



The Shadow Writer

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

A Final Letter from the President

Shadow Riders:

My hope is that all of you had a great holiday season and now you are looking forward to a fantastic riding season. Maybe you were a good little rider and got a new bike or gear from Santa. But it is most important that you got excited to ride in 2012. Before the riding season though we've got some partying to do. The holiday party is January 21st and Sue Braun and her team (Robin and Jim) have a great time planned for all. And, if you get your money in before the party, it is only \$10 for members. The club will cover the rest. That includes food, entertainment, and beverages plus maybe a prize or two. This is one of the great benefits of the club so do not miss out, get your money to Sue today.

At the January meeting we will have some business to take care of. We will elect a new board and leadership team for the coming year. But we will also vote on some club operations, including charity, meeting place, name, and riding season start times. Some of these areas are controversial, to say the least, but to give guidance on these issues it is important not to just be the loudest but have the numbers, so we will put a number with the opinions. These votes are non-binding but will guide the leadership on the members will. So come out and be heard with your vote, remember your 2012 dues must be paid to vote.

Well, this is my last article for a while. The last 3 years have been a blast. This club is very unique and special in many ways. First and foremost we ride, we tour the country, and we party together. We accept all comers, no matter what you ride or how long you've ridden. Just a bunch of damn nice folks, and it has been an honor to serve as President of this group. I want to thank everyone who has served on my boards, you guys are the best and we have left the club in great shape and with a bright future, be proud of what you have done. I also want to thank all the coordinators who make this club run, their dedication and efforts make it happen for the membership. You guys are the best. I also want to wish the best to the new board, your fresh ideas will make the club better. Follow your hearts and use your heads and you will lead us to new heights. Last but not least thanks to the ride coordinators for the best rides of any club in the city, your efforts entertain us all.

Keep the shiny side up,

Bob

Bob Mueller
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: January 24, 2011

Board Meeting, 6:30 pm before Club Meeting

Sunday Rides

Sundays at 9:00 AM at the Hometown Buffet.
We will alternate between the north location at
12228 St. Charles Rock Road and their south loca-
tion at 7597 S. Lindbergh Blvd. To keep our cal-
endars updated, the January gathering started at
the south location on 01/08/12.

General Membership Meeting December 27, 2011

Old/New Business: The issues to be put before the membership were discussed to give attendees time to consider their feelings about different issues such as: monthly meeting location, our choice of charity, meeting and departure times for Sunday rides, as well as some things for the new board to take into consideration in the following year. Time was allotted for new candidates to tell why they decided to volunteer their time to fill board slots for 2012. Road trips for the coming year were also discussed: West Virginia on May 15-19, and Colorado/ New Mexico August 18-26. Gateway BMW may be having a Mardi Gras party and jambalaya contest at their store one Saturday in February. Ron discussed a possible Trivia Night in March to benefit the Hartbauer/ McBride Foundation. The Holiday Party is Saturday January 21 from 7 PM to Midnight with a Mad Hatter theme. Attendees are being asked to bring a “white elephant” gift pre-wrapped.

Local Events

At this time of year, unless you attend the meetings and get the information first-hand, the most reliable source for motorcycle related events is our website links which are updated on a regular basis. Be sure to check not only the calendar but also the “events” button and the other buttons labeled “local events” and “special events”.

50/50 drawing – Mark Charpentier

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Membership

	<u>Dec. '11</u>	<u>Jan. '12</u>
Main Members	103	46
Significant Others	29	15
Juniors	5	2
Total	137	63

2012 Club Officer Candidates :

President	Dave Simorka
Vice President	Ron Eckert
Secretary	Andrea Geiler
Treasurer	Russ Davis
Safety Officer	Dave Walters

January Birthdays

08 - PATRICK GEERS
12 - FRANK L. MEHRTENS
12 - JIM GIANELLA
14 - JIMMY GODWIN
18 - RHONDA SIMORKA
19 - ROBIN POTTER



New members for January

Junior members:
Duke & Kaleigh Hucko, children of Chad & Colleen Hucko
New Member:
Mark Charpentier rides a blue 2004 Honda ST1300

January Anniversaries

1 year – Laurie Gianella; Jordan Mueller

Did you know.....

By Diana Johnson, Vice President, Road Captain

This is my final article as an officer of the club. I find myself both happy and a little sad. After 3 years of serving it is time to pass the torch. I look forward to the energy and ideas that our new board of officers will inject into our club. 2012 looks like it is shaping up to be another great year to be a Shadow Rider.

At the December general membership meeting . . . **many of you asked for a reminder** to get your 2012 membership renewal applications in. **Consider this a reminder.** You need to get them completed and turned into Jim Gianella by the January 24 meeting in order to vote, and we want your vote; or in this case, your opinion. Your ballot will include topics that we want your opinion on. This will help the new board with direction in 2012. You can download a membership application from the website or e-mail Jim and he will send you one.

The January 24 meeting will be held at the Sports Café in Bridgeton but we will have a larger room (where the pool tables are). Walk through the bar to the far end or ask someone to point you in the right direction. Get there early and grab a bite to eat. I had their Italian salad with house dressing last month and I could have licked the bowl clean. It was delicious! I want to remind you again to check your bill. I included some helpful meeting tips last month but some of you did not read it and generously tipped our waitress twice. **Sometimes the waitress includes the tip on the bill and sometimes not.** I imagine with an expected large turnout in January that a tip will be included on your bill. **READ YOUR BILL.** Make sure you are not tipping twice.

Thank you all for your confidence and support these past 3 years. It's been a blast. I now look forward to being a part of the peanut gallery. Remember, 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.

Volunteer.

Hey everybody,

Usually at this time of year the bike's just covered up in the garage in anticipation of warmer weather in a few months. But not just yet, Mother Nature has given us some nice opportunities to go riding in January. Go figure! It inspired me to put together the ride we did Jan. 8th to The Pioneer Cabin. If you see that the weather is going to be nice on a Sunday, or any other day for that matter, and would like to organize an off season ride for the club that would be great. Just send an email out to; members@shadowriders-stl.com. Speaking of organizing a ride, at a SRC meeting a few months ago we passed around a list for members to sign up for doing just that. Usually at the February or March SRC meeting we start planning next season's schedule. I'm already excited about the one Sunday ride I'd like to organize. All we need is another thirty something members to do the same and we'll all have a great year. If you need some ideas for planning a ride just ask the safety officer to send you a few SRC route sheets from the club's archives in the direction you want to go. The safety officer can also give you the suggested guidelines for making a new route sheet. This is the only motorcycle club I know of that actually RIDES A LOT. We need your help to keep it that way!

At January's SRC meeting one of the things you will finally have an opportunity to vote on is if we should change the leave time from Old Orchard from 10am to 9am for our Sunday rides. Having an extra hour before the noon diner bell allows you to do some of the longer rides at a more leisurely pace. Even when the route is on the short side I don't think there will be any problem filling it with longer rest stops and an earlier lunch, especially on those hot days. Then on the other hand it could be a little chilly in the morning the first or last month of the season. So, really give it some thought how it would affect you personally before you cast your vote.

OK, let's talk a little safety. How about target fixation. I'd have to say it's the one thing I constantly have to work at the most. There is one spot I had a close call at many years ago and even though I have ridden that route many times since I have to really consciously block it out and look away from it and towards the way the bike needs to go. You probably know the spot I'm talking about. West on Highway T past Saint Albans. You come over the top of a rise and the road then drops down sweeping to the left. Meanwhile, if you're not careful you can find yourself staring at the solid white line, a shallow drainage ditch, and a rock wall to your right. Not good to STARE RIGHT when you need to STEER LEFT. Target fixation is real and everybody that rides needs to find a way that works for them to overcome it. There are many articles you can find to read about it that may help you become a better rider no matter what your skill level is. A good place to start would be the SRC web site under the safety tab.

Let's Ride, Bring Along A friend, Lou



Special Events at Big St Charles Motorsports (BSC)

Jan. 14: Power Performance Seminar 11:00 am

Jan. 21: High Tech Seminar 11:00 am

Jan. 26-29: St. Louis Auto Show

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan. 1 Hometown Buffet North Meeting	Jan. 2	Jan. 3	Jan. 4	Jan. 5	Jan. 6	Jan. 7
Jan. 8 Hometown Buffet South Meeting	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11	Jan. 12	Jan. 13	Jan. 14 <i>Last day to pay in advance for the Holiday Party.</i>
Jan. 15 Hometown Buffet North Meeting	Jan. 16	Jan. 17	Jan. 18	Jan. 19	Jan. 20	Jan. 21 Holiday Party!!
Jan. 22 Hometown Buffet South Meeting	Jan. 23	Jan. 24 Monthly Meeting at Sports Cafe	Jan. 25	Jan. 26	Jan. 27	Jan. 28
Jan. 29 Hometown Buffet North Meeting	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 3	Feb. 4

Happy New Year Shadow Riders,

Just a reminder that it is renewal time for Shadow Riders membership.

You can download a copy of the renewal application from the membership page of our website by clicking on this link,

http://www.shadowriders-stl.com/Files/I_Renew_App.pdf

or click on the attachment to download the renewal application.

Be sure to fill in the year for renewal which is 2012 and mark to be included or not included in the Buzz Book. If it is not marked, you will not be added.

Be sure to **SIGN** and **DATE** the application after printing, I have received a few that were not signed and be sure to **SIGN** and include your check. I also have received a few checks not signed in the past.

Individual membership is \$24.00, Joint membership is \$36.00, and Junior membership is \$6.00.

Don't forget, January is election month for new officers, I must have your membership paid and received by January 23 or pay at the January 24 meeting to be eligible to vote.

Our club holiday party is January 21, cost is \$10.00 per member and \$10.00 per significant other member, non-member guest is \$20.00. Your membership must be paid before the holiday party to be eligible for the member price. Make check out to Shadow Riders and mail it to: **Sue Braun, 5717 Werner Drive, High Ridge, MO 63049**. Checks must be received no later than January 14, 2012. This has been extended from January 10 deadline shown on the website.

For those interested in participating, there also will be a White Elephant game. Bring a wrapped new or used gift to participate.

Don't forget to wear your Mad Hatter's Hat!!!!

Jim Gianella
Membership

<u>Bike Count as of 01/09/2012</u>				
		Suzuki	2	
		Yamaha	3	KTM
		BMW	2	CanAm
		Victory	1	Triumph
	Honda	20		
	Harley	15		
	Kawasaki	6		

Members' classified ads are free! Send to John Geiler at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (636) 938-4299

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