



# The Shadow Writer

## December, 2020

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,

To start things off this month I wanted to point out that I moved the date of our monthly meeting to Tuesday, December 15. Our regular 4th-Tuesday-of-the-month meeting schedule would have put us on December 22 of Christmas week. I didn't think that our attendance would be very good and nobody wants to see me in my footy pajamas and sock cap.

While you're trying to burn that horrific picture from your mind I wanted to give an update on the discussion we began at the November meeting and subsequently led to the email I sent to membership about a possible donation to be made to Hartbauer since we haven't been selling 50/50 tickets at our meetings. I did get several responses and the results were:

\$400—1    \$500—8    \$750—1    \$1,000—1

So it looks like I'm going to approach membership at our December meeting to approve a \$500 donation to the Hartbauer/McBride Foundation. I'll forward the meeting invitation to everyone once I have received it. I wanted to thank Jim Craig and Tony Weaver for their generosity in making these Zoom meetings possible. It has been a wonderful tool during the pandemic. For those of you who don't do "Facetime" on your phones or "Skype", if that even exists anymore, I would suggest downloading the Zoom app for your phones and computers. It's nice to send out an invitation to family and friends to have a digital face-to-face once in a while. If you can keep your meetings below 40 minutes you don't need to pay a subscription fee. Just a thought. It's kind of nice to have a full-size computer screen to see people's faces instead of squinting at the little pictures on your phone. Plus you can invite several people at once.

It looks like the weather changed just in time to say goodbye to another riding season. I hope everybody had a chance to get out and do some riding this year even if it wasn't with the other Club members. It's always a nice way to get out of the house without coming in contact with anyone else. Sometimes you just have the need to lean a little. It's like going to Six Flags except there are no lines to stand in. You can still get your thrill and forget about troubling things for a while.

Thanks to everyone for their participation this year in spite of all the difficulties. I'd like to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and here's to looking forward to a better 2021.

John Geiler  
President

#### **Club Meeting (General Membership)**

7:00 pm, 4th Tuesday of the Month

By Zoom tele-meeting until further notice.

**Next Meeting: December 15, 2020**

#### **Sunday Rides**

If you've opted to receive the texts for information on our 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 for 11/24/20

General Discussion 18 members present. Breakfast places? Nothing open in St. Louis County. Will look for a location outside of St. Louis County with outdoor dining.

Officers for 2021: We will vote on officers at the January meeting.

Road Trips: 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.

Ride Committee No report.

Vice President's Report No report.

Website: Tony made a proposal to relocate the ride information to a single location on the web site using the existing calendar function. Tony also proposed that we create a library of GPX files available to members (password protected). Motion passed.

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

Membership: No new members this month. Current 2020 paid membership as of tonight 74.

Safety Officer: Jim (Flash) was absent.

Hartbauer-McBride: Web site: bikershellingbikers.com. See the website for upcoming events. Blood drive this weekend.

A motion was made that we donate \$500 to Hartbauer-McBride. The decision was for John to send out a poll to the club to see how much club members would like to donate for 2020.

Make a Wish 2021: No update.

Events: No holiday party this year.

Motorcycle Training: Check the St Louis Community College web site for training sessions and dates – classes may open again soon with social distancing. There may be BRC2 classes in March, June, and July. More information next meeting. Classes take place rain or shine.

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**November Membership**

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Main Members       | 64        |
| Significant Others | 10        |
| Juniors            | 0         |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>74</b> |

**January Birthdays**

12 - JIM GIANELLA  
19 - ROBIN POTTER

**December Anniversaries:**

We have no  
December Anniversaries.

Shadow Riders,

Well here we are already looking at 2021 in less than a month. I would say that this year flew by but I don't like to lie to my friends. As someone said on Facebook when daylight savings time came into effect: getting one more hour of 2020 is like getting a bonus track on a Yoko Ono album. I have to agree. I keep asking for good things to come in my daily prayers but I know that He has his own way of doing things in His own time. From what I'm hearing the new vaccine is in transit to points unknown so I guess we'll see how that plays out. I'm hoping that you're all staying well. It's been a tough time but Shadow Riders are tough people (you have to cook them at least 30 minutes longer).

I will mention the people who have generously volunteered to give their time to occupying Board positions for 2021 again in the December newsletter, as required by our By-laws before an election, but I wanted to let everyone know who is presently on the ballot. No one has thrown their hat in the ring for President so I will continue to occupy the post for another term if nobody steps up in the next month; Rich Bayers has offered to serve as Vice-President; Tony Weaver will step down into the Safety Officer's position and Eric Crum has agreed to accept responsibility as our new Treasurer; and last, but hardly least, Jim Craig has agreed to serve as our Recording Secretary for another year. A heart-felt "Thanks!" to everyone who has offered to help us out in these positions. While the pay in no way reflects the appreciation we have for you, the Club doesn't continue without you. I also wanted to thank Ted Koski who has tirelessly maintained our website as well as serving as our liaison for the Hartbauer/McBride Foundation. Thanks to Laura for pouring her heart into the Make-A-Wish Foundation and serving as our ambassador for that great cause. Hopefully Ira will be able to put together some Saturday Nights Out once the pandemic has blown over and things go back to "normal", whatever that is.

I'm looking forward to seeing what the next year will bring for us and hopefully some of the visiting riders that we've had this last year will decide to become members as well. It's great to be a member of the largest all-brands motorcycle club in the State. Feel free to use that on your next resume. It's sure to get you that dream job. I'm just sayin' . . . .

Johnny G

**Bike Count for November**

Honda - 20 Harley - 20 Ural — 1 Kawasaki -10 Suzuki - 3 BMW - 10 Yamaha - 5 KTM - 1 Vento -1 CanAm -1 Triumph - 1 Moto Guzzi — 1 Victory - 5 Polaris - 1 Indian -1 Ducati — 0 Enfield — 1

Well, it's time to turn the page and start looking at the possibilities for 2021. Let's make this next year memorable to make up for the sad times that we've experienced in 2020. I believe that we should make all of 2021 a celebration of life and really take a look at everything we've taken for granted in the past. Let's put our heads together and figure out where we're going to go and what we want to see next year and start making plans to take our Shadow Rider brothers and sisters with us to share the experience.

If you've never travelled by motorcycle you're missing out on a memorable experience. If you have any questions about travelling on two wheels, or if you just wonder how to pack for a trip on a bike, talk to one of our Travelers and they can fill you in. I have to say that the trips I've taken with the Shadow Riders have been the most enjoyable of all my travels.

If there's somewhere you've wanted to go why don't you contact one of the other members and see if maybe we can turn it into a Club trip. We're looking forward to hearing your ideas and maybe you'll come out of 2021 with new stories to tell about your trip with the Shadow Riders.

## 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. 6<br>Breakfast at Golden Corral  | Dec. 7  | Dec. 8                              | Dec. 9  | Dec. 10 | Dec. 11<br> | Dec. 12 |
| Dec. 13<br>Breakfast at Fuzzy's Taco  | Dec. 14 | Dec. 15<br>Monthly Meeting Via Zoom | Dec. 16 | Dec. 17 | Dec. 18<br><b>HAPPY HANUKKAH</b>   | Dec. 19 |
| Dec. 20<br>Breakfast at Golden Corral | Dec. 21 | Dec. 22                             | Dec. 23 | Dec. 24 | Dec. 25<br> | Dec. 26 |
| Dec. 27<br>Breakfast at Fuzzy's Taco  | Dec. 28 | Dec. 29                             | Dec. 30 | Dec. 31 | Dec. 31<br> | Jan. 2  |
| Jan. 3<br>Breakfast at Golden Corral  | Jan. 4  | Jan. 5                              | Jan. 6  | Jan. 7  | Jan. 8   | Jan. 9  |

In Lieu of Rides and Events





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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

Gear for Sale to my Shadow Rider friends:

Harley waterproof boots, men's size 8, \$50

Women's Tourmaster Rain suit, yellow & gray jacket, black pants, size medium \$20

Sissy bar roll bag, T-Bags, 13 x10x10 attaches with Velcro straps \$20

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