



# The Shadow Writer

Official Newsletter of the  
Shadow Riders Club of  
St. Louis

October 2007

## A Letter from the President

Fellow Shadow Riders,

We're already into October. Only about a month until the riding season is "over." A lot of the motorcycle dealerships are running their specials on "winterizing" bikes. How depressing.

Well, as Shadow Riders, we have rides planned all the way through the end of November. If you've got your cold weather leather out and ready to go, we've got some good rides coming. In the month of October, we still have our West County and Frankenstein rides. November brings us Ferrin, IL, and an Augusta BBQ ride. Plus, two "make up" dates to plug in rides we may have missed earlier in the season. Plan on talking about that at the October GM Meeting.

The newsletter will arrive right about the same time that we participate in 2007's March of Dimes Bikers for Babies Ride. As most of you know, last year the Shadow Riders were the area's lead club, so we get to be the lead club in the Ride as well. This is a big honor for us as a club, and a testament to the hardworking SRC members who raised money all year long. We'll have a member or two recognized at this year's ceremonies. I hope to see many of you there on Saturday, October 13th, for pre-registration and our Club's meet and greet table and, of course, on Sunday, October 14th, for the Ride itself and the attendant ceremony.

I'm really pleased at the number of people in the Club who have stepped up recently. As we all know, there's traditionally been a core group of people who volunteer every time. But I've heard from a lot of other members asking to do more, and that's a great thing to hear. We will need people to step up and help Ira Steuer plan a Saturday Night Out (SNO). Pick a month, make the arrangements, and we'll promote it by email, in the meetings, in the newsletter and however else we can to make it successful.

Ride safe, ride often! Hope to see you all in the (not yet cold) wind!

Best regards,  
Eric Levy



**~Daylight Savings Ends~**

**Don't forget to "fall back" an hour on November 4. You can get an extra hour of sleep (or whatever) before the ride.**

# Club Meetings

## Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month  
Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane  
**NEXT MEETING: October 23, 2007**

## Road Captains/Safety Meeting

Will be called by the Safety Officer as needed.

## SRC Board Meeting

7:00 PM, 2nd Thursday, even-number months  
Olive Garden, Lindbergh & Tesson Ferry  
**NEXT MEETING: December 13, 2007**

## Sunday Group Rides

Official ride season started April 1. Meet at Old Orchard Center, 14128 Manchester Rd., behind Starbucks.

Rides leave promptly at 10 AM. Come early, line up your bike, and visit with friends.

Membership	Oct '06	Oct '07
Main Members	114	114
Significant Others	29	29
Junior Members	3	1
Total	146	144

**New e-mail address? Don't miss out!**  
Send it to [membership@shadowriders-stl.com](mailto:membership@shadowriders-stl.com) or call the membership coordinator (Jim) at 314-644-2970.

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## December Meeting Date

Since December's normal meeting date falls on Christmas, we need to pick another date.

Options will be considered and a vote taken at the club meeting on Tuesday, October 23.

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**Motorcycle Safety Foundation**  
Basic and Experienced Rider classes are offered at these three locations.

St. Louis Community College at Forest Park: 314-644-9175

Jefferson College, Hillsboro: 636-797-3000 x144

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

At the September meeting Rich Bayers reminded us of the B4B Road Captains' pre-ride leaving from Harrah's at 1 pm on 9/30. He also reported that there would be a new "family tent" this year and volunteers are still needed. Laura Boone said she will be helping with food and others who want to join her should call her. Debbie Kersting from March of Dimes talked briefly about the benefits our funds have provided.

Larry Wahlers reported \$3585 in the general fund.

Dennis Meade reported that he is preparing materials for planning next year's ride season.

Discussion about merchandise concluded that Laura should order long-sleeved t-shirts in ash gray. There was discussion about shifting from club patches to flags due to costs, but no conclusion was reached.

Since planning a Saturday Night Out is time consuming and Ira has been doing most of it for a long time, it was suggested that we start a sign-up sheet for SNO organizers.

Bob Mueller and Cathy Noel volunteered to serve as the nominating committee for next year's officers. Bob gave a short pep talk about volunteering for office.

Peggy Phillips pointed out that we are running short of both t-shirts and buckets for our helmet day collections. The option of borrowing vests from the March of Dimes was raised. Eric said he'd host a bucket decorating party if we could gather a large number of new buckets.

Eric pointed out that the regular day for the December meeting is on Christmas day and suggested Thursday, December 20 as an alternative. We will put the issue to a vote at the October meeting.

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### Chili Cook-Off

We're fixin' up some chili and takin' it to the people. **Wild Bill's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off is Saturday, Nov. 3, from 10am-3pm at Ted's Motorcycle World (our club sponsor) in Alton.** For more information you can visit [www.tedsmotorcycleworld.com](http://www.tedsmotorcycleworld.com) or call 1-888-695-4740.

Diana Johnson and Marklyn Cobb will be serving up their soon to be famous "Meanstreak Chili." Samples are only 50 cents each and we get to keep the proceeds from the samples we serve. Cash prizes are awarded in 3 categories. There is a "Peoples Choice" category that we would like to win. If every member attended and voted our chili as the best, we would surely bring home some cash. All of our profits and any cash awards won will be donated to the March of Dimes to give us a jump start for 2008's fund raising.

Please join us Saturday, Nov. 3, at Ted's Motorcycle World. Support your fellow members, support our club sponsor, and get a belly full of some mighty tasty chili. Here's a helpful hint: Plan on Chili for lunch that day. By the end of the day many participants run low or out of samples so you don't want to be late.

### Nominations Are Open for 2008 Officers

To nominate someone or to volunteer for the offices of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, or safety officer contact:

Bob Mueller: [bobmuellerjpc@hotmail.com](mailto:bobmuellerjpc@hotmail.com) or 636-946-8360

Cathy Noel: [cnoel@talx.com](mailto:cnoel@talx.com) or 636-227-5381

### Buckets Wanted

**The Club needs more plastic buckets to use for March of Dimes Helmet Day collections. Buckets should be sturdy and have a tight-fitting lid into which a 4"-5" hole can be cut for donations. Options might include kitty litter buckets, paint buckets, heavy-duty ice cream buckets, etc.**

**If you have any, gather them up and stay tuned for where to take them and when.**

## October-November 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 21 West County Ride	Oct 22	Oct 23 Club Meeting Elks Lodge	Oct 24	Oct 25	Oct 26	Oct 27
Oct 28 Frankenstein Ride	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3
Nov 4 CST Ferrin, IL Ride	Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8	Nov 9	Nov 10 Saturday Night Out
Nov 11 Rain Date / Pickup Ride	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17
Nov 18 Augusta BBQ Ride	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22 Thanksgiving Day	Nov 23	Nov 24
Nov 25 Rain Date / Pickup Ride	Nov 26	Nov 27 Club Meeting Elks Lodge	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	

### Ride Descriptions (All rides leave Old Orchard Center at 10:00 A.M. Be there early to line up.)

**October 21 — West County (Rich Bayers):** Ride around some seldom covered back roads in western St. Louis County, including the route Rich put together for last year's September Saturday Night Out — improved to include Ridge Road and St. Paul in order to avoid the construction on Old State.

**October 28 — Frankenstein, MO (Eric Levy):** Just in time for Halloween, we head for tiny but infamous Frankenstein. Nestled in the hills of the Missouri River Valley, we head along some fun alphabet roads to Hermann. We continue west on Rte. 100 following the twists and turns of the Missouri River to the top of a lonely hill, where storm clouds gather over a twisted castle. Or, we just stop for photos under the 'Welcome to Frankenstein' sign. A fun ride, with beautiful scenery and good roads.

**November 4 — Ferrin, IL (Pete Hoyer):** This ride takes us to a little church in the rural community of Ferrin, Illinois, almost directly east of St. Louis and about 8 miles east of Carlyle. They have an annual family style sausage dinner. The price is about \$8.00. The route is about 80 miles and takes us through rural Illinois with some rolling hills and a few sweeping curves. Total travel time is about 2 hours. Be prepared to take a number and wait to be seated — it's worth the wait.

**November 11 — Rain Date / Pickup Ride:** If we missed one of your favorite rides due to rain, let Dennis Meade know you'd like to try it again on this date (bluegw@shadowriders-stl.com). Or bring your ideas for a ride to the October GM meeting.

**November 18 — Augusta BBQ (Diana Johnson):** Plan on taking Hwy T to V to 47 to 94 for some scenic hills and sweeping roads. The ride may be embellished if the weather is good. Plan on somewhere between 60 and 80 miles to lunch at the Augusta American Legion Hall for all-you-can-eat BBQ pork steaks and fried chicken with all the fixings. The price is \$9.00.

**November 25 — Rain Date / Pickup Ride:** If we missed one of your favorite rides due to rain, let Dennis Meade know you'd like to try it again on this date (bluegw@shadowriders-stl.com). Or bring your ideas for a ride to the October GM meeting.

**Notice:** Classified ads will run for a maximum of three (3) months. Contact Nita Fisher at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (636) 257-2238 when your item is sold, or if you want to re-submit your ad or place a new one.

**For Sale: 1985 Honda Gold Wing Aspencade**

1200 cc, 35,639 miles, clean, well maintained. Asking \$3,000.

**Contact Frank Mehrstens at 636-343-1622 or 314-780-0040 (cell phone).**

10/07

**For Sale: 2004 Suzuki Intruder 800**

Bike is silver with 2300 mi., garage kept, with the Boulevard fairing. It has good power and it is a lot of fun to ride on the highways and twisties — a great medium size ride.

**Contact Tito at (636) 332-6514 or e-mail madrider03@aol.com**

9/07

**Club Merchandise for Sale**

New merchandise can be ordered if there is sufficient interest. In question are long-sleeved t-shirts, sweatshirts, and baseball caps. If you are serious about buying any of these, please let Laura know.

**Contact Laura Boone at lboone7950@aol.com or 314-363-3415.**

**For Sale: Garmin GPSmap 276C with handlebar mount — \$250 or best offer (MSRP \$640)**

**Contact Nita at 636-257-2238 or nita@palaver.org**

4/07

**For Sale: Riding Gear**

First Gear leather jacket, size 52 (\$400 new, asking \$175); Shoei full-face helmet, M (\$75).

**Contact Nita at 636-257-2238 or nita@palaver.org**

2/07

**For Sale: Motorcycle Jacket and Chaps**

Buffalo Leather Motorcycle Jacket, XL—standard MC jacket with all the belts, snaps, zippers and pockets; brand new, never worn; \$50.00 Buffalo Leather Chaps, large size; new, never worn; \$30.00 You can pick up in Florissant, or possibly at a meeting; prices shown do not include shipping.

**Call George at 314-838-8115 or 314-422-3112**

2/07

**For Sale: 2000 Honda Shadow ACE Tourer**

46,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.

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### **Wanted: Saturday Night Out Organizers**

In order for the club to continue offering Saturday Night Out events, we need some new people to commit to planning individual events. If you are willing to help with this activity, contact Ira Steuer, Diana Johnson, or Eric Levy.

### **Wanted: Holiday Party Planner**

We are looking for new blood, fresh meat. Yes, it is that time of year once again and the club is in search of a new volunteer to coordinate our annual holiday party for the second weekend in January, 2008. Now is the time to be securing a location and planning the entertainment. If you have not volunteered to help with an event, here is your chance. You say you want to help but don't know how? Well, the board has a guide book that details every function of the club. There is a step by step outline that you can follow to make your life easier. Want to chat with past planners? Call or e-mail Diana Johnson, Marklyn Cobb, or Laura Boone.

This is the perfect opportunity to give back to the club. Our club does not function without volunteers. Be a hero, be our party planner. Contact any board member to volunteer.



## **WEB SITE**

**www.shadowriders-stl.com**

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### **Board of Directors**

<b>Eric Levy</b>	President	<b>636-825-2285</b>
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