

# Streets of St. Louis

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Take the most beautiful spring day you can image, throw in 300 bikes and what do you get? On April 1<sup>st</sup> we got the "Streets of St. Louis" ride! The "Streets of St. Louis" ride was a Chapter sponsored event to raise funds for the Kirkwood H.O.G.'s Chapter and, although, I'm not sure what the planners of the Kirkwood H.O.G. "Streets of St. Louis" ride thought the day was going to be like when they were planning this ride what they got was fabulous! Being the first really big ride of the year you could feel the excitement in the air. I didn't see a spec of dirt or a piece of chrome that wasn't polished so it wasn't hard to guess what everyone had been doing for the last few days.

Just walking through the crowds the one thing I kept hearing all day long was "I haven't seen you forever" and we all know in a bikers mind "forever" is equivalent to "since we put the bikes away for the winter". Most of us got to see friends we haven't seen for a few weeks and meet new friends that we hope to see in the near future! And unlike some of the things that come with winter, the only contagious things I saw going around all day were hugs and handshakes.

The morning started out with people arriving at Doc's to sign up for the ride in leather. Our planned stops were at Harry's, Blueberry Hill, Weber's Front Row and our final stop was at The Sports Zone. I have to say the staff at all of the stops were very friendly and did their best to make sure everyone was well hydrated and fed. With every stop you saw more and more clothes being shed and placed on the bikes. By the end of the day lots of us received our first sunburn of the year! And with a little luck, hopefully we will be blessed with another fabulous ride next year!

