



The Shadow Writer

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

A Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Shadow Riders:

I want to first encourage all of you to attend the Holiday Party on January 16th. Sue Braun has promised a good time as the party will again be at the Ballwin VFW hall with a DJ and some spectacular Italian cuisine. But best of all will be the good times and fellowship of club members. Ira is working on some Saturday Night Out events for those winter months so check the website and emails as these are evolving.

It has been a fast year, lots of great rides and events. But the time is near to plan for next year. First off it is time to pay your dues. Secondly, we need you to volunteer to be an officer of the club. The 4-5 hours a month it takes will pay you back in multiples. This club runs on its volunteers so please commit your time and talents. At the January meeting we will not only elect officers but decide if and where to move the meeting next year, so make sure to pay your dues and show up and vote.

I have been very encouraged at the attendance at the weekly rides and we had a group of 20+ attend Ted's chili cook-off. And our own Diana Johnson took 1st Place for best name and 2nd for best tasting chili, CONGRATS DIANA! It was another good time by those that attended. We already have some things in the plans for 2010 including an Iron Butt Ride, a trip to Yellowstone, and a Sturgis Rally party, so get ready to have a great time in 2010.

The season is not over, come on out on Sundays and we will ride if possible. Most of all be safe out there; the critters are active!

Keep the shiny side up!

Bob Mueller

Meetings

Club (General Membership) Meeting

7:00 PM, 4th Tuesday each month
Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane
NEXT MEETING: November 24, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting

6:30 PM before each GM Meeting
Manchester Elks Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane
NEXT MEETING: November 24, 2009

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Sunday Rides

The scheduled ride season is coming to a close this month. Starting in December **you can get together with Shadow Rider buddies to chat and—weather permitting—go on impromptu rides.**

Meet at Burger King in Old Orchard Center, 14128 Manchester at 9:00-9:30 am.

Web Site

www.shadowriders-stl.com

Membership

	Nov '08	Nov '09
Main Members	116	114
Significant Others	25	27
Total	141	141

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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The Infamous Chili Cook-Off 2009

By Diana Johnson, Reigning Chili Queen

On Saturday, Nov. 7, I participated in my third chili cook-off at Ted's Motorcycle World in Alton. Mel helped me load up his truck and I was on the road by 7:45 a.m. I arrived at 8:30 a.m. with two crock pots already hot, my table decorations, a cooler packed with ten gallons of chili (Yes, I said 10 gallons!), and my very own custom designed, air brushed 'Triple Pepper Penetration' name sign



painted by Marklyn Cobb. Let me tell you, she outdid herself with this one. I received all sorts of comments and praise on the name and artwork. I pulled into Ted's parking lot with plans of backing up to the door to off-load. Half a dozen other early birds had the same idea. I squeezed into an open space and began the task of unloading. Well, there wasn't a snowball's chance in hell of me picking up that cooler containing all the chili. I had to go find me some men. Wild Bill Stewart himself carried my cooler in for me.

I scope out an open table and claim my territory. Extension cord out, all crock pots plugged in. It's time to decorate. My 'Triple Pepper Penetration' sign was prominently displayed on my table. I also had club brochures in a rack along with business cards, membership applications, and our Bikers for Babies brag book. I may have recruited a few prospects!

It's finally 10:00 a.m. and time to serve up some chili. Believe it or not people started meandering in around 10:30. By 11:30 things were in full swing. The Shadow Riders are now here and more keep popping in. Thank goodness for the SRC gang. I needed help. I could hardly keep up with refilling crock pots and serving chili. I had to find a microwave to get more chili heated up fast. I put Lou Soucy to work heating up one pot while I refilled another. Dennis Meade stepped up to serve the hungry masses. Finally things were under control, or were they? "What do you mean we need more chili heated up?!?"

It's 1:30 p.m. and the crowd has not thinned out at all. Most of the gang had left me by now and were heading out to play on their motorcycles. Ah, my buddy Cliff Connoyer is still hanging with me. Cliff tags in to serve while I refill crock pots yet again. I'm starting to worry that I may run out. With only one gallon of chili left I pour ½ of it into a crock pot and hope for the best.

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It's 2:00p.m. The event is supposed to be over at 3:00 p.m. Here comes PJ, the hard working Ted's girl that pulls this event together. She is getting a jump start on counting tickets because of the extremely high volume. She asks us to count our tickets and batch them in groups of 10. Man do I have a bunch of Sample tickets. We have to empty it out to make room for more. There are quite a few in Best Name and People's Choice too. I ask PJ how my totals compare to the other competitors. She gives me a grin and tells me that I am in 2nd place so far for People's Choice. Well, I know I have 8 more votes for Best Name than I do People's Choice so I figure I got a shot at 1st place in the Best Name category. Finally 3:00 p.m. rolls in and Cliff and I start cleaning up while the workers tally up the votes.

I think it was somewhere around 4-4:30ish when they were ready to award the cash for sample sales and the awards for the winners. We had the 2nd most samples sold with over 250. Now for the People's Choice award. Wait, they didn't call my name. Could it be I won in a different category? YES, it could! Uncle Cuz's Colon Cleansing Chili took 3rd place in Best Name, Better Than Sex Chili took 2nd place and.....Triple Pepper Penetration took first place for Best Name. Once again Shadow Riders bring home the top prize of \$300, plus approximately \$60 in profits from sample sales. Had I not won for Best Name I would have won 2nd place in People's Choice. Either way we kicked some butt.

The weather was picture perfect Saturday and Ted's had a record turnout. I heard talk that \$1700 worth of sample tickets was sold. That's more than they have ever had so all 23 competitors went home with some money for their charity. I had a blast doing this. I went home both exhausted and exhilarated. I would not have been successful if not for the support of each Shadow Rider that attended or donated cash to my operating cost. I thank each one of you from the bottom of my heart. I love you guys. You ARE the BEST. Thanks to Mel Heembrock, Bob Mueller, Dennis Meade, Lou Soucy, & Cliff Connoyer for their extra help and a big hug to Cliff and Chris Schweitzer for sticking around to the end to celebrate our victory and help me load back up for the ride home. I was traveling home a little lighter, with only ½ gallon of chili left 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.

Be sure to check out the website for pictures from the event. You can also read and see more in the HOG newsletter (for any of you HOG guys).

Hello fellow Shadow Riders,
from Jim Gianella, Membership Coordinator

It's that time of year again for membership renewal. We had a great riding season this year even though we had some rainouts. We gained 15 new members as of October 31. The Board of Directors and I hope you will be renewing your membership for 2010 for another great riding season starting in April.

By the time you receive this month's Newsletter, you should have received an email to renew your Shadow Riders membership along with instructions which are reprinted below. All those members that receive their Newsletter by mail should have also received their renewal application by snail mail.

For those with an internet connection, click on the link I sent in the email or go to the club's home page and click on Membership; on the next window click on Renewal Application on the right side. It will open as a PDF file. You will need Adobe Reader or a similar program. Print it and then fill it out. It is one page. Before you print it, be sure to check your Page Setup under File menu. Page should be set to Portrait, and all margins set at 0.5 inches.

All that I require is your name and any information that has changed, such as address, phone numbers, motorcycles, email address or add/delete significant other.

At the top be sure to circle Yes or No for the Buzz Book.

*Be sure to **SIGN** and **DATE** the application. Your signature is **REQUIRED** for the liability waiver. And don't forget to **SIGN** and include your check with the application. Return the **WHOLE** application.*

You can bring your application and check to the meeting or mail it to me at the address listed on the application.

Renewal amounts are: Individual membership \$24.00, Joint membership \$36.00.

New members that joined in 2009 and paid for 2009 and 2010 will not need to fill out another application, unless any information has changed. They are:

Ben Castillo
Brian Davis
Jeff Distl
Mike Gambino
Hank Mayhall
Robin Potter



Renew Now

Legislative Update

courtesy of Jim Gianella

In case anyone is not aware, motorcyclists did get three pieces of legislation passed this year, the helmet law not being one of them. All three were approved by the Governor and took effect on August 28, 2009.

House Bill 253, which contains State Statute 307.128, allows motorcycle headlamps to be wired to modulate either the upper beam or lower beam. This brings Missouri law in line with federal standards. See 307.128 for full text.

House Bill 481, which contains two separate statutes, State Statutes 379.130 and 537.055, specifies that operating a motorcycle, in and of itself, will not be considered evidence of comparative negligence to recover damages. When investigating an accident or settling a claim, no insurer can assign a percentage of fault. See 379.130 and 537.055 for full text.

House Bill 683, which contains State Statute 304.285, creates an affirmative defense for any person operating a motorcycle or bicycle who enters or crosses an intersection controlled by a traffic control signal against a red light if the motorcycle or bicycle has been brought to a complete stop, the traffic control signal continues to show a red light for an unreasonable time, the traffic control is apparently malfunctioning or has apparently failed to detect the approach of a motor vehicle, the signal has apparently failed to detect the arrival of the motorcycle, and no motor vehicle or person is approaching or is so far away from the intersection that it does not constitute an immediate hazard. See 304.285 for full text.

A word of warning: I would caution against going against a red light. A lot of police agencies may not be aware of this law, since it is new. I would suggest getting an official copy of the statute from Jefferson City and carrying it with you in case you are stopped. You can then show the statute to the officer, if he is so inclined, but he does not have to accept it. If you are issued a citation, you will have to present your case and evidence - in this case, the state statute - to the Judge in court.



Nominations Now Open for 2010 Club Officers

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

Paul Hann — 314-398-4224

Eric Levy — 314-644-1001 or xtabber@gmail.com

Larry McGowen — 314-495-1847 or lmcgowen@hrh-advantage.com

Nominations will be open until the end of the December club meeting.
Election of officers will take place at the January meeting.

Vote on these Proposed By-Laws Amendments at the January meeting.

Article Five, Section 3, B – Current by-laws:

The outgoing President may, at his/her discretion, attend any/all SRC-STL Board meetings, as a non-voting member, for the duration of the new Board.

Article Five, Section 3, B – Proposed by-laws:

The outgoing President shall serve as official advisor to the new Board for the first six months of its term and may attend SRC-STL Board meetings, as a non-voting member, during that period.

Article Five, Section 1, D. – Current by-laws:

The SRC-STL elections will be conducted at the January General Membership meeting. Ballots will be accepted only from members who are eligible to vote, whose current year's dues have been paid, and who are present at that meeting.

Article Five, Section 1, D. – Proposed by-laws:

The SRC-STL elections will be conducted at the January General Membership meeting. Ballots will be accepted only from members who are eligible to vote, whose current year's dues have been paid, and who are present at that meeting, except for the absentee ballot provision, as follows.

For any slate that contains more than one person running for any office, the Board shall provide for an absentee ballot process that allows members who are unable to attend the January meeting to vote between the finalization of nominations at the December meeting and the January voting meeting. The process may include pre-voting at the December meeting, or voting by mail, electronic or other processes, so long as the absentee votes are verified as cast by members who are eligible to vote, and whose dues associated with the election year have been paid.

Shadow Riders Holiday Party

January 16, 2010
7pm-midnight

VFW

115 Mimosa Lane
Ballwin, MO 63011

Catered by

Rigazzi's

(Beer and Soda included)

Dancing to the Music

by Paul Hann

RSVP & payment due January 1, 2010

Send to Susan Braun (636) 677-2116

5717 Werner Dr., High Ridge, MO 63049

\$20.00 per person — Checks payable to Shadow Riders *(Please indicate name(s) attending on check.)*



Nov-Dec 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov 15 Augusta BBQ Ride	Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21
Nov 22 Open Ride / Rain Date	Nov 23	Nov 24 Club Meeting 7 pm Bd Mtg 6:30	Nov 25	Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day	Nov 27	Nov 28
Nov 29 Open Ride / Rain Date	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5
Dec 6 Ted's Open House 11-3	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 Club Meeting 7 pm Bd Mtg 6:30	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25 Christmas Day	Dec 26
Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31 New Year's Eve		

November 15 — Augusta BBQ: We'll make one last run of the season to this perennial favorite — the American Legion Hall all-you-can-eat BBQ for pork steaks and fried chicken with all the fixings. At last check the price was still \$9.00 (cash).

November 22 and 29 — Open ride / rain date: Send your idea for a ride to Cliff ahead of time or bring it to Old Orchard on Sunday.

December 6 — Christmas Open House at Ted's Motorcycle World, 11 am-3 pm

Contact Nita Fisher at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (314) 808-7762 to place your Classified Ad. Ads run for three (3) months, renewable. Please contact Nita when your item is sold.

For Sale: 2005 Honda Shadow Aero 750cc

Like new condition. **Only 4500 miles!**

Includes windshield, highway bars, saddlebags, extra set of mirrors, small luggage rack, and vinyl cover.

Asking \$4300.

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: 2002 Harley Davidson Road King — 911 Firefighter Special Edition Collector Model

Firefighter decals and 911 plaque. Has 45,000 miles; professional engine rebuild at 35,000 miles upgraded to 95 inch bore with S&S high performance cams, adjustable S&S push rods, roller rockers, and ported branch heads. Emergency strobe flashers, driver and passenger back rests and luggage rack, Bassani 2-into-1 pipes with quiet and loud baffles, pimp lights around engine; security system with fob. **Asking \$10,300.**

Contact Larry McGowen at 314-495-1847 or mcgowen@hrh-advantage.com

06/09

For Sale: 2004 Honda VTX 1800S (S = spoke wheels)

Black, studded seats, switchblade crash/hwy bars, saddle bags, back-rest, luggage rack, windshield, helmet with both sun and clear shade. Excellent condition with only 17,000 miles. **\$8,000.00**

Contact Matt at matthew.bonini@us.army.mil

05/09

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.**

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

10/09

November Birthdays

02 - Steven Clubb	15 - Tom Clemons
03 - Mike Fuhro	16 - James Guyer
03 - Bill Callan	19 - Jeff Distl
03 - Eric Johnston	22 - Roy Kinder
05 - Kevin Polito	23 - Rich Simpson
06 - Erin O'Donnell	24 - Eric Levy
09 - Charles Cooper	26 - Robert Cobb
11 - Ray Baldree	26 - Lesley Levin



October 27, 2009, GM Meeting Report

[READ 'ANNOUNCEMENTS' BELOW TO LEARN OF 2010 TRIPS]

Treasurer, Russ Davis reported we are \$424 ahead of budget year to date. Holiday party expenses are still pending. Vice President, Rich Bayers, reported Bikers for Babies (B4B) event had 700 bikes, 1200 were registered. Collections were down for 2009. Mark Levin, Erin O'Donnell, and Rich Bayers were 2nd, 3rd, and 4th top money raisers. Safety Officer, Cliff Connoyer reminded us to set clocks back this weekend. Breakfast at Larry McGowen's house this Sunday. Distributed a copy of the state driver's test to check our knowledge. Membership Coordinator, Jim Gianella, reported: Main members 111, SO 27, Jr. Members 0, Total 138. 5 new members this month. 3 signed up at B4B event booth. We will be ordering patches in the near future. Dimension for patches 10 X 8. Will order 25 patches. Ziemart Creations was original maker of patches. Bob will work with Laura on this. SNO Coordinator, Ira Steuer had and received suggestions for Saturday night out which included: Jive & Wail Restaurant and Bar, Lumiere Place for Legends show, Tavern in Defiance, and Incredible Pizza (in St. Charles).

- **Old Business:** Everyone said Smokies trip was awesome. Check out the video link on our website. Nominating committee looking for members to run for office for 2010, see Eric Levy, Paul Hann, or Larry McGowen. President still needs Ambassadors to promote the club. New mtg location: Ryan's at Hwy 270 & Rock Rd., food & free room, Golden Corral in St. Charles, food & free room, Culpepper's in Kirkwood, menu ordering, beer, and free room. We will vote on meeting locations at Jan. mtg when voting in new officers and by-law changes.
- **New Business:** Breakfast at Larry McGowen's Sunday, Nov. 1, rain or shine.
- **Announcements:** Ted's Chili Cook-Off Nov. 7. Holiday party set for Jan. 16, 2010. \$20.00 per person. Sue and Peggy will start taking reservations at Nov. GM mtg. Rigazzi's doing the catering. Sturgis 2010: Reservations being made at Buffalo Chip for 2nd week in Aug. 2010, 9 days reserved. Contact Bob Mueller if interested. Yellowstone 2010: Departing St. Louis, Aug. 20. Contact Lou Soucy if interested. Iron Butt 2010: Ryugen Fisher Memorial ride. 1000 miles in 24 hours. Do in spring before summer heat. Contact Bob Mueller if interested. Happy October birthdays to Terry Brockman and Chris Schweitzer. Bob Gebel no longer at Ted's Motorcycle World, now at Big St. Charles Motorsports.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m.

See what you miss when you miss a meeting.

SRC Welcomes New Members

Hank Mayhall (rides a blue 2001 Honda Shadow Sabre)

Robin Potter (rides a silver 2006 Honda VTX 1300R)

Walter Murphy (rides a blue 2008 Yamaha V-Star Custom 1100)



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