



# The Shadow Writer

## July, 2018

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,

Well the nice weather lasted about 2 days but at least they were weekend days! The new cooling vests are getting their workouts this year. If you haven't tried one yet you don't know what you're missing. They can be purchased online or locally, for a little more money. Online they can be found for around \$30 and about \$5 for shipping. If you don't mind supporting the local merchants they can be purchased for around \$50. Dave Walters' company sells the vests for people who work outdoors so you might want to give him a call or drop him an email to check on the prices he can get. I kept mine in one of my saddlebags in a large ziplock bag with a little water in it. When the temps got over 90 I pulled it out; wrung out the very bottom of the vest; and put it on under my mesh jacket. You don't even have to move to get the cooling effect of the water evaporating; but when you do move the effect increases substantially.

Enough about fashion. I'm sad to say that Margee has made a decision to stop riding and will be selling her bike once the cosmetic repairs are made. She will be missed and she has already commented that she has made many friends in the Shadow Riders that she will have for life. It was always good to have her around for her good humor and great attitude. It was from Margee that I learned the importance of eating your desert first and then taking your leftovers home. Otherwise you find yourself turning down desert because you ate too much of your meal. (Smart!)

Our membership numbers are down a little but we have almost one hundred quality members that I look forward to sharing time with for years to come. Maybe we can talk Margee into staying with the Club under our new classification that we voted in last year: Social. It's always a shame to see members leave the Club but we understand the need to undergo changes to accommodate the changes going on in our lives. Sorely missed but never forgotten are our past members and their significant others. Ride on and we hope the memories of the Shadow Riders brings a smile to your face. (How else will the bugs find their way into your teeth?) 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: July 24, 2018**

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.

June 26 Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 7:01PM.

No new members were present.

Jim Gianella reported we have 96 total members.

Treasurer Tony's report stated the club had only the usual activity.

Merchandising Chair Andrea was not present.

Laura was not present.

Due to out-of-town travel our recording secretary and our safety officer were not present.

Due to inclement weather the meeting attendance was 12 people.

Due to reduced membership at the meeting the 50/50 was not held.

The meeting ended at 7:22PM.

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**June Membership**

Main Members	75
Significant Others	20
Juniors	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>

**August Birthdays**

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

**July Anniversaries**

10 years – Dave Walters  
1 year – Scott Lenahan, Harold Lee

Shadow Rider Brothers and Sisters,

I know most of you have heard that Mario had a close encounter (very close) with a black bear in West Virginia. He wasn't on our Ohio trip, he was with another group riding South of where we were staying on our trip. He came out of the collision with some broken ribs; a fractured ankle; and a mild concussion. Needless to say he had to be taken to a local hospital for treatment. Being in the Appalachian mountains he had to be air-lifted by helicopter to the hospital. He later texted me to let me know that, because he had purchased the insurance from AirMed-Care when they gave their presentation at one of our Club monthly meetings, when he received his \$41,000 bill for his helicopter ride, he didn't have to pay anything.

I don't have the insurance myself, but this example is just one of many reasons that some people might want to consider this type of coverage. When I told Mario's story at work I was approached by one of the inspectors who was new to my office and he asked me about the insurance. It seems that he and his family go out to their farm and work and he just had a close call with a wood chipper where he had to cut off the sleeve of this jacket with his pocket knife to keep from being pulled into the machine. This was another situation that I hadn't considered as a reason to have air-lift coverage.

I'm not trying to sell anybody anything, it's just that I didn't think about these things myself, they just happened to come to my attention and I'm sharing what I heard. If anybody would like to reconsider the coverage I still have the information in my briefcase from that meeting.

I'll be covering another topic based on Mario's experience in the Safety Officer's column in this issue. Ross is out of town presently and doesn't have anything to offer this month. I would say, on his behalf, keep volunteering for Sunday rides until our schedule fills up. We've had some great Sunday, and Saturday, rides this year with some new routes and new places to eat to add to our ride archive. You can never have too many choices when it comes to good food.

Until next month . . .

Johnny G  
Editor

### **Bike Count for June**

Honda - 21   Harley - 33   Kawasaki - 12   Suzuki - 3   BMW - 2   Yamaha - 6   KTM - 3  
Vento - 1   Big Dog - 1   CanAm - 1   Triumph - 1   Ducati - 1   Victory - 5   Polaris - 1   Ural - 1

Ross apologizes for not having anything to offer this month but I had a thought that I wanted to share based on Mario's accident and a safety article that I read in a recent issue of a magazine that I subscribe to.

The basis of the article was the different ways that we ride when we have a passenger, in this case a family member, as opposed to the way we ride when we're alone. The author was on his way to pick up one of his children when he made a bad decision to pass someone who was making a right turn into the street that a new driver was exiting. Since he was passing the vehicle on the left he became invisible to the young driver who was pulling into traffic going in the opposite direction. This choice he made to impatiently pass this vehicle instead of staying in the lane and proceeding when the vehicle was done turning was something he wouldn't have done if he had already picked up his child. His philosophy has become: "Always ride like you have a family member with you."

This made a lot of sense when I think back to how I ride when I'm alone and there's no one around to scowl at me when I ride too fast or take chances that I wouldn't if someone was with me. It's something to consider. Also, riding with someone is always a great practice. If Mario hadn't been with a group when he had his accident then who knows how long he would have been there before someone happened along. When we were riding the Triple Nickel in Ohio, the day that Margee had her accident, we had to do a little motorcycle relay to get her bike to a filling station and then go back for the bike we left behind. Lou stood guard with the other bike until we got back and, in the half hour or more it took us to make the round trip, Lou said that not a single vehicle had come by. Makes you think!

## Upcoming Rallies Across the Country

All of these events and the links to the details can be found on Cycle Fish @

[https://www.cyclefish.com/motorcycle\\_events](https://www.cyclefish.com/motorcycle_events)

I was going to make a list of all the rallies and events listed on Cycle Fish but just the events that are listed for the next week would make the print so small you would have to read it with a microscope. Please visit the website using the link above and see what there is to do. Not everything is a thousand miles away: many of them are within a hundred miles of us. Check out all the fun things to do that are motorcycle related. You might find an event that you want to attend that may become a future road trip for our Club. Who's to say? I know when I first did Bikes, Blues, and Bar-B-Que with a couple from the GWRRA 8 years ago, I never dreamed that I would be going every year after that. It's like those trips you used to take with your family when you were younger and then you took your kids there when they were little. It's the same kind of experience that keeps you going back. I hope some of you can find a place like that on your bike. There's nothing else like it.

### New members for June

Randy and Theresa Buckner ride a 1998 Honda Shadow Ace 1100

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 15 Open Ride	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21
July 22 Open Ride	July 23	July 24 Monthly Meeting at Sports Cafe	July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28
July 29 Open Ride	July 30	July 31	Aug. 1	Aug. 2 Big St. Charles Bike Night @ 6PM	Aug. 3 Bob Mueller's Trip to Sturgis	Aug. 4
Aug. 5 Open Ride	Aug. 6	Aug. 7	Aug. 8	Aug. 9	Aug. 10	Aug. 11
Aug. 12 Bixby, MO	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 17	Aug. 18

**Rides and Events**

July 15 through Aug. 5: These dates are all Open Ride days so let Ross know where you would like to take us on one of these days and we'll show up to support you and enjoy your ride.

Aug. 12: Susan Braun is going to take us South to the Bixby Country Store for lunch. This ride always includes some great country roads and lots of scenery. Put in on your calendar and let's ride!

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Donna Rau is selling her leather jacket which is size four to six and Casper chaps that are 32 inches long. She's asking \$250 for the set. Her phone number is 314 630-7980

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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