

# 1,700 bikers to be invited to Seneca Fest

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SENECA — More than 1,000 Upstate bikers could be in attendance at this year's Seneca Fest if they accept an invitation from the city.

Events coordinator Riley Johnson received approval from the Events Committee to mail approximately 1,700 postcards inviting motorcyclists to the Seneca Fest Saturday festivities. Johnson said the mailing could cost between \$800 and \$1,200. The cost for the postcards will come out of Seneca Fest's approved \$45,000 budget.

Johnson said designated parking for the bikers will be at Norton-Thompson Park on May 26, and those being invited previously attended Pickens County's Blue Ridge Fest.

In addition, Johnson added this would also be an appropri-

ate time to recognize the late Larry Brooks, who formerly worked with Seneca Utilities Department and as a volunteer firefighter at Seneca Fire Department.

Brooks died March 16 in a motorcycle accident on Wells Highway. The motorcyclists coming into the city could be on a memorial ride to remember Brooks and money raised from the memorial ride will go to Brooks' daughter, Brittany.

"This fits into our theme," said Joel Ward, committee chairman and city councilman. "We want to tie more into giving to charities and memorials."

The complete schedule of events for the free, three-day Seneca Fest, starting May 24 with Jazz on the Alley and continuing through May 26, is online at [www.seneca.sc.us](http://www.seneca.sc.us).

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