



The Shadow Writer October, 2015

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

Hey everybody,

We just got back from Bikes, Blues & BBQ. The riding, the weather, the event and the camaraderie were spectacular! I can't wait to do it all over again next year. I've already booked my room at the same motel (Best Western Eureka Inn, 101 E. Van Buren, 479-253-9551) for September 22nd, 23rd and 24th of 2016. If you've never taken a trip with the club, this is a great one to wet your feet with. If you think you might be interested, you should probably book your room right away. Tell them you are a Shadow Rider. You can always cancel if you decide not to go.

The annual club picnic was a blast again this year. The food was great. The Ride was great. The weather was great. The company was great. A big "Thank you!" to Andrea and Suzanne for organizing it along with a long list of members that helped make it happen.

We have a lot of great Sunday rides coming up before the regular club riding season comes to a close at the end of November. The weather is cooling off and the leaves are starting to change, which makes it ideal for some nice long rides. Hope you can come out and take advantage of them.

We put together a nominating committee for the upcoming elections. Erin O'Donnell has graciously volunteered to oversee the committee and I'm sure Bob Mueller, Rich Bayers, Nita Fisher or just about any other long time member will be giving her a hand. Give it some serious thought about running for an office and talk with one of them about it. Your club needs you.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the club. To recognize the longevity of the club we came up with an "EST. 1995" rocker patch to go along with the clubs large patch. To claim your free rocker patch all you have to do is show your old or new design large club patch by the end of the December club meeting. If you can't make it to a meeting then contact Lisa in merchandise and she will arrange to get it to you at a Sunday ride or breakfast in the off season.

Let's go for a ride together, Lou Soucy

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: October 27, 2015

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.

September Meeting Minutes (9/22/15)

Shadow Riders Picnic at Klondike Park was again a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended. Special thanks to organizers Andrea, Suzanne, Rich, Cliff and Laura for their efforts. Food was excellent, company was good and fun was had by all.

President Lou is putting out the call for Road Captains to step up and lead club rides. The same few people are leading rides week after week. Give them a break and take your turn to lead a group. It's not a difficult task as the ride organizer has done all the leg work.

Membership is on the upswing and we want to keep that trend going. Members are asked to distribute some club cards to places they patronize that have a bulletin board.

Jim Gianella reports we have 4 new members, they are: Robert Powell, Mike Daegele, Dave Swimmer and Tim Robbins. Please join us in welcoming them to the Shadow Riders.

St. Charles HD Chili Cook-off will be Saturday, October 31. Laura is representing the Shadow Riders this year. Show your Shadow Riders spirit in supporting Laura at this annual event. Lou will lead a group leaving from Old Orchard at 10 am to get to the dealership before all the chili is gone.

A nominating committee for the upcoming election has been formed consisting of Erin O'Donnell and Rich Bayers. So far there are 2 board positions open due to current officers not running, President and Treasurer. All other positions: Safety Officer; Secretary; and Vice-President are also open for nominations.

We will vote for our club charity on the upcoming ballot. Rich Bayers reports there may not be a Bikers for Babies ride next year in which case he would like to suggest the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation be considered.

Our annual Holiday Party will be Saturday, January 16/16 at the Elk's Lodge in Manchester. Rich is in charge of music, Sue is setting up another delicious meal from Regazzi's and Laura is going to decorate the hall. Plan to attend this fun event, it's always nice to get to socialize with your fellow bikers during the off-season.

Ted reports the new logo has been added to the website. Also find the Rider Safety Requirements and new pictures from the recent club trips to Arkansas and Colorado.

Tripper and Kevin from Hartbauer/McBride attended the meeting. They wanted to invite everyone to their Marble Run Party on Friday, October 16 @ 6pm at the American Legion Post 485 in Dupo, IL. They will have a DJ, food, games, silent auction, 50/50 draw and a cash bar. If you didn't purchase a marble run book and want to attend the party, \$10 will get you in. They wanted to thank all who attended their Rodeo, it was a fun time and a successful event. They also spoke briefly about the Hartbauer/McBride Foundation, their board are all volunteers, no paid staff. 95% of all donations they receive goes to helping bikers in need. Their expenses are minimal, printing and postage for example. They are very appreciative to have the support of the Shadow Riders. They also gave a shout out to Robin Potter for her participation in the Foundation.

Dennis Meade talked about the trip he's planning for Aug-Sept/16 to Yellowstone. He's arranging to stay in cabins in the park. Anyone interested should speak to Dennis and get your reservations.

Dennis also spoke about organizing a BRC2 class. This will be a 1-day class at a cost of \$125. If you want to brush up on your driver skills and fundamentals, contact Dennis.

Chesterfield Surdyke is now having a Bike Nite on Thursday nights.

Randy is organizing a trip to The Hub next year. No further details at this time.

10,000-mile stickers are available through President Lou.

50/50 draw was won by Mike Hicks - \$42 was the winnings, of which he donated 1/2 to our club charity.

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September Membership

Main Members	100
Significant Others	23
Juniors	1
Total	124

October Anniversaries

1 year – Scott Quinn, Peter Kestler, Mark Taetz, Rich Kramer, Teresa Willis
10 years – Cheryl Voss

November Birthdays

03 - MIKE FUHRO; ERIC JOHNSTON;
ROSS MCGOVERN
06 - ERIN O'DONNELL; CHARLIE SEIBEL
09 - MARTY SANDERS 10 - RENEE HESS
16 - JOHN FLYNN 22 - ROY KINDER
23 - RICH SIMPSON; SUE SEIBEL
26 - LESLEY LEVIN

August 2016 Badlands NP, SD, Yellowstone NP, WY and many others

Here is the latest information on the motorcycle trip I am putting together for next year. As previously stated it is in August 2016. This will be a two week trip departing on Saturday, Aug 20. We will be returning to STL on Saturday, Sep 3.

The first 2 night stay is in Custer SD. We will visit the Badlands NP, MT Rushmore, the needles highway many other places. We could visit the Crazy Horse monument as well.

After that we head west on the way to Buffalo WY, but will stop first to visit Devils Tower.

After spending the night in Buffalo WY, we head west riding through Yellowstone NP to West Yellowstone MT. We will spend 3 nights there while visiting Yellowstone NP. We will ride Bear-tooth pass the first day, take the loop ride around the park the next, stopping at Old Faithful and other sights in the park.

After leaving West Yellowstone NP we will be heading south to Jackson WY. We will spend 2 nights in Jackson WY. We will take a float trip on the Snake River the next day.

After that we head to Montrose Co., for a two night stay. The next day we will do a loop ride to the million dollar highway through Ouray Co to Durango then back around up to Montrose.

Then the next day we head east to Manitou Springs, head to the hotel first to hopefully check in early. Then ride to the top of Pikes Peak.

After leaving Manitou Springs we will head northwest up through Rocky Mountain NP then spending the night in Greeley Co.

Then after that we will be heading east to come home.

I am still finalizing some of the details. The float trip on the Snake River is not something we have to do. Let me know if you are not a big fan on float trips if you would rather be riding instead.

I have gotten about 6 people that said they want to go so far. If you have an interest in going let me know so I can add you to the list. If you find out later you can't go you can easily cancel. More details to follow.

Dennis

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New member for September

Robert Powell rides a black 2014 HD Street Glide Special (9/16/15, #770)

David Swimmer rides a black 2011 Yamaha FZ1 (9/16/15, #771)

Tim Robbins rides yellow 1994 Honda Magna 750 (9/16/15, #772)

Mike Daegele rides a grey 2012 Kawasaki Voyager (9/22/15, #773)

Bruce Pace rides a blue 2006 HD Softail Heritage (9/23/15, #774)

Bike Count for September

Honda - 35	Harley - 35	Kawasaki - 13	Suzuki - 9	Yamaha - 10	BMW - 1	KTM - 1
Vento - 1	Big Dog - 1	CanAm - 2	Triumph - 3	Ducati - 1	Victory - 6	Ural - 1

Greetings SR,

For some of us fair weather riders the season is coming to a close. I'll try to keep my knees in the breeze by layering but it's always a good idea to be able to move. Big St. Charles is having their Chili cook-off Oct. 31 which is on a Saturday. Lou has a ride planned from Old Orchard leaving at 10:00 which will get us there to enjoy Laura's famous chili. In the past the cost was \$5 which gives you sample tickets for your tasting pleasure. Be sure to wear your SR shirts/vests.

VP Sue

Safety Officer's Two Cents

Shadow Riders,

I would like to thank all of you who participate in our Sunday rides. You have greeted new people with a smile and a handshake (or a hug) and made them feel welcome. Filling the ride schedule is a hassle every year with limited participation but it's worth it to see people show up with enthusiasm to go on the ride each week. Seeing all the smiles and hearing the laughter as we talk and joke at lunch and at our rest stops is reward enough. Just knowing that you can do something to help support the organization that has come to be a major part of your life is a great feeling. We still have some openings in the ride schedule if anyone would be willing to invest a few hours one week to get us through the rest of 2015. I will be leading this Sunday's ride to Bloomsdale, MO and I will be setting up 2 routes. The first I have been working on for over a year and is mainly for "technical" riders who don't mind some challenging twisties and has a bike set up for sharp cornering. The other route will take us to the same place, with equally pretty scenery and roads we haven't travelled before, won't be as taxing on the bike and body, but still has enough curves to make your ride fun. The Restaurant is set up as a bar-and-grill in the front with mainly bar food and TV's with sports playing, while the side of the building is a Kozy Kitchen with a full menu. They close at 2 on Sundays but will remain open to serve everyone who places their order by 2 PM. The ride home has several options for fast travel or scenic return, based on the weather.

As I mentioned before the upcoming Breast Cancer Walk is being held in Forest Park again this year. Last year several Shadow Riders joined the River Kings motorcycle club out of Ferguson, MO to help host the event. We met up and rode to meet the Kings in Clayton so we could ride to the park as a family. The event is being held on Saturday, October 24 this year and I will be leading a group to meet the Kings at the Justice Center parking lot in Clayton. We ride in and the River Kings have a tent where they sell "unusual" T-shirts in support of the fund. We sometimes help with the sales, which are fun, and before the walk starts we line the beginning of the route with our bikes and rev our engines and honk our horns as the people pass between us to begin their walk. When the last person has passed we join in on the walk in support of the cause. All monies made from the sale of T-shirts is donated to the Making Strides for Breast Cancer foundation in support of breast cancer research. I know many of us have lost someone or know of someone who has had their life changed by this horrible disease. I will be in contact with Texx; Drew; and the other River Kings as to the exact time we are meeting. Please put this on your calendar and join me as we help support all the women who suffer with this malady.

Johnny G.
Safety Officer



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct. 18 Bloomsdale, MO Dew Drop Inn	Oct. 19	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 23	Oct. 24 Breast Cancer Walk
Oct. 25 St. Johns Gildehouse	Oct. 26	Oct. 27 Monthly Meeting Sports Cafe	Oct. 28	Oct. 29	Oct. 30	Oct. 31 Chili Cook-Off at Big St. Charles
Nov. 1 TBD	Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Nov. 6	Nov. 7
Nov. 8 TBD	Nov. 9	Nov. 10	Nov. 11 	Nov. 12	Nov. 13	Nov. 14
Nov. 15 TBD	Nov. 16	Nov. 17	Nov. 18	Nov. 19	Nov. 20	Nov. 21

Rides and Events:

Oct. 18: I will be leading this Sunday's ride to the Dew Drop Inn in beautiful Bloomsdale, MO. This 2-route ride will take us from St. Louis County through Jefferson County and end up in Ste. Genevieve County. The two routes will wind through scenic country roads with plenty of Fall color. The Dew Drop offers finger food at the bar-and-grill and a full menu at the Kozy Kitchen on the side of the building. The parking lot is not yet paved but the ground is hard-packed with very little loose gravel. Easy on the front brake and there should be no problems. If the paving is completed by then I will send out an update for those who have concerns.

Oct. 24: Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk will be held in Forest Park. Our friends the River Kings from Furgerson, MO are sponsors of the walk and will be selling "unusual" t-shirts in support of breast cancer research. I will lead a group into Clayton to meet the River Kings so we can ride into Forest Park as a group. I will update you with the time. It will be early as the event starts at 8:30. Before the walk starts we line up our bikes along the beginning of the route and rev our engines and honk our horns to start everybody on the walk. After the last person has passed, those who would care to can join us on the walk.

Oct. 25: Rich Bayers has generously offered to take us to St. John's Gildehouse church this Sunday for an awesome sausage dinner complete with neck bones; sauerkraut and all the fixins. Bring cash as I believe they're not able to take plastic at the door. I think the cost has been \$12 in the past for all-you-can-eat including desert and drinks. This is a Shadow Riders' favorite every year.

Oct. 31: Chili Cook-Off at Big St. Charles. Laura, and maybe someone else from the club, will be competing in the cook-off. Lou will be leading a ride from Old Orchard to go to the cook-off as a group.

The remainder of the schedule still needs to be filled. I will update you by e-mail when members volunteer to lead rides.

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