



## *The Shadow Writer* *May, 2013*

Official Newsletter of the  
Shadow Riders Club of St. Louis  
[www.shadowriders-stl.com](http://www.shadowriders-stl.com)

### **A Letter from the President**

Shadow Riders:

A crazy start to this year's riding season. Hot, cold, wet, and windy. But it sure beats snow! So I hope all of you have had the chance to get your bike out. We have some terrific rides and happenings coming up, so be sure to check the website to see what's in store.

May is looking to be a busy month: Saturday Night Out; our first road trip (Robbinsville, NC); and Ride for Wishes, are all just around the proverbial corner. And, let's not forget, May 12<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day, so to all you Moms in the club: have a great day and Happy Mother's Day!

Lastly, if you're a ride organizer, remember to send a brief description of the ride to Web-Master Ted and Newsletter Chief John as soon as possible. Include approximate mileage, type of ride, and lunch plans so others can plan their day.

See you at the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Sport Café. With any luck all those on the Smoky Mountain trip will be plenty saddle sore.

There are drunk riders. There are old riders. But, there are NO old, drunk riders - Ride Safe

Dave Simorka  
President

#### **Club Meeting (General Membership)**

7:00 pm, 4th Tuesday of the Month

The Sports Café, 3579 Pennridge (West of St. Charles  
Rock Road, North of I-270)

**Next Meeting: May 28, 2013**

Board meeting 30 minutes before regular meeting.

#### **Sunday Rides**

April through November:

Meet at Old Orchard Center, 14128  
Manchester, behind Arby's. Plan to arrive around 9:30, line up your bike, then visit with friends. Rides leave at 10 a.m.

### Shadow Riders General Membership Meeting Minutes April 2013

Ron Eckert opened the meeting at 7:00 at the Sports Café.

To date we have 82 members, 20 significant others, and 3 Junior riders with multiple new members. Welcome to the club!

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride for Wishes preparation is in full swing. June 8<sup>th</sup> will be a celebration at Big St. Charles with a Silent Auction and Bike Blessing with various bands performing beginning at 10am. June 9<sup>th</sup> festivities will begin at 10am with registration and a silent auction along with a Bike Blessing at 12pm. The Ride will start at 12:30. Come out and meet our ambassadors Haley and Mikayla and see for yourself why we choose this wonderful Charity to represent.

Robin Potter has all of the Poker Run stops chosen for the Hartbauer McBride ride on Sunday August 18. This will be our Sunday ride and the Club is sponsoring the Missouri run. Contact Robin to man any of these locations. Please see information below for stop locations. Also at 6pm Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> will be the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Hartbauer McBride Benefit Party at Big St. Charles. Come out and join the fun.

Looks like a huge crowd headed out on the North Carolina trip on May 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>. Come join the club for some adventure and unbeatable riding of the countryside. Check the Two Wheel Inn for availability or contact Bob Mueller, Ed Acree or Lou Soucy to get your ride on.

Interest was shown for a Saturday out to Meramec Caverns for another Zip-line experience. If you need a pick me up - this will do it. Date to be determined.

Russ gave the financials which are still positive. Don't forget to get out and support the Club by getting our name out there.

Diana Johnson is heading up the Club Picnic which will be on Sunday Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. Our Sunday ride will end at Klondike Park for BBQ and extras. Contact Diana to volunteer for any aspect to get this picnic started.

Robin Potter won 50/50 \$32

Chris is holding a reservation at the Microtel in North Carolina, if there is no availability at the Two Wheel Inn see him to make the switch.

### Board of Directors

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### **March Membership**

<b>Main Members</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Significant Others</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Juniors</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>

### **May Birthdays**

**05 - DAVID MATTIS**  
**27 - LIZ GATTRA**

### **May Anniversaries**

**5 years – Michael Halbert**  
**1 year – Ron Hughes, Tony and Sally Weaver**

### **New members for April**

**Brian Gattra rides a black 2008 Yamaha Raider and Liz Gattra rides a Black 2012 Yamaha Stryker**

Hello SR's,

May is finally here, and the April showers came with it. It seems as though only the retired folks have seen any good weather. Since we have had so much rain, I thought I would put this link in the newsletter this month:

<http://www.whybike.com/motorcycle273.htm>

The article on riding in the rain covers details such as using different tire pressures than on dry pavement; braking techniques as well as throttle usage coming into and out of turns; body positioning; and body positioning part 2. The article does contain some "language" but, despite the writer's lack of tact, he's very informative and his ideas mimic what more experienced riders will tell you when asked. For those of you without internet access John will make a copy of the article and attach it to the end of this newsletter.

Hopefully we will see a change in the weather pattern soon. I know nobody likes to ride in the rain, but the article offers some good tips.

On another note: I needed another new set of tires for the year. I called several bike shops; Mototire USA; and shopped online. Online pricing pretty much beat everyone, but the cost of having a shop put them on negated the savings. FYI, Dave Mungenast Motorsports gave me the best quote around, and by quite a bit.

Hopefully we will have an organized ride in nice weather soon.

Safety Dave



#### Upcoming Trips:

Just a reminder for members to check out our Club trips. If you've never taken a longer-than-one-day trip on your bike you're missing out. Ask any of the members who have been on one of the trips and get an idea of what to expect. The trips are, many times, to locations where the ride organizers have been before and the routes are laid out so that the best roads are scheduled and the most scenic, and memorable, areas are traveled. If you don't feel that you're ready for a trip of a week or more, like the one we're taking to Niagara Falls in August, then look into rides like the one we're taking to North Carolina the end of this month, or our annual ride to Bikes, Blues, and Bar-B-Que in Fayetteville, AR. These trips are only 3 to 5 days and are great fun with great people. Something that we can attest to is that a trip on the bike makes you feel like you've been on vacation longer than you have. Packing is easier than you think and our hotel/motel accommodations are quite comfortable. Most places we stay have breakfast and many members, who ride by themselves, share a room with someone else to cut costs. If you have a trip that you've taken, or have wanted to take, share it with the group and we'll see if we can work it into our future riding plans. We're always open to suggestions and roads that we haven't found yet. Even if you have a Sunday ride that you would like to do let us know so we can add it to our ride list. Map out some roads that you like; find a rest stop mid-way for riders to top off their tanks; a good place to eat that can feed a group of our size; and let's ride!

Robbinsville, North Carolina      May, 2013

**Ed Acree's Group:**

**Leave:** Wednesday, May 22, 2013, 8:00 am---Shell Station in Columbia, IL

**Distance:** 300 miles approximately

**Overnight:** Quality Inn Franklin, KY 270-586-6100 (king room is about \$65)

**Leave:** Franklin, KY Thursday May 23, 2013 8:00 am

**Distance:** 300 miles approximately

**Next Stop:** Robbinsville, NC, for four nights

**Motels:** Two Wheel Inn or Microtel

**Leave:** Monday, May 27, 2013 8:00am

**Distance:** 300 miles approximately

**Overnight** Comfort Inn Bowling Green, KY 270-843-1163 (double/double room is about \$76.50)

**Leave:** Tuesday, May 28, 2013 8:00 am

**Distance:** 300 miles approximately

**Destination** St. Louis and home

The Quality Inn in Franklin and the Comfort Inn in Bowling Green have four rooms held in my name. You must call them and give them your credit card to reserve and request the type room you prefer. Please keep me informed of your decision. There may be other motels in the area with different rates. The Quality Inn has a same-day cancellation policy; the Comfort Inn's policy is 24-hours.

Lou Soucy will also be leading a two-day group following different routes. Bob Mueller will be making the trip in one day in both directions (Bataan death-march style) (no need to reserve a motel).

### A Note from the Editor

Hi All,

I just wanted to ask everyone who has ads in the newsletter to let me know if and when you sell your item, or if you wish to post a price change. The ads seem to have been running for a while and I just wanted to throw that out there. Thanks!

John Geiler  
Editor

### Bike Count for December

Honda - 34	Harley - 26	Kawasaki - 10	Suzuki - 4	Yamaha - 10	BMW - 4
Vento - 1	Big Dog - 1	CanAm - 2	Triumph - 2	KTM - 1	Victory - 2

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 12 Mother's Day Ride to Pegg's in High Ridge	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17 Niehaus Cycle Appreciation Days begins	May 18
May 19 Litchfield, IL	May 20	May 21	May 22 Lou Soucy and Ed Acree lead their groups to North Carolina	May 23 Bob Mueller leads his "Iron Butt" group to North Carolina	May 24	May 25
May 26 Ride to be announced	May 27 Memorial Day Shadow Riders return from NC	May 28 Monthly meeting at The Sports Grill	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1
June 2 Pershing, MO	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8
June 9 Ride-for-Wishes	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15

**Rides and Events:**

**May 12 is Mother's Day.** Lou Soucy will be on hand at Old Orchard for anyone who wishes to ride that day. The ride will be approximately 85 miles and will end at Pegg's Resturaunt in High Ridge. A return ride home will be determined at lunch.

**May 17-19: NIEHAUS APPRECIATION DAYS XXVII:** Niehaus Cycle Sales annual Appreciation Days XXVII will be held on May 17-19, 2013 in Litchfield, IL. \*Demo Rides \* Vendors \* Poker Run \* Food \* Entertainment \* Parade of Lights\*. **\*Win a New 2013 Gold Wing or F6B\***  
For More Info call: 1-800-373-6565

**May 19: Litchfield, IL:** On this ride Ira will take us through north county and into Illinois for a section of the Great River Road and then onto Route 66. Our lunch stop will be at the Artisan Café.

**May 26:** Since a large portion of the Club will be whooping it up in North Carolina and Tennessee, for those who show up at Old Orchard a ride will be prepared by the Road Captain(s) present.

**June 2:** Frank Mehrtens will be taking us to Hopp's Hideaway in Pershing, MO for lunch. This is a ride that is not yet on our ride index so come prepared for a day of new roads and sights.

**June 9:** Our Club charity, Ride-for-Wishes will be held today. Last year's ride was well organized and the police literally shut down the highways, interstates included, so that the participants could have a safe and enjoyable ride. Some of us were lucky enough to be able to take the kids on our bikes for the ride. Music, food, and fellowship. Great time for a great cause.

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

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Here is a link to check it out.

<http://www.harborfreight.com/low-profile-motorcycle-dolly-95896.html>

**FOR SALE: Scorpion EXO-700 Helmet (\$75) \*\*\*New Price\*\*\***

Worn 3 times. Excellent helmet; poor fit for me. Color: Matte Anthracite Size: Men's Medium

Call Don @ 314-477-3562

For Sale:

2000 Honda Shadow VLX

47,000 miles \$2500

Susan Braun at [636-575-3281](tel:636-575-3281)

**FOR SALE: Cold weather riding jacket**  
First Gear Kenya shell with zip-out fleece inner jacket. Universal size L will fit the right-sized gal or guy.

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