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The Shadow Writer

Official Newsletter of the
Shadow Riders Club of
St. Louis

A Letter from the President

Fellow Shadow Riders,

Are you ready for spring? I am! While there were several good riding days this winter, I wasn't able to take advantage of as many of them as I would have liked. I hope you were. As we approach the start of the club's official riding season, I'm sure that all the remaining Sundays will be clear, sunny, and warm. (ok, probably not... but we can dream!)

The 2005 ride schedule was finalized on February 20th, with a few adjustments at the last GM meeting. We tried to take into account the preferences you expressed during last year's season, and included fewer poker runs, more long rides, some new rides, and some that folks liked but we haven't done in a few years. There is a pocket-sized version of the ride schedule on page 11 of this newsletter. I hope you will find lots of rides that appeal to you.

To help our newer members decide whether or not to join a particular ride, I've prepared a brief description of the first month's rides (see page 6). With the help of the ride organizers, I plan to have a similar feature each month throughout the riding season.

During this year, we will be trying again to increase the emphasis on riding related issues in the GM meetings. Folks seemed to appreciate the discussion at the February meeting and Dennis tells me he has something really special planned for March. Why don't you show up and see what it is?

Finally, as most of you know, Randy Tallant had quadruple by-pass heart surgery recently. On March 7th he returned to the hospital to have fluid drained from his chest. (Just like Bill Clinton...hmm...) The day I wrote this (March 9), he was feeling much better and was going home later in the day. He is determined to recover quickly and continue his duties as vice president. I'm sure he appreciates your contacts and prayers.

Nita Fisher, President
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~Saturday Night Out~

April 9, probably Chinese dinner.
Watch your e-mail or check the
HOTLINE or WEBSITE .for details.

Club Meetings

Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month

Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane

NEXT MEETING: March 22

Road Captains/Safety Meeting

6:30 PM, BEFORE CLUB MEETING, most months

Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane

NEXT MEETING: April 26

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SRC Board Meeting

7:00 PM, 2nd Wednesday, EVEN-NUMBER MONTHS

Olive Garden, 12990 Manchester Road

NEXT MEETING: April 13

Submit your newsletter contributions to:

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4945 Fox Bridge Rd, Pacific, MO 63069)

Deadline to be in a given month's issue is
the 2nd Tuesday of that month.

Sunday Group Rides

Meet at Old Orchard Center, Manchester & Braeshire Ave. (West of Weidman Road)

Official ride season begins April 3. Rides leave promptly at 10:00 A.M. Arrive early, line up your bike, and visit with your friends.

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Membership Stats 2005

Main Members	105
Significant Others	34
Junior Members	0
Total	139

The primary business at the February General Membership meeting was the 2005 budget.

Stewart Marolf reported a working balance in the treasury of \$4,225.51 as of January 31, 2005, of which about \$2,700 was membership fees for 2005.

The Board presented a proposed budget based on projected income of \$6,190 (including the \$4,225 carried over from 2004). Projected expenditures totaled \$5,350 and provided for the usual meeting place, newsletter expense, membership year bars, printing and postage, the hot line, web site, and storage locker plus funding for a club picnic and holiday party. The proposed budget was approved as presented.

Dennis Meade presented the 2005 ride schedule. He also announced that Road Captain / Safety meetings would be moved to the half hour before the Club GM meeting, starting in April.

A new **Mileage Awards** program was introduced. Bob Mueller will handle record keeping. At the end of the year, those who have ridden at least 7500 miles, 10000 miles, or 15000 miles will be honored. (See page 7 for more details.)

Following the business portion of the meeting, Dennis introduced the topic of riding lane position. Members had a useful discussion of the factors affecting riders' choice of left, center or right sides of a highway lane. Discussion focused on the circumstances under which the left side of the lane provides an advantage.

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Recommended Rides**by Peggy Phillips**

If you're out Wyoming way,

- take US 287 between Rawlins & Lander. It's high desert terrain, with just a few trees and far-off buildings now & then. Near Jeffrey City (spot on the map) there is a now-closed attraction called Hell's Half Acre. If the gate is open, be sure to drive up to the edge of the cliff and look into this sharp-rock canyon. The Native Americans used to drive buffalo over the cliff in their hunting.
- Hwy 130 between Laramie and Walcott gets you away from the interstate and is an interesting ride over a mountain pass and through several recreational areas that are scenic. Be sure to pack your picnic basket before you go, and stop at a roadside stop to enjoy the fresh mountain air.
- Off of I-90 between the South Dakota border and Gillette, Wyoming, you'll find the Devil's Tower Monument. It towers out of the otherwise sparsely vegetated ground, and makes an impressive statement.

Just back from Lake Tahoe, NV & CA, not on a bike, and if I get the chance, I will

- The roads that circle Lake Tahoe are wonderfully scenic and great bike "trails". NV 28 and US 50 on the eastern shore, and CA 89 & 28 on the western shore, take you in a big circle around the lake, with some water's edge skirting that looks across the 12 miles to the mountains that ring the lake. The blue, blue, blue water will mesmerize you, so take plenty of time to stop your bike and gaze at the water. This is some truly great scenery and lots of twisties and turnies with mountain cliff curves for variety, and some of the oldest and largest pine tree trunks I've had the privilege to see. If you're near here in riding weather, it's a must-see.

These are some of my personal recommendations, from places I have been. I want to share all of our experiences with the club, so be sure to contact me with your own memories so that I can include them in future columns. Send to pphillips@brick.net or call me at 314-428-6233 weeknights.

Ride safe and have fun !!!



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Now that the warm weather is here to stay, many riders in the northern reaches of the country are faced with getting their bikes back in shape for the riding season.

If you didn't do much more than park your bike on the side of the garage when the first cold winds blew last fall, you've got a little work ahead of you. Suffice it to say that prepping a bike for winter is usually a lot easier than getting an unprep bike ready for spring. That's because several things have been going on over the past four months that could make your life difficult now.

Foremost is the fuel system. Gasoline is a mixture of volatile chemicals, and when it sits untreated for several months, parts of the mixture can evaporate, leaving behind a brown gunk called varnish. Varnish can clog the small jets inside a carburetor, leading to sluggish performance, hard starting or even no starting. You'll at least want to drop the float bowls on the carbs, dump out the gas that remains, and clean out any residue with carb cleaner. In addition, you may need to unscrew the jets and clean them, too.

Preventing this next year is as easy as squirting a bit of fuel stabilizer into your last tankful before winter. Then run the engine for a few minutes to get treated fuel into the carbs. If your gas tank was low when you parked the bike last year, it's possible that condensation has formed in it. Draining all the remaining fuel and replacing it with fresh gas is your best bet. Your battery may well be dead or nearly so. Pull it, add distilled water to any cells that need it, and put it on a trickle charger. You can use a hydrometer to tell when it's ready to use. You'll also want to be sure that your tires contain the recommended air pressure, that your brakes work smoothly and have adequate fluid, that your chain is oiled and your air filter is clean.

Yes, it's a lot to do. But it's stuff you'd more than likely have to do sometime soon anyway. Consider it getting a jump on your bike maintenance for the year.

April Rides

April 3 – Augusta BBQ

The ride is an easy 55 miles, mostly on two-lane roads meandering though the countryside. Lunch is at the American Legion Hall where you can get all-you-can-eat BBQ pork chops, chicken, and side dishes for \$8. A return via Hwy 94 through Defiance lets you stop at the squirrel bar if you wish.

April 10 – Grafton

The ride combines four-lane highway travel and two-lane roads winding through North County toward Illinois, then takes the popular Great River Road north into Grafton. Lunch location to be determined.

April 17 – Bonne Terre Mine (new ride for the Club)

The direct route is about 60 miles, although Ira has not yet routed the ride. The destination is a former lead mine, once the world's foremost producer, now mostly filled with clear water. It is a popular diving resort (but we don't plan to submerge!) and offers a boat/walking tour for \$17.50 or a walking tour only for \$12.

April 24 – Pocahontas

The ride is an easy 75 miles on interstate highway from Old Orchard to Illinois then mostly state highways to Pocahontas. Lunch is at the Blue Springs Café, where they feature family style meals and foot-high pies.

SRC Welcomes New Members

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Ray Barton (rides a 2003 Black Suzuki Marauder VZ800)

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Only the Shadow Knows

by Ira Steuer

This Shadow Rider did not start riding in earnest until she was 40 years old. She admits that this was a special birthday gift to make her feel like she was a kid again. She has sharpened her riding skills and confidence which has prompted her to move up to a 1500cc bike. She tells me that her neighbor had a mini bike which he let her ride from time to time. In college she did some riding and her family had a trail bike which was converted into a mini bike. She grew up riding horses and bicycles. Have you guessed the Shadow Rider that I am describing is Marklyn Cobb?

Marklyn really challenged herself by buying the Kawasaki Mean Streak. It has a hair trigger throttle. Marklyn says she enjoys riding fast but not stupid. Her husband Bob was an influence by owning and riding a dirt bike which he completely took apart and re-assembled. They had a family business and wanted to cultivate other interests. Bob rides a Honda Valkyrie. Marklyn fondly remembers attending their first SRC picnic which included the marble run. They had a great time. She has been a member of SRC since Nov. 1998. Her first bike was a Kawasaki 500.

When Marklyn is not riding, she has been working as an artist. (To my good fortune she is an excellent match maker, having introduced me to her sister Tracy. We wed on Oct 4, 2004.) She paints often with an air brush. She originally wanted to become a veterinarian. Her favorite SRC ride was Bixby. She is a member of the following other groups: ROK, (riders of Kawasaki), FORR, River Road Riders, and AMA. Her favorite vacation ride was traveling out west and logging 4600 miles last summer. She feels she has made many good friends through the club.

Her SRC motto is: "keep it fun, make it fun."

Marklyn has completed the Experienced Rider Course. She has done an Iron Butt of 1039 miles that took 16.5 hours. She rides about 12,000 miles a year. She suggests these maintenance items: check tires for proper air pressure, change oil regularly and check oil level often. She wishes she learned to ride earlier in life.

Now you know what the Shadow knows about Marklyn Cobb.

Introducing SRC Mileage Awards

In an effort to focus more on riding, the Shadow Riders' Mileage Awards Program will honor those who ride at least 7,500 miles, 10,000 miles, or 15,000 miles during the year.

Bob Mueller will maintain the records for the program. To sign up, e-mail or call in your current bike mileage to Bob at bobmuellerjpc@hotmail.com or 636-946-8360. Later, you'll report your end-of-year mileage to determine the level at which you qualify.

Let's all ride more and have more fun!

Announcements**Third Annual Ladies Overnight Trip**

Planned for May 14 & 15, this will be an "easy ride" to the Thayer/Mammoth Springs area in Arkansas. Contact person is Peggy Phillips (pphilips@ccaglobal.com). There are five gals currently committed to going. Why don't the rest of you lady riders join us?

Special Shadow Riders MSF Experienced Rider Course

The class will take place on Saturday, May 7, at Forest Park Community College, 8 am to 6 pm. To be eligible to take the class, you must have ridden for one year or 1,000 miles. Range work is done on your own bike. Dennis Meade will have application forms at the GM meeting. You may also contact him by sending e-mail to bluegw@shadowriders-stl.com.

Hartbauer/McBride Foundation Party and Fundraiser

If you want to party and benefit the "Bikers Helping Bikers" fund at the same time, you can do it on Saturday, March 26, 2005, from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM at Skip's Place Too, 4401 S. Broadway (phone 314-353-0770).

All proceeds from food sales will go to the Hartbauer/McBride Memorial Fund.

**Motorcycle Safety Foundation
Basic and Experienced Rider
classes are offered at these three
locations.**

**SLCC at Forest Park: 314-644-9175
(registration is now open; classes
start in March)**

**Jefferson College: 636-797-3000
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classes start in April)**

**St. Charles Parks & Recreation:
636-949-3377 (registration now
open; classes start in March)**

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March 27 10:00 am Off Season Pick-up Ride	March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31	April 1	2
3 10:00 am Ride to Au- gusta BBQ	4	5	6	7	8	9 SNO (to be announced)
10 10:00 am Ride to Grafton	11	12	13 7:00 pm SRC Board Meeting Olive Garden	14	15	16
17 10:00 am Ride to Bonne Terre Mines	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 10:00 am Ride to Pocahontas	25	26 6:30 pm Road Captains 7:00 pm Club Meeting Elks Lodge	27	28	29	30

Classified Ads / Rallies

Notice: Classified ads will run for a maximum of three (3) months. Contact Nita Fisher at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (636) 257-2238 when your item is sold, or if you want to re-submit your ad or place a new one.

For Sale:**2004 Honda Shadow Spirit VT1100C**

V-twin, liquid-cooled, shaft drive, 1100 cc engine;
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Cobra Pipes with jet kit (sounds and runs fantastic)
Large cruiser windshield with lowers, Windshield bag
Custom Kuryakan ISO grips
Leather Saddlebags, Crash bars with highway peg
\$7,500 firm (\$12,500 invested)

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Upcoming Motorcycle Rallies**Branson Motorcycle Rally, May 19-22, 2005** ([details at www.bransonmotorcyclerally.com](http://www.bransonmotorcyclerally.com))

Those planning to attend include: Diana Johnson

Honda Hoot, Knoxville, TN, June 22-25 ([details at Honda Motorcycles website or 800-347-1289](#))

Those planning to attend include: George Trowbridge

Wing Ding (Gold Wingers), Ft. Wayne, IN, July 4-8, 2005 ([get details at www.gwrra.org](http://www.gwrra.org))

Those planning to attend include: Bob Mueller

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, August 8-14, 2005 ([get details at www.sturgismotorcyclerally.com](http://www.sturgismotorcyclerally.com))

Those planning to attend include: Cathy and Dan Eidson, Mike Dooley, Doug and Donna Shaw

Bikes, Blues & BBQ, Fayetteville, AR, September 28-October 1, 2005 ([details at www.bikesbluesandbbq.org](http://www.bikesbluesandbbq.org))



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2005 SRC Ride Schedule

Date Destination (Organizer)

April 3	Augusta BBQ (Nita Fisher)
10	Grafton (Rich Eudy)
17	Bonne Terre Mine (Ira Steuer)
24	Pocahontas, IL
May 1	Rend Lake (Nita Fisher)
8	Bee Tree Park (Ira Steuer)
15	Maryland Heights Motorama (Mark Levin)
22	Kimmswick (Mark Levin)
29	Chester, IL (Kevin Polito)
June 5	Sikeston (Ira Steuer)
11	(Saturday) Progressive Food Ride
12	Picnic - Hahn State Park (Peggy Phillips)
19	Highway 19 (Bob Mueller)
26	Four Ferries (Mark Levin)
July 3	Washington, MO (Kevin Polito)
10	Bixby (Kevin Polito)
17	Gasconade/Hermann (Rich Eudy)
24	Weingarten Picnic (Peggy Phillips)
31	Shawnee Nat'l Forest (Ira Steuer)

Date Destination (Organizer)

Aug 7	Hardin, IL (Mel Heembrook)
13	(Saturday) Ted's Open House
14	Johnson Shut-Ins (Nita Fisher)
21	Hannibal (Kevin Polito)
28	Hartbauer-McBride Poker Run
Sept 4	Brussels (Rich Eudy)
11	St. Libory (Diana Johnson)
18	Litchfield/Route 66 (Mark Levin)
25	Bikers for Babies
Oct 2	Elephant Rock (Don Owens)
9	Meramec Caverns
16	Missouri River Bottoms (Mark Levin)
23	Jefferson County (Paul Thurman)
30	City Ride, Eads Bridge (Ira Steuer)
Nov 6	Surprise Ride / rain date
13	Surprise Ride / rain date
20	Surprise Ride / rain date
27	Surprise Ride / rain date

Sunday rides leave Old Orchard Plaza promptly at 10:00 AM



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