



The Shadow Writer

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

September 2007

A Letter from the President

Fellow Shadow Riders,

It's hard to believe that we're already in September and fast approaching Fall. The cool down over the past week has been fantastic. Great riding weather. I hope that those of you who can ride to work are taking advantage of that. Those who cannot, I hope you have some spare time to get out after work before it gets dark. As always this time of year, watch for deer, particularly in the early morning and evening hours. Also, with temperatures starting cool in the mornings, and warming up nicely later, be sure to dress in layers when riding. It's a lot easier to take off an extra t-shirt or sweat shirt than to try and warm up after your core temperature has dropped too far.

For those of you who see this before Saturday, September 15th, a reminder that our second and final Helmet Day is this weekend. Please, if you have an hour or two to spare, contact either Peggy Phillips (South County) or Laura Boone (West County), and let them know you can help. The weather looks to be gorgeous!

Also, Saturday, September 15th is our Saturday Night Out. Ira Steuer and friends have put together dinner at Bandana's (on Dorsett) and then a screening of "Wild Hogs" at Mark and Lesley Levin's home. The film will be followed by a night ride put together by Bob Mueller. Thanks to all of the Shadow Riders who step up to put together these events for the club!! It isn't hard to do, and the bonus is, we have more activities, more reasons to ride, more reasons to eat.

Also, a public shout out to the Shadow Riders who've been stepping up to lead groups on our Sunday rides. This has made a difference and lets our frequent volunteers occasionally ride in the group when they aren't leading.

Ride safe, ride often! Hope to see you all in the wind!

Best regards,
Eric Levy



~Volunteers Needed~

Nominating Committee

Holiday Party

See page 7 for details.

Club Meetings

Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month

Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane

NEXT MEETING: September 25, 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

Zapata's Restaurant, 14007 Manchester Rd, Ballwin

NEXT MEETING: October 11, 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	Sep '06	Sep '07
Main Members	112	114
Significant Others	29	29
Junior Members	3	1
Total	144	144

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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Remaining 2007 Motorcycle Rally

Bikes, Blues & BBQ, Fayetteville, AR,
October 3-6 (www.bikesbluesandbbq.org)

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 August meeting Rich Bayers reported that Bikers for Babies merchandise was available for sale after the meeting. Jessica Evans is no longer with March of Dimes, volunteers are still needed for Ride day, and 9/22 will be a trivia night. Larry Wahlers reported \$3931 in the general fund. Erin O'Donnell announced that Jim Gianella has agreed to take over membership duties. Dennis Meade said he had 5-6 volunteers so far to serve as road captains for the March of Dimes Ride; there will be a pre-ride for road captains at noon on 9/9 and 9/30. A discussion of several ride issues followed. Dennis also handed out new pre-ride checklist cards to club road captains; those not at the meeting can e-mail Dennis for a checklist card. Laura Boone asked folks to email her if they want club long-sleeved t-shirts, sweatshirts, or baseball caps.

There was some discussion of the September 15th helmet day and suggestions to make sure individuals got credit with March of Dimes for the money they raised.

Several announcements were made. Diana said she and Marklyn are planning to enter Ted's Chili Cook-off on 11/3. Dan Newton wants to set up a group trip to Sturgis next year either the week before or after "the rally." Marklyn announced that Gateway BMW on St. Charles Rock Road is now open. Eric announced that it is time once again to form a nominating committee; volunteers should e-mail him or another Board member.

SRC Welcomes New Members

Ken Kastner Sr. (rides a black and cream 1997 Honda Shadow Spirit 1100)

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Indiana Covered Bridges Weekend Ride 2007

By Diana Johnson

On Saturday, September 1, nineteen fellow Shadow Riders embarked on a holiday weekend adventure to Terre Haute, Indiana.

Our mission was a leisurely 200 mile journey on the scenic roads of Illinois, bringing us to Indiana, where we would rest up for the next day's adventure of riding to Rockville to see as many covered bridges as we could.

We were blessed by absolutely gorgeous weather for the entire weekend. We managed to get started early every day. We congregated for continental breakfast in the courtesy lounge of our motel in the mornings, rode all day, and congregated in the parking lot outside of our motel rooms for beverages and BS in the evenings.

The pictures tell it all. As of September 5, Annie has posted her pictures on the Shadow Riders Web site. Just click on the Scrapbook icon to get to the photo gallery. I am hopeful that by the printing of this article more pictures will be posted by others.

Many, many thanks go to Larry McGowen for putting this party together. Many more thanks go to Larry, Rich Bayers, Mark Levin, and Cliff Connoyer for serving as road captains.

Those in attendance were:

Larry McGowen	Mel Heembrock	Diana Johnson
Dan Newton	Annie Wallace	Cathy Eidson
Rich Bayers	Russ Davis	Mark & Leslie Levin
Pete Hoyer	Cathy Noel	Matthew Bonini
Cliff Connoyer	Randy Hendershot	
John & Shelley Brubaker	Dave & Rhonda Simorka	

September-October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept 23 Highway 19 Ride	Sept 24	Sept 25 Club Meeting Elks Lodge	Sept 26	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 29
Sept 30 Kimmswick Ride	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 6
Oct 7 Pioneer Cabin Ride	Oct 8	Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11 SRC Board Meeting	Oct 12	Oct 13 March of Dimes Ride Pre-Reg
Oct 14 March of Dimes Ride	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20
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 20	Oct 30	Oct 31			

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

September 23 — Highway 19 (Bob Mueller): This ride takes in the upper half of Hwy 19 and the best of Hwy 185 as it winds through part of Mark Twain National Forest. Route includes some great twisties and rolling hills and ends with a ride down our old favorite Hwy 94. If you don't like to lean, this can be a challenging ride; if you do, you will love it!

September 30 — Kimmswick (Mark Levin): We will be making our annual visit to the Blue Owl Restaurant in historic Kimmswick, MO. This is always a very popular event, combining scenic rolling roads, fellowship and great food.

October 7 — Pioneer Cabin (Ira Steuer): Three different clubs say they enjoyed their visit to Pioneer Cabin, located in Willisville, IL, near Chester. The ride is of medium length, not too long and not too short. Food is served family style and the owners describe their cooking as "a taste of the good old days".

October 14 — March of Dimes/Bikers for Babies: The ride stages out of the Verizon Amphitheater in Riverport. Registration starts at 11; the Ride leaves at 1:00 P.M. Be sure to tell the parking guides you are with the Shadow Riders.

Those who want to ride in together can meet at Harrah's lower parking lot, about 10:15-10:30 am. We will leave the parking lot promptly at 10:45 for the short ride to the Amphitheater.

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, Missouri. Nestled in the hills of the Missouri River Valley, we head along some fun alphabet roads to Hermann. Continuing west on Rte. 100 we follow 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.

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: 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); First Gear mesh jacket, 2XL (\$65);
Leather vest, XXL, like new (\$35); Shoei full-face helmet, M (\$75).

All prices negotiable.

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.

\$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

11/06

Bikers for Babies Events

Wednesday, October 10 — Pre-registration at Krieger's South & Krieger's Riverport, 4-8 pm

Saturday, October 13 — Verizon Wireless Amphitheater, 14141 Riverport Dr, Maryland Heights: registration 10-2; silent auction 11-3, car & bike show 12-2, vendor shopping, live music

Sunday, October 14 — Verizon Wireless Amphitheater: registration 11-12:45; Ride begins at 1:00 pm (60+ miles)



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Wanted: Nominating Committee Members

It's time once again to begin the process of selecting next year's club officers. That process starts with the formation of a three person Nominating/Election Committee, whose job is to solicit nominations, confirm nominees' willingness to serve (and maybe twist potential candidates' arms), and oversee the election in January. If you are willing to serve, please contact Eric Levy or another board member.

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 2nd 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.



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