



The Shadow Writer

April 2010

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

A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders,

Well it is time to ride! Have you felt the calling? Our annual ride schedule is underway and the time to ride is here. Ed Acree has stepped forward to put together another ride to the Smokys at the end of September. There are 2 groups going down, a slower 2 day back roads ride and a faster interstate ride. Both will get there Wednesday September 29th and leave on Sunday. I will lead the “hare” group and Ed will lead the “tortoise” group. If you have never been to this area, or want to go back this is your shot. Ed has saved rooms at the Two Wheel Inn, located in Robbinsville NC, call them and book your room, they are being held under reservation number LBBBJ10 and their phone number is 828-479-4248. If you can not wait that long to do a trip our Travel Leader, Lou Soucy, has some great ones coming up. May 20 is the Arkansas Road Trip, June he has the J&P Cycles Iowa trip, in August is the Sturgis trip, and also the Yellowstone trip. Wow what a line up! Great destinations on your bike with fellow Shadowriders, it just doesn't get much better than that.

Well, the meeting in March went much better as we settled into our new digs. We are attempting to make the meetings more social events and less business events, though you must realize we have business to get done. Brad from Big St. Charles Motorsports came by last month to check out our meetings. He is hosting a lot of fun events at his store this summer with live bands, food and bikes. Every Saturday, if you need a place to experience the biker lifestyle stop by and partake. On April 17 our other sponsor Ted's in Alton is having an open house; we will put together a ride there for the celebration. Do not forget that both of our sponsors offer you a discount for being a member of the club.

We will also have a Club Picnic this summer on July 11th. This will be Free to all members and you can bring a guest for a donation. So mark your calendar and plan to be there.

Well, I think that is it from here, get out and ride with us this weekend, and bring a potential new member!

Keep the shiny side up!

Bob Mueller
President



Meetings

Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month

Growler's Pub

763 Old Ballas Road
Creve Coeur, MO 63141
(Off Olive, 1/2 mile east of I-270,
below Blockbuster)



NEW
PLACE

NEXT MEETING: April 27, 2010

Board Meeting at 6:30 pm before club meeting.

Sunday Rides

The scheduled ride season has started! Meet at Old Orchard Center, 14128 Manchester (east of Hwy 141), behind Starbucks.

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

Web Site

www.shadowriders-stl.com

Membership

	Apr '09	Apr '10
Main Members	102	97
Significant Others	25	23
Total	127	120

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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Did you know.....

By Diana Johnson, Vice-President, Road Captain

Did you know the Shadow Riders club has a birthday this year? We are now 15 years old. I thought it appropriate to give a little history of how the Shadow Riders Club came to be.

THE BEGINNINGS: April 06, 1995

On a beautiful, warm, sunny day in the month of March, 1995, a group of people riding motorcycles (mostly Honda Shadows) got together at Bone's French Quarter Bar & Grille on Manchester Road. The ride was organized by Jim Diaz. Jim was the driving force behind the inception of the Shadow Riders Club. The first meeting was held on April 6th, 1995, in the basement meeting room of Bone's French Quarter Bar & Grille. At this meeting Jim asked if we were interested in organizing and becoming part of the National Shadow Riders Club out of Plano, Texas. Everyone who attended said yes. The charter members in the club are those with dates of April 06, 1995, on their membership cards. People who joined the club throughout the year 1995 are considered to be "*Charter Members.*" This was the beginning of the National Shadow Riders of St. Louis. As you can tell, we do not belong to the National Shadow Riders Club any more.

We broke off in early 1996 to become our own independent club of St. Louis. We were organized and big enough to be an independent club. The Club offers a lot to its members and to the St. Louis area and surrounding communities. We all have made a lot of new friends that range from all over. We are no longer outsiders to the motorcycle community in this area. We are and will continue to be a driving force in our motorcycle community.

Hey Everybody,

From Lou Soucy, Safety Officer

The ride season has begun. We had a nice turnout for our first ride of the year considering it was open ride on Easter Sunday. After a long session of catching up and BS from a long winter we had a group head West and another South. The weather couldn't have been better, as was the food and company. Let's hope this is a sign of the times to come. Better keep your rainsuit handy just in case though.

If you were able to attend the last couple of SRC meetings then you know that we have planned the Sunday ride schedule all the way through July. At February's meeting we all participated in a discussion on where to go and who would organize it, and we got it figured out till the middle of May. Then at the March meeting I decided to just pick the rides out and hope that the person that usually does that ride will organize it. I guess I forgot to read rule #106 in the safety officer manual. **NOT A GOOD IDEA TO JUST PICK RIDES AND HOPE THE USUAL PEOPLE WILL ORGANIZE THEM!!!!** Lucky for me we have some great long-time members that stepped up to the plate and will once again take care of it. That got me thinking, how can we show our appreciation to the people that year after year take us on these great rides? You know where this is going, don't ya? Well, how about returning the favor and taking them on a great ride.

As I look around at the club meetings I see a lot of very talented, capable people that have been with the club awhile and could do a great job of organizing a new ride. Planning a ride for the club really isn't that hard. Here, I'll give you an example and a few tips on what I have found useful.

- You can look at the calendar on the SRC website to see where we have typically ridden to in the past many times.

- Say, you pick Grafton IL. Then you may want to get on Mapquest and suddenly you see all the towns in the surrounding area and decide to make it to Jerseyville IL instead. Mapquest will route it the fastest /shortest way. That's not much fun, but you see some interesting roads on their map and you can click on their route

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line and drag it on any road you want to take. Mapquest has a link that shows the restaurants in and around that area, or you may find out about a church dinner or town festival etc. And they have a link that shows all the gas stations along the way.

- Here's where the fun starts. You get to hop on your bike and go check out roads, restaurants and comfort stops. Ride, Eat, Ride, tough job isn't it? Better call one of your buddies to help with all that work!

- Come up with a ride sheet and bring copies of it the day of the ride. Call the restaurant and let them know about how many to expect.

I realize that some of you don't do the computer thing, that doesn't get you off the hook. Just hop on your bike, ride and ride and ride until you find a good place to stop for lunch, try to remember how you got there, if you can't, ask the waitress where the hell you're at and which way is St. Louis, try not to run out of gas, when you figure out how to get home write it all down and plan a ride for the club. Ahh, the good ol' days!!

Yes, it requires a little work and planning, but it will be good for you and your fellow club members. Don't keep thinking that somebody else will take care of it, if you haven't done it for the club before, it's about time. We have three months until we plan more of this year's ride schedule at the June SRC meeting. Plenty of time to put something together. I am sure there are other club members that would give you a hand if you need it, just ask.

Wow, I can't wait till the June meeting when a bunch of members step up with a great ride to a new destination. It's sure gonna make my job easy!

Ride till your Ass hurts, it'll take your mind off your other problems.

Lou Soucy

Road Trips

May 20-23 — Arkansas weekend: Leave QuikTrip (Hwy 44 at 109) at 8 am Thursday, May 20. Ride back roads to Yellville in north central Arkansas for the night. Spend Friday weaving our way south to Clarksville for the night. Ride back north to Mountain Home for Saturday night. Come home Sunday.

If you're interested, reserve your motel room for Thursday and tell Lou Soucy you're going. (The Carlton-Marion Inn: 870-449-6203. Cost is \$45 single/\$55 double.)

June 5-6 — Ryugen Fisher Memorial Iron Butt Saddle Sore Ride: Ride 1000 miles in 24 hours or less. Ride will leave from and return to Big St. Charles Motorsports. Cost of \$45.00 includes your official certificate and pin and \$5 to Bikers for Babies. Contact Bob Mueller to pre-register.

June 25-27 — Anamosa, Iowa: Leave Friday at 8 am from the BP gas station at Hwys 70 and 79 (just a stone's throw south of 70 on 79/Salt Lick Rd) for a 300 mile ride up Hwy 79, W & 61 along the river. Saturday options include J&P Cycles' open house, the Motorcycle Museum, a day ride around the area, or the nearby "field of dreams". Return Sunday. Contact Lou Soucy if you're interested.

August 7-15 — Sturgis: Bob Mueller has reserved space at Buffalo Chips Campground. Contact him for more information.

August 20-30 — Yellowstone and beyond: Tentative itinerary is 2 days traveling to South Dakota. One day there, then to Wyoming, 3 days in the Yellowstone area, then to the NE corner of Utah, into Colorado, and then back home. 11 total days. Contact Lou Soucy for more information.

September 28/29-October 3/4 — Smoky Mountains trip: (see page 8 for details) **Don't wait! Rooms go fast.**

Apr-May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Apr 18 Grafton Ride	Apr 19	Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22	Apr 23	Apr 24
Apr 25 Potosi Ride	Apr 26	Apr 27 Club Meeting 7 pm Board 6:30	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1
May 2 Defiance Ride	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8
May 9 Jefferson County Ride	May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15 Experienced Rider Course
May 16 Louisiana Ride 8 am & 10 am	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22
May 23 North County Bluffs Ride	May 24	May 25 Club Meeting 7 pm Board 6:30	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29

April 18 — Grafton (Ira Steuer): We'll ride through parts of North County bluffs and conservation bottoms, then up the great river road to Grafton. Lunch location not yet confirmed.

April 25 — Potosi (Eric Levy): Enjoy a leisurely ride on good roads through rolling hills and tree-lined farms to our destination at Dos Primos restaurant in quaint Potosi. Ride the infamous County Road DD or visit Steelville and other mining towns after lunch.

May 2 — Defiance (Kevin Polito): We'll ride some of our favorite twisty roads on both sides of the river, ending at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Defiance for chicken dinner including slaw, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, applesauce, and homemade desserts. Cost is around \$10, cash.

May 9 — Jefferson County (Dan Newton): If you like the twisties, this is a great ride. Dan's route is filled with hundreds of curves.

 **May 16 — Louisiana, MO (Lou Soucy):** New this year, a long ride and a short ride meeting for lunch about 12:30. The long ride leaves at 8 am and winds through Defiance, Warrenton, Silex, and New London before reaching Louisiana (about 190 miles). The "short" ride (about 100 miles) leaves at 10 am and includes a few roads you may not have seen before. Lunch will be at the Lighthouse Inn and Restaurant.

May 23 — 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 lunch place is under review.

Next up: May 30, Mexico, MO (Eric)

June — 6, Ride for Wishes; 13, Chester (Lou & Frank); 20, Hwy 185 (Erin); 27, Kimmswick (Ira)

July — 4, open; 11, club picnic (Russ & Laura); 18, Perryville (Russ & Frank); 25, Moscow Mills (Jim)

Send ads to Nita Fisher at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (314) 808-7762. Ads run for 3 months, renewable.

For Sale: 1997 Honda Shadow VT1100

New tires, new candy apple red paint, windshield, and too much to list here goes with it. It is fast and has been well cared for over the years. Has only 23,000 miles; most of that was on club rides. **\$3800.00**

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07/09

For Sale: Cold weather riding gear

First Gear insulated textile Kenya jacket (L) and matching insulated overpant (women's 12). Both are waterproof and in excellent condition. **\$60 each or \$100 for the pair.**

Contact Nita at (314) 808-7762 or nita@palaver.org

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SPECIAL EVENT AT BIG ST. CHARLES MOTORSPORTS

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General Membership Meeting — March 23, 2010

Introductions were made of Brad Holzauer and Bob Gebel. Both are with Big St. Charles HD, our new sponsor. Mileage award patches are in. Give Bob Mueller your beginning/ending mileage each year to receive patches. Let Bob know if he still owes you a patch for the mileage you have previously turned in.

Bob has been contacted by the Midlothian Shadow Riders Club from Illinois. They have asked us if we are willing to organize a joint ride with them sometime this year. They are one of the original founding Shadow Riders clubs in the country. A suggestion was made that the joint ride could be an upcoming Smoky Mountain trip.

Name Badges - Showed an example of a name badge that can be ordered. The badge will contain the Shadow Riders logo and name for a cost of \$8.00 each. If you should want to order a badge, the cost is due when the orders are placed. Past presidents will receive a complimentary badge and will show their years of service.

Chili Cook-off at Big St. Charles HD - Won People's Choice and Best Name. Women's Garage Party at Big St. Charles HD was attended by 6 Shadow Riders members. The event was very well done, well attended and great fun! Jive & Wail - Approx. 20 people attended this Saturday Night Out on March 1. A good time was had by all.

Road Captain meeting was well attended. Tee shirts and arm bands are in - please let Lou know if you are interested in being a road captain. Captains are asked to line up in the parking lot on Sunday mornings so it is easy to identify a group to pull into. Ride Schedule - Lou has planned out rides for the months of May through July. The remainder of the year will be planned in upcoming months.

April 10, Big St. Charles HD - Hot Hogs/Chili Dog Ride. April 17, Big St. Charles HD - Swap meet & used bike sale.

Sunday, June 6 - Make a Wish Ride for Kids. They are looking for Road Captains to volunteer. Laura Boone offered a free booth and table at the event for the club. This can be used to hand out membership information.

Labor Day, MS 150 - Motorcycle escorts are needed for this bicycle ride across the state. Gas cards will be provided for the escorts to help defray costs. Approx. 60 bikes are needed and can expect to ride approx. 150 miles per day. Contact Bob Mueller for information.

Upcoming club trips: May 20 - Arkansas Trip Contact Lou Soucy.. June 5/6 - Saddle Sore 1,000 - Ryugen Fisher Ride - Contact Bob Mueller. June 25 - Trip to J & P Cycles in Iowa. Contact Lou Soucy for information. August - Yellowstone Trip - Contact Lou Soucy for information. August 7-15 - Sturgis Trip - Contact Bob Mueller or Dan Newton for information. October - A trip has been proposed to go to the Smoky Mountains. Ed Acree can be contacted for information as the trip is put together. Club Picnic - Russ Davis and Laura Boone offered to organize the picnic. It was decided that everyone desired a location that provided bbq grills, a pavilion large enough and clean restrooms. The park at Lake St. Louis received compliments from last year and will be researched to use again.

Laura Boone has received a supply of new patches. Should you want to purchase a patch or tee shirt, please contact her prior to the next meeting and she will be glad to bring it that night. Currently 110 members (87 members and 23 significant others). New members joining the night of the meeting are Robert Joiner and his wife, Renee. They ride a '04 Shadow Aero. Welcome!

See you at the next meeting that will be held April 27th at our new location, Growler's Pub!

[note — you can pick up your 2010 year bar at a Sunday ride or monthly club meeting]

Shadow Riders Club Welcomes New Members

Robert and Renee Joiner (ride a blue 2004 Honda Shadow Aero)
Renee Hess (rides a black 2007 Harley-Davidson Sportster 883)
Jacob Derosse (rides a silver 2009 Honda CBR600RR9)
Michael Derosse (rides a blue/green 2009 Honda CBR600RR9)
Richard Fort (rides a black 2009 Honda CBR600RR9)
Chaundra Kellner (rides a 2009 Honda CBR600RR9)
Chad McIver (rides a black 2009 Suzuki GSX-R1000K9)
Robert Nash II (rides a lime 2009 Kawasaki EX650C9F)
Scott Colvin (rides a black 2004 Yamaha V-Star 1100)

Mileage Awards

Awards will be given for riding 7500 miles or more during the year. To participate, send Bob Mueller your starting mileage as of 1/1/2010.

April Birthdays

06 - Mel Heembrock
09 - Robert Schoenbeck
15 - John Grandt
20 - Tom Albert
29 - James Murawski



Experienced Rider Course (ERC)
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SPECIAL EVENTS AT TED'S MOTORCYCLE WORLD

Friday, April 16 — The Honda Red Bull Racing Team, Geico Powersports Honda Team, and Hooters will be at Ted's from 6-8 p.m. Meet the riders, get free autographs, free hot dogs and hot wings. Free prizes will be awarded.

Saturday, April 17, 10-4 — Ted's Spring Open House

Great Smoky Mountains National Park Area Ride

Robbinsville, NC—Approximately 600 miles.

Two Wheel Inn (info@twowheelinn.com) 828-479-4248

Check in on Wednesday, September 29; check out Sunday, October 3.

\$77.47 per night including tax Mention code LBBBJ10

All rooms at the Two Wheel Inn have two double beds if you choose to have a roommate to reduce your cost. The motel will accommodate couples by making the double beds into a king bed, if desired. Each room has a small refrigerator and microwave and comes with an attached garage for inside parking for your bike.. There are outdoor grills, picnic tables, and a covered patio for those who would prefer to cook their own evening meals.

A block of six rooms is set aside, and the motel requires a two-night deposit (\$139.90, excluding tax) for a four-night stay. Please call to get these rooms in your name and off Ed Acree's credit card. At the present time there are 18 available rooms, but **you should commit now because of the popularity of the fall color season.**

Bob, 'the Hare,' Mueller will leave on Wednesday (9/29) and take the quickest Interstate route. Ed, 'the Tortoise,' Acree will leave Tuesday (9/28) and return Monday for a slower-paced (300 mile day), two-lane route with two additional motel stays.

Contact Bob or Ed if you are committed or interested.