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The Shadow Writer

Official Newsletter of the
Shadow Riders Club of
St. Louis

A Letter from the President

I was very encouraged by the amount and variety of discussion after the January election and your straight-forward comments about things we could or should do to make the club more attractive. It told me that you care about our club. I care too! Since you have seen fit to allow me and the other current officers to serve the club for another year, I will do my best to move the club in the directions you say you want it to go.

Of course, your continued involvement in club decisions, your advice, and your vote on matters that require it are important parts of making that happen. Two events in February start the ball rolling.

On **Sunday, February 20**, we will set the 2005 ride schedule. The road captains have prepared a draft schedule, but this final planning meeting, which is open to all club members, will be your chance to make changes and support the rides (and other events) you want on the schedule. The meeting will be at the French Quarter, starting at 10 A.M. Not only are you welcome to attend, I encourage you to do so.

At the next general membership meeting, **February 22**, you will be asked to vote on the 2005 club budget. The Board will present a proposed budget with some questions about what activities we want to include (or exclude) for the coming year. You'll have time for input and discussion before the vote. This is your money. If you want a say in how it's spent, be sure to be at the February meeting.

Let's make this year a good one – filled with good rides, good company, and lots of fun!

Nita Fisher, President
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The Shadow Riders Club of St. Louis
Is a Chartered Club of the
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~Saturday Night Out~

March 12, 5:30 pm, Bandana's BBQ
(Dorsett just east of I-270) followed
by Dave & Busters. Get details on the
HOTLINE or WEBSITE .

Club Meetings

General Membership Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month
 Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane
 NEXT MEETING: February 22

Road Captains/Safety Meeting

6:30 PM, BEFORE THE GM MEETING
 Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane
 NEXT MEETING: March 22

Board Meeting

7:00 PM, 2nd Wednesday, EVEN-NUMBER MONTHS
 Olive Garden, 12990 Manchester Road
 NEXT MEETING: April 13

Sunday Group Rides

Meet at Old Orchard Center, Manchester & Braeshire Ave. (West of Weidman Road)
 Pick-up rides leave at about 10 AM, now through March, depending on weather. Arrive early and visit with your friends.

Membership Stats 2005

Main members	98
Significant Others	32
Junior members	0
Total	130

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The January General Membership meeting featured election of officers for 2005. The current officers were re-elected to their respective positions: Nita Fisher, president; Randy Tallant, vice president; Cathy Eidson, secretary; Stewart Marolf, treasurer; and Dennis Meade, safety officer.

Following the election, there was a general discussion of changes members would like to see in the GM meetings. These included reducing the amount of time spent on business and Bikers for Babies and increasing the emphasis on issues directly related to riding, especially club rides.

Stewart Marolf reported a working balance in the treasury of \$6,886, with outstanding bills from the holiday party and year bars yet to be paid.

It was announced that Shadow Riders will have the month of August on the 10th anniversary Bikers for Babies calendar and the casino night at Ameristar on the third Thursday of August.

Laura Boone requested volunteers to watch the gates and doors at the Wide Open Bike Show in Wentzville on February 26, 9:30 AM to 10 PM and February 27, 9:30 AM to 5 PM.

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by Peggy Phillips

- I-15 in the Western US...there is a 15-mile stretch between Nevada and Utah, that runs thru the Virgin River Canyon, where the rock walls rise a 1000 feet above you, on either side of the road...just wide enough for 4 lanes of highway and a river that criss-crosses back and forth...there's a picnic/rest area on the river's edge, on one end of the gorge
- If you like hairpin turns and mountain passes, try Independence Pass in Colorado... between Aspen on the west and Leadville to the northeast, on CO Hwy 82....summer traffic can make it a slow crawl at the summit...the views and vistas are awesome.
- The "Million Dollar Highway" between Durango and Silverton, Colorado....lots of climbing mountains as you head north from Durango, with high meadows and pine tree aromas....stop and catch the view of tiny Silverton down in the valley as you wind down the mountain...Silverton has some places to eat and shop, and still had dirt streets when I was there, with the locals opposing paving plans
- In Arizona, coming south out of Flagstaff on I-17, look for the airport exit that turns the other way to get to Hwy 89A that will take you to Sedona....it passes through a pine savannah on a high altitude plateau, and when you reach the wayside area after several miles, stop and see the Native American wares for sale....then it's hairpin turns as you descend several thousand feet in just a few miles....at the bottom, you follow Oak Creek as it flows south, making its way to and beyond Sedona...take time to stop at Slide Rock State Park and splash on the rocks and in the pools of Oak Creek...or park in one of the turnouts and walk to the creek's edge and do some impromptu wading.
- A bit closer to home, Arkansas Hwy 9 from Melbourne, to Hwy 14 west, to the junction with Hwy 27 that is a few miles east of Marshall....there are some twists and turns that will test your skills, so you want to be prepared for tight turns amongst a gorgeous hardwood forest....you're really out in the boonies here, so take advantage when a rest stop with gas and snacks comes into viewit's well worth the effort to get there, and there are so many options for additional scenic routes very close

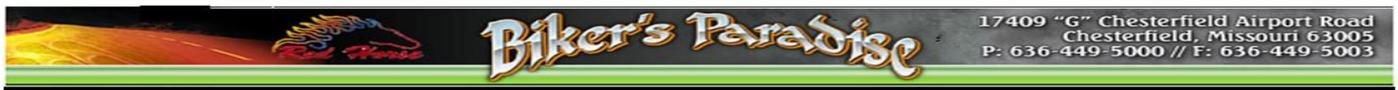
These are some of my personal recommendations, from places I have been. I want to share all of our experiences with the club, so be sure to contact me with your own memories so that I can include them in future columns. Send to pPhillips@brick.net or call me at 314-428-6233 weeknights.

Ride safe and have fun !!!



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A Safety Tip from Dennis Meade

Everyone wants their bike to be in good working order for that first spring ride. How many actually do this inspection before each ride?

When you consider how much enjoyment your motorcycle brings you, you probably don't mind that it needs more frequent attention than your car. A minor technical failure in a car seldom leads to anything more than an inconvenience for the driver. Such a failure can be deadly to the motorcyclist.

You can ride more confidently knowing that you've paid close attention to every aspect of your motorcycle's mechanical well-being. Regular maintenance and preventive care can go a long way toward ensuring a trouble-free ride. But sometimes even the best-kept motorcycle can develop a problem. Therefore, it's important to check your machine before every ride.

Motorcycles don't wear out overnight, of course, but a daily check of your machine's general condition and fluid levels can make your ride a safe one. A pre-ride check can be a quick and easy inspection of critical components, easily remembered using the term **T-CLOCK**.

T – Stands for tires and wheels.

C – Stands for controls – levers, cables, hoses and throttle.

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L – Is for lights and electrics. The electrical system is frequently neglected

O – Is for oils and fluids. Keep the engine oil filled to the proper level.

C - The other C, stands for chassis and chain.

K – Is for the kickstand. Be sure the side stand and center stand spring up.

When your bike sits for a while things can change, like the tires can lose air pressure. Don't forget to do your checks the first time (and every time) you get out to go riding.

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John Brubaker (rides a 2005 Silver and Blue Harley Davidson Fatboy)





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"We Have It All Right Here, in St. Louis!"

by Kevin Polito

In the classic 1944 film "Meet Me in St. Louis," a family's hopes of enjoying the 1904 World's Fair are threatened when the father announces their impending move to New York for a job. By film's end, he has been pressured to keep the family put, and in an emotional climax, Judy Garland declares, "We don't have to go to New York. We have it all right here, in St. Louis!"

If she were talking about great motorcycling roads, she wouldn't be far off the mark. The varied terrain of eastern Missouri and southern Illinois -- with its rolling hills, ridges, bluffs, and river valleys -- provides a taste of many other scenic locales within riding distance of our starting point at Old Orchard Center.

Is cruising easy while watching eagles float on thermals over river bluffs your fancy? If so, head north up Highway 79 from St. Peters as the road plays tag with the Mississippi all the way to Hannibal. A detour just before Winfield via Highway 47 and Route W will give you a roller-coaster ride with scenic hillcrest views of the valley and downhill curves through little towns, depositing you in Clarksville, where you can begin enjoying alternating sweepers through Louisiana and into Mark Twain's boyhood home town.

The eastern option is the Illinois Great River Road beginning in Alton. The ribbon of asphalt hugs the river and takes you through Grafton and up to Pere Marquette State Park, where you might want to take a brief detour on the park's back road for a breathtaking view of the Illinois River. Continuing north, enjoy the serenity of farm fields that stretch for miles in the sunlight. Just after you cross the Illinois River, you might want to stop in Hardin for great barbecue, fried catfish, or other treats at the Riverdock or Barefoot restaurants.

If you have an appetite for endless miles of tight curves over hill and dale, head south to enjoy the ridge roads of Jefferson County. Some have compared these roads to Highway 129 in North Carolina (aka, Deal's Gap). Continue further south on Highways 47 and 21 through Potosi to enjoy a smorgasbord of sweepers and end up in Bixby for great deli sandwiches at the Bixby Country Store.

Heading west will get you to some of the best roads in the region (some would say in the country, or the world!). Taking Highway 100 will get you to Route T, the scenic way to ride the hills and valleys through St. Alban's, Labadie, and back to Highway 100 in Washington, where you can simply cross the road and continue on Route V, with more scenic curves that lead to Highway 47 in Union. From there it's a short jog to Route A and a treasure trove of alphabet roads through breathtaking countryside leading to Hermann.

After lunch in Hermann, you're going to want to continue enjoying the beauty of Missouri wine country, so why not take Highway 19 across the Missouri River and pick up Highway 94 to head east? Legend has it that German immigrants in the 1800s traveled along this path and, finding it a remarkable stand-in for their beloved Bavaria, decided to settle down and plant some grapevines. You'll find plenty of examples of the winemaking art along the length of 94, and although you won't find any Alpine mountains, you'll get to enjoy hours of curves and scenic overlooks.

Can't find the vacation days and budget to travel across the country or to Europe? Just show up on any Sunday during the Shadow Riders riding season (April through November) and enjoy some of the best roads anywhere -- right here, in St. Louis.

Third Annual Ladies Overnight Trip

Peggy Phillips has planned an "easy ride", full of great motorcycle roads and lots of breaks to enjoy the spring scenery and weather. The planned route is about 200 miles each way, with a picnic lunch at Round Spring Park, on the Current River, and an evening in the Thayer/Mammoth Springs area.

The two possible dates for the trip are May 7/8 (Mother's Day weekend) or May 14/15. The dates will be finalized at the March GM Meeting. Let Peggy know if you want to go and which weekend you prefer! Her e-mail address is pphilips@ccaglobal.com.

(Peggy has a spot on the back of her bike for any lady member who wants to go as a passenger. There may be other passenger seats available, too.)

Special Shadow Riders MSF Experienced Rider Course

Saturday, May 7, at Forest Park Community College, 8 am to 6 pm

To be eligible to take the class, you must have ridden for one year or 1,000 miles. Range work is done on your own bike.

Dennis Meade will have application forms at the GM meeting. You may also contact him by sending e-mail to bluegw@shadowriders-stl.com.

New e-mail address?

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February 27 10:00 am Off Season Pick-up Ride	February 28	March 1	2	3	4	5
6 10:00 am Off Season Pick-up Ride	7	8 No Safety Meeting—see March 22	9 No Board Meet- ing— (Board now meets bi- monthly)	10	11	12 SNO 5:30 pm Bandana's BBQ (Dorsett & 270) +Dave&Busters
13 10:00 am Off Season Pick-up Ride	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 10:00 am Off Season Pick-up Ride	21	22 6:30 pm Road Captains 7:00 pm General Mem- bership Meeting Elks Lodge	23	24	25	26
27 10:00 am Off Season Pick-up Ride	28	29	30	31		

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Upcoming Motorcycle Rallies

Daytona Bike Week—March 7-12, 2005 (get details at www.daytonachamber.com)

Those planning to attend include:

Bob Mueller

Cathy and Dan Eidson

Tito and Sharon Lopez (They're trailering from Wentzville to Tampa leaving on Friday, March 4, and are willing to serve as a chase vehicle for anyone interested.)

Branson Motorcycle Rally, May 19-22, 2005 (details at www.bransonmotorcyclerrally.com)

Those planning to attend include:

Diana Johnson

Honda Hoot, Knoxville, TN, June 22-25 (details at Honda Motorcycles website or 800-347-1289)

Those planning to attend include:

George Trowbridge

Wing Ding (Gold Wings), Ft. Wayne, IN, July 4-8, 2005 (get details at www.gwrra.org)

Those planning to attend include:

Bob Mueller

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, August 8-14, 2005 (get details at www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com)

Those planning to attend include:

Cathy and Dan Eidson

Mike Dooley

Doug and Donna Shaw

Ride to the Smokies, June 7-12, 2005 (presented by St. Charles City Park Rangers)

Stops in Nashville, Knoxville, Pigeon Forge, North Carolina, Paducah. Options to ride Deals Gap, Blue Ridge Parkway. Night at Dolly Parton's Dixieland Stampede Dinner Theater.

Informational meeting Saturday, **February 19**, noon – 2:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall in Blanchette Park, 1900 West Randolph, St. Charles, MO. Contact Mike at 636-949-3377 for more information.



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It is organized chronologically from invention starting in 1868 through recent developments in motorcycle design.

Tickets are \$15 each, with discount packages available in multiples of 25 for \$250.

See next month's newsletter for more information.



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