



The Shadow Writer

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

A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders:

Well the season is heating up. Sunday rides are going well. The May 1st ride to honor our ride organizers, road captains and support personnel at the Augusta BBQ was a blast. I have been on several of the weekly rides and the routes have been excellent as usual. We started gathering at the other end of the parking lot because it affords us more room to organize. The change seems to be going well. So as usual, the only club that offers weekly rides can report all is going smoothly.

This week is the first “road trip” of the year, and am I ready! 4 days of leaning marine style (left, right, left, right, left) and hanging out at night talking about more riding, it just doesn’t get any better than that! Russ Davis put together a great long weekend in Northwest Arkansas, and if you have never done any motorcycle touring this would be a good start. It is not too far from home, the cost is low, and the roads are challenging, very hard to beat. There are several levels of riders going so the groups can form by style and skill level. Give it a try, the water’s fine.

We have tried to have some speakers come to the Monthly meetings the last couple of months. We will try to do that for the rest of the year so if you have any ideas let us know. Ira is working on putting some Saturday Nights Out together for the summer so keep an eye out for those. We designed these to bring any non-riding spouses along to enjoy some time with your riding buddies, so bring the better half.

Planning for the Club Picnic has begun for July 10th; set aside the date to join in on the fun; more details to come as planning progresses.

Last but not least, we will plan the second half of the ride season at the next meeting. Got a great place to have lunch? If so, plan a route to get there and submit it at the next meeting. Need help putting it together? Drop Lou a line and he will assist you. Your ideas are welcome and acted on when possible.

In closing, June 20th is ride to work day; get on your bike and ride it to the job. Let the country know how many of us are out there.

Keep the shiny side up,
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: May 24, 2011

Board Meeting at 6:30 pm before club meeting.

Sunday Rides

**The scheduled ride season has begun!
Meet at Old Orchard Center, 14128
Manchester, behind Burger King.**

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

Web Site

www.shadowriders-stl.com

Membership

	May '10	May '11
Main Members	134	92
Significant Others	25	28
Juniors	0	1
Total	159	121

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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Did you know.....

By Diana Johnson, Vice-President, Road Captain

Saturday, April 16, our club participated in a swap meet at Big St. Charles Motorsports. Many of us arrived early at 8:00 am to set up our tables to display our wares. We had both club banners flying so there was no doubt the Shadow Riders were there. It was one of those days when you would just as soon stay in bed and slept late. It was cold, windy, and misty. I swear at one point I thought it was spitting snow. Turnout was light because of the weather but that didn't keep us from trying to make a buck or two. Several of us bought and sold items to each other. Although not all of us sold our valuable goods, much was sold and a few dollars were made by members. Many thanks go to each and every one of you that came early and/or stayed late to help. Your efforts are appreciated.

Saturday, May 7, Gateway BMW hosted their spring open house. Not sure where Gateway BMW is? See their business card ad in each and every monthly newsletter. They lucked out with an absolutely beautiful, sunny, warm day. Along with an endless buffet of some delicious home cooked food, pies, and cakes; they were giving demo rides on many of their bikes including the new K1600. That's one bad ass bike. Attendance prizes were given throughout the day and a stunt rider performed on various BMWs including the new big one. He was quite the trickster and, if I might say, quite a cutie. It was a fun way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

Now you know what you missed if you missed these events.

Hey Everybody

From Lou Soucy, Safety Officer

Well, after several nice rides so far this year, I'd have to say Mother Nature has been kind to area bikers on Sundays, while wreaking havoc in general. Keep your eye on the club's calendar because it's filled with all great rides till the end of June. The ride June 5th is the Ride for Wishes, which I thought was a great time because we did it together. It should be even better this year with a long ride before added in.

At this month's club meeting we will be planning the ride schedule for July, August and September. Think about organizing a ride; it's a piece of cake. I can tell you how I do it.

- ◇ Pick a place you want to go. It can be a town 100 miles away or a 100 mile route that ends at Uncle Bill's Pancakes next to Old Orchard.
- ◇ Get on *Mapquest* and get directions from Old Orchard to around that place. You can drag *Mapquest's* route onto any road you think would make a good ride. *Mapquest* has links that show gas stations, restaurants and even motels (if you think we're gonna need one). And it gives you the mileages for each turn or cumulative mileage if you choose that option when you print directions.
- ◇ Then the fun part == go for a ride and check out the roads, rest stop and restaurant.

All you have to do now is make a route sheet and try to pre-ride it a week or so before the ride. Take along a friend or two who may want to lead a group on the ride.

When you pull into Old Orchard on Sundays line up over on the Hometown Buffet side. Since they closed, it's wide open over there now. If you could use a hand checking your oil and tire pressure, lubing your chain, or basic stuff like that roll into Old Orchard a little early; there are usually members around that would be happy to lend a hand. Bring your owner's manual with you; it is also always good to take it on a trip along with a spare key.

You know what the perfect ride is -- the one you organized! Lou

Ride for Wishes

The Make-A-Wish Foundation's third annual *Ride For Wishes* will be on June 4th and 5th at the former Sara Lee Complex in Earth City (3470 Rider Trail South). Events on Saturday the 4th include a swap meet, vendors, and a motorcycle show from 8-3. The ride itself will be on Sunday the 5th.

Last year the club had a booth at the event and the members that participated had a good time. This year we decided to do it as a club function / Sunday ride. We will meet at Old Orchard at the usual time on Sunday and go for nice two hour ride that ends at the Make-A-Wish Ride venue. That should give us plenty of time to grab a bite to eat and line up. The Wishes ride leaves at 1:00 pm. There are three ways to register: (1) with Laura at the next club meeting; (2) online at 2011StLouisRideforWishes.kintera.org; or (3) at the ride venue the day of the ride. Minimum donation is \$15. When you sign up, make sure to tell them you're a Shadow Rider. It's a good cause and a good time.

Special Events at Big St. Charles Motorsports

Saturday, May 21 — K-SHE 95 Rock-n-Roll Car and Bike Show with guest Dennis Cage, host of 'My Classic Car' TV show.

9:00 am for show entries (cars—\$20 entry fee; website did not state entry fee for motorcycles)

11:00 am for spectators. Admission is free. Free hot dogs, soda, and music.

Saturday, July 16 — Darryl Strawberry Foundation 'Rev it Up for Autism' ride

9:00 am - 5:00 pm at the dealership. \$20 registration fee. Ride is approximately 60 miles. This may be a marble run or poker run. Free hot dogs, soda, and music, plus cash prizes.

Friday and Saturday, July 22 -23 — Harley Davidson Demo rides on the 2012 models.

2011 Motorcycle Rallies

Myrtle Beach Bike Week, Myrtle Beach, SC, May 13-22 (www.myrtlebeachbikeweek.com)

Branson Motorcycle Rally, May 19-22 (www.bransonmotorcyclerrally.com)

Run for the Wall, in Wentzville May 24 (rftw.org), heading for Rolling Thunder in Washington D.C. on May 27

Americade, Lake George, NY, June 7-11 (www.americade.com)

Bikes, Babes & Bling, Fayetteville, AR, June 10-11 (see page 8 for details)

Honda Wing Ding (Gold Wings), July 6-9, Knoxville, TN (wing-ding.org)

AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days, Lexington, OH July 22-24 (www.americanmotorcyclist.com)

InZane, (Valkyries), Bellaire, MI, July 27-31 (www.valkyrieriders.com)

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, August 8-14 (www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com)

Bikes, Blues & BBQ, Fayetteville, AR, September 28-Oct 1 (www.bikesbluesandbbq.org)

Biketoberfest, Daytona Beach, FL, October 13-16 (www.daytonachamber.com)

May-June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 15 Two County Ride	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 21	May 21 Saturday Night Out (see pg. 7)
May 22 Pilot Knob Ride	May 23	May 24 Club Meeting 7 pm Board 6:30	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28
May 29 Perryville Ride	May 30	May 31	Jun 1	Jun 2	Jun 3	Jun 4
Jun 5 Make-a-Wish Ride	Jun 6	Jun 7	Jun 8	Jun 9	Jun 10	Jun 11
Jun 12 Potosi Ride	Jun 13	Jun 14	Jun 15	Jun 16	Jun 17	Jun 18
Jun 19 Grafton Ride (Fathers' Day)	Jun 20	Jun 21	Jun 22	Jun 23	Jun 24	Jun 25
Jun 26 Highway 185 Ride	Jun 27	Jun 28 Club Meeting 7 pm Board 6:30	Jun 29	Jun 30		

May 15 — Two County Ride (Dennis Meade, organizer): The ride will take us over scenic roads in north Jefferson County, including switchbacks and bluff roads overlooking valleys below. Lunch will be at [Frankie Giannino's in Imperial](#). About 65 miles total.

May 22 — Pilot Knob (Chris Schweitzer, organizer): We'll scoot south (more or less) on a variety of numbered and lettered back roads to Baylee Jo's BBQ restaurant in Pilot Knob for lunch. Ride is about 109 miles with two rest stops.

May 29 — Perryville (Frank Mehtens & Russ Davis, organizers): A 127 mile (2.5 hour) trip on good, scenic biking roads to the 50's style Fifty-One Diner in Perryville. The menu includes all day breakfast, dinners, salads, sandwiches and more.

June 5 — Make-a-Wish: A club ride will leave Old Orchard at the usual 10 am time and will end at the Sara Lee complex in time for the Ride For Wishes' 1 pm start. See page 4 for more information.

June 12 — Potosi (Larry McGovern, organizer): Approximately 103 miles, almost totally back roads, will take us to Dos Primos restaurant for lunch.

June 19 — Grafton (Ira Steuer, organizer): No details at this time. Destination may be changed due to flooding impact.

June 26 — Highway 185 (Erin O'Donnell, organizer): about 110 miles on some of our favorite twisty back roads. Lunch spot to be determined.

Next up — ride planning for July thru September at the May club meeting

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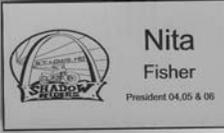
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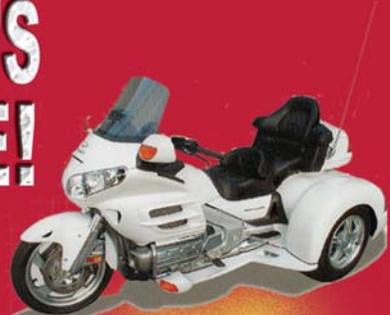
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General Membership Meeting
April 26, 2011

Guest Speakers: Darryl Strawberry Foundation – Foundation raises money to build care centers for adults with Autism. Information about the organization can be found at fightforautism.org. The foundation was promoting two upcoming events: May 21 will be a classic car show with a bar and bike cruise from 9 to 3 at Ft. Zumwalt South High School. July 16 will be held at Big St. Charles Harley Davidson from 9 to 5. The day will include music, games, and a 60 mile ride. Please come out and enjoy the festivities. **Rick Wiemann** – spoke about motorcycle maintenance. Most common issues tend to be clutch adjustments/fluid changes and tire wear. Rick does handle some bike repairs himself.

Announcements: Sunday meeting location will move to east side of parking lot in front of the old 7/11 and Hometown Buffet locations. Bikers 4 Babies – A discussion was held concerning ways to raise money, i.e. continue with helmet days or try something different. After various options were discussed, helmet days was agreed upon as the best option. Goal is to try and schedule the collection day in advance for plenty of notice. Upcoming club trips: Arkansas Trip – May 12 / Milwaukee to HD Headquarters – July / Utah/Grand Canyon Trip – August / Bikes, Blues & BBQ – September. Local Events: 6/5 – Ride 4 Wishes / 6/18 – Ronald McDonald Ride – See Dave Simorka if you would like to help out at this event. Saturday Night Out options were discussed. Look for scheduled events such as River City Rascals, a night at the horse races or dinner and a night of miniature golf! After many years of service working on our monthly newsletter, Nita Fisher is turning over the task to Frank Mehrtens, Jr. Thanks for volunteering, Frank! **50/50 drawing** – Rich Bayers \$42.00

Anniversaries: 10 Years – Diana Johnson & James Guyer; **5 Years** – Lou Soucy; **1 Year** – Renee Hess & Sarah Davis

Membership Details: 92 Main Members, 28 Significant Others, 1 junior = 121 Total Members.

Saturday Night Out

Ready for a good time? Meet for dinner at 6:30 at *Lottawatta Creek* at Hwy 64 and 159 in Fairview Heights, IL (directly across from St. Clair Square). After dinner, go to the *Skyview Drive-In* for a movie. Come on bike or car -- it doesn't matter, but it's better on the bike. Bring a lawn chair and a radio for sound. This should be a blast. Dinner has very large portions of southern food, so come hungry.

RSVP to Ira Steuer so he can make reservations for dinner: 314-520-3504 or isteuer36@yahoo.com.

2011 year bars are available on the Sunday rides and at monthly meetings.
See Jim Gianella.

May Membership Anniversaries

5 Years — Dave Simorka
Rhonda Simorka

1 Year — Chad Hucko
Don Owen

May Birthdays

04 - Sandra Natwick
04 - Lisa Anderson
17 - Chaundra Kellner



Spring Trip to Arkansas— May 12-15, 2011 (Contact: Lou Soucy)
Bon voyage! Have a great (and safe) trip!



Harley Davidson Headquarters in Milwaukee — July 7-10 (Contact: Bob Mueller)

The ride will leave on Thursday, July 7th and return on July 10th. We will ride up on superslabs on Thursday and do the Harley street party that night. On Friday we will do the Harley Museum and the Steel Toe tour of the motor plant where they manufacture and build the engines. Saturday we will take a ride along the lake and go to Summerfest on Saturday night. It is a little over 400 miles to Milwaukee and takes around 8 hours to ride. we will stay in a hotel to be determined. If you are interested, email Bob at bobmuellerjpc@hotmail.com

Utah Trip —August 17-30, 2011 (Contact: 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 29-October 1 (Contact: Lou Soucy)

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 .

Ladies' Rally:

Bikes, Babes & Bling, Fayetteville, AR — June 10-11 (no organized road trip planned —yet)

Bikes Babes and Bling is the sister rally of Bikes Blues and BBQ. It focuses on providing women a safe and fun experience where they can come together to share their love of motorcycles and riding. There will be Live Music, Vendors, a Fashion Show, a clothing swap meet, a Ladies' Only Bike Show, a Ladies' Only Parade, a Scavenger Hunt, the Bling King contest, educational seminars, and more!! For details go to <http://www.bikesbabesandbling.org>