



The Shadow Writer

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A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders,

I hope everybody is getting out there and riding while the weather is nice. We just got back from the Ohio trip and, although we had some storms come through our area, we were able to ride on all 6 of our days in Parkersburg, WV. Some of the group rode out on Friday and spent the night in Kentucky. We all got to the hotel within an hour of each other and settled in for our first night. We had the ideal setup with Sam's Club and Aldi's Food in our parking lot as well as a Seven Eleven with gas pumps and air hose. There were a few place to eat within walking distance and we took advantage of that for a couple of nights when we took over the Cheddars restaurant across the street. Two nights we went shopping and used the hotel's grill to make steaks; baked potatoes; and asparagus; and on another night bratwurst. Thanks to Andrea for doing most of the shopping and food prep; thanks to Lou for buying the bratwurst for everybody; and to Dave and Rich for doing the cooking. Everybody chipped in to help make it a family affair. Great fellowship with great people. The hotel staff was great with allowing us to move tables around and take chairs outside in the evenings for our traditional "gathering of the tribe".

We only had two incidents on our trip but, besides some record-breaking bruises, no one was hurt. Margee had a little incident with her bike but the local shop in Athens did an amazing job of getting parts and having her back on the road by Friday afternoon. Between Dave Walters; Randy Hendershot; and Rich Bayers sharing their seats, she didn't have to miss much of the riding. We did have two flat tires on the trip: Chris Schweitzer picked up a staple somewhere in West Virginia, which we patched and went on, but Andrea got a puncture in her rear tire and had to get a replacement at one of the many local shops.

I think that everyone had a good time despite some inclement weather and we did see some great countryside. We had lunch and played some pool in a barn one day and took a hike to a beautiful waterfall on another day. We were able to ride through a covered bridge built in the 1880's and a couple of members got to try their skills at riding some of the local wildlife (you'll have to check out the Shadow Rider's Facebook page for that one!).

If you haven't been on one of these trips then you need to consider taking one with us. You won't regret it.

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: June 26, 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.

May 22 Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 6:58PM.

No new members were present. Jim Gianella reported we have 93 total members.

Treasurer Tony's report stated the club had taken in \$72 and spent \$22.78 the previous month.

Merchandising Chair Andrea reported we have plenty of merchandise available for sale.

Laura reported 6 volunteers participated in Helmet Day for Make-A-Wish and raised a total of \$628.75!

Laura also reported the Shadow Riders club picnic will be held October 14th at Love park at the Muffin pavilion.

The hotel the club will be using for Bikes Blues & BBQ is the Best Western Eureka Inn in Eureka Springs Arkansas.
(479) 253-9551

Dave Kelewae suggested club members start consistently wearing clothing which displays Shadow Riders logos to our rides and gatherings as a simple way to generate interest in our club and potentially get membership up.

The meeting ended at 7:28PM.

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May Membership

Main Members	73
Significant Others	19
Juniors	1
Total	93

July Birthdays

- 01 - BOB MUELLER; RICH KRAMER
- 02 - MELANIE ANDERSON
- 04 - TOM CHARLEVILLE
- 08 - BOB GEBEL
- 09 - ALBERT (BEN) RICKER
- 10 - RUSSELL DAVIS
- 12 - DAVID KELEWAE
- 13 - LARRY WAHLERS
- 14 - JIM KERN
- 17 - TERY SCHMIDT
- 19 - ROBIN SCHOENBECK; CATHY NOEL
- 21 - LOU SOUCY 28 - MARK CHARPENTIER

No July Anniversaries

Shadow Rider Brothers and Sisters,

It's hard to believe that the year is half over already. It seems like just yesterday I was double-checking myself to make sure I was writing 2018 and not 2017 on checks and in documents. As we get older it gets worse. I'm not sure why and knowing probably won't slow it down any.

I encourage people to make time to do things with their friends and family. No, I don't mean sending them an e-mail or texting them or anything else that borders on anti-social behavior. Get together like we do on our Sunday rides and Club trips. Share time with people who matter to you and do things. It doesn't have to be a major event, just get together and share some valuable time that creates memories. Some day we may be so old that the only things we'll have left are our memories. I don't want my memories to be of that funny cat video on You-tube or that really cool hat I saw on Pintrest made of used aluminum foil. (Okay, I'll get off that soapbox before someone posts a video of me on that soapbox.)

The time that we spend with others and doing things is the most valuable time we can spend. Get on the bike and ride a road that you haven't been on before. Discover something that you might want to share with someone else. Visit some place that has special meaning to you and maybe share it with someone else. Stop and eat some place that you used to frequent, or maybe the place that took the place of the place you used to frequent. Sometimes there are surprises waiting for us in places that we pass every day.

Andrea and I have had some great weekends just picking a place to go and then seeing whatever there is to see there. We found a petrified forest that we had no idea was even there. We found a pizza place in Chicago that is now a destination for us on occasion. We have our favorite roads; our favorite burgers; our favorite ice cream place; and our favorite quiet places. We don't have to be doing anything special, we just enjoy doing something and making it special to us.

My point being: enjoy your life. Don't just sit and wait for what comes next. We know what comes eventually and I'm wanting to fill the time in between now and then with some memorable things. Maybe I won't find a cure for cancer but maybe that's now what I'm supposed to do with my life. Maybe I'm supposed to be the guy who got up from his chair and went and did something he enjoyed and shared it with others.

I'm just sayin' . . .

Johnny G
Editor

Bike Count for May

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

Hello ShadowRiders,

We are finally having good weather and we're out riding every week! Your post-winter inspection should be behind you now, but you should still do a bike check-over before each ride. The TCLOCS inspection list is on the shadowriders-stl.com web page under "Safety". And, be sure to check tire pressure!

We have the Ohio trip starting on June 16th... these longer trips require a little extra maintenance planning... Your tires might have tread now, but will they have enough wear left for the entire trip? If not, replace before you leave!

I continue to populate the Sunday ride calendar, and I need your help! We have rides planned through July 1, and the next open date is July 8th, if you can plan a ride on any open dates, please let me know! Take a look at the calendar on the website to find any open date, just pick any Sunday that you would like to select a destination... you can pick any of our regular destinations or pick a new one of your own desire. You do not have to lead a group on the ride... but the club's best-practice is that you ride (or drive) the route in advance to identify any issues. I have a "blank" ride-directions template if you want to design your own route. Send me an email for any help or to add a ride to the Calendar.

Ride Safe!

Ross

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

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 member for May

Jim Lenahan (previous member) rides a black/silver 2006 BMW R1200RT and a black 2009 HD Road King Classic

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 1 Festus, MO	July 2	July 3	July 4 	July 5 Bike Night Big St. Charles	July 6	July 7
July 8 Open Ride	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12 Branson, MO Trip begins	July 13	July 14
July 15 Sullivan, MO	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	Aug. 3	Aug. 4

Rides and Events

July 1: Andrea will take us on this Sunday's ride to the Hitchin' Post restaurant in Festus, MO through some of her favorite back roads which she is pulling together this week. This will be a new ride for the Club.

July 8: We have an Open Ride this Sunday so contact Ross if you would like to step up and earn you free ticket to this year's Holiday Party.

July 15: Erin O'Donnell will take us on one of our favorite rides to El Nopal Mexican restaurant in Sullivan, MO. Erin's ride usually has some of the great Highway 185 on the route.

July 22 and July 29: These dates are both 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.

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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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