

The Shadow Writer November, 2019

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

A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders,

Happy Veteran's Day to all of you who served, or are serving, our Country. Also, thank you for providing me with one more day off in November. Having had several veterans in my immediate family I have great respect for the sacrifice that is made, not only by you, but by your families when you serve(d).

Well our riding season is coming to an end this month. Hopefully we'll have some days like tomorrow that we can still get together and ride. I was just looking at some pictures we took on a ride in January after breakfast. We had around 10 riders on that day. It's sad to say that I've seen many rides this summer that only had that many riders show up. If there is something else we can do to get more people to show up on Sundays for rides please let one of the Board members know and we will attempt to correct whatever it is we're doing wrong.

Speaking of the Board, if you would be willing to serve as a member of the Board we would love to talk to you about it. Not all of us are young pups any more. We need people to get some experience in the operations of our Club in case something unfortunate should happen to a member of the Board while serving. Not having people to serve could adversely affect the Club's future, or lack thereof. Talk to any current or past Board member for information. If you have questions about what is expected of each member you can read the By-Laws at: https://www.shadowriders-stl.com/wp-content/uploads/srcfile/bylaws.pdf

I hope everyone who doesn't attend the monthly meetings has a great Thanksgiving this month. I'll keep everyone posted on the arrangements for our Holiday Party this January as I receive them.

I hope to see a nice group for tomorrow's ride to the Dew Drop Inn. It should be great riding weather.

John Geiler President

Club Meeting (General Membership)

7:00 pm, 4th Tuesday of the Month The Sports Café, 3579 Pennridge (West of St. Charles Rock Road, North of I-270)

Next Meeting: November 26, 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. October 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes

President John Geiler opened the meeting at 7:03PM.

Jim Stiebel reported there are still some Sundays open on our ride calendar this Fall.

Holiday party ticket price hasn't been set yet.

Board elections are coming up. Nominations are needed.

Jim Gianella reported our membership total hasn't changed since last month.

Treasure Tony Weaver reported the club's incoming money for the month was \$844.62 from the Helmet Day. The club's outgoing money was \$844.62 when the money was subsequently donated to Ride For Wishes.

Cliff thanked the club on behalf of Laura for the Helmet Day donation. He noted the 1st & 3rd highest donating individuals to Ride For Wishes were Shadow Riders members and the Shadow Riders had the most members in attendance of all the various clubs attending the event.

Ira hasn't been working on Saturday Night Out event planning lately. He was discouraged by the poor showing, only 25 members, at our recent annual Club Picnic.

2020 trips were briefly discussed:Dennis Meade is planning a trip to Yellowstone, Ira & Bob are planning their annual trip to Branson, Tony Weaver will go to Bikes Blues & BBQ a week early.

Ira floated a couple ideas to boost membership. The first idea was to buy a contact list of St. Louis area motorcyclists and contact them. His second idea was a free club membership for anyone on-boarding two new members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01PM.

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October Membership

| Main Members | 71 |
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| Significant Others | 15 |
| Juniors | 2 |
| Total | 88 |

December Birthdays

- 05 ANDREA GEILER
- 08 JAY PIGG
- 09 LINDA MARINO
- 12 SHARON LOPEZ
- 19 RANDY HENDERSHOT
- 21 RICHARD IMPERIALE
- 23 JIM MARINO
- 24 LINN ACREE
- 26 PAT WALSH and PHILLIP CROW
- 28 ERIC CRUM

No November Anniversaries

Shadow Riders,

Well the trips are over for 2019. I have to say I'm never disappointed when I'm on a trip with my Shadow Rider family. You don't feel like you have to mind your P's and Q's when you with your SR brothers and sisters like you sometimes have to do when family, or certain friends, are around. We know each other for who we really are. It's very relaxing and we see some amazing things and visit some once-in-a-lifetime places. I encourage anyone who hasn't tried at least one trip with the Club to give it a shot. Even the little 4-day trip to Bikes, Blues, and Bar-B-Que is a really enjoyable time. And the kids are already back in school so that's off the table as an excuse.

I hope to see more members join us on these excursions. The amount of planning we pour in to the preparation for one of our trips is unbelievable. There isn't a single item that isn't considered when planning our trips, especially the long trips. Give it some thought. I know the people who take their first trips with us comment on how much fun they had. I'd love to see more people get to enjoy the experience.

If there's somewhere you think you might like to visit on one of our trips just throw it out there. There's a good chance that someone else has had the same idea and maybe we can put something together that we'll be talking about for years. I'm just sayin'...

Johnny G

Upcoming trips for 2020

Ira and Bob usually plan a trip to Branson in late June. They've had some great experiences in the past. I'll let you know as plans are made and dates are set.

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 Northwest 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 BBBQ 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 campgrounds that they have been staying at are very nice.

Bike Count for October

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

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Shadow Riders,

As you can see by my article on the previous page plans are already proceeding for our Shadow Rider trips for 2020. I've encouraged members in the past, and I will continue to do so in the future: if you've never taken a trip with our Club you're missing out on a fun experience. Talk to anyone who's been on one of our trips and they'll tell you the same thing. The camaraderie and family-like experience is what makes a great trip for us. It's looking back and being thankful that we took that time and shared that experience with our friends. I've been looking back through some pictures to put onto a digital picture frame that I keep on my desk at work and I realized that the majority of my pictures are of our trips with the Club. Why? Because that's when we see the most amazing things and we want to get pictures to refresh our memories whenever we want. Most of the pictures I picked out for my frame were of those trips. That way when someone comes into the office and sees the pics they ask about them, and I love to tell the stories behind those pictures.

Give the prospect some consideration and talk to one of the Shadow Rider Adventurers about their experiences. You won't be sorry.

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 October

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November/December 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| Nov. 10 Bloomsdale, MO Dew Drop Inn | Nov. 11 | Nov. 12 | Nov. 13 | Nov. 14 | Nov. 15 | Nov. 16 |
| Nov. 17 Open Ride | Nov. 18 | Nov. 19 | Nov. 20 | Nov. 21 | Nov. 22 | Nov. 23 |
| Nov. 24 Open Ride | Nov. 25 | Nov. 26 Monthly Meeting Sports Cafe | Nov. 27 | Nov. 28 Hank sgiving | Nov. 29 | Nov. 30 |
| Dec. 1 Breakfast at Fuzzy's Taco | Dec. 2 | Dec. 3 | Dec. 4 | Dec. 5 | Dec. 6 | Dec. 7 |
| Dec. 8 Breakfast at Golden Corral | Dec. 9 | Dec. 10 | Dec. 11 | Dec. 12 | Dec. 13 | Dec. 14 |

Rides and Events

Nov. 10: I will be leading this ride out of St. Louis County, through Jefferson County, and on into Ste. Genevieve County. Many of the roads are the roads from my past and they are curvy and hilly. We'll be eating at the Dew Drop Inn in Bloomsdale. There should still be some Fall colors along the way and there are several different rides to take on the way back. Hope to see you there.

The remainder of Sundays on the November schedule are still open. If you have a ride that you like but it hasn't been done yet just let Flash or Ted know and we'll get it on the schedule. Thanks in advance for your help.

I just randomly selected Fuzzy's Taco Shop as our first breakfast stop on the off-season feeding frenzy. If you have another place or places that you would like to alternate with for breakfast please let us know and we'll vote on it at this month's meeting. 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 573-883-2123

