



## *The Shadow Writer January, 2014*

Official Newsletter of the  
Shadow Riders Club of St. Louis  
[www.shadowriders-stl.com](http://www.shadowriders-stl.com)

### **A Letter from the President**

Shadow Riders:

Welcome 2014!

Sunday morning breakfasts are now in full swing. Ideas for rides and trips have been a hot topic and the food is endless. We're looking forward to another great year of riding.

Elections will be held in January and the new board will start putting together their 2014 budget, and riding schedule, so bring your ideas to the January meeting. Remember, your dues must be paid to vote.

I want take this opportunity to thank the current board, volunteers, and coordinators for all your efforts in 2013. You've all made my job easy. Thanks and Great Job All!

I will also need your mileage for 2013 emailed to me. We have awards for 7,500 miles and 10,000 miles. Send your 2013 starting and ending odometer reading to me via e-mail at [simorka@sbcglobal.net](mailto:simorka@sbcglobal.net)

Do not forget the holiday party on January 25th! Get your money to Sue Braun before January 10th. See the website for more details.

I'd like to wish all of you a safe and happy new year, and bring on the warm weather!

When you're riding lead, don't spit.

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: January 28, 2014**

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 January gatherings will start at the south location on 1/05/14.

Shadow Riders General Membership Meeting December 2013

Big St. Charles Motorsports will resume sponsorship for the Club in 2014.

Elections for the Board will be at the January meeting on the 28th. We will also be voting on our choice for our Charity at that time. Remember membership dues will need to be current in order for you to vote. See Jim Gianella for any membership concerns.

Mark the date for the Annual Shadow Riders Holiday Party for January 25<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$10 per person and needs to be to Sue Braun by the 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Elks Lodge on Mason Rd. Rigazzis will cater a nice dinner and music for your dining and dancing pleasure will be provided by a DJ. A few drinks will be provided for guests and there will also be a cash bar.

Membership has had no change since last month and stands at 115.

Check with Karen and Eric Johnston for any Shadow Rider Wear you may need. Hats, shirts and window decals are available.

Ira has suggested a SNO to Lotta Watta Creek Restaurant in the near future. Keep your eyes open for more information.

Ted says that the new website menu tabs are now operational. If you see any issues with the site please don't hesitate to contact Ted Koski or Dave Simorka.

Our Treasurer Russ Davis reported the club financial status ends the year on an even note with no issues to be concerned about.

Bikers for Babies event will be held on June 7 & 8 in 2014.

Trips for next year are coming together at the Sunday morning gatherings for breakfast. See the calendar for locations. So far there is a Memorial Day weekend 4 or 5 day trip to Kentucky/Tennessee/West Virginia which Ed Acree is planning; A Mountain View Arkansas trip sometime in June; and in August a great trip to Banff Canadian Rockies is in order. Don't forget Bikes, Blues, and BBQ which is Sept. 25 - 28<sup>th</sup>. Bob Mueller is also heading a ride to Sturgis for the Rally.

Group photos were handed out from the picnic, if you didn't receive one see Dave or Cliff at the next meeting.

Dave gave a shout out of appreciation to those members who give their time and efforts to make the club what it is- Thank you to Merchandising (Eric & Karen Johnston), Newsletter (John Geiler), Website (Ted Koski), Membership (Jim Gianella), Saturday Night Out (Ira Steuer) Diana, Laura, Sue B., Robin, Cliff, Rich, and all of you who help out!

Start thinking about the ride schedule for next year and where you might want to lead us. Change it up if you like, pick a different restaurant, or travel a different road from an existing route. Every Sunday is like a mini-vacation.

Dennis Meade suggested checking into a riding course to keep your skills up and learn something new. BRC/BRC2 course \$90, ARC2 \$100+ and even an Ultimate Bike Bonding Course \$100+.

Lisa Soucy won \$25 in the 50/50 drawing!

Ride...because you can  
Andrea

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**January Membership**

<b>Main Members</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Significant Others</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Juniors</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>

**January Birthdays**

08 - PATRICK GEERS  
12 - FRANK L. MEHRTENS  
12 - JIM GIANELLA  
14 - JIMMY GODWIN  
14 - ANITA TENNIAL  
18 - RHONDA SIMORKA  
(Note: Only members who have paid their 2014 dues are listed in the birthday column.)

**January Anniversary**

5 years SO Jean Davis, wife of Russ Davis.

**New Member**

SO Melissa Reuscher, wife of Michael Reuscher, rides a white 2012 Can Am Spyder RS

Hello SR's-

This is my last contribution to our monthly newsletter. I really don't have much to contribute, as the cold weather has taken my mind off of two wheels. I know we will have some nice days during our winter to put that kickstand up and get a few miles in. One very important fact is that temperature changes tend to make your tires loose air. Make sure before you get those miles under your belt, take the two minutes it takes to check your tire pressure.

I know we have also gained a few new members. Be sure to position yourself into an appropriate group that is at your riding level. We ride in staggered formation, unless the road captain signals for single formation (one finger up over their head). Always pass signals back, and point out road hazards, dead animals, etc. to those behind you. Remember that when we enter an intersection from a stop, we enter as a group. I noticed on a few of our last rides, some new members (and some older ones), would make a stop/pause before entering the intersection. Most motorists will let a group of bikes leave as one. When the group enters an intersection, don't pause for the stop sign, as others behind you will not be expecting you to pause.

It has been a couple of good years serving on the board. I look forward to voting our new board in at our next meeting.

Ride safe, ride long-  
Dave



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**Thursday**  
**February 20th**  
**6:00 PM**



ST. CHARLES HARLEY-DAVIDSON



**SR holiday Party**  
**January 25, 2014**  
**6:30 to 11**  
**Elks Lodge @ 2242 Mason Lane, 63021**



**Our DJ is Open Mike Entertainment**  
**We will be enjoying food from Rigazzis**  
**There is a \$10.00 charge per person**  
**Monies need to be to me by Jan 11, 2014**

**My address is:**

**Susan Braun**  
**5717 Werner Drive**  
**High Ridge, MO 63049**

**Thanks,**  
**Sue**

#### **A Reminder From Jim Gianella: Membership**

Membership renewal is currently going on. I sent an e-mail 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 the monthly meeting. For those without internet, I will mail you an application. Members who have not renewed are not counted in the Monthly Birthdays; Bike Count; Monthly Membership; or Anniversaries sections since we don't know if you still intend to be a member.

#### **Bike Count for December**

<b>Honda - 15</b>	<b>Harley - 13</b>	<b>Kawasaki - 4</b>	<b>Suzuki - 1</b>	<b>Yamaha - 2</b>	<b>BMW - 0</b>
<b>Vento - 0</b>	<b>Big Dog - 0</b>	<b>CanAm - 3</b>	<b>Triumph - 2</b>	<b>KTM - 1</b>	<b>Victory - 3</b>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan. 5 Blizzard Gathering: South	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11
Jan. 12 Gathering: North	Jan. 13	Jan. 14	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Jan. 17	Jan. 18
Jan. 19 Gathering: South	Jan. 20 MLK Day	Jan. 21	Jan. 22	Jan. 23	Jan. 24	Jan. 25
Jan. 26 Gathering: North	Jan. 27	Jan. 28 Club Meeting Voting for Board	Jan. 29	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	Feb. 1
Feb. 2 Gathering: South	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 5	Feb. 6	Feb. 7 Valentine's Day One week away	Feb. 8

**Editorial:**

For those of you who have helped to make the Shadow Riders Club a success I would personally like to thank you. The club has been a major part of our lives, as I'm sure it has been for many of you. It's been pleasure knowing you and spending time together both on the bikes and off. I hope that the new year brings all of you good health and prosperity. For those of us who are aging gracefully I hope that we are all able to continue riding for another year as well as many more in future years.

For you new members I would like to welcome you again and I hope that you have benefited from becoming a member. Having a group to ride with makes the sport/hobby/pastime/life-style more enjoyable. It's always great to have someone to talk with who understands what we're feeling when we ride. I have been "talking the club up" to friends I have been riding with in recent years, not just to get more members, but to be able to include them into our group so they can also share in the many events that the Shadow Riders offer. If my other friends become members then I don't have to decide who to ride with on Sundays: all my friends will be in the same group. If you have other people you ride with you might want to consider inviting them to come on a ride some Sunday.

For the members with tenure, if you haven't gone on a trip with us, or even led a Sunday ride, give it a whirl. I wanted to do more for the club due to the fact that the club has come to mean a great deal to Andrea and I. I volunteered to lead a ride and everything short of doing the pre-ride was already done. I went to the ride index; picked out a ride that sounded like something that I wanted to do; and picked it as my own. If you think you would like to help out just speak with one of the board and we'll get you set up and ready to roll. Some of the weekend trips are more fun than you would think. Our first weekend (3-day) trip that we took seemed like it was so much longer than 3 days because of how much fun we had. Most of these trips can be done on just about any size bike. On our long trips (9-14 days) we have had at least 2 bikes that were 750's and they had no problem with the trip. We stop every 120-150 miles to gas up the bike with the shortest range and to give our tails a little break. If you think this is something you might enjoy ask one of us who go on long trips on a regular basis. Some of our members like to share hotel/motel rooms with other members to help reduce the cost of travel. For some people the reduction in travel expense may be the determining factor as to whether or not they travel. If you're concerned with how to pack for a trip we can provide that information also.

Everyone ride safe and thanks again for making the Shadow Riders Club an enjoyable experience.

John Geiler, Shadow Writer Editor

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**2014 BALLOT  
ELECT BOARD MEMBERS  
&  
SELECT CLUB CHARITY**

**ELECT BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT**

--- Lou Soucy

**VICE PRESIDENT**

--- Eric Johnston

--- Tony Weaver

**TREASURER**

--- Russ Davis

**SAFETY OFFICER**

--- John Geiler

**SECRETARY**

--- Andrea Geiler

--- Diana Johnson

**SELECT CLUB CHARITY**

--- Make-A-Wish

--- Bikers for Babies

--- Hartbauer McBride