



# The Shadow Writer

## May, 2020

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,

Well, all you have to do to realize how much our lives have changed in the last 2 months is read my article from the March newsletter. I was brimming with excitement because we were nearing the beginning of our riding season. This pandemic has put our Country on it's ear. Many of us have known people who have contracted and suffered with the virus. It's times like these, and I hope this is the last of them, that make us realize just how much we have to be thankful for. Even through the whole social-distancing, and isolation for some, we've still been able to get out on nice days and enjoy the weather without fear of either contracting or spreading the disease. It's the little advantages that we enjoy as bikers that most people don't get. I'm not making light of the situation in the least. At my age I'm at high risk and I've tried to be as careful as I can and I've encouraged my inspectors to do the same. Hopefully this will be over soon and we can get back to what we think is normal.

I'd like to express my gratitude to the members of our Ride Committee for making the extra effort to organize rides with allowances for social-distancing. I know it's been a labor and you are all appreciated. I've got the ride this Sunday down to the Dew Drop Inn at Bloomsdale, MO. I'll send out a copy of their menu to everyone and my friends there said if we wanted to order by phone from our rest stop that they would have our meals ready for pick-up by the time we get there and we can sit in the big beer garden outside. If the garden is crowded there's a park close by so we can sit at a distance and enjoy our lunch. I'll be doing the pre-ride Thursday afternoon with Tony and we'll check the conditions of the roads. We hope to see many of you there. I know it's been a long time but please make an attempt to keep the 6 foot rule in mind for a while longer.

Here's to everyone's health and well-being. I hope nobody has off'ed their spouses during this time of confinement. I look forward to seeing your smiling faces this weekend.

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 26, 2020**

Board meeting 30 minutes before regular meeting.

#### **Sunday Rides**

If you've opted to receive the texts for information on our meeting spots and destinations then you will receive your information before the scheduled ride. If you'd rather not receive the messages then just check the calendar on the website for all the information and route sheets.

**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 28, 2020**  
**Zoom Video Meeting**

General Discussion: As we plan our rides we need to make sure rest-room facilities are open and operational.

**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. Dennis' trip in August is still on, Sturgis is deciding in early June whether or not the rally will occur. Yellowstone should be open by June 15th.

Andrea is looking at a trip in mid-August to the Tennessee/North Carolina area for a week-long trip. Details to follow.

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. No update.

If you would like a trip that you're making shared with the club, send it to John and he will let the club know.

**Treasurer:**

We took in \$132 in memberships since the last meeting. We need to put some additional funds in the text message coffer, Tony will send a check to Scott for \$50 to replenish.

**Vice President:**

We will begin regular rides on May 3rd. Tony is researching alternate destinations for the May 3rd ride (probably Route 66 state park). Need to make sure we have a place for lunch where we can spread out. John will send out a notice that we are resuming Sunday rides and we'll update the website. We are in the process of rerouting the rides. We should be all set for the month of May.

**Website:**

Ride Calendar: We will update the calendar and remove the virus banner.

Sign up for TEXT MESSAGING notifications of the rides. Text SHADOW to 84483 to sign up.

**Membership:**

Current 2020 paid membership as of tonight 67. Jim has been sending emails to the 14 members who have not renewed this year.

**Safety Officer:**

No update.

**Hartbauer McBride :**

March/April fundraisers cancelled. Rodeo May 17th. Poker Run Aug. 16th

**Make a Wish 2020:**

Ride for Wishes: October 10th and 11th. Still on (for now)  
Helmet day May 16th cancelled, may be rescheduled for later on this summer.

**Events:**

Picnic: Will be August 30th. No update

Motorcycle Training Check the St Louis Community College web site for training sessions and dates. Training will take place rain or shine. State requirement - you must be on time.

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**April Membership**

Main Members	58
Significant Others	9
Juniors	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>

**May/June Birthdays**

- 5/04 - JOSEF FLANTER - JAMES STIEBEL
- 5/10 - ELLIE DEQUEIROGA
- 5/14 - MARIO ESTEVAM
- 6/09 - IRA STEUER
- 6/11 - JIM LENAHA
- 6/13 - CINDY GEBEL
- 6/18 - DENNIS MEADE
- 6/25 - JUSTIN GORDON

**May Anniversaries**

15 Years — Jim Gianella

Shadow Riders,

I want to start off by saying that I'm very proud of our staff and members for the understanding and cooperation I'm seeing from everyone as we continue to make things work in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic that we're experiencing right now. As I told someone last week: I think I now know how people felt when the Great Depression hit the United States. I'm sure that when they were adjusting to the "new normal", they realized that things will never be quite the same. Those of us who spent much time with their grandparents saw some of the unusual habits that they had that all stemmed from the experience they lived through.

As we move forward we will have developed some habits that may stay with us. Our grandkids, at least those who are not old enough to be totally aware of what's going on right now, will make fun of some of the silly things we do. And that's okay. If we do something that may seem strange to others, but it makes us comfortable, then we don't need others to understand.

What I'm getting at is we are living through something that I've never experienced in my 67 years and I hope never to have this sort of thing happen ever again, much less in my lifetime. But I believe we're stronger as a nation and as a Club for what we're going through now. We've all just proved to ourselves that we can adapt and make do with what we have to do to survive. Heck, from what I've heard, some of my friends have actually learned how to cook during this isolation thing.

Many people feel this whole thing was blown out of proportion and I don't judge people on their opinions just as I don't want to be judged on mine. See me for who I am and not how I think. It's not always the things that a person says that defines who they are: it's the things that a person does in their life that shows us who they really are. Going forward I want us to grow as a Club and as a motorcycling family. We've been through a lot since 1995 and we'll see a lot more. Let's do it together and we'll have that much more to share as we get older. Let's take those pictures and tell those stories in the hopes that someone will see that picture or retell that story with a smile on their face.

We have a lot to be thankful for and being a Shadow Rider is one of those things for Andrea and me. We've learned a lot about ourselves and our friends and families and I hope most of what you learned was as good an experience as mine. I look forward to seeing you all very soon and it will mean so much more now than before this whole thing started when one of our regular things to do was to take so much for granted. Once more we've attempted to write that chapter in our lives only to have God do a rewrite. And now we move on to make the best of what he has changed. But that's what we do best . . . We make the most of what we have.

For the time-being we will continue to hold our monthly meetings through Zoom. So far it's been successful and it will be our tool until the restaurants have re-opened with normal operations. This will also be a great tool in the winter when the weather gets bad. Rather than cancel a meeting we can use the video option. If anyone is out of town when the meeting is scheduled they can participate on their phone if they don't carry their laptop.

Be safe out there and I'm as anxious as any of you for this to end.

Your brother from another mother,

Johnny G

**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 Camp-ing-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 April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 10 	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16
May 17 Litchfield, IL Nancy's Pizzeria	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23
May 24 Sullivan, MO Du-Kum Inn	May 25 	May 26 Monthly Meeting Zoom??	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30
May 31 New Melle, MO Maraca's Mex.	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6
June 7 Open Ride	June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13

**Rides and Events**

May 10: It's Mother's Day and our president is going to take us back to the Dew Drop Inn in Bloomsdale, MO for some great scenery; good food; and awesome company. You can go to their website to see their menu if you would like to order a carry-out meal to be ready when you get there. During the pre-ride Tony and I noticed that people were sitting in the screened in area. The staff are wearing gloves and masks so you can either eat inside or out in the beer garden with some of us.

May 17: Ira Steuer will be taking to Litchfield, IL for Niehaus Cycle Customer Appreciation Days. There will be demo rides and prizes. We usually have lunch at the local pizzeria. They traditionally gave away a new Goldwing at the events that I've attended in the past. With the current economic state I don't know what their plans are.

May 24: Our VP Scott Lenahan will be taking us on his version of the ride to Sullivan, MO to the Du-Kum Inn for lunch. Some of the routes have been pain-stakingly re-written to accommodate our new meeting places.

May 31: I'll be taking the Club to New Melle, MO to Maraca's Mexican Restaurant. (sorry Ira). I'll be checking for a local park where we can eat our lunch if things haven't drastically changed between now and then. Great food and great service from some of the friendliest waiters around. Always a fun time.

We have a few open Sundays in the ride calendar with June 7 being the first one. 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.

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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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