



# *The Shadow Writer*

**Official Newsletter of the  
Shadow Riders Club of  
St. Louis**

**April 2005**

## **A Letter from the President**

The first two Sundays of our official ride schedule were beautiful days and the turnout was great. We had 40 bikes for the first ride to Augusta and 30 for the Grafton ride. I felt energized just seeing all the bikers in the Old Orchard parking lot! I know some of you made an extra effort to participate in the first ride of the season, and I appreciate that. Thank you.

On the way home from the Grafton ride, I had the “delightful” experience of a huge surprise obstacle entering my path. Ed and Linn Acree were leading, Ryugen was next, and I was bringing up the rear when a bale of straw tumbled off a truck going the other way – right in front of Ed. He managed a masterful swerve. I was hastily trying to guess which way the bale was going to bounce so I could swerve the right way when I saw Ryugen plow into the corner of it (deliberately, he said later). Fortunately, it was straw, not hay, and when Ryugen hit it, it scattered around him. I got a few stray strands stuck in various parts of my bike as I rode through what was left. Of course, my heart started to trip-hammer after the whole incident was over. Just shows that you never know what you’re going to run into!

In spite of all that, it feels good to be riding again on a regular basis. I’m gradually chipping the rust off my riding skills. I still don’t feel as comfortable or flow as smoothly through the transitions as I did at the end of last season. My reactions aren’t as automatic and I have to think more about the details of my riding. But it’s coming back. I suspect many of you are experiencing the same thing. I’m trying to get out mid-week for short rides on local back roads to refresh my skills faster. .

Hope to see you at a club ride soon. Ride safe and have fun.

Nita Fisher, President

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**~Saturday Night Out~**

May 14, steak dinner. Watch your e-mail or check the **HOTLINE** or **WEBSITE** for location and time.

# Club Meetings

## Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month

Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane

**NEXT MEETING: April 26**

## Road Captains/Safety Meeting

6:30 PM, BEFORE CLUB MEETING, most months

Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane

**NEXT MEETING: April 26**

## SRC Board Meeting

7:00 PM, 2nd Wednesday, EVEN-NUMBER MONTHS

Olive Garden, 12990 Manchester Road

**NEXT MEETING: June 8**

## Sunday Group Rides

Meet at Old Orchard Center, Manchester & Braeshire Ave. (West of Weidman Road)

**Official ride season begins April 3.** Rides leave promptly at 10:00 A.M. Arrive early, line up your bike, and visit with your friends.

## Membership Stats 2005

<b>Main Members</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>Significant Others</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Junior Members</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>141</b>

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There was no business conducted at the March General Membership meeting.

Stewart Marolf reported a working balance in the treasury of \$4,363.21.

Randy Tallant was back and offered members a CD of the photo proofs for the March of Dimes Bikers for Babies calendar. The calendar itself should be available after April 1.

Dennis Meade called attention to legislation (SB 491 and HB 718) that would cause the funding for the state's MSF classes to expire as of June 2007. He encouraged members to contact their legislators to oppose this legislation.

As preparation for the 2005 riding season, Dennis showed a 15-minute MSF video on basic group riding techniques, including common hand signals. The video was followed by a discussion of some of the techniques described and some hand signals that are unique to the Shadow Riders.

## SRC Welcomes New Members

**Gerry Motara** (rides a yellow 2005 BMW R1200GS)

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*By Peggy Phillips*

This month's recommended rides are courtesy of the Acree's, Ed & Linn, compiled from their many travels around the country.

- Choose some back roads through Illinois, heading for Paducah, and beyond, to the Land Between the Lakes as your turnaround. IL 3 is a good choice, and when you get to IL149, take it east to Murphysboro, and catch IL 127 south to IL 146 east, which drops you off on I-24 (east) to Paducah. Past Paducah, watch for the exit for the Land Between the Lakes, and stop at the Visitor Center in Grand Rivers, KY. If you go the first weekend in August, you'll get to see the hummingbird migration. In Grand Rivers, KY, you might enjoy 2-inch pork chops at Miss Patti's...just be sure you make reservations, 1-888-736-2515.
- From Pagosa Springs, Colorado, take US 160 east to South Fork, CO, then turn north on CO 149 through Creede and on to Lake City, where you'll find great pizza at Alice's. You'll see the source of the Rio Grande River, and Slumgullion Pass, besides crossing the Continental Divide twice.
- From Summersville, West Virginia, take WV 39 east and join with WV 55 to the Cranberry Glades Visitor Center, at the junction of highways 55, 39, & 150. Upon leaving there, take 150 North, called the Highland Scenic Highway. WV 150 ends at US 219, and you go north on 219 to find WV 15 west. WV 15 is steep with lots of curves, as it descends into Webster Springs, WV. To add to your itinerary, take a side trip off of US 219 at jct WV66, to the Cass Scenic Railway State Park, and Snowshoe Ski Resort.
- If you're in Sturgis/Spearfish South Dakota area, an absolute must is to ride through Spearfish Canyon. Take Alt14 south out of Spearfish and enjoy the gentle 3% grade, with wide, sweeping turns, alongside Spearfish Creek, between the canyon walls. This is "the ultimate motorcycle road."

Thanks, Ed & Linn! These are great suggestions for both day trips out of St. Louis and longer quests.

What's your favorite to share with the club?

Contact Peggy Phillips at [pphillips@ccaglobal.com](mailto:pphillips@ccaglobal.com), or see me at a GM meeting to share your suggestions.

## CURVES AND HILLS

By Dennis Meade  
SRC Safety Officer

The 2005 riding season started off on a good note. As many of you know on Sunday April 3, we had more than 40 bikes for the first ride of the season.

Those of you who were able to make the ride enjoyed some curved roads and a few blind hills. How should you handle those curved roads? How would you handle those blind hills?

First of all let's talk about the curved roads. That is a lot of what a motorcyclist loves about riding. But they could also be the most dangerous. When you are approaching that curve in the road you should **SEARCH** ahead around that curve as much as possible and slow down the bike so that you can enter the turn at a safe speed. Remember when you are going into a turn in the road **NEVER** take the turn any faster than what you feel is safe for you on your bike. Try to **EVALUATE** what the unknown hazards ahead might be. You will not be able to see 12 to 14 seconds ahead. Visibility is limited to a four-second immediate path of travel. Predict that the unknown hazards will enter the path of travel with other unknown risks ahead. Decide to increase space and give yourself time to react, if necessary. **SLOW DOWN**. When going into the turn **EXECUTE** it by rolling off the throttle and using your brakes to reduce speed (if needed) and increase visibility as much as possible. Remain in the center lane position to permit increased cushion to oncoming vehicles.

Second, how would you handle those blind hills? When riding on a two lane road and coming up a little hill **SEARCH** ahead over the hill if possible for any on-coming traffic. Try to **EVALUATE** that the hills will reduce your 12-second visual lead with unknown hazards ahead. Predict that an unknown hazard ahead will enter your path of travel (car crossing center lane or entering from a dirt road) with additional unknown risk ahead. Decide to adjust space and time to react by reducing speed and moving to the center of your lane. **EXECUTE** by rolling off the throttle to adjust speed. Steer to adjust lane position and continue to **SEE**.

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## May Rides

### May 1 – Rend Lake, IL

At about 117 miles from Old Orchard to Rend Lake, this is one of our longest rides. The first 30 miles are on interstate and divided state highways. The rest is two-way, two-lane state roads with a few gentle curves. Lunch at Windows Restaurant overlooking the lake offers a fried chicken buffet for \$8.95 or you can order from the menu.

### May 8 – Bee Tree Park (new ride for the club)

A short ride will take us to the park, located just south of Telegraph Rd. along the Mississippi River (at the intersection of Green Par Rd. & Finestown Rd.). The Nims Mansion houses the Golden Eagle River Museum. This park has a 3 mile hiking trail and 7 acre lake. It also is the site of the Lindell Gordon Memorial Garden. Truly one of the finest hidden treasures of St. Louis.

### May 15 – Maryland Heights Motorama

The Club will participate in the Annual Maryland Heights Motorama Blackjack Ride. This ride will be in two parts: the first a short but scenic ride from Old Orchard to Sportport, the Maryland Heights Soccer Complex, and the second a North County Blackjack ride.

### May 22 – Kimmswick

On May 22, we will be making our annual visit to the Blue Owl Restaurant in historic Kimmswick, MO. This is always a very popular event, combining scenic rolling roads, fellowship and great food.

### May 29 – Chester, IL

It is about 80 miles from Old Orchard to our lunch destination. We'll start out with interstate until we cross over into Illinois, then take the Bluff Road through the scenic bottomlands. We'll have lunch at Reid's Harvest Smorgasbord in Chester, one of the best all-you-can-eat buffets around. After lunch we'll ride past the bronze statue of Popeye before crossing the bridge into Missouri and wending our way back north on two-lane roads through St. Mary's, St. Genevieve, and other river towns.





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On display at The Pyramid in Memphis, TN  
April 22 through October 30, 2005

This exhibit features nearly 100 motorcycles covering the last 125 years of motorcycle history and development. It explores the motorcycle as a cultural icon, design object, and technical achievement.

It is organized chronologically into eight sections from invention starting in 1868 through recent developments in motorcycle design.

Section 1 “Inventing the Motorcycle: 1868-1919” features a steam-powered motorcycle and early Indians and Harleys.

Section 2 “The Machine Age” 1922-1929 features an early BMW, a 1928 Harley 8-valve Board Track Racer and a Scott Flying Squirrel.

Section 3 “New World Orders: 1930-1944” reveals a change in scale and demeanor with a 1933 Ariel Square Four, a Harley Knucklehead, and German and American military models.

Section 4 “Freedom and Post-war Mobility: 1946-1958” charts the emergence of the motorcycle as an avenue of social escape, with Triumph, Indian, and Moto Guzzi on display.

Section 5 “Popular Culture/Counterculture: 1960-1969” examines the motorcycle as a cultural icon and includes a 1980 Honda CB92 and a 1960s Norton and Triumph.

Section 6 “Getting Away From It All: 1969-1978” focuses on the nation’s growing malaise and includes the 1969 Harley chopper from “Easy Rider” plus a 1973 Penton Jackpiner and a 1977 Honda Goldwing.

Section 7 “The Consumer Years: 1982-1989” tells the story of prosperity and leisure activities using a Kawasaki Ninja, Norton Wankel Rotary and Buell RS1200.

Section 8 “Retro/Revolutionary: 1993-present” traces the different routes taken recently in motorcycle design from stripped grunge to highly individualized designer machines. Motorcycles on display include a 1994 Britten V1000, 1995 Aprilla Moto 6.5, 1998 MV Augusta F4, and 2004 Honda Rune.

The exhibit is open seven days a week, including holidays, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (last entry at 7 p.m.) with tours starting every 15 minutes. The least busy times are afternoons, early evenings, and Sundays. Tickets are \$15 each, with discount packages available in multiples of 25 for \$250. They can be purchased at the door or in advance from [www.museumtix.com](http://www.museumtix.com) or (800) 559-7907.

### SRC Mileage Awards

**IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!** At the end of the year, the Shadow Riders will honor those who ride at least 7,500 miles, 10,000 miles, or 15,000 miles during the year. To sign up, e-mail or call in your current bike mileage to Bob at [bobmuellerjpc@hotmail.com](mailto:bobmuellerjpc@hotmail.com) or 636-946-8360. Later, you’ll report your end-of-year mileage to determine the level at which you qualify.

Let’s all ride more and have more fun!

**April 21—MOD (B4B) Ride Night at Bottleneck Blues Bar (Ameristar, St. Charles)**

This is the next of the recurring events at Ameristar. You can socialize with fellow riders and support Bikers for Babies at the same time. If you're planning to attend contact Laura Boone at 314-646-0117 or laboone@marchofdimes.com so Ameristar can include you in the count for a free coupon or t-shirt.

**April 23—Ted's Spring Open House, 10-4**

Since this is a Saturday, we will not have an organized ride there. (The fall open house is on our Sunday ride schedule.) Try to fit this into your schedule and support our sponsor. It's a good chance to browse, buy, and have fun. Ted's and I would both appreciate it if a bunch of Shadow Riders showed up.

**April 23—Special Olympics Opportunity**

We've been invited to be part of the Special Olympics Olympic Village activities. They want 10-20 motorcycles for the special needs folks to look at, sit on (if you're willing), and maybe get their picture taken. The Cobbs have done this in previous years and Marklyn says it's a blast! They want us to meet at the Steak 'N' Shake at Hwys 44 & 141 to ride together to Rockwood Summit High School on Hawkins Road at 8:15-8:30. We should stay 'til about noon. If you'd like to do this, please let me know by April 21st. Reply to prez@shadowriders-stl.com or (636) 257-2238.

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**Motorcycle Safety Foundation  
Basic and Experienced Rider  
classes are offered at these three  
locations.**

**SLCC at Forest Park: 314-644-9175  
(registration is now open; classes  
start in March)**

**Jefferson College: 636-797-3000  
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classes start in April)**

**St. Charles Parks & Recreation:  
636-949-3377 (registration now  
open; classes start in March)**

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# April-May 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>April 24</b> 10:00 am Ride TBA (not Pocahontas)	<b>April 25</b>	<b>April 26</b> 6:30 pm Road Captains 7:00 pm Club Meeting Elks Lodge	<b>April 27</b>	<b>April 28</b>	<b>April 29</b>	<b>April 30</b>
<b>May 1</b> 10:00 am Ride to Rend Lake	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> SRC ERC Class
<b>8</b> 10:00 am Ride to Bee Tree Park	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> SNO (to be announced) Ladies Over- nighter
<b>15</b> 10:00 am Maryland Heights Motorama	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:00 am Ride to Kimmswick	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30 pm Road Captains 7:00 pm Club Meeting Elks Lodge	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:00 am Ride to Chester, IL	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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<p><b>For Sale:</b></p> <p><b>2004 Honda Shadow Spirit VT1100C</b> V-twin, liquid-cooled, shaft drive, 1100 cc engine; Stored indoors, adult ridden Extras: luggage rack, Kuryakyn ISO grips w/throttle boss and brake-pedal cover Black, 2,069 mi, \$6450</p> <p><b>Call Don Owen at (636)-225-3426</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">02/05</p>	<p><b>For Sale:</b></p> <p><b>2002 Suzuki Intruder 1500 LC (shaft drive)</b> Black &amp; Chrome, 11,700 adult miles (always garaged) Mustang Seat with drivers backrest Luggage Rack with passengers backrest Floorboards front and rear (heel/toe shifter) Cobra Pipes with jet kit (sounds and runs fantastic) Large cruiser windshield with lowers, Windshield bag Custom Kuryakan ISO grips Leather Saddlebags, Crash bars with highway peg \$7,500 firm (\$12,500 invested)</p> <p><b>Call Skip Gauldin at: (314)-393-5546</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">03/05</p>
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<p><b>For Sale:</b></p> <p><b>1998 Honda Valkyrie</b> Cream &amp; blue, 58,000 miles, very clean, runs great, good rubber, new battery, free leather-like bags Special Shadow Rider price = \$6,500 <b>Call George Trowbridge at (314) 838-8115 or (314) 422-3112 (after 1:00 PM, please)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">03/05</p>
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## Upcoming Motorcycle Rallies

**If you're planning to attend one of the rallies, but aren't listed here, let Nita know (prez@shadowridersp-stl.com or 636-257-2238) so folks can get together if they wish.**

**Branson Motorcycle Rally, May 19-22, 2005** (details at [www.bransonmotorcyclerrally.com](http://www.bransonmotorcyclerrally.com))

*Those planning to attend include:* Diana Johnson

**Honda Hoot, Knoxville, TN, June 22-25** (details at Honda Motorcycles website or 800-347-1289)

*Those planning to attend include:* George Trowbridge

**Wing Ding** (Gold Wingers), Ft. Wayne, IN, July 4-8, 2005 (get details at [www.gwrra.org](http://www.gwrra.org))

*Those planning to attend include:* Bob Mueller

**Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, August 8-14, 2005** (get details at [www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com](http://www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com))

*Those planning to attend include:* Cathy and Dan Eidson, Mike Dooley, Doug and Donna Shaw

**Bikes, Blues & BBQ, Fayetteville, AR, September 28-October 1, 2005** (details at [www.bikesbluesandbbq.org](http://www.bikesbluesandbbq.org))



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### **May 7—Special Shadow Riders MSF Experienced Rider Course**

There are still spaces available. Contact Dennis Meade at [bluegw@shadowriders-stl.com](mailto:bluegw@shadowriders-stl.com) or at the GM meeting for an application form.

### **May 13-15—Niehaus Cycle Sales Appreciation Days**

Mingle and shop the many vendor booths in a biker-carnival atmosphere. Niehaus is located at 718 Old Route 66, Litchfield, IL.

### **May 14-15—Third Annual Ladies Overnight Trip**

Meet at 7 am on May 14 for an early morning departure. Contact person is Peggy Phillips ([pphilips@ccaglobal.com](mailto:pphilips@ccaglobal.com)). **Randy has offered a free pre-ride bike inspection to anyone going.**

### **June 11—Club Progressive Food Ride**

### **June 12—Club Picnic at Hahn State Park**

### **August 18—Shadow Riders host MOD Ride Night at Bottleneck Blues Bar (Ameristar)**



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