



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;

Just got back from the Bikes, Blues and BBQ and what a great time! Good bbq, some of the best roads in the country, and not a better group of riders to enjoy it with. A good time was had by all. If you missed out this year, start making plans for next year, I am.

Here we are in October and the weather is perfect for riding. Break out the leathers. Bikers For Babies Ride around the corner and I'm sure this will be a successful event for a worthy cause.

I'd like to address something that's been brought up recently. I'm hearing complaints about how some folks are riding. Let's remember, the Shadows Riders Club is a club for people who ride motorcycles and group riding is our main focus with safety at the top of our list.

We have guidelines designed to promote safety, specifically directed towards group riding. Please review our Group Riding Guidelines and remember, use common sense, and always "Ride Your Own Ride", don't ride beyond your abilities. And let's be tolerant of newer riders, we were all there at one time or another. Road Captains, discuss any unsafe riding with the rider and remember, these are group rides for all to enjoy.

It's October, the month we open up for nominations for next year's Board of Directors. Please consider serving your club and stepping up to run for one of these important spots on the board. Your club needs you!

Finally, for all anyone who plans to attend Robin's ride to Bob's Gasoline Alley on October 21st, remember this is a rain or shine event and your \$10 deposit is required by 10/14/12 to reserve your spot. Get your money to Robin ASAP.

We're the guys and gals that'll be sneaking out of our bedrooms at three o'clock in the morning to look at our bikes.

**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: October 23, 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 September 2012

Ron Eckert opened the meeting for Jerry Frasier who was there to answer any questions and pre-register for Bikers for Babies which is October 14th.

Treasurer Russ Davis states that the club has a surplus in funds of nearly \$400 and we continue to grow with new members.

Robin Potter has taken over as liaison for Hartbauer and McBride which is a foundation geared toward Biker for Biker. Some of our club members have been recipients of help from this group and we look forward to showing them our support at a deeper capacity in the future.

Don't forget to get your \$10 in by October 14th for Robin's ride on the 21st to Bob's Gasoline Alley.

The Reunion Ride on Sept. 9th was a fair turn out of about 10 past members who all seemed to appreciate the time spent.

Eric and Karen are offering up another visit to the silk screener to get our logo on the shirt of your choice. Just bring in your shirts to the October meeting and for \$6 ea you will get the Shadow Riders name logo on the front and/or the large patch logo on the back...or front!
Hats and patches will also be available in the near future.

Laura spoke about the 5th Annual Ride for Wishes which will take place June 8 & 9 2013. Haley is the ambassador this year and we will have more information about her and the collection days to follow.

Chili Cook-off at Big St. Charles will be on Saturday Oct 27 from 11-3. Come support your favorite! Check with Lou as he may be heading a group that way for the festivities.

Sue and Robin will be working on the Holiday Party and would appreciate any suggestions you may have.

Reminder for those who would like to run for the 2013 elections for office-please submit your names to Dave Simorka.

Trips for next year are already emerging and it's going to be a great year of rides. Lou is planning an East Coast trip in September including Niagara Falls. Bob Mueller is also considering the Dragon in May or June. There will be plenty of trips to choose from next year so set your sites on one or two and enjoy some time with this great riding group.

Robin Potter won 50/50 \$26

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September Membership

Main Members	94
Significant Others	26
Juniors	7
Total	127

October Birthdays

06 - KAREN JOHNSTON	15 - TERRY BROOKMAN
07 - RON HUGHES	19 - MELISSA CAMPBELL
14 - CHRIS SCHWEITZER	26 - BRIAN DAVIS
14 - RAY PFOUNTZ	28 - DAVE SIMORKA
15 - DAVE WALTERS	28 - JEFF ARENSMEIER

October Anniversaries:

10 Years:	E. Joseph Kalal
1 Year:	Curtiss Campbell
	Ben Ricker
	Ross McGovern
	Brenda Greives

Hello fellow SR's,

Well Lou had a great trip to AR planned, as usual. We had a decent turnout of bikes, and a great bunch of people. I had an absolute blast. The event organizers think that around 150,000 bikes turned out for the event. We got to Fayetteville early on Saturday, and parked on the parade route. We promptly got our train tickets, rode down to the university campus, and straight to the demo ride area. Several of us test rode Harley's, Lou even rode a Victory. The rain that was forecast every single day down there never caught us. We hit a few wet roads, but not many. The temperature was about perfect for motorcycling. Those that stayed home, and *someone* who didn't get new tires, really missed out.

As we enter our fall season, there are a few things to address on the safety side:

- 1) Gear up...we are entering a season that might be 60 degrees in the am, 75-80 at lunch, and back down to the 60's later in the day. Make sure you have gloves, and layer your clothing.
- 2) Keep your eyes on the road, and the shoulders. Deer will be heading into rut soon, and will be looking for a little love. The doe's will be on the move, with bucks on their trail.
- 3) Fall colors are great to go out and see, but beware of the evil wet leaves. Wet leaves can be just like ice, so keep your eyes on the road conditions.
- 4) Sunset is starting earlier everyday. As the sun descends in the fall, it can blind you, and others in vehicles. Make sure you are very aware of cars pulling out of side roads, especially with the sun behind you.

That is about all I have for the month. I will stress again about trying to make some of the club trips. I know the economy is not it's best, but a trip like Bikes, Blues, and BBQ is a fairly affordable trip, especially if you can share a room with someone. I spent about \$300, gas, hotel, food, a couple souvenirs, and evening beverages, total. Not bad for 3 nights stay, 9 meals, alcohol, and a couple of knickknacks.

Ride safe-
Safety Dave



Some interesting information from Membership Coordinator Jim Gianella:

FEDERAL E-15 MINIMUM FUEL PURCHASE MANDATE

"However inconceivable it may seem, ethanol has managed to earn itself another enemy. To service-station owners, refiners, vintage-car collectors, economists and car manufacturers themselves, add motorcycle riders," reported the New York Times in announcing a new EPA mandate that requires consumers to purchase a minimum of 4 gallons of E-15 gasoline. At issue is E15, a gasoline blend consisting of 15% ethanol, rather than the typical 10% formulation E10. The federal Environmental Protection Agency has approved E-15 for all cars from the 2001 model year and newer, but the E.P.A. has not approved its use for any motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles and its use could void manufacturers' warranties. To help keep E-15 out of these and other unapproved non-road engines, service stations offering E-15 and E-10 from the same pump station must agree to sell a minimum of 4 gallons of fuel per purchase in order to protect the engine of the next customer's vehicle, as the fueling hose retains roughly a third of a gallon from the previous customer's fill-up. But not all motorcycle fill-ups reach four gallons, as some motorcycles don't have tanks with that volume, or their owners may want to merely top them off. Exactly how a service station with pay-at-the-pump equipment could enforce the rule remains unclear, and the new EPA requirement announced in a response to an AMA inquiry is already generating ire on Capitol Hill where Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) told the Times; "The E.P.A. has no business mandating how much gasoline Americans have to buy when filling up at the pump. What if a rider doesn't have a motorcycle with a four gallon tank, "he challenged. "Or if someone wants to fill a canister for their lawn mower or outboard boat engine, but it only holds two or three gallons? Or what if an American, struggling in this economy, just can't afford four gallons of gas?"

Chili Cook-Off Time

By Diana Johnson, Chili Cook-Off Queen

We're fixin' up some chili and taking it to the people. **St. Charles Harley Davidson's 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off is Saturday, Oct. 27, from 11am-3pm at the dealership in St. Charles.** Visit www.bigstcharlesmotorsports.com or call 636-946-6487.

I will be representing the Shadow Riders Club in this charity event by serving up my award winning 'Triple Pepper Penetration' chili. Samples are only 50 cents each and we get to keep the proceeds from the samples we serve. Prizes are awarded in 3 categories; People's Choice, Judge's Best, and Best Name. We won Best Name and People's Choice in Oct. 2010 and won Peoples Choice in 2011. We were only allowed to win in one category but had so many votes that they had to award us in both categories in 2010. If every member attended and voted our chili as the best, we would surely bring home some cash again. All of our profits will be donated to our 2013 club charity. I can not win if you don't show up and vote.

Support your fellow members, support our club sponsor, support me, and get a belly full of some mighty tasty chili. Here's a helpful hint: Plan on Chili for lunch that day. By the end of the day many participants run low or out of samples so you don't want to be late. This is a rain or shine event. Lou will put together a ride to the dealership that day. **Be at Old Orchard and ready to ride by 10:00 a.m.** or come by the chili cook off when you can and meet up with your SRC buddies.

Bob's Gasoline Alley-Cuba, MO Club Ride Sunday October 21, 2012

The ride departs Old Orchard at 10:00 am as usual. If you are traveling on 4 wheels, plan to arrive at Bob's Gasoline Alley about 12:30 pm. **This is a rain or shine event.**

Good home cooked food is served buffet style and prepared for the number of people who have made a reservation. The meal price is \$10 per person. **Please get your reservations and money to Robin Potter by October 14th.**

Robin Potter – 1654 Irish Sea – High Ridge, MO 63049
Cell 314-541-7654

Bob's Gasoline Alley is an unusual and interesting museum, restaurant and entertainment establishment. Route 66 memorabilia is featured to include clocks, signs and over 5000 miniature die cast metal cars and trucks from the 1940s and '50s. Over 300 service station signs and other vintage advertisements are displayed inside and outside of 2 barns. Sixty (60) vintage gasoline pumps dating back to 1904 can be seen on this farm setting along with many animals. All displays have been refurbished to new-like and working condition. Come prepared to eat an outstanding lunch, let loose and have an entertaining afternoon. There is SO MUCH to look at and photograph. And yes, there is karaoke too. You and a buddy just might want to belt one out.

You can see pictures and read a more complete description of Bob's Gasoline Alley by visiting www.top-of-the-arch.blogspot.com/2010/11/bobs-gasoline-alley-one-mans-treasure.html.

Here are directions for anyone arriving on 4 wheels.

- 1) Travel West on I-44 to Exit #203. *This is 5 miles west of Cuba's Hwy 19 exit.*
- 2) Take Exit #203 to Hwy F.
- 3) LEFT onto Hwy F for 0.1 miles to Hwy ZZ.
- 4) LEFT onto Hwy ZZ for 1.5 miles to Beamer Lane.
- 5) LEFT onto Beamer Lane for 0.9 miles to Bob's Gasoline Alley – 822 Beamer Lane – Cuba, MO.

Please remember to get your reservations and money to Robin by October 14, 2012.

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
Oct. 14 Bikers for Babies Alternate: Bowling Green	Oct. 15	Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Oct. 18	Oct. 19	Oct. 20
Oct. 21 Bob's Gasoline Alley - Cuba, MO - Reservation Req.	Oct. 22	Oct. 23 7:00 Meeting at The Sports Grill.	Oct. 24	Oct. 25	Oct. 26	Oct. 27 Chili Cook-Off at Big St. Charles. See Page 4
Oct. 28 St. John's Gildehaus	Oct. 29	Oct. 30	Oct. 31 Halloween	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Nov. 3
Nov. 4 Weingarten	Nov. 5	Nov. 6	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 9	Nov. 10
Nov. 11	Nov. 12	Nov. 13	Nov. 14	Nov. 15	Nov. 16	Nov. 17

Rides:

Oct. 14: Bikers for Babies. This year's venue offers two options for the benefit ride: The first will be the traditional "parade" style ride, which most of us are accustomed to, while the second option of taking a ride with a group of your choice on a route that has be pre-arranged. Event starts at 9:00 AM.

Alternate Ride: Organizer: Lou Soucy - This ride is to Bowling Green Mo. It's a 114 mile route with a few roads that may be new to you, many scenic and a few twisties. Lunch will be at Crystals Restaurant where they have everything you can imagine a good small town restaurant would have. Bowling Green is only 40 mile highway ride back to the I-70 / 1-40 crossing if you need to get home quickly. Or there are some fun roads to spend the afternoon getting back, just ask around when we're leaving the restaurant. Come out for a ride and bring along a friend.

Oct. 21: Bob's Gasoline Alley. This ride requires pre-registration with Robin Potter and the cost is \$10. See Page 4 for details.

Oct. 28: St. John Gidehaus. This Ride is to thank all the work the Ride Captains do planning rides for the season. Club will cover their lunch expenses today.

Nov. 4: Weingarten. Ride Organizer: Erin O'Donnell - Plan on riding about 104 miles including some of Erin's favorite alphabet roads to lunch at the Midway Café.

Members' classified ads are free! Send to John Geiler at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (636) 938-4299

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