



The Shadow Writer *October, 2014*

Official Newsletter of the
Shadow Riders Club of St. Louis
www.shadowriders-stl.com

A Letter from the President

Hey everybody,

We just got back from Bikes, Blues & BBQ. The riding, the weather, the event and the camaraderie were spectacular! I can't wait to do it all over again next year. I've already booked my room at the same motel (Best Western Eureka Inn, 101 E. Van Buren, 479-253-9551) for September 24th, 25th and 26th of 2015. I've said it before and I'll say it again; if you've never taken a trip with the club, this is a great one to wet your feet with. If you think you might be interested, you should probably book your room right away. You can always cancel if you decide not to go.

The annual club picnic was a blast again this year. The food was great. The Ride was great. The weather was great. The company was great. A big "Thank you!" to Chris and a long list of people that helped make it happen.

We have a lot of great Sunday rides coming up before the regular club riding season comes to a close at the end of November. The weather is cooling off and the leaves are starting to change, which makes it ideal for some nice long rides. Hope you can come out and take advantage of them.

We put together a nominating committee for the upcoming elections. Nita Fisher will be overseeing the committee, with Bob Mueller and Rich Bayers. Give it some serious thought about running for an office and talk with one of them about it. Your club needs you.

Let's go for a ride together, Lou Soucy

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 28, 2014

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 Minutes
September 2014

Talk has started in regard to next year's big trip. Colorado is in the works for a 9 or 10 day trip over Labor Day weekend. Come out to breakfast during the off season if you would like to put in your thoughts or ideas, or plan a trip of your own.

Charlie Siebel came to the meeting after his incident on one of the Arkansas trips. Keep him, and Dave Kelewae who had an accident recently, in your thoughts for quick healing and speedy recovery.

Russ Davis said that the Ouachita Mountains trip had excellent scenery and was a good time.

Bikes Blues and BBQ was well attended and enjoyed by all. If you like twisties . . . Arkansas doesn't disappoint!

There a couple of dates open on the ride schedule for the end of November. Take a look at the manual at the meeting or before a Sunday ride and pick a day to be a ride organizer.

Bikers for Babies is on October 12 from Dave Mungenast to Washington, MO. They are only allowing 150 bikes this year to defer cost. So pre-register and get your T-shirt early.

We welcomed Theresa a new member to the club.

Nita will be heading the Nominating Committee for next year's Board of Directors. All positions are up for nominations. Think about running for a position, the club needs your support and welcomes new ideas.

Ted has done a great job keeping the website updated. If you need information, check out the calendar for upcoming events.

The financial stability of the club is good and the club picnic came in under budget.

Laura is selling 50/50 tickets for Make a Wish this year. The first drawing is on Dec. 1st for \$1000. Get your tickets!

The Holiday Party which will be January 17th at the Elks Lodge on Manchester will be put together this year by Laura Boone and Suzanne Muschaney. Your ideas are welcome.

Come out to the Chili Cook-off at Big St. Charles on Oct 25th, 10am-3pm Support either of our two entrants for their awesome culinary skills with your vote for your favorite! Keep the club winning streak alive! We will be meeting at Old Orchard at 10 if you would like to ride out as a group.

Shadow Riders 20th Anniversary is next year! Thanks to all who make it happen each year!

\$24 was won on the 50/50 drawing by Rich Bayers.

October Anniversaries

1 year – Maurice and Anita Tennial Sr.;
David Kelewae; and Jim Wadum

5 years – Robin Potter

10 years – Mary Vaughan

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September Membership

Main Members	92
Significant Others	28
Juniors	2
Total	122

November Birthdays

03 - MIKE FUHRO	03 - ERIC JOHNSTON
03 - ROSS MCGOVERN	
06 - ERIN O'DONNELL	
06 - CHARLIE SEIBEL	
9 - MARTY SANDERS	
10 - RENEE HESS	16 - JAMES GUYER
16 - JOHN FLYNN	22 - ROY KINDER
23 - RICH SIMPSON	23 - SUE SEIBEL
27 - LESLEY LEVIN	

Hi All,

The weathers cooling off, so our rides will not be as hot. I hope to see more of you come out and join the Sunday rides. I know we have some great destinations for the coming weeks. Plus there are lots of destinations that end at a great church dinner. Those are always a group favorite.

I would like all members to think about running for a board position. It does not take a lot of your time. Its a great way to help your club and gives you direct input into what happens. If you have any ideas that you think would help improve the club, then run for a board position. Due to work obligations, I will not be running for the Vice-President position, so that is definitely a good place to start if you are thinking about running.

On Oct 25, St Charles Harley is having its annual Chili cook-off. That is always well attended. Our President will be hosting a short ride, ending at the dealership. Diana Johnson whose Chili, Triple Pepper Penetration, is always a winner due to members coming out and voting for her. She has asked me to beat a drum and get out the votes for her. So put this on your calendar and come out. You won't be disappointed, the heat will be felt for days.

VP, Eric Johnston

Chili Cook-Off Time By Diana Johnson, Chili Cook-Off Queen

St. Charles Harley Davidson's 6th Annual Chili Cook-Off is Saturday, Oct. 25, from 10am-3pm at the dealership in St. Charles. Visit www.bigstcharlesmotorsports.com or www.stcharlesharleydavidson.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 took the first 'Triple Crown' ever in 2012 by winning Best Name, People's Choice, and Judge's Best. If every member attended, brought friends, and voted our chili as the best, we would surely bring home some cash again. All of our profits will be donated to our 2015 club charity. I can not win if you don't show up and vote.

Please join us Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014, at St. Charles Harley Davidson. 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.



A hand-drawn poster for a Halloween Costume Party. The title 'HALLOWEEN Costume Party' is written in a stylized font. The date and time are 'Sat. Oct 25th 7pm'. The text includes: 'Bring your own brew And a dish to share Bat wings, eye of newt or whatever Where- VAMP TRAMPS. Robin Potters house 1654 Irish Sea High Ridge, MO 63049 314-541-7654'. There is a drawing of a jack-o'-lantern on the left and a cartoon character on the right. The background has a checkered pattern.

I know that everyone hurries to check their e-mail this time of month to see if the Shadow Writer is on the website so they can read the Safety article of the month. I never mean to disappoint so here's this month's jewel!

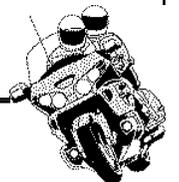
It's getting to be that time of year when the leaves are starting to fall and the countryside rides are that much more enjoyable. Along with the added beauty of the kaleidoscope of fall colors we also inherit additional road hazards.

This year has brought a particularly wet fall season to the Midwest and that, along with the falling leaves, creates new obstacles in our paths. Even a small accumulation of leaves in the roadways, especially in the curves, become patches of very slippery debris. That, combined with the fact that we may be paying more attention to the colors along the sides of the roads than the road ahead of us, increases our risk of losing control. And, as our former safety officer Dave Walters has pointed out on more than one occasion, this time of year marks the end of road construction projects which were finalized with fresh paint on the center and edge lines. MODOT purchases paint that is the most durable and highly visible. Their criteria does not include the paint's properties when subjected to moisture from rain or snow. These painted lines are extremely slippery after a rain. While not as dangerous as metal expansion joints after a rain, which Mr.'s Walters and Weaver will attest, they do pose a riding hazard.

The main thing to remember if you find yourself confronted with a patch of wet leaves; paint; expansion joints; railroad tracks; or cattle guards, is to approach with caution at the lowest speed possible without creating a traffic hazard yourself. If you find your speed, in relation to the road hazard, to be excessive: roll off the throttle; apply both brakes simultaneously to prevent individual wheel lock-up while reducing speed at a significant rate; and stay as upright on your bike as possible. Approach things like the expansion joints; tracks; and cattle guards at as great an angle as possible (as close to 90 degrees as possible) to decrease the danger. In Tony's case the expansion joint came on unexpectedly and was installed running parallel to, and inside of, his lane of travel. The only thing I could add to his experience is to be cautious when approaching limited-sight and low-visibility areas while traveling unfamiliar roadways, especially in bad weather.

If you find yourself in the middle of a hazard before you have time to prepare your approach the most important thing, in my way of thinking, is to remain with your bike. If you get a shimmy or start to slide resist the urge to throw your legs out to the side or put your feet down. While this might have worked on your bicycle, it contradicts the design of today's motorcycles, and they are heavy enough that instead of saving yourself from a fall you will almost insure yourself of a drop. Our bikes are designed based on center-of-gravity for control. Throwing your leg out to the side to try to catch yourself just increases the loss of control by immediately shifting one of the heaviest parts of your body away from your center of gravity and causing the bike to shift in the same direction. If your bikes start to fall or slide to one side it's our instincts that cause us to throw our legs to that side to "catch" ourselves. As you can see, the bike is already keening to one side and the literal "knee-jerk" reaction of throwing your leg out to the "low side" increases the amount of off-balance weight.

I hope this was helpful . . . I'm just sayin'.



New members for September

Scott Quinn rides a black 2008 Yamaha FJR 1300

Peter Kestler rides a black 2009 Triumph Rocket III

Mark Taetz rides a red 1998 Suzuki Intruder 1400 GLW

Bike Count for September

Honda - 36	Harley - 29	Kawasaki - 13	Suzuki - 7	Yamaha - 7	BMW - 2	KTM - 1
Vento - 1	Big Dog - 1	CanAm - 4	Triumph - 4	Ducati - 1	Victory - 5	Ural - 1

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct. 12 Bikers for Babies Or Hardin, IL (Mel's)	Oct. 13	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Oct. 18
Oct. 19 Owensville, MO Jnl2	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 23	Oct. 24	Oct. 25 Chili Cook-Off then Robin's Halloween Party
Oct. 26 Villa Ridge, MO St. John's Church	Oct. 27	Oct. 28 Monthly Meeting	Oct. 29	Oct. 30	Oct. 31 HALLOWEEN	Nov. 1 Daylight Savings Time ends tonight
Nov. 2 Bixby, MO	Nov. 3	Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Nov. 6	Nov. 7	Nov. 8
Nov. 9 Moscow Mills, MO	Nov. 10	Nov. 11 Veteran's Day 	Nov. 12	Nov. 13	Nov. 14	Nov. 15

Rides and Events:

Oct. 12: Bikers for Babies annual event will be held on this Sunday. Those of you not attending the event are welcome to accompany Bob Mueller on a ride to Mel's Riverdock Restaurant in Hardin, IL, one of our favorite eateries.

Oct. 19: Andrea will be taking us through roads that are new to the club this year to the town of Owensville, MO for a great lunch at one of our new favorite places to eat: Jnl2

Oct. 25: After attending the Chili Cook-Off and voting for Diana or Laura we will be attending Robin's Halloween Party at her house at 1654 Irish Sea in High Ridge, MO. Details for both are in the newsletter and should have been sent to your e-mail contact.

Oct. 26: Rich Bayers will be taking us to St. John's Gildehaus Church for their annual Sausage Dinner. This meal is unbeatable: homemade sausage; sauerkraut; neck bones; potatoes; and all the trimmings including desert. I believe the event is still cash only.

Nov. 2: Russ will be taking us through some great alphabet roads to get to Bixby, MO on this Sunday ride. Always a great ride with plenty of beautiful country scenery. We will have 2 rest/comfort stops on this trip to the Bixby Country Store.

Nov. 9: Jim Gianella will lead a group to Moscow Mills, MO to eat at Harry J's Steakhouse. A fun ride with great roads and scenery.

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

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For sale: 2000 Honda Shadow 600VLX. Windshield, saddlebags, engine guards, sissy bar. \$2500 Sue Braun 636-575-3281

We have a friend of the club who would like to sell a bike. It is a 2007 Vulcan 900 with 12,000 miles. Clean bike, garaged. \$4500 OBO. Contact Raymond @ 314-398-1241

M2R Waterproof Leather Boots

\$80 Mint condition

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Don [314.477.3562] if interested.

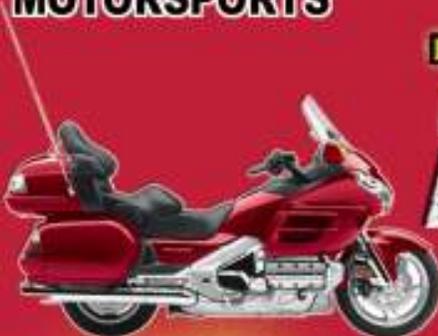
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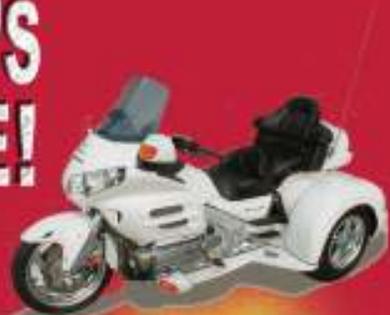
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