



The Shadow Writer December, 2019

Official Newsletter of the
Shadow Riders Club of St. Louis
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A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders,

Well the riding season has come to a close and our grazing season has started. I hope many of you take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your fellow members to keep in touch and share some ideas for next year's riding/traveling season. This is usually the time that start kicking around ideas of where we want to go and what we want to see in the next year. Be a part of that and give us your input. The more ideas we have the easier it is to plan and there's a better chance that we can come up with something that will fit a larger number of members.

Scott Lenahan gave a Powerpoint presentation at our November meeting which outlined what a small group of members, hereafter referred to as the "Ride Committee", have started putting together to attempt to eliminate our open-ride problem that we've been having on our ride calendar for several years now. They have put a lot of thought and work into the project and it will take advantage of a lot of technology that is available to most of us. Because of the small turn-outs for our Sunday rides we have determined that it might just be because many people don't want to meet up on a Sunday morning and then spend the first 20 minutes to a half hour just driving down Manchester Road to get to our first turn in the route. They are proposing that we have a series (approximately 4) different starting points where a route could begin. This would make it more convenient to those members who live in the extreme corners of the Metro area and have to drive further than other members just to get to a starting point. It was brought up that our business cards and some other Club information directs people to Old Orchard. I believe at this juncture that most of the people who were going to respond to the information on the old cards that we distributed have already come to a Sunday ride. We are in need of new cards to be printed anyway and the new cards will inform interested parties to check our website for the Sunday meeting location. Ted will be adding a quick link button to the home page that will direct people to the calendar which will be updated with all the information. I've attached the document and presentation to the email that announces this newsletter as being available on the website. Anybody with Microsoft Office should be able to view the slide show. Scott did an excellent job of creating the presentation and the "committee" made many valid points. Please review this information and we will vote at the December meeting on the 17th since this change affects the way we have done things in the past. This vote is a courtesy to members and is not required by our By-laws. We will check the wording in our Riding Guidelines to make sure no changes need to be made if the majority of membership is in favor of adopting some changes to hopefully further our Club's mission.

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 17, 2019

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 Fuzzy's Taco Shop on 12/1/2019.

November 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes

President John Geiler opened the meeting at 7:01PM.

Scott Lenahan made an elaborate presentation, complete with animated PowerPoint slides, on forming a ride committee and making changes to the way we do Sunday rides. Scott, Dave Kelewae, and Jim Stiebel have been putting a lot of thought and effort into this. The 4 main priorities they've outlined are:

- No open Sunday rides.
- 4 starting points for Sunday rides. (North, Northwest, West, and South)
- E-mail a route sheet and GPS/.gpx file each week for the upcoming Sunday's ride.
- A service will be utilized to send text messages to members with weekly ride details and the week's rally point at their request.

Additionally, they are proposing a Sunday ride from the lunch location back into St. Louis will be planned in advance each week as well.

Some concerns were raised by club members, particularly in regard to new rally points. For example, rally points should be large enough to accommodate us even if we grow and start getting bigger turnouts, are safe, we can obtain permission from the owners to use, and have restrooms available. We'd have to print new business cards to hand out.

Membership Jim Gianella reported we have no new members this month, total membership stands at 88.

Tony Weaver reported the club brought in \$96.20 over the past month and spent \$272.70 on a deposit for the Holiday Party.

John announced that Jim Craig will be running for Club Secretary and Scott Lenahan will be running for Vice President in the upcoming January election of officers.

Webmaster Ted Koski has the breakfast calendar updated on the website and maps to the breakfast and club meeting locations.

No specifics were discussed but Ira has received some Saturday Night Out suggestions.

Dennis Meade will be the instructor of a Motorcycle Safety Foundation -Basic Rider 2 course Saturday May 9 at Forest Park Community College.

Dennis will be leading a 12 day trip to Sturgis and Yellow Stone starting August 5.

Erin O'Donnell won \$19 in the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16PM.

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November Membership

Main Members	71
Significant Others	15
Juniors	2
Total	88

January Birthdays

- 12 - JIM GIANELLA
- 19 - ROBIN POTTER



No December Anniversaries



Bike Count for November

Honda - 21 Harley - 22 Kawasaki - 15 Suzuki - 3 BMW - 5 Yamaha - 6 KTM - 3 Enfield - 1 Vento - 1 Big Dog - 1 CanAm - 1 Triumph - 1 Ducati - 1 Victory - 5 Polaris - 1 Indian - 1 Ural - 2

Shadow Riders,

It's that time of year when old John preaches about how to do the things that you do every year. It's good to be King!

Just some reminders to put on your battery tenders. They're very affordable now and they make your batteries last for years.

Also, utilize some old throw rugs to park the bike on if you park on concrete. This helps in the prevention of "leaching" that sometimes occurs when rubber sets against concrete for an extended period of time.

For those of you who don't ride in the cooler temperatures you can really benefit from fuel stabilizer. We've used it in all our bikes and lawnmowers and they start without any problems even after setting for several months.

If you've used your rain gear very often this year you might want to take it out of your bags and put it on hangers in the garage or basement to let the material thoroughly dry out to prevent any moldy buildup and odor.

Let's care for our babies and give them the love they give us all Summer long!

Safe travels!!

John Geiler

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 October

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

In Lieu of Rides and Events



Merry Christmas from the Board!

Members' classified ads are free! Send to John Geiler at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (314)-401-3485

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Andrea is selling "Silverhawk". She is a 2007 Victory Kingpin with 50K miles. AM/FM stereo with a USB port for your own music. Many Arlen Ness accessories. Ignition is tuned to the sporty exhaust and air cleaner. LED's with multi-function remote control. Andrea is asking \$4500. 314-401-3628.



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

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