



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;

First I'd like to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers, and cards with regard to my speedy recovery. So far, so good! Looks like I still have a long way to go but I'm looking forward to things getting back to normal shortly. I've also heard a couple of other members have had surgery (Ed) and some close calls (Ron). Take it easy out there everyone, be safe and heal quick.

This past month has been busy. Bob's Gasoline Alley ride had a huge turnout. Thanks to Robin for organizing the ride and for stepping up as the club's representative for Hartbauer-Mcbride. I also understand the turnout at Bikers for Babies was a bit smaller, the event was much better organized and the food was great. The Salvation Army made a presentation to the club as to the services they provide and who can benefit from their organization. Remember, we'll be looking to vote on the club's charity for 2013 in January and it looks as though we'll have some great choices.

Congratulations go to Diana on her victory at Big St. Charles chili cook off. Diana will also be organizing a gift wrapping table at Big SC starting the Friday after Thanksgiving and each Saturday until Christmas. If you're interested in helping out, let Diana know. Thanks Diana, you always go the extra mile. Also I hear there are a couple of trips being planned for next year. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or new to motorcycle trips, our club does some of the best. So stay tuned, we'll have more info shortly. And Sue and Robin are planning the holiday party. Keep an eye out for more information to follow.

I understand a couple of existing board members are planning to run again for next year but not all of them. So consider running for the club's board. The club runs on volunteers like you. It's a great way to give back and help mold the club's future.

Even though we're at the end of the riding season, don't forget starting November 25th our off-season Sunday schedule begins. Again this year, we'll be alternating between the north and south Hometown Buffet locations. Please check the website for the dates and corresponding location to come by at the usual time to chat with friends and, if the weather cooperates, take a ride. Hope to see you there.

Keep your bike in good repair: motorcycle boots are not comfortable for walking.

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: November 27, 2012

Board meeting 30 minutes before regular meeting.

Sunday Rides

April through November: Meet at Old Orchard Center, 14128 Manchester, behind Arby's. Plan to arrive around 9:30, line up your bike, then visit with friends. Rides leave at 10 a.m.

Shadow Riders General Membership Meeting October 2012

Ron Eckert opened the meeting with information on President Dave Simorka who underwent a sudden 5 way by-pass Heart surgery. He is doing as well as can be expected.

Hurry back Dave!

Ed Acree went in recently and had Prostate Cancer removed and is back at home.

Get well soon Ed!

Also-Ron blacked-out while riding down Hwy 30 and left the road. While he was very fortunate to only receive a few scrapes the bike was totaled.

Captain Ronald Key with the Salvation Army of St. Charles was introduced as another option for Charity or to do collection for. He explained that they offer over 130 different services and programs for those in need such as shelters, food pantries and educational programs. Eighty Nine cents per dollar collected goes to the cause and stays in St. Charles.

Rich Bayers attended the Bikers for Babies event and reports a smaller turnout but much more organized event with great food options.

Bring your own shirt to the next meeting for Karen and Eric to take in for silk screen of our logo. Any type of shirt or jacket will do-only \$6 each. Show your pride and support for the club with a club logo window cling. Do you have yours yet?

The Sunday ride to Bob's Gasoline Alley had a nice turnout and was a nice change with a lot of collectibles and things to see. The food was good and the company was great as always.

Trip planning for next year is in full swing- Lou is getting together a nice ride up the East Coast leaving August 17th with a stop at Niagara Falls and much more. Bob is planning his trip out to North Carolina and the Dragon in May. Come out and be part of what is always a good time. To vacation is one thing . . . but to vacation on your bike with a great group of people is priceless.

50/50 was \$27 and won by Brian Davis

Adjourned 7:40

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October Membership

Main Members	94
Significant Others	26
Juniors	7
Total	127

November Birthdays

03 - ERIC JOHNSTON	11 - MARSHALL SMITH
03 - ROSS MCGOVERN	11 - SUSU Q.
03 - MIKE FUHRO	16 - JAMES GUYER
06 - ERIN O'DONNELL	22 - ROY KINDER
06 - CHARLIE SEIBEL	23 - RICH SIMPSON
09 - CHARLES COOPER	23 - SUE SEIBEL
10 - RENEE HESS	26 - LESLEY LEVIN

November Anniversaries:

5 Years — Sue Braun

Hello SR's,

Somehow, someway, we are into the 11th month of 2012. Where did our riding season go? We are winding the weekend rides down, and will soon enjoy Sunday morning buffets. Everyone eats, so join the regulars for some descent food, and great company. These are the days that give birth to the next years' road trips. Come in and join, give your opinion, or better yet, give us an idea of a new place to travel.

We are also getting ready to vote possible new board members. Last weekend, someone brought this to my attention . . . this club survives on 20% of regular members that contribute their time and effort. Some give a BUNCH of time and effort. We need new members to step up: run for office; help man our extra activities (chili cook off (Congrats Diane!)); events where we have a booth; etc., or just start coming to our once a month meeting. Yeah, ONCE a month . . . is that too much to ask to be a part of this great riding club?!

Last weekend was a great ride for those that missed. We took some very nice twisties to get down to Weingarten. Of the very few that showed, many have wised up and geared up. Getting a heated jacket liner will get you many more days to ride comfortably. I chose Gerbing gear after much research. The new micro-wire technology is awesome. The clothes warm up instantly! I bought mine in December 2010, and have enjoyed everything I purchased completely. I shopped around and found that everyone was basically the same price. However, I had read in an online forum that some other Wing riders had received a 25% discount from an outfit in CO. I sent an email requesting a price quote on all the items I was considering (I am heated from neck to toe), and inquired about the 25% off. They responded with the same pricing that everyone else advertised and said that the sale had discontinued, but they would go ahead and offer me the 25% off anyway! So, here is where I bought my gear. Oh, Gerbing also has lifetime warranty on their heating elements.

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PS: The deer have started their rut! Be aware of the sides of the roads, they are on the move. If you see a doe cross the road, lookout for the buck that could be on her tail.

Ride safe, ride long.
Safety Dave



And now, a word from our Vice-President

Hi everyone.

Well the riding season is almost over and Boy, has it been a great year. We had hot days, cool days, and warm days. We had some great trips this year as well.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who planned a trip, planned a Sunday ride, or just did something for the club in general. Thank you.

I'm looking forward to next year already. There is some talk about trips for the club in 2013 and it ought to be a lot of fun.

Ok, ride safe, look around, and be good.

Ron

<p>Stop - arm extended straight down, palm facing back</p> 	<p>Single File - arm and index finger extended straight up</p> 	<p>Turn Signal On - open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended</p> 
<p>Slow Down - arm extended straight out, palm facing down</p> 	<p>Double File - arm with index and middle finger extended straight up</p> 	<p>Fuel - arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended</p> 
<p>Speed Up - arm extended straight out, palm facing up</p> 	<p>Hazard in Roadway - on the right, point with right foot; on the left, point with left hand</p> 	<p>Refreshment Stop - fingers closed, thumb to mouth</p> 
<p>You Lead/Come - arm extended upward 45 degrees, palm forward pointing with index finger, swing in arc from back to front</p> 	<p>Highbeam - tap on top of helmet with open palm down</p> 	<p>Comfort Stop - forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion</p> 
<p>Follow Me - arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward</p> 	<p>Pull Off - arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swung toward shoulder</p> 	

Bike Count for October

Honda - 43	Harley - 29	Kawasaki - 13	Suzuki - 8	Yamaha - 4	BMW - 3	Victory - 2
Vento - 1	Big Dog - 1	CanAm - 2	Triumph - 3	KTM - 1	Ducati - 1	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov. 11	Nov. 12 Veteran's Day (Celebrated)	Nov. 13	Nov. 14	Nov. 15	Nov. 16	Nov. 17
Nov. 18	Nov. 19	Nov. 20	Nov. 21	Nov. 22 Thanksgiving	Nov. 23	Nov. 24
Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 27 Club Meeting	Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Nov. 30	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

Rides:

No rides are planned for the month of November but, if the weather is favorable to you, show up at Old Orchard and someone will surely ride with you. If you're unsure, then call one of us and see if anyone is planning on riding.

Sunday get-togethers will start December 2 at the North location of the Hometown Buffet at 12228 St. Charles Rock Road. Sunday meeting spots will alternate between this location and the South location at 7597 S. Lindbergh. Plan on stopping in and seeing some familiar faces. We have over 120 members in our club but we only see less than half of them on our regular rides and at monthly meetings. If you haven't been around for a while stop in and say "Hi!". We'd love to see you. Being a Shadow Rider is like belonging to a really big family: it may have been a while since we got together, but we're always glad to see you when we do. Most breakfasts have a tendency to run over into a lunch a little so don't worry about not being able to be there early enough to catch us. Someone is always ready to have their arm twisted into staying "just a little while longer".

Gas prices have come down slightly, and while that's not a sign of total economic recovery, it is a step in the right direction. Let's get a positive attitude about the coming year and help make the Shadow Riders a great club to belong to for another year. If you have ideas that you think might help the club, but you're not able to make the monthly meetings, bring your ideas to breakfast some Sunday and gives us your input. We have a great staff but it takes a lot of different interests to help the club keep it's diversity. I have some of my own ideas that I'm going to throw in the hat. We've already had some new members ask us: "Why don't you do this or that?" and it turned out to be something we just hadn't thought of ourselves. Bring your ideas; your appetites; and some stories to swap, and we'll be looking for you.

Sincerely,

John Geiler

Newsletter Editor

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