



The Shadow Writer

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Official Newsletter of the
Shadow Riders Club of St. Louis
www.shadowriders-stl.com

A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders;

August is here and the riding weather couldn't be better. The Sunday crowds continue to grow as the temperatures remain mild. And we have many more Sunday rides coming up, so fire up your scooter and join us.

More trips are just around the corner, as is the club picnic. Remember, we're planning to do a group photo at the picnic, so be there on September 29th. Hopefully we'll have great weather and I know the food will be terrific. Check out the newsletter for more info on the picnic and all the rest of the club's activities.

Also, we're encouraging everyone to get an emergency medical card. Mark Charpentier has an option for members to obtain a card which would include the Shadow Riders logo and vital information for \$10 for 2 laminated informational cards. See our meeting notes for more information and get you money in as soon as possible so Mark can submit the order.

Remember, we had more potential new members ride with us last week. Please make them feel welcome and explain our riding guidelines and expectations so everyone enjoys themselves. Let them know we do more, ride more, and socialize more (that includes eating) than any club in the STL.

And lastly, remember the Hartbauer-McBride Poker run this August 18th. Our club has volunteered to man the check points along the route. The ride leaves from the Burger King in Manchester, MO, (Old Orchard) and ends at Top Shooters in Columbia, IL. If you're working the event and need any info, contact Robin for details. This is a very worthy cause, so come out and show your support. And thanks to all the volunteers who stepped up to make this event possible.

Young riders pick a destination and go... Old riders pick a direction and go -

Dave Simorka
President

Club Meeting (General Membership)

7:00 pm, 4th Tuesday of the Month

The Sports Café', 3579 Pennridge (West of St. Charles Rock Road, North of I-270)

Next Meeting: August 27, 2013

Board meeting 30 minutes before regular meeting.

Sunday Rides

April through November:

Meet at Old Orchard Center, 14128 Manchester, behind Arby's. Plan to arrive around 9:30, line up your bike, then visit with friends. Rides leave at 10 a.m.

Shadow Rider General Membership Meeting July 2013

Dave opened the meeting proposing a change to the members who are authorized to conduct business in Bank Account 1523 111 370 52 to keep Russell E Davis, remove Ronald J. Eckert and add David W. Simorka. Nita motioned to accept and Dave W seconded the motion. The vote was approved by the majority of members who attended.

Mileage patches were distributed for 10,000 and 7,500 miles. Turn your mileage in to Dave S.

Mark Charpentier is collecting for the Emergency Medical Cards mentioned in last month's newsletter. You can send the \$10 for two cards to him at 225 Copperwood Trail, St. Charles, MO 63304.

The club Picnic will be on Sunday Sept. 29th. Come join the ride out to Klondike Park and enjoy.

Holiday party planers Robin P and Sue B are open for suggestions. This is usually scheduled for January so come be a part.

See Eric and Karen Johnston for any Shadow Riders merchandise you may need.

Zip-lining is scheduled for Sept 14th riding out of Old Orchard at 10am. Ira will need prepayment of \$27. Liability forms can be filled out online at Meramec Caverns website. Hendels Café SNO will be on Aug. 10th meeting at Old Orchard at 4:15pm-leaving at 4:30 sharp. Dinner is at 5:30.

The new Website is still a couple weeks away from completion. Make sure you check it out.

Make a Wish Foundation collected nearly \$30,000 this year! Bikers for Babies helmet day will be put on by March of Dimes, dates to follow. Sponsorships are also available for \$750 and up, see Rich Bayers if you know of a business who might be interested

The Hartbauer McBride Poker run will be a rain or shine event. For those of you who volunteered collect your supplies at Burger King at 9:45. Registration starts at 10am.

Karen Johnston won \$33 on 50/50 drawing.

Ride Safe,
Andrea

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July Membership

Main Members	84
Significant Others	20
Juniors	3
Total	107

August Birthdays

- 10 - SUSAN BRAUN
- 16 - PETE HOYER
- 20 - MARKLYN COBB
- 29 - GLENN ROLAND

August Anniversaries

- 15 years – Mark and Lesley Levin
- 1 year – Richard Imperiale,
Michael Reuscher

New members for July

Sam Hentschel rides a blue 2007 Yamaha FZ6

Hello SR's-

Well, we have hit August and, for some odd reason, are having great weather for riding. I haven't had much time to ride myself, but have seen a bunch of bikes out on the road. I look forward to having a great ride out East with a great group of people. As I was thinking about hitting the super slab on our first day, I thought I would post this article on big rigs on the highway for everybody, whether they're going with us, or staying around to ride the local roads. It is a pretty good article that points out several issues with sharing the road with OTR trucks.

"Big rigs present particular hazards that can be deadly to motorcyclists. A blowout on a car will sometimes throw a piece of tire tread into the road, but by observation of the roads in your area, you know it's mostly truck tires that come apart. The tread off an 18-wheeler is enormous, certainly big enough to knock a Gold Wing off its wheels, and the force with which it comes apart is horrific.

Another feature of trucks is their design. Because they are made for fast switching of their cargo - nowadays trucks haul boxcars on wheels - the cab and trailer are often separate: separately owned and maintained. The driver is supposed to safety-check his trailer regularly, but he will not know its history.

On a long day of riding, overtaking trucks is the only game out there for a motorcyclist on the interstates. In order to try to ride at a constant speed to maximize gas mileage and make steady time, there are some tricks that I learned for passing, and being passed.

As for being passed, it's simple: get out of their way. Move to the far side of the road from the passing lane to diminish the wind blast that will come your way. It starts before the truck is next to you, from all the air being pushed to the side and forward as it rolls at speed. Be prepared to be moved involuntarily as much as half a lane to the side of your path of travel, and that's if you're maintaining a strong grip, good forward focus and firm control. Choose your path so that you allow for this sideways movement and don't run off the road.

After about half of the truck's trailer has passed, you may experience the opposite tendency, to be pulled toward the truck's back wheels. A slipstream shaped like a teardrop is formed in the air turbulence created behind the truck, and some (but not all) truck rigs will try to suck you into it. So do not move back toward the truck to reestablish a left (i.e., lead bike) lane position until it is well away from you. Try to create as much of a gap as you can between yourself and trucks that are behind you in the same lane. They will use the terrain to maximize their gas mileage, too, which means they really get rolling on the down-hills if they can. Speed limits do not matter during these maneuvers, and being tailgated by a big rig going 95 mph will certainly wake you up!

(Remember the MSF lesson on planning escape routes?)"

Ride safe! Ride your own ride...

Safety Dave



Zip Line event Saturday 09/14/13

Two years ago we had 13 members join us for this outing at Meramec Caverns.

Web site is: <http://www.cavemanzipline.com/>.

Everyone really had a great time so we are trying to go again. We need a minimum of 10 to get half off the fee. Our special Group rate is \$27.00. I have the money from 2 members but need payment from 8 more to secure our reservation.

We will leave Old Orchard at 10:00 am sharp.

Arrive at Meramec Caverns at 11:30

Receive training & begin zipping shortly around 12:00 or so.

Questions email Ira @ isteuer36@yahoo.com

Please mail checks to: Ira Steuer, 3884 Affirmed Dr., Florissant, mo. 63034.

**Club Picnic, Sunday, September 29
Picnic Coordinator: Diana Johnson**

Mark your calendars and plan on attending our Shadow Riders annual picnic. We have moved it to later in the season in the hopes of milder weather. Lou has put together a nice ride that will end at Klondike Park just outside of Defiance somewhere around noon. (The same place we were at last year.) The ride leaves Old Orchard plaza at 10:00 am sharp.

We will be grilling up some tasty burgers with all the fixings and Italian sausage with grilled peppers and onions. Some delicious homemade side dishes and dessert which includes deviled eggs, chicken wings, Loading Dock Salsa and chips, cole slaw, lettuce salad, Italian three bean salad, and a sweet treat. We will have soda and water to quench your thirst. This event is free to members. We ask for a donation for any non-member guest. We are also going to attempt a club photo and will give you the opportunity to have your picture taken on your bike in the picturesque scenery that is Klondike park.

Special Reminder

For those of you who don't know: All Shadow Riders receive a 10% discount at St. Charles Motorsports and collect reward points at Gateway BMW. I know it's late in the riding season but some of us still need to repair/replace certain things on our bikes. Here's an opportunity to take advantage of another benefit of being a Shadow Rider.

Bike Count for December

Honda - 33	Harley - 26	Kawasaki - 10	Suzuki - 4	Yamaha - 12	BMW - 4
Vento - 1	Big Dog - 1	CanAm - 2	Triumph - 2	KTM - 1	Victory - 2

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug. 11 <i>Calendonia</i>	Aug.12	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 17 Group leaves 7AM for Niagara Falls
Aug. 18 <i>Hartbauer McBride Poker Run</i> Group arrives Niagara Falls	Aug. 19 Group arrives Lake Placid, NY	Aug. 20	Aug. 21	Aug. 22 Group arrives Belfast, ME	Aug. 23	Aug. 24
Aug. 25 <i>*Open Ride*</i> Group arrives Bennington, VT	Aug. 26 Group arrives Mansfield, PA	Aug. 27 <i>Club Meeting @ Sports Cafe</i>	Aug. 28 Smiling group returns from Niagara Falls	Aug. 29	Aug. 30	Aug. 31
Sept. 1 <i>St. Paul, MO Church Picnic</i>	Sept. 2	Sept.. 3	Sept. 4	Sept.5	Sept.6	Sept. 7
Sept. 8 <i>Bellevue, MO Elephant Rocks</i>	Sept. 9	Sept. 10	Sept. 11	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 14

Color codes for calendar:

Blue: indicates planned rides, Red: indicates important dates or holidays

Green: indicates things to envy.

Rides and Events:

Aug. 11: Jim will be taking us through the Ozarks to our lunch destination in Caledonia. Some of the roads and towns will be familiar to most members as we will be going through Byrnes Mill, DeSoto, Hillsboro and Bonne Terre, as well as a couple new towns. Once we reach Caledonia, you have 2 choices for lunch: There is tasty smoked pork at Caledonia BBQ and home cooking at Caledonia Diner.

Aug. 18: Sign up 10:30-Noon Starting points for this event are: Missouri - Burger King, Old Orchard Center, Illinois - Ted's MC World, 4103 Humbert Road, Alton, IL 62002

Sept. 1: This 68 mile ride will take us on familiar roads in St. Charles County and some new ones. It's a leisurely 2 hour ride to St. Paul, MO (O'Fallon) for a fabulous church picnic. Their all-you-can-eat kettle beef with all the fixin's and fresh veggies are quite tasty. Plan on spending \$10-\$12 cash for lunch or nibble on snacks at the food stands.

Sept. 8: Chris will take us on some very scenic and enjoyable back roads as we travel down to Elephant Rock State Park. Chris hasn't said but I think that Bar-B-Que is in the picture.

Members' classified ads are free! Send to John Geiler at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (636) 938-4299

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FOR SALE: Scorpion EXO-700 Helmet
(\$75) *New Price*****

Worn 3 times. Excellent helmet; poor fit for me.

Color: Matte Anthracite Size: Men's Medium

Call Don @ 314-477-3562
For Sale – 2002 Honda Shadow Ace 750cc –

Purple and Silver. Many accessories including hard color-matched saddle bags, windshield, floor boards, highway bar and pegs, pin striping, chrome radiator cover, chrome side covers and throttle lock. Has 73,864 miles. Original owner. All maintenance done by Honda (have all maintenance records). Asking \$2,800 OBO.

Call Erin at 314-780-6662.

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