



The Shadow Writer

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

A Letter from the President

Shadowriders:

I file this letter from the Black Hills Rally, also known as Sturgis. The weather has been co-operating and the riding has been spectacular. Great Roads to see every day, fantastic sights to see and the companionship of other Shadowriders to boot. The economy must be doing better because the place is packed. If you have never been, give it a try; it's like spring break for adults.

On the club front we have arranged some speakers at the meetings for the next couple of months. I would also like to hear from you on the new meeting spot. We have been there for several months now, some like it and I am sure some don't. I do know that we have doubled attendance since the move. In August we approached capacity so may need to find a bigger place, a very nice problem to have! We have a very nice trip leaving for Yellowstone in about a week and a Smoky Mountains Trip the first weekend of October, so you still have a chance to make those mileage goals for the year. The fall is always a spectacular time to ride, so get out there and enjoy the sport.

I want to thank our VP Diana Johnson for covering for me as work is out of control and she has stepped in while I try to rein it in.

Ride Safe and often,

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)

NEXT MEETING: August 24, 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

	Aug '09	Aug '10
Main Members	108	144
Significant Others	26	28
Total	134	172

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

We're packing them in at the monthly general membership meetings at Growler's Pub and we are very excited about that. GM meeting attendance was always hit and misses at the VFW hall. In my earlier days with the club the VFW hall would cook something special for us on meeting night. Good food usually lured members to the meeting. Attendance started dropping off so the VFW quit cooking for us. So which came first, attendance falling off or no munchies at the meeting? That subject is debatable. We thought a change was needed. President, Bob Mueller, did the ground work and searched out some possible locations to hold our meetings. Meeting locations were voted on at our January 2010 elections and the rest is history.

Here are a few tips to make your participation at the meeting a little easier.

1. Arrive early. It is highly recommended that you arrive early if you are planning to order food. It would be in your best interest to place your order before the meeting starts at 7:00pm. Even better yet would be 6:30pm. Our board meeting starts at 6:30pm so we are usually there by 6:00.
2. Be patient. We have one wait staff person assigned to our meeting. She usually has a helper to assist in serving food and drinks.
3. Look over your bill and don't forget to PAY your bill. Sometimes a gratuity is already added in and sometimes it's not.
4. Wear something cool and comfortable. Our room is not heated or cooled by anything other than Mother Nature.
5. Be considerate when the meeting is in progress and keep the chit chat down. You might miss something important or be overheard saying something you don't want overheard.
6. Take advantage of the free parking valet. The later you arrive, the worse the parking situation. If you are on your bike, try to leave room for another member to park with you.

Meeting location information can be found in the newsletter and on the website. Remember to check the website often for current information and events on the club and our sponsor.

Hey Everybody,

From Lou Soucy, Safety Officer

Well, we are half way through our ride season and headed into my favorite months of the year. Time to start putting the heat, humidity and rain behind us and head for the mountains. That would be the Rocky, Smoky or Ozark Mountains. All are great destinations. Several of us are headed west to Yellowstone in a few weeks on an adventure that has something for everyone. Not long after that, it's time to head east to the Smokies. With Smoky experts Bob and Ed at the helm how could you help but sit back and enjoy the ride. If you can't make those trips, look around for some fellow members headed to BBB and the Ozark Mountains in Arkansas; you can't go wrong there.. My favorite saying before leaving on a trip is "Just remember, we're all friends now, AND when we get back."

OK, let's talk some safety stuff. How about stop signs? Sounds pretty simple, or is it? Getting ready to leave DeSoto after a Sunday ride someone mentioned to me that not all the road captains were coming to a complete stop

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at stop signs and waiting for the rest of the group to come to a stop before taking off. I said, "oh, we better do something about that, OK, let's roll, it's getting hot out here." So, about half way home and rolling through another stop sign, I thought I felt a little whiplash like my Grandma whacked me in the helmet. Crap, I very rarely stop and I need to **STOP IT!** Starting with the next organized club ride I lead, I'm gonna **STOP IT.** This is what the SRC group riding Guidelines say. They were developed to keep the group safe as a whole, not what's suitable for any one rider. You can view all the group riding Guidelines on the SRC website under the safety tab or just ask me and I'll get you a written copy if you need one. Don't think of them as rules; nobody dislikes rules more than I do. Think of them as ways to keep your friends and yourself safe.

"When stopping at a stop sign, the riders are to pull up into Parade Formation (pairs). Only one pair of bikes may proceed through the intersection at a time. The Lead Road Captain or rider to the left of the pair will always move first. The rider to the right may proceed as soon as he sees the rider to the left accelerating and will give the lead to the rider on the left to reestablish the Staggered Riding Formation. The second pair will then pull up and stop at the stop sign and will proceed in the same manner. The remaining riders will proceed in the same fashion until all the riders have passed through the intersection. The Lead Road Captain will compensate the speed of the group until all the riders in that group are reunited. "

That being said, I have also seen and used many variations of this formula that work well for different situations. The main thing is that everyone in your group be on the same page. Talk about it before the ride, or just **STOP IT.** Also remember that the first rule of motorcycle safety is to ride within the limits you feel comfortable.

OK, Let's Roll, Lou

Membership Anniversaries (through August 2010)

5 years

Jim Gianella
Pete Hoyer
Cathy Noel
Jerrianne Wallace
John Olms
Elery Sharp
Cheryl Sharp

10 years

Sam Jenkins
Nita Fisher
Jimmy Godwin
Erin O'Donnell



15 years (charter members)

Bob Gebel
Bob Rau
Robert Schoenbeck
James Murawski
Cindy Schmitt

Special request to members from Jim Gianella: Please do not quote membership dues to mid-year applicants! Tell them to see Jim. He has the part-year dues schedule.

Road Trips

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.**

Aug-Sept 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug 15 Ste. Genevieve Jour de Fete	Aug 16	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 21
Aug 22 Washington / Hermann Ride	Aug 23	Aug 24 Club Meeting 7 pm Board 6:30	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28
Aug 29 Missouri Bottoms Ride	Aug 30	Aug 31	Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept 3	Sept 4
Sept 5 Hardin Ride	Sept 6	Sept 7	Sept 8	Sept 9	Sept 10	Sept 11
Sept 12 Weingarten Ride	Sept 13	Sept 14	Sept 15	Sept 16	Sept 17	Sept 18
Sept 19 Cuba Ride	Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22	Sept 23	Sept 24	Sept 25

August 15 — Sainte Genevieve Jour de Fete (Sue Braun): Our destination is Ste. Gen's 45th annual craft fair (the area's largest) featuring a myriad of crafts, food and entertainment. The ride there on Missouri back roads will take about two hours.

August 22 — Washington / Hermann (Kevin Polito): The destination depends on the weather (hotter = shorter). Either way, we'll ride some old favorite twisties, roller-coaster hills, and sweeping curves. Lunch will be Mexican food at *El Ranchito* (Hermann) or *El Nopal* (Washington).

August 29 — Missouri Bottoms (Mark Levin): This ride will take us through the curving roads, river bottoms, and bluffs of Northwest St. Louis County; and across the Mississippi River for lunch. The weather should be perfect, the company is always great, and the food will be pretty good.

September 5 — Hardin (Mel Heembrock): We will take North Hwy 94 into Alton, then ride the Great River Road through Grafton, to Hwy 16, and into Hardin. Lunch will be at Mel's Riverdock Restaurant. They specialize in smoked meats and scrumptious homemade desserts. Plan on spending \$10 (or more if you wish). Total distance is about 88 miles. Contingent backup plan, if roads are flooded, is St. Paul Parish Picnic in St. Paul, MO, with all you can eat prime kettle beef and chicken dinner, including homemade pie. They have continuous entertainment/music, crafts, country store, beer & wine. Show up and see which way we will go.

September 12 — Weingarten (Erin O'Donnell): Lunch will be at the Midway Café in Weingarten. The majority of the ride will be on back roads with some great twisties – both old and new. After lunch you can head back or ride more on Highway T (this is a different Highway T that is out of Perryville and it's incredible).

September 19 — Cuba (Cliff Connoyer): The ride will combine numbered and lettered highways where we'll see some of the same cows and trees we've seen before, along with some new cows and trees. There are some rolling hills, plenty of winding roads, some shaded roads to be taken at an aggressive pace or at your leisure. One of the stops is a bait shop with the world's biggest rocking chair. Lunch is at a nice restaurant serving great Bar-B-Q.

Next up: September 26 Defiance Sausage Dinner (Diana)

Oct 3 Potosi (Larry); 10 Bikers for Babies; 17 Pilot Knob (Lou); 24 St. John Gildehaus (Jim); 31 Linn/Frankenstein (Dave)

Send classified ads to Nita Fisher at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (314) 808-7762.

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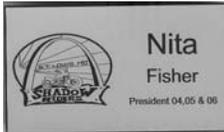
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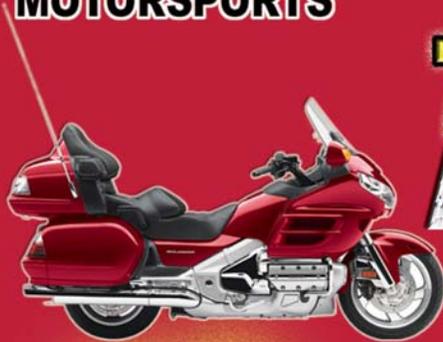
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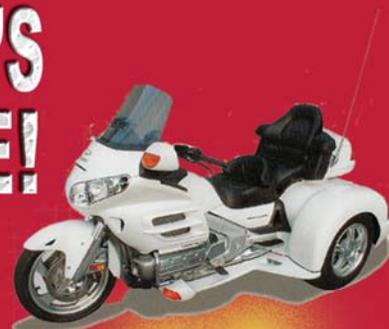
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General Membership Meeting
July 27th, 2010

Guest Speaker: The group was honored to have guest speaker, Alvin Wolf, Jr., in attendance. As a cyclist and former motorcyclist, Mr. Wolf is a lawyer who has written a book entitled *The Total Guide for Motorcycle and Bicycle Accident Victims in Missouri*. Everyone learned many valuable points about the do's and don'ts when involved in an accident and additional pointers should the case go to litigation. Mr. Wolf left some copies of his book with the group but it can be downloaded from his website, www.alvinwolf.com, if you were unable to attend the meeting.

Bikers for Babies: Katie Jo, Community Director for the March of Dimes, also was present to promote this year's Bikers for Babies event. This is the 15th anniversary of the ride and many fun things are planned: Streetfighters, rock climbing wall, Tony Twist, etc. If you collect money via the online contribution site, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a trip to Las Vegas and the opportunity to hang out with John Rich of Big & Rich. Katie Jo was selling pre-ride tee shirts and will be back next month to distribute ride envelopes. **More Bikers for Babies news- Rich Bayer --** Helmet Day was held on Saturday, 7/24. We had 8 workers at one collection location. Amount raised will be announced when final collection total is tallied. Anyone who raised \$500 or more in 2009 is invited to attend a dinner on 8/12 at the Triumph Bar and Grill. 9/10 – Joe Dirt will be playing at the Bottleneck Blues Bar @ 7:00.

Vice President's Report (Diana Johnson) – We are looking for volunteers to plan this year's holiday party. Board Member elections are just around the corner – if you ever thought of serving on the board, consider tossing your name in the hat and let one of us know!

Safety Officer's Report (Lou Soucy) – Trip to J & P Cycles was a huge success. Great fun had by all and plenty of new roads were explored. MS150 Ride still needs escorts if you'd like to volunteer - 9/11–9/12. Upcoming club trips: Sturgis – August 7-14 (see Bob Mueller), Yellowstone – August 20-30 (see Lou Soucy), Smoky Mountains – (see Bob Mueller or Ed Acree).

Treasurer's Report (Russ Davis) – Big St. Charles Harley Davidson is a huge supporter of our club and has brought in a number of new members. Gateway BMW is now a "business card" sponsor. Russ reminded everyone to support both of these organizations. Let them know when you're visiting their stores that you belong to the Shadow Riders and thank them for all they're doing! As a reminder, club members receive a 10% discount from Big St. Charles. You can see Marklynn Cobb about a discount when you're in Gateway BMW.

Miscellaneous - Hartbauer McBride (Bikers Helping Bikers) found a club liaison—Ron Eckert! Upcoming events will be the Ride/Poker Run on 8/22. Ron has 50/50 tickets– winner will be drawn at the ride. Thanks for representing the club, Ron! **Membership Details – Jim Gianella --** 141 Members, 26 Significant Others, 167 Total Members (27 are female riders). Jim will start announcing anniversary dates at the club meetings. So if you've belonged to the Shadow Riders for 5, 10 or 15 years, come hear your name announced! [see page 4 for up-to-date list]

Shadow Riders Club Welcomes New & Returning Members

Steve Davis (rides a 2009 Kawasaki ZG1400B9F)
Colleen Hucko (wife of Chad Hucko) (rides a black 2009 Yamaha V-Star 950)
Bob Imboden (previous member) & **Patti** (ride a black 2010 Harley Street Glide)
John & Andrea Geiler (ride a white 2008 Honda Goldwing)
Christopher Lambert

August Birthdays

06 - Karen Hegger	16 - Pete Hoyer
10 - Susan Braun	20 - Marklynn Cobb
15 - Annie Wallace	30 - Stephanie Kaelin



2010 Motorcycle Rallies

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, August 9-15 (70th Anniversary) www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com

Trail of Tears Remembrance Motorcycle Ride, September 18-22 www.trailoftears-remembrance.org

Bikes, Blues & BBQ, Fayetteville, AR, September 29-Oct 2 www.bikesbluesandbbq.org

Biketoberfest, October 14-17 www.daytonachamber.com/dbwcalendar/index.cfm?f_type=6

Hartbauer McBride Report (Bikers Helping Bikers)

- Ron Eckert is the new Shadow Riders Liaison for the Hartbauer/McBride Foundation.
- Total donations raised at the 2010 annual Dance held in Missouri and Illinois was \$21,073.
- **Annual Poker Run will be on August 22nd** with two starting points — one at Cadillac Jack's Iron Horse and one at Ted's Motorcycle World. Both will end at Sharky's in Collinsville, IL. Cost of \$10 per person includes one poker hand and one arm band...\$5 additional hands.
- Progressive 50/50 tickets now on sale (last year's winner got over \$3,000). Drawing will be at the poker run; need not be present to win.
- Over 16 applications have been approved this year to assist our brother bikers in need. More are pending.
- Next year's Dance/Party will be on June 18, 2011.
- Next year's Progressive 50/50 poker run will be on August 21, 2011.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park Area Ride September 28/29 to October 3/4



Robbinsville, NC—Approximately 600 miles.

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

Check in on Wednesday, Sept 29; Check out on Sunday, Oct 3

\$77.47 per night including tax Mention code LBBBJ10

Rooms have two double beds, but a king bed can be requested. Each room has a small refrigerator and microwave and comes with an attached garage for parking your bike inside. There are outdoor grills, picnic tables, and a covered patio for those who 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. There may be more rooms available, but **they go fast for this 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 (**314-315-1350**) or Ed (**314-569-1056**) if you are committed or interested.