – "Tennessee Ridge Runner" – Johnson City, TN
- July 2-4 – "Fais-Do-Do" – Lafayette, Louisiana
- 15-17 – Georgia State Rally – Commerce, GA

### SCRC Calendar (cont'd)

- July 22-24 – New England "Rendezvous" – Barton, Vermont
- 29-31 – Great Lakes Gathering – Sterling Heights, Michigan
- 29-31 – Indiana State Rally – Columbus, Indiana
- Aug 5-7 – Virginia State SCRC Rally – Lynchburg, Virginia
- Aug 18-20 – SCRC "Cruisin' for a Cure" National Rally – Mountain Home, AR**
- Sep 16-18 – Texas State Reunion – Houston, Texas
- Oct 7-8 – "Run for the Border" – Del Rio, Texas
- Nov 4-6 – "Peanut Festival" – Dothan, Alabama

### 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](http://www.scrctemorial.net)

I don't know if you read these... or if you visit the memorial page, but I do. The poems are incredible... but what really gtes me is the members we have lost over the short years that SCRC has been a club. 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!

### The Winds of Fate *Ella Wheeler Wilcox*

The clock of Life is wound but once,  
One ship drives east and another drives west,  
with the self-same winds that blow,  
'Tis the set of sails  
And not the gales  
That tell them the way to go.

Like the winds of the sea are the winds of fate,  
As we voyage along through life  
'Tis the set of the soul  
That decides its goal  
And not the calm or the strife.

### How do I Transfer an SCRC Member to Another Chapter?

Members may want to transfer to another chapter for various reasons – within the same state/country, or in another one. Please honor any and all member's decision to transfer.

Send an e-mail to: Bill Presley, SCRC National Membership Director.

Copy the officer(s) of the chapter the member is transferring into. And also copy the member(s) being transferred.

Include the following information:

- Member name
- Member number
- Chapter name & no. transferring from
- Chapter name & no. transferring into

The only ways a FO/SO can verify this transfer has taken place:

- SCRC National Membership Director may reply to all that it has taken place
- Check your roster to see if the member has been removed (**NOTE:** FO & SO - you cannot view rosters of other chapters)
- Or contact the FO of the 'receiving' chapter to verify (FO/SO can refer to their roster)



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### Meet an SCRC International Officer – in Switzerland

Meet Marco Fink, FO of Switzerland SCRC Chapter 520 since October 2008.

My name is Fink. I'm the 1<sup>st</sup> officer since 2008 of the Swiss chapter 520 in Switzerland. My better half and I founded the chapter after I moved from Canada to Switzerland.



In Canada I was a member of the local SCRC chapter in British Columbia Shushwap (Chapter 254).

Switzerland with the Alps is a great place to ride any kind of bike. There are so many beautiful and challenging winding roads. For all level of master ship. It is very common to travel over mountain passes and be in total different cultures of buildings and languages. One of this great trip is to ride over the pass “Susten” to the pass “Grimsel” over the pass “Nufenen” to the pass “St. Gotthard” and then over the pass “Oberalp” and back home. It is a 1-day trip and involves 4 different official languages.



I'm riding since a teenager and had my first real bike in 1987. In this days I ride... or better glide... on an H-D Electra Glide Classic 2011 and I'm not getting tired of cruising the great roads in Switzerland, all over Europe and USA.

To be a FO is a rewarding and interesting position. This is enough talking. I like to go riding now.

### “Jay Hart” - Jay's Summer Love

“Okay Guys and Gals!” Bear yells. “Gather round.” Everyone steps closer to hear Bear. “This ride has a lot of twists and turns, ups and downs. Our first stop will be in 46 miles. Its a little country store called *Dandy Stop*. Questions?”

My name is Jessica Eugenia Hart - Jay to my friends. I ride a motorcycle with a group called the Southern Cruisers Riding Club.



I walk to my Enduro and slip on my back pack.

“Hey “Slick”, slow down.”

I glare at “T”, the Crazy Cajun. “Listen “BUB”! My name is not “Slick”, or “Babe”, or “Honey”, or “Slim”, or whatever other pet name you have under that southern drawl. It's Jay. Just plain Jay, okay?”

“Don't pay any attention to her “T”,” my brother Justice interferences. “When we were little she would get mad because I called her.. psssst, pssst,” Justice whispers to “T”.

“Justice! I will not make you another pie if you tell him anything about any name you called me growing up!”

Justice quit whispering and shrugged at “T”.

“Sorry Bro. Her pies will win me over anytime. She knows that.”

I smile. “Yes, I do know that. And if you want another pie, “T”, it best be just plain Jay next time and not some pet name.”

“Ma'am...”

“And cut the ma'am crap, too!”

“Okay just plain Jay. The Rocket III is going to miss having you on the backseat today.”

“Rocky will be okay for a day without me,” I say climbing onto my ride.



There are 18 motorcycles basking in the early June sunlight today - each with its own distinctive sound. Together they are loud... and roar over the hills and through the curves for 46 miles to their destination.

I drive onto the gravel parking lot at the *Dandy Stop* and park. The *Dandy Stop* has a wood front with a large covered area. There are picnic tables in the covered area. The owner, Dan Bewley, has a smoker on the side of the building and cooks bar-b-que sandwiches for the store, and also for catering events.

“Well bless my heart,” Dan says standing in the door shaking his head. “Is that my little “Jaybird”?” I can hear Justice and “T” snicker. “And you brought your friends! Come on in, everyone. Git you somethin' to eat!”

I hug Dan. He kisses me on the cheek.

“Mother!” Dan yells at his wife Elizabeth. “Our little “Jaybird” has come for a visit and brought her friends.” Elizabeth comes out of the back smiling.

“Jay! You've got to come see our new one,” Elizabeth says dragging me into the back. “T” and Justice follow. “Someone just threw him out the pickup window on the way by. Poor little fella really needs some attention.”

I freeze on the back lawn waiting for Elizabeth's nutty mutts to surround me. She only has 4 dogs today – 4 black lab mixes, a pug mix, and a mid-size red hound. The hound hobbles toward me, his front leg in a cast. He sits at my feet and looks up 'grinning'. He has



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### “Jay Hart” - Jay’s Summer Love (cont’d)

floppy, black ears that are too big for his red head. I drop to my knees in front of him and hug him.

“Hey Boy,” I say. He licks my neck and cheek. “You are a little lover boy, aren’t you?” I look at Elizabeth. “I want him.”

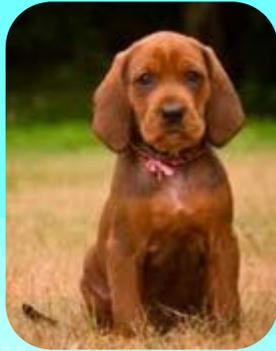
“How do you think you’re going to get him home on the motorcycle, Sis?” Justice taunts.

“I have an idea,” I tell him smiling.

“This should be good,” he says.

I walk to my motorcycle and grab the backpack. I take everything out of it.

“Jay, that’s not going to work. He’s too big.”



“He probably weighs about 25 lbs. I’ll cut holes for his back legs, zip him up tight and let his head rest on my shoulder.”

“And what are you going to do if a cop sees you?”

“I don’t think it’s illegal to give my dog a ride on the motorcycle, but I’ll ask. Hey “Dozer!” I yell at Johnny “Dozer” Humphries. Johnny is a county deputy sheriff and the closest I have to a lawyer at the given minute.

“Jay.”

“Is it illegal to give my dog a ride on the motorcycle?”

“Not in this county. How you going to put a dog on that Enduro?”

“She’s going to shove it in that backpack.”

Everyone chuckled.

“Hey, “Jaybird,” Dan says. “I got something that might work for you.”

Dan walks into the shed on the side of the store and returns with a baby carrier. It’s a back pack made for babies!

To be continued... Written by: Angie “Church Lady” Ryan, SCRC Northeastern (Okla) Chapter7

### Safety Tip – Riding in Hot Temps

Weather conditions can make all the difference to enjoying a motorcycle ride - or not. Few people venture out in extremely cold temps. Depending on the climate, spring & summer normally offer the best riding conditions for man and machine alike. That being said, in some climates (typically the southern U.S.A.) the temps can be too hot for riding during the summer months unless you are prepared.

Manufacturers realized there was a market for specialist clothing to keep riders cooler during summer rides. To “try” coping with the heat, you can use a cooling vest. They make several different kinds: vests, vests with removable sleeves. Some models also have a collar to cool your neck area. You soak it in cold water for about 5 minutes. They really work, and will last longer if you use a non-mesh riding jacket. Wind tends to dry them up faster.



In the summer months you can wear full riding gear, including riding pants, leather boots, and gloves, and a knit neck “cooler” saturated with water. As quickly as the fabric dries out in the blast-

furnace wind, flip the faceshield open, squeeze a gusher of water down, and slam the faceshield shut again. The water dribbles down to wet the neck cooler and shirt inside the jacket. About 10 seconds after the water penetrates the neck cooler, it cools from evaporation in the hot air.

I stop at a fast-food outlets every few miles to replenish the water bottle with ice and water.

Your body has automatic “thermostats” to protect the core organs from heat stress, including sweating, vasodilation, increase in heart rate and reduction of blood pressure. If these tactics don’t keep core temperature within the redline, the body gives you warnings such as heat cramps. If you don’t take care of the problem, it gets more serious, including heat exhaustion and heat stroke.



The human body won’t take much of an increase in temperature without complaining. The symptoms of overheating are leg cramps, tired muscles, headaches, dizziness, and even fainting. The various symptoms are trying to tell you how overcooked you’re getting.

Muscle cramps caused by heat usually effect the legs and lower abdomen first, then the arms. Heat cramps are a symptom that the body’s electrolytes are running low. It’s not smart to ignore muscle cramps. Find some shade and take a break. Sip water or an “exercise” drink Exert firm pressure or massage the cramped muscles to relieve the spasms.

Please check the medical information for symptoms of Heat exhaustion.

Next month we will have more information on this topic. Be safe and have fun!

Submitted by: Mike Sumter, Will Rogers Chapter 159

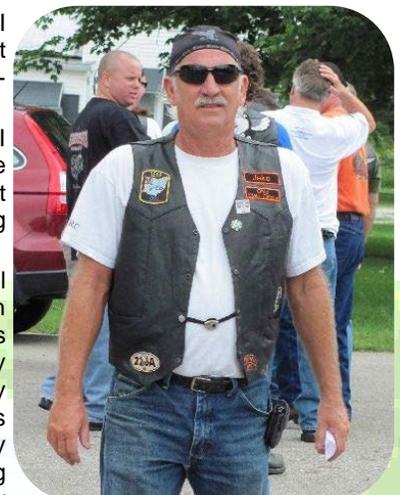
### Meet an SCRC State Officer (STO) – in Ohio

Meet Jake Haas, SCRC STO for Ohio since 2010 & is a member of East Cincinnati Chapter 309 in Cincinnati, OH. He is STO for 11 chapters (11 - 1<sup>st</sup> Officers & 9 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Officers).

I joined SCRC in ‘06 when I started Chapter 309 in Clermont County, OH. I ride an ‘08 Harley-Davidson Street Glide.

I started the chapter because I was looking for people to ride with, and it seemed there just wasn’t anything with my riding style in the area.

The chapter started off small and slow, but it has really grown and I am proud of how things turned out. We have a lot of very active members - we ride nearly every weekend, take several trips each season, and we stay pretty involved even in the non-riding months. I have met a lot of really great people and some I consider to be true friends. Wwithout SCRC, I would have never even known them. SCRC turned out to be a great thing for me and my wife, Crystal, and even our relationship.





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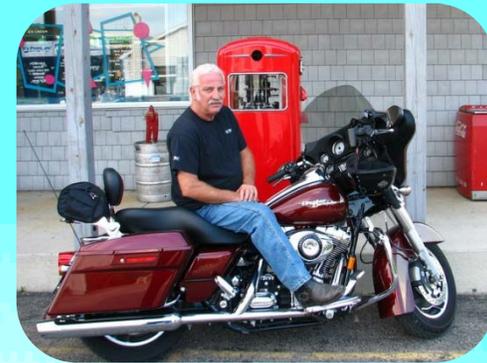
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I became the Ohio STO last year. We've attended tons of events with other chapters in Kentucky, and they really have the state together. I would like to see Ohio start growing in that direction. I will be encouraging chapters in Ohio to have multi-chapter interaction this riding season!

Last year, we held the first ever "multi-chapter" event. We had members from 4 or 5 neighboring chapters get together for a cookout and hosted some bike games. We had a good turn-out, and I was happy with things... so we are doing it again this year. It will be in Middletown, OH, on Sept. 18 (rain date Sept 25). I am hoping for a good turn out again. I would like to work with other chapters in Ohio to see if they would be willing to do the same - host a gathering for neighboring chapters to encourage interaction, and eventually see things grow into a rally.



I also plan to borrow an idea from Texas - we are introducing Roadkill "Roady", the Ohio State Mascot in June. We are hoping to encourage some mingling between chapters by bringing him out and encouraging the "winning the mascot program". I am hopeful this will help the state bond a bit more.

I've seen encouraging signs from the south and west side of Ohio as we have at least 3 or 4 chapters that have been planning rides including one or more chapters.

One of the things I enjoy most about SCRC is meeting members. Seems every season we travel somewhere new and we always try to look up the local chapter and do a 'meet 'n greet' thing. We've met members from chapters in: KY, TN, NC, SC, AL, GA, TX, FL and even Canada on some of our trips! That is when you can really appreciate what you are part of... when you can call someone up in Florida and ask if your son can leave a vehicle while you go to Biketoberfest. And you get an invite to a BBQ while you are at it! Now that is what makes this club great - the members!

My advice to any officer would be to hang in there and have fun. And remember - 2 or 3 people riding is still a lot of fun! So if things seem to be growing slow, just give it time. I've learned to not worry about who isn't around and just enjoy the group that is.

Jacob Haas, Ohio STO - [www.OhioSouthernCruisers.com](http://www.OhioSouthernCruisers.com)

### SCRC 101 # 7 - Officers

How about putting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Officers (STO) in the spot light. Their duties and responsibilities consist of:

9) **First Officers** are those that have applied for a Chapter and are in charge of the same. First Officers must be 21 years of age or older. First Officers are required to purchase a large Southern Cruisers Riding Club patch. They are also required to wear the large patch as long as they are the first officer of the chapter or are a Officer within the Southern Cruisers Riding Club. First Officers will use their own discretion as to their term of office. When leaving office, they may suggest candidates to the State Officer and National Vice President for appointment or an election may be held within the chapter with the approval of the National

Vice President.

The National Vice President will approve all First Officers. First Officers may be removed by the National Officers, Regional Officer, State Officer with approval of the National Vice President, or by action of the Board of Directors, for conduct that shows the SCRC in a bad light, or any other reason deemed in the best interest of the Club. Officers that resign their positions for any reason shall notify the State Officer and/or the National Vice President.

All Officers who resign from their positions for other than hardship reasons will have a 6 month waiting period before they can be considered for another Officer position in the Southern Cruisers. Hardship reasons consist of personal illness or that of a direct family member, death of a direct family member, relocation, temporary financial hardship or extreme time constraints placed on a member by employment, education or family. Officers that have resigned due to hardship will be able to regain an Officers position based on the Chapter's need and with the State Officer and National Vice President's approval.

All Officers that resign due to conflict of interests; or who have been negatively reviewed by the Board of Directors previously; or Officers that have been removed from their position for failing to follow the Club By-Laws or Officer Code of Conduct will not be allowed to hold an Officers position in the Southern Cruisers Riding Club again.

#### First Officers duties are:

- a) Keeping chapter members informed of SCRC National policies and events and also local rides and events.
  - b) Maintaining communication with their State Officers and National Officers.
  - c) Maintaining their chapter roster and notifying the National Membership Director of all changes in Membership status and member roster information.
  - d) Maintaining a ride schedule which includes regularly scheduled chapter rides and the possibility for impromptu rides.
  - e) They must have a working email address and phone number. First Officers will not hold any other Full-Time Officer position in the Southern Cruisers Riding Club.
- 10) The National Vice President will approve all Second Officers. Second Officers may be removed by a National Officer, Regional Officer, State Officer or First Officer with approval of the National Vice President, or by action of the Board of Directors, for conduct that shows the SCRC in a bad light, or any other reason deemed in the best interest of the Club.

#### Second Officers duties are:

- a) Second Officers' only duty is to assist the First Officer when needed in the handling of matters within that Chapter. The Second Officer, only when needed, is to step in and take the place of the First Officer. However, Second Officers cannot remove a member within the SCRC without first obtaining approval from the First Officer or National.
  - b) They must have a working email address and phone number. Second Officers will not hold any other Full-Time Officer position in the Southern Cruisers Riding Club.
- 11) National Officers, Regional Officers, State Officers, Assistant State Officers and Chapter 1st and 2nd Officers are the only positions that will be recognized by the SCRC and have access to Officer's Only material.



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- 12) Other Officers may become necessary as the Club grows and will be established by the National Officers and duties described in this Constitution.
- 13) The National President or National Vice President or any National Officer can overrule any decision made by any Officer in the Southern Cruisers Riding Club.

### **“Just Passing By...”**

I am cruising down the interstate at a pretty good clip. And I'm feeling pretty good about making good time! I am heading over to a rally in the state next door... but on the OTHER side of the state. So I feel the need to take the interstate to get there since I could not get off of work on Friday.

I have made minimal stops just for gassing up... Yep! Looks like (or rather “feels like”) I am going to make the rally in time to catch the start of the dice run.

Oh no - my thoughts got ahead of me! The traffic appears to be slowing down and lining up in the right-hand lane. What's the deal? I slow down some and stay in the left-hand lane. I start passing cars and semi-trucks... lots of semi trucks! I am going slow, but still faster than the right-hand laners are going – heck, I never know when a car gets tired of the slow-go and jumps out in front of me. Then I see the reason why everyone has slowed down – road construction ahead. A big, lighted state sign with the message “LEFT LANE CLOSED IN 1 MILE”.

Closed in 1 mile!!!!??? Then why is everyone starting to line up in the right-hand lane so far back? Well, I know the big rigs communicate via CB radio and they know ahead of time of the road issues way before I do “for sure, for sure, 10-Roger on that!” And traveling cars and pickups tend to fall in line right behind ‘em. There must be something ‘bad’ ahead that they don't know about, right?

But, I am one of those that the people in the slower, right-hand lane detest... I am rebellious and do not ‘fall in line’ behind everyone. Nope – I just ‘keep on keepin’ on’ in the left hand lane. Riding a cycle, I know someone will always let me squeeze into the right-hand lane further down the road. There is always a ‘hole’ when a semi starts up at a snail's pace. And I actually feel pretty good about passing umpteen cars & semis. I will hang in the left-hand lane until it says “MERGE NOW”.

But I know once it says “MERGE NOW” (or sometimes “MERGE NOW – STATE LAW” or even “DO NOT PASS”), I know at that time I have to get into the right-hand lane with everyone else. I don't need to be issued a ticket for passing everyone in the right -hand lane.

So THEN is time to slide into right-hand traffic! But until that sign tells me to get over... well, falling in behind everyone else is just a ‘courtesy factor’, right? And I know how it sucks to be stop and go on a cycle for that distance. Besides, I have a rally to make in time to catch the dice run! “Grab some wind... Hammer!”

### **Chapter Patch – Denton County Chapter 195**

Does your chapter have a chapter patch? If so, remember that is must be worn on the FRONT of your vest – not the back! If it is on the back, please have it relocated to the front.

A chapter patch also has to be approved BEFORE it is made available to the chapter. For approval, the 1st Officer of the chapter must submit the design to Richard Krause.

I asked for some pics of chapter patches & the story behind them on the SCRC Officers forum. So, officers – check it out. There is a lot

of good info on that forum. And some good discussions that may benefit you & your chapter, too! I am always intrigued by other's artistry & creativity!

**Denton County:** Yes, the Denton County, TX chapter patch is cool, but there is more to it than just looks. It is more than just a group of images slapped together, and there is a meaning behind each element of the design. Take a moment and look at the patch again. Now let me share the meaning and symbolism behind the design.

We'll start from the center and work our way outward:

- The design inside the triangle is a representation of the flag of Texas, the Lone Star State.
- The points of the triangle represent the relative locations of the cities that make up the Dallas / Fort Worth metroplex. If you look at a map of the area and draw lines to connect the cities, you will find that you've created a neat triangle with Dallas in the lower right corner, Fort Worth on the left and Denton, TX, at the peak. In its heyday, this area was known as the “Golden Triangle”.
- There are two bikes on either side of the triangle. Each bike is different. This represents that we do not discriminate on what you ride or how it looks. All are welcome. The bike on the right has no rider. This to remember our fallen brothers and sisters.
- And finally, the gold band then encompasses the patch. The band symbolizes our bond as a chapter.



The Denton patch is a simple design, but the meaning behind it is powerful.

Thanks to Scott Rasco, ASTO North Texas, for this submission.

### **Granny Tickle Weeds!**

A little while back... er... ah... a few years ago, no, several years ago. Hmmm - no wait! Well... a long time ago, I was a part of a motorcycle mishap. I wasn't the cause of the mishap, but I was on the receiving end of a little pain and suffering because of it.

Try to keep up with my family tree! My mom's cousin's husband's son, Terry (which makes us third cousins?) had a small AMF Harley-Davidson trail bike of some sort. It was his pride and joy, and no one was allowed to drive it! PERIOD!

We (Terry's sister... whose name escapes me, my brother and I) would wait our turn to be taken for a ride on Terry's “Hog”. Even at an early age, it just felt wrong riding on the back on a bike hanging on to another guy!

Anyway, Terry would take us down the gravel road a piece at a ‘rocks-a-flying’ pace, turn around in his grandparent's circle drive, and come back again. He stopped only long enough to unload his last victim, load the next unsuspecting soul, and repeat.

Finally, it was my turn again to ride... and I can't wait!

He asked me “You ready for something different?”

I said “You bet!” AND you can bet the next time I will ask what is meant by “You ready for something different?”

So off we go, down the same gravel road I have seen several times already. And I am thinking to myself, “Oooh! this is really different.” Not really sure what is so different about it.



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And then IT happened! Without so much as a “Hang on!”, he hooked a sharp right turn off of the oil-and- chip road, bouncing across a small ditch and ripping into a small field full of head high grass. Of course, Terry never backs out of the throttle and is laughing like an exhaust-huffing lunatic!

He hollers over the roar of the massive engine, “We call this grass “Granny Tickle Weeeeeeeeds!!!!”

So there we are - riding double on a cycle barely large enough for one guy, cutting a trail through 5 -foot high grass, and can't see past the front wheel! I am not sure how many laps we made around/through the field before IT happened.

All of a sudden, Terry's right foot struck something solid... very solid... shoving his heel into my shin causing the bike to lurch to the right.

All I can remember from this point was that both of us scattered in the “Granny Tickle Weeds”. He lay a little to the right of me and the cycle was piled up sort of in-between and slightly ahead of us. Terry said his right toes were hurting like \_\_\_\_! (fill in the blank).

While he was rolling around whining like a sissy, I started to look for what ever it was we had hit. I left the wallowed area were we had landed and were dislodged from our senses and from the motorcycle... tracing back to where only single set of cycle tires had cut through the “Granny Tickle Weeds”, and there it was.

It looked to be a small sapling stump leftover from a past brush hogging! I don't recall how many broken toes that Terry had. But I do remember he had too many on that foot anyway!!!

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

### Meet an SCRC 1<sup>st</sup> Officer (FO) – in Arkansas

Meet Ryan “Toast” Coody, SCRC 1<sup>st</sup> Officer (FO) of N. W. Arkansas #107 in Fayetteville/Bentonville, Arkansas, area.

“Hello All! My name is Ryan “Toast” Coody, and I am the First Officer for Chapter 107, located in Northwest Arkansas. I ride an '08 V-Star 1100 Custom on all my favorite roads here in Arkansas. I may be a little biased, but I feel the Ozarks are some of the best roads in the country!

As far as my “least favorite” roads – I haven't found any yet, but trust me – I'll keep looking! My nickname “Toast”, was given to me not long ago because of my reputation for getting a sunburn on nearly every ride, and usually with some great “raccoon-eyes” or other eye-catching alternatives. Unlike many reading this, I didn't grow up on motorcycles, or ride them my whole life, but I have LOVED them all my life, and had always wanted one. I wasn't able to purchase one until a few years ago, and I haven't stopped riding since!



I joined the Southern Cruisers after seeing a few members walking around at our Bikes, Blues, and BBQ Rally (BBBQ in Fayetteville, AR) one year. It took about six months, but I finally signed up at the beginning of 2010.

From my very first ride with this chapter, I loved it. The people were awesome and friendly, and the rides were great. I spent the summer riding roads I'd never heard of and making friends I never would have met otherwise. A few months later, our FO stepped down, and our

SO opened a new chapter closer to his home. And somehow, I was talked into taking the FO position! That was a little over a year ago now. At the time I wasn't sure if I was right for the job, but with the support of everyone in the chapter I agreed, and I wouldn't trade this past year for anything!

Our chapter was started in June '00 and has been on the road non-stop for the past 11 years. I'm proud to be a part of the history of Chapter 107 and always keep in mind that we create history with every ride we make. I really enjoy my job helping to guide and move the chapter along. I look at it as an opportunity to share what I have found in the SCRC with all those out there looking for it. There are tons of people looking for the SCRC – they just don't know what it is (yet). If I can share this with someone else, even just one someone, I feel that I have done my job.

I am proud to be a Southern Cruiser and am thankful for all the friends I have made. It's an amazing feeling to go to an SCRC rally and not be able to make it across the room because every face you run into is a friendly and familiar one, just waiting to say hello, shake your hand, and hug you.

For awhile, I couldn't point out exactly what made an SCRC rally different. But I finally realized – it's not a rally at all. It's a family reunion!”

Thanks again! Ryan “Toast” Coody, 1st Officer – N.W. Arkansas Chapter #107 – [www.nwar107.com](http://www.nwar107.com)

### Scientific Conversions

- 1) Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi
- 2) 2000 pounds of Chinese soup = Won ton
- 3) 1 millionth of a mouthwash = 1 microscope
- 4) Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement
- 5) Weight an evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram
- 6) Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = Knotfurlong
- 7) 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Sterling
- 8) Half of a large intestine = 1 semicolon
- 9) 1,000,000 aches = 1 megahurtz
- 10) Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower
- 11) Shortest distance between two jokes = A straight line
- 12) 453.6 graham crackers = 1 pound cake
- 13) 1 million-million microphones = 1 megaphone
- 14) 2 million bicycles = 2 megacycles
- 15) 365.25 days = 1 unicycle
- 16) 2000 mockingbirds = 2 kilomockingbirds
- 17) 52 cards = 1 decacards
- 18) 1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 FigNewton
- 19) 1000 milliliters of wet socks = 1 literhosen
- 20) 1 millionth of a fish = 1 microfiche
- 21) 1 trillion pins = 1 terrapin
- 22) 10 rations = 1 decoration
- 23) 100 rations = 1 C-ration
- 24) 2 monograms = 1 diagram
- 25) 4 nickels = 2 paradigms
- 26) 2.4 statute miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital = 1 IV League
- 27) 100 Senators = Not 1 decision

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Remember... **“I am Southern Cruisers! And so are YOU!”**