



The Shadow Writer

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A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders,

Well, here we are almost half way through our 2017 riding season. We've had some great rides and trips and good turn-outs on our Sunday's with a lot more to come.

A few health issues have kept Andrea and I from enjoying as much of the club activities as we would like but at least we're not dealing with anything life-threatening. Probably some things that a little exercise and diet would help a lot. As we get older (me, not Andrea) our bodies don't retain the endless supply of get-up-an-go that we once had and sometimes it's the little things that we have done throughout the years that now cause us some soreness and pain. We can't just rub some spit on it and keep going like we did when we were kids. Now recovery sometimes requires a little pharmaceutical assistance and bed rest.

I would like to thank Ira for his efforts, and success, in putting together some great Saturday events for us. We weren't able to make the lunch and Route 66 display with the club due to some strained muscles and finishing the maintenance on the Victory.

Please assist Ross in his duties as Safety Officer in filling out the rest of the ride schedule for 2017. If you've historically done a particular ride in the past I'm sure everybody would be grateful to have you put it together again. I know we enjoy our 185 ride; the Dew Drop Inn lunch; Mel's Riverdock restaurant; as well as some great church luncheons/picnics. It's our participation as members that keeps our club strong. If you're a new member and would like to put something together you'll have help from anyone you ask who have done rides before.

I look forward to seeing you all this Sunday for our next ride.

Sincerely,

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: July 25, 2017

Board meeting 30 minutes before regular meeting.

Sunday Rides

April through November:
Meet at Old Orchard Center, 14128
Manchester, behind Arby's. Plan to arrive around 9:30, line up your bike, then visit with friends. Rides leave at 10 a.m.

Shadow Riders – Monthly meeting minutes 6/27/17

Meeting opened – Karen Johnston not present
 John raised the question of Karen Johnston being added to the bank account signing authority. The motion was made to vote, Joe Kalal 1st motion, Dennis Meade 2nd. A vote was taken by show of hands... an overwhelming majority voted to support the motion. Motion was passed to add Karen Johnston to the bank account signing authority.

The Virginia trip was discussed... it was a “success”, no injuries/accidents. Good time was had by all.

John stated that he did not bring the financial statements to the meeting, they will be emailed/mailed later.

John stated that he did not bring the 50/50 tickets, no raffle this meeting.

John showed a promotional pen with LED lighting, discussion was if we should have some made to promote the club.

H/M poker run on 8/20. 5 stations, more volunteers needed. Several member volunteered, the minimum number of participants was met.

Discussion held about how H/M “spends” the money. No specific (who) gets the funds is made available (for privacy reasons).

A question was raised by Laura about if the club members would prefer that the Make a Wish ride was held in October (rather than June). By show of hands most preferred October.

Jim Gianella provide an update on membership, no change in total members (111).

A request was made to not create “alternate” rides on Sunday mornings at the club meeting location. This practice was considered rude to the ride organizer.

Ross McGovern stated that there are numerous Sunday rides without destinations/leaders. Several people volunteered for the most urgent open dates.

Ross asked about accessing the Ride Archives, Ted provided instructions.

Ira (not present) is planning a Saturday Night Out (SNO) for a daytime visit to the History Museum. There is a Route 66 display. By show of hands, there was a number of people interested in this.

There was a BB-BBQ discussion... (not sure what was said due to other discussions)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

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June Membership

Main Members	89
Significant Others	23
Juniors	1
Total	113

August Birthdays

- 10 - SUSAN BRAUN
- 16 - PETE HOYER
- 19 - SCOTT LENAHAAN
- 20 - MARKLYN COBB
- 29 - GLENN ROLAND

July Anniversaries

- 20 years – Tito and Sharon Lopez
- 15 years – Larry Wahlers
- 5 years – Charles Seibel, Suzanne Muschany, Pat Walsh, Tom Schaefer

Hey Everybody,

The riding season is going great! We've had great Sunday rides and several out-of-town trips, all with no significant mishaps. Let's keep our riding preparedness in mind as we continue through the riding season: individual riding skills (ride within your own limits), bike maintenance (especially tires) and watch out for other drivers! I've read about the motto "ride like you are invisible"... in other words, assume they don't see you!

We have a couple new members so make sure to say hello and offer any advice you can.

We just got back from Andrea's trip to Virginia... we had a great time, although we cut the trip short by one day to avoid the rain from tropical storm "Cindy". We rode some awesome twisty roads and had fun socializing together!

We are still looking for rides to be added to our Sunday Ride Calendar... Thanks to several members who have stepped-up to schedule rides for the month of July. We still have unscheduled dates beginning in August. Please look at the 2017 Ride Calendar on the club website and find a Sunday with no ride scheduled.... just send me an email and I will update the Calendar with your ride.

You can pick one of the clubs' established routes from the library (we have all the routes documented), or make-up your own route. Our club practice is that the leader pre-rides the route to insure that there are no surprises (we've run into closed roads or safety hazards).

So, please send me an email or see me at the Club meeting to sign-up to lead a Sunday ride.... the Clubs' success requires member involvement!

Ross

Bike Count for June

Honda - 25 Harley - 35 Kawasaki - 13 Suzuki - 4 Indian - 1 Yamaha - 9 KTM - 2
Vento - 1 Big Dog - 1 CanAm - 1 Triumph - 4 Ducati - 1 Victory - 8 Polaris - 1 Ural - 1

Erin didn't have anything to add this month but, as club president, I would like to thank her for her enthusiasm in asking members to wear their name tags to Old Orchard on Sundays. New people are a lot more likely to ask the necessary questions if they know someone's name and we need those questions to be asked for everyone's safety. So I am re-posting Erin's article from June:

I would like to start by thanking all of the members who have started wearing their name tags! Unfortunately, it's not very many people. I would really like to see more of you wearing your name tags. If you can't find it, Jim Gianella can make you a new one (sorry Jim!).

I've had a few members thank me for this initiative, especially new members. It really helps people learn names.

Again, I would really like to encourage our club members to start wearing our name tags on Sunday mornings before our rides and at meetings. It only takes a second to put it on and take it off. I especially encourage long-time members to wear our name tags to encourage the newer members to do the same.

I don't know about you, but it will certainly help me with people's names. I look forward to seeing all of you on a Sunday ride!

Vice President Erin

Planned Trips for the 2017 Riding Season

*Branson, MO – July 13 – July 16, 2017

*Las Vegas / California – August 2017

(Las Vegas, Pacific Coast Hwy, Yosemite, Lake Tahoe)

*Bikes, Blues and BBQ – September 20 – 23, 2017

*Alabama – October 6-8 (10 day trip) 2017

<http://www.barbermuseum.org/events/barber-vintage-festival/in-the-park/attractions>

New/ Returning members for June

Scott Lenahan rides a green 1996 BMW R1100RT and a blue 2007 Honda Shadow VLX 600

David and Monica Dixon: David rides a blue 2012 HD Heritage; Monica rides a blue 2002 Suzuki V-strom

Returning member Albert "Ben" Ricker rides a black/chrome 2016 HD Switchback and a blue/silver 2004 Kawasaki Nomad

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 16 Bixby, MO	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22
July 23 Lawrenceton Picnic	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29
July 30 TBD	July 31	Aug. 1	Aug. 2	Aug. 3	Aug. 4	Aug. 5
Aug. 6 Caledonia, MO	Aug. 7	Aug. 8	Aug. 9	Aug. 10	Aug. 11	Aug. 12
Aug. 13 Open Ride	Aug. 14	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 17	Aug. 18	Aug. 19

Rides and Events

July 16: Jim Orth is going to take us through some of our favorite alphabet roads to the town of Bixby, MO for lunch at the Bixby County Store. Always a good time. If you still feel like riding after lunch Jim has a ride planned for the rest of the afternoon. Thanks Jim!!

July 23: I'll be taking the club down through some of the country roads that I grew up riding to the St. Lawrence Picnic in Lawrenceton, MO. There will be plenty to do there while waiting to have lunch or while letting all that food settle after lunch. Live music and adult refreshments if desired. Bingo, poker, and other booths. Lunch is \$10 for adults and it is all-you-can-eat. Fried chicken; kettle beef; liver dumplings; and all the trimmings including dessert.

July 30: Rich Bayers is going to organize a ride for this day. The destination is to be determined (TBD).

Aug. 6: Al Price is taking us to Caledonia, MO for lunch. This is one of my favorite rides and lunch locations. Thanks to Al for setting this up. I'm looking forward to this one.

Aug. 13: This Sunday is an open ride so if someone has the time to put something together it would be greatly appreciated.

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