



# *The Shadow Writer*

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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 some great Sunday rides already and plenty more on the way. Overnight trips have just begun. Be sure to check-out all the club's happenings in the newsletter, you don't want to miss a thing.

June will be a month packed with activities, including the "Ride for Wishes", and a Nashville road trip just to mention a couple. Check out the club calendar to schedule what works best for you. And don't forget June 17<sup>th</sup>, a Happy Father's Day to all you dad's out there.

We're seeing a lot of new faces at each ride this year and that's great. Don't forget to make them feel at home. Along with new riders comes group safety and riding guidelines. 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". Our club is known for the most rides and as one of the safest clubs in town. Let's keep it that way. We can't do that without each of you, road captains. So be sure to step up and help out with road captain duties when needed.

And lastly, remember to replace those fluids at the weather heats up. We all know that riding wicks away perspiration from our bodies, making us feel cooler. But we perspire just the same. Drink plenty of fluids before, during and after riding. And 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.

If you still have fuel in the tank, you are not lost yet.

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: June 26, 2012**

Board meeting 30 minutes before regular meeting.

### **Sunday Rides**

**April through November: 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.**

**Shadow Riders General Membership Meeting May 2012**

Helmet day collection for Make a Wish Foundation on May 12<sup>th</sup> was a success! Collections were \$1300 and additional funds of \$485 dollars were also contributed from Diane for the Chili Cook-off and Volunteers who did Gift wrapping at Big St. Charles for the holiday season. Thank you to everyone for your hard work and support for the Charity.

Volunteers are needed for the Shadow Riders booth on both days for the Ride-for-Wishes at Big St. Charles Power Sports.

Mark your calendars on July 15 for the Club Picnic at Klondike Park. Lou will be organizing a ride to the park and anyone can volunteer to help with the set up if they are able. See Bob or Cliff if you would like to help out.

If you are leading a Sunday ride please send your ride descriptions to Ted so he can include them on the calendar. Include mileage, restaurant, type of ride, etc.

2012 will be the first Annual Reunion Ride for past members set for Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, a destination has not been determined yet. A poll will also go out requesting information of past experience with the group.

Russ says the financial health of the club is good plus we have had an increase of 3 new members.

The Hartbauer/McBride dance is at Shady Jacks June 16<sup>th</sup> and Ron has tickets for \$10.

Fairmont Park Saturday night out was fun and the food was good. No BIG winners this trip, maybe next outing. Ira is planning June 9<sup>th</sup> night out to Tuckers in South County for dinner.

Bob Gebel from Big St. Charles Power Sports attended the meeting and is requesting our help. He needs additional people to join the Honda Riders Club at no cost to you. You do not have to own a Honda to be a member. This will help Big St. Charles Power Sports with Honda events and promotions. Please refer to the e-mail Bob has sent for directions so we can help out our sponsor.

Refer to the calendar for all the upcoming events and great rides for the season. Come out and ride with us!

Dave S. won 50/50 for \$36 dollars and contributed it back to the Club-Thanks Dave!

**Personal Note:**

Ride for wishes had a great turnout of Shadow Riders as well as other fellow bikers. Once again - thank you to those who worked the booth and also to the people chosen to give rides to the Ambassadors and their families.

**New members in June:**

**Tony and Sally Weaver ride a 2011 Triumph America**

**Ron Hughes rides a 2006 Suzuki Boulevard C50T**

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**Membership**

**June '12**

<b>Main Members</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Significant Others</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Juniors</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>

**June Birthdays**

- 06 - COLLEEN HUCKO
- 09 - IRA STEUER
- 09 - LARRY MCGOWEN
- 09 - CURTISS CAMPBELL
- 10 - STANLEY KOLB
- 13 - CINDY GEBEL
- 18 - DENNIS MEADE



**No June Anniversaries**

Hi Everybody,

Well, the West Virginia trip was great. I think I would have to rate it in the top 5 trips that I've been on. The weather was real good with lows in the mornings around 60 and the afternoon highs in the 70's.

The food was also good. With the exception of one place we decided to stop to eat there were plenty of affordable places. Overall the food was good. In the evenings we gathered around the tables at the pool to have a few nightcaps and talk about our day trips and laugh until our sides hurt. We all had a really good time.

The Make-A-Wish weekend was good too. I would like to thank everyone who came out to work in our booth. And let's talk about the ride . . . they shut down the entire interstate for us.

The last thing I have to add is a reminder about the Harbauer/McBride Dance on the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month at Shady Jack's Saloon on the back parking lot. I do still have tickets for \$10 for anybody who plans on going.

Okay, that's all I have and you all be safe out there and have fun.

Ron

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### **Benefit Poker Run for Wounded Warrior Project**

All vehicles welcome to participate in the Benefit Poker Run sponsored by Carpenters' Local 32 with all proceeds going to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Registration: 10-11:30 am

Last bike in: 3:00 pm

Start location: Carpenters' Hall, 755 Parr Road, Wentzville, MO

\$10 poker hand with \$5 each additional hand

Raffle tickets for a 2012 Harley Davidson Sportster \$10 per ticket or 6 for \$50

Live music following the ride. Food, drink and merchandise vendors will be available.

For more information go to: [www.cjtf.org/cjap/wwproject.asp](http://www.cjtf.org/cjap/wwproject.asp)

Email requests to: [local32charityride@yahoo.com](mailto:local32charityride@yahoo.com)

I cannot believe we are already heading into June, the year has flown by so far. For those who went to WV, the trip was quite memorable. Ed Acree put together 3 days of spectacular touring. I really stress that our clubs trips, whether short or long, never disappoint. I have seen more of the US in the last 5 years than in my whole life. We have plenty more opportunities to reserve rooms on the upcoming trips, so get involved, have fun.

So this month, I thought I would pass along some tips on packing for these occasions. Many I have learned from others or just personnel experience through trial and error.

Pack each days underwear, socks and shirt in a one gallon zip lock bag. You can squeeze out all the air and make one tight, waterproof bag. Use the bag at the end of the day to put dirty clothes back in. This could also prevent the transportation of bed bugs (thankfully never had to worry about this).

I have learned that the sun can really take your energy away on long day trips. Always wear sunscreen and wear long sleeves(yes, even when it's 90+ degrees). The mesh jackets are getting more and more popular.

Polyester is your friend. Sounds counterintuitive, but wicking material is your friend. Under Armor is expensive, try a sporting good store or a web site like [www.wickers.com](http://www.wickers.com) (I can tell you the bikers brief underwear was great in Utah's blazing heat... no monkey butt!)

I also pack some liquid laundry detergent for the longer excursions...it keeps you from packing a ton of clothes. The wicking items can be washed in a sink and dry easily overnight. (or most places do have a washer and dryer available)

Take a pair of tennis shoes to hang out in after riding. I like to be able to shed the boots after a day of riding.

Keep a small compact spray water bottle and rag somewhere in a side saddle bag with easy access to clean your windshield at gas stops. You think the bugs are bad here? There is definitely worse.

If you have room for a small compressor, keep one in your bike along with tire plugs. We have now learned that normal tar "string" plugs do not have a good success rate in motorcycle tires. Buy the "mushroom" style plugs. (They got a Wing home from Lexington)

Lastly, many like to unwind in the evening and enjoy a few adult beverages. **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!** Many places we have gone are dry counties. Inquire with fellow club members or ask the hotel clerks when you reserve your room. Plastic bottles travel better than glass.

Ride safe-  
Dave



As some of you may have heard, I had an incident on the trip I took to West Virginia with the club. On the way home I acquired a flat tire in the middle of Kentucky. Ron Eckert was “dragging” for our group and pulled off to assist me. We attempted to plug the tire (twice) and the second plug held long enough for me to gas up, send Ron on to catch up with the group and assure them that I would be along after buying some additional plugs to carry with me. After buying new plugs I left Frankfurt, KY and got back on the interstate only to have the second plug blow out. I limped to the side of the highway and called Dave Walters (who had been in constant contact with me since I had dropped out of the group) to let him know that I would just get a room for the night and purchase a new tire the next day when the motorcycle shops opened. Dave informed me that Lou Soucy was coming back for me with his mushroom plug kit and Dave’s compressor. Some 15 minutes later I saw Lou as he passed me on his way to the exit to turn around. Lou installed a mushroom plug and we inflated the tire back to 40 pounds and it held. We called Dave to let him know we were trying the tire out and we would see them soon. We missed our exit but got off at the next exit and called Dave who informed me that we were still one exit apart. Lou and I proceeded on to the next exit as I was preparing my apologies for whoever was still waiting for me there after 1 ½ hours of repairs. Something I didn’t mention was that we had pulled out of West Virginia at 7 AM (6:00 Central time) so that everybody could get home at a reasonable time. I didn’t expect to see many people there, judging by my experience with other people I have ridden with in the past. When I got to the filling station I found our entire group huddled together in the only shade they could find which was not much bigger than my mini-van. Instead of “giving me the business” they were all smiles and glad to see that I was back on the road. I can’t express the feelings I had knowing that these people, whom I see on most Sundays and one Tuesday a month, treated me like I was a family member. I can truly say that the motto “Nobody Left Behind” certainly applies to that group of people.

After this experience I will be looking for an opportunity to “Pay-it-Forward” when the situation presents itself.

My hat is off to these fine people who I feel proud to call “friends”. I feel that a heartfelt “Thanks!” is in order for: Ron Eckert; Dave Walters; Lou Soucy; Bob Mueller; Chad and Colleen Hucko; and Dan Newton (whom I had only just met at the onset of our trip).

I feel that sometimes people are reluctant to take long trips on their motorcycles because of “what if . . .”. I can assure you that if you ride with the quality of people we are fortunate enough to have as members, you can put your worries to rest.

Most Sincerely,  
John Geiler

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 10 <a href="#">Hardin, IL Barefoot Inn</a>	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16 <a href="#">Hartbauer McBride - 12th Annual Benefit Party</a>
June 17 <a href="#">Fathers Day Desoto, MO - White Mule Saloon</a>	June 18 <b>National Ride to Work Day</b>	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23 <a href="#">Wounded Warrior Project Poker Run (see page 3 for details)</a>
June 24 <a href="#">Moscow Mills, MO</a>	June 25	June 26 <b>Monthly Meeting at Sports Cafe</b>	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30
July 1 <a href="#">MO Hicks BBQ - Cuba, MO</a>	July 2	July 3	July 4 <b>Independence Day</b>	July 5	July 6	July 7

### Ride Descriptions:

Hardin, IL - Barefoot Inn Restaurant - About 90 miles of back roads with some curves and nice scenery. Ending at the Barefoot Inn for lunch.

Desoto, MO - White Mule Saloon  
Join us for a Great Ride to Desoto, MO. Good Roads, about 107 miles and 2.5 hours to Good Eats at the White Mule Saloon. Variety of Sandwiches, Pizza, Salads etc.

Moscow Mills, MO -Through Weldon Springs, to New Melle with a rest stop, then onto Wright City ending in Moscow Mills at Harry J's Steakhouse, a once Co-Op turned into a restaurant. Approximately 80 miles of some curvy and straight roads.

Missouri Hicks Bar-B-Que: Cuba, MO—The ride to Cuba is a combination of back roads we have ridden on before. They go up, down, right and Left. Part of the ride goes on Rt. 66. The route will be about 114 miles out to Missouri Hicks B-B-Que. It's pretty good stuff. After lunch we will ride down to see the world's biggest rocking chair. To get home you can hit Hwy 44, go back the way you came, or cross over and take hwy 50 back.

<u>Bike Count as of 05/08/2012</u>					
Honda	38	BMW	2	Triumph	3
Harley	22	Victory	2	Big Dog	1
Kawasaki	12	Vento	1	Ducati	1
Suzuki	7	KTM	1		
Yamaha	4	Can Am	1		

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