



# The Shadow Writer

## May, 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,

Okay, here we go again: Winter then Summer then Winter then Summer. Remember in the good-old-days when we had Springs and Falls? Like I always say, be careful what you wish for. I hope everyone has been doing some riding. Andrea and I have been absent except for two weeks ago when Mike took us to the Sugarfire restaurant in Washington, MO. The radar looked like doom and gloom in the morning but we didn't get more than a couple of drops along the way and what a beautiful day it was! Thanks Mike for an awesome ride and for picking a great place to eat. I can still smell the bar-b-que.

I know it looks like it's going to be hot for a while but we need to make the most of it until it changes. Those mesh jackets are awesome when it's hot. If you haven't tried one then borrow one for a ride and decide if you want to invest. I'm into my second one and Andrea has . . . More than two. Be prepared like a boy scout and you can ride often.

I'm in the process of putting the day-trips together for our Ohio trip next month. I'll put together 6 routes and we'll talk it over when we get there and we can play it by ear if want to do something else for a day or two. It's our vacation so let's make it fun. I planned the earliest rides on the roads that Andrea and I liked the best and then we save the new roads for the end of the trip. It should be a blast. Remember that this Saturday is Helmet Day. Get in touch with Laura if you plan on helping out at Barrett Station Road and Manchester Road. We all collect; we get the total and divide by the number of hours each individual worked; and that pays our way into the event and gets us our shirts. What a great way to contribute and people are very generous towards our cause. I hope to see many of you on Saturday. We should be finished working on the house in Piedmont over Memorial Day weekend and we can spend more time with the Club. I'm sure going to miss doing roofing in the 90-degree heat.

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: May 22, 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 ar-  
rive around 9:30, line up your bike, then  
visit with friends. Rides leave at 10 a.m.

April 24th Club Meeting Minutes

Club president John Geiler opened meeting with gavel at 7:05PM.

No new members or guests were present.

Marklyn announced an open house event being held at Gateway BMW Motorcycles Saturday, May 12, from 10am to 3pm. There will be free food and entertainment.

John received notice that Hartbauer-McBride has given us a space on their calendar to advertise the Shadow Riders. Last year we had paid \$100 for a space. This year they had a space available and gave it to us for free.

Jim Gianella announced our membership stands at 90 members which is down by 19 from the same time last year. We have 2 new members this month - Kurt & Susan Genz. They ride a black 2008 Harley Heritage and are acquaintances of Eric and Karen Johnston.

Tony Weaver reported that in the past month we took in \$114 in membership dues and \$23 from the 50/50 drawing. We had no expenses.

Safety Officer Ross reported the ride calendar has been filling quickly but there are still many rides available in July and beyond. Ross had nothing to report relating to safety however John described he'd recently read about a leather motorcycle jacket with built in air bags.

Webmaster Ted reported he'd been doing a bit of tidying up on the website. Ted pointed out on the "Road Trip page" of the website there is an organizer column where you can click and an e-mail widget opens allowing you to easily contact the organizer via e-mail.

Cliff reported a Helmet Day for Make-A-Wish has been scheduled for Saturday May 19th.

Ira suggested we hold a "Progressive Dealer Ride" on a Saturday to distribute literature and "get the word out" about the Shadow Riders.

Dennis is canceling his "Ride to the Wall" because he is recovering from a surgery. He announced the Motorcycle Safety Foundation has started offering beginner classes for 3 wheel motorcycles at 3 locations around town.

Ira has a ride scheduled July 12 thru 15 to Branson, MO.

John reminded us the Ohio, "Windy 9", trip is coming up June 16 - 23.

Tony announced he'll be leaving for Bikes Blues & BBQ the Sunday prior. See website calendar for details. Blessing of the Bikes was canceled in April due to bad weather but has been rescheduled to May 20 at St. Francis Episcopal church in Eureka.

Bob Mueller is going to Harley Davidson 115th birthday party in Milwaukee. Contact him if you'd like to go with.

Jim won \$25 from the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39PM.

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**April Membership**

Main Members	72
Significant Others	19
Juniors	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>

**June Birthdays**

- 09 - IRA STEUER
- 09 - LARRY MCGOWEN
- 10 - STANLEY KOLB
- 13 - CINDY GEBEL
- 18 - DENNIS MEADE
- 25 - JUSTIN GORDON
- 28 - MARGEE KABAK

**May Anniversary**

Margee Kabak - 10 Years

Shadow Rider Brothers and Sisters,

For those of you who may not have heard: Dennis Meade has contracted some medical issues with his hands and arms (sorry Dennis if I mis-quoted on that) and will not be able to ride the distance for the Rolling Thunder trip that was to be from May 24th through May 29th. However, if someone already has reservations, and wouldn't mind leading the group, Dennis has all the information and is willing to help anyone who wants to go through with the trip to The Wall. I'm not able to go myself but I think this would be a very memorable trip for anyone to take. Please contact Dennis if you think you would be willing to take this on. Thank you in advance for your help.

For those of you who have not travelled with the Club before I encourage you to look into one of the trips on the website. Some of our best memories are from our Club trips. We have the Ohio Windy 9 trip in June; Ira has a short 4-day trip to Branson in July; the first week in August is Sturgis with Bob Mueller and then the end of August is Harley Davidson's 115th Anniversary celebration which Bob is also attending. The end of September is Bike, Blues, and Bar-B-Que with 2 different options for that trip to Arkansas. Some of us are also planning on riding in Arkansas on another trip this Summer but the details are still in the works.

If you're unsure about whether or not a motorcycle vacation is right for you then please speak to one of the regulars and get the details. Andrea and I have had the discussion several times but it always seems like the vacations on the bikes seem to be so much fuller than any other trips we've taken. It seems like we squeezed in 2 weeks of fun into one week of riding. Even our 3-day weekend trips seem like 5-days when we get home. It's hard to explain: it's just something you have to experience for yourself.

The things you learn about your biking brothers and sisters is another perk of taking one of our trips. You can ask any of the first-timers what their experience was like. You really learn a lot about the people you thought were reasonably normal. It's a new kind of kinship that can't be put into words. After being away with a group you never look at them the same way again. It's like you've just enlarged your family to include another dozen or so members. If you have any doubts about how much fun we have just look at some of the trip pictures and see all the teeth. You can't wipe those smiles off with sandpaper. I'm just sayin' . . . .

Johnny G  
Editor

### **Bike Count for April**

Honda - 21 Harley - 32 Kawasaki - 12 Suzuki - 3 BMW - 1 Yamaha - 6 KTM - 3  
Vento - 1 Big Dog - 1 CanAm - 1 Triumph - 1 Ducati - 1 Victory - 5 Polaris - 1 Ural - 1

Hello ShadowRiders,

Spring has finally arrived and we're out riding again! Remember to do an inspection on your bike regularly and check tire pressure no less than weekly. If you are not the hands-on type, be sure to get someone knowledgeable or your favorite shop to check your bike over... don't ignore or assume everything is good on your bike... perfectly good bikes have important bolts that become loose or parts get worn and can cause handling issues or worse!

I continue to populate the Sunday ride calendar, and I need your help! We have rides planned until June 17, and the next open date is July 8th, if you can plan those dates, please let me know!. Take a look at the calendar on the website to find any open date, and let me know if you can plan a ride... 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.

Safety 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](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 April

Kurt and Susan Genz rides a black 2008 HD Heritage

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 20 Blessing of the Bikes (Eureka) Litchfield, IL Nancy's Pizza	May 21	May 22 Monthly Meeting at Sports Cafe	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26
May 27 Bloomsdale, MO Dew Drop Inn	May 28 	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2
June 3 Moscow Mills, MO Harry J's	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8	June 9
June 10 Make-A-Wish Ride for Wishes	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16 Group leaves for the Ohio trip (8 days)
June 17 Father's Day Open Ride	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23 Group will return from Ohio

**Rides and Events**

May 20: Tony's wife, Pastor Sally, has been gracious enough to offer to bless our bikes at her parish on this Sunday and Tony will lead everybody to Old Orchard in time for our Sunday ride. Check out website calendar for the details. Ira is taking us to Litchfield, IL to Nancy's Pizza and then on to Niehaus Motorcycles for their open house.

May 27: The Club will be going down some of our favorite country roads to arrive at the Dew Drop Inn in Bloomsdale, MO. There are many scenic rides home from there.

June 3: Jim Gianella will be taking us back to Harry J's restaurant in Moscow Mills, MO for some great food and some great roads on the way there and back. Always a good time!

June 9: (Saturday) We will have our Club booth set up for those attending the Make-A-Wish event at Big St. Charles to provide information about our Club to those who attend.

June 10: The Make-A-Wish Ride-For-Wishes is this Sunday. Hopefully all can attend and show support. There is a silent auction on some great stuff at this event as well as some good music and food.

June 16: The traveling band of Shadow Riders will be departing for Parkersburg, West Virginia for our "Ohio Windy 9" trip. The band of wandering souls will be deep in the hills of Southeast Ohio for 8 days. Lives will be changed.

June 17: This will be an open ride on Father's Day unless someone steps up.

Members' classified ads are free! Send to John Geiler at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (636) 938-4299

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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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