



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,

I just realized that next month's newsletter will have an actual list of rides instead of my lame cartoons. We're getting really close to the riding season and the weather is doing a roller-coaster in the right direction. I hope everybody is taking advantage of these few nice days to blow the bugs out of the old exhaust pipes. Andrea has been able to get her bike out a few times in between making all of our daughter's wedding preparations. I hope to be getting out soon myself.

I wanted to thank Erin and Karen for being on the Board last year and helping out with all the Club functions. I enjoyed working with you both and I'm looking forward to working with Randy and Tom this year, as well as the returning members Tony and Ross. I hope we have a great travelling year and some good weather on all our Sunday rides.

Be sure to check the new ride calendar online and pick out a blank Sunday when you can help out by organizing a ride. Contact any of us on the Board, or any road captain, with any questions that you might have regarding the process. It's pretty simple to do and very rewarding. Even though we're working on some road trips this year we haven't planned any "long" trips this year to kind of take a break. With that in mind if you have an idea for a weekend trip or a week-long trip let's talk about it and see what we can put together. I know Dennis is planning a trip to the Wall and we're planning on taking a trip to Ohio this Summer. We always have Bikes, Blues, and Bar-B-Que in the Fall and Ira usually does his Branson trip and Door County. We don't expect everybody to make all the trips but I think it's nice to have options in case you can't get away at a certain time of the year.

I wanted to say farewell to a long-time member, Peggy Phillips, who sold her bike last Fall and is now doing some serious travelling. She soon will be heading to Australia for 6 weeks and then who-knows-where. It was a pleasure knowing Peggy and getting her input on different subjects that have come up over the years. Peggy was one person who I knew always read my newsletter (because she has corrected my mistakes on several occasions) and for that I say "Thank you!". You will be missed.

I hope to see many of you out there on the road and don't hesitate to ride your bike to breakfast some Sunday before the season starts if the weather is nice. I'm sure somebody will be willing to take us somewhere. I'm just sayin' . . .

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: February 27, 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 February 18th gathering will be at Fuzzy's Taco in Old Orchard parking lot.

Minutes from Shadow Riders General meeting - Jan 23, 2018

President John asked members to help Ross fill the ride schedule which begins April 1. Diana said she will do a ride to Augusta BBQ this season. John will lead a ride to Dew Drop Inn in Bloomsdale on April 8.

Incoming secretary Tom Schaefer was absent due to business trip. Randy Hendershot has agreed to take the Vice President position. The rest of the current board will serve for another year. Motion was made by Rich to accept these nominations as stated, seconded by Kevin. Motion passed.

John talked about our club charity. No suggestions were made so our charities will remain the Ride for Wishes and Hartbauer McBride Foundation.

Cliff reported the Ride for Wishes will be June 9 and 10. This will be the 10th anniversary. It will be a memorial ride for Henry, the chairman who passed away in November and probably the last one.

Jim reported membership stands at 58, 47 main and 11 significant others, down significantly from last year. Chris Schweitzer is celebrating 15 years membership and Tom Charleville 1 year.

Treasurer Tony reported he has deposited \$854 in membership dues and \$100 from holiday party tickets. Expenses from holiday party came in at almost \$1,000 under budget at which 45 people attended. Our donation to Hartbauer McBride totalled \$1200 for 2017.

Safety Office Ross mentioned some safety points to check on your bike before heading out. He now has access to the club calendar on the website to update ride schedule on short notice. If there is an open ride and someone volunteers to pick it up, he will update so everyone knows in advance where the club is heading on that Sunday.

Webmaster Ted has some pictures and will update the website. Ross discussed making some small changes to the home page to make it more attractive.

Merchandise coordinator Lisa has retired and is on vacation. She is resigning from this position. The board is still looking for someone to take this over.

Jim Orth suggested the Shadow Riders have a bike night. Diana said we could make it a Saturday Night Out. Ira suggested supporting an existing bike night. St. Charles HD has one the first Thursday of the month and it would be nice for us to support our sponsor by making an appearance.

Diana is going to help Ira organize a Saturday Night Out. Any suggestions, speak to them.

Dennis has info on hotel in DC for his ride to the Wall this memorial day weekend and will send email to club soon. John's trip to Athens, OH is coming this June. Stay tuned for details. Tony is thinking of planning a trip to Sturgis and Yellowstone this August. He will spend only a few days in Sturgis. Bob is going to Sturgis with his camper for the week of the rally August 3-11.

\$31 from 50/50 draw won by Dave Kelewae.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

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January Membership

Main Members	52
Significant Others	13
Juniors	0
Total	65

March Birthdays

05 - JOHN GEILER
12 - MAUREEN ROBERTSON
14 - CRAIG JOHNKE
22 - ED ACREE
23 - MAURICE TENNIAL SR. & TED KOSKI
29 - SUNILDA ANDERSON & KEVIN BECK
30 - KATHY SCHMIDT
31 - MICHAEL ZINNA & JAMES ORTH
NO DATE - MICHAEL HICKS

No February Anniversaries

Shadow Writer readers;

I just wanted to let everyone know that if you have ideas for the newsletter to please send me an e-mail to give me your ideas and we'll see if we can make some changes that everyone might like. I know it looks pretty much the same each month and I don't want people to get tired of seeing the notification e-mail from me letting them know that I finished another edition. I hope that my little changes from month-to-month adds a little variety but if there's something else you would like to see then I'm open for suggestions.

As the year moves on I will be looking to the Web for announcements of bike rallies around the country in case anyone wants to attend. There's usually around 50 events nationwide each year. Some of them are major events like Sturgis; Bikes, Blues, and Bar-B-Que; and Daytona, but there are many others that also draw a big crowd.

Those of you who organize rides on Sunday, if you could send a brief description of your route then I can put that on page 5 to let members know what to expect besides our destination. It doesn't have to read like War and Peace, it just needs to let us know what kind of roads we'll be on and about how far we'll be going that day. If you know a little bit about the offerings at the restaurant that would also be helpful.

Those of you who advertise on page 6 need to let me know when your items have sold or are no longer available so I can remove them. If anyone has items they want to get rid of just send some information and I will put them in the newsletter and we'll see if we can lessen your load.

Thanks to all for your input over the years and I hope to keep the content interesting and informative.

Johnny "and don't call me Chief!" G

Bike Count for January

Honda - 16 Harley - 25 Kawasaki - 6 Suzuki - 3 BMW - 1 Yamaha - 3 KTM - 3
Vento - 1 Big Dog - 1 CanAm - 1 Triumph - 1 Ducati - 1 Victory - 5 Polaris - 0 Ural - 1

Hello Shadow Riders... its been long winter so far! As I mentioned at the last Club Meeting, be sure to perform a safety-check on your bike whenever you get it out for a ride... even if you only expect to take a short ride. After the bike sits in alternating cold/warm temperatures, bolts can loosen and cables can be out of adjustment. Walk around the bike and put a wrench on various bolts and see if they are tight (do not over-tighten), and check any cable-operated controls for the correct adjustment. And, remember to check your tire pressure before every ride!

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) recommends the T-CLOCS Checklist (Tires, Controls, Lights, Oil, Chassis & Stands)... find a copy on the internet and use it!

The 2018 Ride calendar has been added to the website and you can review it for open-dates to find a Sunday where you would like to pick the destination. If you can help the club and lead a ride, just send me an email and I will get it added to the Calendar. You don't have to be a ride "leader" to schedule a ride... just get the destination added to the calendar and print the ride directions for distribution to the leaders/drag-ers. The club guidelines include a pre-ride to insure that there are no surprises on the route and to identify any hazards (this can be done on your bike or in your car). Looking forward to a great riding season!

Board of Directors for 2018

John Geiler: President

Randy Hendershot: Vice-President

Tony Weaver: Treasurer

Ross McGovern: Safety Officer

Tom Schaefer: Recording Secretary

No New members for January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Feb. 18 Breakfast at Fuzzy's Taco	Feb. 19 President's Day	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 22	Feb. 23	Feb. 24
Feb. 25 Breakfast at Golden Corral	Feb. 26	Feb. 27 Monthly Meeting at Sports Cafe	Feb. 28	March 1	March 2	March 3
March 4 Breakfast at Fuzzy's Taco	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10
March 11 Breakfast at Golden Corral Daylight Savings	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17
March 18 Breakfast at Fuzzy's Taco	March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23	March 24

In Lieu of Rides and Events



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Peggy Phillips

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