



# The Shadow Writer

## April, 2018

Official Newsletter of the  
Shadow Riders Club of St. Louis  
[www.shadowriders-stl.com](http://www.shadowriders-stl.com)

### A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders,

Well it looks like the weather will be working in our favor in the upcoming weeks. It's predicted to be a little cool yet this Sunday but I haven't heard from the ride organizer if they plan to proceed with that ride or not. Either way, if some of you don't like to ride until it gets much warmer, then maybe you might like to continue the breakfast rotation one more week and meet up at the Golden Corral. I'm sure you won't be eating alone. Andrea and I won't be able to be there again this weekend as we're still working on getting the house in Piedmont ready to market.

I would like to thank Laura for volunteering to do the Club Picnic this year. I'm sure she can use some help later on getting things together so give her a call or make contact at this month's meeting. Things always go a little easier with a little bit of help.

Ross is always looking for ride organizers and I would like to thank all the people who put their hats in the ring for this year's ride schedule. We now have enough rides to take us through Memorial Day weekend but there are still many more Sundays to fill. It would be great if some of you old retired farts would create some new routes in your unlimited free time. Put the bon-bons down; turn off "Days of Our Lives"; get off the couch; take off your bathrobe and fuzzy house slippers; and start riding. As many retirees as we have we should be able to ride around the world a couple of times. ( I'm just envious, but I'll be there in 3 more years! )

I hope that many of you have been able to get out today, and maybe tomorrow too, while the temps are in the 70's and maybe even 80's. Even a short ride to blow the bugs out and loosen up those stiff joints is fun. I had the Triumph out a couple weeks ago for a couple of hours and it was hard to head home for dinner, but it was cooling off and I told Andrea I'd only be gone for an hour. Oops!

Ride safe!

John Geiler  
President

#### Club Meeting (General Membership)

7:00 pm, 4th Tuesday of the Month

The Sports Café, 3579 Penridge (West of St. Charles  
Rock Road, North of I-270)

**Next Meeting: April 24, 2018**

Board meeting 30 minutes before regular meeting.

#### Sunday Rides

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

Meeting minutes March 27, 2018

Club President John Geiler opened the meeting right on time at 7:00PM.

John read a letter he'd received inviting us to a charity ride for Beverly Farm - a special needs community for adults located in Godfrey Ill. The ride is Saturday 6/2 starting from Ted's Motorcycle World in Alton, IL. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ride-4-beverly-farm-motorcycle-charity-ride-registration-44295648477>

John was looking for volunteers to help organize the club picnic and Laura volunteered.

Ross has had several people have volunteer to lead rides but still has plenty of slots to be filled. He said that if you'd like to lead a ride there is no need to have the route or destination planned out yet. It is perfectly acceptable and encouraged to pick a date you'll lead, get yourself onto the calendar, and then figure out the destination and details later.

Make a Wish - Ride for Wishes is June 10. Laura will be arranging a Helmet Day, the date is yet to be determined. John suggested 2 weeks prior to the ride, Laura suggested 5/19 which is 3 weeks prior.

John passed around some literature regarding the Windy 9 routes in Ohio that club will riding on the June trip. The names of the Windy 9 routes are: 1) Rim-of-the-World 2) Southern Dip 3) Hocking Hills 4) Nipper 5) Lazy Rivers 6) Zaleski Zipper 7) Pioneer Pass 8) Pomeroy-Dash 9) Black Diamond. Here is a link to a PDF file with maps: <http://athensohio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Ohios-Windy-9-Map.pdf>

Jim Gianella reported our membership numbers are down substantially. Currently we have 84 total members vs. 99 this same time last year. Currently we have 23 female members vs. 30 females this same time last year.

Treasurer Tony Weaver reported. Last month we took in \$288 in membership dues and \$70 from the 50/50 raffle. We spent \$215 spent on our annual bill to fund the website. Our merchandise inventory is valued at \$1969.

John reported he has managed to get himself listed as the "registered agent" for the Shadow Riders with the IRS, Missouri Secretary of State, and Missouri Dept. of Revenue.

Ted reported on recent updates to our website. He's updated the ride calendar, road trips, added a rally page, and listed Andrea for Merchandising on the Coordinators Page. He's published many pictures he recently received from Cliff and is in the process of publishing many pictures he's received from Rich spanning the last several years.

Andrea is investigating the possibility of having the Shadow Riders emblem imprinted on club members own articles of clothing which they'd provide.

Ira spoke of a model railroad museum in Washington MO. He suggested the club might want to do a Sunday ride ending in Washington MO and then that afternoon whomever wanted to could visit the museum. His Branson, MO trip will be Thursday 7/12 thru Sunday 7/15.

Safety Officer Ross reminded us of the importance of checking our bikes over after the Winter and taking any care of any needed maintenance items prior to jumping on and riding the new season.

Tony Weaver invited the club to attend a blessing of the bikes 9:00AM Sunday, April 15th at St. Francis Episcopal church in Eureka. Tony will then lead the club from the church to our normal gathering point for that Sunday's normal 10:00AM ride. Tony also announced he is going to head to Bikes Blues & BBQ the Saturday before and spend 4 days riding the great roads of central Arkansas prior to attending the rally. Contact Tony directly if you'd like to join him.

The 50/50 was valued at \$46. \$23 went to the club and \$23 went to winner Tom Schaefer.

The meeting ended at 7:31 PM.

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### **March Membership**

<b>Main Members</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Significant Others</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Juniors</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>

### **May Birthdays (renewed members)**

04 - TOM COX  
04 - JOSEF FLANTER  
04 - JAMES STIEBEL  
10 - ELLIE DEQUEIROGA  
14 - MARIO ESTEVAM

## No April Anniversaries

*See, when you write the newsletter, and belong to the Board, you get to do two articles. It's great to be King!*

I just wanted to talk a little about our motorcycle tires this month. Since most of us haven't put a lot of miles on our rides yet this year, maybe it's time to give your tires a good looking-at. We've had many a close-call in the past years when we've checked our pressures; filled our tanks; packed our bags; and headed out, only to have to limp to somewhere safe and arrange to get a new tire.

We have this discussion quite often on our trips, but hardly ever on Sunday mornings. I had a close-call in Bloomsdale, MO one Sunday when Ron Eckert so colorfully asked, "What the hell is wrong with your back tire?" It seems that the weird white line that he was seeing while riding drag behind the Goldwing was actually an inch-wide strip of my cord showing through. He followed me all the way home to be sure that we made it.

After that I started keeping track of the average miles that I was getting on the tires on my bike. Whenever I was getting close to that number I paid special attention to the tread until I changed the tires again.

Tony thought that he could get one more trip on his Triumph tire, but I stopped him in New York when Andrea noticed *his* mysterious white line, and he had to make an extended stop there to find a new tire.

Each bike has it own special mileage for when it's getting ready to spit that last bit of tread off the tire. If you haven't made note of your particular time-span for the life of the tires on your bike, and you plan on keeping it or buying another like it, then you might want to check some blogs online from other owners of machines like yours to get a general number to start with. On my Wing, I had just checked my tires the weekend before and saw nothing out of the ordinary, and then "BAM" I had cord showing the entire circumference of my rear tire.

Different brands of tires wear differently on each bike model. Some owners of bikes like yours can usually warn you away from buying certain tire models. For example, I could get around 10,000 miles out of a Dunlop Elite tire on my Wing but, when I ran an Avon Cobra tire, it rode unbelievably smooth and wore out in 4,000 miles. Expensive trial!

Just wanted to share that with you as those of us who have had bad experiences can attest: being stuck on the road with a bad tire is a very uncomfortable feeling. It isn't like we can just pop the trunk and pull out the spare. I'm just sayin' . . .

Johnny G  
Editor

### **Bike Count for February**

Honda - 21 Harley - 31 Kawasaki - 11 Suzuki - 3 BMW - 1 Yamaha - 5 KTM - 3  
Vento - 1 Big Dog - 1 CanAm - 1 Triumph - 1 Ducati - 1 Victory - 5 Polaris - 1 Ural - 1

Hello ShadowRiders,

Is that warmer weather and the riding season ever going to get here?! I am filling-in the Sunday ride calendar, and I need your help! We have rides planned for the first 7 weeks, and then there are many open dates. Take a look at the calendar on the website to find an open date, and let me know if you can plan a ride... As I have described before, pick any Sunday that you would like to select a destination... you can pick any of our regular destinations or pick a new one of your own desire. You do not have to lead a group on the ride... but the club's best-practice is that you ride (or drive) the route in advance to identify any issues. I have a "blank" ride-directions template if you want to design your own route. Send me an email for any help or to add a ride to the Calendar. Also, be sure to get those maintenance items and pre-ride checks completed before the warm days are here and you want to take a ride!

Safety Officer Ross

## Upcoming Rallies Across the Country

All of these events and the links to the details can be found on Cycle Fish @ [https://www.cyclefish.com/motorcycle\\_events/browse/major/1](https://www.cyclefish.com/motorcycle_events/browse/major/1)

4/11/2018 - 4/15/2018

Arizona Bike Week 2018

Featured Event Featured Event! Motorcycle Rally -- updated 3 month(s) ago.  
Scottsdale, AZ

4/18/2018 - 4/22/2018

Angel City Spring Motorcycle Rally 2018

Featured Event Featured Event! Motorcycle Rally -- updated 3 week(s) ago.  
Unadilla, GA

4/25/2018 - 4/28/2018

Laughlin River Run 2018


Motorcycle Rally -- updated 8 month(s) ago. Laughlin, NV

4/27/2018 - 4/29/2018

Leesburg Bikefest 2018

Featured Event Featured Event! Motorcycle Rally -- updated 3 day(s) ago. Leesburg, FL

## No New members for March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 15 Blessing of the Bikes  Hawthorne Inn	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21
April 22  Rothschild's Washington, MO	April 23	April 24  Monthly Meeting	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28
April 29  Big Chief Wildwood, MO	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5  
May 6  Sugarfire BBQ Washington, MO	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12
May 13 Mother's Day  MO Hick's BBQ Steelville, MO	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19

**Rides and Events**

April 15: Tony's wife, Pastor Sally, has been gracious enough to offer to bless our bikes at her parish on this Sunday and Tony will lead everybody to Old Orchard in time for our Sunday ride to the Hawthorne Inn in Labadie, MO.

April 22: Ira will be leading us on this Sunday's ride to Rothschild's Restaurant in Washington, MO and, for those who are interested, will be escorting us to the train museum close by after lunch. Sounds like fun!

April 29: Tony will be leading another ride this Sunday to the Big Chief Restaurant in Wildwood, MO. This is always a good ride on some of our favorite country roads.

May 6: For those of you not spending this day with Mom, or you could put her on the back of the bike and bring her along, Mike Hicks is taking us to the Sugarfire BBQ restaurant in Washington, MO. Thanks to Mike for putting this together. I hear the Bar-B-Que is awesome there.

May 13: We're going to one of our favorite restaurants this Sunday: Missouri Hick's Bar-B-Que in Steelville, MO. These are always some great roads and the food is some of the best on our list. Always a big turn-out for this one!

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

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Donna Rau is selling her leather jacket which is size four to six and Casper chaps that are 32 inches long. She's asking \$250 for the set. Her phone number is 314 630-7980

Two pair of fringed chaps. Both seldom worn and in excellent condition. One is size XXI, and the other is 3XL (both adjustable) One is a 25 inseam and the other is 30 inseam. One has zipper down the sides and the other is all snaps so both can be trimmed shorter. I have a picture.  
Peggy Phillips 573-883-2123



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