



Dave Anderson, Boogie Bash™ Resident Photographer

For those that may have noticed we are missing one of our key Boogie Bash™ and the Society for Injured Riders (SIR)™ Family members this year. Our hearts are shattered to say that - friend, fellow rider and our event photographer Dave Anderson passed away on August 24, 2023, in a motorcycle accident outside Vernon B.C.

How did Dave Anderson become our resident photographer for Boogie Bash™. In 2017, during a conversation with Coralee Vaness, President of Society for Injured Riders (SIR)™ at the time we talked about how cool it would be to have a photographer at Boogie Bash™. That said person could take pictures of the event but also take pictures of people and their bikes. We thought it was a great idea. So welcome to the world of Facebook. Well, there was this guy who was showing tons of pictures of Polson Park and various outdoor pictures. We thought why not, what is the worst that could happen, he could say no, who wants to hang out with over 1,500 bikers for a long weekend, right? Well, we decided to reach out. Here is my message to him.

Hello Dave. I volunteer with a nonprofit organization. We have an annual event called Boogie Bash™ in Rock Creek over the August Long Weekend. We are looking for a photographer who might want to be a vendor at the event. We were hoping that if we had a photographer that took pics for the riders etc. that we could have them take pictures for us throughout the weekend. Not sure if this would work with your schedule or if you even wanted to consider this. Take a look at our website and let me know Thanks in advance Tracy....

His response... Hi trace yes for sure if I'm home I'll love to do that. When would deadline be to commit to it.

LOL (Laugh out loud)... That's it... His response. He called me Trace from Day one... sure going to miss that man.

During his first Boogie Bash™. He came to me, I do not know how many times and apologized and said I missed this or that cause I was so busy checking out something else that was happening. He was like a kid in a candy store. It was so fun to watch him while he took all his photos, and the end results were absolutely amazing. His comments to me after his first Boogie Bash™.

"I had an awesome time. Made good friends with my neighbor and when my sister and husband came, we all went for dinner in town at the pub. This event was way out of my comfort zone but I'm so glad I did it. Had a great time."

For those that did not know him you would think he was this quiet, reserved guy that would just walk around and take amazing photos, keeping to himself, and enjoying the experience. So many never knew he rode a motorcycle, loved all things KISS. Did you know he was even in a band?