



The Shadow Writer

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

A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders:

Well I guess you have heard about a possible name change for the club. Let me first say it will take a lot for that to happen, and second it will be by vote and from names submitted by members. I am not the king of this club and will not do it on my own and neither will this board. To change the name would involve a by-law change so there will be a vote and discussion.

Now, why I think we should change. The club was founded 15 years ago by folks who mainly rode Honda Shadows, there were chapters of the Shadow Riders in many cities at the time, not anymore. The "all brand club" tag line did not work to dispel the notion that this is a Shadow club. Well over 50% of the people feel that way when I talk with them about membership. We all know we ride all brands but the riding public does not, so it hampers our recruiting efforts, the life blood of any club.

Now the down side, we have a reputation, some good some not so good, but a bunch of good stuff we have done under this banner. We also have colors and logos that would need to change. So let me address these things. Colors would stay the same, we could do a "patch over" on the patches with the new name and keep the logo the same, I personally feel it is a great logo and no need to change it. The public perception I feel would come with us. We do what we do and everyone would soon relate to the new name, in my humble opinion.

I know for some members this is a sacred cow. I actually understand it and admire it. To them I say change is inevitable, and some progress needs to happen. Our club has changed, we have road trips, organize over the internet, and operate differently than in the beginning. This is a big step, but it is a step forward, to include more people. We have the best damn club in St. Louis, we do weekly rides, great road trips, good meetings, social events and fundraising, picnics and parties. But we are a club that is independent of a brand or type of motorcycle; our name should reflect that. I believe it is in our interest to do so, I understand some may not. Your club name should reflect who you are or what you do. I for one have never ridden a Shadow, but I am proud to be a Shadowrider. The name does not make the club, the members do, but it should represent the club to the public.

Ok now let's talk about riding. If you want to go to Colorado, Arizona and Utah on the big road trip get with Lou. He has also planned a Kentucky trip for the weekend of the 15th so saddle up and ride.

Ride safe and often,
BOB

Bob Mueller
President



Meetings

Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month



**NEWEST
PLACE**

Growler's Pub

3811 S. Lindbergh
(a little bit south of I-44)

NEXT MEETING: July 26, 2011

Board Meeting at 6:30 pm before club meeting.

Sunday Rides

**The scheduled ride season has begun!
Meet at Old Orchard Center, 14128
Manchester, behind Arby's.**

**Plan to arrive around 9:30, line up
your bike, then visit with friends.
Rides leave at 10 a.m.**

Web Site

www.shadowriders-stl.com

Membership

	Jul'10	Jul '11
Main Members	140	96
Significant Others	25	28
Juniors	0	1
Total	165	125

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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Did you know.....

By Diana Johnson, Vice-President, Road Captain

You may have noticed that my article was absent from the newsletter last month. Honestly I had nothing to report on or anything of substance to say. Well, that has changed. I've got a thorn in my side about some of the scuttlebutt I'm hearing about changing the name of the club. Did you know our full name is Shadow Riders All Brand Motorcycle Club? All brand. I really don't think changing our name is going to bring in any more new members than we already do. Is this why some want to make a name change? Really?

Our club was founded in March of 1995. We have built a name for ourselves and are recognized within our motorcycling community. It took many people many years to develop our outstanding reputation. Our club has had good times and bad times and we have persevered. We are stronger than ever.

Has anyone thought of the cost and time that goes into changing our name? Our charter will have to be redone, our logo will have to be changed, all merchandise in inventory will be wasted, and we will have to spend money on new merchandise and patches. The newsletter and website will also need to be changed. It's these little things that add up to big things. This is the first time in the three years I have been serving on the board that I have expressed this strong of an opinion to the general membership in this forum. I've been a member of the Shadow Riders All Brand Motorcycle Club since 2001 and will always be a Shadow Rider. Enough said for now.

One final thought before closing. I wonder who will make up our 2012 Board of Officers. Please look within yourselves and within the club for leaders and doers. Step up and take on the task at hand and talk with your riding buddy about taking on a leadership role in our club for a year. You will find it rewarding. It's up to you to pick your leaders. Your current leaders are starting to poop out. Most, if not all, won't be back as officers next year.

Thanks for letting me rant. I do not speak for anyone else. These are my opinions.

Hey Everybody,

From Lou Soucy, Safety Officer

When it comes to July and August there's really no getting around it — it's usually just flat out HOT!

So, if you can find some things that work for you to keep your inner core temperature down, it will allow you to ride longer and more safely. If you do some research you can find all kinds of information on ways to stay cool and prevent heat stroke and dehydration. I can only tell you a few things that have worked for me.

When the temperature climbs to the 80s I like: water, T-shirts and sun screen. Into the 90s I like: lots of water, long sleeve moisture wicking shirts, more water. If the air temp climbs higher than body temp you really need to stop and drink lots of water while you're thinking about what you want to do today. If you lose 2% of your body weight through sweating your performance is impaired, 5% you risk heat exhaustion. Think about what works for you and we'll talk more about it at the next SRC meeting.

Keep Cool, Ride More, with a lot of cool stops for water,
Lou

Three Scenic Byways in Two Days

By Ed and Linn Acree and Barbara and John Everritt

This was our fourth time to stay at Pagosa Springs, Colorado (south central), with our friends from California, the Everritts. Finding a new route to ride was a challenge, but Barbara and John came to the rescue with a plan to see the Unawep/Tabeguache Byway. It was Memorial Day week, and the weather in the valleys was perfect—clear with moderate temperatures in the afternoons. Only some strong gusty winds would interfere with our plans for later in the week, and they did.

A good plan was to leave home base around 9 am at 50 degrees with many clothing layers knowing we were gaining altitude at Wolf Creek Pass. At South Fork we gassed up, refreshed, removed a jacket or two, and talked about the ride over the pass. The Silver Thread Byway passes through Wagon Wheel Gap as it heads to the historic mining town of Creede. Next stop was the headwaters of the Rio Grande River—a group of small, meandering streams joining in a wide-open valley to the west. At mile marker 48 we viewed North Clear Creek Falls—a 100 foot drop of raging torrent fed by the snowmelt. After passing Slumgullion Pass (with a name like that you have to mention it) we headed into Lake City. A pizza that defied four people at Poker Alice's was accompanied by conversation with other bikers.

A pleasant, stream-lined climb onto Blue Mesa opened to clear blue skies and ranch lands with 180-degree panorama of snow-capped mountains in the distance. A glide down into the Curecanti National Recreational Area gave us a view of the reservoir being fed by the surrounding mountain streams and completed the 125-mile Silver Thread Byway. We chose to stay on US 50 on the west side of Black Canyon of the Gunnison so we could stop at the Visitor Center which is 6 miles off the highway. The more scenic ride would be Colorado 92, but we had all previously ridden it. The Comfort Inn in Delta provides breakfast, and rates are reasonable. A grocery and McDonald's are next door, and a liquor store is several blocks away.

We left Delta the next morning at 8:30 with a full tank of gas, headed north to Whitewater (there is nothing there) and the intersection of Colorado 141. Along that 30-mile stretch you are level with the tops of numerous mesas to the west. Upon turning onto 141 the Unawep/Tabeguache Byway immediately becomes a red rock canyon—the bottom of the mesas. This is a geologist's dream—better than Sedona—strata of brightly colored rock deposits and formations. Breathtaking views follow a streambed or a gradual climb to the top of a mesa. The community of Gateway is the first sign of habitation in 44 miles. About ½ mile further is the fancy Gateway Canyons Resort, where gas and refreshments are available at the Outpost. On further was an unexpected stop caused by a cattle drive on the narrow, often un-shouldered, high road. Cowboys/girls/teens were moving a herd from pasture to pasture. Moms bellowing to the straggling calves entertained us as we waited for a clear path through this slow moving mass of cattle. It proved to be a great opportunity to see the canyon river below and get a close-up of the rock formations surrounding us. Eagle-eye John spotted a century-old wooden flume attached to the side of canyon wall.

The Dolores River (not to be confused with Dolores Creek near the town of Dolores) flows along the 57-mile route from Naturia where we picked up Colorado 145. A lunch stop could be Blondies, but it has a downhill gravel parking lot, so you might opt for parking across the street. Up onto another mesa with great views and ranch land and then into shady curving roads along side the San Miguel River. Another possibility for a snack is the deli in Sawpit. We made a mistake and went for lunch in Telluride which is an 8-mile detour with traffic and parking problems. Be sure to gas up on the highway just outside Telluride before heading up to Lizard Head's Pass. The west side of the San Juan Skyway coasts 78 miles all the way to the town of Dolores through the San Juan Forest following Dolores Creek.

Mesa Verde National Park is only 17 miles from Dolores, but that will have to be another trip. We headed back on CO 184 and US 160 for the last 100 miles to Pagosa Springs. It was 7 pm and twilight. The Wildlife Detection Monitors were alerting us to deer and elk, which were active in the area—after 5 pm the speed limit drops to 55 mph to give you a little extra reaction time. A trip of over 650 miles included three of Colorado's Scenic Byways, three short side trips, and two full days of gorgeous scenery and very enjoyable, easy riding. Colorado has to be one of the most scenic states in the union with 25 scenic Byways, 16 National Parks/Conservation Areas, and 42 State Parks which can only be truly appreciated by leisurely travel.

July-August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 17 Moscow Mills	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22 HD Test Rides at BSC	July 23 HD Test Rides at BSC
July 24 Kimmswick	July 25	July 26 Club Meeting 7 pm Board 6:30	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30
July 31 Some Ferries, Maybe	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6 March of Dimes Helmet Day (see page 7)
Aug 7 Brussels	Aug 8	Aug 9	Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13 Saturday Day and/or Night Out (see page 8)
Aug 14 Hillsboro	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20
Aug 21 Grafton	Aug 22	Aug 23 Club Meeting 7 pm Board 6:30	Aug 24	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27
Aug 28 DeSoto	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31			

Rides:

July 17 — Moscow Mills (Jim Gianella): An 80 mile ride with twisties, hills and dips gets us to lunch at the Harry J. Steakhouse.

July 24 — Kimmswick (Nita Fisher): Plan on lunch at the Blue Owl in Kimmswick following a 50-75 mile ride.

July 31 — Some Ferries, Maybe (Lou Soucy): A nice 50 to 85 mile ride on One, Two, Three or no ferries to Hardin IL for lunch at the Barefoot Bar. You may need 6 bucks or so cash for the Golden Eagle Ferry.

Aug 7 — Brussels (Lou Soucy): A 100 mile ride (or 70 if it's too hot) ends at a chicken and beef dinner at St Mary's Church, with a Wittmond Hotel lunch-fest as an alternative. In either case — Bring cash!

Aug 14 — Hillsboro (Sue Braun): About 95 miles wandering the back country takes us to Los Portales Mexican Restaurant for — you guessed it! — Mexican lunch.

Aug 21 — Grafton (Ira Steuer): The Grafton Winery is the lunch destination for this 60 mile ride.

Aug 28 — DeSoto (Russ Davis): No details available at this time.

Other Events:

July 16 — Daryl Strawberry ride for autism. **EVENT CANCELLED!**

July 22-23 — Harley Davidson demo days. Test ride the 2012 Harleys at the Big St Charles Motorsports & Harley dealership.

September & October Rides

Sept 4 Steelville (Chris Schweitzer)
 Sept 11 Bowling Green (Eric Johnston)
 Sept 18 Murphysboro (Lou Soucy)
 Sept 25 Augusta BBQ (Ron Eckert)

Oct 2 Weingarten (Erin O'Donnell)
 Oct 9 Bikers for Babies
 Oct 16 Marthasville (Lou Soucy)
 Oct 23 St John's Gildehaus (Bob Mueller)
 Oct 30 Surprise (Dave & Rhonda Simorka)

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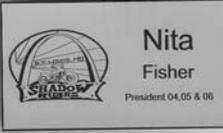
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General Membership Meeting
June 24, 2011

Guest Speakers -- Judd's Custom Photos – Check out www.juddsphotos.com for cool motorcycle and car pictures. Judd's spoke to us about their photography and presented a slide show with many beautiful photos. They will come to an event and take custom photos of your bike. **MS150 Ride** – Gary Deabler told us about the ride in September and asked for volunteers. There will be approx. 4,000 bicycle riders who need assistance with first aid, changing tires, water hand-outs, etc. Volunteers will have their meals paid for and receive a gas card to offset costs. There are hotels in the area, tent camping and entertainment at night.

Old/New Business: Club Picnic – July 10th at Love Park off of Manchester just past the Elks hall where the meetings used to be held. We will meet at Old Orchard at our usual time for a planned ride before ending at Love Park for lunch. Members are free – guests are asked to make a donation to offset costs. **Meetings** will be held at Growler's until further notice. Maryland Yards booked the room and is now unavailable.

Bikers 4 Babies – A helmet collection day will try to be rescheduled for the first week of August. We will try to confirm this at next month's meeting – the county has to approve the permits for collection times and places. Workers will be needed for both West County and South County locations. Rich Bayers will keep us updated.

Saturday Night Out – Ira will be working to set up a date for a trip to Meramec Caverns to try out the zip line and then dinner following at Mile 277. **Newsletter** – We are on the lookout for someone willing to take over editing and publishing the monthly newsletter. If this is something you would enjoy, please see Nita Fisher for questions or one of the board members who will be glad to sign you up!

Upcoming club trips: The July Milwaukee trip has been postponed until possibly later in the year. Kentucky trip – July 15 to Land between the Lakes. Utah/Grand Canyon Trip – August. Bikes, Blues & BBQ – September

Local Events: Hartbauer McBride –8/21 - See Ron Eckert for 50/50 tickets and info on the poker run. MS150 - 9/10 – 9/11 – MS150 is looking for ride captains and assistance with traffic control, etc.

50/50 drawing – Gary Deabler \$37.00

March of Dimes Helmet Day

Rich Bayers is trying to get approval for us to collect for Biker for Babies on August 6 from 10-2. Planned locations are Manchester at Barrett Station Rd in West County and Lindbergh at Union in South County.

Come out and help for one hour or more. Contact Rich Bayers or Bob Mueller to sign up. See page 2 for their email/ phone numbers.

July Birthdays

01 - Bob Mueller
01 - Donald Rygelski
01 - Linda Warren
08 - Bob Gebel
09 - Michael Lewandowski
09 - Nanette Weintraub
10 - Russell Davis
13 - Larry Wahlers

15 - Joel Anderson
16 - Matt Overmann
19 - Robin Schoenbeck
19 - Cathy Noel
20 - Hank Mayhall
21 - Lou Soucy
21 - Cheryl Voss
25 - George Carr
30 - Michael Halbert



July Membership Anniversaries

5 Years
Raymond Smith

1 Year
John Geiler
Andrea Geiler
Colleen Hucko

Special Request: Motorcyclists are needed to help with safety issues and traffic control at the MS150 fund-raising bicycle event on September 10-11 in Columbia, MO. Contact Gary Deabler at gdeabl@charter.net to volunteer.



Land Between the Lakes — July 15-17 (Lou Soucy)

Leave from the Shell Station at 301 Southport Drive in Columbia IL (just across the JB bridge) at 8am on July 15. Take about 250 miles of back roads to Kuttawa, KY, with stops at Garden of the Gods in the Shawnee National Forrest and Cave in Rock, then across the ferry into Kentucky. Ride between the lakes on Saturday. Head home on Sunday on different back roads. You can reserve a room at the Days Inn, Kuttawa, Kentucky, 270-388-4060 or online at daysinn.com. A double room for two nights runs about \$150.



Utah Trip — August 17-30 (Contact: Lou Soucy)

Lou and crew will leave from the Eureka QT at I-44 and Hwy 109 at 7am, August 17. The trip will ride through Kansas, Colorado Springs, the Grand Canyon area in Arizona, and multiple Utah locations and return on August 30. The complete itinerary and motel listing can be found in the January and February issues of the newsletter.

Utah High-speed Express — August 20-28 (Contact: Bob Mueller)

Bob will leave on August 20 and connect with Lou's group at Williams, Arizona. He'll be back here on August 28. If you want to zip with him, let him know.

Bikes, Blues and BBQ, Fayetteville AR — September 28-October 1 (Lou Soucy)

The trip will leave from the QT at Hwy 44 and 109 at 8am, Thursday the 29th, taking about 350 miles of back roads to get to Eureka Springs.

We'll stay at the Comfort Inn at 196 E. Van Buren in Eureka Springs Sept. 29 thru 31. A double room for three nights will run about \$325. Call 479-253-5241 or go online. Motels fill up fast, so reserve a room now (cancel later if you must).

The plan is to do a 300 mile ride on Friday, head to Fayetteville for the day on Saturday and return home on different back roads on Sunday. [But plans are always flexible!]

Remaining 2011 Motorcycle Rallies

AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days, Lexington, OH July 22-24 (www.americanmotorcyclist.com)

InZane, (Valkyries), Bellaire, MI, July 27-31 (www.valkyrieriders.com)

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, August 8-14 (www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com)

Bikes, Blues & BBQ, Fayetteville, AR, September 28-Oct 1 (www.bikesbluesandbbq.org)

Biketoberfest, Daytona Beach, FL, October 13-16 (www.daytonachamber.com)

AUGUST 13, SATURDAY OUT — DAY, NIGHT, OR BOTH

Day Ride and Adventure – Meramec Caverns Zip Line (www.cavemanzipline.com)

Leave from Old Orchard at 10:00 am. Arrive at the zip line at 11:30 for a 12:00 or 12:30 "launch." The zip line adventure takes 90 minutes plus time for check-in, ground training, etc.

This is a reservation only event! We have 10 people committed, so the cost is \$25 per person (a 50% discount). You must RSVP to Ira Steuer and give him a \$13 deposit by **July 22**– isteuer36@yahoo.com or 314-520-3504.

Night Out – Dinner at *Mile 277 Tap and Grill*, 10701 Watson Rd. Dinner at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP to Ira.