



The Shadow Writer

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

A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders:

Well, we enter 2011 with great anticipation for another riding season. Sunday mornings at the Hometown buffet the ideas for rides and trips have been hot and heavy. We get there at 9 or 9:30 and the BS starts immediately. Costs about 7 bucks for an all you can eat breakfast bar and drinks. Some seem to be there when the lunch stuff comes out and I do not know how but have room to eat some more. Anyway, it gives you something motorcycle related to do on Sunday mornings, so stop by. Some of the planning happening is a trip to Arkansas, Milwaukee (Harley museum), the bourbon trail in Kentucky, the Grand Canyon/Utah trip among others. Going to be another great riding year!

I have to tell you of my disappointment in no one but the current board running for office. Folks, we need your help and time. If many help it doesn't take much from anyone. So be ready to lead a ride or plan a party in 2011. The current board will be confirmed in January and start putting together the season, so bring your ideas for 2011.

On a lighter note, I need your finishing mileage for 2011 emailed to me. It will also serve as your starting mileage for 2011. We have awards for 7,500 miles and 10,000 miles so join in and get me your mileage. E-mail address is bobmuellerjpc@hotmail.com

I want to thank the current co-coordinators and board for their service in 2010 and I look forward to a great 2011, when you see these people thank them.

Do not forget the holiday party on the 22nd!

Sincerely,
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: January 25, 2011

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

Membership

	Jan '10	Jan '11
Main Members	74	63
Significant Others	20	23
Juniors	0	1
Total	94	87

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

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.

Hey Everybody,

From Lou Soucy, Safety Officer

Mother Nature hasn't been too kind to bikers the last several weeks and the long range forecast is calling for temps below normal. OK, today the sun is shining, the mercury is climbing past freezing and you're gonna take a ride. That will be good for you and your bike — if you have the gear to keep yourself comfortable. But you should always keep in mind the added hazards of cold weather riding. Ice, especially in shady areas — you can't see it, but you sure can feel it! Salt and sand in the center and corners of the road — almost as bad as ice. Cold tires on the cold pavement — give you just a little less traction than you may be used to. If you feel yourself start to shiver, you know your body temp is starting to drop, along with all the senses and dexterity you need to ride safely. So stop and warm up.

We will probably start to fill in this year's ride schedule at the February meeting. It would be great if you would come to the meeting and volunteer to organize a ride. Even if you don't have an idea of where you want to go, no problem, the club has tons of rides archived. Just let me know what direction you want to head and I'll send you some ideas. I think many of the ride organizers that plan a ride year after year would be happy if you offered to do it. I personally will be on the lookout to find someone to take over the Pilot Knob, Murphysboro and St. Clair rides if people are interested in doing them. It's typically been the club's policy that if you organize a ride then you lead a group on that ride. I'm gonna go out on the limb here and say "No, you don't have to lead a group to organize a ride." I see a lot of people in the club that would be great at planning a ride, but don't want to lead a group. That's cool! It takes all types of people with different talents to keep things flowing; whatever you're up for is greatly appreciated.

Looks like this year is going to be filled with opportunities to take a road trip. A four day trip to Arkansas in May. A fourteen day trip out west in August with a ton of options to make it doable for you. And another trip to Arkansas in late September for Bikes, Blues and BBQ. If you need any info on any of these trips let me know. There were a lot of ideas flowing around Hometown Buffet for a few more road trips. Just need someone to bring a pen and paper, do a little planning, and off we go.

Let's Ride! If it's too cold — Let's plan to Ride. Lou

33 Secrets For Smart Touring

... from *ama-cycle.org*

There's nothing like the feeling of loading up and heading out on a big motorcycle trip. And there's nothing like the security of knowing you're prepared for life on the road. It can take years to develop that knowledge through trial and error. But we've got a shortcut. We've asked AMA staff members to share with you the experience they've accumulated over decades on the road.

What you'll find here isn't a comprehensive collection of touring knowledge. Instead, here are 33 insider tips—useful suggestions that have made our tours more organized and more fun. We guarantee you'll learn something.

1. Eat at weird times. Everyone and their dog eats around 8 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. To get in and out of restaurants in a hurry, don't be hungry then.
2. A short metal cable with loops on both ends (like those made to keep people from stealing bicycle seats) is perfect for securing a jacket and helmet to your bike's helmet lock.
3. Carry a spare key. Zip-tie or duct tape it somewhere hidden on your bike, or better yet, give it to a traveling companion.
4. Portable weather radios are now in the \$20 range, and the first time one saves you from running right into a massive storm, you'll wonder why you ever traveled without one. Check accessory companies like Aerostich, or Radio Shack.
5. On high-mileage days, you'll feel a lot better if you carry eyedrops and use them every time you stop for gas.
6. If you're nearing the end of your riding day, and want to set yourself up for a quick getaway in the morning, consider riding to the far side of the next city you reach before you stop for the night, eliminating urban traffic the next day.
7. Take a tip from off-road riders and carry a backpack hydration system so you can drink while you ride. A must for arid weather.
8. Going on a long, complex trip? Keep yourself organized with the envelope system. Before you leave, prepare one envelope for each day on the road. Mark the dates and locations on the outside, then stuff things like hotel reservation info and lists of things to see inside. Instead of juggling your entire stack of literature to find the piece you need, you can just open up that day's envelope.
9. A simple map case attached to your bike's tank (we've used a Rev-Pak version that has been available through www.whitehorsepress.com for years) can keep you on course without the bulk of a tankbag.
10. Keep your stuff dry in saddlebags by using trash compactor bags as waterproof barriers. They're thicker and more durable than standard garbage bags.
11. Use earplugs to help reduce wind noise. You can get them from most mail-order shops or dealers, or in bulk from safety-equipment supply houses.
12. Don't forget that pack-and-ship places are just about everywhere these days. They're perfect when you spot that antique umbrella stand you're dying to buy hundreds of miles from home.
13. Don't forget a small towel or rag for wiping dew off seats, windshields and mirrors, and even for doing a quick whole-bike cleanup. Those synthetic chamois cloths work particularly well.
14. Pack extra bungees and zip-ties. 'Nuff said.
15. Go ahead, buy that GPS you've always wanted. They're perfect not only for finding yourself, but also for allowing you the freedom to get lost in the first place.
16. You've heard it a million times, but we'll say it again: look over your bike carefully every morning on the road. Checking the simple stuff—air pressure, oil level, loose or missing fasteners—can save you from big trouble.
17. Sign up for AMA Roadside Assistance. To sign up, call the AMA at: (614) 856-1900.
18. Stash a little cash somewhere hidden on the bike or on you, so you can make something happen when all else fails.
19. Before you take off from the hotel or campground in the morning, double check every strap on tankbags or soft saddlebags, and every latch on hard luggage.
20. Especially if you're riding alone, wear a dog-tag with your name and contact info. You can get them lots of places, including your local army surplus store.
21. Take a look back at where you were parked every time you leave someplace. You'd be amazed at what you find.
22. A cell phone can be a lifesaver in an emergency. You can dial 911 for help anywhere you find cell service, but you'll need to tell a dispatcher where you are. Keep track of route numbers, interstate exits, towns you've passed, mileposts—anything that can save emergency officials time in getting to you.
23. Good motorcycle gear really is worth it. Waterproof, breathable linings in boots and jackets will transform the way you think about bad weather. A number of companies offer materials that work well, but always test your gear on a rainy day at home before facing a storm on the road.
24. Do routine maintenance at home with your bike's toolkit, so you're sure you have what you need along the side of the road.
25. On a long tour, plan for at least one day every week of doing nothing. Time is the ultimate luxury, and can mean the difference between a vacation and an endurance run.

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Dec 2010-Jan 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan 16 Hang out — maybe ride	Jan 17	Jan 18	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21	Jan 22 <i>Holiday Party</i> 7-11 pm
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
Jan 30 Hang out — maybe ride	Jan 31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4	Feb 5
Feb 6 Hang out — maybe ride	Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10	Feb 11	Feb 12
Feb 13 Hang out — maybe ride	Feb 14	Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17	Feb 18	Feb 19
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					

Holiday Party
January 22, 2011, 7 pm—11 pm
Ballwin VFW Hall, 115 Mimosa Lane, Ballwin 63011

Robin Potter is still taking music requests for our DJ, Denny Fransis.
 Make sure we'll have the kind of music you want!
 Send your requests to robinsnest19@charter.net

Election of 2011 Club Officers
January 25, 2011

Members of the current Board
 are standing for re-election to their respective offices.

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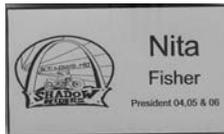
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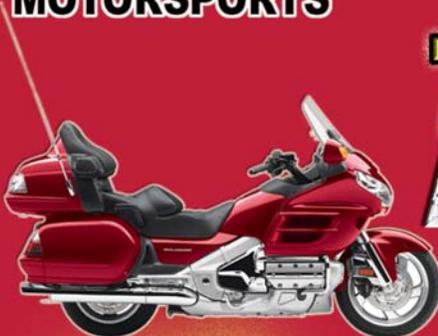
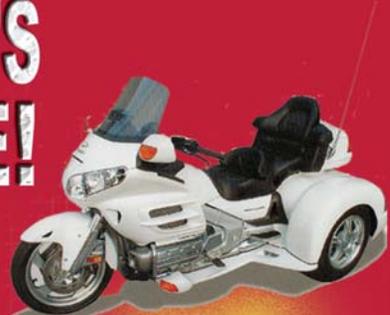
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**General Membership Meeting
December 28, 2010**

Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** (Russ Davis) –Reviewed the 2010 budget and the holiday party budget. The current surplus is \$1030.
- **Membership: (Jim Gianella):** Main members 153, SO 30, Jr. Members 1, Total 183
- **Holiday Party Update:** Sue Braun gave party update. 34 reserved as of 12-28. Robin Potter still taking music requests for dj – see party flyer info
- **Nomination Committee:** Cliff Connoyer reported no members to run against current board.

New Business:

- **December birthdays:** Randy Hendershot and Ron Eckert were recognized.
- **Announcements:**
 - Peggy Philips, Vicki Nelson, & Cliff Connoyer invite members to join them on a ride to Natchez Trace. See one of them for details.
 - Vicki also announced Arch Rivals Roller Girls roller derby for a Saturday event on Jan 8. Visit www.archrivalrollergirls.com for details. Too short of notice to make it a club event.
 - We thank Karen Johnston for filling in as Secretary
- 50/50: \$26.00 to Cliff Connoyer

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

End-of-Year Membership as of 12/27/2010

Main Members	153
Significant Others	30
Total	183
<i>Women = 50 (27 ride their own bike)</i>	

New members for 2010

Other than from Big St. Charles:	
Main members:	18
Significant Others:	6
From Big St. Charles:	
Total new members:	69

Members' Motorcycle Brands

MAKE	MAIN BIKE	OTHER BIKE	S.O. BIKE
Honda	70	7	3
Harley	19	3	1
Kawasaki	27	4	1
Suzuki	9	2	1
Yamaha	15	1	1
BMW	6	1	0
Victory	1	0	0
Can-Am	1	0	0
Vento	1	0	0
Star	1	0	0
Big Dog	1	0	0
Triumph	0	2	0
No Motorcycle	1	0	0
Not Provided	1	0	0
TOTAL	153	20	7

SRC Welcomes New Members for 2011

Kathy Fraszler, wife of Jerry Fraszler (rides a blue 2008 Honda Shadow)



Laurie Gianella, wife of Jim Gianella (rides as a passenger)

Joel & Lisa Anderson (ride a black 2007 Kawasaki Vulcan 900 Classic)

Jordan Mueller, son of Bob Mueller (Junior member, rides a red 2007 Kawasaki Ninja)

Membership Anniversaries — January

One year

Karen Hegger – 1/5/10
Justin Gordon – 1/21/10
Stanley Kolb – 1/26/10

January Birthdays

14 - Jimmy Godwin
05 - Steve Griffin
18 - Rhonda Simorka
06 - Dave Bukk
20 - Ray Smith
06 - Chris Kost
08 - Patrick Geers
12 - Frank L. Mehrtens
12 - Jim Gianella



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26. Be realistic with your daily mileage. In really scenic areas, 150 miles may make a very full day. Don't assume you can achieve freeway mileage on good back roads.
27. Guidebooks can be invaluable, but these days, a search of the Internet can add spice to your trip by revealing special-interest locations most books fail to include. One of the sites we've used is www.roadsideamerica.com. World's largest concrete bison, anyone?
28. It is possible to use a kit to make emergency repairs on tubeless or tube-type tires alongside the road. But before you count on this as your safety net, practice using the kit on an old tire in your garage.
29. A packable motorcycle cover not only keeps your bike clean and dry overnight, it also discourages thieves. And don't forget a stout lock of some kind for the bike itself.
30. If you can afford it and are short of time, you could always ship your bike somewhere cool and ride it back. Call the Federal Companies at (800) 747-4100, ext. 217 or 218, for details.
31. If you call a hotel--even if you're two blocks away--you can often get a better rate than if you just walk in. And if you have access to a computer, there are some spectacular Internet-only deals available these days. Either way, do yourself a favor and have a reservation by 4 p.m. You never know when a convention will take over your destination city. Remember that AMA members get a discount at several hotel chains including Choice Hotels (call 800-258-2847 or go to www.choicehotels.com, click on "Enter Special Rate ID" and use discount code 00947556) and Motel 6 (call 800-4-MOTEL6 or go to www.motel6.com and use discount code CP540176).
32. A nap can do wonders on a long day.
33. If you're traveling east or west, schedule your breakfast or dinner times near sunrise or sunset so you don't have to stare into the sun when it's low on the horizon.

**Just the first of the road trips planned for 2011.
Put 'em on your calendar and start making arrangements now....**

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

Leave from the QT at I-44 and Hwy109 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 call and 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