



# The Shadow Writer

Official Newsletter of the  
Shadow Riders Club of  
St. Louis

July 2005

## A Letter from the President

It's hard for me to believe that it's already July. As they say, time flies when you're having fun....

At the June meeting, we had the first of what I hope will be many guest presenters on topics related to riding and motorcycles. Although the paramedics did not have a formal presentation, the Q&A session brought up some useful information. I hope you enjoyed it and benefited from it. For the July meeting, Diane Pueschel of Prestige Motor Sports has agreed to be our special guest. She intends to bring her product representatives for either helmets or motorcycle luggage to provide information and answer questions about product options.

You'll notice from the GM Report (page 3) that we once again have a full complement of Board officers. I'm sure both Dennis and Kevin will do well in their new responsibilities and I'm pleased to be working with them.

The next few weeks promise to be busy ones for Club activities. In addition to our regular Sunday rides, we have the last (probably) helmet day to collect money for Bikers for Babies, Ted's Open House, and Shadow Riders' night at Ameristar's Bottleneck Blues Bar. Helmet days and Ted's open house are familiar to those who've been around the club a while. The Casino night is new! Jeanne Garlock has put a lot of effort into assembling a really super raffle basket, with all proceeds going to March of Dimes (Bikers for Babies). And, remember, a portion of food and drink sales also goes to MOD. I hope you'll find time in your schedule to participate in these "extra" events.

Even though it's still high summer, winter will be here sooner than we think, and with it comes our holiday party. Of course, in order to have a party, we need folks to set it up. So, I'm asking for two or three volunteers to serve as holiday party coordinators. If you're willing to help, please contact me, or one of the other Board members.

Keep the shiny side up!

Nita Fisher, President  
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## ~Two August Events~

**Saturday, August 13, is Ted's Open House. Thursday, August 18, is our Casino Night at Ameristar. Details are on page 8. Hope you'll be there.**

# Club Meetings

## Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month

Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane

**NEXT MEETING: July 26: Featuring a special presentation on either helmets or luggage options**

## Road Captains/Safety Meeting

6:30 PM, BEFORE CLUB MEETING, as needed

Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane

**NEXT MEETING: July 26—with new Safety Officer**

## SRC Board Meeting

7:00 PM, 2nd Wednesday, EVEN-NUMBER MONTHS

Olive Garden, 12990 Manchester Road

**NEXT MEETING: August 10**

## Sunday Group Rides

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

**Official ride season began April 3.** Rides leave promptly at 10:00 A.M. Arrive early, line up your bike, and visit with your friends.

## Membership Stats 2005

<b>Main Members</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>Significant Others</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Junior Members</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>

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The June club meeting began with an announcement that the Board has appointed Dennis Meade to serve out Randy's term as Vice President and Kevin Polito to serve as Safety Officer for the rest of the year.

Larry Wahlers reported a working balance of \$4,894.90 in the treasury.

Rich Bayers, Bikers for Babies liaison, reported that volunteers are needed for the pre-ride registration on 9/24 from 6-10 pm and the day of the ride, 9/25, from 8-10 am. Contact Rich if you can help.

The feature of the evening was a presentation by Chad and Eric, West County paramedics. They responded to a Q&A session about motorcycle accidents—causes, common injuries, scene and victim management, and prevention.

## SRC Welcomes New Members

**Ray Irish** (rides a 2000 Red & Gold Kawasaki Vulcan Classic)

**Gary Deabler** (rides a 1998 Black Honda Shadow)

**Terry and Marie Harrison** (ride a 2005 Black Harley Davidson Road King Custom)

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*By Linn Acree, edited by Barbara Everritt, John Everritt, and Ed Acree*

AKA: Let me tell you about the Telluride ride —or— The Rainbow Ride

Two weeks before we joined the Everritts in Colorado, it was winter. Spring was late coming and was almost skipped when the temperature ran into the 90's in mid-May. We were there the last week of the month and the week was perfect—70-80 degrees, clear blue skies, and occasional white puffy clouds. The sudden burst of temperature had turned southern Colorado into a vivid burst of color.

Our five trips that week radiated out of Pagosa Springs, about 60 miles east of Durango, Colorado. Ed had really looked forward to seeing Telluride, one of the last authentic old towns left in Colorado; so we did it first. While Telluride is a ski mecca, it is not easy to reach and is not overly developed because it isn't close to an interstate. From Durango we headed north on 'the 550.' The road starts as a four lane bordered by the Animas River on the right and aspen-covered bluffs on the left. If you're lucky, the Durango-Silverton Narrow-gauge Railroad can be seen hugging the riverside. Dress warmly because you will soon be experiencing altitude gains as you head toward the old mining town of Silverton. There are limited guardrails on this highway, and the steep drop is impressive. The views are terrific with snow-topped mountains even in the summer. It's hard to keep your eyes on the road for the ever-changing mountain scenery with many of Colorado's famous 14,000-foot peaks in this area.

Silverton has maintained its character with vintage storefronts and whistle-stop diners in spite of the daily crowds brought in by the train. Since we had visited there before, we bypassed the daily gunfight and kept going after a brief stop at the tourist information office. Main Street is paved, but most of the side streets are still gravel.

'The 550' is renamed the Million Dollar Highway between Silverton and Ouray, and the views could not be better. Typical of any mountain road, you experience 'ess' curves and horseshoe bends continually. The approaches into Silverton and Ouray are steep as they both sit in deep valleys. We had left the snow-capped mountains only to see every shade of "purple mountain majesties" one could imagine. While we were still savoring these colorful treasures, up ahead was Red Mountain. It looks like a great wedge of iron or copper amid all the darker mountains. The only distraction was the working mine along the roadside bearing evidence to why the highway was built. There are only a few pull-offs to enjoy these views; but take advantage, because there is usually a waterfall to see.

The road leaving Ouray to the north turned into a surprise. We had gone over the San Juan Mountain range and were on the backside. We had left the rugged mountains and were in ranchland with red bluffs forming a wide canyon. There were, literally, fields of yellow dandelions everywhere we looked—some decorated with black and white cows! We had been told to look for Ralph Lauren's ranch in this area but didn't identify it amid all the other glorious ranches. The aspens were just coming into leaf, and they were chartreuse against the deep forest green of the Ponderosa pine. The snowmelt caused rushing water to fill the creeks in the mountains; but, in the valleys, the once fast-flowing streams now had Class IV rapids with overflowing banks.

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We turned southwest at Ridgway onto Highway 62 and then southeast on 145 to Telluride. The little town was not a disappointment. We had lunch at an outdoor cantina and walked around town. A mountain rises at the end of the main street, which is lined with western-movie storefronts, a red brick courthouse, and Victorian homes. There is construction going on, but it is all in period with the existing buildings--good for strict building codes!! Ed had discussed this area with other Colorado aficionados and was told to see it before it became 'Aspenized.'

The way back takes you over Lizard Head Pass (a name worth mentioning) and back on 145 headed to Delores—a trout-fishing mecca. Keep going to Cortez (stop at the Mexican restaurant on the corner if you're hungry) and turn onto Route 160 past Mesa Verde National Park for the return to Durango. Cortez to Durango is another landscape—barren, tumbleweed, flat, and mostly straight—but interesting in its own way, especially since you can see the San Juan Mountains that you just went over looming in the distance.

Round trip from Durango was 240 miles and through four mountain passes. Riding 'the 550' was twisty, curvy, with steep ups and downs; Highway 145 was gentler with more sweeping curves which allowed the rider to take advantage of the vistas. Because of the variable altitude and changeable weather, be sure to carry extra clothing layers and a rain suit. While we were lucky not to experience any rain in Colorado for the whole week, afternoon showers are the norm.

This is not a trip for the crotch rocket crowd and would never be on the route sheet for an Iron Butt ride—they will always have Kansas. It is America in all its wonder with incredible views—mountains and valleys, trees and streams, flora and fauna. Just stop often to enjoy it. (Why would I ever want to have my own bike, when I get to enjoy every minute and every scene on these rides and not be bothered by watching the road?)



**August 7 — Hardin, IL**

It is 85-90 miles to our lunch destination, Mel's Riverdock Restaurant, known for its smoked meats and homemade pies and cakes. The route there will take us on Hwy 94 through the farmlands between St. Charles and Alton, up the River Road past the scenic bluffs and the mighty river, then more scenic pastures and farmland into Hardin. After lunch, you can go back toward Grafton and take either the Grafton ferry or the Brussels and Golden Eagle ferries to return to Missouri. Or you can take a most beautiful ride into Kampsville, weaving through the rolling hills and gentle curves along Hwy 96 and Hwy 54 to the Louisiana Bridge and Hwy 79, adding about 150 miles to your ride.

**August 14 — Johnson's Shut-Ins (leaves at 7:15 AM) —OR— Hermann (leaves at 10:00 AM)**

**Johnson's Shut-Ins:** Do you like to play in the water? Are you up for an early morning start? Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park is about 100 miles south of us on the Black River where eons of erosion have carved potholes, chutes, and pools of varying depths that are a delight to wade and romp in. Access is limited, thus the early start. Pack a lunch or buy convenience food (pizza, hot dogs, etc.) on site. Bring your swim suit, towel and river shoes or tennies.

**Hermann:** German immigrants in the 1800s found the Missouri River valley's hilly terrain ideal for growing grapes, and little towns grew up around the wineries they founded. To get to Hermann, MO, we'll head southwest along the path less traveled, winding through beautiful farmland with breathtaking vistas and through the cool shade of forests along the alphabet roads. Awaiting our ravenous appetites will be El Ranchito, a biker-friendly Mexican roadhouse on the edge of town.

**August 21 — Hannibal**

One of the advantages of living in St. Louis is having a wealth of roads that follow the river, and this Sunday we'll be following the Mississippi north to Hannibal, MO, the boyhood home of Mark Twain. As we approach Winfield, MO, we'll take a detour out of the river bottoms and ride the ridgetops on the way to Clarksville. From there the curving ribbon of asphalt will wind between the bluffs and the river up through Louisiana, ending in a joyride of esses, switchbacks, and roller coaster hills into Hannibal. A sumptuous buffet of comfort food will await us at the Mark Twain Diner.

**August 28 — Hartbauer/McBride Poker Run**

This is the only poker run on our ride schedule this year. All proceeds go to the Hartbauer/McBride Memorial Fund in support of the Bikers Helping Bikers program. Registration is from 9 to 11 A.M. at either Doc's Harley-Davidson or Ted's Motorcycle World. We will leave Old Orchard at the usual 10 A.M. time for a quick run to Doc's, or you can go there directly to sign up. The poker run finishes at Crehan's Irish Pub in Belleville, IL, with music from 2:30 to 6:00 PM.

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## Motorcycle Helmet Quiz: Check Your Head-Protection IQ

From the August 2000 issue of *Motorcycle Cruiser* magazine. By [Art Friedman](#).

Think you know what a motorcycle helmet can and can't do for you? Take the quiz.

### TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Motorcycle helmets cause neck injuries
2. Because of a helmet's limited ability to absorb impact energy, it can't protect you if you have a motorcycle accident over 20 mph.
3. The shell is a helmet's most important component.
4. A D.O.T. helmet probably offers sufficient protection. You probably don't need one with additional certifications.
5. A full-face motorcycle helmet (one with a chinbar) restricts vision.
6. A helmet impairs your ability to hear traffic and other important sounds.
7. Mandatory-helmet-use laws do decrease motorcyclist fatalities.
8. Any helmet that meets the D.O.T. standard offers good protection.
9. You don't really need a helmet when you are going slow, like riding around the city. It is most important to wear one out on the highway.
10. Helmets make your head overheat.
11. Riders wearing helmets are more likely to be involved in an accident.

Answers in next month's newsletter.

## Musings from the Purple Side

*by Ryugen Fisher*

Over the past several months I have seen a number of Shadow Riders changing their rides. Bikes come, bikes go. In each case, I took a few minutes to talk to the person with the new bike and ask why they traded in or up. I was gratified by the answers.

"I wanted a bike that handled better" was the Number ONE answer.

"I wanted one with a bit more top-end for when I'm on the highway" was Number TWO.

"I wanted a bike that fit me (or my style of riding) better" was Number THREE.

I see more Nomads in the club these days: a solid and reliable ride that handles well. One fellow traded in a "hot ticket" bike for a proven cruiser (gives him a better safer ride) Two of our lady riders moved up to bikes that handle better in traffic and have more road power for those "truck on my tail" moments.. Both took the time to learn to handle their new rides before any serious cruising.

One member of but a few years told me that he rode with a neighbor the other week and got scared by how sloppy and unsafe the dude was. He felt MUCH better when he came back and rode with us.

It makes me feel damn good to be in a club where our attitude about riding safety and riding safely is more than a set of slogans -- it is the way we do things at SRC... A good bunch to ride with. 'Nuff said.

**July 30—PT's Bikers Against Child Abuse Ride**

This annual poker run starts at PT's in Saguet. Plan to meet at Old Orchard in time to leave at 10:00am. For more information contact "Wild Bill" at [WilliamMayer@aol.com](mailto:WilliamMayer@aol.com)

**August 13—Ted's Open House, 10-4**

As you know, Ted's Motorcycle World in Alton, IL, has been a long-time club sponsor and we have traditionally shown our appreciation with a large turn-out for their fall open house. We'll plan to ride from Old Orchard at 10:00 AM, and rendezvous at Rothman's Furniture parking lot in Alton to ride parade style into Ted's at 11. In addition to the good PR, this is a chance to browse, buy, and have fun.

**August 18—SRC Night at Bottleneck Blues Bar (Ameristar, St. Charles), 5-8PM**

Thursday, August 18, is our opportunity to raise a little extra cash for Bikers for Babies. The party starts at 5:00 and goes until 8:00. There will be a raffle for a "Night at the Game" gift basket that promises to be loaded with lots of fun stuff including tickets to a Cards game. Musical entertainment is in the works and you are welcome to stick around after our little soiree when Boom takes the stage! Please ask your family, friends and co-workers to join us - the more people, the more money we raise for Bikers for Babies!

**Motorcycle Safety Foundation  
Basic and Experienced Rider  
classes are offered at these three  
locations.**

**SLCC at Forest Park: 314-644-9175  
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**Jefferson College: 636-797-3000  
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open)**

**St. Charles Parks & Recreation:  
636-949-3377 (registration and  
classes now open)**

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# July-Aug 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 24 10:00 am Ride to Weingarten	July 25	July 26 6:30 Road Captains 7:00 pm Club Meeting Elks Lodge	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30 MOD Bikers for Babies Helmet Day, 10-1
July 31 10:00 am Ride to Shawnee Nat'l Forest	August 1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:00 am Ride to Hardin, IL	8	9	10 7:00 pm SRC Board Meeting Olive Garden	11	12	13 Ted's Open House, 10-4 Leave Old Orchard at 10
14 7:15 am Ride to John- son Shut-Ins or 10:00 am Ride to Hermann	15	16	17	18 5:00-8:00 pm SRC Mini- party at Ameristar St. Charles	19	20
21 10:00 am Ride to Hannibal	22	23 6:30 pm Road Captains 7:00 pm Club Meeting Elks Lodge	24	25	26	27
28 10:00 am Hartbauer/ McBride Poker Run	29	30	31			

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### **Upcoming Motorcycle Rallies**

**If you're planning to attend one of the rallies, but aren't listed here, let Nita know (prez@shadowridersp-stl.com or 636-257-2238) so folks can get together if they wish.**

**Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, August 8-14, 2005** (get details at [www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com](http://www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com))  
*Those planning to attend include: Cathy and Dan Eidson, Mike Dooley, Doug and Donna Shaw*

**Bikes, Blues & BBQ, Fayetteville, AR, September 28-October 1, 2005** (details at [www.bikesbluesandbbq.org](http://www.bikesbluesandbbq.org))

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## **Third March of Dimes Collection Day Volunteers Needed**

- When:** Saturday, July 30. 10 am – 1 pm (Work one hour or more, as you can)
- Where:** South County – Union & Lindbergh;  
West County – Manchester & Barrett Station Rd.
- Purpose:** Raise money for March of Dimes (Bikers for Babies).

**Remember, you get credit for a proportionate share of the money raised. Those who helped collect in May and June already have their ride entry fee covered, plus credit toward incentive prizes given to those who raise \$50, \$100, \$200, \$350, \$500, or more.**

Nita Fisher will be in charge of the West County location and Ryugen Fisher will handle South County. If you can help at either location please contact them at 636-257-2238 or [prez@shadowriders-stl.com](mailto:prez@shadowriders-stl.com) with your choice of location and hours.



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