



The Shadow Writer

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Official Newsletter of the
Shadow Riders Club of St. Louis
www.shadowriders-stl.com

A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders,

Well here we are, looking forward to leaving on our first Club trip of the season. About 15 of us are heading down to Harrison, AR on Thursday morning for 4 days of great riding and eating our share of crawfish. The city of Harrison has always been known for being a hub of great motorcycle roads in Arkansas. With Boxley Valley, the home of the state elk herd, just a stones throw away from our hotel, we will attempt to be in the valley in the late afternoon when the bulls come down and bugle for their cows. Just hearing that echo through the hills is an experience in it's own. We'll be riding the Pig Trail for those who have never experienced that part of Highway 23. We'll stop at Turner's Bend for those T-shirts; patches; and pins before moving on into Eureka Springs for a little tour-of-the-town. We'll be having lunch on our second day in Harrison at the famous Cliff House Inn at the top of the Arkansas Grand Canyon. Our third day we'll ride over to Fayetteville and then later on in the ride we'll visit Sugar Boogers Bar-B-Que for a lunch-time treat.

I'm getting excited just writing about it. Arkansas is so under-rated as a tourist destination. The Natural State doesn't begin to describe it. Arkansas has something for everybody from waterfalls to art museums. If you're not going this year maybe we can alternate between Arkansas and Tennessee from year to year and we will plan some short trips like these for members who can't get away for long periods of time. I want to do what you are looking for in Club activities. Spending a long weekend with these crazies is just the kind of thing to bring a smile to your face every time you remember it in the future.

I would like to thank Dennis Meade for planning and leading the Ride to the Wall every year for the last several years. Sadly this year marks the last year for this memorial activity. It's a shame that such a noble tradition should end but I guess they have their reasons.

Thanks to Ira for being such a strong participant in Club activities year after year. His Saturday Nights Out; trips to Branson and Door County; and his helpfulness and desire to see the Club prosper in the years to come. What a true Shadow Rider.

We're fortunate to have such good friends and members. 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: May 28, 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.

April 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes

John began the meeting at 7:05PM

VP Randy Hendershot mentioned HWY 185 being closed: http://www.theijnews.com/news/article_49270e64-56e5-11e9-be39-b7c18821933f.html

Membership Chair Jim Gianella reported the club currently has 88 registered members which is down from the 92 members we had this same time last year. Eric & Karen Johnston have reached their 10th anniversary as members.

Treasurer Tony Weaver reported the club took in \$68 and spent \$22.55.

Safety Officer Jim Stiebel, aka Flash, has been updating the ride calendar. He suggested checking your tires pressure and tread depth.

Webmaster Ted Koski has posted pictures on the website going back to 2010. He has additional photos going back to 2000 and is working to get those posted as well.

Cliff Connoyer let us know the Make-A-Wish ride will be in October and a Helmet Day will be held in September.

Bones from Hartbauer/McBride presented the club with a poster promoting their 32nd Annual Poker Run being held August 18: <http://hartbauermcbride.com/HBMB/index.php/event/32nd-annual-poker-run/>

Planned trips for the season were enumerated:

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.

Dennis will be attending the 2019 Rolling Thunder motorcycle rally in Washington DC. 2019 is the last year this event will be held. <https://www.rollingthunderrun.com/>

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

Randy, Andrea, and Dave 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.

Bob Mueller won \$18 in the 50/50 and immediately donated it to Hartbauer/McBride.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

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April Membership

Main Members	71
Significant Others	15
Juniors	2
Total	88

June Birthdays

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

May Anniversaries

20 years – Dennis and Sandra Meade

Shadow Riders,

Well it looks like it's going to rain at least 2 days a week for eternity. Something we have been experiencing on our Sunday rides is people cutting their grass and discharging the grass onto the roadways. If it's wet it's dangerous enough. Get it wet and it's a whole new circus. Please be careful when riding, especially the secondary roads where people have large yards and don't think twice about spraying their vegetation onto the pavement. Most of them are cage drivers and don't realize why we get upset about this practice. Please be cautious and understanding at the same time. If they don't ride they don't get it and never will. Please point it out to other members of the group when you see it. With this much rainfall it's going to be an ongoing process for much of the riding season. Be forever vigilant. We don't want our Club family members getting hurt.

Johnny G

Upcoming trips for 2019

Crawdads Days May 16-19 Harrison, AR
Andrea Geiler 314-401-3628

The last year for Rolling Thunder Ride to the Wall May 24-27 Washington, DC
Dennis Meade 314-704-6958

Annual Branson, MO Trip Middle of June
Ira Steuer 314-520-3504

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally August 2-11 North 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 April

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 I've already raved on about how great the Arkansas trip is going to be and we still have Andrea; Randy; and Dave Walters' 11-day trip to the West to see Bryce Canyon; Pike's Peak; The Million Dollar Highway; and many other great National treasures. Try to make time to take one of our trips sometime. I've never had a bad trip with my friends in the Shadow Riders and I know I'll have many more good experiences in the years to come.

If you're not ready, or don't have the vacation time, for a long trip you might consider one of our extended weekend trips that we take every year. Many of us enjoy riding the roads of Arkansas and eating at some of the home-style cooking restaurants that we frequent along the way. There's nothing better than riding in a group of friends, sharing the scenery and the laughs along the way, secure in knowing that if anything should happen you're surrounded by people who will help you to make sure everything is taken care of. The nights "around the campfire" are another experience that we'll never abandon. Even if we don't have a place for a fire we'll still meet in the evenings to share time with each other. Traveling with the Shadow Riders is like riding a motorcycle: if you don't do it you can't understand it.

You're members of an extended family when you're a Shadow Rider. Enjoy the experience and make new memories to take with you for the rest of your life.

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 April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 12 New Melle, MO Maraca's	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16 Harrison, AR Crawdad Days	May 17	May 18
May 19 Niehaus Litchfield, IL	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24 Washington DC Rolling Thunder	May 25
May 26 Steelville, MO Rich's Burgers	May 27 	May 28 Monthly Meeting Sports Cafe	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1
June 2 Washington, MO Cowan's	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8
June 9 Moscow Mills Harry J's	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15

Rides and Events

May 12: For Mother's Day we are riding to New Melle, MO for a great Mexican lunch at Maraca's Restaurant. I felt it was my duty to eat there to determine if it was good enough for my fellow members . . . IT IS!

May 16-19: About 15 of us will be riding to Harrison, AR to enjoy Crawdad Days with the locals. We plan on leaving out of Eureka QT at 8:30 Thursday morning and coming back on Sunday afternoon. Yeeehawww!

May 19: Ira will be leading the Shadow Riders to Niehaus Cycles in Litchfield, IL for Customer Appreciation Day. Niehaus always knows how to throw a party. The last one I attended they gave away a new Goldwing. Lunch will be at Nancy's Pizza. Always a good time.

May 24-27: Dennis Meade will be taking a group to the final "Ride to the Wall". This ride has been going on traditionally for many years but this is the last. If you've ever wanted to do this memorial ride now is the time.

May 26: Tony is going to take us to Rich's Famous Burgers in Steelville, MO for a wonderful lunch experience. I haven't seen the route but there are some awesome roads going that way. I'm sure this is one you won't want to miss.

June 2: Scott Lenahan has rescheduled his ride to Cowan's Restaurant in Washington, MO to this day. Cowan's has a great reputation for good food. I want to thank Scott in advance for stepping up to help out with the ride schedule. Let's have a good turnout to show our appreciation.

June 9: Jim Gianella has led the ride to Harry J's many times in the past and it's always a great time. Jim has put together a good route and found a great place to eat that we always enjoy going back to. Thanks Jim for carrying on a tradition for the Shadow Riders.

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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