



The Shadow Writer *December, 2013*

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

A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders;

It's the end of the riding season and the start of our off-season riding schedule. Be sure to check the website as to where we'll be meeting each Sunday morning to kick some tires and shoot the bull. So come by on Sunday about 9:00 am during the off season for a bite to eat and a cup of coffee.

Interested in running for the club board? Get your name and position desired in as soon as possible. Elections for the board and the club's 2014 charity are in January. And remember: you must have your 2014 dues paid to vote.

Also the December club meeting is being moved up to Tuesday the 17th because of the holiday, so mark your calendar.

As we bring 2013 to a close, on behalf of the Board, I'd like to wish each of you a happy and joyous Holiday Season and a Safe and Happy New Year!

The older I get, the faster I was.
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: December 17, 2013

Board meeting 30 minutes before regular meeting.

Sunday Gatherings

Sundays at 9:00 AM. We will alternate between the north location at the Hometown Buffet 12228 St. Charles Rock Road and south at the Golden Corral at 6110 S. Lindbergh. To keep our calendars updated: the December gatherings started at the north location on 12/01/13.

General Membership Meeting November 2013

Next months meeting is scheduled for December 17th due to the holiday.

Nominations were taken for positions on the Board including:
 Diana Johnson for Secretary- with no opposition
 Eric Johnston for VP- Opposition Tony Weaver
 Erin O'Donnell for Treasurer-Opposition Russ Davis
 John Geiler for Safety Officer- no opposition
 Lou Soucy for President- no opposition

Make sure you make it to the January meeting for voting on both your new board members and our 2014 Charity choice for next year including: Make a Wish Foundation; Bikers for Babies; and Hartbauer McBride. If you have a nomination for either you will need to voice that at the next meeting or send an e-mail to Dave Simorka.

There will be no gift wrapping taking place at Big St. Charles this year due to the low turnout last year.

Hope you got your tickets for the "Why We Ride" movie presentation on Dec. 8th. At this point this looks like a sold out event.

New meeting place for breakfast on Sundays winter schedule will be at the Golden Corral at 6110 S. Lindbergh across from Mungenast. Come on out around 9am and have a hot breakfast and talk about the future of the Shadow Riders rides and events.

Make sure you get your mileage into Dave S. by January for the yearly patch for miles accumulated, both for the previous year and starting for 2014.

If you have a collection of motorcycle magazines that you would like to pass on so others can enjoy, please bring them into the next meeting to be distributed.

The Holiday Party is scheduled for January 25th - mark your calendars and get your \$10 per person into Sue Braun or Robin Potter as soon as you can. Venue is to include a DJ at the Elks Lodge on Mason Lane, bar set up will be \$2 beers and \$2.50 well drinks, dinner is yet to be determined but will be included!

Photos from the Club Picnic were passed around at the meeting and looked quite good. If you got yours taken separately or would like a group photo they will be available soon.

100% Polyester Hi-Visibility T-Shirts are in the works. Silk screen printing of the club logo on the shirts is being pursued. If you would like one without the logo SS \$6.50 LS \$8.50 -see Dave Walters.

Next year will host at least a few great trips with your Shadow Rider friends. First is the Canadian Rockies Banff trip including many great scenic roads and stops along the way leaving on August 16th and returning on the 29th. See Lou Soucy for details.

Bob Mueller is taking a week long trip out to Sturgis for the Rally so please contact him with interest and lodging information.

Dennis Meade will be heading out to the West Coast for a Hwy 1 trip for anyone interested, which will also be near the end of August.

Any of these trips can be tailored to your liking, so consider heading out for a great adventure on your bike!

Doc's Harley Davidson has "Lady's of Harley Chili Cook-off" on December 7th.

Dennis Meade won \$30 on the 50/50 drawing.

Ride – Just because you can,
 Andrea

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November Membership

Main Members	89
Significant Others	23
Juniors	3
Total	115

December Birthdays

- 04 - FRANK C. MEHRTENS
- 05 - ANDREA GEILER
- 10 - DAN DONNELLY
- 12 - SHARON LOPEZ
- 12 - LISA SOUCY
- 14 - LAURIE GIANELLA
- 19 - RANDY HENDERSHOT
- 21 - RICHARD IMPERIALE
- 24 - LINN ACREE
- 26 - PATRICK WALSH
- 26 - PHILLIP CROW
- 28 - ERIC CRUM

Hello for the last time (as Safety Officer),

My stint as your club safety officer is on its last month. I want to thank everyone in this club for voting me to this position a couple of years ago...it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve on the board. I want to thank my fellow board members for, what I consider, a couple of great years.

I hope at least a few of my tips that were given over this time period may have helped you, or opened your eyes to another perspective.

For those that are new to the club, welcome, and spread the word of SR's to co-workers, friends, and family. This club is fantastic, and the US is at our beckoning call. I have been a member since 2008 and have seen more of the US since then, than in my previous 39 years on this earth. I have put over 10,000 miles a year consistently since 2009. I have been brought to the verge of tears taking in the beauty that has been put in front of my eyes while vacationing with the club. You just don't know what the club will come up with, but rest assured, it will amaze you consistently.

It would be nice to see some new members start stepping up and getting more involved. I was petrified on my first road captain ride...I turned us around a few times (I still do), but it didn't matter. We are out on Sunday's to enjoy a passion that runs deep in our souls. Riding gives you time to think and ponder (while paying attention to the road, and your surroundings). It heals.....

Again, thanks to you all for being part of a great club, and just being good people. I look forward to many years to come (+ Canadian Rockies!!!!!!).

Dave Walters



A Legislative Update from Jim Gianella

Laws that were signed by the Governor and are in effect as of August 2013

MOTORCYCLE AWARENES MONTH - The month of May is hereby designated as "Motorcycle Awareness Month" in the state of Missouri. (RSMO 9.174)

MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINTS - This act prohibits law enforcement agencies from establishing roadside checkpoint or road block patterns based upon a particular vehicle type, including the establishment of motorcycle-only checkpoints. Law enforcement agencies may establish roadside checkpoint patterns that only stop and check commercial motor vehicles. The provisions of the act shall not be construed to restrict any other type of checkpoint or road block which is lawful and is established and operated in accordance with the provisions of the United States Constitution and the Constitution of Missouri. (RSMO 304.152)

MOTORCYCLE BRAKE LIGHTS - This act allows a motorcycle to be equipped with a means of varying the brightness of its brake light for a duration of not more than 5 seconds upon application of the vehicle's brakes. (RSMO 307.075)

**WE'RE HAVING A PARTY!
A GREAT PARTY!
AND YOU'RE INVITED!**



**OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY <> DECEMBER 14, 2013
10AM - 3PM**



**DOUBLE POINTS <> SALES <> FUN <> DOOR PRIZES
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A Reminder From Jim Gianella: Membership

Membership renewal will be approaching soon. I will be sending an email around Thanksgiving. New members that have paid dues for the last quarter of this year are paid up for 2014. I will let you know who you are when I send out the email. Renewing members can send their renewal application and check as soon as you like. I need your application, it's a big help in keeping track of who renewed. Make any necessary changes from the previous year. Be sure to mark 2014 at top of application. Above all, make sure you sign your check. Yes, I have had checks in the past that were not signed. To complete an application, go to the club website and click on Membership, and on the Membership page, click on Renewal Application. You can fill in the application online, or print it first and then complete it. Mail it to me with your check or bring it to November's meeting. For those without internet, I will mail you an application.

Bike Count for December

Honda - 36	Harley - 26	Kawasaki - 11	Suzuki - 5	Yamaha - 12	BMW - 4
Vento - 1	Big Dog - 1	CanAm - 2	Triumph - 2	KTM - 1	Victory - 2

December 2013/January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec. 8 Gathering: South	Dec. 9	Dec. 10	Dec. 11	Dec. 12	Dec. 13	Dec. 14
Dec. 15 Gathering: North	Dec. 16	Dec. 17 Monthly Meeting	Dec. 18	Dec. 19	Dec. 20	Dec. 21
Dec. 22 Gathering: South	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 25 Christmas Day	Dec. 26	Dec. 27	Dec. 28
Dec. 29 Gathering: North	Dec. 30	Dec. 31 New Years Eve	Jan. 1 New Years Day	Jan. 2	Jan. 3	Jan. 4
Jan. 5 Gathering: South	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11



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