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St. Louis

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A Letter from the President

On Sunday, July 23, we set a record for the year with five groups riding! I don't know whether it was the Weingarten Picnic or the weather that brought everyone out, but it was awesome to see all the bikes—and all the people—gathered for the ride. Unfortunately, there was a scheduling mistake—the Picnic wasn't until the following week—but we had a great ride to Potosi. (My apologies to those who were disappointed by the mix-up.) If you haven't been to a Sunday ride for a while, why not make it next weekend?

You may remember that about a year ago we started an album in the website Scrapbook called *Rogues' Gallery*. The idea was to post photos of all the members (or as many as possible) to help us associate names with the faces (and bikes) we see on our rides and at our meetings. We'd like to resurrect that project with a new approach. On Sunday mornings **starting August 20, from about 9:00 to 9:30**, we plan to have a camera at Old Orchard prepared to take individual "portraits" of as many riders as we can. So roll out of bed a little early, and scoot ...

Believe it or not, it's almost time to start our search for next year's officers. In September the Board will appoint a three-member nominating committee. Committee members will take nominations by phone, e-mail, and at the October, November, and December club meetings. They will check to be sure each nominee is willing to run for office. And they will conduct the election at the January club meeting. Of course, they are also welcome to *seek* nominees. If you would like to serve on this committee, please let me know by **Monday, September 18** ([prez@shadowriders-stl.com](mailto: prez@shadowriders-stl.com) or 636-257-2238).

And just to be sure the nominating committee has something to do <grin>, I will not be running for re-election. This is my third year as president and it's been a good three years, but ... I really need to take a break. I feel like it's time to turn the reins of responsibility over to someone else. I plan to stay on as newsletter editor, unless someone steps up for that as well, but being president is a commitment of time and energy that I am unable to make (again) at this time. The club deserves and needs new blood and new energy and I'm certain there are people in our ranks who are ready.

Nita Fisher, President
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~Photo Op~

Come to Old Orchard early on
Sundays and get your picture
taken for the website Scrapbook.
(see president's letter for details)

Club Meetings

Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month

Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane

NEXT MEETING: August 22

Road Captains/Safety Meeting

Will be called by the Safety Officer as needed.

SRC Board Meeting

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

Zapata's Restaurant, 14007 Manchester Rd, Ballwin

NEXT MEETING: October 11

Sunday Group Rides

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

Official ride season started April 2. Rides leave promptly at 10 AM. Come early, line up your bike, and visit with friends.

Membership	Aug '05	Aug '06
Main Members	119	109
Significant Others	38	29
Junior Members	0	3
Total	157	141

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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Larry Wahlers reported a balance of \$4268.54 in the general fund, \$432.20 in the Bikers for Babies fund, and \$587 in the merchandise fund.

Nita reported for Ryugen that the July 1 helmet day raised \$1,043 (\$48.50 per worker hour) and reminded us that the third March of Dimes collection day is August 12.

Kevin reported a mix-up with the Weingarten picnic date; the members decided to keep the next two weeks as originally scheduled.

Ira announced that the August Saturday Night Out would be headed by Marklyn Cobb, with plans to go to Clancy's in Rose Bud.

Dennis Meade reported Doc's was holding a poker run on August 6 to benefit Bikers for Babies. Volunteers are still needed as road captains and other helpers for Ride day in October.

Dennis also announced that he was considering offering another Experienced Rider Class for club members if there is interest.

There was no other business.

SRC Welcomes New Members

Larry Halbrook (rides a 2001 burgundy & gray Kawasaki Vulcan Classic 1500)

Paul Thompson (rides a 2005 black & blue Honda Shadow Aero 750)

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"B" is for Brown County & Bean Blossom

by Ed and Linn Acree

Just east of Bloomington, Indiana, is Brown County. Bean Blossom is no more than a crossroads in the northern part of the county. There are two ways to get there. The faster is to take Interstate 70 to Terre Haute and then Route 46 through Bloomington—260 miles. The not-as-fast way is Highway 50 to Route 135; still 260 miles.

Brown County is actually a destination. Nashville is the main city, County Seat, and has recently received a grant for beautification, which is apparent in the abundant floral plantings everywhere. It has a booming wedding industry. The first thing you need to do is get a free 'Visitors Guide.' There are two versions full of facts, stories, and activities in the area. But, the most important part of the guide is the local county map. It shows roads that are not on any other maps.

Bountiful forests. Almost one-third of Brown County is either National Forest or State Park. The Brown County State Park has a 1932-era lodge, 70 miles of horse trails, 12 miles of hiking trails, and an 18-hole golf course.

Biking (most importantly). Once you leave either Interstate 70 or Highway 50, Indiana becomes amazingly interesting. Rolling hills and curving roads abound. The landscape is dotted with well-kept farms—not just corn and soybeans. You have entered horse country and the foothills of the Cumberlands. Elevations varied, but we estimated them to be mainly in the 700—1000 ft range. Not as demanding as mountains, but a surprise to find challenging hill riding in the middle of Indiana. There are many very sharp turns, rolling hills, blind corners, 15 mph corners, no shoulders, and steep grades to keep you awake. Highway 135 is one of the most scenic roads in the state. Route 45 from Bloomington to Bean Blossom is a good, popular bike road, but it is more populated and trafficked than Route 46.

Bluegrass and other entertainment. Brown County is home to the Bill Monroe Memorial Music Park at Bean Blossom. At least nine music festivals are scheduled there yearly. The park is actually a campground for RV and tent camping. A few cabins are available—both primitive and with baths. There is a facility for showers, and port-a-potties are conveniently located. Limited food is available on site; alcohol is discouraged but overlooked if you are discreet. On two different visits in June, Ed found the whole park jammed on one occasion and then sparsely attended the next—the bluegrass was well worth the trip both times. Headline acts perform in Bean Blossom and at many other venues in Nashville. Blues, gospel, jazz, classical, handbells, and square dance are also available. There are two professional summer stock playhouses in addition to a marionette theatre.

Boogie. It's not here anymore—it's been moved to the Abate property in Lawrence County. The Bean Blossom Biker Bash (formerly the Biketoberfest) is held in late September at the Bill Monroe Park with a bike show, drag race, swap meet, poker run, and bands.

Breakfast and where to eat. In Nashville the locals go to the HobNob Café for coffee in the morning and eat homemade ice cream in the afternoon at several places. Pork Tenderloin sandwiches made famous in Gourmet magazine can be found at the Gnaw Bone Food and Fuel (Gnaw Bone is a community just east of Nashville). Our pick is the Gatesville Country Store—it's the only building in Gatesville—for deli sandwiches, pizza, and homemade pies. Have you ever seen a sign that read, "Entering and Leaving" on

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one sign—look for it in Gatesville! For a gourmet meal go to the Inn at Story (in Story on highway 135) but make reservations first.

Bridges. We found three covered bridges. One is at Bean Blossom, and it is still in use. If you enter off Highway 45 the approach is paved; upon exiting, you are on a steep, well-packed gravel climb back up to 135. At the northern entrance to Brown County State Park is a double bridge for two-way traffic. Just south of Highway 50 in Jackson County near Medora is the longest covered bridge in the United States, but it is no longer in use.

Beds (or where to stay). If we weren't camping, we would probably stay at the Hickory Shades Motel in Benton (halfway between Bloomington and Nashville). It is a small, reasonably priced, very clean, motorcycle-friendly, mom-and-pop type establishment. There are chain motels, local hotels, and many bed-and-breakfast facilities with much higher rates.

Browsing. Nashville must be the craft and shopping capital of Indiana. While there are no national stores, you can find something of interest for everybody—even biker leather. Antique stores, furniture, crafts, pottery, clothing, stained glass, etc.—they're all there. Nashville is known as the Art Colony of the Midwest. Don't miss the historic two-story jail house (admission 25 cents). There are three flea markets in Gnaw Bone (one specializes in antique agricultural equipment and another in crafts), and one in Bean Blossom.

Birds. Not our reason for going there, but we did see a grey heron (flying), a red-headed woodpecker (on the ground), and a flock of turkeys.

Blast. For a spur-of-the-moment jaunt or a well-planned vacation, the 4-5 hour trip to Brown County is worth taking. There are diversions for everyone. Try it; you'll have a blast.

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Rocky Mountain Hi!

by Ryugen Fisher

Nita has already told the story of the “trailer trip from hell” or as I call it, “Quality Assurance Testing of Roadside Assistance on and around the Colorado-Kansas border when the road temperature is over 130 degrees in the shade and there isn’t any shade.”

The idea, of course, was to go to Frisco, Colorado, to have our annual ride with the Valkyrie Riders Cruiser Club. Although the Dragon has not been made for a while, those who own them tend to be very loyal and this ride seemed to have everything going for it-- the bikes, the mountains, and the weather. We got two out of three, and it was still pretty grand.

After we got there on Tuesday afternoon, it was a chance to unwind and socialize with the rest of the incoming riders. Some we knew from previous years, some were brand new to us, and a few were people we met on the road – some VRCC folks stopped with our 2nd trailer breakdown and helped us find assistance. We were staying at ground zero for the events so after a brief dinner (do NOT eat the hotel food in Frisco) I hit the whirlpool and started working out the kinks. Nita had a book and her coffee so we were set for the evening.

The next morning, the real fun started. After a BAD hotel breakfast (did I mention the food in the hotels?), we began by cleaning the bikes. There were so many pretty and POLISHED Valks that having a dirty bike was downright embarrassing, so wash and wax we did. As least we had company, because everyone who had not done the deed the night before started the same drill. I think the water pressure dropped like at NFL halftime as we all got started. Swapping cleaner and polish, extolling the virtues of microfibre vs. disposable cloths, and showing off the new chrome added since last year made the time go by quickly. Some of the folks went from removing the road tar to reapplying it as soon as they got registered. And so it went. Talk, ride, eat, ride, talk, eat, whirlpool and sleep ..

I have to tell you that the mountains were beautiful. Even the thunderstorms were awe-inspiring. The first one was accompanied by fierce winds that blew over all the vendor tents, then proceeded to blow over a PARKED VALK that was caught in a cross wind. Storms were a regular late afternoon occurrence, but fortunately, they didn’t last long.

On Thursday, I was walking through the vender area when one of my VRCC friends from Alabama accosted me and in front of the entire crowd told me I was cheap for not buying a few 50/50 tickets to round up the total to even money. It was all done in fun, but I had the last laugh. I won (and paid for some of the trailer tires with that windfall)!

Friday, Nita and I volunteered to assist with the skills rodeo. The big competition was between a fellow named Scott and the “Bandit” – the bandit’s handle is short for “One Armed Bandit” – not because of a slot machine but because of a farm machinery accident. Yes, he has only his left arm, but with a modified throttle and front brake, he not only rides with the best but generally WINS the “slow race.”

Nita managed to get a round of applause for keeping the records straight, the first time in history we were told. Of course, I could have told them that was how the smart money would bet.

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Special Events / Rallies**Wednesday, August 16, 6-9 pm—Shadow Riders night at Ameristar Bottleneck Blues Bar**

We're the hosts for this one, so please put it on your calendar. There will be inexpensive food and drink, a live band starting at 7 pm, and a live auction. Invite your family, friends, and co-workers and come out to PARTY! **The more people show up, the more money we earn for Bikers for Babies!**

Saturday, August 26—Ted's Open House, 10-4

Ted's Motorcycle World in Alton, IL, has been a long-time club sponsor and we have traditionally shown our appreciation with a large turn-out for their fall open house. We'll plan to ride from Old Orchard at 10:00 AM, and rendezvous at Rothman's Furniture parking lot in Alton to ride parade style into Ted's at 11. In addition to the good PR, this is a chance to browse, buy, and have fun.

Friday & Saturday, September 8 & 9—Harley Davidson Open House, Kansas City

The assembly plant near Platte City is hosting an open house from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The factory tours on Friday will let you see the assembly process in operation; Saturday tours will just show you the plant. They'll also let you take demo rides on new model bikes, so take your helmet and driver's license.

Saturday, September 30—Bikers for Babies Pre-Registration Event, Ameristar, 10-4

You can register for the October 8th Ride, enjoy good food and entertainment, and bid on a dazzling array of Silent Auction packages.

Indiana Covered Bridges Ride—September 2-4 (Labor Day weekend)

All our reserved rooms are taken, but there may still be space available. (That's at Econo Lodge, Terre Haute, 812-234-9931; remember to tell them you're with the Shadow Riders motorcycle club.)

The plan is to leave Saturday morning September 2nd, stay overnight Saturday, tour the bridges on Sunday, and return home Monday.

Please let Larry McGowen know if you plan to go or if you need more information. His e-mail is mcgowen@hrh-advantage.com and his cell phone is 314-495-1847.

Remaining 2006 Motorcycle Rallies

Bikes, Blues & BBQ, Fayetteville, AR, September 27-30, 2006 (www.bikesbluesandbbq.org)

August-September Rides

August 20 — Kimmswick (Organizer: Tom Kreuzkamp)

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.

August 27 — Hartbauer McBride Poker Run (Organizer: Kevin Polito)

This is the only poker run on our ride schedule this year. All proceeds go to the Hartbauer McBride Memorial Fund in support of the Bikers Helping Bikers program. Registration is from 9 to 11 A.M. at either Doc's Harley-Davidson or Ted's Motorcycle World. We'll leave Old Orchard at the usual 10 A.M. time for a quick run to Doc's, or you can go there directly to sign up. The poker run finishes at Crehan's Irish Pub in Belleville, IL, with music from 2:30 to 6:00 PM.

September 3—Pocahontas (Organizer: Ira Steuer)

The ride is an easy 75 miles on interstate highway from Old Orchard to Illinois then mostly state highways to Pocahontas. Lunch is at the Blue Springs Café, where they feature family style meals and foot-high pies. If you like smooth paved roads with very light traffic, you will certainly enjoy this ride.

September 10—Lake of the Ozarks (Organizer: Larry Wahlers)

Wander with us through the hills and valleys of Missouri to the Lake of the Ozarks for a beautiful ride. This is a long ride, with lunch overlooking the lake. Return options to St. Louis include taking the super slab back, or spending a bit more time on back roads. Plan on an all-day adventure that will keep you out riding until 5 p.m. or so.

September 17—Elephant Rocks (Organizer: Larry McGowen)

Our destination is Elephant Rocks State Park near Pilot Knob, Missouri. There you'll see giant granite rocks standing end-to-end like a line of circus elephants. The coarse crystalline red granite formed by cooling magma has weathered into huge, rounded boulders, one of the largest of which weighs 680 tons. The route has not yet been determined, but will likely include a lot of scenic back roads. Picnic sites are available if you want to pack a lunch. Near-by towns offer restaurant alternatives.

CHANGE September 24—Highway 185 (Organizer: Erin O'Donnell)

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the River Aux Vases ride originally scheduled for this date has to be postponed. Instead we will be doing the Highway 185 ride that was rained out in June.

If you like back roads with a lot of twists and turns, this is the ride for you. A short ride on Highway 109 followed by some alphabet roads will lead us to the most enjoyable section of Highway 185. We'll stop for lunch in Sullivan. After lunch the ride will continue on Highway 185 to Highway 100 then meander back to Manchester. If you're in a hurry to get home, you can jump on I-44 after lunch for a straight shot back to St. Louis. If you were disappointed in June, here's your second chance.

Motorcycle Safety Foundation

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

SLCC at Forest Park: 314-644-9175

Jefferson College: 636-797-3000 x144

St. Charles Parks & Recreation: 636-949-3377

Aug-Sept 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 20 10 am Kimmswick Ride	August 21	August 22 7:00 pm Club Meeting	August 23	August 24	August 25	August 26 10-4 Ted's Open House
August 27 10 am Hartbauer McBride Poker Run	August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31	Sept 1	Sept 2
Sept 3 10 am Pocahontas Ride	Sept 4	Sept 5	Sept 6	Sept 7	Sept 8	Sept 9 Saturday Night Out
Sept 10 10 am Lake of the Ozarks Ride	Sept 11	Sept 12	Sept 13	Sept 14	Sept 15	Sept 16
Sept 17 10 am Elephant Rocks Ride	Sept 18	Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22	Sept 23
Sept 24 10 am Highway 185 Ride	Sept 25	Sept 26 7:00 pm Club Meeting Elks Lodge	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 29	Sept 30 10-4 Bikers for Babies Pre- registration

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For Sale: 1994 Cycle-Mate 2000 Trailer for Motorcycle

Off white, 19 cubic feet, luggage rack, 2 new spares, chrome bumper, carpet, extra brake light., hub caps. Trailer weight 145lbs. Good condition. \$900 OBO

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07/06

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06/06

For Sale: 2000 Honda Shadow ACE Tourer

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

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03/06

Don't miss the club's live auction at the Bottleneck Blues Bar (Ameristar, St. Charles) on August 16 to raise additional money for March of Dimes *Bikers for Babies*. The items on the auction block include:

Harley boots, size 8

Harley pocket knife

T-Bag set

Duffel bag

Highway bars for Volusia 800

An overnight stay at From The Heart Bed & Breakfast in Ste. Genevieve

Combo package: grill set, picnic blanket, silk kite

Combo package: walkie talkies, duckcall, refillable zippo butane lighter

Combo package: spiral-bound atlas, heavy duty 12" maglite, pocket atlas/notepad

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The "Parade of Lights" Friday night was pretty special. A lot of these folks have some serious extra lighting on their bikes and when we line up three or four hundred of them and drive through the center of town it makes a rather awesome showing.

Saturday was more rides through the spectacular mountains. I won't attempt to describe the vistas and views; it was one of those "you had to have been there" things. Even the mighty Valk has ignition and air problems at 12 thousand feet, and we all swore at Honda for not making an 1800cc Valk with fuel injection, but we DID get there, and back. And, as you might imagine, the routes had enough tight switchbacks and narrow roads with no guard rails to challenge any rider. But the views from the summits were worth it.

Saturday night was for stories, reminiscing and making plans for the next Valk Ride In. Trailer or not, we're going.



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