



The Shadow Writer *March, 2013*

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

Shadow Riders:

First, some unsettling news. At February's club meeting some members were extremely rude to the Pasta House wait staff including discarding menus on the floor. Really guys! If you don't like the food; the room; the restaurant; the waitresses; whatever, express yourself in a manner that doesn't reflect negatively on the club. I guess whoever didn't like the new location will get their way as we'll be looking for a different location soon. The Pasta House's staff is refusing to serve us. Check your e-mail for future possible changes.

I'd like to thank Nita to putting together the first (organized) Shadow Riders' Shoot Out. I think all who attended had a great time, got in some target practice, and, I know this is hard to imagine, but we ate some tasty food too. Great job Nita, this was a great event.

The ride schedule for this year is in the works and should include some new destinations and some new routes to old destinations. So be sure to be at the next meeting to be the one to schedule and route your favorite ride. Or get in touch with Safety Dave to get on the schedule.

We'll also be setting up a "Helmet Day" or two for collections soon and will need your help. We'd like to plan two dates at two corners. Remember: it takes at least 6 – 8 people at each location to work it to its full potential. We made Make-A-Wish our club's charity for the year so please come out and work the collection days and enjoy the event and ride, so keep an eye open for e-mail shortly with more details.

Remember to get your 2013 dues in if you haven't already and update your personal information if it's changed. Please let us know we want to be as accurate as possible.

Sunday morning breakfasts are going great with ideas for rides and trips on top of everyone's list. And, with the weather starting to warm, we should have a few more riders at breakfast too. And maybe a Sunday afternoon ride as well.

This is the last call for your 2012 mileage. I'll have awards for 7,500 miles and 10,000 miles at the next meeting so send your 2012 starting and ending odometer reading to me via e-mail at simorka@sbcglobal.net

Bikes don't leak oil, they mark their territory.

**Dave Simorka
President**

Club Meeting (General Membership)

7:00 pm, 4th Tuesday of the Month
The Pasta House, 14007 Manchester Rd. ,
across Manchester from Old Orchard

Next Meeting: March 26, 2013

Board meeting 30 minutes before regular meeting.

Sunday Gatherings

Sundays at 9:00 AM at the Hometown Buffet.
We will alternate between the north location at
12228 St. Charles Rock Road and the south at
7597 S. Lindbergh Blvd. To keep our calendars
updated, the March gatherings started at the
north location on 3/03/13.

General Membership Meeting Minutes February 2013

VP Ron Eckert opened the meeting at 7PM at the Pasta House on Manchester.

2013 club bars were distributed and Jim Gianella said that membership has increased by one new member who is Sheryl McKinney riding a White Honda VTX1300-Welcome Sheryl!

Ride for Wishes coordinators will meet on March 14th to discuss the ride for this year - more information to follow.

Brochures and Business Cards are available if you would like to have some on hand to distribute. We also have a flyer with information on benefits of membership which can be displayed at your work place or anywhere else. Pick some up at the next meeting and get the word out!

The North Carolina trip is coming up quick. May 23rd we will leave from the Cracker Barrel at Hwy 157 & 64. Bob Mueller has planned rides on this trip to be Blue Ridge Parkway, Cherohala Skyway, Nantahala River, Tail of the Dragon, and more.

There is still plenty of time to prepare for the East Coast Trip leaving on August 17. Lou has prepared some great back road trips to see the country between destinations.

The Sunday rides were planned through April and will be posted on the calendar. At next month's meeting we will choose a couple more months' of rides - your input is always appreciated.

Check with Dennis Meade for availability of openings for the Experienced Riders Course on May 11. You can never have too much experience and it's a great way to refresh your skills after the winter season.

Ted Koski relinquished the "Crash Trophy" to Ron Eckert.

Treasurer Russ Davis presented the Budget numbers for 2013 which will include a slight deficit. The cost for changes to the Website have still not been finalized which could change this deficit either way. Budget was approved by Bob Mueller and Diana Johnson seconded the motion. Diana was also commended for bringing in additional funds for our Charity donations by heading and participating in events such as the chili cook-off and gift wrapping events.

Saturday afternoon out at Dave Mungenast Motorcycle Museum was a success, 24 people attended. Don't hesitate to offer suggestions you may have for a Saturday or Saturday night out to Ira Steuer, or bring it up at a meeting.

Robin Potter is selling booklets for the Hartbauer-McBride Marble Run for \$10 each.

CALLING ALL GIRLS! . . . I am working on a "Girls Only" ride and some interest was shown at the meeting. If you would like more information please contact Andrea Geiler.

Charlie and Sue Siebel won \$41 in the 50/50 drawing!

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March Membership

Main Members	74
Significant Others	17
Juniors	3
Total	94

March Birthdays

- 05 - JOHN GEILER
- 12 - MAUREEN ROBERTSON
- 21 - BOB BIRCHER
- 22 - ED ACREE
- 22 - MATTHEW BONINI
- 24 - TED KOSKI
- 31 - MICHAEL ZINNA

No March Anniversaries

Hello fellow SR's,

March is here, and we get to spring forward this Sunday the 10th. The weather is starting to turn, and many of you fair weather riders ought to be getting that itch. Before you pull that bike out and jump on, make sure you go over your bike. It is a good time to check out the tread on your tires. If they look good, check your tire pressure. Check your records and see when you changed your oil last. After everything checks out, start your bike up. Check your headlights (Hi/Low), turn signals, and horn. Take a good look at your brake calipers, and see what your pads look like.

Remember to take it easy on your first couple of rides if you didn't ride through the winter. (We had plenty of opportunities this winter) Also, motorists have not seen a lot of bikes out on the road the past few months (except a few like myself), so keep a diligent eye out for them. With more and more idiots texting or looking at stuff on-line while attempting to drive, our world is a lot more dangerous on two wheels. You have to be a very defensive rider these days. That said: Our riding season starts next month! April takes us to Marthasville; Augusta; Cuba; then Hardin. We will set the rest of the year's rides at our next meeting. Please attend and volunteer to be a ride sponsor. St. Johns Gildehaus Sausage supper is Oct. 27th.

I look forward to riding with you all this year!

Safety Dave



On Saturday, May 11, 2013 I have a BRC2 (formerly Experienced Rider course) class scheduled for SRC members. I last had this class for SRC members more than 5 years ago. I would recommend that if you haven't previously taken a safety class that you take this one. The paragraph below is a brief synopsis of what the class will entail:

The Motorcycle Safety Course BRC-2 was developed to hone your skills and fine-tune the mental drills crucial to being a safe rider while using your own motorcycle. This is an excellent class as a refresher after winter storage, to update your training for insurance company discount or as an intermediate level of training after the Basic Rider Course. Put into practice the techniques of managing traction, stopping quickly, limited space maneuvers, cornering, and swerving using your own bike. There's always something left to learn! This course is for two-wheeled motorcycles only (no scooters). Students must have a Class M driver's license and provide their own street legal and insured motorcycle. Students should have successfully completed a Basic Rider Course or have sufficient riding skills and experience to operate a motorcycle with basic proficiency. Students who cannot demonstrate basic low speed maneuvers in Exercise 1 can be counseled out of the class. Passengers are permitted to accompany riders; all safety gear and rules apply. Class held rain or shine. Cost for adults 60 and over \$59.50.

If you are interested in taking this class let me know. Also contact the continuing education office to register for the class. The cost of the class is \$99.00 if you are under age 60. it is a one day class that is on your own bike. While in this class you will be required to wear long sleeve shirt or jacket, jeans, no dangling strings, eye protection, DOT approved helmet, over-the-ankle footwear or boots.

Thanks

Dennis Meade

North Carolina Ride Details

We will leave the Cracker Barrel Restaurant (1-64 and route 157 in Caseyville IL) at 7AM on May 23rd. If you would like to join the group for breakfast we will be there at 6AM to eat before we leave. There is a gas station across the street, please have a full tank and be ready to leave at 7AM. We will ride to the Two Wheel Inn in Robbinsville, NC stopping every 125-150 miles or as often as the bike with the smallest tank needs to. We have over 600 miles to cover so we will need to keep gas stops abbreviated.

Please be sure to bring a variety of clothing options. This is an advanced mountain trip and we may run into cold, hot, wet, foggy and inclement weather. The weather in the Smokey Mountains changes quickly, and often, so you never know what you're going to need.

There is another group ride being put together by Ed Acree that will leave a day earlier, take all back roads and arrive back a day later. You can ride with either group each direction. Cell service in North Carolina can be patchy so let your loved ones know that calls may be tough.

We planned to ride the signature roads in the area including: The Tail of the Dragon, Moonshiners 28, Cherohala Skyway, Blue Ridge Parkway, and the Nantahala River. We have no idea when we will ride what, we make the calls dependent on the weather. We have some folks staying at the Microtel, so if you need a roommate or decide to give up your room let me know as we will get them in the Two Wheel Inn. Everyone is responsible for their reservations and riding during this trip.

These are challenging roads we ride and neither the club nor the leaders take responsibility for your safety or health: that is on you. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact me any time. Program my cell number in your phone so you have it.

Bob Mueller

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A few words from our Vice-President

Well it is almost that time of the year to get the bikes out, clean all the dust off, and get ready to ride.

We have 4 rides already for April and there will be many more to come. So don't sit there and let other people take all the fun. If you have a place you like to go: tell us, find a good way to get there, and, as they say, let's go for it.

But, with all of that said, there is one important thing to keep in mind: Be careful out there and be safe.

Ron

Bike Count for December

Honda - 30	Harley - 24	Kawasaki - 9	Suzuki - 3	Yamaha - 7	BMW - 3
Vento - 1	Big Dog - 1	CanAm - 2	Triumph - 2	KTM - 1	Victory - 2

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 17 Gathering: North	March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23
March 24 Gathering: South	March 25 Club Meeting	March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30
March 31 Easter Car Show Gathering: North	April 1 April Fool's Day	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6 Helmet Day 10AM-2PM
April 7 Marthasville	April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13
April 14 Augusta Bar-B-Que	April 15 Tax Day	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20 Big St. Charles Swap Meet

Events:

March 31st: Easter Sunday has been the date for many years now of the Forest Park Car Show. The exhibits are usually based around the lower Munny parking lot. Antiques and Classics as well as Customs.

April 6 is Helmet Day for our club charity: Make A Wish. The South location will be at Lindbergh and Tesson Ferry. The West location will be Manchester and Barrett Station Road. E-mail Dave Simorka with your preferred location and time.

April 7 is our first official riding season date. We will be led by our Safety Officer, Dave Walters, through some beautiful roads and Spring-time vistas. Lunch will be at one of our old regular stops: The Infield Sports Bar. Let's see how many people we can get on this season's kick-off ride!

April 14 we are going to one of our favorite destinations: the Augusta Bar-B-Que. Yours truly will be the ride organizer for this trip as we wind through wine country on our way to a lunch of savory grill favorites at the American Legion Hall. All you can eat . . . Yum, Yum!

April 20 Big St. Charles is holding a Swap Meet. The Shadow Riders will have two tables paid for with club funds so get out in that garage and gather up those pieces-and-parts that you've been holding on to that you know you're never going to use again. Some lucky person might just be looking for that piece that you've been hoarding. A few bucks for those extra parts just might help recoup what Uncle Sam took on the 15th!

This August 17th we will be headed east on a 12-day motorcycle trip. To give you the Cliff notes of the trip: Ohio; Pennsylvania; Allegheny National Forrest; Niagara Falls; Lake Placid, NY; Adirondack Mountains; Vermont; New Hampshire; Maine; the Atlantic Coast; White Mountain, Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests; Massachusetts; Connecticut; and the Catskill Mountains. If you've never experienced one of our long trips you need to talk to some of the other members who have. These are unforgettable experiences that you'll be talking about for years to come. The scenery is indescribable, the roads are a motorcycle rider's dream, accommodations are clean, comfortable, and, in most cases, very affordable. Ask Lou about the details or watch in future issues for more details and updates. Reservations should be made as soon as you decide to share in a life-changing experience with your fellow Shadow Riders.

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

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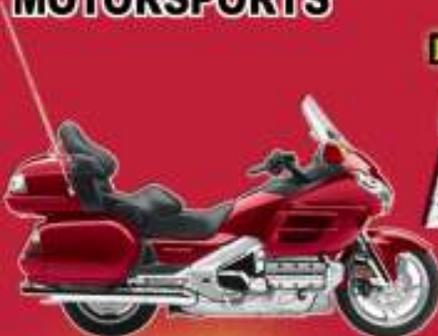
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