



The Shadow Writer

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

November 2008

A Letter from the President

Fellow Shadow Riders,

The November chill has already settled in for a while, and it feels like winter. How depressing!

As you know, this is our last month of OFFICIAL riding for this year, and we still have some days left in the month to do so. Starting up my bike this past weekend, my foot skidded on a bunch of leaves and over the bike went. No damage, no injuries, but it was a reminder that fallen leaves can be slippery! Please be careful, particularly on those lovely tree-lined twisty roads that we all love so much.

In the last General Membership meeting, we had the pleasure of receiving our various plaques for our March of Dimes Bikers for Babies accomplishments. Rich Bayers, our VP and keeper of all things March of Dimes-related, will be using the club plaques to line the walls in his office. If anyone wants to take a look, it's a good excuse to visit Rich.

We were also lucky to have two Shadow Riders step up and volunteer to oversee the Holiday Party planning for this coming January 2009. Thanks to Bob Mueller and Paul Hann, the Shadow Riders will have our Holiday Party this year. However, just because these two members have agreed to oversee it, that doesn't mean they don't need help from the rest of us. With your bike sitting in your garage hooked up to the battery tender, why not consider lending a hand to Paul and Bob?

On that note, we do not have very many (any) nominations for the 2009 Shadow Riders Board of Directors. This is YOUR club. The folks on the Board are just the people you've appointed to make sure things happen. Be one of those people, don't wait for others to step up and hope that they do as you would like. We have an enormous pool of talented and devoted people in our club. Please consider this small contribution toward the continued success of the Shadow Riders. Please contact Nita Fisher, Cliff Connoyer or myself if you can do this for your club.

Best regards,
Eric Levy



~ Run for Office ~

**New Officers are needed
for next year.**

See pages 2 & 3.

Club Meetings

Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month

Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane

NEXT MEETING: November 25, 2008

Road Captains/Safety Meeting

Will be called by the Safety Officer as needed.

SRC Board Meeting

7:00 PM, 2nd Thursday, even-number months

Olive Garden, Lindbergh & Tesson Ferry

NEXT MEETING: December 11, 2008

Sunday Group Rides

Official ride season started April 6. Meet at Old Orchard Center, 14128 Manchester Rd., as usual.

Rides leave promptly at 10 AM. Come early, line up your bike, and visit with friends.

You can also pick up your 2008 year bar.

Membership	Nov '07	Nov '08
Main Members	120	116
Significant Others	31	25
Junior Members	1	
Total	152	141

New e-mail address? Don't miss out!

Send it to membership@shadowriders-stl.com or call the membership coordinator (Jim) at 314-644-2970.

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SRC Welcomes A New Member

Jerry Fraszler

(rides a blue 2008 Honda Shadow)

Nominations Now Open for 2009 Club Officers

To nominate someone or to volunteer for the offices of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, or safety officer contact:

Eric Levy: 636-825-2285 or
ericstylev@earthlink.net

Cliff Connoyer: 314-839-8792 or
cconnoyer@msn.com

Nita Fisher: 314-808-7762 or
nita@palaver.org

For those who are considering running for office, and to help you think about likely nominees, here is an overview of each officer's duties. Further information is available in the club's Guidebook (contact Eric Levy).

President's Duties -- requires about 5 hours per month plus meetings

- Plan and conduct monthly club meetings
- Plan and hold Board meetings, currently bi-monthly in even numbered months
- Make sure coordinators and committees are in place and doing their jobs: membership, merchandise, SNO, newsletter, webmaster, picnic, holiday party
- Keep track of deadlines
- Respond to inquiries from members and non-members
- Periodically make contact with club's sponsors
- Retrieve and return materials to storage locker as needed
- Write president's letter for newsletter each month

Vice President's Duties – requires about 6 hours per helmet day

- Organize the club's fund-raising activities for March of Dimes--Bikers for Babies.
- Serve on St. Louis Bikers for Babies Committee
- Update Bikers for Babies entry on website after the annual Ride

Safety Officer's Duties — requires about 5 hours per month

- Lead the development of the annual ride schedule
- Attend and take charge at each Sunday ride, or designate someone else to fill in.
- Develop (or adopt) standards for road captains and recruit more as needed.
- Maintain the club's focus on riding safety.

Secretary's Duties

- Record the minutes of all Board and General Membership meetings. Provide any Member with the meeting minutes if requested and keep a copy for SRC-STL files.
- Sign all contracts with the President
- Send get-well and sympathy cards to members as appropriate

Treasurer's Duties -- requires about 5 hours per month

- Maintain checking account (currently with U.S. Bank) -- deposit money, pay bills, balance checkbook; get new signature cards
- Maintain financial records of funds received and disbursed, by budget category, and prepare monthly treasurer's reports for club.
- Prepare annual budget proposal for Board consideration
- Prepare invoice(s) for sponsor(s) and send out in early March

The Infamous Chili Cook-Off

By Diana Johnson

On Saturday, November 1st, I participated in my second chili cook-off at Ted's Motorcycle World in Alton. I arrived at 8:45 a.m. with three crock pots already hot, my table decorations, a cooler packed with seven gallons of chili, and my very own custom designed, air brushed 'Meanstreak' sign painted by Marklyn Cobb. Excellent work Marklyn. I pulled into Ted's parking lot, planning to back my car up to the door so I could off load easier. Much to my surprise there were already half a dozen other vehicles doing the same thing. My first thought was "Oh Crap, where did these people come from?" I squeeze my car in and off load. I scope out an open table and claim my territory. Extension cord out, all crock pots plugged in. It's time to decorate. I used the Shadow Rider banner as my back drop behind me and my Meanstreak sign on the front of the table. I also had club brochures in a rack along with business cards and our Bikers for Babies brag book. I think I may have recruited a few prospects!

It's finally 10:00 a.m. and time to serve up some chili. Where are all the people? Careful what you ask for, you just might get it. By 11:30 things were in full swing. The Shadow Riders are now here and more keep popping in. The crowds pick up and I am asking everyone for their green ticket and yellow ticket. (Green to vote People's Choice and Yellow to vote Best Name.) 3:00 p.m. rolls in and it's time to count your tickets. Boy, I don't know. My totals are close to that of last year. Is it enough to place in any category?

There were a total of 26 participants serving up both red and white chili. They start by awarding all 26 participants their cash for the sale of samples. Then they go to Judge's Best and call third, second, and first place. Nope, not me. Next is Best name. Nope, not me. Crap. Last but definitely not least is People's Choice. Third place, nope not me. Second place, nope not me. Time to head home. **FIRST PLACE**, Diana Johnson's 'Meanstreak' chili. Oh my God, that's me!!! That's me!!! I can't believe that's me!! If you heard a loud scream around 4:15 Saturday afternoon that was me when they called my name. Shadow Riders brought home the top prize of \$300.00 for the March of Dimes along with \$95.00 in sample sales and a winner's plaque for 'People's Choice'.

I made ten gallons of chili and by 3:00 p.m. I was down to my last gallon. I had a blast doing this. I would not have been successful if not for the support of each Shadow Rider that attended. I thank each one of you from the bottom of my heart. I love you guys. You're the BEST. Thanks to Terry B's friend Sandy for helping me out all day, and hugs to Cliff, Kevin, and Jim (a.k.a. rum and coke Jim) for sticking around to the end to hear me scream with joy when they called my name. One more giant thank you to Ted's Motorcycle World for all they did to make the event a success and all they do for us.

Special Events Coming Up

Sunday, December 7— Ted's Christmas Open House, 10am-4pm

Saturday, February 7, 2009 — Ted's Wild Game Cook-Off, 10am-4pm

Nov-Dec 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov 16 Augusta BBQ	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22
Nov 23 Rain Date / Open Ride	Nov 24	Nov 25 Club Meeting Elks Lodge 7 pm	Nov 26	Nov 27 Thanksgiving Day	Nov 28	Nov 29
Nov 30 Rain Date / Open Ride	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6
Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13
Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20
Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23 Club Meeting Elks Lodge 7 pm	Dec 24	Dec 25 Christmas Day	Dec 26	Dec 27
Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31 New Year's Eve			

All rides leave Old Orchard Center at 10:00 A.M. Be there early to line up.

November 16 — Augusta BBQ (Diana Johnson): We will take Hwy T to V to 47 and add some scenic roads by hitting A and 185 if weather permits. We will end up back on Hwy 47 then on Hwy 94 into Augusta and the American Legion Hall for all-you-can-eat BBQ pork steaks and fried chicken with all the fixings. At last check the price was still \$9.00. We can head to Defiance when done with lunch.

November 23 & 30 — Rain date / open ride: Let Dennis Meade know if your favorite ride was rained out, or show up with your ride idea.

Notice: Classified ads will run for a maximum of three (3) months. Contact Nita Fisher at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (636) 257-2238 when your item is sold, or if you want to re-submit your ad or place a new one.

For Sale: Cold weather riding gear

Harley Davidson waterproof textile insulated gauntlet gloves, men's x-large. Like new. **Asking \$25, OBO.**
First Gear insulated textile Kenya jacket (L) and matching insulated overpant (women's 12). Both are waterproof and in excellent condition. **PRICE REDUCED TO \$60 each or \$100 for the pair.**

Contact Nita at (314) 808-7762 or nita@palaver.org

10/08

For Sale: 2006 Suzuki Boulevard C-50 (805cc)

Like new condition and has had all maintenance meticulously performed. Only 9000 carefully ridden miles. Many extras: windshield, highway bars, saddlebags, lightbar, sissybar, luggage rack. **Asking \$6,000.**

Contact Dave Schmidt at ibelieve@ix.netcom.com or 314-651-7336

8/08

For Sale: Gold Wing Clymer Service Manual 2001-2004

Excellent condition, \$25

For Sale: GL 1800 Saddlebags (left and right), Titanium (Y181P)

Excellent condition, \$125 each

Call Tom at 314-849-1386

12/07

For Sale: 2004 Suzuki Intruder 800

Bike is silver with 2300 mi., garage kept, with the Boulevard fairing. It has good power and it is a lot of fun to ride on the highways and twisties — a great medium size ride.

Contact Tito at (636) 332-6514 or e-mail madrider03@aol.com

9/07

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GM Meeting Report

At the October meeting, March of Dimes' Debbie Kersting awarded plaques to the club and to the top three fund raisers: Mark Levin (\$6,700), Erin O'Donnell (\$3,700), and Rich Bayers (\$3,520), and reported 7400 participants and \$295,000 raised at this year's event. Our club total had climbed to \$22,280.

Dennis Meade commended the police departments on the organization of the Bikers for Babies Ride and said he had received positive feedback on the event.

Rich Bayers was nominated for Vice President for 2009.

Paul Hann and Bob Mueller volunteered to organize our holiday party (January 10, 2009).

Eric announced that members should bring their money to the December 23 meeting for t-shirts ordered.

It was also announced that Paul Garlock's father passed away.



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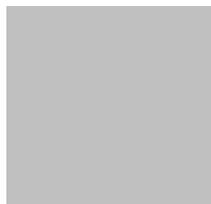
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