



The Shadow Writer

March 2011

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

A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders,

It is getting close, can you feel it? At the February meeting we set the first 3 months of the riding season's rides. If the weather holds, the first part of the season will be some great riding. Weekly rides start in April, please try to be at Old Orchard by 9:30 so we can pull out at 10. Also in May is the first road trip of the season to ride the twisties of Northern Arkansas. The club will be staying in Mountain View and riding out of there each day. So if you are looking for an early season ride or to try a trip on a bike this may be the one for you; talk to Lou or email him.

On April 16th we are going to rent a table at Big St. Charles at their swap meet. Bring out your motorcycle parts and try to sell them at the club's table, another club benefit. See the newsletter article by VP Johnson and let her or me know if you have stuff to sell. But even if you don't, come out and check out the food and entertainment and just shoot the BS. By the way, you can put a for sale sign on your bike in their parking lot and try to sell your bike—financing on site, how cool is that?

March 12th is a Saturday Night Out at the dueling piano bar at Harrah's, with dinner at 5:30 at Bacana Brazil in Chesterfield. Contact Ira Steuer or Bob Mueller if you would like to go. If you have never been to a Brazilian restaurant it is a carnivore's dream dinner, and there is a coupon on their website to save you \$15.

At this month's meeting we will have an insurance professional in to explain your motorcycle coverage, what you should have and what you don't need. Bring your policy with you and follow along and compare what you have. She will bring along some give-aways and stick around if you have questions. Next month we hope to have a technician on motorcycle maintenance.

We will have Ride Organizers and Road Captains appreciation day in May with lunch at the American Legion in Augusta, on the club. Keep checking the calendar as things progress.

Get out there and Ride

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: March 22, 2011

Board Meeting at 6:30 pm before club meeting.

Sunday Rides

The new ride season starts April 3rd!
Plan to arrive at Old Orchard Center
around 9:30 and line up your bike.
Rides leave at 10 am.

Until then the Sunday morning hangout
is still Old Orchard's Hometown Buffet.

Web Site

www.shadowriders-stl.com

Membership

	Mar '10	Mar '11
Main Members	85	82
Significant Others	22	28
Juniors	0	1
Total	107	111

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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Got Junk in the Trunk?.....

By Diana Johnson, Vice-President

Who's got a little junk in their trunk they want to get rid of? Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 16, for a swap meet at our sponsor, Big St. Charles Motorsports.** The event will run from 9:00am-4:00pm. We have secured two tables for the event, one for displaying our treasured junk for sale and one to sell some Triple Pepper Penetration chili.

Please bring any items you want to sell to the event with your name and price clearly marked. I will also need to know in advance if you are bringing any items so we make sure we have enough space. I will be making a limited amount of my award winning chili for sale. Prices to be determined at a later date depending on the serving size containers I purchase. My goal is to have the chili ready by 10:30am and will serve until I run out. **I will need some volunteers to help man our table.** Please e-mail me at Diana@pvtlist.com with a list of items you are bringing or to volunteer your time at the swap meet.

The dealership is making 50 tables available for the event and will have food vendors, various others vendors, and music as well. If you have a bike you are trying to sell, you may bring it to the swap meet with a 'for sale' sign. There will be people there to help with financing if you find a prospective buyer.

Support your club, support our sponsor, and get rid of that junk in your trunk.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SATURDAY NIGHT OUT, MARCH 12 — Bacana Brazil and Harrah's
(see Bob's President's letter)

Big St. Charles Motorsports Events

April 7, 6-9 pm — Calendar Girl contest

April 8, 6-7 pm — Supercross autographs

April 16 — Swap Meet (The Club's table is open to all members' stuff. See Diana's article above.)

Gateway BMW Events

May 7, 10 am-3 pm — Open House

Hey Everybody

From Lou Soucy

The SRC ride season is fast approaching. At the last meeting we planned out the first three months of the ride schedule. I'd have to say that, as usual, it was like pulling teeth to get people to organize a ride. But after looking at the lineup of rides we picked, I think we're going to have an awesome start of the riding season. A big THANKYOU to the members that volunteered to organize a ride. Hopefully the spring weather and getting back to some great riding will motivate some different members to organize a new ride or re-vamp an existing ride for the club. Roughly forty club rides and trips were planned by only twenty club members last year. It would be nice to make it forty and forty this year. But Russ kinda screwed that up by volunteering to do two already. (Thanks Russ!) Maybe someone will offer to take St Clair off his hands.

On Sunday March 13th St John Gildehaus is having their annual Spring Chicken Dinner. That sounds like a good reason to go for a ride if the weather is decent. Bob has a nice route to get there. We'll leave Old Orchard at the usual 10am. If it's been a while since you've ridden or if you aren't accustomed to riding in a group, this is a good opportunity to brush up before the start of the official ride season.

What the Shadow Riders do best is RIDE. And without our ride organizers that wouldn't be possible. As a show of appreciation the club would like to buy them lunch at the Augusta BBQ on the May 1st ride. So, if you organized a ride last year make sure to put it on your calendar. Hopefully everyone else will join in; it should be a lot of fun. With that many organizers on one ride how could anything possibly go wrong?!

Just in case you've forgotten, here they are:

Ed Acree, Sue Braun, Cliff Connoyer, Russ Davis, Ron Eckert, Jim Gianella, Mel Heembrock, Diana Johnson, Mark Levin, Eric Levy, Larry McGowan, Frank Mehrtens, Bob Mueller, Dan Newton, Erin O'Donnell, Kevin Polito, Dave & Rhonda Simorka, Lou Soucy, Ira Steuer

We've got a lot of great road trips planned this year. Everyone is more than welcome to join in. You can find info on the trips in the newsletter, on the club calendar, or at the SRC meetings. If you have any questions or want the routes etc. just let me know.

Finally, wouldn't it be nice if everyone: (1) showed up early at Old Orchard with a FULL tank of fuel, (2) saw several road captains pulled up front eager to LEAD a ride, (3) lined up EARLY in a group suited for them, no larger than eight for safety's sake and (4) we all were able to hit the road and go have fun on time!!! Well, I can dream, can't I?

Let's Ride,
Lou

Mar-Apr 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mar 13 St. John's Gildehaus	Mar 14	Mar 15	Mar 16	Mar 17	Mar 18	Mar 19
Mar 20 Hang out — maybe ride	Mar 21	Mar 22 Club Meeting 7 pm Board 6:30	Mar 23	Mar 24	Mar 25	Mar 26
Mar 27 Hang out — maybe ride	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1	Apr 2
Apr 3 St. Clair Ride	Apr 4	Apr 5	Apr 6	Apr 7 BSC Calen- dar Girls	Apr 8 BSC Super- cross	Apr 9
Apr 10 Bixby Ride	Apr 11	Apr 12	Apr 13	Apr 14	Apr 15	Apr 16 BSC Swap Meet
Apr 17 Hardin Ride	Apr 18	Apr 19	Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22	Apr 23
Apr 24 Easter — Open Ride	Apr 25	Apr 26 Club Meeting 7 pm Board 6:30	Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30

March 13 — Pre-Season Ride to St John's Gildehaus Parish in Villa Ridge for Chicken Dinner — if weather permits. All-you-can-eat for \$11. (See Lou's article on p. 4.)

April 3 — St Clair (Russ Davis, organizer): A 55 mile ride to the Lewis Cafe where breakfast is served all day. Sandwiches, soup, salad, dinners and dessert are also served.

April 10 — Bixby (Dave Walters, organizer): Get ready to grind some metal off your pegs and floorboards! This ride is about 145 miles of club favorite alphabet twisties, ending with lunch at the Bixby Country Store.

April 17 — Hardin (Mel Heembrock, organizer): About 90 miles on scenic back roads to Mel's Riverdock Restaurant for mouthwatering smoked meats and scrumptious homemade desserts.

April 24 (Easter) — Open Ride: Bring your ideas for a route and/or a destination.

Next up —

May — 1, Augusta BBQ (Ron Eckert) : Appreciation Lunch for last year's ride organizers; 8, Washington (John Grandt); 15, Two County Ride (Dennis Meade); 22, Pilot Knob (Chris Switzer); 29, Perryville (Russ & Frank)

June — 5, Make-a-Wish Ride for Wishes; 12, Potosi (Larry McGowan); 19, Grafton (Ira); 26, Hwy 185 (Erin)

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**General Membership Meeting
February 22, 2011**

President's Report (Bob Mueller) – Please begin thinking of where you can serve the club next year. The current board positions will all need to be replaced and new faces are welcome! Mileage awards were given out. Be sure to give Bob your starting mileage for 2011 to receive 7,500 and 10,000 mileage patches. Jerry Faszler, Dave Walters, Ron Eckert and Dennis Meade all received patches at the meeting. 2011 Picnic – Volunteers Rob Schulte, Laura Boone and Cliff Connoyer will be planning our picnic this year.

Vice President's Report (Diana Johnson) – Contact Diana if you have any stories that could be used in the monthly newsletter.

Safety Officer's Report (Lou Soucy) – The ride schedule was planned for April through June. Think about rides you would like to help plan for the upcoming months. Club will purchase lunches at the first Augusta bar-beque for the members who served as Road Captains in 2010. Upcoming club trips: Arkansas Trip – May 12, Utah/Grand Canyon Trip – August, Bikes, Blues & BBQ – September, Milwaukee to HD Headquarters – July???, Bourbon Trail in KY – June???

Treasurer's Report (Russ Davis) - Budget for 2011 was presented. Expenses have been planned to run very closely to 2010's budget. Motion to approve the budget was by Rich Bayers and seconded by Ron Eckert. General membership voted to approve the budget for 2011.

Bikers 4 Babies – Rich Bayer – Contact Rich if you are interested in riding in the St. Patrick's Day Parade for Bikers 4 Babies this year.

Upcoming Events in the Area: 3/10 – Ladies Night at Big St. Charles HD; 4/16 – Swap Meet at Big St. Charles HD. Club will plan on having a table at the swap meet. Check your garage to see if there's anything you would like to get rid of! 5/7 – Gateway BMW Open House – 10:00 – 3:00.

50/50 drawing: Joe Fratner won \$46!

Membership Details: 82 Members, 28 Significant Others, 111 Total Members. New Members: Mary Agnes "M.A." Sanders. February Anniversaries: Peggy Phillips (15 years), Don Rygelski (5 years)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Correction: Kathy Frazler's name was misspelled in last month's GM Report. Sorry, Kathy.

Merchandise

In case you didn't catch it, our new merchandise coordinators are Eric and Karen Johnston.

If you want a club patch, t-shirt, cap, or other club stuff, give them a holler.
(contact info on page 2)

March Birthdays

02 - Jan Herman Enoch
05 - John Geiler
07 - Gary Weintraub
12 - Maureen Robertson
15 - Charles Etling
17 - Emily Woodward

19 - Mike Gambino
20 - Michael Campeau
21 - Bob Bircher
22 - Ed Acree
22 - Matthew Bonini
24 - Ted Koski
31 - Michael Zinna



Shadow Riders Spring Trip to Arkansas—May 12-15, 2011 (Contact Person: Lou Soucy)

Leave from the QT at I-44 and Hwy 109 at 8am Thursday, May 12th. Take all back roads to Mountain View, AR—about 300 miles. Stay at the Dogwood Motel three nights. You can make your own reservations at 870-269-3847, about \$50 a night. Tell them you're a Shadow Rider.

We'll spend Friday and Saturday riding all the great roads around the area. Head home Sunday on different back roads (of course).

Possible trip along the Bourbon Trail in Kentucky in June
Possible trip to Harley Davidson headquarters in Milwaukee in July.



Stay tuned for more information as it develops.

Shadow Riders Utah Trip —August 17-30, 2011 (Contact Person: 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, 2011 (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.

If you never heard of it, check out their website at <http://www.bikesbluesandbbq.org>. The best part of it for me is the ride there, around there, and back. We are leaving 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're staying at the Comfort Inn at 196 E. Van Buren in Eureka Springs the 29th thru the 31st. A double room for the three nights will run about \$325. Call 479-253-5241 or go online. If you're thinking about going you may want to reserve a room now. Motels fill up fast for this event and you can always cancel.

Friday we are going to take off from the Comfort Inn parking lot at 8am for about a 300 mile ride. 8am Saturday we are headed to Fayetteville for the day, returning to Eureka Springs that evening. 8am Sunday we are headed home a different back roads way.. If you have never done it before I think you will enjoy it. If you have done it before, it's always a new experience with different people.

Hope you can make it, Lou Soucy .