



The Shadow Writer

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

A Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Riders

Well the TIME is here, finally! After a long cold winter, it is time to ride, April is the beginning of our riding season. Starting this month the weekly rides are on. And riding is what we are about, though I know you love the meetings. My hope is that you will ride with us regularly. We have some great rides planned so there is no excuse to not get out and ride with us. Invite your buddies, the more the merrier. If you can only make it at 9 or so on Sundays to kick the tires, please do. This club is about riding and camaraderie, Join in!

I am also planning our Spring Fling Ride May 7- 9, and back for Mother's Day. With the economy not as strong as we would like I have decided to cut the ride down some. This will be a tour of Arkansas. Riding 3-4 hundred miles a day and ending each day in a different town. So if you are into road tripping here is your chance. We will be staying in Hotels, Motels and B&B's. No camping this time. If you read American Iron Magazine a preview of some of the route is in the May edition.

I am still interested in your survey sent out last month so fill it out and get it to me, no bitchin' if you do not submit your ideas. I want to hear from you, let your ideas fly, no holds barred.

Last but not least, I have two favors to ask. First, recruit a new member. There are no better sources for good people that ride than good people that ride. Second, get involved. In the world there are takers and givers. Don't just take, give to others, especially your fellow members. Your donation of time to make it better for all will go a long way. Take an hour to route a ride, lead a group, sweep a ride, plan a party, find a new place to eat on a ride. More than anything engage your club.

Keep the shiny side up

Bob Mueller

Meetings

Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month
Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane
NEXT MEETING: April 28, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting

6:30 PM before each GM Meeting
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Sunday Rides

The scheduled ride season started on April 5th. Meet at Old Orchard Center, 14128 Manchester (east of Hwy 141), behind Starbucks.

Rides leave promptly at 10 AM. Come early, line up your bike, have breakfast at Burger King and/or visit with friends.

Web Site

www.shadowriders-stl.com

Membership

	Apr '08	Apr '09
Main Members	96	102
Significant Others	24	25
Total	120	127

New e-mail address? Let us know!
Membership questions? Ask them!
Call Jim Gianella at 314-644-2970 or e-mail him at membership@shadowriders-stl.com.

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Hello Shadowriders....

From Cliff Connoyer, Safety Officer

The start of the riding season went well with 6 people showing up on bikes and a few in cars. The ride went to Augusta for excellent Bar-B-Que, as usual, then to the squirrel bar.

Some ideas were brought up by Paul Hann and Bob about the newer riders staying back by the drag person. The reasons for this are: (1) that they won't be intimidated. (2) If the person would fall down and go boom they would only take out a few others instead of many. (3) The drag person is close enough to relay any information to them or give them further instructions at a safe time during the ride. (4) Anyone who has been in the back can see the group well. You can see who goes thru turns smoothly, holds a good line in riding position, who leaves blinkers on. You get the idea.

Dave asked about when setting up a ride what are the criteria for making a route sheet? (A) have a destination in mind (food or location); (B) plan on riding the route 3 times. The first time you ride for fun, writing down the route and fixing mistakes. The second time will make sure the roads are good and the bugs are worked out of the route. The third time will be with the club. Something I did not realize is that when you find a restaurant be sure and ask if they mind a motorcycle club coming to their place. Get the manager's name and phone number. The day of the ride, call them and give a head count. I will have examples of different formats at the meeting.

If you have had any changes in your health be sure and carry any medical or useful information that may be helpful in the event of an emergency. Hopefully never to be used. I would rather be safe than sorry.

With the interest expressed in CPR class we will need to get a head count, so we can set up times, dates and locations for the classes.

See you at the meeting.

Ride safe.

Did you know.....

By Diana Johnson, Secretary, Road Captain

When I first joined the club back in 2001, I kept seeing SNO on the calendar and in the newsletters. I finally asked what the heck is SNO. SNO stands for Saturday Night Out. The original intent of SNO was to bring the Shadow Riders together in the off season. From 2001 – 2007, the club was organizing SNOs monthly for the entire year on the 2nd Saturday of the month. SNO events were afternoon rides to a supper destination, a ride to a sponsor event, or an evening of activities, food, and adult beverages. Members would come up with ideas and suggestions for SNO activities and coordinate the event. An example would be a tour of the Moto Museum and out to supper or organizing a ride to Ted's Motorcycle World for their Open House or Chili Cook-off.

Eventually we needed a full time coordinator to assist the fellow members with organizing the event. That coordinator is Ira Steuer. Ira and the Board would like to bring back SNO on a quarterly basis. Do you know of a motorcycle friendly establishment or event that you think would make a great SNO? Give Ira a call at 314-520-3504 or drop him an e-mail @ isteuer36@yahoo.com. Calling Ira will get you to him quicker than an e-mail.

Ride Descriptions

April 19 — Hardin (Mel Heembrook): It is 85-90 miles to lunch at Mel's Riverdock Restaurant, known for its smoked meats and homemade pies and cakes. The route will take us on Hwy 94 through farmlands between St. Charles and Alton, up the River Road past scenic bluffs and the mighty river, then more scenic pastures and farmland into Hardin. There are three return routes to choose from after leaving the restaurant.

April 26 — North County / Missouri Bottoms (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 3 — Bixby (Russ Davis): We'll take a fast ride to Potosi down Hwy 21 and stop for fuel. The second leg will be twisty roads with nice scenery, a tour of Davisville and on to the Bixby Country Store for deli-style sandwiches and salads. Figure on 114 miles and 3 hours.

May 10 — Washington ():: The ride organizer—and therefore the route—have not yet been confirmed. Come out and join the fun anyway.

May 17 — Route 66 / Niehaus Open House (Ira Steuer): Expect a leisurely ride north via old Route 66 to Litchfield, Illinois for Niehaus Cycles' Appreciation Day, a large open house that usually includes demo rides and extensive vendor displays.

May 24 — Fat Boy's, DeSoto (Marklyn Cobb): Fat Boy's Saloon & Grill in DeSoto is a new lunch destination. Expect Marklyn to put together a neat ride route to get us there.

May 31 — Progressive Food Ride: **on Sunday this year! See details in the next newsletter.**

Special Events

**Saturday, April 18 — Ted's Motorcycle World Open House, 10-4**

Those who want to ride together to Ted's should either meet at Old Orchard ready to leave promptly at 10:00 a.m. or ride directly to the Rothman's Furniture parking lot in Alton. The group from Old Orchard will join those at Rothman's at about 10:45-11:00. From there we can show off and ride parade style to Ted's. **Let's have a great turn-out to support our sponsor! [And if it rains, let's show up on 4 wheels.]**

Saturday, April 25 — Ste. Genevieve Benefit Poker Run/Barbeque

Not a club-sponsored activity, but an option for those looking to ride for a worthy cause. Sponsored by the Ste. Genevieve American Legion Post; proceeds benefit Reading Express that provides high quality books to county preschoolers. Registration at 10:00 am. First poker hand is \$10; each additional hand is \$5; monetary prizes for 1st, 2nd, and worst hands.

May 7-9 — Spring Fling Overnight Ride: The trip will leave on Thursday, May 7. Riders will spend the night in Memphis, ride the back roads of Arkansas and Hwy 7 on Friday, then ride Northern Arkansas and Hwy 19 back to Missouri on Saturday. Back home by Saturday night in time for Mother's Day on Sunday. If you are interested, contact Bob Mueller (314-315-1350 or bobmuellerjpc@hotmail.com).

Apr-May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Apr 12 Open Ride (Easter)	Apr 13	Apr 14	Apr 15	Apr 16	Apr 17	Apr 18 Ted's Motorcycle World Open House 10-4
Apr 19 Hardin Ride	Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22	Apr 23	Apr 24	Apr 25
Apr 26 North County Ride	Apr 27	Apr 28 Club Meeting Elks Lodge 7 pm Bd Mtg 6:30	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1	May 2
May 3 Bixby Ride	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7 Bob's Spring Fling Ride	May 8 Bob's Spring Fling Ride	May 9 Bob's Spring Fling Ride
May 10 Washington Ride (Mother's Day)	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16
May 17 Route 66/ Niehaus Open House Ride	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23
May 24 Fat Boys, DeSoto Ride	May 25	May 26 Club Meeting Elks Lodge 7 pm Bd Mtg 6:30	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30

June Rides

June 7	Make-A-Wish Ride, Earth City	June 21	Hermann (Bob Mueller)
June 14	Dreamland Palace (Dave Walters)	June 28	Kampsville (Lou Soucy)

Contact Nita Fisher at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (314) 808-7762 to place your Classified Ad. Ads run for three (3) months, renewable. Please contact Nita when your item is sold.

Riding Buddies Wanted:

Tito Lopez in Wentzville is looking for someone to ride with on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Contact: madrider03@aol.com or 636-332-6514

For Sale: Gear and Tools

Joe Rocket Women's (L) Ballistic 2.0 Textile Jacket: $\frac{3}{4}$ length, waterproof, with armor and lining. Worn only once for a thirty minute ride. Retail: \$199.99. **Asking: \$100.00 obo**

HJC CS-12 Full Face Helmet: Lightweight thermoplastic shell with flow-through ventilation, anti-fog system, quick and easy tool-less shield removal, built-in communication system speaker pockets. DOT-218.

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Contact Tom at: 314-882-4450

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Your ad could appear here. Send your information to Nita Fisher at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or 314-808-7762.

2009 Motorcycle Rallies

If you want to connect with other interested riders, let me know and I'll include your information in the next newsletter: editor@shadowriders-stl.com.

Myrtle Beach Bike Week, Myrtle Beach, SC, May 8-17, 2009
(www.myrtlebeachbikeweek.com)

Branson Motorcycle Rally, May 14-17, 2009 (www.bransonmotorcyclerrally.com)

Americade, Lake George, NY, June 1-6, 2009 (www.americade.info)

Honda Hoot, cancelled

Wing Ding (Gold Wings), Tulsa, OK, July 2-5, 2009 (www.gwrra.org)

InZane 9, (Valkyries), Summit County, CO, July 22-26, 2009 (www.valkyrieriders.com)

AMA 85th Anniversary Vintage Motorcycle Days, July 24-26, 2009
(www.motorcyclemuseum.org/85thParade.asp)

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, August 3-7, 2009 (www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com)

Bikes, Blues & BBQ, Fayetteville, AR, September 23-26, 2009 (www.bikesbluesandbbq.org)

March 24, 2009, GM Meeting Report

The primary business was to approve the 2009 budget and get the ride schedule filled in through the end of June. Road Captains are asked to carry club brochures and releases for our guests to sign prior to riding with us. Membership coordinator, Jim Gianella, gave out year bars and name tags. Merchandise coordinator, Laura Boone, still has t-shirts that members ordered and have not paid for or picked up yet so PLEASE pay for and pick up your shirts. Website guru, Ted Koski, said the President's member survey is now on the website so you can complete it and e-mail it to Bob directly from the website. Ira said he filled his out that way and it worked great. SNO coordinator, Ira Steuer, is working on a possible Saturday Night Out for April 18, to Ted' Motorcycle World Open House and then out for supper. He may also have something in the works for a visit to the Moto Museum. The Progressive Food Ride will now be a Sunday ride instead of SNO. Pres. Bob Mueller is working on a 'Spring Fling' weekend road trip to Arkansas May 7-10, spending the 1st night in Memphis. Bob also announced he would like to look into name badges for the Road Captains so they may be more visible at our functions and we need to update our business cards. Member, Ron Eckert, said he may be able to help us out with the business cards. The board announced it will hold its meetings at 6:30 pm on the night of the GM meeting.

See what you miss when you miss a meeting.

SRC Welcomes New Members

Sandra Natwick (rides as Ron Eckert's passenger)

Jim Hinklin & Krista Rotella (ride a burnt orange 2009 Kawasaki Vulcan 900 Custom)

Eric & Karen Johnston (ride a white 2006 Suzuki C50)

Notice from Jim Gianella, Membership Coordinator:

Continuing members can pick up their year bars and new members can pick up their name tags, club pins, and year bars at the monthly meetings or Sunday rides.

April Birthdays

Ken Kastner Sr.	5-Apr	Steve Stoner	19-Apr
Mel Heembrock	6-Apr	Jim Sherman	23-Apr
Robert Schoenbeck	9-Apr	James Murawski	29-Apr

Mileage Awards Reminder

If you signed up last year and haven't yet reported your 2008 ending mileage, now is the time to do that. If you want to give it a try for 2009, send in your starting mileage for this year. Awards will be given for riding 7,500 miles, 10,000 miles, or 12,500 miles during the year. Send your mileage to Bob Mueller at bobmuellerjpc@hotmail.com or 314-315-1350.



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