



The Shadow Writer

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Official Newsletter of the
Shadow Riders Club of St. Louis
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A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders,

I'm going to start by saying "Thanks!" to all the people who showed up last Sunday for our weekly ride. We had over 20 show up and 15 go to lunch with us at Maraca's in New Melle. It was a last-minute thing but the weather forecasts have been less-than-reliable these last few months. We had a suggestion on Sunday to wait and see what the weather actually is before we reschedule. I know some people need to make other plans if there is a wash-out and some of those plans can't be made the morning of. We had good food; great service; great fellowship; and some kickin' margaritas. (They were very small margaritas with very little alcohol content.) Hardly more than salty sodas.

If you're not already signed up for the 6th Annual Branson Trip I think there may still be availability. It looks like the weather is going to be a little more civil for a while so let's plan on having a great riding season. Even though we've had some "damp" Sunday rides, the "Aquamen" have shown up and we've had a fun ride in spite of a little precip. If you've got raingear it's time to break it in. How do you know if it's going to work if you don't try it out????

Looking at the ride calendar it looks like we have an Open Ride for Sunday, June 23rd, and another opening on July 21st and 28th. I know some of you are putting together some rides so get with Flash or Ted to get those spots filled on our calendar. Those of you who have favorite rides don't hesitate to put your name on the list. Some of those rides are our favorites too. I see Bixby and Harry J's on the list which are a couple of my personal favorites. Erin's Highway 185 ride is always a fun ride to take.

I'm looking forward to seeing more and more of you on our Sunday rides. Some of you we don't see nearly enough. I know some of you may not feel like riding but maybe you could just stop in and say "Hi" and meet some of the visitors we have showing up to ride with us. We always like the new people to meet our family!

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 25, 2019

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 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes

John began the meeting at 7:01PM

Larry Wahlers was present and welcomed back. He's been a dues paying member for 18 years but hadn't been seen around the past few years.

Membership Chair Jim Gianella reported our membership total hasn't changed since last month. We have 88 members, which is 4 down from our membership total this same time last year. Jim also let us know that Dennis & Sandra Meade have now been Shadow Riders for 20 years.

Tony Weaver's finance report showed the club had taken in \$132 and spent \$0 since last month.

Safety Chair Jim Stiebel is collecting rides and updating the calendar.

Webmaster Ted is publishing old picture collections to the website. He'll accept additional photos if you have some you'd like published.

15 Shadow Riders went on the recent trip to Arkansas. John told a story or two from the adventure with the underlying theme being that the group's ability to travel together in the same direction at the same time was a little subpar.

Merchandising Chair Andrea reported sales have been slow. She is not planning on getting additional merchandise until we sell more of the current inventory.

There was some discussion around a culinary cuisine for the club picnic which brats and burgers generally being the preferred delicacies.

It rained the day of the Hartbauer-McBride Biker Rodeo but people showed up to socialize and the event managed to raise \$700 despite the poor weather.

Ira mentioned that turnout has been low to Saturday Night Out events especially amongst members who've been with the club 5 years or less.

Ira has planned a trip to Branson June 20th.

Dave Kelewae has planned a motorcycle / float trip July 12-14 at Huzzah Valley in Steelville, MO. Tents and cabins are available. \$71.58 gets you a raft, campsite, & dinner.

May 16-19 will be a trip to Harrison, AR. The Harrison Super 8 will be used for lodging.

Randy, Andrea, and Dave Walters have planned a trip to Utah & Colorado 9/4 thru 9/14 or 9/15.

Dave Kelewae will be camping while attending Bikes Blues & BBQ Friday thru Sunday.

Tony Weaver will heading to Bikes Blues & BBQ the Saturday prior. He'll first stay in Mt. View for 5 nights and do day trips and then stay in Springdale.

Erin O'Donnell won \$20 in the 50/50.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

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May Membership

Main Members	71
Significant Others	15
Juniors	2
Total	88

July Birthdays

- 01 - BOB MUELLER - RICH KRAMER
- 02 - MELANIE ANDERSON
- 04 - TOM CHARLEVILLE
- 08 - BOB GEBEL
- 12 - DAVID KELEWAE
- 13 - LARRY WAHLERS
- 17 - TERY SCHMIDT
- 19 - ROBIN SCHOENBECK
- 21 - LOU SOUCY
- 28 - MARK CHARPENTIER

June Anniversaries

- 20 years – Ed and Linn Acree
- 5 years – Allen Price
- 1 year – Jim Lenahan, Randy and Theresa Buckner

Shadow Riders,

Weather is improving and so are our attitudes. These last few days have been ideal for riding anywhere. I'm going to harp about tires again: it's not only about tire pressure it's about tire condition. If you have a small bad spot on one of your tires it will grow at an alarming rate when you ride. Once that outer layer of rubber starts to do it deteriorates pretty quickly. I just got a new Dunlop, and haven't had a chance to ride before last Sunday to break it in. If the roads had been wet like predicted I would have possibly been in some trouble. For those of you who don't buy tires very often never forget about the coating that is put on tires at the factory for preservation purposes. It's a little slick until your able to rough the tire up a little. If the pavement is wet it's like riding on wet painted road stripes. Never forget to get that protective coating off before riding aggressively. Your paint job will be glad you did!

Johnny G

Upcoming trips for 2019

Annual Branson, MO Trip June 20-23
Ira Steuer 314-520-3504

Steelville Float/Camping trip July 12-14
Dave Kelewae 314-497-7282

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally August 2-11 South Dakota
Bob Mueller 314-315-1350

The Canyons Trip Sept. 4-Sept. 14 Utah
Andrea Geiler 314-401-3628

Arkansas Motorcycle Roads Sept. 21-29 Mountain View/Springdale, AR
Tony Weaver

Bikes, Blues, and Bar-B-Que Sept. 26-29 Eureka Springs, Ar
John Geiler 314-401-3485

Sept. 27-29 Camping on-the-cheap during BBBBQ with Dave Kelewae and Jim Wadum

Bike Count for May

Honda -21 Harley -22 Kawasaki -15 Suzuki - 3 BMW -5 Yamaha -6 KTM - 3 Enfield - 1
Vento -1 Big Dog - 1 CanAm -1 Triumph - 1 Ducati - 1 Victory - 5 Polaris - 1 Indian -1 Ural - 2

Shadow Riders,

Well for those of you who didn't attend the meeting I wanted to give a little info about our Crawdad Days Trip to Harrison, Arkansas.

We had 15 riders go with us on the trip. We clocked a little over 1,000 miles in the 4 days that we rode. We ate at the Cliff House Inn on our first full day there and the food and the view was incredible. Hanging out over the Arkansas Grand Canyon it is a view that you never forget. Sitting out on the balcony in a rocking chair surrounded by humming bird feeders and looking down on soaring birds of prey is a picture to be had.

We rode many of our favorite roads while we were there. We didn't make it to Turner's Bend due to my route directions being off by one turn. But the rides were still fun. We stopped at a little eatery in the middle of nowhere known as Sugar Booger's Bar-B-Que. They raise their own beef and pork, make their own sauces and slaws, and they serve you out in their screened-in porch while a pleasant breeze blows through. I think everybody enjoyed that one. We told the owners that we would be back for sure. We did get about 2 minutes of rain on our way back from that ride but the only big rain we had was later that evening as we sat under the overhang at the front of the hotel and visited before dinner.

The trip cost me what was left of my rear tire but it was worth it. Arkansas is really hard to beat for great motorcycle roads. When we do it again we hope to have more bikes to enjoy it with.

Safe travels!!
John Geiler

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 for May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 16 Rich's Famous Burgers Steelville, MO	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20 6th Annual Branson Trip leaves	June 21	June 22
June 23 Open Ride	June 24	June 25 Monthly Meeting Sports Cafe	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29
June 30 Big Chief Roadhouse Wildwood, MO	July 1	July 2	July 3		July 5	July 6
July 7 Bixby Country Store Bixby, MO	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12 Float/Camping Trip starts	July 13
July 14 El Nopal Sullivan, MO	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20

Rides and Events

June 16: Tony is taking us to Rich's Famous Burgers in Steelville, MO. The roads down that way are amazing and I've heard the food at Rich's is awesome. I'm going to hate to have to miss this one but we have a granddaughter's birthday party to attend.

June 20: Ira's group leaves for Branson for his annual trip. Fun time!

June 23: We have an "Open Ride" so far for this Sunday but if you want to step up just let one of us know and we'll put it out to the Club and write it in on the calendar.

June 30: Tony is going to take the Club to the Big Chief Roadhouse in Wildwood, MO. I've seen the route for this one and the roads look great.

July 7: Sue Braun is leading this Sunday's ride to the Bixby Country Store in Bixby, MO. We've been to this one several times and always had a great time. The roads on this route are a lot of fun and very scenic this time of year. Should be a great time.

July 12: Dave Kelewae and Jim Wadum are leaving for the float and camping trip to Steelville, MO. Rates are reasonable for camping; floating; and dinner. Check it out!

July 14: Erin is taking us on her "Highway 185" ride to the El Nopal restaurant in Sullivan, MO. Highway 195 is one of our favorite local roads and it's always a great ride and the food is pretty darn good and the prices are very reasonable.

Members' classified ads are free! Send to John Geiler at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (314)-401-3485

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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

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