



# The Shadow Writer

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Official Newsletter of the  
Shadow Riders Club of St. Louis

## A Letter from the President

Dear Shadow Riders;

Well the end of 2010 is upon us. May I first wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and fantastic holiday season. Please do not forget what this season is all about: family, friends, and goodwill towards others. Count your blessings of the past and plan to spend time with loved ones.

I know the club had a great 2010. Again we had the best weekly ride schedule in the area, we are surpassed by no one. And the road trips, all I can say is WOW! Arkansas, J&P Cycle, Sturgis, Yellowstone, and the Smoky Mountains all in one year; folks, no club does that. And then add the club picnic, the Saturday nights out, Holiday party, and the best club website and newsletter, and you have, flat out, the best damn club in St. Louis. I am proud of the work the officers and co-ordination team did this year, they flat ass delivered! A big THANK YOU to all who have contributed, I know it's fun, but without you we would not be able to offer the riding experience we offer. If you were not part of this group this year be part of it next year, we need you. When you see one of these folks, thank them.

Club elections are in January, we need folks to run the club. Step up and run for office, it will be one of the best experiences you have in motorcycling, giving the gift to others.

Well, in 2011 the beat keeps on. We have a good time planned for January 22nd as Sue Braun is coordinating the club's annual Holiday Party; members are just \$10 in advance so get your reservations in to Sue and your music selection into Robin. [*see pg 8 for more party details*] Looks like a couple of trips are already being planned, in the spring to Milwaukee and the new Harley museum and then in late August to the Grand Canyon and Southern Utah with Colorado thrown in for good measure. If you missed the road trips this year, get on board for next year. We will be planning some Saturday Nights Out in the off season and of course we have our scintillating monthly get together at Growlers where you can share a meal and a beer with some great folks and talk motorcycling. And every Sunday we meet at 9AM for breakfast at Hometown Buffet in Old Orchard, if it is nice ride your bike, we may ride, but I know for a fact we will shoot the BS and plan rides for 2011.

See you on Sundays,  
**Bob**

**Bob Mueller**  
**President**

 **Chartered Club**  
AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST ASSOCIATION

## Meetings

### Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month



### Growler's Pub

3811 S. Lindbergh  
(a little bit south of I-44)

**NEXT MEETING: December 28, 2010**

Board Meeting at 6:30 pm before club meeting.

### Sunday Rides

**The scheduled ride season is over!**

**Between now and April, lonely Shadow Riders can meet on Sunday for breakfast and BS at Old Orchard's Hometown Buffet.**

**Show up about 9, eat, chat, and take an impromptu ride if the weather is nice.**

### Web Site

[www.shadowriders-stl.com](http://www.shadowriders-stl.com)

### Membership

	Dec '09	Dec '10
<b>Main Members</b>	114	152
<b>Significant Others</b>	27	30
<b>Total</b>	141	182

**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](mailto:membership@shadowriders-stl.com).

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### Did you know...

*By Diana Johnson, Vice-President*

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 you as an individual and to the whole Shadow Riders Club.

I wish you all a very happy holiday.

### Hey Everybody,

*From Lou Soucy, Safety Officer*

OK, I give up. The official ride season is done. We stretched it out an extra week and then another, but now it's really over??? Bring your ideas for a new club ride to Hometown Buffet Sunday mornings, and if the weather is nice, let's go for a ride. If anyone wants to do a New Year's Day ride, send out and email to the club. You never know what the weather will be like; we may go as far as Uncle Bill's Pancakes or Hermann.

It may be time to winterize your bike. I'm certainly no expert, but I'll tell you a few things I like to do. Change the oil and filter if it's over halfway to its next scheduled change. Use lighter weight oil if you plan on riding in colder weather; follow the owners manual guidelines. Put half a can of Sea Foam in a full tank of fuel, let it mix and run the engine a while to get it thoroughly through the entire system. That will help stabilize the fuel and clean out any kind of fuel system you have. Hopefully you can park it indoors. If you have it in an unheated garage, a piece of old carpet under it and a breathable cover over it helps cut down on condensation. If you start it for a ride or to charge the battery every couple of weeks that would be great, but run / ride it 'til its completely warmed up for a while before shutting it off. If you don't think you will run it every couple of weeks, it's a good idea to get a battery tender. Check your tire pressure before you ride!

OK, let's talk some safety stuff. A friend of mine sent me some info on a recent accident of a Southern California motorcycle club and asked what I thought. I usually don't like to talk about this stuff, but we may be able to learn from this. Looks like there were many contributing factors that could have been avoided and that we are all far too familiar with. You can Google it and get all the details if you want, but basically this is what happened.

- The club is riding in a group of 12 bikes with 21 riders, slower than the speed limit and the flow of traffic on a two lane rural highway.
- An impatient car behind them makes a run at passing the stretched-out leisurely-riding group.
- That car doesn't make it around before it meets a car coming the other direction.
- The car coming the other direction runs off the road, loses control and veers back onto the road, slamming into the middle of the group of riders. You can imagine the devastation.
- The driver that actually caused the accident never even stopped.

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I firmly believe that riding in a group is safer than going solo if done properly. The SRC group riding guidelines that have been around since time began do a good job us keeping us safe. You can find the guidelines on the SRC website. If you don't do the computer thing, ask me for a written copy at a club meeting. Forming groups early on organized rides and limiting them to no more than eight is important. I know the next time Ira or Diana say "Lou, you sure you want to take that big of a group?" I'm gonna say, nope -- you're absolutely right. But to keep smaller groups we need more lead road captains to step in. Maybe we should add to our guidelines that when we're in traffic, we should keep a reasonably tight formation and go with the flow of traffic, otherwise pull off somewhere and let traffic pass.

Line up EARLY and OFTEN, Lou

Hello fellow Shadow Riders,

It's time again for membership renewal. We had a great riding season this year. Even though we had some rainouts (as usual), we made up for them by rescheduling the rides.

The Board of Directors and I hope you will renew your membership for 2011 for another great riding season starting in April.

By the time you get this Newsletter, you should have received an email with a link to renew your Shadow Riders membership. If you didn't, or can't find it, here is the link again: [http://www.shadowriders-stl.com/Files/I\\_Renew\\_App.pdf](http://www.shadowriders-stl.com/Files/I_Renew_App.pdf) (You'll have to copy and paste it into your browser.) Members that don't have email and get their Newsletter by mail should have received their renewal application by mail.

Besides your name, be sure to include your address, phone number(s), and email address(es) so I can be sure the members list and Buzz Book are up to date for 2011; only one email address for each person will be included in the Buzz Book. Also include any changes to your motorcycle and addition/deletion of significant other.

At the top be sure to mark Yes or No to be included or not for the Buzz Book. If it is not marked, you will not be added.

Be sure to **SIGN** and **DATE** the application. Your signature is **REQUIRED** for the liability waiver and don't forget to **SIGN** your check and include it with the application. Return the **WHOLE** application.

You can bring your application and check to the meeting or mail it to me at the address listed on the application. Renewal amounts are: Individual membership \$24.00, Joint membership \$36.00. **Your renewal application and dues must be received by the January 25, 2011 meeting in order to be eligible to vote for new Board members.**

Members who are not required to renew their membership because they already paid for both 2010 & 2011: Jim Dinigan—David Gilbert—Merle & Candy Hash Jr.—Chris Kost—Marshall Smith—James JD Vickers

Jim Gianella, Membership Coordinator

# Dec 2010-Jan 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 12 Hang out — maybe ride	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18
Dec 19 Hang out — maybe ride	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>
Dec 26 Hang out — maybe ride	Dec 27	Dec 28 Club Meeting 7 pm Board 6:30	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31	Jan 1 <i>New Years' Day</i>
Jan 2 Hang out — maybe ride	Jan 3	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6	Jan 7	Jan 8
Jan 9 Hang out — maybe ride	Jan 10	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 13	Jan 14	Jan 15
Jan 16 Hang out — maybe ride	Jan 17	Jan 18	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21	Jan 22 <i>Holiday Party</i>
Jan 23 Hang out — maybe ride	Jan 24	Jan 25 Club Meeting 7 pm Board 6:30	Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29

## Nominations Are Still Open for 2011 Club Officers

No candidates yet! Please be the first to nominate someone  
or to volunteer for the office of  
president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, or safety officer.

Contact:

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**John Grandt — 314-277-8689 or [jmgrandt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmgrandt@sbcglobal.net)**

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

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

### Gateway BMW Motorcycles

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### New name badges you can pin on your vest!

They are 2" x 3½" good quality silver-gray plastic with black border and your name in black letters. \$10 each. Contact Bob Mueller to order yours.



### FOR SALE: 2003 Kawasaki Vulcan Nomad

39XXX miles, light bar, windshield bag, 4" risers, cobra pipes and original equipment pipes, rider and passenger backrests, luggage rack, cup holder, engine guard chaps, cover. **\$6,000.**

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**General Membership Meeting**  
**November 23, 2010**

**Reports:**

**Vice President's Report (Diana Johnson)** – Thanks to everyone who came out to the Chili Cook-off at Big St. Charles Harley Davidson! The budget for the Holiday Party was presented to the club. The motion was made by Ron Eckert and seconded by Rich Bayers. Club members unanimously voted to approve the budget and ticket pricing for the Holiday Party in January 2011.

**Safety Officer's Report (Lou Soucy)** – Trips in the planning stages for next year – an Arkansas trip in the spring and a 14 day Grand Canyon/Utah/Arizona trip in August.

**Treasurer's Report (Russ Davis)** – Budget for the year is still on track. We are running ahead of budget.

**Additional Notes: Holiday Party** – The party will be held January 22 at the VFW Hall in Ballwin. Tickets can be purchased at the December meeting or by mailing a check to Sue Braun. Checks should be made out to Shadow Riders Club. **Saturday Night Out** – Cancelled for December. **Gateway BMW** will have an open house December 4 from 10:00 to 3:00. **Ladies Garage Party** at Gateway Harley Davidson will be December 12. **50/50** – John Grandt won \$24.00.

**Membership Details – Jim Gianella:** 153 Members / 30 Significant Others / 183 Total Members (50 or 27% of which are female riders) **Welcome to our new members** – Chris Kost who rides a black 2009 Yamaha Raider / Jim Denigan – Black 2009 BMW G650GS or Gray 2008 Kawasaki Concourse / Marshall Smith – Pearl Yellow 2000 Honda VFR800F1 / Merle & Candy Hash, Jr. – Candy Red 2009 Yamaha Royal Star / Dave Gilbert – 2008 Honda Aero. **10 year anniversary** – Larry McGowan

**Here's a head-up for next summer:  
Shadow Riders Utah trip, August 17-30, 2011**

Leave from Eureka QT on Wednesday, August 17; ride to Salina, KS. Aug 18 to Colorado Springs. Aug 19 to Pagosa Springs, CO. Aug 20 to Cortez, CO. Aug 21 to Williams, AZ. Aug 23 to Tropic, UT. Aug 25 to Blanding, UT. Aug 26 to Moab, UT. Aug 28 to Greeley, CO. Aug 29 to Marysville, KS. Aug 30 back to Wentzville, MO.

More details next month.

**December Birthdays**

03 - Ron Eckert  
04 - Frank C. Mehrtens  
05 - Andrea Geiler  
06 - Sam Akers  
10 - Dan Donnelly  
12 - Sharon Lopez

12 - Jim Denigan  
16 - Mike Neuhaus  
19 - Elery Sharp  
19 - Randy Hendershot  
24 - Linn Acree  
24 - Ken Treftz  
25 - Renee Joiner



# Shadow Riders Holiday Party

**Members and a Guest Invited**

**When:** January 22, 2011  
7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Where:** Ballwin Memorial VFW Post 6274  
115 Mimosa Lane., Ballwin, MO 63011  
(off Manchester Rd. behind Ballwin Post Office)  
636-527-9555



**Cost:** \$10.00 per Member  
\$10.00 per Significant Other (Paid up SO)  
\$20.00 for Guest

Make check payable to Shadow Riders Club  
Send to Sue Braun, 5717 Werner Dr., High Ridge, MO 63049 Ph: 636-376-8482  
Reservations must be made and money received by Sue no later than Jan. 10, 2011.

## Featuring:

### Awesome dance music by D.J. Denny Fransis

Robin Potter is taking music requests for our DJ  
Send music requests in advance to [robinsnest19@charter.net](mailto:robinsnest19@charter.net)

### Tasty food provided by Syberg's Catering

Pork Tenderloin, Chicken Breast in White Wine Sauce, Parmesan Roasted Potatoes  
Green Beans Almandine, Italian Salad, Meat/Cheese/Crackers, and Cheesecake  
Draft Beer and soda included

### Attendance prizes!

Your party coordinators: Sue Braun, Robin Potter, & Jim Gianella

