



The Shadow Writer

September 2010

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

A Letter from the President

Dear Shadow Riders;

The weather is getting better than good, this stuff is great. Cool nights and no heat days, and a good amount of daylight still happening. The club has some great rides coming up and still has a trip to the Smoky Mountains. My question to you is, **HAVE YOU RIDDEN ENOUGH MILES AND DONE ENOUGH SADDLE TIME THIS YEAR?** I know that my mileage is down, but I am off to ride the dragon and several members are coming along. If you would like to join in, we leave the 29th for 5 days of riding, c'mon along. I believe as of this writing we have 15 going on the trip. Some for the 6th or 7th time; it never fails to satisfy the urge to lean. If you cannot make the trip, make the rides on Sunday, we have some great ones all the way into November.

I have been on a few of the rides when I am in town and have rekindled my joy for the group ride. Nothing like relaxing on a ride and breaking bread with some great folks to remind you that everyone benefits from some 2 wheel mental therapy. I would like to mention that if you are new to the group please read the riders guide on the website, and make sure you show up with a full tank of gas.

A little club business now, we have a holiday party chairwoman and she is putting together a nice year end party for the club. Normally this is in January after the rush of those boring office parties are over. More to come on that but don't miss it; they are always great fun. As the season winds down it also comes time to find some new blood for the leadership positions. First, we need 3 folks to serve on the nominating committee, email, call or talk to me if you are interested or just willing to do it. Second, I would like to encourage you to come forward and run for office. Last year we had folks step up and had contested elections for the first time in my memory. If you want to know what is involved, see our by-laws on the website or talk to me or any officer; if you want my job I welcome you to the process. We need ideas and leaders to make the club even better, so consider it, and if in doubt, **RUN FOR OFFICE!**

Well, time to pack for the mountains, if you're interested there is room for more riders, contact me or Ed Acree. Last group leaves Wednesday the 29th at 8 am from Cracker Barrel (HWY 64 and IL 158). I guarantee sunshine, at least some.

Keep the shiny side up,

Bob Mueller
President



Meetings

Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month

Growler's Pub

763 Old Ballas Road
Creve Coeur, MO 63141
(Off Olive, 1/2 mile east of I-270,
below Blockbuster)

NEXT MEETING: September 28, 2010

Board Meeting at 6:30 pm before club meeting.



Sunday Rides

The scheduled ride season has started! Meet at Old Orchard Center, 14128 Manchester (east of Hwy 141), behind Starbucks.

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

Web Site

www.shadowriders-stl.com

Membership

	Sep '09	Sep '10
Main Members	107	148
Significant Others	26	29
Total	133	177

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 Diana Johnson, Vice-President, Road Captain

Two Words.....Midget Wrestling. We are planning a Saturday Night Out (SNO) for September 25. We will be gathering at The Babylon in St. Peters for an end of summer bash. They are planning a big tent party with live music, a bikini dunking booth, and extreme midget wrestling. I called and spoke with the manager and was told the party starts at 5:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$5.00. Tickets are \$7.00 the day of the event. They have a large food menu with great prices so you may want to grab some food while you're there too. Plan on showing up when you can and look for your fellow Shadow Riders.

The Babylon is located on Mid Rivers Mall Dr., closer to Hwy 94 than Hwy 70. They are right across from St. Charles Community College. Make a turn by White Castle and you will see the bar in the strip mall behind it. Here is their info:

www.thebabylonstl.com www.extrememidgetwrestling.com
636-477-7468
4744 Mid Rivers Mall Dr.
St. Peters, MO 63376

Support our sponsors. Saturday, Sept. 11, is Big St. Charles Motorsports Open House and Gateway BMW open house. Check them out and don't forget to wear your Shadow Rider gear.

Hey Everybody,

From Lou Soucy, Safety Officer

When I rolled out of bed last Saturday there was a definite chill in the air, 57 degrees. Maybe it's time to start thinking about winterizing the bike, checking to see if the battery tender still works? No way, we've got a lot of riding to do before the season is over. The Smoky trip, Bikes Blues and BBQ, not to mention some great Sunday rides—Defiance Sausage Dinner, Potosi, and some new ones to Cuba, Pilot Knob, and Linn/Frankenstein. So, for me it's time to change oil again, take a close look at the tires, etc. in preparation for round three.

I think the club has about 32 great rides planned every year. One of the rides that we do every year is Bikers for Babies to support the March of Dimes. I have to say, the first time I participated I wasn't thrilled about giving up a day of riding. But, since this was something the club and many of our members feel so passionate about, I did it. After that first time, I no longer feel that way. It ended up being a day filled with fun with friends, meeting new people, checking out the vendors, etc. And riding with our own group within a group of thousands was pretty cool. So, if you can make it, it's a good time and a good cause. I promise you, you won't feel as though you gave up a day of riding!

The ride to Hardin on the 5th was a great ride and a great time on a picture perfect day. A few of

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us decided to go the long way towards home, about 120 miles to Wentzville. Can it get any better than that? Sure, let's go check out Defiance, it's only about 30 miles. Well Frank and I finally rolled in there 100 miles later. I won't say we were lost, but when we got to a few T intersections and looked at each other for a suggestion which way to turn we both shrugged our shoulders and said "who cares." If I can just remember a few of the roads we were on we would have a new ride for the club.

The SRC ride schedule is filled in 'til the end of October. At this month's SRC meeting it would be nice to fill in the rest of the season. That would really only be the first two weeks of November since we typically leave the last two for rainouts / open. It would be greatly appreciated if you came to the meeting and volunteered to do a new ride to a new place for the club. If not, I have a back-up plan to go to the Midland Inn near Murphysboro IL and The Lewis Café in St. Claire MO. I'll be in search of someone to pre-ride and organize both of these.

Hop on your bike and get lost, Lou

March of Dimes Helmet Day

Saturday, September 25 — 10 am-2 pm

West County at the intersection of Manchester & Barrett Station Rd.

Help raise money for our club charity. Volunteers get credit for the number of hours they work, based on the average intake per man-hour. As little as one hour will pay your admission fee to the Bikers for Babies ride event in October.

Please let Rich Bayers [636-527-2157] or Laura Boone [314-363-3415] know which hours you can work.

Saturday Night Out

(We're actually having one!)

September 25, 5 pm until closing

Midget wrestling, music, and food at The Babylon, St. Peters.

See Diana's article, page 3, for details.

Bikers for Babies 2010

Verizon Wireless Amphitheater, 14141 Riverport Drive, Maryland Heights

Sunday, October 10 — Registration opens at 9 am; RIDE departs at 1 pm

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

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

Sept-Oct 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept 19 Cuba Ride	Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22	Sept 23	Sept 24	Sept 25 Helmet Day, Sat. Night Out
Sept 26 Defiance Ride	Sept 27	Sept 28 Club Meeting 7 pm Board 6:30	Sept 29	Sept 30	Oct 1	Oct 2
Oct 3 Potosi Ride	Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9
Oct 10 Bikers for Babies	Oct 11	Oct 12	Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16
Oct 17 Pilot Knob Ride	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23
Oct 24 St. John Gildehaus Ride	Oct 25	Oct 26 Club Meeting 7 pm Board 6:30	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30

September 19 — Cuba (Cliff Connoyer): The ride will combine numbered and lettered highways where we'll see some of the same cows and trees we've seen before, along with some new cows and trees. There are some rolling hills, plenty of winding roads, some shaded roads to be taken at an aggressive pace or at your leisure. One of the stops is a bait shop with the world's biggest rocking chair. Lunch is at a nice restaurant serving great Bar-B-Q.

September 26 — Defiance Sausage Dinner (Diana Johnson): A 93 mile route will take us through New Melle, Warrenton, Treloar, Trusdale, and Marthasville, ending in Defiance at St. Paul's United Church of Christ for an all-you-can-eat Sausage dinner with all the fixings. The cost is \$9 cash. Plan on arriving between 12:30-1:00 pm. If weather turns bad we will shorten the ride and take a direct route.

October 3 — Potosi (Larry McGowen): We will head southwest over the back roads of St. Louis, Jefferson, and Washington counties. If we're lucky there will be enough fall leaves for a beautiful ride but not enough to make the ride risky. Lunch will be at Dos Primos.

October 10 — Bikers for Babies: The ride stages out of the Verizon Amphitheater in Riverport. Registration starts at 9 A.M.; the Ride starts at 1 P.M. Be sure to tell the parking guides you are with the Shadow Riders.

October 17 — Pilot Knob (Lou Soucy): Riders will have a choice of a 120 mile ride full of twisties or a 100 mile ride of easy-going scenic sweepers. Both routes should end up at one of a couple of good restaurants there at around the same time. If you have not seen the Fort Davidson Museum in Pilot Knob it's free and well worth a half hour of your time.

October 24 — St. John's Gildehaus (Jim Gianella) We'll ride a new route to this 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.

Next up: Oct 31 Linn/Frankenstein (Dave)

Send classified ads to Nita Fisher at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (314) 808-7762.

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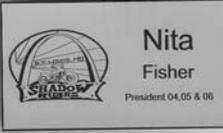
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General Membership Meeting
August 24, 2010

President's Report (Bob Mueller) - Contact Bob if interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or if you are willing to run for a board position for the upcoming year. Guest Speakers – the next several months we will have someone come talk about insurance coverage and a guest speaker who will be providing tips on winterizing our bikes. Should you have any ideas for guest speakers in the future – contact Bob.

Treasurer's Report (Russ Davis) – Report given for Bikers for Babies collection day and club picnic. Our budget is running at a surplus for the year.

Miscellaneous Business:

Holiday Party – Sue Braun will be heading up the committee to plan our holiday party. Details to come soon!

Smokies Trip - Rooms still available at the Two Wheel Inn. Contact Bob Mueller or Ed Acree if interested in riding along.

Saturday Nights Out – 9/25 – Midget Wrestling at Babylon - \$5 in advance - \$7 at the door. Will be held all day on the parking lot with bands and other activities going on all day. October – Drive-in Nite in Illinois – Date and plans to follow.

Membership Details – Jim Gianella: 146 Members, 28 Significant Others, 172 Total Members (48 of which are female riders) Anniversaries: 5 years – John Olms, Elery and Cheryl Sharp / 10 years – Erin O'Donnell

Shadow Riders Club Welcomes New Members

- Sam Akers** (rides a black 2005 Honda VTX 1300S)
- Glenn Roland** (rides a black 1999 Yamaha Road Star 1600)
- Nate and Jackie Mertens** (ride a black 2009 Yamaha FZS6YB)

Membership Anniversaries
(September 2010)

No anniversaries this month.
(Check again next month.)



Special request to members from Jim Gianella: Please do not quote membership dues to mid-year applicants! Tell them to see Jim. He has the part-year dues schedule.

September Birthdays

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| 05 - Bob Rau | 13 - Diana Johnson | 23 - Tito Lopez |
| 06 - Sandra Meade | 13 - Linda Hendershot | 27 - Rich Bayers |
| 07 - Donald Owen | 14 - Debbie Kinder | 29 - Rob Schulte |
| 10 - Sam Jenkins | 16 - Dale Koehler | 29 - Bob Imboden |
| 10 - Steve Davis | 17 - E. Joseph Kalal Jr. | |
| 11 - Dan Newton | 17 - Peggy Phillips | |
| 12 - Mary Vaughan | 18 - Marsha Guyer | |
| | 19 - Mark Levin | |



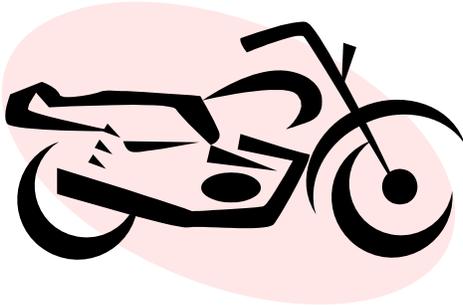
2010 Motorcycle Rallies

Trail of Tears Remembrance Motorcycle Ride, September 18-22 www.trailoftears-remembrance.org

Bikes, Blues & BBQ, Fayetteville, AR, September 29-Oct 2 www.bikesbluesandbbq.org

Biketoberfest, October 14-17 www.daytonachamber.com./dbwcalendar/index.cfm?f_type=6

Ready to travel? Heard the stories from Sturgis & Yellowstone?
Don't leave home without:



- Tire repair kit
- Flashlight
- Spare fuses
- Spare headlight bulb
- Whatever you needed last time but didn't have!

LAST CHANCE!

**Great Smoky Mountains National Park Area Ride
September 28/29 to October 3/4**

Join the 15 or so other Shadow Riders who are going on this trip.

Lodging at Robbinsville, NC (Approximately 600 miles from St. Louis)

Two Wheel Inn (info@twowheelinn.com) 828-479-4248

Check in on Wednesday, Sept 29; Check out on Sunday, Oct 3

\$77.47 per night including tax Mention code LBBBJ10

Bob, 'the Hare,' Mueller will leave on Wednesday (9/29) and take the quickest Interstate route. Ed, 'the Tortoise,' Acree will leave Tuesday (9/28) and return Monday for a slower-paced (300 mile day), two-lane route with two additional motel stays.

Contact Bob (314-315-1350) or Ed (314-569-1056) for staging locations and times.