



# The Shadow Writer

## February, 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,

The weather is freezing and the tears are freezing on the fairings of our bikes in the garage. Poor little guys just want to have some fun. I hope many of you got to enjoy some of the warm weather we were blessed with. Andrea and I had a chance to get out and ride a couple hundred miles on that one nice Sunday. You just don't realize how much you miss it until you climb back on and hit the road.

It looks like the new Ride Calendar is coming together and my congratulations to the new Ride Committee for their efforts and hard work. I'm looking forward to trying out some of the new routes that are being created. We have our favorites but new rides are always exciting. We always seemed to have a great turn-out when we would announce that the Sunday ride is a new route to a new destination. Let's hope for the same result this Summer. Did I happen to mention that its only 7 more Sundays until our first ride of the season? Time to start thinking about what still needs to be done to the bike for it to be Ride-ready!

Our special thanks to our new Board members, Scott and Jim, for stepping up and really throwing themselves into the works. That's how Andrea and I started with the Club 10 years ago. We wanted to contribute to reduce the work load on the people who had been serving for several years before we joined. I have high hopes of seeing some new Club members materialize this Summer and maybe we'll get the shot-in-the-arm that we've been needing. Nobody likes to see the membership drop and we're hoping that the minor changes that we're making will help to attract some new people who are looking for a group to ride with.

As we move closer to the Ride season you'll see announcements for the events that are already being organized and planned. I hope we can get some participation for all the events this year so we can show people what the Shadow Riders are all about. Thank you all for allowing me to function as President for another year.

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)

**Next Meeting: February 25, 2020**

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 gatherings started at Golden Corral on 2/2/2020.

**Meeting Minutes 1/20/2020**

The 2020 officer slate approved unanimously by voice vote:

- John Geiler – President
- Scott Lenahan – Vice President
- Tony Weaver – Treasurer
- Jim Stiebel (Flash) – Safety Officer
- Jim Craig – Recording Secretary

**Vice President:** No Report

**Membership:** Current 2020 paid membership as of tonight 56. We generally have several members who don't pay until spring when the riding season starts.

**Treasurer:** The budget will be attached to the notification of February's newsletter's completion/posting for approval or revision at the March meeting.

- Folks have been using the online cheddar up website to sign up.
- We have deposits that came in after the finance report.
- We've received the sponsorship dues from Big St. Charles.
- We spent more than what we budgeted for the Holiday Party, but less than the ticket sales, extra money was spent on better door prizes.
- A check was sent for \$318.20 to Hartbauer McBride
- We have the same amount of money to start 2020 as 2019
- We need to cut the invoice for our ad in the newsletter for Gateway

BMW

**Safety Officer:** We will be setting up a meeting for Road Captains

**Ride committee:**

- We are seeking volunteers to lead rides.
- Tony will be providing some training on how to build routes in Base-Camp for the ride committee. Members of the club are welcome to attend. John will send out an announcement when the training is scheduled.
- Text messaging is available by texting "shadow" to 84483. Texts will go out prior to the rides and a text will go out if a ride is cancelled. We have 20 folks signed up for the messages so far. The reply from the company will say Rained Out (the hosting provider)

**Website:** The website works well on your phone.

**Merchandise:** We have merchandise for sale.

**Make a Wish 2020:** We passed out cards for the ride for wishes with the new logo. October 10th and 11th. 50/50 tickets are for sale for \$10 each and they are only selling 200 tickets.

We will probably do helmet day in May on the 16th.

Hartbauer McBride: Trivia on March 21<sup>st</sup>; Rodeo May 17<sup>th</sup>; Poker Run Aug 16<sup>th</sup>; Dine to donate in Mar 3rd at Red Lobster (need the flyer)

**Road Trips: Bikers Blues & BBQ:** We will probably stay at the Best Western in Eureka Springs. Reservations are not available until after Valentines Day (they are closed during the winter)

**Yellow Stone/Sturgis:** Departs the 5th of August returning the 19th. Folks can join for only part of the ride. They have reservations for Aug 7, 8, 9 for Sturgis. They depart on the 9th for Yellow Stone.

**6th Annual Branson Trip:** 2nd weekend after Memorial Day. June 11th – 14th Thursday through Sunday. Call Ira if you have any questions about reservations

Andrea is looking at a trip in May or June to Wisconsin Thur.-Sun. with several rides from a central location.

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

**Events: Holiday party:** It was a really nice party, nice room, good food, lots of fun, and it came in under budget.

**Picnic:** September 13th for the picnic. Need to get the pavilion reserved

**Motorcycle Training:** Check the St Louis Community College web site for training sessions and dates. Training will take place rain or shine. State requirements are that you must be on time.

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**January Membership**

Main Members	50
Significant Others	8
Juniors	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>

**March Birthdays**

- 03 - BOB BRYANT
- 05 - JOHN GEILER
- 20 - MICHAEL HICKS
- 24 - TED KOSKI
- 29 - SUNILDA ANDERSON
- 29 - KEVIN BECK
- 31 – MICHAEL ZINNA

**No February Anniversaries**

Here here, harr harr,

First off, I would like to thank the club for welcoming me as their new Vice President! These are tough shoes to fill and I look forward to at least attempting to do so.

We are looking forward to kicking off the 2020 riding season! We already have several volunteers to lead rides on this year's calendar (if that's you, a big THANK YOU!), and we have a number of, let's call them *opportunities* (blanks to fill), still open for the rest of our riding season. Please reach out to myself or Jim "Flash" Stiebel to lock in your Sunday of choice. Remember, if we don't hear from you, you will hear from us. And nobody wants that 2AM phone call. Ka-PEESH? The ride committee is happy to assist you in picking out your starting point, making sure your route sheet is published, promoted, and can even assist in creating and posting a GPS file of your route on the [shadowriders-stl.com](http://shadowriders-stl.com) site.

Speaking of GPS files, Tony Weaver has volunteered to give those interested a crash course on using Base Camp. This is Garmin's software that is used to create GPS routes. Tony has suggested doing the training at the Sports Café where we have our monthly meetings. We'll invite you to join once the when and where details are confirmed.

John sent out an email about opting in for Shadow Riders text messages. This is a new way to keep you in the know about the week's rally point, lunch joint, and/or any other pertinent information about the week's ride (last-minute changes or cancellations, etc.) If you have not opted in yet, please do so by texting the word **shadow** to 84483. You'll be glad you did!

You're still reading. How about a bank joke? Where do penguins store their money? A Snow Bank.

Scott Lenahan  
Vice President

**Bike Count for January**

Honda - 16 Harley - 17 Kawasaki - 8 Suzuki - 3 BMW - 7 Yamaha - 4 KTM - 1 Enfield - 1  
Vento - 1 Big Dog - 0 CanAm - 1 Triumph - 1 Ducati - 0 Victory - 4 Polaris - 1 Indian - 1 Ural - 1

Ira and Bob usually plan a trip to Branson in late June. They've had some great experiences in the past. I'll let you know as plans are made and dates are set.

Aug. 5-19 or 20 Dennis Meade is planning a trip to Sturgis, Yellowstone and points West. Follow Dennis' emails for details to come. He already has lodging planned so make you reservations early.

Sept. 20 - 28 Tony is going to Arkansas to ride the great roads in North-central and Northwest Arkansas. The group that goes on this trip then has the option to join up with the group that will be going to the Rally at the end of the week.

Bikes, Blues, and Bar-B-Que Sept. 25-28 Eureka Springs, Ar  
John Geiler 314-401-3485

At the same time a the trip to BBBBQ Dave Kelewae and Jim Wadum usually plan a Camping-on-the-cheap trip for those who like to camp instead of staying at a hotel. 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.

No new members January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Feb. 16 Breakfast at Golden Corral	Feb. 17 	Feb. 18	Feb. 19	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 22
Feb. 23 Breakfast at Fuzzy's Taco	Feb. 24	Feb. 25	Feb. 26	Feb. 27	Feb. 28	Feb. 29
March 1 Breakfast at Golden Corral	March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7
March 8 Breakfast at Fuzzy's Taco	March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14
Mach 15 Breakfast at Golden Corral	March 16	March 17	March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21

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

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