



The Shadow Writer *September, 2013*

Official Newsletter of the
Shadow Riders Club of St. Louis
www.shadowriders-stl.com

A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders;

Well, with a little luck, the short heat spell has broken and it's now a prime time to ride! There are a lot of great Sunday rides coming up and hopefully the next 2 - 3 months will have some of the best weather this year. Fall is my favorite time to ride. Get out the leather jackets and chaps, find your gloves, and dust off the insulated boots, it's time to put some miles on that bike. But remember, the leaves will be falling and sun will be low in the sky, so be safe out there.

Bikes, Blues, and BBQ is next week. If you haven't been, you should make it a point to get there. Fayetteville, AR is close (+/- 350 miles away) and it has some of the best twisties in the country. It's 4 days of great riding, tasty food, rockin' blues, good friends, and beer. What could be better!

It sounds like a group of club members had a great time in the northeast. You can always count on Lou to put together a spectacular trip on some of the greatest roads with fabulous places to stop. Can't wait to hear what he has up his sleeve for next year. And if you have an epic journey in mind but have never planned a trip of that magnitude, get with Lou or Bob or another club member who has and throw out your idea. It may be our 2014 trip of the year...

Last, while we are on the subject of making things happen, September starts the process of electing officers for 2014. I haven't discussed with the current board their willingness to run again but we will have to fill the vice president's position with the passing of Ron. Remember, this is your chance to leave your mark on the club, so get involved and run for office.

Catching a yellow-jacket in your shirt at seventy miles per hour can double your vocabulary.

Dave Simorka
President

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: September 24, 2013

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.

General Membership Meeting August 2013

Shannon Sims was guest speaker for March of Dimes Bikers for Babies and answered any questions we had in regard to this year's October 13th event. Pre-registration is available for a lesser cost than the day of the event and all paid registrations will receive Bandana's BBQ lunch at no cost. \$25 per rider, \$15 for passenger. Ride begins at 12:30 PM out of Verizon Wireless Amphitheater.

Hartbauer McBride Poker Run was a success and "Thank You!" to all who volunteered.

Don't miss the Club Picnic on Sept. 29th! Lou has put together a good ride before hand ending at Klondike Park for some Italian Sausage, burgers, cole slaw and a variety of sides and dessert of course.

The Zipline SNO at Meramec Caverns on September 14 needs 4 more people to get a discount on the event. Call Ira ASAP. The trip to Hendel's Café had a nice turnout of 15 people and was enjoyed by all.

Merchandise is available from Eric or Karen Johnston so get your caps, window clings and patches at the next meeting.

We are waiting on the new developer to finalize everything on the new and improved website...won't be long now.

Our condolences to Peggy Phillips who's Mom passed.

Ira's friends at the Jersey Pine Cruisers are headed to Door County in Wisconsin and opened up the trip for any Shadow Riders that might be interested.

Next years "Trips" are starting to take shape and Bob Mueller is planning a week long trip to Sturgis in South Dakota during the rally. He is looking into renting a house 30 miles out from the event which could house 5 couples at \$300 per couple for the week. See Bob for more details.

Dave Mattis won \$16 in the 50/50 drawing.

****REMINDER****

Decembers meeting will be held on the 17th

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August Membership

Main Members	86
Significant Others	21
Juniors	3
Total	110

September Birthdays

05 - BOB RAU	06 - SANDRA MEADE
07 - DONALD OWEN	08 - SUE MUSCHANY
11 - DAN NEWTON	12 - MARY VAUGHAN
13 - DIANA JOHNSON	14 - DEBBIE KINDER
15 - TOM SCHAEFER	17 - E. JOSEPH KALAL
17 - PEGGY PHILLIPS	18 - MARSHA GUYER
19 - MARK LEVIN	21 - TONY WEAVER
23 - TITO LOPEZ	26 - BRIAN GATTRA
27 - RICH BAYERS	29 - ROB SCHULTE

September Anniversaries

**5 years – Dave Bukk
Terry Brookman**

Hello fellow SR's-

September is here, and the suffocating heat and humidity finally arrived. After spending 12 days in the Northeast, where daytime temps ranged from 72-78 degrees (and no humidity), coming home on Interstate 70 on the 28th was like riding into an inferno.

The trip was good, and everyone had a good time. One thing is for certain: the next time you swear under your breath at MODOT when careening around a pothole, count your blessings. Some of the Scenic Byways we took were in horrible condition. In fact, New Hampshire's Hwy 118 should be bulldozed up! Every rider was completely fatigued at the end of that day from throwing our bikes all over the place dodging potholes, huge fissures in the concrete, and parts of the road that had separated and were becoming part of the shoulder.

When riding in this heat, remember to drink lots of water. Hydrate before you even get on the bike. You never realize how much you sweat on a bike, as the wind evaporates it quickly. Long sleeved, lightweight shirts, or vented coats keep the sun off of you, and keep you from getting sun-burned. Drink a bottle of water at the gas/bathroom stops on the way to lunch.

We still have lots of riding weather ahead, along with Bikes, Blues, and BBQ. We also need to fill in the rest of the riding season. If you haven't taken on a ride, and have been a member for over a year, come to the next meeting and volunteer to sponsor a ride. I may also start bringing the ride archive to Sunday rides that I can make, and start picking out members to take on a ride. We need more people to step up a little and help drive this club. Check the calendar on page 5 of the newsletter to get the available dates of the "Open Rides", or just go to our website and look at the calendar through the month of November. Leading a ride is easier than you would think and very satisfying when complete.

Ride safe, ride long!

Safety Dave



Zip Line event Saturday 09/14/13

Two years ago we had 13 members join us for this outing at Meramec Caverns.

Web site is: <http://www.cavemanzipline.com/>.

Everyone really had a great time so we are trying to go again. We need a minimum of 10 to get half off the fee. Our special Group rate is \$27.00. I have the money from 2 members but need payment from 8 more to secure our reservation.

We will leave old orchard at 10:00 am sharp.

Arrive at Meramec Caverns at 11:30

Receive training & begin zipping shortly around 12:00 or so.

Questions email Ira @ isteuer36@yahoo.com

Please mail checks to: Ira Steuer, 3884 Affirmed Dr., Florissant, mo. 63034.

Club Picnic, Sunday, September 29**Picnic Coordinator: Diana Johnson**

Mark your calendars and plan on attending our Shadow Riders annual picnic. We have moved it to later in the season in the hopes of milder weather. Lou has put together a nice ride that will end at Klondike Park just outside of Defiance somewhere around noon. (The same place we were at last year.) The ride leaves Old Orchard plaza at 10:00 am sharp.

We will be grilling up some tasty burgers with all the fixings and Italian sausage with grilled peppers and onions. Some delicious homemade side dishes and dessert which includes deviled eggs, chicken wings, Loading Dock Salsa and chips, cole slaw, lettuce salad, Italian three bean salad, and a sweet treat. We will have soda and water to quench your thirst. This event is free to members. We ask for a donation for any non-member guest. We are also going to attempt a club photo and will give you the opportunity to have your picture taken on your bike in the picturesque scenery that is Klondike park.

Special Reminder

For those of you who don't know: All Shadow Riders receive a 10% discount at St. Charles Motorsports and collect reward points at Gateway BMW. I know it's late in the riding season but some of us still need to repair/replace certain things on our bikes. Here's an opportunity to take advantage of another benefit of being a Shadow Rider.

Bike Count for September

Honda - 35	Harley - 26	Kawasaki - 10	Suzuki - 4	Yamaha - 12	BMW - 4
Vento - 1	Big Dog - 1	CanAm - 2	Triumph - 2	KTM - 1	Victory - 2

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept. 15 Weingarten, MO	Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 18	Sept. 19 Group leaves for Bikes, Blues, and BBQ	Sept 20 Group in Eureka Springs, AR	Sept. 21 Group in Fayetteville, AR for BBQ
Sept. 22 Group returns Hannibal, MO	Sept. 23	Sept. 24 Monthly Meeting	Sept. 25	Sept. 26	Sept. 27	Sept. 28
Sept. 29 Club Picnic in Defiance, MO	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Oct. 5
Oct. 6 Open Ride	Oct. 7	Oct. 8	Oct. 9	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 12
Oct. 13 Open Ride	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Oct. 18	Oct. 19

Color codes for calendar:

Blue: indicates planned rides, Red: indicates important dates or holidays
Green: indicates things to envy.

Rides and Events:

Sept. 15: Erin will be leading this ride through the scenic country roads heading into Weingarten, MO in Ste. Genevieve County. We'll be eating at the Midway Café known for it's unbeatable onion rings.

Sept. 22: Ira will take us through the northwestern portion of the state to the Mark Twain Diner in beautiful and historic Hannibal, MO.

Sept. 29: Our club picnic, organized by the lovely Diana Johnson where we will feast on delectable's from the grill (as well as the fridge). Lou Soucy will provide a lead for our ride on this morning which will end at Klondike park, location of our annual club picnic. Please come out and celebrate our good fortune of having so many good friends who share our love of motorcycling (and eating).

October 6 and 13 are "Open Rides" which means that no one has selected rides for these dates. Please feel free to choose one from our assortment of Sunday specials and lead a group to help with the club activities. The routes are already mapped out and are just waiting for you to schedule one. All that is required is for you to pre-ride to check for any road closings or possible construction areas that we need to be aware of. Then, just make about 10 or 12 copies of you route sheet and hand them out on Sunday morning to people who are willing to lead the other groups.

Members' classified ads are free! Send to John Geiler at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (636) 938-4299

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Here is a link to check it out.

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FOR SALE: Scorpion EXO-700 Helmet (\$75) *New Price*****

Worn 3 times. Excellent helmet; poor fit for me. Color: Matte Anthracite Size: Men's Medium
Call Don @ 314-477-3562

For Sale – 2002 Honda Shadow Ace 750cc – Purple and Silver. Many accessories including hard color-matched saddle bags, windshield, floor boards, highway bar and pegs, pin striping, chrome radiator cover, chrome side covers and throttle lock. Has 73,864 miles. Original owner. All maintenance done by Honda (have all maintenance records). Asking \$2,800 OBO. Pictures available on request.

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