



The Shadow Writer

December 2009

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

A Letter from the President

Fellow Shadow Riders,

November was a great month to be a Shadowrider! A fantastic breakfast ride to Larry McGowen's house with an incredible meal. Thanks to Larry and his lovely bride for the time and effort to provide a fantastic experience. Then we had some great Sunday rides. Ira put together a suggestion by Paul Hann and we had a great time at Jive and Wail, 18 folks attended this SNO, and it was a blast. Simply a good time everywhere you look. If you missed it thinking the riding season was over, take some time and engage the activities of the club, they are often outstanding. There is great party being planned for January 16th with the annual Holiday Party, at \$20 it is not only a good time but a bargain! Make sure you don't miss it. Food by Rigazzi's, a DJ, door prizes, and the camaraderie of your fellow riders, it doesn't get much better.

For 2010 we will have a new Sponsor. St. Charles Motorsports will be coming on board, so this club will have two multi-line dealerships as sponsors offering discounts to members. Another major benefit of membership. My personal thanks and congrats to Diana Johnson for "closing the deal" with our newest team member. They have all the major lines of bikes, Harley, Honda, Suzuki, and Kawasaki. So if you need work done on your bike or if it is time for a new steed, give'em a shot. By the way, during the summer they had live bands and food every Saturday at the dealership. I see possibilities.

This is the time of year to re-up for next year. Get your renewals in to Jim as soon as you can. We have elections coming up and a possible move to a new meeting location for 2010 and you need to be a paid up member to vote in January. Again we are in need of a member to serve as club Secretary and run for election. The board positions require you to meet once a month, board and GM meetings are on the same night, and the Secretary position requires you to take notes and produce minutes. It should only require 3-4 hours a month. If interested email me or Diana if you have questions on the duties. It is important to realize that this position helps make decisions to steer the club, we need the help.

Last but not least, please read the by-law amendments in the back, these will be up for a vote at election night. Please also remember that on Sunday morning we still meet at Burger King at Old Orchard to solve the problems of the world and basically kick some tire, join us for a cup of Joe or a breakfast.

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: December 22, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting

6:30 PM before each GM Meeting

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Sunday Rides

The scheduled ride season is over until next April. **Until then you can get together with Shadow Rider buddies to chat and—weather permitting—go on impromptu rides.** Meet at Burger King in Old Orchard Center, 14128 Manchester at 9:00-9:30 am.

Web Site

www.shadowriders-stl.com

Membership

	Dec '08	Dec '09
Main Members	116	114
Significant Others	25	27
Total	141	141

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, Secretary, Road Captain

Our club does not function without volunteers. The Board, Road Captains, Ambassadors, Sunday rides, newsletter, website, membership, merchandise, social events, and charity functions are all manned by volunteers who want to give something back to our club. Without them there would be no club.

In January we will hold our election of officers. I never understood why it is so difficult to get members to run for office. This gives you the perfect opportunity to have a voice in club operations. It also gives you a deeper understanding of our club's history and goals for the future. We are all busy people with lives outside of this club, but this club and the motorcycling community are also an important part of our lives. A few hours of volunteered time can reap immeasurable benefits to us as individuals and to the whole Shadow Riders Club.

2010 holds exciting possibilities for our club. One of which is a new sponsor to fill the 2nd primary sponsor spot. (More details on this at a later date.) I encourage you to take on a project, route a new Sunday ride, or serve on a committee in 2010. We are always looking for Saturday Night Out planners, Progressive Food Ride coordinators, Picnic planners, Holiday Party people, Ambassadors, etc. Talk to any Board member about what you can do to help the club that rides more than any other motorcycle club in St. Louis.

On a final note I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Board in 2009. I have found it quite educational and very rewarding. I have also learned that small efforts make a big difference.

I wish you all a very happy holiday.



☺ **Hello everyone,**

From Cliff Connoyer, Safety Officer

What a great riding season it was. Everyone deserves to pat themselves on the back. Now is the time to start thinking about new rides or routes you would like to see on the schedule next year.

A while back we did the drivers test, so now let's see how you do on the motorcycle test. ☺

- 1. A plastic shatter-resistant face shield:** A) Is not necessary if you have a windshield. B) Only protects your eyes. C) Helps to protect your whole face. D) Does not protect your face as well as goggles.
- 2. More than half of all crashes:** A) Occur at speeds greater than 35 mph. B) Happen at night. C) Are caused by worn tires. D) Involve riders who have ridden their motorcycles less than six months.
- 3. When riding, you should:** A) Turn your head and shoulders to look through the turns. B) Keep your arms straight. C) Keep your knees away from the gas tank. D) Turn just your head and eyes to look where you are going.
- 4. Usually, a good way to handle tailgaters is to:** A) Change lanes and let them pass. B) Use your horn and make obscene gestures. C) Speed up to put distance between you and the tailgater. D) Ignore them.
- 5. To reduce your reaction time, you should:** A) Ride slower than the speed limit. B) Cover the clutch and the breaks. C) Shift into neutral when slowing. D) Pull in the clutch when turning.
- 6. Making eye contact with other drivers:** A) Is a good sign they see you. B) Is not worth the effort it takes. C) Doesn't mean that the driver will yield. D) Guarantees that the other driver will yield to you.
- 7. Reflective clothing should:** A) Be worn at night. B) Be worn during the day. C) Not be worn. D) Be worn day and night.

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8. **The best way to stop quickly is to:** A) Use the front brake only. B) Use the rear brake first. C) Throttle down and use the front brake. D) Use both brakes at the same time.
9. **When it starts to rain is usually best to:** A) Ride in the center of the lanes. B) Pull off to the side until the rain stops. C) Ride in the tire tracks left by cars. D) Increase your speed.
10. **If your motorcycle starts to wobble:** A) Accelerate out of the wobble. B) Use the brakes gradually. C) Grip the handlebars firmly and close the throttle gradually. D) Downshift.
11. **If you are chased by a dog:** A) Kick it away. B) Stop until the animal loses interest. C) Swerve around the animal. D) Approach the animal slowly, then speed up.
12. **Passengers should:** A) Lean as you lean. B) Hold on to the motorcycle seat. C) Sit as far back as possible. D) Never hold onto you.
13. **When riding in a group, inexperienced riders should position themselves:** A) Just behind the leader. B) In front of the group. C) At the tail end of the group. D) Beside the leader.
14. **If you wait one hour per drink for the alcohol to be eliminated from your body before riding:** A) You cannot be arrested for drinking and riding. B) Your riding skills will not be affected. C) Side effects from the drinking may still remain. D) You will be ok as long as you ride slowly.

Answers: 1-C 2-D 3-D 4-A 5-B 6-C 7-D 8-D 9-C 10-C 11-D 12-A 13-A 14-C

Holiday Charity Opportunity

The Boys & Girls Town of Missouri, STL location, has made a special plea for help. One of their largest donors, whose contributions gifted holiday wishes to 100 kids or more, was unable to donate this year. The Shadow Riders Club did not choose a charity to support this holiday season, but if you would like to make an individual contribution, this group is grateful for your generosity.

You can donate online with a credit card. For this gift to affect the 2009 holiday season, please complete your online donation by Friday, December 18th. Access www.bgtm.org. Click on "DONATE" on the top bar, and then "DONATE ONLINE" from the dropdown box. Fill in your personal information and your credit card info. If you use the TRIBUTE box, mark your donation as a TRIBUTE/HONOR GIFT, and then put MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM SHADOW RIDERS-STL in the TRIBUTE OCCASION box, they will associate all of our individual gifts as a combined effort from the club.

If you would like to contribute, but not online, call Jennifer Wilson at 314-256-4903 and ask about an alternate way to give (credit card over the phone, mailed check, drop off items on their wish list, etc).



An Invitation from Peggy Phillips

Please join me on Saturday Dec 26th, at my home in Sainte Genevieve, for an Open House party. Arrive between 4 and 10 pm, and stay as long as you like -- even after 10, if we have some hardy partiers! I will provide a sumptuous bounty of food for your culinary delight, and you bring whatever you want to drink, soft beverages or hard beverages. I have room to keep beer & wine cold, and to store ice you bring for mixed drinks that you want to make.

I do ask that you RSVP, so that I have plenty of food on hand. Call me and leave a message at 314-428-6233, or e-mail me at pPhillips@ccaglobal.com. Let me know if you need directions to my home.

Nominations Still Open for 2010 Club Officers

Current candidates are:

President:	Bob Mueller	Vice President:	Rich Bayers; Diana Johnson
Treasurer:	Russ Davis	Safety Officer:	Cliff Connoyer; Lou Soucy
Secretary:	<i>no candidate yet</i>		

To nominate someone or to volunteer for any of these offices contact:
Paul Hann — 314-398-4224
Eric Levy — 314-644-1001 or xtabber@gmail.com
Larry McGowen — 314-495-1847 or lmcgowen@hrh-advantage.com

Nominations will be open until the end of the December club meeting.
Election of officers will take place at the January meeting.

Vote on these Proposed By-Laws Amendments at the January meeting.

Article Five, Section 3, B – Current by-laws:

The outgoing President may, at his/her discretion, attend any/all SRC-STL Board meetings, as a non-voting member, for the duration of the new Board.

Article Five, Section 3, B – Proposed by-laws:

The outgoing President shall serve as official advisor to the new Board for the first six months of its term and may attend SRC-STL Board meetings, as a non-voting member, during that period.

Article Five, Section 1, D. – Current by-laws:

The SRC-STL elections will be conducted at the January General Membership meeting. Ballots will be accepted only from members who are eligible to vote, whose current year's dues have been paid, and who are present at that meeting.

Article Five, Section 1, D. – Proposed by-laws:

The SRC-STL elections will be conducted at the January General Membership meeting. Ballots will be accepted only from members who are eligible to vote, whose current year's dues have been paid, and who are present at that meeting, except for the absentee ballot provision, as follows.

For any slate that contains more than one person running for any office, the Board shall provide for an absentee ballot process that allows members who are unable to attend the January meeting to vote between the finalization of nominations at the December meeting and the January voting meeting. The process may include pre-voting at the December meeting, or voting by mail, electronic or other processes, so long as the absentee votes are verified as cast by members who are eligible to vote, and whose dues associated with the election year have been paid.

Shadow Riders Holiday Party

January 16, 2010
7pm-midnight

VFW

115 Mimosa Lane
Ballwin, MO 63011

Catered by

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(Beer and Soda included)

Dancing to the Music

by Paul Hann

RSVP & payment due January 1, 2010
Send to Susan Braun (636) 677-2116
5717 Werner Dr., High Ridge, MO 63049

\$20.00 per person — Checks payable to Shadow Riders *(Please indicate name(s) attending on check.)*



Dec 2009-Jan 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 13 Hang Out Maybe Ride	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19
Dec 20 Hang Out Maybe Ride	Dec 21	Dec 22 Club Meeting 7 pm Bd Mtg 6:30	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25 Christmas Day	Dec 26 Peggy Phillips' Open House 4-10
Dec 27 Hang Out Maybe Ride	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1	Jan 2
Jan 3 Hang Out Maybe Ride	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6	Jan 7	Jan 8	Jan 9
Jan 10 Hang Out Maybe Ride	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 13	Jan 14	Jan 15	Jan 16 Holiday Party
Jan 17 Hang Out Maybe Ride	Jan 18	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 20	Jan 22	Jan 23
Jan 24 Hang Out Maybe Ride	Jan 25	Jan 26 Club Meeting 7 pm Bd Mtg 6:30 <i>Elections!</i>	Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30

December Birthdays

03 - Ron Eckert	16 - Mike Neuhaus
04 - Frank C. Mehrrens	19 - Elery Sharp
10 - Dan Donnelly	19 - Randy Hendershot
10 - Gary Scherer	24 - Linn Acree
12 - Sharon Lopez	27 - John Brubaker
14 - Jim Hinklin	27 - Donna Shaw



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

Like new condition. **Only 4500 miles!**

Includes windshield, highway bars, saddlebags, extra set of mirrors, small luggage rack, and vinyl cover.

Asking \$4300.

Contact Steve Stoner at 314-604-7352 or stonest@yahoo.com

08/09

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

For Sale: Cold weather riding gear

First Gear insulated textile Kenya jacket (L) and matching insulated overpant (women's 12). Both are waterproof and in excellent condition. **\$60 each or \$100 for the pair.**

Contact Nita at (314) 808-7762 or nita@palaver.org

10/09



Wishful Thinking

November 24, 2009, GM Meeting Report

Treasurer's report shows we are still running slightly ahead of budget by \$455. All money in the Bikers for Babies fund has been paid out to the March of Dimes and that balance is now -0-. Vice President, Rich Bayers, introduced Missy from March of Dimes who presented awards to Mark Levin, who raised over \$4200, and Erin O'Donnell, who raised \$3800, for the Bikers for Babies event this year. Two of three top money raisers were our fellow Shadow Riders. Awesome job!! Safety Officer, Cliff Connoyer, stated Road Captain issues will be addressed early next year in a separate meeting for Road Captains. This will include existing and new or future Road Captains. Be thinking of new rides for 2010. Membership coordinator, Jim Gianella, reported main members 114, SO 27, Jr. Members 0, for a total of 141. 3 new members were announced. Renewal applications have been sent to everyone. You must be paid up to vote at Jan. election of board members. Paul Hann reported on the success of last week's SNO event at Jive-n-Wail in Maplewood. Good turnout of 22. A good time was had by all. Paul also reported on behalf of the nomination committee. There are candidates for all positions except Secretary. Yours truly, Madam Secretary, Diana, brought in her award plaque and pictures from the Chili Cook Off at Ted's on Nov. 7. Thanked everyone once again for their support. Madam Secretary also brings on Big St. Charles Motorsports as 2nd primary sponsor for 2010. More details to follow. Kevin Polito and Erin O'Donnell celebrate Nov. birthdays. Sue Braun was present and accepting checks and reservations for the holiday party Jan. 16, 2010, at VFW in Ballwin. Peggy Phillips has info to pass along for Boys & Girls Town in need of some help this season. Contact Peggy. Approx. 11 members committed to Yellowstone trip Aug. 20, 2010. Contact Lou Soucy if interested. Peggy Phillips is hosting her annual Open House Dec. 26, from 4:00pm - ?. All are invited. Bring your own choice of beverage. Contact info in SRC buzz book. Contact Membership's Jim Gianella if you need a 'Buzz Book' or don't know what a 'Buzz Book' is. 50/50 \$31.00

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

See what you miss when you miss a meeting.

Just a reminder that renewal applications are being accepted. Your membership must be paid by the night of the January meeting if you plan to vote for board members.

Individual membership is \$24.00 and joint membership is \$36.00. Renewal applications can be printed from our website. Include any information that has changed and be sure to sign both your check and the application.

(If you don't have web access, call Jim at **314-644-2970**.)



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