



The Shadow Writer

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

April 2007

A Letter from the President

Fellow Shadow Riders,

The riding season has started! Already, we've had a couple of rides, one unofficial the last weekend in March, and our official first ride on April 1. Both were safe rides, which is all anyone can ask.

Our second ride of the season, a scheduled ride to Grafton, did not go off as planned. Last Sunday, the wind and cold, plus the Easter holiday, meant we had only one bike, the ride organizer! The rest of us showed up on four wheels instead of two, but we still had a nice time chatting.

We'll talk more about this at April's General Meeting, but I'm excited to report that we have been honored with the top club spot for the March of Dimes' Biker For Babies T-Shirt. And, as we will discuss at the meeting, our commitment to the March of Dimes and to the St. Louis community is unmatched. Again, thanks to the 2006 Board and all of the members who worked and contributed to make us the number one club in the area. I hope that we can maintain that commitment during this year as well.

Finally, as those of you attending the last General Meeting heard, Kevin Polito has stepped down from his post as Safety Officer, for personal reasons. Dennis Meade, who has held this and other roles in the Club, has agreed to step back into the Safety Officer's role to fill out the 2007 season. I would like to publicly thank Kevin for all of his previous hard work and dedication to the Club, and to keeping us safe. And, I would like to thank Dennis for agreeing to serve out this term. We are truly fortunate to have members like Kevin and Dennis.

Ride safe, ride often! Hope to see you all in the wind!

Best regards,
Eric Levy



~April 24th Meeting~

**Special riding safety video
Vote on next year's
Holiday Party date (see p. 3)**

Club Meetings

Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month

Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane

NEXT MEETING: April 24, 2007

Road Captains/Safety Meeting

Will be called by the Safety Officer as needed.

SRC Board Meeting

7:00 PM, 2nd Thursday, even-number months

Zapata's Restaurant, 14007 Manchester Rd, Ballwin

NEXT MEETING: June 10, 2007

Sunday Group Rides

Official ride season started April 1. Meet at Old Orchard Center, 14128 Manchester Rd., behind Starbucks.

Rides leave promptly at 10 AM. Come early, line up your bike, and visit with friends.

Membership	Apr '06	Apr '07
Main Members	96	106
Significant Others	27	29
Junior Members	3	1
Total	126	136

New e-mail address? Don't miss out!

Send it to membership@shadowriders-stl.com or call the membership coordinator (Erin) at 314-293-0404.

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2007 Motorcycle Rallies

Branson Motorcycle Rally, May 17-20
(www.bransonmotorcyclerrally.com)

Americade, Lake George, NY, June 4-9
(www.americade.info)

Honda Hoot, Knoxville, TN, June 20-23
(www.hondahoot.com or 800-347-1289)

Don Rygelski (314-355-4474) plans to go to the Hoot and is looking for others who are also going.

InZane 1, (Valkyries) Great Smoky Mountains, June 27-July 1
(www.valkyrieriders.com/inzane)

Wing Ding (Gold Wings), Billings, MT, July 4-7 (www.gwrra.org)

Little Sturgis Rally & Races, Sturgis, KY, July 19-22

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, August 6-12
(www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com)

Bikes, Blues & BBQ, Fayetteville, AR, October 3-6 (www.bikesbluesandbbq.org)

With two officers and several coordinators absent, the March meeting was probably the shortest in club history. Eric Levy reported that both Ted's Motorcycle World and Twin City Honda have renewed their sponsorship. He also announced that Kevin Polito has resigned as Safety Officer for personal reasons; Dennis Meade has agreed to fill the position.

Diana Johnson reported that the spring fling came in \$52 under budget. Larry Wahlers' treasurer's report showed \$3536.62 in the general fund with all spring fling expenses paid.

Marklyn Cobb said Ira Steuer is still looking for ideas for Saturday Nights Out.

Bob Mueller reminded us that the mileage award program will continue this year. Starting mileage should be sent to him. He also said he has one cabin left for the Deal's Gap ride and other people willing to share.

At the March 27, 2007, General Membership meeting Laura Boone proposed permanently moving the Holiday Party to early Spring to avoid possible conflicts with bad winter weather in January. We deferred voting on this proposal to give members time to consider this move and voice any support or concerns for it. We will bring this proposal up for a vote at the April 24, 2007, GM meeting. If you cannot attend, please discuss or send your concerns or support to any board member, who will voice this input on your behalf at the meeting. —Eric Levy

SRC Welcomes New Members

Cliff & Christie Dugan (ride an orange 2004 Honda VTX 1800C)

Mike Neuhaus & Stephanie Kaelin (ride a candy orange 2004 Honda VTX 1800C)

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It Takes a Club to Be a Club

Marklyn Cobb

Greetings Shadow Riders! And I do mean greetings. I greet you all and invite you all to know what it means to be a part of this club.

The greeting stands for what I and others truly feel towards guests, new members, old members and even past members. We are a friendly group and many of us have developed close relationships throughout the years. Riding together, socializing, doing events together and of course eating is a standard practice of our club.

The first event I experienced with the Shadow Riders was in the summer of 1998. We were not members then and were invited to come out and do the marble run and picnic with them. We were impressed with how well everyone was working the event and having a great time doing it. There were other clubs present like the Dream Weavers and were enjoying themselves as well. Sponsors were also there to give out goodies and give-aways. The weenie bite was my first bike game for me with the mustard dripping off of my face attempting to bite that piece of meat dangling oh so high. That was a great party and we had fun. We later joined the club and became involved with its activities by volunteering.

Volunteering. That's where the good stuff comes in with the benefits. I have gained so much from this club through volunteering and being involved with the club over the years. Improved riding skills, friendship, saw and experienced new things, gained leadership skills: a great way for personal growth. The more I feel like I have gained, the more I want to give back. It works something like a friendship; you know how it goes, "it takes a friend to be a friend" type thing. The one thing I do know is that if it's not fun, then what's the point? You have to keep it fun. I'm sharing this with you now because we are about to embark on a new season of adventures that awaits us all to experience.

I invite you all to come out and experience the adventures and gain the benefits from this club as I and others have. I'm proud to call myself a Shadow Rider because it means something to me to know that I always have a Sunday ride to go to, friends to ride with, experiences to share, and don't forget the food – plenty of good food. Although, I still haven't bitten that weenie!

See you out there this season! Remember: Ride safe, have fun!

Mileage Awards

Send your starting mileage (Jan1) to Bob Mueller at bobmuellerjpc@hotmail.com or (636) 946-8360.

Categories are 7500, 10000, and 12500 miles for the year.

April-May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 22 Washington, MO Ride	April 23	April 24 Club Meeting Elks Lodge	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28
April 29 Riddle Ride	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5
May 6 North County Bluffs Ride	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12 Saturday Night Out
May 13 Bixby Ride	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19
May 20 Niehaus Ride (Litchfield)	May 21	May 22 Club Meeting Elks Lodge	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26
May 27 Brussels, IL Ride	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31		

Ride Descriptions (All rides leave Old Orchard Center at 10:00 A.M. Be there early to line up.)

April 22 – Washington, MO (Kevin Polito): We'll head west toward Missouri wine country, traveling hither and yon on a variety of crooked roads over hill and dale. Some roads will be familiar favorites, others will be pleasant surprises. Lunch will be at Ponderosa Steakhouse.

April 29 — Riddle Ride (Peggy Phillips & Matt Bonini): There will be 2 stops between Old Orchard and the lunch destination. At Old Orchard, and at each stop, you'll get a Riddle that points to the next stop. Each group will solve the riddle, confirm their solution, then be given a map and plan their route. A chance for you to be creative & have fun.

May 6 — North County Bluffs (Mark Levin): This ride will take us through the curving roads, river bottoms, and bluffs of North County; and across the Mississippi River (and back). The weather should be perfect, the company is always great, and the food will be pretty good.

May 13 — Bixby (Kevin Polito): A long and enjoyable ride! About 2-1/2 to 3 hours to lunch. Some of the nicest, curviest roads in southeast Missouri, including the Mark Twain National Forest. Lunch will be deli-style sandwiches and salads at the Bixby Country Store.

May 20 — Niehaus Appreciation Day (Chris Schweitzer): The route has not yet been determined, but the destination is Niehaus Cycles' Appreciation Day, a large open house that usually includes demo rides and extensive vendor displays.

May 27 — Brussels, IL (Rich Eudy): We will leave Old Orchard for the flood plains of St. Charles County and wind through a maze of roads in the corn fields to the Grafton Ferry. Once in Illinois, we'll take the lightly traveled back roads of Calhoun County along the Mississippi and Illinois rivers to the historic Wittmond Hotel. Wittmond serves delicious home style dinners, but DOES NOT ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS.

Notice: Classified ads will run for a maximum of three (3) months. Contact Nita Fisher at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (636) 257-2238 when your item is sold, or if you want to re-submit your ad or place a new one.

For Sale: Garmin GPSmap 276C with handlebar mount — \$250 or best offer (MSRP \$640)

Contact Nita at 636-257-2238 or nita@palaver.org

4/07

For Sale: 2002 Suzuki VL Intruder 1500 LC

17,xxx miles, well cared for, garage kept. Extras include lots of chrome, Mustang seat with twin backrests, Cobra Pipes and Jet Kit, Memphis Shades windshield, highway lights, leather saddle bags, floorboards front and rear, and ISO grips.

\$6500.00

Call Diana at 636-916-4790.

2/07

For Sale: Riding Gear

First Gear leather jacket, size 52 (\$400 new, asking \$175); First Gear mesh jacket, 2XL (\$65); Leather vest, XXL, like new (\$35); Leather chaps, XL (\$25); Shoei full-face helmet, M (\$75); T-Bag, large, expandable, soft-side, fitted mounting sleeve (\$60); T-Bag, large, expandable, rigid, universal mounting (\$80)

All prices negotiable.

Contact Nita at 636-257-2238 or nita@palaver.org

2/07

For Sale: Motorcycle Jacket and Chaps

Buffalo Leather Motorcycle Jacket, XL—standard MC jacket with all the belts, snaps, zippers and pockets; brand new, never worn; \$50.00 Buffalo Leather Chaps, large size; new, never worn; \$30.00 You can pick up in Florissant, or possibly at a meeting; prices shown do not include shipping.

Call George at 314-838-8115 or 314-422-3112

2/07

For Sale: 2000 Honda Shadow ACE Tourer

46,xxx miles, one female adult owner, bike mostly used for longer tours. Chrome engine guard with highway pegs, chrome backrest with short luggage rack, tank chap and front-fork pouch.

\$5,500 OBO....selling to get more cc's and bigger gas tank.

Contact Peggy Phillips at 314-494-2486, leave message, or pphillips@ccglobal.com

11/06

Motorcycle Safety Foundation

Basic and Experienced Rider classes are offered at these three locations.

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Saturday, April 21—Ted's Motorcycle World Open House

Meet at Old Orchard about 9:30 so we can leave at 10:00 a.m. Meet those who ride directly to Alton at Rothman's Furniture parking lot, prepared to ride to Ted's parade style at 11:00. **Let's have a great turnout to support our sponsor!**

Thursday May 3 - Sunday May 6—Deal's Gap Weekend, Bob Mueller, organizer

About 18 people have signed up for this ride. Contact Bob Mueller to reserve your own cabin. As of March 27 there was one cabin unclaimed plus folks willing to share. Camping does not require a reservation.

Labor Day Weekend, September 1-3—Indiana Covered Bridges Ride, Larry McGowen, organizer

There is still time to reserve a room at Econo Lodge of Terre Haute (812-234-9931). The rate for Shadow Riders is \$69.95 plus tax per night for either a single or double room. Let Larry know once you've made your reservations. You can refer back to the February newsletter for more details or contact Larry if you have questions – (314) 962-0300 or mcgowen@hrh-advantage.com.

Other Dates to Remember:

May 22 Ride for the Wall comes to Wentzville (details at www.rftw.org)
August 25 Ted's Motorcycle World Customer Appreciation Day
November 3 Ted's Motorcycle World Annual Chili Cook-off



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