



The Shadow Writer

Official Newsletter of the
Shadow Riders Club of
St. Louis

January 2006

A Letter from the President

I guess I'll start by wishing all of you a happy new year. (It seems appropriate, after all.)

I find my spirits shifting up and down with the weather like a roller coaster. The cold, gray, wet days make me want to do nothing other than curl up in front of a roaring fire with a good book – or just hibernate. Then we get a burst of warmth that feels like spring and I'm energized again. (And some of the warmer days have been on weekends – quite convenient for us ride-deprived motorcyclists!) I skipped the Polar Bear ride this year, although a few hardy Shadow Riders did get their bikes out. The photos (in the website scrapbook) look like they're having a good time. But I couldn't resist the 70 degree enticement of the second weekend of the year. There were a lot of bikes visible that Sunday — I hope some of you were among them!

The holiday party this year was another “social success.” The Sheraton Four Points setting was the nicest we've had in my time, although the small dance floor got a bit crowded at times. Skyline gave us a lot of good dance tunes – with enough slow ones for the romantics and for the older folks (like me). As an added bonus, Roy (from King of Hearts) stepped in as lead singer in a couple of numbers. More than 60 of us came out for the party. It was nice to see some folks who haven't been around in a while and nice to share stories with some of the regulars (and their non-riding partners). A big thanks, once again, to Laura Boone, Diana Johnson, and Sally Hight for their work in putting all this together.

And so we have a good start to what I hope will be a great year.

Nita Fisher, President

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Is a Chartered Club of the
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~January Club Meeting~

Features:

Election of Officers
2006 Ride Planning
Mileage Awards

Club Meetings

Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month

Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane

NEXT MEETING: January 24

Road Captains/Safety Meeting

Will be called by the Safety Officer as needed.

SRC Board Meeting

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

Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane

NEXT MEETING: February 8

Sunday Group Rides

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

The scheduled ride season is over until April, but unofficial pick-up rides still leave at about 10 AM, depending on weather and interest.

Membership	2005	2006
Main Members	134	84
Significant Others	41	23
Junior Members	2	1
Total	177	108

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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The newsletter needs your input!

Send your riding adventures, safety issues, cycle care tips, etc. to:

editor@shadowriders-stl.com (or 4945 Fox Bridge Rd, Pacific, MO 63069)

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Nita Fisher reported that Prestige Motor Sports has closed its doors. She encouraged members to support our remaining sponsors: Ted's, Twin City, and Widman's.

Larry Wahlers reported that we have a working balance of \$4,240.48. Erin O'Donnell reported that about half of our members have renewed for next year. Diana Johnson reported that 58 people have signed up for the holiday party.

Eric Levy reported on nominations for 2006 officers. Dennis Meade and Randy Tallant withdrew their candidacies for vice president. There were no additional nominations from the floor. The final candidates for 2006 offices are listed on page 7 of this newsletter.

Kevin Polito led the first session of ride planning for 2006. Thirty-two rides were suggested for next year's schedule, including eight new rides. An additional four rides were suggested as overnights. Ride planning will continue at the January GM meeting. It was also suggested that we ask the webmaster about the possibility of holding an on-line survey after each ride to help with planning for 2007.

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At the December General Membership meeting we had a great turnout and enthusiastic participation by members in suggesting possible routes for the 2006 Ride Schedule.

We came up with 32 suggested Sunday rides and 4 suggested overnights. The Augusta BBQ ride will probably be done twice (the American Legion holds it one Sunday each month). Because not everyone will be going on the overnights, we will also slot in a regular Sunday ride on those weekends. We have 35 Sunday ride slots to fill in the 2006 schedule.

At the January General Membership meeting, our job will be to slot the rides into the Sundays on the 2006 calendar from April through November. Some rides built around particular events (e.g., Weingarten picnic) will be tied to specific dates. One consideration when scheduling the rides is to avoid scheduling a long ride (100+ miles) when it's very hot or very cold. We can't always predict the temperatures, so we just have to make an educated guess.

Also at the January GM Meeting, we need volunteers to step forward to take responsibility for routing each ride, pre-riding it, and distributing route sheets to the Road Captains on the day of the ride.

Often the people who have routed certain rides in previous years will step up to route the same rides. We usually have a few new folks step forward, too. If you'd like to volunteer, we'll be happy to help you out. For many of the routes, we have previous years' route sheets that you can use as a starting point. You may just need to pre-ride the existing route to make sure nothing has changed along the route. We can also give you guidelines on making your route sheet easy to read at a glance while on the move.

Our aim this year is to have as much participation by as many members as possible in the Ride Program. We encourage new members to get involved at whatever level they feel comfortable, including scheduling and routing. And we can always use more Road Captains. If you're a seasoned rider and are interested in leading a group on Sundays, we can provide training to help you get started.

Hope to see you at January's meeting! -Kevin Polito





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Jan-Feb 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 22 10 am Pick-up ride	January 23	January 24 7:00 pm Club Meeting Elks Lodge	January 25	January 26	January 27	January 28
January 29 10 am Pick-up ride	January 30	January 31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4
Feb 5 10 am Pick-up ride	Feb 6	Feb 7	Feb 8 7:00 pm SRC Board Meeting Elks Lodge	Feb 9	Feb 10	Feb 11 Saturday Afternoon Out
Feb 12 10 am Pick-up ride	Feb 13	Feb 14	Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17	Feb 18
Feb 19 10 am Pick-up ride	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25
Feb 26 10 am Pick-up ride	Feb 27	Feb 28 7:00 pm Club Meeting Elks Lodge				

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For Sale: 2000 Yamaha 650 V-Star Custom.

Excellent Condition. Windshield, Highway Bars, Saddlebags, Sissy Bar, Red, 89xx miles, **\$3250**

Call Dan Newton at 314-707-5284

07/05

For Sale: Leatherlyke Saddlebags (model #339) off a 2005 VTXr. Very good condition with a few barely noticeable scrapes that do not affect function. No mounting hardware included. Suggest you call Leatherlyke at 800-594-2008 to verify suitability for your application. \$200.00 negotiable; will consider trade.

Memphis Shades fat boy windshield with mounting hardware for a 2005 VTXr. Windshield has less than 100 miles on it. \$200.00 negotiable; will consider trade.

Contact George at 314-838-8115, 314-422-3112, or crane11@sbcglobal.net.

08/05

For Sale: 1999 Honda Valkyrie Standard

43K miles, newer tires, bigger windshield, rejetted, 6 brothers pipes, lots of extra chrome; studded seats and back rest, LeatherLyke Bags. Great shape, always garaged and never down. Bought an Interstate and need the room. **\$7500**

Call Steve at 636-257-4515 or e-mail for pics to valkrdr_2@hotmail.com

10/05

Upcoming Special Events

**Ranger Motorcycle Trip (sponsored by St. Charles Parks & Recreation),
June 17-25 — Required Informational Meeting, January 28**

This second annual trip will go to the Black Hills of South Dakota, with visits to the Badlands, Wall Drug, Mt. Rushmore, the Needles Highway, Custer State Park, Crazy Horse, and Devil's Tower Wyoming. If you're interested, plan to attend an informational meeting on January 28th at Memorial Hall in Blanchette Park at 12 noon. Cost is \$775 per person. For more information, contact Mike Cordry at mike.cordry@stcharlescity.com or 636-949-3377.

**Wild Game Cook-off (sponsored by Ted's Motorcycle World), February
11, 10-3 — Entry deadline, February 8**

Enter your best wild game dish—individual entries welcome. Samples will be sold for 50 cents, with proceeds going back to the cooks. Gift certificates to Ted's in the amounts of \$300, \$200, and \$100 will be given for best name, people's choice and judges' choice. Call Patti at 618-462-3030 to enter.



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2006 Club Officer Candidates

President:	Nita Fisher	Treasurer:	Larry Wahlers
Vice President:	Ryugen Fisher	Safety Officer:	Kevin Polito
Secretary:	Sally Hight		

The Election will be held at the January 24, 2006, club meeting.

In order to vote you must be present at the January meeting and must have paid your 2006 dues. If you haven't renewed yet, send your check to Erin today.



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