



The Shadow Writer

September 2009

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

A Letter from the President

Fellow Shadow Riders:

Well another fantastic month to ride has come and gone. The fall-like temps have made this summer one of the best I can remember for riding. Did we even hit triple digits? And now it is my favorite time of the year to ride. Crisp, cool mornings with high temps in the 70's makes for some of the best riding of the year. If you are low on your mileage for the year now is the time to put it in gear and get out there and burn some fuel. We have some great rides planned so come on out and ride.

I want to thank Sue Braun for stepping up to co-ordinate the holiday party this year. If you have some time to help or special talent give Sue a call, a little done by several sure helps get thing done. Along those lines Cliff put together a great presentation at our last meeting as we had a lesson in CPR. A great presentation and possibly life saving lesson. We also have some helmet days coming up for bikers for babies, Dennis Meade, Laura Boone, and Rich Bayers are coordinating collection days in September, give some of your time to a great cause.

There are also some great road trips coming up soon. Blues, Bikes and BBQ in Arkansas is later this month and there are several SRC members going. And another Smokey Mountain trip is planned for October 1-4. If you have always thought about travel on a motorcycle these two trips will not disappoint as they include some simply awesome highways to ride.

Now an unpleasant note but one that needs to be said. I recently had some complaints come my way about some issues with the rides and how they are conducted. Constructive criticism is always welcomed, and the message was heard in these cases. Having said that, I have noticed that I receive these complaints from people who do not volunteer their time to do anything for the club. In any club there are givers and takers, these folks are takers, they do NO giving. They don't organize a ride, road captain, work a party or any of the other functions of the club, yet they love to bitch about the work of others. I have this to say, JUST DO SOMETHING! Since you have the answers give me a call and I will get you assigned some things the membership can enjoy. I'm sorry, but you kind of loose your bitchin' rights when you don't do anything but pay your dues. OK off my soap box, but at least I feel better.

Last but not least get out and ride, enjoy the freedom of the road and clear your mind.

Keep the shiny side up!

Bob Mueller

Meetings

Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month

Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane

NEXT MEETING: September 22, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting

6:30 PM before each GM Meeting

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Sunday Rides

The scheduled ride season started on April 5th. Meet at Old Orchard Center, 14128 Manchester (east of Hwy 141), behind Starbucks.

Rides leave promptly at 10 AM. Come early, line up your bike, have breakfast at Burger King and/or visit with friends.

Web Site

www.shadowriders-stl.com

Membership

	Sept '08	Sept '09
Main Members	111	107
Significant Others	25	26
Total	136	133

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 *Ted Koski, Grand Webmaster Guru,*
as told to Diana Johnson, 2008 Ted's Chili Cook-Off Queen

The Shadow Rider website is the best motorcycle club website in the St. Louis area. The homepage <http://www.shadowriders-stl.com> is well organized to direct a new or veteran visitor to his or her place of interest in a single click of a link. At the center top of the site is a continuous scroll of our newest members, upcoming rides, special events, trips and any club updates. The current weather and directions to Old Orchard Plaza are also on the home page. If you have a great idea you would like to share and can't wait for a meeting there is a link on the left side where you can submit your thoughts to our club president via the web.

Down the left side the 'Our Club' link gives instant access to Club details, facts, officers and FAQ. The 'ShadowWriter' link -- for members only and password protected -- contains our monthly newsletters and our club informational brochure and business cards that can be printed out on any printer. The 'Membership' link has new and renewal application forms, an online form for you to update your personal information (address, phone, email, etc.) and send it directly to our membership coordinator, plus the club Riding Guidelines and Bylaws. Below that is our 'Scrapbook' -- a collaboration of photos of members, rides, trips, etc. taken from 2002 – 2009, followed by links to merchandise (Colors & Dodads) and 'The Fallen' -- members who are gone but will be remembered always.

The right side links are grouped into calendars (ours and other bi-state area clubs'), special events, and other contacts. Our club calendar is kept up to date with our rides, club meetings, special events, national holidays, national rallies and other info in a monthly format; clicking on the event leads to additional details and descriptions when available. The 'Special Events' link lists activities of our club and activities that interest our members. The 'Bikers for Babies' link has a history of our club's involvement with the charity. Finally there are links to safety information, motorcycle-related laws, the American Motorcyclist Association and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

At the bottom of the home page, the '34 Organized Group Rides This Year!' link highlights the core value of our club which is riding! Ted tries to keep an updated schedule of the current year's rides. Lastly a portion of the home page highlights our club sponsors and provides links to their websites.

Since taking over the site in April 2008, Ted has updated and reorganized the website to include up-to-date information while preserving the club's history with photos, newsletters and ride archives. Ted says he has formatted the site and branded it with the SRC logo with most of the links opening to a new page so if one closes the new link, the home page will still be available.

Ted says, "I became webmaster of the website as a way to give back to the club in the best way that I could utilize my technical and creative talents. I went on the rides and was a participant in the activities for quite some time and took from the club. Then I realized how appreciative I was of those who gave their time and resources as an officer, coordinator, road captain, volunteer, etc. because without their contributions this club would not be what it is today or have lasted as long as it has, over 14 years. So get involved and make this club even more fabulous and memorable."

I could not have said it any better. Ted, the website rocks and so do you. You are the 'Grand Webmaster' and we appreciate you. --*Diana*

Reminder: Ted's Chili Cook Off, Saturday, Nov. 7, 10am-4pm. We can not win if you don't show up and vote. Last year we won 1st place in People's Choice. \$300.00 was donated to March of Dimes.

Ride Descriptions

September 13 — Louisiana, MO (Russ Davis): The route takes us through the Busch Wildlife Area, New Melle, Wright City, Troy and Eolia on mostly alphabet roads. Riders will have a choice of two (2) lunch stops, The Eagle's Nest or Lighthouse Inn. Both restaurants offer brunch and menu ordering. The ride is 94 miles and 2 1/2 hours.

September 20 — Bixby (Russ Davis): We'll take a fast ride to Potosi down Hwy 21 and stop for fuel. The second leg will be twisty roads with nice scenery, a tour of Davisville and on to the Bixby Country Store. Figure on 114 miles and 3 hours.

September 27 — Shawnee National Forest (Ira Steuer): This ride to the northern portions of the Forest in southern Illinois is a long one. The total trip is about 268 miles with a lunch stop at around 115 miles. The ride received excellent reviews in past years. The plan is to explore points of interest within this huge national forest. Plan on being home around 6:30 pm.

October 4 — Highway 185 (Erin O'Donnell): If you like back roads with lots of twists and turns, you'll love this ride. A bit of Hwy 109 and some alphabet roads take us to the most enjoyable part of Highway 185. After lunch in Sullivan we'll continue on Highway 185 to Highway 100 then meander back to Manchester. (Or you can hurry back on I-44.)

October 11 — Bikers for Babies: The ride stages out of the Verizon Amphitheater in Riverport. Registration starts at 8 A.M.; the Ride starts at 11 A.M. Be sure to tell the parking guides you are with the Shadow Riders.

October 18 — Frankenstein (Eric Levy): As Halloween nears, we head for tiny but infamous Frankenstein, Missouri. We'll ride some fun alphabet roads and 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 might just stop for photos under the 'Welcome to Frankenstein' sign. A fun ride, with beautiful scenery and good roads.

October 25 — St. John's Gildehaus Dinner (Bob Mueller): We'll ride a new route to this new lunch spot in Villa Ridge, featuring all you can eat fresh-made whole-hog sausage, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, home made bread and apple butter, baked apples and ice cream, coffee, and milk for \$12.

Special Events

Saturday, September 19: March of Dimes Helmet Day 10-2; Gateway BMW Open House 10-3

Thursday—Sunday, October 1- 4: Smoky Mountain Trip
Leave Cracker Barrel at Hwy 64 and IL 157 at 8 AM, October 1st. Stay in Robbinsville and ride Friday and Saturday (Hellbender 28, Charohala Skyway, Blue Ridge Pkwy, Deals Gap, what ever else we find). Leave Sunday morning for home and arrive Sunday evening. Bob Mueller reserved 4 rooms; let him know by September 13 if you want to go (rooms in the area are tight).

Saturday, November 7: Ted's Chili Cook-Off, 10am-4pm
Shadow Riders took 1st place in People's Choice last year. Come Taste and VOTE for Diana's award winning chili.

Sept-Oct 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept 13 Louisiana Ride	Sept 14	Sept 15	Sept 16	Sept 17	Sept 18	Sept 19 March of Dimes Helmet Day
Sept 20 Bixby Ride	Sept 21	Sept 22 Club Meeting 7 pm Bd Mtg 6:30	Sept 23	Sept 24	Sept 25	Sept 26
Sept 27 Shawnee Na- tional Forest Ride	Sept 28	Sept 29	Sept 30	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3
Oct 4 Highway 185 Ride	Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9	Oct 10 Bikers for Babies
Oct 11 Bikers for Babies	Oct 12	Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17
Oct 18 Frankenstein Ride	Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24
Oct 25 St. John's Gildehaus Dinner Ride	Oct 26	Oct 27 Club Meeting 7 pm Bd Mtg 6:30	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31

Bikers for Babies 2009

Verizon Wireless Amphitheater, Riverport Drive, Maryland Heights

*Saturday, October 10 — 10am-4pm Pre-Registration **

Sunday, October 11 — 8am-11am Registration; 11am RIDE departs

Fees are \$25 per rider; \$15 per passenger.

* Or you can register online at www.bikersforbabies.org.

Contact Nita Fisher at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (314) 808-7762 to place your Classified Ad. Ads run for three (3) months, renewable. Please contact Nita when your item is sold.

For Sale: 2005 Honda Shadow Aero 750cc

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08/09

For Sale: 1940 Harley Davidson 45 CID (titled as 1947) and M-72 Ural Sidecar

Has rebuilt engine, WLD heads, transmission. Comes with M-1919-A4 Browning Machine Gun (oxy-propane simulator) and 6 1/2 x 10 foot flatbed trailer. **\$18,000 for the lot.** \$16,000 without trailer. \$15,000 without trailer and gun. Will not separate bike and sidecar.

Call Joe Kalal at 636-274-7455 (home) or 314-578-4853 (cell)

07/09

For Sale: 1997 Honda Shadow VT1100

New tires, new candy apple red paint, windshield, and too much to list here goes with it. It is fast and has been well cared for over the years. Has only 23,000 miles; most of that was on club rides. **\$3800.00**

Call Randy Tallant at 314-814-5154

07/09

For Sale: 2002 Harley Davidson Road King — 911 Firefighter Special Edition Collector Model

Firefighter decals and 911 plaque. Has 45,000 miles; professional engine rebuild at 35,000 miles upgraded to 95 inch bore with S&S high performance cams, adjustable S&S push rods, roller rockers, and ported branch heads. Emergency strobe flashers, driver and passenger back rests and luggage rack, Bassani 2-into-1 pipes with quiet and loud baffles, pimp lights around engine; security system with fob. **Asking \$10,300.**

Contact Larry McGowen at 314-495-1847 or mcgowen@hrh-advantage.com

06/09

For Sale: 2004 Honda VTX 1800S (S = spoke wheels)

Black, studded seats, switchblade crash/hwy bars, saddle bags, back-rest, luggage rack, windshield, helmet with both sun and clear shade. Excellent condition with only 17,000 miles. **\$8,000.00**

Contact Matt at matthew.bonini@us.army.mil

05/09

2009 Motorcycle Rallies

Bikes, Blues & BBQ, Fayetteville, AR, September 23-26, 2009
(www.bikesbluesandbbq.org)

Aug. 25, 2009, GM Meeting Report

Treasurer Russ Davis, discussed how to read the financial report. We are currently \$95.00 ahead of budget. Safety Officer Cliff Connoyer, completed the Oct. ride schedule and introduced our guest speaker. Membership Coordinator Jim Gianella, reported: Main members 108, SO 26, Jr. Members 0, Total 134. Merchandise's Laura Boone says we have plenty of Kooly cups and t-shirts for sale. A lot of white T's and tanks in various sizes. We need to locate CD with large patch data to have more patches made. Bob will look through past treasurer reports to see who made the last patches. If anyone knows, please e-mail him the info. Fellow member George Warren took 1st place at Ted's Open House bike show for his Spyder last weekend. Helmet Day collection set for September 19, see article in newsletter for details. **Holiday Party coordinator needed.** See any board member. Guest speaker Debbie Kersting from March of Dimes, says southern IL is now included in the St. Louis B4B ride. If you raise \$500 for B4B ride you will receive a ride on the Gateway race track on your motorcycle next spring. We will have a booth for the entire B4B weekend event in Oct. EMS guest speaker Kim Bacon showed a video on CPR, which is available to anyone through the Heart Assoc. Dummy dolls were available for illustration. The updated way to perform CPR is 30 chest compressions 1 ½ - 2 inches deep and then 2 breaths to the mouth and continue the cycle. She also showed us how to use an AED (Automated Electrical Device). These are safe to use on ages 1 and up and are safe for pace makers and stints.

- **Announcements:** Oct. 1-4 trip to the Smokey Mountains – Bob Mueller leading. Hartbauer-McBride rep, Mike Neuhaus, reported the poker run last weekend raised approx. \$8000.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

See what you miss when you miss a meeting.

September Birthdays					
		Diana Johnson	13-Sep	Mark Levin	19-Sep
		Linda Hendershot	13-Sep	Donna Rau	20-Sep
Bob Rau	5-Sep	Debbie Kinder	14-Sep	Tito Lopez	23-Sep
Sandra Meade	6-Sep	Dale Koehler	16-Sep	Tony Rock	25-Sep
Sam Jenkins	10-Sep	E. Joseph Kalal Jr.	17-Sep	Rich Bayers	27-Sep
Dan Newton	11-Sep	Peggy Phillips	17-Sep	Rob Schulte	29-Sep
Mary Vaughan	12-Sep	Marsha Guyer	18-Sep		

March of Dimes Helmet Day

Saturday September 19, 10 am to 2 pm — Work one hour or more, as you can, to help raise money for the March of Dimes (Bikers for Babies). You will get credit for the average amount collected per man hour. One hour is usually enough to cover the entry fee to the Ride in October.

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Collections will take place at Union & Lindbergh (South County) and at Manchester & Barrett Station Rd. (West County). Contact Dennis (South) or Rich or Laura (West) if you can help.

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