



The Shadow Writer

February 2011

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

A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders:

It is time! As we move into February the time is here to start to prepare for the riding season. At our monthly meeting in February we will begin the year by getting a budget in place for 2011. And we will start the process of getting our rides together for the year and finalize that at the March meeting and in April our ride season starts. I don't know about you but this has been one long cold winter, and I am ready to ride, and of course eat.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Sue Braun and her team of volunteers for a great Holiday Party. I personally could not be there as work duty called but the reports were excellent. It sounds like everyone had a great time. The club picked up most of the tab for the party and continues to return more to its members than any club around St. Louis. We hope to do more in the coming year to deliver for the membership.

I also want to take this time to tip my hat to every person in the club that organized, led, road captained, assisted, or did anything to help in putting on a ride last year. Without these folks this club could not put on the ride schedule we conduct. Many are tireless and dedicate many hours to your riding pleasure, a big tip of the cap to these valuable and indispensable members. If you organized a ride in 2010, the club will buy you lunch in the spring at the Augusta BBQ; more to come on that at the meeting.

I also want to thank the board: Diana, Lou, Rhonda and Russ. These guys are the best. Thanks to them the club has never been in better shape. Fiscally we are VERY solid, we put on the most aggressive ride schedule in the city, and our trip line-up is unmatched. Quite frankly the best 24 bucks you can spend in motorcycling!

For this year we hope to improve the fun quotient at meetings and rides with some new stuff, so come on out and feel free to email me your ideas or let me know at a ride. Well, if the weather breaks, get out and ride, and don't forget we meet on Sunday mornings at Hometown Buffet until riding begins, come on out.

Ride often,
Bob

Bob Mueller
President



Meetings

Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month



**NEWEST
PLACE**

Growler's Pub

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

NEXT MEETING: February 22, 2011

Board Meeting at 6:30 pm before club meeting.

Sunday Rides

It's almost time for a new ride season!

Until 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

Membership

	Feb '10	Feb '11
Main Members	83	77
Significant Others	21	27
Juniors	0	1
Total	104	105

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

Saturday, January 22, was our annual holiday party. We wish to thank Sue Braun for coordinating this event. The party was fun, the food was good and the company was great. Well done, girlfriend. We, and Sue, also wish to thank her minions for their contributions.

Robin Potter for securing the DJ and music and helping with the grunt work.

Jim Gianella for handling Syberg's catering and our delicious meal.

Russ Davis for handling the finances.

Brad Merch (Laura B's hubby) for the oil change certificates.

Renea Koski (website guru Ted's better half) for her custom made SRC key chains.

Marklyn Cobb and Gateway BMW for their generous donation of goodies.

Bob Gebel and Big St. Charles Motorsports for their generous attendance prizes and gift cards.

Eric & Karen Johnston, Pete Hoyer, and Cathy Noel for helping with the set up.

We also want to thank 2010's Coordination Team: Jim Gianella for his dedicated work with membership, Nita Fisher for her awesome work on the newsletter, Ted Koski for the best damn motorcycle club website in St. Louis, Ira Steuer for Saturday Night Out party planner extraordinaire, Laura Boone for managing our merchandise, Rich Bayers for serving as our March of Dimes liaison, and Ron Eckert for stepping up to serve as our Hartbauer-McBride liaison. I wish to express my appreciation for my fellow board members. We make one hell of a team and it looks like we get to do it again in 2011. Everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated. Thanks for volunteering. What a team, what a club!

Hey Everybody,

From Lou Soucy, Safety Officer

I'd have to say it's been a pretty tough winter for bikers so far. The club ride to St Clair at the end of last November was the last good day to ride I can remember. The good news is that Punxsutawney Phil is predicting an early spring, so it's time to get ready to ride! Phil better be right, I just looked out the window and it's snowing its ass off.

You may recognize the following info from last February's newsletter, but it wouldn't hurt to go over it again. Many of these things came in very useful on rides and road trips last year. This time of the year is great for making plans and getting ready for the upcoming riding season. Some of the things you may want to consider are:

- ◇ Is it time for a new helmet? How old is mine and how many times did I drop it last year?
- ◇ Think about gear to keep you warmer or cooler when you need it to extend your riding season.
- ◇ Is the rain suit ready for another year of, oh let's not say that word !!!
- ◇ Is there anything you can add to your bike or yourself to be more **VISIBLE** ?
- ◇ Is the bike ready? Tires, maintenance, safety inspection? (You all know the drill.)
- ◇ Do you carry on the bike a basic tool kit, good tire gauge, flashlight, tire repair kit? And on a trip it's not a bad idea to carry a spare key and owner's manual.

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◇ Protective clothing. You can't beat a good jacket, gloves and boots, just in case. With today's mesh jackets and gloves even on the hottest days you stay cooler, reduce sun and wind burn. I can tell you from experience that just because you've been riding for 10, 20, or 30 years and never had a problem, shit happens! Wish I was wearing that stuff the day I was just going for a short ride and a car pulled out in front of me. Road rash hurts!

And for the club:

- ⇒ Think about what rides you want to take this season.
- ⇒ Think of a new ride destination, place to eat, route. Let me know if you need help developing your idea. There are a lot of experienced club members that I'm sure wouldn't mind helping you.
- ⇒ Think about becoming a road captain. I hesitated doing it for a long time, mainly because I was unsure of directions and didn't want a bunch of unhappy campers on my rear. I hope this year we can figure out a way to get the route sheet to the road captains that want it before the day of the ride.
- ⇒ Think about being a drag bike. It's just as important a role as the lead road captain.
- ⇒ If you have any ideas or concerns about safety, let me know. No one knows as much as all of us put together.
- ⇒ Also, it's a good time to talk to your friends that ride about taking a ride with the club. If you know former club members that have quit riding with the club for one reason or another, encourage them to give it another shot.

At this month's SRC meeting we will start planning this year's ride schedule. Hope you can make it.
Lou

Think Spring!



Feb-Mar 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Feb 13 Hang out — maybe ride	Feb 14	Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17	Feb 18	Feb 19 Gateway BMW Chili Cook-off
Feb 20 Hang out — maybe ride	Feb 21	Feb 22 Club Meeting 7 pm Board 6:30	Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26
Feb 27 Hang out — maybe ride	Feb 28	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5
Mar 6 Hang out — maybe ride	Mar 7	Mar 8	Mar 9	Mar 10 Women's Garage Party	Mar 11	Mar 12
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February 19, 11am-1pm -- Gateway BMW Second Annual Chili Cook-off

Bring your famous homemade chili for other customers to judge. All you need to bring is your chili, a container for it, and a serving spoon. The shop will supply water, soda, cups and utensils. Gift certificates for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. If you don't bring chili, bring your appetite and plan to do some tasting and judging.

March 10, 6:30pm -- St. Charles Harley-Davidson Garage Party

This is a women-only event to introduce the fun of riding, provide "insider information," explore topics of interest, and ride on the dyno machine motorcycle-simulator. Ladies are asked to pre-register by email to info@stcharlesharleydavidson.com or a phone call to 636-946-6487.

Election Results

Members of the current Board
will continue in their respective offices for 2011.

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

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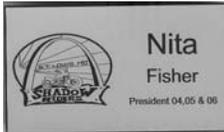
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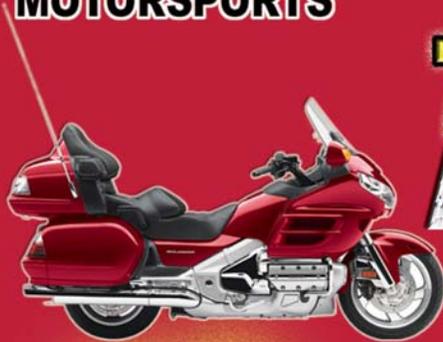
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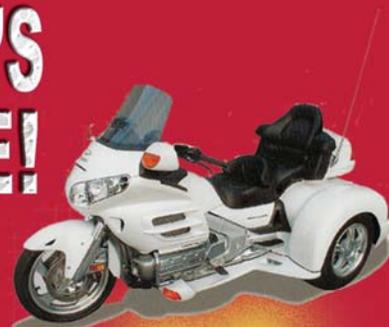
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General Membership Meeting
January 25, 2011

President's Report (Bob Mueller) – Current board members will retain positions for another year. Karen & Eric Johnston will take over as the new merchandise directors. "Idea cards" were placed on each table. Please use these as a way to make suggestions to the board of things you would like to see implemented over the coming year. Help us plan by making suggestions for Saturday Night Out ideas, new ride routes, etc. We will continue meeting at the Growler's location in South County. Mileage awards were presented. Record your beginning and ending 2011 mileage for 7,500 and 10,000 award patches.

Vice President's Report (Diana Johnson) – The Holiday Party held in January was a huge success! Approximately 60 attended for a night of wonderful food and dancing. Sue Braun and her team of helpers did a wonderful job of planning!

Safety Officer's Report (Lou Soucy) – February will be the beginning of planning the routes for next year. Plan on attending this meeting to sign up for leading your favorite route. Many trips are in the works for the year!

Treasurer's Report (Russ Davis) – Budget for 2011 will be presented at February meeting.

Bikers 4 Babies – Rich Bayer – The planning committee is working on a new route this year. Plans at this point are for the event to go back to Union Station. Put October 8 & 9 on your calendar.

50/50 drawing: Joe Kalal won \$46!

Membership Details: 71 Members, 26 Significant Others, 98 Total Members. New Members: Kathy Frazier, Laurie Gianella, Joel & Lisa Anderson, Jordan Mueller, Janet Lewandowski. One Year Anniversaries: Karen Hegger, Justin Gordan, Stanley Kolb

Reminder— if you haven't paid your membership renewal dues, you will be removed from the club's mail list and you will miss out on club news and the newsletter. So be sure to get your renewal in as soon as possible to stay up with what's going on with Shadow Riders. Individual is \$24 and Joint is \$36.

SRC Welcomes New Members for 2011

Mary Agnes "M. A." Sanders, Dave Bukk's Significant Other (rides as a passenger)

Membership Anniversaries — February

Peggy Phillips – 15 years
Donald Rygelski – 5 years

February Birthdays

01 - Cheryl Sharp
02 - Ben Castillo
05 - Paige Malicki
12 - John Olms
17 - Nita Fisher
17 - George Warren
25 - Jean Davis
26 - Cliff Connoyer



Lou added another one!
See it at the bottom of the page.

Shadow Riders Spring Trip to Arkansas—May 12-15, 2011 (Contact Person: Lou Soucy)

Leave from the QT at I-44 and Hwy 109 at 8am Thursday, May 12th. Take all back roads to Mountain View, AR—about 300 miles. Stay at the Dogwood Motel three nights. You can make your own reservations at 870-269-3847, about \$50 a night. Tell them you're a Shadow Rider.

We'll spend Friday and Saturday riding all the great roads around the area. Head home Sunday on different back roads (of course).

Shadow Riders Utah Trip Itinerary—August 17-30, 2011 (Contact Person: Lou Soucy)

- Aug 17- Leave from the Eureka QT at I-44 and Hwy 109 at 7am.
 - Ride 428 miles to Salina, KS; Stay at Motel 6 at 635 W Diamond Dr., 785-827-8397
- Aug 18- 418 miles to Colorado Springs, CO
 - Stay at Motel 6 at 3228 Chestnut St., 719-520-5400
- Aug 19- 344 miles to Pagosa Springs, CO
 - Stay at Econo Lodge at 315 Navajo Trail Dr., 970-731-2701
- Aug 20- 268 miles to Cortez, CO
 - Stay at Rodeway Inn at 1120 East Main, 970-565-376
- Aug 21- 329 miles to Williams, AZ
 - Stay at East Motel 6 at 710 W Route 66, 2 nights, 928-635-4464
- Aug 23- 366 miles to Tropic, UT
 - Stay at Best Value Inn at 199 North Main St., 2 nights, 435-679-8811
- Aug 25- 275 miles to Blanding, UT
 - Stay at Four Corners Inn at 131 E Center St., 435-678-3257
- Aug 26- 308 miles to Moab, UT
 - stay at Bowen Motel at 169 North Main, 2 nights, 435-259-7132
- Aug 28- 432 miles to Greeley, CO
 - Stay at Motel 6 at 3015 8th Ave, 970-353-3024
- Aug 29- 461 miles to Marysville, KS
 - Stay at Marysville Surf Motel at 2105 Center St, 785-562-2354
- Aug 30- 380 miles to Wentzville, MO



Bikes, Blues and BBQ, Fayetteville AR — September 28-October 1.

If you never heard of it, check out their website at <http://www.bikesbluesandbbq.org>. The best part of it for me is the ride there, around there, and back. We are leaving from the QT at Hwy 44 and 109 at 8am, Thursday the 29th, taking about 350 miles of back roads to get to Eureka Springs.

We're staying at the Comfort Inn at 196 E. Van Buren in Eureka Springs the 29th thru the 31st. A double room for the three nights will run about \$325. Call 479-253-5241 or go online. If you're thinking about going you may want to reserve a room now. Motels fill up fast for this event and you can always cancel.

Friday we are going to take off from the Comfort Inn parking lot at 8am for about a 300 mile ride. 8am Saturday we are headed to Fayetteville for the day, returning to Eureka Springs that evening. 8am Sunday we are headed home a different back roads way.. If you have never done it before I think you will enjoy it. If you have done it before, it's always a new experience with different people.

Hope you can make it, Lou Soucy .