



The Shadow Writer

July 2009

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

A Letter from the President

Fellow members;

Well it is already July and the weather has finally gotten HOT. We have experienced several rainouts this year as spring never seemed to end, but it is summer now. Sturgis is just around the corner so if you have a few vacation days to burn and want to put some miles on your bike, one of the biggest motorcycle rallies is calling.

I have been to a few of the local bike nights and find them to be quite entertaining, lots and I mean lots of sport bikes. Is this the death of the cruiser? I don't know but the statistics seem to show that more and more crotch rockets are in the pipeline as Harley and other cruiser manufacturers scramble to maintain sales. They sure look like fun but where do you put your beer belly? Questions to ponder I guess.

Now for some club issues, first off the 26th is the club picnic and will be at Boulevard Park in Lake St. Louis, members and guest are invited and we ask that all kick in the kitty at the end to help defray the cost. Diana has put together a team of cooks and it promises to be a good time so come on out and eat and maybe BS a little. A ride is planned ending at the picnic. I hope to see some faces we don't regularly see come out and join us, see Diana's article about this special event.

I have heard from some of you concerning the AMA. The board voted earlier this year to not renew our social membership to this organization. This move was due to the fact that we no longer conduct any rides for non-members. In the past we conducted poker and marble runs and did them with AMA sanctioning, we no longer do this and have not for several years. Hence the vote was not to renew. This has a few members disturbed as they feel we should support the AMA even if we do not use their sanctioning (insurance) for an event. I will tell you outright I voted against the renewal, as the AMA is 75-80% focused on the racing community and that is not our bailey wick. But this is not just my decision so at the next meeting we will discuss it and re-visit the issue if sentiment is different for the majority of the club. But you need to come to the meeting and voice your opinion.

A big thank you to Ira for putting together another Saturday Night Out. If you have an Idea for one please let us know, they are always fun. Again we have raised some money for Bikers for Babies, if you are inclined please support this worthy cause. Dennis and Laura have planned helmet days to drum up money and let you ride for free in October, spend some time and raise a dime, giving to others is no crime. Well enough poetry, Ride safe and ride often. See you on Sunday at 9:30!

Bob Mueller

Meetings

Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month
Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane
NEXT MEETING: July 28, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting

6:30 PM before each GM Meeting
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Sunday Rides

The scheduled ride season started on April 5th. Meet at Old Orchard Center, 14128 Manchester (east of Hwy 141), behind Starbucks.

Rides leave promptly at 10 AM. Come early, line up your bike, have breakfast at Burger King and/or visit with friends.

Web Site

www.shadowriders-stl.com

Membership

	June '08	June '09
Main Members	101	106
Significant Others	24	26
Total	125	132

New e-mail address? Let us know!
Membership questions? Ask them!
Call Jim Gianella at 314-644-2970 or e-mail him at membership@shadowriders-stl.com.

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Hello everyone....

From Cliff Connoyer, Safety Officer

Hopefully everyone has been having a great year of riding. At the last meeting it was brought up about who was a road captain. Well to answer the question, here is a list of names. Hopefully I didn't miss anybody.

Ted Koski	Mark Levin	Eric Levy	Dennis Meade	Frank Mehrtens	Larry McGowen
Bob Mueller	Dan Newton	Erin O'Donnell	Peggy Phillips	Kevin Polito	Rob Schulte
Lou Soucy	Ira Steuer	Larry Wahlers	Rich Bayers	Mathew Bonini	Marklyn Cobb
Cliff Connoyer	Charles Cooper	Russell Davis	Nita Fisher	Jim Gianella	Paul Hann
Mel Heembrock	Pete Hoyer	Diana Johnson			

Some have helped many times and others when needed. Either way the help is always welcome.

Everyone is out to have fun and enjoy the rides. Leading the rides can be a challenge at times, so if someone messes up and makes a wrong turn, take it in stride. I believe I still hold the record for turning the groups around. Hence, the evolution of the right hand in the air circling motion. Remember everyone is volunteering.

Please show up early to be assigned into a group that fits your riding style.

We should have the kits for CPR lessons at the August meeting.

Continue to drink plenty of fluids in the warm weather and let's ride safe.

Thanks, Cliff

Did you know.....

By Diana Johnson, Secretary, Road Captain

Sunday, July 26, is our annual Shadow Riders Club picnic. This event is for members only and significant others. Safety Officer Cliff Connoyer and Road Captain Pete Hoyer will be grilling my handmade hamburgers with the fixings and Italian sausages. Marklyn Cobb will be making her famous potato salad. Just ask Mel how good it is. Treasurer and Road Captain Russ Davis and his wife, Jean, are making 'made from scratch' baked beans that I hear are to die for. Soda and water will also be iced up in a cooler. Fellow Road Captain, Erin O'Donnell, has provided a few InBev products, if any are left after my cooks are done. Lunch will be served at noon (hopefully).

Groups will depart Old Orchard plaza at the usual 10:00 am time. Road Captain Ira Steuer has put together a route that will take you through lesser traveled roads in West County, including twisties, scenic horse farms and St. Charles County. I ask all Road Captains and Ambassadors to step up and lead or drag a group. I fear we may be short some Lead Captains because they will be helping me. Your destination is Lake St. Louis Blvd. Park for food and fun.

Please call or e-mail me for directions if anyone plans on coming in 4 wheels. 636-916-4790 or Diana@pvtlist.com.

Ride Descriptions

July 19 — Hardin (Mel Heembrook): It is 85-90 miles to lunch at Mel's Riverdock Restaurant, known for its smoked meats and homemade pies and cakes. The route will take us on Hwy 94 through farmlands between St. Charles and Alton, up the River Road past scenic bluffs and the mighty river, then more scenic pastures and farmland into Hardin. There are three return routes to choose from after leaving the restaurant.

July 26 — Club Picnic (Ira Steuer/Diana Johnson): Menu is hand-made burgers, Italian sausages, homemade potato salad, made-from-scratch baked beans, soda, and water. Picnic will be at Boulevard Park in Lake St. Louis. Ira is routing about a 2 hour ride to get there. See Diana's details on page 3.

August 2 — Meramec Caverns (Ira Steuer): Meramec Caverns, off I-44 in Stanton, Missouri, is the largest single cave formation in the world. Its expansive rooms, beautiful stalactites and stalagmites, unusual onyx formations and towering colorful formations make it a true "show cave." (It also has a history as a hide-out for Jesse James and other outlaws.) A tour is available for a fee. While it is fewer than 50 miles on I-44, expect to meander through more scenic back country on our ride there.

August 9 — Gasconade (Eric Levy): This ride takes us beyond Hermann, MO, to the River's Edge Restaurant on the Gasconade River. The ride takes us on a number of Shadow Rider-favorite alphabet roads. Be prepared to park on the side of the road or under a shade tree and cross the river on the ferry by foot.

August 16 — Weingarten (Erin O'Donnell): This is a new ride this year with lunch at the Midway Café in Weingarten. The majority of this ride will be on back roads with some great twisties. It incorporates some of the best roads from the old Weingarten Picnic ride along with some new twisty roads. After lunch you can head back or do some additional riding on Highway T that is incredible (this is a different Highway T that is out of Perryville). This is a great ride so don't miss it!!!

August 23 — Two Counties (Dennis Meade): We will be riding in southern St. Louis county and northern Jefferson county. The ride involves some up and down hills and several twisty turns with hills. We will end up for lunch at a popular restaurant just off of I-55. We won't be riding on the interstate unless you head home that way!

August 30 — Four (or fewer) Ferries: Details of this popular ride depend on which ferries are open and will be determined closer to the ride date.

Special Events

Saturday & Sunday, September 12 & 13 — MS 150 Bike Tour

Motorcycle escorts are needed for the 2009 Express Scripts Gateway Getaway ride in Columbia, MO. More than 2500 bicyclists are expected to ride 150 miles over the two day period to benefit multiple sclerosis research and treatment. For more information on the event, go to www.nationalmssociety.org/mos/event/default.asp?g=6. To volunteer or get more information on motorcycle escort duties, contact Gary Deabler at gdeabl@charter.net or 314-724-6437.

July-August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 19 Hardin Ride	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25
July 26 Club Picnic, Lake St. Louis Ride	July 27	July 28 Club Meeting Elks Lodge 7 pm Bd Mtg 6:30	July 29	July 30	July 31	Aug 1
Aug 2 Meramec Cav- erns Ride	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7	Aug 8
Aug 9 Gasconade Ride	Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15
Aug 16 Weingarten Midway Café Ride	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 21	Aug 22
Aug 23 Two County Ride	Aug 24	Aug 25 Club Meeting Elks Lodge 7 pm Bd Mtg 6:30	Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28	Aug 29
Aug 30 Four (or fewer) Ferries Ride	Aug 31					

July Birthdays

Bob Mueller	1st	Michael Lewandowski	9th	Robin Schoenbeck	19th
Donald Rygelski	1st	Nanette Weintraub	9th	Lou Soucy	21st
Linda Warren	1st	Randy Tallant	9th	Cheryl Voss	21st
Douglas Bergfeld	2nd	Russell Davis	10th	George Carr	25th
Mary Gagliano	3rd	Larry Wahlers	13th	Michael Halbert	30th
Bob Gebel	8th	Matt Overmann	16th	Paul Hann	31st

Contact Nita Fisher at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (314) 808-7762 to place your Classified Ad. Ads run for three (3) months, renewable. Please contact Nita when your item is sold.

For Sale: 1940 Harley Davidson 45 CID (titled as 1947) and M-72 Ural Sidecar

Has rebuilt engine, WLD heads, transmission. Comes with M-1919-A4 Browning Machine Gun (oxy-propane simulator) and 6 1/2 x 10 foot flatbed trailer. **\$18,000 for the lot.** \$16,000 without trailer. \$15,000 without trailer and gun. Will not separate bike and sidecar.

Call Joe Kalal at 636-274-7455 (home) or 314-578-4853 (cell)

07/09

For Sale: 1997 Honda Shadow VT1100

New tires, new candy apple red paint, windshield, and too much to list here goes with it. It is fast and has been well cared for over the years. Has only 23,000 miles; most of that was on club rides. **\$3800.00**

Call Randy Tallant at 314-814-5154

07/09

For Sale: 2002 Harley Davidson Road King — 911 Firefighter Special Edition Collector Model

Firefighter decals and 911 plaque. Has 45,000 miles; professional engine rebuild at 35,000 miles upgraded to 95 inch bore with S&S high performance cams, adjustable S&S push rods, roller rockers, and ported branch heads. Emergency strobe flashers, driver and passenger back rests and luggage rack, Bassani 2-into-1 pipes with quiet and loud baffles, pimp lights around engine; security system with fob. **Asking \$10,300.**

Contact Larry McGowen at 314-495-1847 or mcgowen@hrh-advantage.com

06/09

For Sale: Boots

Red Wing Insulated Waterproof 10" boots, black, style #17006, size 11 D. **\$120 or best offer.** (List: \$280)

Call Larry Wahlers at (314) 221-2504

06/09

For Sale: 2004 Honda VTX 1800S (S = spoke wheels)

Black, studded seats, switchblade crash/hwy bars, saddle bags, back-rest, luggage rack, windshield, helmet with both sun and clear shade. Excellent condition with only 17,000 miles. **\$8,000.00**

Contact Matt at matthew.bonini@us.army.mil

05/09

2009 Motorcycle Rallies

InZane 9, (Valkyries), Summit County, CO, July 22-26, 2009 (www.valkyrieriders.com)

AMA 85th Anniversary Vintage Motorcycle Days, July 24-26, 2009
(www.motorcyclemuseum.org/85thParade.asp)

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, August 3-7, 2009 (www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com)

Bikes, Blues & BBQ, Fayetteville, AR, September 23-26, 2009 (www.bikesbluesandbbq.org)

June 23, 2009, GM Meeting Report

Vice President, Rich Bayers, reported the ad for B4B event magazine is \$250. We will have a table at the B4B event. B4B is looking for volunteers to serve on the committee. The Illinois B4B event is Aug. 30 @ Freise Harley-Davidson. Helmet Day total from June 20 collections at both locations was \$2476.79. Treasurer, Russ Davis, reports sponsorship money from Ted's still a receivable. Safety Officer, Cliff Connoyer, says excessive heat has become an issue. It's important to drink water and avoid alcohol to avoid dehydration. There was a group discussion of lead captain and drag captain issues of safety and reading routes. Tempers should remain in check by road captains and courtesy shown to all riders. We suggested the wing bike should hang back slightly from lead bike in order to prevent quick stops for possible missed turns. It was also noted that many archived routes do not have mileage indicated on them. Membership coordinator, Jim Gianella, reported main members 105, SO 26, Jr. Members 0, Total 131. Merchandise Coordinator, Laura Boone, says short sleeve t-shirts will be at July GM mtg. We are still trying to reduce inventory. Website guru, Ted Koski, was not present due to his work schedule but submitted his report via e-mail. He has added the 'Idea Form' to the home page of website. Members can now access an SRC brochure and business card from tab at the top of ShadowWriter (newsletter) page. Safety page now includes a video on the consequences of drinking and riding. Note: Not for the light of heart or stomach. (On a side note, I watched it. Everyone should see it. It's a reality check.) Scrapbook section has 2009 events added. Other albums have been reorganized. He also added weekly Bike Night locations to the 'Other Clubs' calendar. (On another side note, take the time to check out all the features of the website. It's one of the best club websites around.) SNO Party Planner, Ira Steuer, says July 11 will be our next SNO with a tour of the Moto Museum on Olive and dining at the Triumph Grill. Admission \$8.00. We may qualify for a group rate so contact Ira to RSVP @iststeuer36@yahoo.com or 314-520-3504. The Progressive Food ride had great turnout. We thanked the Meade's, Nita Fisher, and Ted's for their participation. Reminder the SRC annual picnic will be July 26. Plan on a special afternoon of a scenic ride put together by Ira and BBQ with the sides put together by Diana and her group of minions. Guest speaker and former member, Gary Deabler, came to speak on the MS150 2 day bicycle ride in Columbia, MO, Sept. 12-13, 2009. They are looking for 10 M/C riders to help monitor the ride and deliver water and other aid to the bicyclists. Cliff and Larry M assisted last year and stated it was a rewarding experience. Contact Gary at gdeabl@chartet.net.

- **Announcements:** - Larry McGowen and Ira Steuer were present and celebrated June birthdays. Laura Boone thanked everyone for their help and support of the Make-A-Wish ride earlier this month. Special thanks to Cliff Connoyer and Rich Bayers. Over \$30,000 was raised for the event.
 - Bike Night @ Show-Me's in St. Charles on Thursdays.
 - Dickey's BBQ on Manchester Rd. working on putting together Bike Night.
 - Jack's Iron Horse offers free buffet on Fridays from 4-7 pm and bikini babes.
 - MO Botanical Gardens offers free Jazz music on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:30 pm.
 - Bob Gebel reported via phone call that HartBauer-McBride raised \$22,300 at their June 20 dance and auction.
 - Fellow member George Warren recommends Americade rally. It is always on the 1st weekend in June at Lake George, NY. George welcomes us to a new club called Mid America Spyderys, sponsored by Ted's M/C World. He also gave the club a DVD on the CanAm Spyder.

See what you miss when you miss a meeting. (*Disclaimer: For a more detailed accounting of the GM meeting minutes, show up to a meeting and read them or contact me, Madam Secretary.*)

SRC Welcomes A New Member

John Grandt (rides a blue/gray 2006 Suzuki Boulevard C50)



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