



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,

Well this is the issue I always look forward to every year. No, I'm not running out of jokes or cartoons, it's the first issue of the year that we have scheduled rides on the calendar. I'm looking forward to seeing those of you who ride but don't attend many of the meetings. I'm excited to see how the new meeting spots work out with the membership.

The Board will be redesigning the business cards so we can get new cards printed. It just worked out that we almost ran out of cards when we changed how we're going to meet up on Sundays. Our new cards will have our updated logo and the card will have instructions for potential members to find our meeting spot each week. We'll get those to you as soon as we have them in hand.

We still have openings on the ride calendar for those of you who know when you'll be in town during the summer. Give one of the Ride Committee members a call or drop them an email. You can send the information to a Board member if you like and we can get it to the committee.

There's a lot to look forward to this year and I'm anxious to get started. Spring fever hasn't set in yet but I can feel it coming. And "No!" it's not Corona. Speaking of, we had a doctor come and speak at the office last week and his prescription for good health was "Wash your hands and stop touching your face." For those of you who are panicked and are looking for TP just go to Home Depot, they have pallets of the stuff.

Get those tires and fluids checked so we're ready when the season rolls around in 3 more weeks. Maybe take a little ride to get the winter jitters out of your system beforehand. Be safe and I hope to see you the first weekend in April.

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: March 24, 2020

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 March gatherings started at Golden Corral on 3/1/2020.

Meeting Minutes 2/25/20

2020 Budget approved unanimously by show of hands.
 Vice President Scott Lenahan did a presentation of the ride calendar. We're totally booked for April and May!
 Membership Jim Gianella reported current 2020 paid membership as of tonight 65 up from 56 in January but down from 85 at this time last year.
 Treasurer Tony Weaver reported we took in \$458.50 in memberships and merchandise sales. We spent \$155 for membership bars and \$20 for text messaging. We budgeted for 85 members this year.
 Safety Officer Flash reminded members to check your tire pressure, fluids, seals, etc. as you get your bike ready for riding again. Road captain vests are about \$40 each (not including the SR patch which we already own)
 Ride committee: Ride calendar on the website (see update below for details). Discussion about the new rally points.
 Website Ride Calendar: Click on the Ride Information button or the 2020 Ride Schedule to see the ride calendar. There may be links (if available) to download the GPX files for the route, return route, Excel file of route sheet, and a PDF of route sheet or you can click on the folder to download a zip of all the files. You can click on the Rally Points to show the rally point location in Google Maps.
 Sign up for TEXT MESSAGING notifications of the rides. Text SHADOW to 84483 to sign up.
 Can we move the Ride Information button higher on the page? We will swap the Membership and the SRC Rides 2020 sections on the front page.
 Marketing the club: Discussion around use of Facebook. We may want to form a communications committee to manage the various social media channels available to us. We'd like to add links to Facebook to our rides. Suggestion that we remove non-members from our Facebook group (only members can post). Mario volunteered to manage our Facebook site.
 Discussion around purchasing a mailing list of motorcycle enthusiasts in St. Louis. Some members have had bad experiences purchasing lists in the past.
 Off season breakfasts: Looking for another location besides Fuzzys. Perhaps Golden Corral on Zumbuhl in St. Charles? We're open to suggestions.
 Merchandise: We have merchandise for sale.
 Make a Wish 2020 Ride for Wishes: October 10th and 11th. 50/50 tickets are for sale for \$10 each and they are only selling 200 tickets, tickets are still available. Helmet day May 16th. Ride ambassador – we have a six-year-old who had a brain tumor whose wish is to go to Sea World.
 Hartbauer McBride Dine to donate is March 3rd at Red Lobster
 Trivia on March 21st
 Rodeo May 17th
 Poker Run Aug 16th
 Road Trips: Yellow Stone/Sturgis: Departs the 5th of August returning the 19th. Folks can join for only part of the ride. They still have reservations for Aug 7, 8, 9 for Sturgis. They depart on the 9th for Yellow Stone. Let Dennis know if you're interested. Andrea is looking at a trip in mid-June to Wisconsin Thu-Sun with several rides from a central location. Also possibly a longer trip in August around Tennessee. Bikers Blues & BBQ: We will probably stay at the Best Western in Eureka Springs. Reservations are now available. Some folks stayed at the Kettle Campground last year, they have cabins, tent camping, hookups for RVs.
 If you'd like a trip that you're making shared with the club, send it to John and he will let the club know.
 Events; Picnic: Will be August 30th.
 Helmut Day: May 16th
 Motorcycle Training Check the St Louis Community College web site for training sessions and dates. Training will take place rain or shine. State requirements state you must be on time.

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February Membership

Main Members	58
Significant Others	9
Juniors	0
Total	67

April Birthdays

09 - ROBERT SCHOENBECK
 17 - KATIE WILKES

March Anniversaries

20 Years — Nita Fisher

Shadow Riders,

As we move forward into our 24th year of operation I wanted to thank all of you who have made this club a success. We've had our ups and downs, we've seen our share of tragedy and sadness, we've seen changes, some good some bad, but we've remained a strong motorcycling family that I'm proud to be a part of.

Many of our members, myself included, are getting up in our years and we can never be sure what kind of life we have in front of us. I plan on riding for as long as I can but things happen. Henry Anderson shared with me recently that he has sold his two-wheeled motorcycles and purchased a Can Am Ryker. He made the change because of the issue with his knees. What made me happy about hearing the news was that Henry didn't stop riding because of the changes in his life: he found a way to keep riding and doing what he loves to do. I like to compare our lives to the writing of a book: We all have the opportunity to write our own chapters in the book of life, but God occasionally does a rewrite and we have to continue our lives based on that change. We will continue on, writing additional chapters, based on those changes. And God is going to do additional rewrites as we grow older. All we can do is write the best possible book we can based on the changes we experience. I've seen many of these changes in the members of our Club and I've seen many stories end. And, just like any other book that you enjoy, you never want that story to end. But that's just the way it is. I've lost friends in the Club, and I've made new friends. I've been there when friends have gone down and felt the helplessness that comes with standing by and watching their story being rewritten. It's those feelings I experience that lets me know how much my family of Shadow Riders means to me. I'll try to help when I can and I'll always feel the same way about my brothers and sisters. I'm not trying to be morbid or soppy but I don't think that some of the members realize what a great gift they have received by becoming members of our Club. You have an extended family that cares about you. We're happy when you're happy and sad when you're down. We try to be the tough biker people that non-riders expect but we're like French bread: hard on the outside and soft on the inside. That's definitely a good thing.

I just wanted to express the things that I know many of you are feeling and to let you know that it's more than just a club: it's part of our way of life. I hope the Shadow Riders family continues on for another 24 years, with or without me. It has provided me with a group of people that I look forward to seeing. A group that I feel proud to call my friends. Hopefully we'll see our family grow even more this year with new members and we can start writing a new chapter in our book. Thank you!

Soppy John

Bike Count for February

Honda - 19 Harley - 20 Kawasaki - 8 Suzuki - 3 BMW - 7 Yamaha - 5 KTM - 1 Enfield - 1
Vento - 1 Big Dog - 0 CanAm - 1 Triumph - 1 Ducati - 0 Victory - 5 Polaris - 1 Indian - 1 Ural - 1

June 11-14: Ira and Bob are planning a trip to Branson. They've had some great experiences in the past. Contact Ira for more details.

Aug. 5-19 or 20 Dennis Meade is planning a trip to Sturgis, Yellowstone and points West. Follow Dennis' emails for details to come. He already has lodging planned so make you reservations early.

Sept. 20 - 28 Tony is going to Arkansas to ride the great roads in North-central and North-west Arkansas. The group that goes on this trip then has the option to join up with the group that will be going to the Rally at the end of the week.

Bikes, Blues, and Bar-B-Que Sept. 25-28 Eureka Springs, Ar
John Geiler 314-401-3485

At the same time a the trip to BBBBQ Dave Kelewae and Jim Wadum usually plan a Camping-on-the-cheap trip for those who like to camp instead of staying at a hotel. The camp-grounds that they have been staying at are very nice.

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 February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 15 Breakfast at Golden Corral	March 16	March 17 	March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21
March 22 Breakfast at Fuzzy's Taco	March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28
March 29 Breakfast at Golden Corral	March 30	March 31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4
April 5 Hermann, Mo From QT in Weldon Springs	April 6	April 7	April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11
April 12 Easter Sunday Bloomsdale, MO From Park and Ride lot Eureka	April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18

In Lieu of Rides and Events

April 5: Phil Crow is going to take us to Hermann, MO for a great ride and lunch of our choice. Hermann, MO. "Rider's Restaurant of Choice. Brat at the Wurst Haus? Or perhaps a burger at the Downtown Deli & Custard Shoppe? The choice is yours. Meet up at the QT in Weldon Springs on Highway 94 and we'll make a day of it.

April 12: You get treated to another trip to the Dew Drop Inn in Bloomsdale, MO for some great atmosphere and good food. I've been asked to do this ride again and I'm happy to oblige. The route takes us through the hilly, twisty, curvy back roads of my youth. (and "Yes" I did have youth at one time in my life.) Meet up at the Park and Ride lot just south of the QT station at Highway 44 and 109. There is a Shell station right there so don't feel the need to stop at QT if you don't want.

We have a few open Sundays in the ride calendar. Give one of the Ride Committee members a call or discuss it at lunch on Sunday. Any of the Committee members can walk you through the routing process. It's a lot easier than you would think. If you live in the Southeast part of St. Louis, and would rather have a closer starting point for you, create a route and pick a good starting point where we will have fuel and amenities close and we'll put it on the schedule. The different starting points is going to be a learning process for us for the first couple years but we're open to suggestions.

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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