



The Shadow Writer

March 2010

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

A Letter from the President

Dear Shadowriders;

WOW, could this long and cold winter finally be coming to an end? As I sit here on the first 50 degree day in months, it seems like we are getting close to the riding season finally. And what a season we have in store. Some great road trips are planned. Are you in for the trip to Arkansas in May? Yellowstone in August? Sturgis in August? The Ironbutt Saddlesore 1000 in June? Plus we have others being discussed. If you have always wanted to travel on your bike, the water is warm, jump in!

Now to deal with some club business. Well the first meeting at Growlers did not turn out as planned, those that came, please come back in March. Sometimes the best laid plans do not work out. But, just like riding, we roll on. I will have the 2007, 2008, & 2009 mileage patches at the March meeting. If you have not given me your 1/1/10 mileage and want in the program email me or give it to me at the meeting. We also booked the first 6 rides of the season at the Feb meeting and completed the 2010 budget. We will do some more rides at the March meeting so if you have a new ride bring it on!

St. Charles Motorsports had their Chili & Salsa cook-off Feb 27th and our own Diana Johnson took home 2 awards, Peoples Choice and Best Name, congrats to Diana. It may be time for her to retire so someone else can win for once! The club had a great presence at the event and I think had a great time.

Well the season is starting to get going, don't be left out, make sure we have a good email address for you as we send out stuff as we get it. Make sure Jim has your correct info so you get the info LIVE. We have some great stuff coming up so get involved.

March 13th we have our return to Jive and Wail, if you want to go contact Ira Steuer.

Well that is it for now.

See you at the meeting, mention this and I'll buy you a beer.

Bob Mueller



Meetings

Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month

Growler's Pub

763 Old Ballas Road
Creve Coeur, MO 63141
(Off Olive, 1/2 mile east of I-270,
below Blockbuster)



NEW
PLACE

NEXT MEETING: March 23, 2010

Board Meeting at 6:30 pm before club meeting.

Sunday Rides

The scheduled ride season starts on April 4!
Meet at Old Orchard Center, 14128 Manchester
(east of Hwy 141), behind Starbucks. Rides
leave promptly at 10 AM. Come a half hour
early, line up your bike, and visit with friends.

Until then the Sunday hangout is Home Town Buffet
in Old Orchard Center, starting about 9:30 am.

Web Site

www.shadowriders-stl.com

Membership

	Mar '09	Mar '10
Main Members	94	85
Significant Others	22	22
Total	116	107

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, Road Captain, Chili Queen

First a little house keeping. In my hurry to thank all the helpers for their hard work with the club and holiday party I failed to mention a few of my favorite people. Many thanks to Ron Eckert for keeping us stocked with club brochures. Many thanks to Mike Halbert for all the pictures and videos he has provided for our website. Many thanks to Marklyn Cobb and Gateway BMW for their contributions to our holiday party. We appreciate you all.

You may have heard that there was a Chili and Salsa Festival at Big St. Charles Motorsports on Saturday, Feb. 27, and that I was serving up some competition chili once more. It was time to give St. Charles a taste of 'Triple Pepper Penetration'. This was our first event with our new sponsor. The festivities started at 10:00 a.m. and ran until 3:00 p.m. There were 13 participants competing in the chili category and 6 participants competing in salsa. This is twice as many as last year's attempt. None of us really knew what to expect. We were told to make 2 crock pots of chili based on last year's attendance, so I made 4. Most of us arrived around 9:00 a.m. to get set up and get the chili heated. Big SC employees were still setting up and had us between the showroom and shop area where we had plenty of room. We were all plugged in by 9:30 and within minutes were blowing circuits. The crisis was averted and the heat was on.

We lucked out with another sunny day for a chili cook-off and attendance was larger than expected. By 11:00 a.m. things were in full swing and we had a good number of people coming through. All I kept seeing was St. Charles Hog members. Where are my people? Where are the Shadow Riders? And whoosh, there they were. Every board member was present and approximately 25-30 fellow members, including Sue Braun, who hung with me all day helping me out and providing me with a few much needed breaks. Thanks, Sue. We really did flood the floor with Shadow Riders and I thank each of you for that. Everyone was hanging out, eating, chatting, shopping, and having fun.

Now I am really going through some chili. I am hoping I don't run out. By 1:00 p.m. we had our first contestant run out of chili. By 2:00 most were out of chili and salsa. There were only a couple of us with chili left and we were hoping to pull in more sample sales. The rest of us ran out of chili just before 3:00 and we were scraping the bottom of the pot. Now I've been told that this was not my best batch of chili. I don't know if I screwed up my measurements for the smaller batch or if it didn't get the chance to cook long enough or what. I just don't know. I DO know that if you keep coming to these events, I will continue to perfect my recipe for you. I would not be successful at this if not for each and every one of you who show up and support our club efforts.

There were three categories to win in for both chili and salsa; Best of Show which is voted on by a panel of judges, People's Choice and Best Name, which are both voted on by the people. The winner of Best of Show in chili and the winner in salsa got to choose the two charities the proceeds would go to. We did not win Best of Show. The charity of choice for the chili proceeds was the MS Society of St. Louis. Although we did not have a total dollar amount yet, I can tell you I had 259 sample tickets in my bag worth \$.50 each. Those 259 sample tickets made us the winner in People's Choice so when they announced the Shadow Riders for Best Name I was shocked. I didn't think you could win more than one category. I was told no one else came close to matching our votes so they felt they had to give it to us. Triple Pepper Penetration chili wins again. Once again you all came through for the club and we made one hell of a first impression. Shadow Riders Rule! Thanks again for your support.

Make sure to check the website calendar and special events section and newsletter for upcoming events at both our sponsor locations as the information becomes available.

Experienced Rider Course (ERC) just for Shadow Riders
Saturday, May 15, at Forest Park Community College. Cost is \$90.
Contact Dennis Meade to enroll: bluegw@shadowriders-stl.com or 314-845-9646

Hey Everybody,

It's been a nice last four months with fun things to do, like Ted's Christmas open house, the SRC holiday party, Peggy's holiday party, the chili and salsa party at Big St. Charles and of course hanging out Sunday mornings at Hometown Buffet. But now its time to RIDE!

April 4th kicks off the ride season with an 'open ride' since it falls on Easter. If it's nice out and you're ready to ride, then bring your idea of which direction to head and let's go.

At last month's club meeting we picked out several rides to start off our season. At the next club meeting we will pick a couple more months of rides, so bring your ideas for a new ride or a twist on an old route.

On the May 16th ride to Louisiana we're going to try something a little different--a long and short route to the same destination. The long route will leave Old Orchard at 8am, and the short route will leave at the normal 10am. With a little luck we'll all be having lunch together about noon. If enough members participate in it and it works out ok, we'll do some more rides like it.

On the Shadow Rider website you will find a [Safety](#) tab you can click on. There you will find the Shadow Rider Group riding guidelines along with a lot of other good info. I would have to confess that today was the first time I read the guidelines, but glad that I finally did. If you never have or it's been awhile, it only takes a couple of minutes to look them over. If you don't do the internet thing, then I'll have a few copies of the guidelines at the club meeting if you want one.

This year you may see some of the road captains wearing yellow shirts or armbands. That will help new people find them in case they need help getting into a suitable riding group and position.

See you early some Sunday,
Lou Soucy, Safety Officer

Road Trips

May 20-23--Arkansas weekend: Leave QuikTrip (Hwy 44 at 109) at 8 am Thursday, May 20. Ride back roads to Yellville in north central Arkansas for the night. Spend Friday weaving our way south to Clarksville for the night. Ride back north to Mountain Home for Saturday night. Come home Sunday.

If you're interested, reserve your motel room for Thursday and tell Lou Soucy you're going. (The Carlton-Marion Inn: 870-449-6203 or <http://thecarltonmarioninn.com/index.htm> . Cost is \$45 single/\$55 double)

June 5-6 – Ryugen Fisher Memorial Iron Butt Saddle Sore Ride: Ride 1000 miles in 24 hours or less. Ride will leave from Big St. Charles Motorsports and will return there at the end of the ride. Cost will be \$45.00 (\$5.00 of which will be donated to Bikers for Babies) which includes your official certificate and pin. Contact Bob Mueller to pre-register.

August 20-30--Yellowstone and beyond: Tentative itinerary is 2 days traveling to South Dakota. One day there, then to Wyoming, 3 days in the Yellowstone area, then to the NE corner of Utah, into Colorado, and then back home. 11 total days. Contact Lou Soucy for more information.

Mar-Apr 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mar 14 See options below	Mar 15	Mar 16	Mar 17	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20
Mar 21 Hang Out Maybe Ride	Mar 22	Mar 23 Club Meeting 7 pm Board 6:30	Mar 24	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27
Mar 28 Hang Out Maybe Ride	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3
Apr 4 Open Ride (Easter)	Apr 5	Apr 6	Apr 7	Apr 8	Apr 9	Apr 10
Apr 11 Augusta BBQ Ride	Apr 12	Apr 13	Apr 14	Apr 15	Apr 16	Apr 17
Apr 18 Grafton Ride	Apr 19	Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22	Apr 23	Apr 24
Apr 25 Potosi Ride	Apr 26	Apr 27 Club Meeting 7 pm Board 6:30	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	

March 13 — Jive and Wail Saturday Night Out: It's not too late to get in on this second chance to rock the house. There are 20 spots available. Contact Ira Steuer to reserve yours: isteuer36@yahoo.com/314-520-3504

March 14 — two options for your enjoyment (not club functions)

Femme Osage Church Sausage dinner (\$8.50) — 4350 Cappeln Osage Rd, Augusta, MO, between Hwy T and F (take Hwy 94 to either T or F), 12:00-6:00

St. John's Gildehaus Church Spring Chicken Dinner (\$11)—Villa Ridge on Hwy V near Washington, 10:30-6:00

April 4 — Open ride (bring your ideas or routes)

April 11 — Augusta BBQ (Diana Johnson): We will work our way to North Hwy 94 in St. Charles and ride through farmland that will bring us into O'Fallon. We pop out on South 94 to complete our journey through scenic twists and turns. This ride is about 75 miles / 2 hours. We end at the American Legion Hall for all-you-can-eat BBQ pork steaks and fried chicken with all the fixings (\$9). If weather looks bad, we'll take a more direct route.

April 18 — Grafton (Ira Steuer): We'll ride through parts of North County bluffs and conservation bottoms, then up the great river road to Grafton. Lunch location not yet identified.

April 25 — Potosi (Eric Levy): Enjoy a leisurely ride on good roads through rolling hills and tree-lined farms to our destination at Dos Primos restaurant in quaint Potosi. Ride the infamous County Road DD or visit Steelville and other mining towns after lunch.

Next up: May 2 — Defiance; May 9 — Jefferson County; May 16 — Louisiana, MO

Send ads to Nita Fisher at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (314) 808-7762. Ads run for 3 months, renewable.

For Sale: 1997 Honda Shadow VT1100

New tires, new candy apple red paint, windshield, and too much to list here goes with it. It is fast and has been well cared for over the years. Has only 23,000 miles; most of that was on club rides. **\$3800.00**

Call Randy Tallant at 314-814-5154

07/09

For Sale: Cold weather riding gear

First Gear insulated textile Kenya jacket (L) and matching insulated overpant (women's 12). Both are waterproof and in excellent condition. **\$60 each or \$100 for the pair.**

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General Membership Meeting Notes - February 23, 2010

Final budget was approved by membership. Changes to 2010 budget included reducing the receipts from the holiday party to \$1,100 and picnic tickets to \$0. Expenses were increased to \$500 for the picnic, award budget was increased to \$300 and road captain merchandise was increased to \$500.

Storage Locker has been closed. All miscellaneous contents were available to be taken by club members the night of the meeting. Any remaining items were to be disposed of or donated. (Picnic items were kept for future use.) Mileage patches have been received and will be distributed to members who turned in beginning and ending mileage for 2007, 2008, and 2009. E-mail beginning mileage to Bob Mueller for 2010.

June 5-6 – Saddle Sore Ride: Bob Mueller will have flyers at next meeting and placed on the website to pre-register for the ride. Will leave from Big St. Charles Motorsports and will return there at the end of the ride. Cost will be \$45.00 - \$5.00 of which will be donated to Bikers for Babies. Several people are needed to work tables at stops along the way. Let Bob know if you are will to help in this way.

Upcoming Events @ Big St. Charles Motorsports: Chili Cook-off on Saturday, 2/27. This is our first event at the new sponsor. Riders can meet at the Phillips gas station on Hwy. 94 to ride in together. Calendar Girl Contest / Burn Out Competition – March 4 from 6:00 to 9:00. Ladies Night – March 11. Must call to reserve a spot.

A Road Captain Meeting planned on Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 at the Grand Glaize County Library branch located at Big Bend and Hwy 141. Please e-mail Lou Soucy if you are willing to be a road captain. Road Captain Gear has been ordered and should be available at the March meeting (shirts and arm bands).

Planned the ride schedule for months of April and May. June and July will be set at the next monthly meeting. Discussed planning several rides this season that will have a combined long and short route – will include an early departure time (8:00) as well as regular (10:00) departure. Both groups would ultimately meet together for lunch but this will provide option to put on more mileage should you so choose.

Membership: 85 members / 22 significant others = 107 members. Membership year pins on order.

Year Bars

The 2010 year bars have arrived. Jim will have them at the March club meeting and at the upcoming Sunday rides for you to pick up.

Mileage Awards

If you want to try for a mileage award in 2010, send Bob Mueller your starting mileage as of 1/1/2010. Awards will be given for riding 7500 miles or more during the year.

March Birthdays

02 - Jan Herman Enoch
07 - Gary Weintraub
12 - Maureen Robertson

15 - Charles Etling
17 - Emily Woodward
19 - Mike Gambino
20 - Michael Campeau
21 - Bob Bircher

22 - Ed Acree
22 - Matthew Bonini
24 - Ted Koski
31 - Michael Zinna





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2010 Motorcycle Rallies

Myrtle Beach Bike Week, SC, May 7-16 www.myrtlebeachbikeweek.com

Run For the Wall, RFTW XXII - May 19 - 30, 2010 rftw.org

Branson Motorcycle Rally, May 20-23 www.bransonmotorcyclerrally.com

Americade, Lake George, NY, June 7-12 www.americade.info

Wing Ding 32 (Gold Wings), June 30-July 3 www.wing-ding.org

InZane 10, (Valkyries), July 14-19 www.valkyrieriders.com

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, August 9-15 (70th Anniversary)
www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com

Trail of Tears Remembrance Motorcycle Ride, September 18-22 www.trailoftears-remembrance.org

Bikes, Blues & BBQ, Fayetteville, AR, September 29-Oct 2 www.bikesbluesandbbq.org

Biketoberfest - October 14 - 17, 2010 [www.daytonachamber.com./dbwcalendar/
index.cfm?f_type=6](http://www.daytonachamber.com./dbwcalendar/index.cfm?f_type=6)