



The Shadow Writer

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A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders,

I hope all is well with all our members and their families. I'm anxiously awaiting the Spring-time weather. These sub-freezing temperatures are not fitting into my schedule. I hope you all have your bike batteries on their tenders and there's stabilizer in the fuel tank.

I'm looking into the rides I want to do this coming year and getting ready to add those to the new Ride Calendar for 2018. Pick out that favorite ride that you have and let Ross know when you want to do it. I know he will be appreciative of your efforts and willingness to help out with filling our schedule for this riding season.

I'm also getting ready to start with the planning phase of the trip I'd like to take you on to Ohio this summer. As soon as we get through the Holiday Party and our daughter's wedding we'll start on our trip-planning for the year.

As I mentioned at the December meeting, Lisa will be stepping down from Merchandise and we need someone who will take over the position. I want to thank Lisa for her years of service in this capacity. It's not a 40-hour-a-week job and I think pretty much anyone can handle it. We just need someone who wants to help with Club functions to step up and take over. It's just a matter of getting a check from someone; handing it over to Tony; and bringing whatever was purchased to the next meeting for pick-up. When it comes time to order more merchandise I'm pretty sure anyone who has done this in the past will be more than willing to walk you through it. Thank you in advance to whoever takes over for Lisa.

I also want to remind everyone to renew their membership for this year. There's no reason to wait until Spring. It's the same cost and it's less than the cost of a steak dinner and a drink.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Holiday Party and this month's meeting. Take care and keep warm.

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: January 23, 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 January's gathering will be at Fuzzy's Taco in Old Orchard parking lot on 1/07/18

Meeting Minutes for 12-19-17

Cruiser of the year nomination's are still being accepted for anyone who has gone above and beyond for the club. He or she will be recognized at the holiday party.

Nominations for the Board are still open for January's vote. John Geiler has agreed to another year as President, Tom Schaeffer accepted nomination as Secretary, Randy Hendershot accepted nomination for Vice President, Tony Weaver has agreed to continue as Treasurer and Ross McGovern has agreed to another year as Safety Officer. Lisa Soucy will be stepping down from merchandising this year, anyone interested in or who has a nomination should see Ira Steaur or contact any Board member.

Coordinator Andrea Geiler talked about the Holiday Party menu and invitations being held on January 13. The subject of Laura Bergenseker's help in cutting cost with the Elks venue and help for the party was discussed. A big Thank You to you Laura!

Jim Gianella reports that membership is unchanged with 118 members to date.

Financially Tony Weaver reports incoming funds from Diana Johnson's winnings from the Chili Cookoff and 50/50 sales at \$117. Expenditure to Hartbauer McBride will be \$437.50.

No current information on the Make a Wish foundation as to the future of its existence. Cliff and Laura will report as more information is learned.

Ride Leaders! Check your calendars for dates and destinations for this year's Sunday rides then get with Ross to get those on the schedule. There was discussion of shorter and some weekend trips for 2018.

Trips for 2018 in preliminary stages:

Dennis Meade will be headed to the Wall, Ira Steaur is planning a trip to Branson in April for a 4 day jaunt. John Geiler has a week long Athens Ohio trip in mind. Contact any of them for more information.

Elections will be held at the January meeting where we will also decide on our choice of charity for the year.

Alan Jobe won \$25 from the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

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December Membership

Main Members	92
Significant Others	25
Juniors	1
Total	118

February Birthdays

- 04 - SALLY WEAVER
- 06 - LAURA BERGSIEKER
- 06 - BRANT QUINN
- 09 - JIM WADUM
- 12 - JIM PACE
- 17 - NITA FISHER
- 25 - JEAN DAVIS
- 26 - CLIFF CONNOYER

January Anniversaries

- 15 years – Chris Schweitzer
- 1 year – Tom Charleville

California trip - The ride home

This month I'll write about the final 5 days of the California trip - the ride back home. Again, you'll be sorry you missed it! LOL

The day we left California (and finally left the heat), we headed to Torrey, Utah. We started the day by heading north along Lake Mead which was very scenic. After we got into Utah, we went through Cedar Breaks National Monument. It was absolutely gorgeous. It was like looking at the love child of Bryce Canyon and the Grand Canyon. A weird analogy, I know, but pretty accurate. From there we went to Bryce Canyon. There are no words to describe it. It is so unique. I've been there on 3 separate trips and it still amazes me. This should be near the top of your bucket list if you've never been there.

The next day we headed to Dillon, CO. We stopped at Capital Reef National Monument. Another absolutely beautiful stop. I know I keep saying everything is gorgeous and beautiful, but that's because it was. I've run out of descriptions! Another place worth seeing if you've never been there. Thankfully, we were spending 2 nights in Dillon so we didn't have to pack up in the morning. Out of the 20 day trip, we changed hotels every night except for San Francisco and Dillon. It was a really nice break to stay 2 nights!

We've been in Dillon on countless trips, but we've never had the time to really explore the area so that's what we did on the second day there. We drove through Poudre Canyon which had a surprising amount of smoke in it. Turns out there were wildfires in Oregon and some in Colorado that were generating all the smoke. It limited what we could see but it was still a pretty drive. After that we drove through one of our favorite places, Big Thompson Canyon. There are towering walls of rock on either side of the road and it's spectacular. We stopped for lunch at the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park. For those of you who haven't heard of it, it's the hotel where Stephen King got the inspiration for "The Shining". From there we could have gone through Rocky Mountain National park. We had been through there at least a half dozen times, and with the smoke we wouldn't be able to see much. So we opted for a different route and went through Loveland Pass. It didn't get too cold until we got to the top. A big change from the heat in California. Then we headed back to the hotel. **(Continued on Page 4)**

Bike Count for December

Honda - 26 Harley - 38 Kawasaki - 14 Suzuki - 5 Indian - 1 Yamaha - 10 KTM - 2
Vento - 1 Big Dog - 1 CanAm - 1 Triumph - 4 Ducati - 1 Victory - 8 Polaris - 1 Ural - 1

On our second to last day, we went through Guanella Pass. Our destination had been Oakley, KS. We were making such good time, we decided to cancel our reservations and drive an extra 90 miles to Hays, KS. We knew there were a lot of hotels there so we took our chances. We went to a couple of hotels and found one with decent prices. So our gamble paid off and would allow us to get home earlier the following day.

The final day was uneventful and rather boring since half of it was driving through Kansas. Enough said. We had over 500 miles to go and wanted to beat rush hour. I have to take highway 40 to highway 270 south which starts getting bad between 3:00 and 4:00. We made good time and I got to the 40/270 interchange at 3:30. It wasn't great, but not horrible either. We all made it home safe and sound by 4:00.

So that sums up the rest of our trip to California. It was 20 days, 17 hotels and just over 7,000 miles. Thank goodness for synthetic oil! I know the 3 of us were happy we spent the extra time driving to CA and back. We saw some of the most beautiful National parks and scenery in both directions.

If you've never been on a club trip, you should definitely think about it. This trip wasn't a "starter" trip, but you could start with shorter trips and work your way up to longer ones. It's so nice to unplug and get away from your everyday life and spend your time riding, seeing beautiful sights and spending time with your fellow Shadow Riders!!! Think about it.

Since this is my last newsletter article as VP, I just wanted to thank all of you for a great year! Here's to an awesome 2018!!!

Keep wearing your name tags!

Erin O'Donnell
Vice President

Candidates for the 2018 Board of Directors

John Geiler: President

Randy Hendershot: Vice-President

Tony Weaver: Treasurer

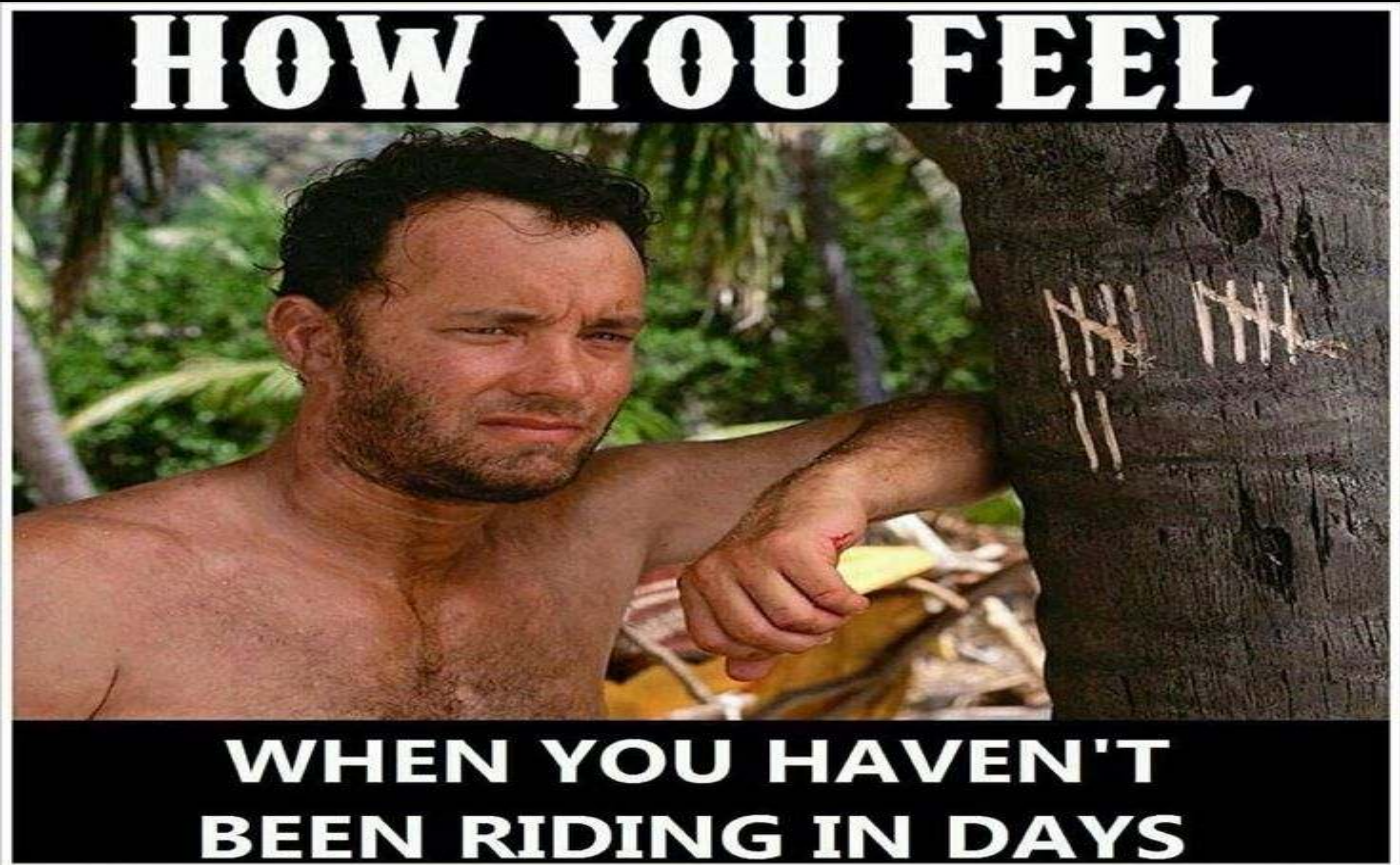
Ross McGovern: Safety Officer

Tom Schaefer: Recording Secretary

No New members for December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan. 7 Breakfast at Fuzzy's Taco	Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11	Jan. 12	Jan. 13 Holiday Party
Jan. 14 Breakfast at Golden Corral	Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Day	Jan. 16	Jan. 17	Jan. 18	Jan. 19	Jan. 20
Jan. 21 Breakfast at Fuzzy's Taco	Jan. 22	Jan. 23 Monthly Meeting at Sports Cafe	Jan. 24	Jan. 25	Jan. 26	Jan. 27
Jan. 28 Breakfast at Golden Corral	Jan. 29	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	Feb. 1	Feb. 2 Groundhog Day	Feb. 3
Feb. 4 Breakfast at Fuzzy's Taco	Feb. 5	Feb. 6	Feb. 7	Feb. 8	Feb. 9	Feb. 10

In Lieu of Rides and Events



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We are moving, and I have 2 almost new men's motorcycle jackets - large, blue and red for sale. Please let me know if anyone is interested.

They are Transition 3 with insulated inserts.

Maurice Tennial - Phone: 314-495-5209

Two pair of fringed chaps for sale. 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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