

January 2005

The Shadow Writer

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

A Letter from the President

The New Year started off with a “brrr” and a “bang.”

On January 1st, a dozen bold Shadow Riders joined in some portion of the Polar Bear Ride. The food at JJ’s was excellent and it felt good to be out on the bike, even if the weather was damp and chilly!

A week later, more than 60 of us were startled as the lights went out and three “gunshots” shattered our quiet enjoyment of our salads at the annual holiday party. The scramble to uncover clues to whodunit was mingled with some fabulous dancing music – plenty of slow numbers, which was good because I could get Ryugen to dance with me, and lively ones where I mostly enjoyed watching folks with more energy than I had cut up the floor. All in all, the party was a big success. One of our sponsors made it and seemed to enjoy himself also. My thanks to Laura Boone and Ann Stone for putting it together, Marklyn and Diana for helping scrounge attendance prizes, the “Pitz Hotel Players,” and all those who attended for making it a spirited, fun-filled evening.

This month also marks the end of this term for officers. Thank you for making this year as president relatively painless. Your help and support is what makes this club -- and this club is what makes serving as an officer an honor, even during the times when it is a challenge (for the same reason an Ironbutt ride is a challenge).

If you elect me to another term, I promise to do my best to ...(oh, you know...)

p.s. You’ll find some changes in this month’s newsletter – some new features and some adjustments to recurring entries. I hope you like them. (We’re [I’m] still looking for someone to be the “real” editor.)

Nita Fisher, President
prez@shadowriders-stl.com



~Saturday Night Out~

February 12, 5:30 PM, Gino’s at 4502 Hampton near The Hill. 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: January 25

Road Captains/Safety Meeting

7:00 PM, 2nd Tuesday each month

The French Quarter, 14766 Manchester Road

NEXT MEETING: February 8

Board Meeting

7:00 PM, 2nd Wednesday each month

Olive Garden, 12990 Manchester Road

NEXT MEETING: February 9

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	87
Significant Others	26
Junior members	0
Total	113

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The December GM meeting was well attended. The usual Shadow Rider banter was mixed in with meeting business, including a lively discussion of the activities planned for the upcoming holiday party.

Stewart Marolf reported that as of November 30, we have a working balance of \$5,322.04.

Nita Fisher said she will be responsible for getting a newsletter out until there are volunteer(s) to take Jerry Voelker's place as editor.

Rich Bayers agreed to be the club's representative to the St. Louis Bikers for Babies Committee. The Vice President will continue to handle the club's fund-raising activities.

Actions taken:

- The club voted to purchase one month on the tenth anniversary Bikers for Babies calendar for \$500, the month to be determined by the Board. The calendar will run from May 2005 to May 2006, and will feature the 2004 B4B baby ambassadors. (Ours were Jack Sheehan and Gabrielle Lerch.)
- The club voted to request a casino night (donated by Ameristar) in the same month as we purchase on the calendar, to help raise the \$500.

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by Peggy Phillips

With the new calendar year come new ideas and fresh ways of looking at everything. I have volunteered to get together a monthly column for our newsletter called “**Recommended Rides.**” I’ve started off this month with some of the more memorable spots from my past tours around the continent.

- US 212 from the Northeast entrance of Yellowstone National Park east & north into Montana, then dipping back into Wyoming, then back up into Montana ...it’s called the BearTooth Highway, and “Top of the World” for very good reason significant elevations and hairpin curves....you should miss the snow if you go in July.
- The scenic route around Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada...it travels through a provincial park along the coastline...there’s a park entrance fee, and it’s well worth it...you’ll be riding a full day on this loop that takes you to the ocean’s edge, so make time to stop & watch for whales on the northwest side.
- The Natchez Trace Parkway...If you can’t do the entire 444 miles from Natchez, MS, to Nashville, TN, catch it at Gordonsburg or Duck River, TN, for the “northern leg”.....miles of luscious scenery and the best series of Zen curves that I’ve found in my travels.
- Fall Creek Falls State Park, south of Cookeville, TN....any road(s) in the park...just be sure to stop at the falls for photo ops.
- Cherahola Skyway, in southeastern Tennessee, from Tellico Plains, TN to junction of US 129 in North Carolina...the changes in elevation may spur a change in your outer-wear as you go from low to high to low.....which leads us to ...
- Deals Gap....11 miles of winding curves & excitement on US 129 on the western edge of the Smoky Mountain National Park, along US 129....be there very early in the morning to avoid the speeding sport bikes....mementos & refreshments available at the Mobil Station at the south end of the Gap.

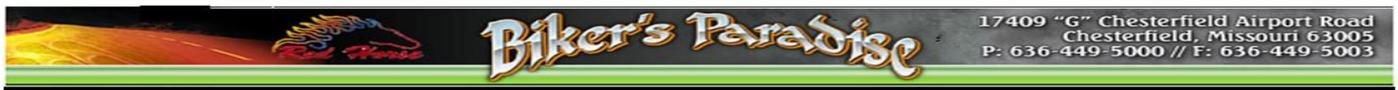
Wanna share a special route with the club, but don’t want to write a whole article? Here’s your chance! I have more favorites to share, but I ask each of you to contribute your favorite routes, as well. My style is long-distance, but I hope we will get some “backyard” routes, too, so that we have lots of choices and lots of variety, and members eager to ride.

Just give enough teaser information to make everyone salivate and get them eager to plan a ride to get there. Send your recommendations to pPhillips@ccaglobal.com, and please put “recommended SRC ride” as your subject line, so it gets my attention. I will also have pen and paper at our monthly meetings for those of us who are less computer-prone. Let’s keep the column full each month!!!



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A Message From Dennis Meade

We have a new-year starting and a lot of you have already put your bikes away for the winter. But everyone keeps hoping for a break in the weather. When the weather warms up, like it has over the holidays, you get the bike out of storage for a quick one-day ride - just like I did on New Years Eve. But I am sure old man winter will come roaring back. Then the bikes will be put back in storage.

For those of you that came to the December general membership meeting, I said I was able to purchase several safety-related tapes and material from MSF. What I am planning on doing is to share that information with every member of the club. By that I mean I will have a safety article in the monthly newsletter. I will also talk about some different things at the general membership meeting that I hope will give everyone some additional information that could make you a safer and more defensive rider.

By the time this article is published in the January newsletter we will have already had the first safety meeting of the year. As many of you know that is the first meeting where we will start getting some ideas on which rides we will put on the schedule for 2005. But if you missed that meeting, the February safety meeting we will also start to put down on paper the rides for 2005. Remember the safety meeting is held at the French Quarter restaurant at 14766 Manchester Road. The meeting on Tuesday evenings starts at 7 pm. All members are welcome.

Tradition has it that on the third Sunday of February we meet at the French Quarter to finalize the ride schedule for the year. That date is February 20, 2005. We will meet at 10 am. Breakfast will be at 9 am. If the weather cooperates maybe we can get a ride in.

Dennis Meade
SRC - Safety Officer

Is This Your Last SRC Newsletter?

By Erin M. O'Donnell

Don't let this be your last SRC newsletter!!! If you've already renewed your Shadow Rider's membership, you have nothing to worry about. If you haven't, don't wait any longer.

About 40% of our members still have not renewed for 2005. If you're one of those, please take a few minutes to fill out your renewal form, write SRC a check, and put it in the mail. As long as I receive it by the end of January you will not be dropped from the mailing list.

If you're not sure whether you already renewed, if you lost your renewal form, or if you have any questions, please e-mail me at bikerbabe@pvtlist.com or call me at 314-293-0404.

SRC Welcomes New Members

October

Peter Cano (rides a black 2003 Honda Shadow Ace)

Gary & Nanette Weintraub (ride a black 2000 Honda Shadow Sabre)

Mary Vaughan (rides a red/gray 2001 Kawasaki Vulcan)

Steve Griffin (rides a black/orange 2003 Yamaha Midnight Roadstar)

Jeff Arensmeier (rides a red 1991 red Honda Nighthawk)

November:

Tony Rock (rides a blue/white 1996 Honda Shadow Ace)

December:

David Scott Jr. (rides a black 2000 Yamaha V-Star Classic)

Merideth Hartley (rides a red 1993 Honda Shadow)

Michael Lewandowski (rides a red/black 2002 Honda Shadow Ace)

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CASUAL RIDE January 9, 2005
By George Trowbridge

At 7:00 A.M. when I awoke, the temperature in Florissant was 30 degrees. Yet the prospect of a good day for riding was still there, that is until I got out of bed to let my dogs out. Opening the door was all it took to convince me that it was probably too cold for me to ride. As I fixed breakfast I watched the outside thermometer closely as it s-l-o-w-l-y inched up, a 10th of a degree at a time. "There's still hope" I kept thinking. I wrestled with the decision to ride until 8:45 when it was time to leave. I checked the thermometer one last time and Lo and behold it had risen to a blistering 32 degrees. My decision made, I dressed appropriately and went out and (you guessed it) got into my car.

The ride to Old Orchard Plaza was toasty and uneventful. When I arrived at a few minutes past 9:00 Bill Mayer was already there on his Shadow. We went into Burger King to wait for the other riders to arrive. Inside we found Paul Thurman who had come by car as had I. Shortly we were joined by Nita, as well as Charlie Cooper, also in 4 wheelers. By 10:00 Bill was still the only rider. As we were all preparing to leave Ira arrived, all suited up for a chilly ride. After he and Bill had talked for a while the decision was made, Bill was going home and Ira decided to follow his programmed route. It was good morning despite the chilly weather. A couple of us decided to meet at Cadillac Jack's (don't remember the new name) if it warmed up.

Holiday Party at the PITZ HOTEL
by George Trowbridge

In spite of the damp rainy weather there was still a good turn out for this evening's event. The Shadow Riders hosted a Mystery Dinner Dance party at the Holiday Inn Riverport where the festivities were interrupted after dinner by one, and then a while later two loud gunshots, one of which resulted in the death of Sammy Fenestra, brilliantly played by no one at all. During the rest of the evening several suspects were interrogated by "Marriott Mess" the Treasury Dept. investigator assigned to the case. Additionally, many clues were distributed so the innocent bystanders could determine who the killer was. Toward the end of the evening each of the eight tables was provided with an opportunity to present the results of their combined sleuthing skills. The results were surprising.

The dinner was great as was the company. Music was provided by the Gateway Skyline Band, the performers at the "Bikers for Babies" event.

Many thanks to Laura Boone, Ann Stone, and all the others who participated in the planning, organizing, and production of this annual holiday party. (Check the web site Scrapbook for photos.)

I saw no motorcycles in the parking lot, not even mine. Have faith, warmer weather is coming,

Ride to the Smokies

St. Charles City Park Rangers are putting on an all brand motorcycle ride to the Great Smoky Mountains and parts in-between, June 7-12, 2005. There will be an informational meeting Saturday, February 19, from noon – 2:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall in Blanchette Park located at 1900 West Randolph, St. Charles, MO 63301. Contact Mike at 636-949-3377 for more information. There will be copies of the mailer at the January GM meeting.

Thank you to all those who contributed to this month's newsletter.

It's their contributions—and yours—that make this truly a
Shadow Riders' news letter.

Send articles, announcements, or other content to
editor@shadowriders-stl.com
or call Nita at (636) 257-2238.

**Motorcycle Safety Foundation
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classes are offered at these three
locations.**

**SLCC at Forest Park: 314-644-9175
(registration is now open; classes
start in March)**

**Jefferson College: 636-797-3000
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classes start in April)**

**St. Charles Parks & Recreation:
636-949-3377 (registration opens
January 17; classes start in March)**

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January 30 10:00 am Off Season Pick-up Ride	January 31	February 1	2	3	4	5
6 10:00 am Off Season Pick-up Ride	7	8 7:00 pm Safety Meeting French Quarter	9 7:00 pm SRC Board Meeting Olive Garden	10	11	12 5:30 pm SNO Gino's Restaurant, 4502 Hampton
13 10:00 am Off Season Pick-up Ride	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 10:00 am Final Ride Plan- ning, French Quarter	21	22 7:00 pm General Mem- bership Meeting Elks Lodge	23	24	25	26
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<p>For Sale:</p> <p>2002 Suzuki Intruder 1500 LC (shaft drive)</p> <p>Black & Chrome, 11,700 adult miles (always garaged) Mustang Seat with drivers backrest Luggage Rack with passengers backrest Floorboards front and rear (heel/toe shifter) Cobra Pipes with jet kit (sounds and runs fantastic) Large cruiser windshield with lowers, Windshield bag Custom kuriyakan (sp) ISO grips Leather Saddlebags, Crash bars with highway peg \$7,500 firm (\$12,500 invested)</p> <p>Call Skip Gauldin at: (314)-393-5546</p>	<p>For Sale:</p> <p>Large Black/Silver JOE ROCKET Motorcycle Jacket. Never Been Worn. \$80.</p> <p>Call Branson Block at: (636)-227-4905</p>
<p>For Sale:</p> <p>1. large BMW patch \$10.00 1. large jacket with BMW embossed on the back of this denim jacket. 1. set of new pipes for a vulcan1500E calassic model \$75.00. 1. Vulcan 1500 seat \$125.00 new.</p> <p>Call Frank Muriel at: (314)-838-7886</p>	<p>For Sale:</p> <p>2004 HONDA SHADOW SPIRIT VT1100C luggage rack, Kuryakyn ISO grips w/throttle boss Black, 1,956 mi, \$6450</p> <p>Call Don Owen at (636)-225-3426</p> <p>For Sale:</p> <p>2003 Honda Shadow 750 Spirit with about 4000 miles.</p> <p>Paid \$6000 for it brand new; added new pipes, jet kit, permanent air cleaner and use synthetic fluids--for about \$2000. It now rides more like a 1000 cc's. Recently purchased a Harley Heritage Softail Asking \$6000-6500 for it.</p> <p>Call Steven Rouse at: (314)-378-3021 E-mail: srouse@alservices.com</p>

Upcoming Events

Daytona Bike Week—March 7-12, 2005

AMA Travel & Tours is offering its annual getaway package. Space is limited. For information or reservations, call (800) AMA-JOIN, extension 1190.

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally—August 8-14, 2005



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TERM: February 2005 through January 2006

Election will be held at the General Membership meeting, January 25, 2005.

Candidates are:

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