



# The Shadow Writer December, 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 monsoons have moved in for the weekend. I hope everybody is being careful out there whether they're driving back-and-forth to work or Christmas shopping. Now, more than usual, people are on their phones looking for sales; locating those last minute gifts; and finding directions to that store they've never visited before. Distracted driving causes over 60% of all traffic accidents.

I would like to give my personal heartfelt thanks to Ira for heading up the nomination committee for the coming years Board. I was just informed that he has received some nominations for the Safety Officer position but he still needs to confirm that they are willing to serve. We haven't yet been forced to appoint a Board member but that is our right under the By-laws. I find it hard to understand why people aren't willing to take their turn in service to the Club. I felt honored to be asked to serve as Safety Officer and President. The Club brings Andrea and I a great deal of enjoyment. The majority of trips that we've planned over the last 8 years have been planned around the Shadow Riders. We enjoy our extended family and we hope to participate in the Club functions for many years. Please consider serving on the Board at some time during your membership. Participation keeps our club strong.

Andrea and Sue Braun are putting together the plans for the Holiday Party on January 12. More details will be forthcoming on that event. Any else willing to help out just contact one of the girls and they'll let you know how you can help.

As I said in the email I sent out, if you have somewhere else you would like to meet for our Sunday breakfasts please discuss it with the other attendees and we'll make the changes to the newsletter and calendar accordingly. I don't get to attend many of the breakfasts so I'm leaving the decision up to the people directly affected by any changes. Just let me know what you decide and I'll let everyone else know. Thanks for that!

Also, we will be having elections for our Club charity in January also. I'll be posting the names of the charities in the January newsletter along with the Board candidates as required by our guidelines.

I hope to see many of you at next Tuesday's monthly meeting. Again, we've moved the date of the December meeting up one week to avoid having a meeting on Christmas.

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: December 18, 2018**

Board meeting 30 minutes before regular meeting.

### Sunday Gatherings

Sundays at 9:00 AM. We will alternate between Fuzzy's Taco in Old Orchard shopping center and the Golden Corral at 6110 S. Lindbergh. To keep our calendars updated: the December gatherings started at Golden Corral in South County on 12/02/18

Meeting Minutes – November 27, 2018

The meeting started at 7:00 PM sharp.

Terry Sharp, Area Coordinator for Combat Hero Bike Build, gave a 20 minute presentation regarding the charity. Terry was present at the invitation of Dave Kelewae. In a nutshell they are a 501 (c)(3) organization which build and give away motorcycles to combat veterans. The motorcycles are custom modified to be ride-able by the veterans who've typically lost one or more limbs in combat. Visit their website for details: <https://www.combatherobikebuild.org>

Sue Braun reported the Holiday party will be will be at CJ Mugs in Webster January 12<sup>th</sup>. Dinner & dessert will be served. Alcohol will be available but due to budget constraint it will likely not be an open bar. Sue will need a head count by next month's meeting.

Next month's meeting will be held a week early, on December 18<sup>th</sup>, due to the Christmas Holiday.

We are the only club participating in gift-wrapping Saturday, Dec. 8 at Big St. Charles Harley Davidson from 10-3. Rich Bayers will be there at 10 and Diana will be coming at 12:30. We could use a couple more volunteers to help.

The Shadow Riders are in need of a Safety Officer for the coming year as Ross McGovern has decided to step down from the position. Thank you Ross! Please consider donating your time to fill this important position.

Robin Schoenbeck is taking over the responsibility of publishing the club's monthly newsletter from John Geiler. Thank you Robin! Thank you John!

Jim Gianella reported we have 104 members as of November 2018 which is down from 118 a year ago.

Ross reported we have no Sunday rides planned yet for next year. Even though it's early if you have a ride and/or date you'd like to organize feel free to let Ross know and he'll get it scheduled.

Webmaster Ted reported the website had been having some issues recently but he was able to draw upon some of his professional resources and get it resolved free of charge. He is currently working toward giving club members the ability to register with the club and pay online.

Treasurer Tony Weaver reported we took in \$92 last month and spent \$80 on the pavilion we've reserved for the 2019 club picnic.

Randy & Andrea are drawing up plan for a 2019 trip – likely to Bryce Canyon in Utah.

A big thank you to Laura Bergsieker and Robin Schoenbeck for representing the Shadow Riders in the recent chili cook-off at club sponsor, Big St. Charles. Robin's chili placed 2<sup>nd</sup>! She donated her earnings to the club. Additionally Robin won 2 \$100 gift cards to Big St. Charles which she'd like to sell to anyone interested.

Tony Weaver announced he'll be going to Bikes Blues & BBQ a week early and staying at "Mountain View".

Bob Schoenbeck won \$22 in the 50/50. Bob Mueller and John Geiler each won a bandana.

The meeting ended at 8:11 PM.

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**November Membership**

<b>Main Members</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Significant Others</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Juniors</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>

**January Birthdays**

- 09 - ALAN JOBE
- 12 - FRANK L. MEHRTENS
- 12 - JIM GIANELLA
- 18 - RHONDA SIMORKA
- 19 - ROBIN POTTER

**No December Anniversaries**

Hello Shadow Riders,

As your Safety Officer I have enjoyed keeping a lookout for safety related topics to share with you... After looking at numerous articles about the subject, it seems clear that the biggest thing we can do to remain safe is our own actions. Riding with the necessary skills and always riding defensively will keep you safe most of the time... its hard to defend against someone running into you, but again, your own defensive skills can reduce those situations, too.

For instance, one of the most common motorcycle accidents occurs when a car turns left in front of you and you cannot avoid the collision. Think about the situation:

- 1) were you at or below the speed limit? the driver may make an assumption about how fast you will get to them based on the posted speed limit.
- 2) Did you see the approaching intersection/driveway? Whenever you approach an intersection, it's wise to slow down and think about what situations could occur.

Similarly, when passing cars going in the same direction, it's best to pass at about 10 MPH faster than the car you're passing. This is especially true when traffic has slowed and you're using the open lane to pass slow vehicles... you don't want a car to enter the open lane and cut you off... your speed will reduce the possibility of an accident.

So, as we all wait for spring (or those occasional warm winter days) work on training yourself to think in a defensive-riding manner which will reduce the chances of getting into an accident.

As we move into the new year, we elect new club Board Members... most members are volunteering to remain in their position, but the Safety Officer position is OPEN and needs a volunteer. Talk to me or any board member if you can help out the club in this important role.

And, If anyone wants to put a ride on the website calendar, for over the winter or for next spring, just let me know.

Thanks,  
Ross

**Bike Count for November**

Honda - 23 Harley - 34 Kawasaki - 16 Suzuki - 3 BMW - 4 Yamaha - 7 KTM - 4  
Vento - 1 Big Dog - 1 CanAm - 1 Triumph - 1 Ducati - 1 Victory - 5 Polaris - 1 Ural - 1

Shadow Riders,

I know many of you have been meeting up for breakfast since the weather has changed and I hope you're making plans for 2019 travels. It's always exciting stuff to hear about where people would like to go and then the anticipation of the trips after the plans are made. If you have any ideas, and would like to organize a trip, long or short, then share it with the other members and get a feel for how many people want to go with you.

The Shadow Riders have had great success in the past with Club trips and I'm looking forward to visiting places I've never seen before, or ever ones I've visited but would like to share with my friends.

Also, be thinking about where you want to go on our Sunday rides for 2019. It's never too early to put a ride on the calendar and start the process of filling up all the spots. Andrea and I will probably be making up a couple of new rides to put in our book and see if members want to repeat them at a later date. Route planning is easy. Just ask any of the members who have planned rides in the past and they'll walk you through it.

Until next time . . .

John

## 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.

No New members for November


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec. 16 Breakfast at Golden Corral	Dec. 17	Dec. 18 Monthly Meeting at Sports Cafe	Dec. 19	Dec. 20	Dec. 21	Dec. 22
Dec. 23 Breakfast at Fuzzy's Taco	Dec. 24	Dec. 25  MERRY CHRISTMAS	Dec. 26	Dec. 27	Dec. 28	Dec. 29
Dec. 30 Breakfast at Golden Corral	Dec. 31	 New Year's Day	Jan. 2	Jan. 3	Jan. 4	Jan. 5
Jan. 6 Breakfast at Fuzzy's Taco	Jan. 7	Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11	Jan. 12
Jan. 13 Breakfast at Golden Corral	Jan. 14	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Jan. 17	Jan. 18	Jan. 19

In Lieu of Rides and Events



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<https://stlouis.craigslist.org/mcy/6685188914.html>

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.

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