



The Shadow Writer

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Official Newsletter of the
Shadow Riders Club of St. Louis
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A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders:

Well, the end of the riding season is here. We have Sunday rides through November but now it is iffy at best. What a great riding season for the club. Many fantastic Sunday rides, some over the top good road trips, and social events galore. This year was the best I can remember, what a calendar you guys put together. I have scouted around and found a Hometown buffet that is still open for Sunday BS sessions. It is on St. Charles Rock Road, east of 270 right across the street from Target and next to Kohl's. So when riding is over we can still meet for breakfast at 9AM on Sundays for off season ride planning. I have some inside scoop that there will be a spring ride to West Virginia in mid May so you can already plan on a spring road trip.

As the elections approach I am happy to tell you we have candidates for all the officer positions, but it would be great to see a few more throw their hat in the ring so we have an actual election, there are never too many great ideas. I can tell you this much, it has been a privilege to be the President of the best riding club in the city the past 3 years. We have made many changes in those years and the ride schedule has continued to grow. Membership had been a constant but not the growth I had hoped for. But we are fiscally very sound as a new board takes over in 2012.

We will meet in November, December and January at the Sports Café off St. Charles Rock Road and 270. This is the old Ryan's Steakhouse right next to Bob Evans behind Quick Trip. This is a trial run for a new spot. We will have it on the ballot in January so come out, give it a try and vote on it at the elections. I will tell you the vote at the last meeting surprised me, but by popular demand we will try it out.

Think about some rides for next season before they leave your mind in the snow. See you at the new meeting spot or on Sunday.

Ride Safe and often,

Bob

Bob Mueller
President

Club Meeting (General Membership)

7:00 pm, 4th Tuesday of the Month

Sports Cafe, 3579 Pennridge, Bridgeton, MO (north of 270 and west of St. Charles Rock Rd.)

Next Meeting: November 22, 2011

Board Meeting, 6:30 pm before Club Meeting

Sunday Rides

April through November: We meet at Old Orchard Center, 14128 Manchester, behind Arby's.

Plan to arrive around 9:30, line up your bike, and visit with friends. Rides leave at 10.

General Membership Meeting October 25, 2011

Old/New Business:

A new meeting location for November, December and October was voted on by the membership. It was agreed that our meeting will be held at Sports Café located at 270 and St. Charles Rock Road for the next three months. A permanent change will be on the ballet in January.

Bikers 4 Babies – \$150,000 is current report of funds collected overall.

Nominations currently for board member positions – Dave Simorka, President; Ron Eckert, Vice President; Dave Walters, Safety Officer; Russ Davis, Treasurer; Andrea Geiler, Secretary. Think about where you would like to serve and throw your name into the hat! John Geiler will be the new editor for the monthly newsletter. Thank John the next time you see him for taking on this new job and also let Nita know how much you have appreciated all of her dedication and time over the few last years with the job! Check out the updates Ted has been making to the website. Ted is also looking for information for the memorial page for Tony Rock and Jesse Reed.

Sue Braun and Robin Potter have agreed to coordinate the Holiday Party again this year. The date has tentatively been set on January 21 and will be held at the Ballwin VFW Hall again this year.

50/50 drawing – Nita Fisher

2012 Club Officer Candidates (so far):

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

Contact a Board member to nominate someone for an office or to volunteer yourself.

Shadow Riders Club Welcomes New Members:

Curtiss & Melissa Campbell – 1999 Honda Valkyrie;
Ben Riker – 1996 Kawasaki 1500 Classic;
Ross McGovern – 2009 Victory Jackpot

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Membership

	<u>Oct '09</u>	<u>Nov. '11</u>
Main Members	110	103
Significant Others	26	29
Juniors	0	5
Total	136	137

November Birthdays

03 - MIKE FUHRO
03 - ERIC JOHNSTON
03 - ROSS MCGOVERN
05 - KEVIN POLITO
06 - ERIN O'DONNELL
09 - CHARLES COOPER
10 - RENEE HESS
10 - MARSHALL SMITH
16 - JAMES GUYER
22 - ROY KINDER
23 - RICH SIMPSON
24 - ERIC LEVY
26 - ROBERT COBB
26 - LESLEY LEVIN



November Membership Anniversaries

Michael Zinna & Maureen Robertson – 10 years;
Rich Simpson; Roy & Debbie Kinder – 5 years.

Chili Cook-Off Results

By Diana Johnson, Reigning Chili Queen

On Saturday, Oct. 29, Big St. Charles Motorsports held their annual chili cook-off. I loaded up the back of Mel's truck that morning and arrived at the dealership with my new electric roaster, compliments of Rhonda Simorka, my table decorations, a cooler packed with 9 gallons of chili, and my very own custom designed air-brushed 'Triple Pepper Penetration' name sign custom painted by Marklyn Cobb. I pulled into Big St. Charles' parking lot and backed up to the door to off-load. I began the task of unloading. Once again I found myself with a cooler full of chili I could not lift. I found a couple sturdy men to grab my cooler and I was off and running. It was so much easier for me with the electric roaster. I dumped 4 gallons of chili into the roaster, another gallon in my backup crock pot and cranked up the heat. It's time to decorate. My 'Triple Pepper Penetration' sign was prominently displayed next to my table along with our club banner. The dealership provided us with an extra table to set out club literature and talk with riders about our club. Club ambassadors were present to promote our club. Among them were Russ Davis, Karen Johnston, and my friend and fellow party girl, Robin Potter.

Robin is a party waiting to happen. She showed up in the cutest Red Riding Hood costume complete with wig, red satin hooded cape, fish net stockings, black booties, and a basket which held brochures and cards. She came well prepared to promote our club. Robin had taken the time to print stickers for the back of our business cards with my chili name on it and walked through the dealership introducing herself, handing out cards, and inviting riders to come check out our club.

Safety Officer, Lou Soucy, met up with, and led, members to the dealership. They rode in parade style but I was not able to sneak outside to see the club pulling in. They arrived at the perfect time to get some hot chili and do some shopping before heading out on a riding adventure to Brussels and then Grafton. The weather was perfect for a day of chili and riding.

Competition was light and the turnout of riders/tasters was light. The dealership had a few issues during the planning stages of this event but it was a success none the less. We won People's Choice again this year and still raised a little money for our charity. Sample sales were down compared to last year. I am lucky to have \$100 to donate compared to \$165 in 2010.

I enjoy doing these chili cook-offs. There is definitely a lot of work involved in planning and preparing for the event, but the day of the cook-off is party time. It's time to reap the rewards of a little hard work. I will keep making the chili as long as you guys keep showing up. I want to thank Russ Davis, Lou Soucy, and Robin Potter for their time and hard work. I also want to thank Karen Johnston for all her help serving up the samples and hanging with me all day. Sometimes you just need an extra set of hands and a much deserved break. I know many of you had plans that day and still came by the event to show support and taste a few samples. Many thanks and hugs to you all.

As a reminder:

We have secured a meeting room at the Sports Café located in Bridgeton at Hwy 270 and St. Charles Rock Road. The address is 3579 Pennridge, in the old Ryan's Steakhouse location just across from Olive Garden. You can check out their menu and happy hour specials at www.sportscafe.biz, or by calling 314-298-1630.

Hey Everybody,

Looks like the official SRC riding season is soon to come to a close. The last two Sunday's of November are open rides. That means if the weather is nice, just show up at Old Orchard at the usual time and then we'll figure out where we're going. If you had a scheduled ride rained out this year, now is your opportunity to do it.

At the next SRC meeting we need to decide where we are going to meet on Sunday in the off season. Hometown Buffet in Chesterfield Valley sounds like a good choice, if you have any other ideas bring them to the meeting.

I can't emphasize enough how important it is to line up early for a ride in a group that is well suited for you. You're not going to enjoy the ride as much if you're in the middle of a group moving much faster or slower than you feel comfortable with. And as always the road captains should feel free to reposition riders in the group. If you have an unfamiliar or less experienced rider put them back alongside the Drag captain. The drag captain is in the position to see any problems a group or particular rider is having. If he or she has some advice, listen and try to learn from it. That's how we all get better! If it's obvious that a rider is unsafe in a group a road captain may ask that rider to follow behind the group for safety's sake.

Also, if anyone, experienced riders or novices, who may not have ridden in groups before, has a question regarding standardized hand signals please ask one of the road captains. Riding together is safer when everyone is "on the same page" where signals are concerned. Those of us who have ridden with the same people over the years readily recognize the different signals and their meanings. Other groups may have different sets of signals but the standards are long-standing and widely accepted. Safety is Job One with our group since we also consider our fellow riders to be part of our Shadow Riders family.

Let's Ride, Lou



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 5
Nov 6 High Ridge	Nov 7	Nov 8	Nov 9	Nov 10	Nov 11	Nov 12
Nov 13 Open Ride	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19
Nov 20 Open Ride	Nov 21	Nov 22 Club Mtg 7:00 Board 6:30	Nov 23	Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day	Nov 25	Nov 26
Nov 27 Open Ride	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3
Dec 4 Open Ride	Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10

Rides:

Nov 13 through Dec 4 — open rides: If your ride was rained out and you want to try it again, contact Lou. If you have an idea for a destination and/or route, bring it with you to Old Orchard.

<u>Bike Count as of 9/27/2011</u>				
	Honda	54	Victory	3
	Harley	24	Vento	1
	Kawasaki	20	Big Dog	1
	Suzuki	6	CanAm	1
	Yamaha/ Star	11	Triumph	2
	BMW	5	KTM	1

Well, Steve McQueen he ain't!

Looks like turkey again this year.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



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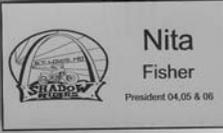
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