



The Shadow Writer *July, 2013*

Official Newsletter of the
Shadow Riders Club of St. Louis
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A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders:

The riding season is in full swing. The weather, the roads, and the camaraderie have been terrific. We've had so me great Sunday rides already and plenty more on the way.

June was packed with activities, including the "Ride for Wishes". Thanks to all who collected money, worked our booth, and participated to make us top club at the Make-A-Wish ride. The Club won 1st place for the Club with the Largest Attendance (39) and won 1st place for the Club that raised the most money (about \$6000). Erin O'Donnell won 2nd place for Individual Most Money Raised (over \$5800) and Russ Davis won 3rd place for Individual Most Money Raised (over \$300). Great Job Everyone!

Let's all remember to be safe while riding. Remember to reinforce our riding guidelines before each ride. Hand signals, staggered riding, lane changes, lead and drag bike responsibilities and, most importantly, remind everyone to "Ride Your Own Ride".

And lastly, drink plenty of fluids before, during and after riding. If you feel fatigued, pull over. Remember: dehydration can lead to poor control, and poor judgment, two things no one wants while on a motorcycle.

Work to ride and ride to work,

Dave Simorka
President

Club Meeting (General Membership)

7:00 pm, 4th Tuesday of the Month

The Sports Café', 3579 Pennridge (West of St. Charles
Rock Road, North of I-270)

Next Meeting: July 23, 2013

Board meeting 30 minutes before regular meeting.

Sunday Rides

April through November:

Meet at Old Orchard Center, 14128
Manchester, behind Arby's. Plan to ar-
rive around 9:30, line up your bike, then
visit with friends. Rides leave at 10 a.m.

Shadow Riders General Membership Meeting June 2013

The Shadow Riders received plaques for 1st place for attendance and 1st place for most money collected from the Make a Wish Foundation for our outstanding efforts. Thank you to all that put your time and effort into our club sponsored charity event! See Laura Bergsieker at the next meeting if you were among those who did not receive your gifts.

The club picnic is scheduled for September 29 which is free for members and a nominal fee for guests. Diana has most things in order but if you would like to contribute please see her. Lou has put a good ride together which will end at Klondike Park so come out and enjoy some BBQ and goodies.

Mark Charpentier presented the option for the club members to get Emergency Medical Cards which would include the Shadow Riders logo and include vital information. These cards are at a cost of \$10 for 2 laminated informational cards. See Mark for the forms and turn in with the money as soon as possible so he is able to submit one order.

This year's Holiday Party will once again be handled by Robin Potter and Sue Braun. Any suggestions are welcome.

The financial stability of the group is good and new members are coming in slowly with a total of 106 members.

Dave Walters will be filling the ride schedule within the next few weeks. If you haven't yet volunteered to be a Ride Leader now is the time.

The Kentucky Land Between the Lakes trip went well and a lot of fun was had.

A tentative date of Sept. 14th has been set for the Meramec Caverns Zip-line experience. See Ira to hold your spot. A trip to Hendel's Market Café in Old Town Florissant is being considered for a mid week outing. More information to follow.

Rich Bayers handed out reminders for the Bikers for Babies ride on October 13. A helmet day collection is scheduled for August 3rd if you would like to be part of this event. There will also be pre-ride events in September and October.

The Hartbauer McBride club sponsored Sunday ride/Poker run is on August 18th. All positions are filled for the check-points along the route. Thanks to all the volunteers who stepped up to make this event possible.

Lou Soucy won \$34 in the 50/50 drawing.

Ride Safe
Andrea

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June Membership

Main Members	83
Significant Others	20
Juniors	3
Total	106

July Birthdays

01 - Bob Mueller	07 - Sheryl McKinney
08 - Bob Gebel	10 - Russell Davis
13 - Larry Wahlers	19 - Cathy Noel
19 - Robin Schoenbeck	21 - Lou Soucy
21 - Cheryl Voss	28 - Mark Charpentier
30 - Michael Halbert	

June Anniversaries

5 Years – Dave Walters
1 Year – Charles & Suzanne Seibel, Suzanne Muschany, Pat Walsh, Tom Schaefer

Hello fellow SR's-
We are really getting some nice temperatures for riding...now if we could see a little less rain(at least on Sunday's). While the West is melting with temps well over 100 degrees, we have been much cooler. I thought about when there would be an appropriate time to review emergency braking...and decided now is the time. Did you know that 70% of your braking power is your FRONT brake? The following link will take you to an article that was written by a motorcycle cop named Jerry Palladino, author of the video series "Ride Like a Pro" for men and women. Read it, get out and practice in an empty parking lot. Use the parking strips to mark off your starting braking spot. Try hitting this at different speeds, starting at 20 mph. As you apply your brakes, pull your clutch, and start downshifting into first gear rapidly. For those of you without internet access the article is posted below.

<http://www.ridemymotorcycle.com/articles/safety/BTB-emergencybraking.shtml>

Ride long, ride safe,
Safety Dave



EMERGENCY BRAKING
by Jerry Palladino (MOTORMAN)

I was asked recently by a friend who just purchased his first bike what is the most important safety tip you can give me? I thought for a second and answered, learning how to use your brakes. He looked at me as if I were kidding him. "What's to it", he said, "ya just stomp and squeeze just like in your car".

That's the problem I said. Too many riders believe that, and coincidentally, bikers crash way to often. You've all heard the story about the guy who had to "lay er down" because somebody pulled out in front of him. What that actually means, is he panicked, locked the rear tire and the bike slid on the ground and stopped when it hit the vehicle or just before it hit the vehicle. In either case, the rider crashed in an attempt to avoid a crash. Ninety percent of the time, if the rider had braked properly in that situation, he would never have struck the vehicle.

So, the question is, how do I minimize my chances of crashing into something? The answer is simple. Practice emergency, maximum braking. But, first there's a couple of things you need to know. Number 1: The front brake is 70% of your braking force. Due to that fact, you must put more pressure on the front brake than the rear brake. If you happen to lock the front tire, you must release it immediately then reapply it. Squeeze the front brake, don't grab it. If you lock the rear tire, don't release it. If you do, there's a good chance you will high side. With a motorcycle, you can still steer when the rear tire is locked and sliding. You must also remember that the motorcycle must be straight up when performing maximum braking. This is not to say that you can't brake with the bike leaned over in a turn, you can lightly brake with both brakes in that situation, but maximum braking must be done with the bike straight up.

The point is, you must learn to modulate your brakes to keep from locking them and the only way to do that is to practice. Keep repeating to yourself, front brake, front brake. That will assist you in putting more pressure on the front brake than the rear brake.

You should practice maximum braking from whatever speed you normally ride. I guarantee your bike will react differently when braking hard at 80mph than at 30mph. If you practice, then in an emergency situation, you will revert to your training, rather than dumb luck. The only other alternative is to buy a bike with anti-lock brakes, just remember, even with anti-lock brakes, the bike still has to be straight up to perform maximum braking.

Upcoming Trips:

In August, for those of you who like to just pack up and get out of Dodge, we're going to go through the New England section of the country to visit Niagara Falls. This will be a 12 day trip but can be cut short as you like. Besides the Falls we will be traveling through the Adirondacks and the Catskills. You're going to need extra memory cards for this one! Lou promises to find some of the freshest lobsters available for our consumption, and Shadow Riders can consume!

September is always a great short trip for us. We stay right on "The Strip" in Eureka Springs, Arkansas where we can watch all the bikes go by on their way to the Bikes, Blues, and Bar-B-Que festival in Fayetteville, Arkansas. We always spend a day enjoying the festivities and usually park as a group right on Dickson Street where it all happens. If it can be built on 2 wheels, you'll see it on Dickson Street. Good fun and no hassles as almost 1/2 million motorcycle lovers converge on the town for 3 days of fun. Good food, good music and great fellowship. We always take advantage of our proximity to the "Pig Trail" to do some great riding and see some awesome scenery. There are always special events going on like stunt riders; test drives of new Harleys or Victories; bar-b-que competitions; a variety of bands performing on the main stage; as well as vendors selling things for your bike that you didn't realize that you couldn't live without.

So come on and take an extended ride with the group. If you think Sundays are fun . . . You have no idea what a great time these getaways are.

Hartbauer-McBride Poker Run

Robin needs volunteers to man the check points along the poker run on August 18. The stops to man will be at Burger King in Manchester, MO; Bobby's Place in Valley Park; Third Rail Bar & Grill in Pacific; Gators South in Imperial; and Top Shooters in Columbia, IL. If you haven't helped out with a club event recently it would certainly be appreciated if you could give a hand for this very worthy cause!

Club Picnic, Sunday, September 29

Mark your calendars and plan on attending our Shadow Riders annual picnic. We have moved it to later in the season in the hopes of milder weather. Lou has put together a nice ride that will end at Klondike Park just outside of Defiance. (The same place we were at last year.) Rest assured we will be grilling up something tasty and will have some delicious side dishes and dessert. This event is free to members. We ask for a donation for any non-member guest.

It has been quite some time since the Shadow Riders had a club photo taken. I would like to take a group photo of members and their motorcycles in the parking lot while at the park for the picnic and I need your help. Do you or anyone you know have access to a wide angle camera? Is anyone in our club savvy at photography and would like to take on this project? We need the photo taken and put on a CD to have enlargements made for members who want to purchase one. I thought I would toss out the idea and see what kind of response I get. You can drop me an e-mail at: Diana@pvtlist.com.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 14 Sullivan, MO	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20
July 21 Moscow Mills. MO	July 22	July 23 Monthly Meeting at the Sports Cafe	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27
July 28 Hermann, MO	July 29	July 30	July 31	Aug. 1	Aug. 2	Aug. 3
Aug. 4 Meppen, IL	Aug. 5	Aug. 6	Aug. 7	Aug. 8	Aug. 9	Aug. 10
Aug. 11 Los Portales	Aug. 12	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 17

Rides and Events:

July 14: Andrea will be leading us on some of the roads she cut her “motorcycle teeth” on. We’ll be riding the winding roads of 3 counties on our way to a festive lunch at El Nopal Restaurant in Sullivan, MO.

July 21: Jim Gianella will be taking us down some familiar roads going through Defiance, Schlusburg, past Daniel Boone's home, and Femme Osage with plenty of twisties. We will then ride our way north through farmland to Wright City and onto Harry J's Steakhouse in Moscow Mills for lunch. We will have newly paved roads from MO-M to the start of MO-J. For all you sweet potato lovers, this is the place to fill your cravings.

July 28: John Geiler will lead the ride through the scenic areas of west county into Franklin County and then over some of our favorite roads to the Rivers Edge Restaurant.

Aug. 4: Lou Soucy will be taking us across the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers for a Chicken and Beef diner served family style with all the fixins at St Joseph’s Church in Meppen IL. If the weather’s nice it will be a fairly long scenic ride, shorter if it’s not. Lunch will run you about 10 bucks, bring a little extra cash in case you want to take the Golden Eagle Ferry home.

Aug. 11: Jim G. will be taking us on some of his personally selected roads to the Los Portales restaurant for some excellent Mexican food and some of the best margaritas in town.

Members' classified ads are free! Send to John Geiler at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (636) 938-4299

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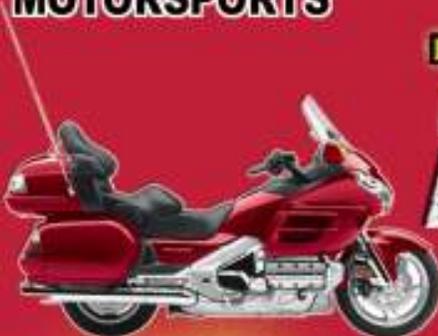
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