



The Shadow Writer

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Shadow Riders Club of
St. Louis

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A Letter from the President

As I sit here at my desk, wondering--as I do every month--just what the heck (I didn't think heck, but this is a family publication) I'm going to write for the "Prez Letter," I can hear the gentle pitter patter of rain out my window. Actually it's not a gentle pitter patter, it's a torrential downpour sprinkled with hail and if it doesn't tear my already damaged gutters off the house, it will be a miracle. I HATE the rain here in spring. It makes the grass grow faster than the Cardinal Stadium grounds keepers and my horses can keep up with. It makes the local highways impossible to drive and somehow it almost always hits the weekends when I want to--need to--get on the bike and RIDE.

Riding IS – it is relaxation, it is therapy, it is what I do and part of what I am. I came to the sport somewhat reluctantly. Years ago I rode on the back of a bike with Ryugen. I did not have an appreciation of his not-so-far-from-the-race-track skills, and he didn't appreciate my desire to be alive in the morning. It was years before we could talk about it with a smile. When we decided to leave Wisconsin, Ryugen talked more about motorcycles and I took the MSF class, stole his new bike, bought him a used bike, and the rest is history. (His version of the story is a bit different, but you have to ask him for that--this is *my* letter.)

Anyway--I get through the (short!) winter here by looking ahead to the riding season. I try not to miss a chance to ride. Ryugen can come too, if he wants. And when the weather is like it has been this week and looks like it might kill this weekend too (and the gals' ride I was looking forward to with Peggy and the others), I just get grouchy. Don't ask you-know-who about that; take my word for it.

30% chance of serious rain this weekend--that's what the weather report said. I am bummed beyond belief.

Of course the weather man could be wrong. This IS the Midwest, after all. Know what else the weatherman said? Right up the road from where we lived in Wisconsin the forecast is 4-5 inches of SNOW for this weekend. Maybe the rain isn't so bad after all.

Nita Fisher, President
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~SNO Date Change~

May's SNO will be on the 3rd Saturday, May 20. Leave Old Orchard at 4:30 for a ride to Rigazzi's on The Hill. The Progressive Food Ride will still be the 2nd Saturday, June 10. Details on p.7

Club Meetings

Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month

Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane

NEXT MEETING: May 23

Road Captains/Safety Meeting

Will be called by the Safety Officer as needed.

SRC Board Meeting

7:00 PM, 2nd Wednesday, even-number months

Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane

NEXT MEETING: June 14

Sunday Group Rides

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

Official ride season started April 2. Rides leave promptly at 10 AM. Come early, line up your bike, and visit with friends.

Membership	May '05	May '06
Main Members	107	99
Significant Others	34	28
Junior Members	0	3
Total	141	130

New e-mail address? Don't miss out!
Send it to membership@shadowriders-stl.com or call the membership coordinator (Erin) at 314-293-0404.

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Sponsors Ted's Motorcycle World, Twin City Honda, and Widman's Motorcycle Sales were acknowledged and applauded.

Larry Wahlers reported a balance of \$5069.32 in the general fund and \$85.00 in the merchandise fund.

Ryugen Fisher reported that our appearance at the Special Olympics on April 22 was greatly appreciated. He also reminded people of the first March of Dimes collection day on May 20. There was a brief discussion of the *Post-Dispatch* article about bad behavior by intersection solicitors. Joe Kalal offered to make four additional signs for use on collection days.

Ira Steuer pointed out the conflict between the usual Saturday Night Out date of the 2nd Saturday and the ladies' overnight ride. It was agreed to move the SNO to the 3rd Saturday. Ira said everything is set for the Progressive Food Ride on June 10.

Nita Fisher presented a new recruiting brochure, developed by Bob Mueller. A thousand copies were printed. Members were encouraged to take whatever copies they would distribute.

There was no other business, so the meeting adjourned at 7:30.

SRC Welcomes New Members

Lou Soucy (rides a 1996 Black & Cream Yamaha Royal Star)

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In Honor of Motorcycle Awareness Month (May):***You Didn't See Me***

I saw you
hug your purse closer to you in the grocery store line.
But you didn't see me
put an extra \$10.00 in the collection plate last Sunday.

I saw you
pull your child closer when we passed each other on the sidewalk.
But you didn't see me
playing Santa at the local mall.

I saw you
change your mind about going into the restaurant.
But you didn't see me
attending a meeting to raise more money for the hurricane relief.

I saw you
roll up your window and shake your head when I drove by.
But you didn't see me
driving behind you when you flicked your cigarette butt out the car window.

I saw you
frown at me when I smiled at your children.
But you didn't see me
when I took time off from work to run toys to the homeless.

I saw you
stare at my long hair.
But you didn't see me
and my friends cut ten inches off for Locks of Love.

I saw you
roll your eyes at our leather coats and gloves.
But you didn't see me
and my brothers donate our old coats and gloves to those that had none.

I saw you
look in fright at my tattoos.
But you didn't see me
cry as my children were born and their names were written over and in my heart.

I saw you
change lanes while rushing off to go somewhere.
But you didn't see me
going home to be with my family.

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I saw you
complain about how loud and noisy our bikes can be.
But you didn't see me
when you were changing the CD and drifted into my lane.

I saw you
yelling at your kids in the car.
But you didn't see me
pat my child's hands, knowing he was safe behind me.

I saw you
reading the newspaper or map as you drove down the road.
But you didn't see me
squeeze my wife's leg when she told me to take the next turn.

I saw you
race down the road in the rain.
But you didn't see me
get soaked to the skin so my son could have the car to go on his date.

I saw you
run the yellow light just to save a few seconds of time.
But you didn't see me
trying to turn right.

I saw you
cut me off because you needed to be in the lane I was in.
But you didn't see me
leave the road.

I saw you
waiting impatiently for my friends to pass.
But you didn't see me.
I wasn't there.

I saw you
go home to your family.
But you didn't see me.
Because I died that day you cut me off.

I was just a biker,.....
A person with friends and a family.
But you didn't see me.

~Anonymous

As we reach the time of year when folks are starting to take motorcycle trips (long or short), here are some tips of what to take along. The essential items listed won't take up more than a small corner of a saddlebag. Other suggestions are actually designed to save space. Packing light is a virtue. The bike will handle better and you'll be more likely to find what you're looking for among your packed possessions.

AMA recommends the following.

- **Multi-purpose clothing you can layer.** Carry lighter items, not bulky clothing, and add or subtract layers as conditions change.
- **Earplugs.** You'll ride longer with less fatigue if you block out loud wind noise. As a bonus, you'll actually hear cars around you better.
- **Dealer phone numbers** (or manufacturer's toll-free number to get you in touch with dealers). In case you need professional assistance.
- **Expandable luggage and a bungee net.** Despite your best intentions to travel light, you know you're going to buy that dealer t-shirt, or that chrome farkle on sale at the rally. Expandability makes room for souvenirs. (And if all else fails, find the nearest pack-and-ship store.)
- **Tire repair kit and the ability to use it.** Sooner or later, you'll have a flat. A compact tire repair kit takes up little space and could let you limp to a shop for permanent repairs, rather than calling a tow truck. Practice on an old tire before you get stuck along the road.
- **Other stuff that might keep you from being stranded.** In addition to your bike's tool kit, carry a multi-tool, duct tape, spare fuses, zip-ties, safety wire, tubing for siphoning gas, disposable latex gloves, a tire pressure gauge, and a spare key.
- **Roadside Assistance card.** (AMA offers coverage for all your bikes for \$25 per year.)
- **The stuff you can't live without.** Prescription medications, eyeglasses, sunscreen, bandages and disinfectant for first aid.
- **What NOT to pack.** When you get home from a trip, make a list of everything you took that you didn't use. If it wasn't there for emergencies, leave it home next time.

Adapted from *American Motorcyclist* magazine, April 2005

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Friday, May 19, 10 AM—Piermont School

We've been invited to Piermont Elementary School's PTA Fun Fair for the second time -- to show off our bikes, let the kids see that bikers are "people" too, and talk to them about why we support March of Dimes, etc. The event is from 10:30-11:30 am. Last year was a lot of fun. If you're interested and can get free on a Friday, join us at Old Orchard ready to leave for the school at 10:00 am.

Saturday, May 20, 10-2—March of Dimes Helmet Day

Help solicit donations for Bikers for Babies at either of two locations—Lindbergh & Union or Manchester & Barrett Station Rd. Volunteers are needed 10-12, 12-2, or any single hour you can work. Please contact Ryugen Fisher with the location and hours you'll help. Call [314-960-9555](tel:314-960-9555) or e-mail ryugen@palaver.org.

Saturday, May 20, 4:30—Saturday Night Out

Meet at Old Orchard at 4:15 pm, ready to leave at 4:30 pm sharp for a twilight dinner ride. Dinner will be at Rigazzi's Restaurant on "The Hill."

Saturday, June 10—Progressive Food Ride

Spend the day riding and eating! Meet at Old Orchard ready to leave at 10 am for brunch at Ira & Tracy Steuer's. A late lunch (about 2) at Twin City Honda will be followed by dinner at Laura Boone's. You're welcome to join all or any part of the day. Please RSVP to Ira at [314-520-3504](tel:314-520-3504) or isteuer36@yahoo.com so he'll know how much food is needed. Cash donations will be requested at brunch and dinner to cover the cost of the meals.

March of Dimes Events— Volunteers are needed to assist with the following events:

May 20th – Bike Car Wash

— Raffle Ticket sales at That One Place, 1005 D Majestic, Fenton, 7-10 pm

June 10th – Bike Show

Contact Laura Boone for more information: [314-646-0117](tel:314-646-0117) or laboone@marchofdimes.com

Food For Thought

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend our meetings,
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you meet in private and
Criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part,
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind who "just belong"?

Do you work on our committees,
To see there is no trick,

Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?

So come to meetings often,
And help with hand and heart,
Don't just be a member
But take an active part.

Think this over, member,
And know what's right from wrong,
Are you an active member,
Or do you "just belong"?

~Anonymous

Editor's note: This was sent to the newsletter for posting and does not reflect the attitude or opinion of the editor...mostly.

June 4—Fort de Chartres (Organizer: Ryugen Fisher)

The ride to the Fort, near Prairie du Rocher, IL, takes us on the popular Bluff Road. The Fort offers re-enactments of early life and events in its history. There will be food vendors available, so bring cash if you plan on eating there. For more information about the re-enactments go to <http://www.marquettetrading.com/events.htm>.

June 11—Highway 185 (Organizer: Erin O'Donnell)

If you like back roads with a lot of twists and turns, this is the ride for you. The most “boring” part of the ride will be the short ride on Highway 109 to get to the start of the “alphabet soup”. The alphabet roads will lead us to the most enjoyable section of Highway 185. I can't ride this section of highway enough! We'll stop for lunch in Sullivan. After lunch the ride will continue on Highway 185 to Highway 100 then meander back to Manchester. If you're in a hurry to get home, you can jump on I-44 after lunch for a straight shot back to St. Louis. I guarantee you'll love this ride! -- Erin

June 18—Brussels, IL (Organizer: Rich Eudy)

We will leave Old Orchard for the flood plains of St. Charles County, where we will wind through a maze of roads in the corn fields to the Grafton Ferry. Once in Illinois, we make our way to the historic Wittmond Hotel by way of the lightly traveled back roads of Calhoun Co., along the Mississippi and Illinois rivers. Wittmond serves homestyle dinners, which everyone has enjoyed in the past. NOTE: WITTMOND'S DOES NOT ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS.

June 25—Club Picnic at Hawn Park (Organizer: Peggy Phillips)

Follow your lead captain to a scenic park off Hwy 32 between Farmington and Ste. Genevieve. Lots of refreshing beverages and delicious food fare, funded by the club.

Motorcycle Safety Foundation

Basic and Experienced Rider classes are offered at these three locations.

SLCC at Forest Park: 314-644-9175

Jefferson College: 636-797-3000 x144

St. Charles Parks & Recreation: 636-949-3377

May-June 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 21 10 am Litchfield/ Niehaus Ride	May 22	May 23 7:00 pm Club Meeting Elks Lodge	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27
May 28 10 am Springfield Races Ride	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3
June 4 10 am Fort de Chartres	June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10 10 am Progressive Food Ride
June 11 10 am Highway 185 Ride	June 12	June 13	June 14 7 pm SRC Board Meeting	June 15	June 16	June 17
June 18 10 am Brussels, IL Ride	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24
June 25 10 am Club Picnic Ride	June 26	June 27 7:00 pm Club Meeting Elks Lodge	June 28	June 29	June 30	

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For Sale: 2000 Honda Shadow ACE Tourer

45,xxx miles, one female adult owner, bike mostly used for longer tours. Chrome engine guard with highway pegs, chrome backrest with short luggage rack, tank chap and front-fork pouch.

\$5,500 OBO....selling to get more cc's and bigger gas tank.

Contact Peggy Phillips at 314-494-2486, leave message, or pPhillips@ccaglobal.com

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Want to Rent for June 18-25: Trailer that will hold two motorcycles. Trailer will be used to take a 1200R BMW and a Honda VTX1800C to the Honda Hoot at Knoxville, TN.

Contact Charles Etling at 314-966-2072 or Maetling@msn.com.

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For Sale: 2000 Yamaha 650 V-Star Custom.

Excellent Condition. Windshield, Highway Bars, Saddlebags, Sissy Bar, Red, 89xx miles, **\$3250**

Call Dan Newton at 314-707-5284

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For Sale: 2003 Valkyrie, under 3000 miles, excellent condition, Corbin seat, Memphis Shades windshield, air wings, leather bags, **\$10,500**

Leatherlyke Saddlebags (model #339) off a 2005 VTXr. Very good condition with a few barely noticeable scrapes that do not affect function. No mounting hardware included. Suggest you call Leatherlyke at 800-594-2008 to verify suitability for your application. **\$200** negotiable; will consider trade.

Memphis Shades fat boy windshield with mounting hardware for a 2005 VTXr. Windshield has less than 100 miles on it. **\$200** negotiable; will consider trade.

Contact George at 314-838-8115, 314-422-3112, or crane11@sbcglobal.net.

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For Sale: New K & M air filter for VTX1800C Honda motorcycle. Make offer
5-new Suzuki chrome plated oil filters for an 800 intruder. Make offer.
1 like-new Bridgestone Patenza tire, size P225-50R17. 5000 miles on it. Make offer.

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Motorcycle Rallies

Branson Motorcycle Rally, May 18-21, 2006 (www.bransonmotorcyclerrally.com)

Americade, Lake George, NY, June 6-10, 2006

Honda Hoot, Knoxville, TN, June 21-24, 2006 (www.hondahoot.com or 800-347-1289)

Wing Ding (Gold Wingers), Nashville, TN, July 3-6, 2006 (www.gwrra.org)

InZane 6, (Valkyries) Frisco, CO, July 12-16, 2006 (www.valkyrieriders.com/inzane)

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, August 7-13, 2006 (www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com)

Bikes, Blues & BBQ, Fayetteville, AR, September 27-30, 2006 (www.bikesbluesandbbq.org)



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