



The Shadow Writer *June, 2013*

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

Shadow Riders;

This is the second time in my tenure I have to report the passing of a fellow Shadow Rider, our Vice President, Ron Eckert.

Over the past years, Ron's love for riding has been unmatched. He was the club's most vocal advocate and made promoting our club his mission. Ron made it a point to attend every ride, meeting, breakfast, and club event he could. We've all enjoyed his friendship and his dedication to riding.



We'll remember Ron as a lovable lug lumbering about with the ability to joke and laugh with everyone, but above all, he had the ability to laugh at himself.

Although no words can ease our loss, just having known Ron has touched my life as I'm sure he did yours. And knowing he'll always have my back, riding drag through life, is a comforting thought.

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

Shadow Riders General Membership Meeting May 2013

First thoughts are toward Ron Eckert who was hospitalized after an accident on the Blue Ridge Parkway during the club trip. Since the meeting Ron has lost his battle due to a severe head injury. He is sorely missed and will always be in our hearts. Please say a prayer for his family and extended family.

Rich Bayers was also in an accident in North Carolina when a car hit him from the rear...he was released from the hospital that night with no serious injuries.

Also in NC, Frank Mehrtens fell while trying to get the perfect picture and received 20 stitches to his right ear.

The Make-A-Wish celebration started on Saturday June 8th and had a nice turnout. On Sunday there was a moment of silence for our fallen brother Ron who was a big part of Make-A-Wish. They thanked the Shadow Riders for how much they contribute to this special Charity and we were the Top Contributing Club! The ride started with most bikers ready to ride but was hampered after the rain forced most of the riders to stop only a short while later. One of the ambassador's Haley, was chauffeured by Dave Walters. Thank you to all that put your time into this event. It just shows what a great group of people you are that I have become so fortunate to get to know.

Russ needs to make reservations for Patti's Old Time Settlement for the Land Between the Lakes trip on June 22nd, so if you are going please contact him as soon as possible.

Hartbauer McBride Benefit Party will be held on Saturday June 12 at Big St. Charles Motorsports. Gates open at 6:00-see information under current events. Hope to see you there.

Update for the newly designed website is that it is in the finalization process and will be up soon.

The club is working on getting pill bottles that will contain a sheet for all emergency information for riders and passengers to keep on your bike. These should be available soon.

Russ Davis reports that the financial status of the Club is better than it was at this time last year and Jim Gianella says we have 107 current members and 2013 bars are available.

Ira is working on a Saturday out Zip lining at Meramec Caverns. If 10 or more people show up the price is cut in half. No date has been set.

Also a dinner ride to Hendels Café and General Store is being discussed for another Saturday adventure.

Get your Shadow Riders merchandise from Karen or Eric Johnston-Tan Summer Hats, T-shirts and Window Clings are available.

Bob Rau has been going through some illness recently but is reported to be doing better. Hope to see you soon!

Land between the Lakes 3 day trip is on June 22nd. The East Coast 12 day trip will leave out on August 17th.

The 1st Annual Bikers on the Square event will be on June 22nd in Perryville, MO. Vendors, food, fun, plus music.

50/50 was \$32 and won by Joe Flanter.

Ride Safe
Andrea

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June Membership

Main Members	83
Significant Others	20
Juniors	3
Total	106

June Birthdays

03 - MICHAEL REUSCHER
04 - VICKI NELSON
06 - COLLEEN HUCKO
09 - IRA STEUER
09 - LARRY MCGOWEN
10 - STANLEY KOLB
13 - CINDY GEBEL
18 - DENNIS MEADE

June Anniversaries

15 Years – Ira Steuer, Cliff Connoyer
10 Years – Rob Schulte, Mike Fuhro

New members for May

Gordon Beachy rides a blue/silver 2006
Yamaha V Star 1100

Fellow SR's,

Do to our unfortunate loss of our great friend and club member, I just couldn't seem to get anything into writing for this month's newsletter. This cheesy article that I clipped off of the MSC web site is all I have to contribute this month. It is also the reason John did not get the newsletter out earlier...I apologize. Here is the link-

http://msf-usa.org/downloads/if_you_ride_a_motorcycle.pdf

For those of you who don't have internet access there will be a printed copy of the article attached to the end of the newsletter. The article covers subject matter for riding safely such as: dressing for safety; being more visible; how to implement mental strategies; as well as knowing your bike and it's limits.

Be aware, ride safe,
Dave



Upcoming Trips:

Just a reminder that we have several trips planned for the near future. If you've been thinking about taking a trip, but have been putting it off, talk to someone who has taken a trip with the club and then check your schedule and come have some fun with us. The way we look at it: if you think it's too late to book a room where the trip is headed, and you call to check and there is a room available, then it's meant to be!

This month, leaving on June 22nd, the club is going to Kentucky Lake for the "Land Between the Lakes" trip. This trip is only a 3-dayer and would be a good first-time "long trip" for those of you who haven't done one. Check with Russ Davis for all the details or read about the trip in a past issue of the Shadow Writer (see, it is good for something other than lining the bottom of the bird's cage!).

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.

Trip to Niagara Falls

August 17- Harrisville, PA for one night	635 miles	http://mapq.st/Rr0zy2
August 18- Niagara Falls, NY for one night	234 miles	http://mapq.st/TOJBli
August 19- Lake Placid, NY for three nights	337 miles	http://mapq.st/SITUaE
Lake Placid day trip, 257 miles, the other day there is open		http://mapq.st/S6jqwW
August 22- Belfast, ME for three nights	355 miles	http://mapq.st/VoFfxq
Belfast day trip, 244 miles, the other day there is open		http://mapq.st/WpYTKU
August 25- Bennington, VT for one night	321 miles	http://mapq.st/R6LXDX
August 26- Mansfield, PA for one night	350 miles	http://mapq.st/SUBmMy
August 27- Zanesville, OH for one night	369 miles	http://mapq.st/UuFwto
August 28- Home	481 miles	http://mapq.st/Qh0Q9I

Saturday Night Out: Hartbauer-McBride Dance

Don't forget the dance this Saturday night at Big St. Charles. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Read the details on Page 5 under the calendar. Good time for a great cause. Attendance prizes, music and fun for all!

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
June 16 Father's Day Louisiana, MO	June 17 Ride-to-Work Day	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22
June 23 Desoto, MO	June 24	June 25 Monthly Meeting @ Sports Cafe	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29
June 30 Barnhart, MO	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4 Independence Day	July 5	July 6
July 7 Bowling Green, MO	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13
July 14 Sullivan, MO	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20

Rides and Events:

June 15: It's not on our calendar but don't forget the Hartbauer-McBride charity dance. Doors open at 6:00 PM and the music runs from 7:00 until midnight. If you haven't purchased your Marble Run Book from Robin the admission is \$10 at the door. Attendance prizes will be awarded.

June 16: Terry Brookman will be taking us via a northwest route to the Lighthouse Inn for a delicious lunch followed by a scenic return trip through Bowling Green, Mo and down through Wentzville.

June 23: Sue Braun will be taking us for a return visit to the White Mule restaurant in Desoto, MO. The local roads offer some great riding and country scenery to enjoy.

June 30: Jim Gianella will be taking us on a scenic route through the winding roads leading to Kenny's Bar and Grill, owned by Ken Vaughn, who is also a motorcycle rider. Strap your cue stick on the back and try your luck against Kenny on one of his pool tables. Kenny is rated 36th in the nation as an "amateur" pool player.

July 7: This ride is to Bowling Green Mo. It's a 114 mile route with a few roads that may be new to you, many scenic and a few twisties. Lunch will be at Crystals Restaurant where they have everything you can imagine a good small town restaurant would have. Bowling Green is only 40 mile highway ride back to the I-70 / 1-40 crossing if you need to get home quickly. Or there are some fun roads to spend the afternoon getting back, just ask around when we're leaving the restaurant. Come out for a ride and bring along a friend.

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.

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

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