



# 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,

Sorry for the late newsletter this month. Andrea was out of town and I had to take care of all my wifely duties. Her trip was good. She was able to take our daughter Meghan through several of the parks that we visited in Utah on their way to get Meg settled back in San Diego.

Thanks to the people who came out for Sunday's ride to the Dreamland Palace restaurant in Foster Pond, Illinois. The food is some of the best German cuisine that I've ever had in the Metro area. As we were having our drinks and waiting for our food we visited with the owner and he shared with us that he is from the Bevo area and his cook lives in Eureka. The atmosphere and service was great and the scenery was a nice change from the same-old-same-old. I'm looking forward to taking Andrea back there for dinner when she's not travelling.

I wanted to thank the members of the Ride Committee for all their work in putting together the GPX files for some of the rides when the ride organizers are too busy to do so. Having these files for our GPS systems makes the Sunday rides that much more enjoyable. Not always having to look at the route sheet and check your odometer leaves you free to enjoy the scenery along the ride. Putting the files together has also been great practice for when we're on our long trips. When you're over 300 miles from home it's a pain to miss a turn and have to lose precious time getting back to where you need to be. Having a digital turn-by-turn is a welcome tool. Especially when you're trying to enjoy scenery that you either haven't seen or haven't seen in years.

I just sent out another email to everyone as a reminder to let Laura know if you're attending the Club Picnic on August 30 at Love Park. She needs that info ASAP so she can plan out the food purchase. I'll lead a ride before lunch that will loop around the area so we can get some saddle time in before the meal. Thanks again to Laura for all she does for the Club. No even taking into consideration that she doesn't ride, Laura has made major contributions to our operations and has been very helpful over the years. As I've said before: participation is the key to our Club's success.

We still have some openings on the ride calendar, so if you haven't organized a ride yet this year please step up and help out. Thanks.

John Geiler  
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) or Zoom video-chat meet.

**Next Meeting: August 25, 2020**

Board meeting 30 minutes before regular meeting.

#### Sunday Rides

If you've opted to receive the texts for information on our meeting spots and destinations then you will receive your information before the scheduled ride. If you'd rather not receive the messages then just check the calendar on the website for all the information and route sheets.

Meeting Minutes 7/28/2020  
Via Zoom video/chat

General Discussion:

Harold Lee rode with us on Sunday. He's got a new Yamaha power cruiser and he looks great. Scott Lenahan has decided not to ride any longer, he will finish out the year as VP. We need to order new business cards and flyers with the new ride information and logos.

Road Trips:

Yellow Stone/Sturgis: Departs the 5th of August returning the 19th. Folks can join for only part of the ride. They still have reservations for Aug 7, 8, 9 for Sturgis. They depart on the 9th for Yellow Stone. Let Dennis know if you're interested. Update: Sturgis is deciding in early June whether or not the rally will occur. Yellowstone is open. Trip is canceled.

Andrea is also planning a trip to North Carolina and Tennessee. Trying to plan it for when the leaves are changing in late September/early October.

Bikers Blues & BBQ: Cancelled. Some folks are going down anyways just to ride. Some of the local vendors are still going to have open houses/ events.

Falling Leaf Rally (BMW) is moving to Steelville on October 9-11. September 25-28 camping trip. Need to verify the date.

Jim Craig is working on planning a Saddle Sore/1000 mile Iron Butt ride for those club member who would like to earn their Iron Butt certification.

If you would like a trip that you're making shared with the club, send it to John and he will let the club know.

Treasurer: We spent \$54.20 this month. We need to decide on what to donate to Make A Wish this year.

Vice President: The ride calendar is in a tough spot right now. John will do the 9th. Jim Craig will take the 2nd and someone will take the 23rd

Website: Sign up for TEXT MESSAGING notifications of the rides. Text SHADOW to 84483 to sign up.

Membership: Current 2020 paid membership as of tonight 72. +3 since the last meeting.

Safety Officer: We have some additional folks interested in being road captains. We may have training before the next meeting.

Hartbauer McBride: Poker Run Aug 16th. Still on as far as we know. Route sheet will be provided the day of the ride. Web site: bikershelpingbikers.com

Make a Wish 2020: Ride for Wishes: Cancelled this year. Helmet day cancelled. We'll vote on make a donation of \$1,000 at the next meeting.

Club Picnic: Will be August 30th. Pavilion is reserved at Love Park 2239 Mason Lane. Need to know approximately how many people will be coming so they can order the food. Email Laura.

Motorcycle Training Check the St Louis Community College web site for training sessions and dates – classes currently closed. The only site doing training right now is Big St. Charles Motorsports. Dennis is working on setting up BRC courses for club members.

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**July Membership**

<b>Main Members</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Significant Others</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Juniors</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>

**September Birthdays**

- 06 - SANDRA MEADE
- 13 - DIANA JOHNSON
- 14 - DEBBIE KINDER
- 15 - TOM SCHAEFER
- 16 - DALE KOEHLER
- 17 - E. JOSEPH KALAL JR.
- 21 - TONY WEAVER
- 27 - RICH BAYERS

**August Anniversaries**

- 20 years – Erin O'Donnell
- 5 years – Mario Estevam

Shadow Riders,

We had a discussion during our monthly meeting about the Make-A-Wish charity this year. The Event has been cancelled; we are unable to obtain a permit to hold our Helmet Day collection in the St. Louis area; and the members of the Organization are collecting funds for the kids on their own. We had a motion to make a cash contribution to the Make-A-Wish Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 on behalf of the Club. There was a second on the motion. Since this is a matter of Club funds we will be having a vote on the matter at the next meeting this month on the 25th of August at 7:00. At this point the meeting will still be held via Zoom video/chat. We have been able to conduct our meetings successfully using this format (minus the food and drinks) and at this point it's unsure as to when we can begin to meet at the Sports Café once again. I would personally like to thank Tony and Sally for allowing us to use their Zoom account for the purpose of holding our monthly meetings.

While our participation is down for the Sunday rides I am happy to see that we still sometimes have 3 or 4 groups for some of our destinations. Some people are just enjoying the ride and then making other arrangements for lunch according to their level of comfort during the current situation. We have been fortunate on some of the rides to have lunch at a location with an outside patio or beer garden type setup. Some of the members bring their lunch and the venues have not said anything about those folks who eat their picnic lunches with us.

We have had to adapt to the current status of our area and I'm proud to say that everyone I know has been able to go on with their lives and accept the inconvenient changes instead of complaining about what's happening. I think we're smart enough to know it's not anybody's fault that we are experiencing this pandemic. I have some associates who still don't believe that this is a real thing so I just avoid contact with them for the time being. I believe in letting the gene pool cleanse itself. While I personally don't know of anyone who has passed from the virus I recently rode with the Biker Boyz Motorcycle Club and they have lost 3 members. I just did some minor electrical work for a neighbor and she shared that she has lost 5 friends to the virus. I hope none of you has had to cope with family contracting the disease and hopefully we can have a vaccine for those who choose to take it.

I wish you all well and I miss seeing those of you who I had the pleasure of visiting with almost every Sunday morning. This too shall pass! I'm just sayin' . . .

Johnny G

**Bike Count for June**

Honda - 20 Harley - 20 Ural — 1 Kawasaki - 9 Suzuki - 3 BMW - 9 Yamaha - 5 KTM - 1 Vento - 1  
CanAm - 1 Triumph - 1 Moto Guzzi — 1 Victory - 5 Polaris - 1 Indian - 1 Ducati — 0 Enfield — 1

Aug. 5-19 or 20 Dennis Meade was planning a trip to Sturgis, Yellowstone and points West. Dennis has decided not to take the trip due to the current situation. The Rally is still going on.

Aug. 22-30: Andrea's trip to the Southeast has been postpone. We are now looking at late September to early October in an attempt to catch the changing Fall colors. Details to follow.

Bikes, Blues, and Bar-B-Que has been cancelled but many of the Club members are keeping their reservations at the Eureka Inn and plan on riding the roads on the additional day they have.

At the same time as the trip to BBBBQ was planned Dave Kelewae and Jim Wadum planned a Camping-on-the-cheap trip for those who like to camp instead of staying at a hotel. From what I'm hearing the camping trip is still on. Contact Dave or Flash for details. The campgrounds that they have been staying at are very nice.

## Shadow Riders Merchandise

### Short Sleeve Shirt (Safety Yellow)

M, L or XL – \$14.00

XXL – \$15.00

XXXL – \$17.00

### Long Sleeve Shirt (Ash Grey)

M, L or XL – \$17.00

XXL – \$18.00

XXXL – \$20.00

### Hats

Black – \$11.00

Khaki – \$11.00

### Patches

Large - \$31.00

Small – \$12.00

Rockers (2-styles) – \$10.00 (Currently free if you own a Large Patch or purchase a new Large Patch!)

4×4 Window Clings - \$3.00 ea.

### New member for July

Cathy Eidson (previous member) rides a red 2004 Moto Guzzi Breda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug. 16 Bikers Helping Bikers' Poker Run	Aug. 17	Aug. 18	Aug. 19	Aug.20	Aug. 21	Aug. 22
Aug. 23 TBD	Aug. 24	Aug. 25 Monthly Meeting Zoom	Aug. 26	Aug. 27	Aug. 28	Aug. 29
Aug. 30 Club Picnic Love Park	Aug. 31	Sept. 1	Sept. 2	Sept. 3	Sept. 4	Sept. 5
Sept. 6 Bixby, MO Country Store	Sept. 7 	Sept. 8	Sept. 9	Sept. 10	Sept. 11	Sept. 12
Sept. 13 Open Ride	Sept. 14	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 19

**Rides and Events**

Aug. 16: This is Harbauer's Poker Run starting from Big St. Charles Harley Davidson. I've been corrected and the sign-up starts at 10:30, not 9:00 like their website says. There will be 4 more stops including the last stop at Shady Jacks Saloon where they will be serving through the window and seating is outside. Come on out and support our charity. Due to the Zoom meetings we haven't been providing any support with our 50/50 drawings.

Aug. 23: Either Flash or Mark Charpentier will be putting together a ride for this Sunday. I will send out an email to everyone when I have the details and location.

Aug. 30: It's our annual Shadow Riders Club Picnic hosted by our very own Laura and Cliff team. Be sure to let Laura know if you'll be attending. The food is always great and it's a good time to sit and visit while not in a parking lot or filling station. Come on out and sit a spell; take your shoes off, ya'll come back now hear?

Sept. 6: Lou will be taking down to the Bixby Country Store for lunch on this Sunday. The route is always a fun ride and the food is good. This ride usually allows for many different routes home for those of you who need to stay out for a while. I mean, how much TV can you watch??

Sept. 13: This Sunday is an Open Ride. These are vey sad things indeed. Throw your hat in the ring and help out your favorite motorcycle club. Pick destination; let us know where we're going; and if you need help there are MANY of us who will help with the details. Thanks in advance for your help!

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Peggy Phillips

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