



The Shadow Writer November, 2020

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

A Letter from the President

Shadow Riders,

Well we had 3 great weekends for rides and now it's windy and rainy outside. The temperature is starting to fall and we have 3 straight "Open Ride" Sundays ahead. I put the breakfast locations on the calendar starting on December 6 but, as usual, we can start meeting for breakfast before the end of November. We'll just set a location and for those who don't care to ride in the cooler weather you will have a place to meet and visit. For those who don't mind putting on an extra layer then we'll still meet up and, if someone hasn't stepped up and planned a ride, we'll go someplace on-the-fly.

Speaking of the Sunday rides, (see there, I did it again) thanks to Tony for leading the ride this week. The weather was perfect, we had 4 groups show up to ride, and the lunch stop was ideal. I'm already looking forward to the next year's calendar. Hopefully we can move forward and out of the COVID mode. I know we'll be wearing masks for some time to come but, like everything else, this too shall pass.

Thanks to Tony for making calls and speaking to members about the Board for next year. We have some changes in the works but the nominations are still open if anyone is interested in throwing their hat in the ring. Next month is officially the close of nominations for the next year's Board and then, after publishing the nominees in the January newsletter, we will vote on the new Board members. Thanks in advance for all who served on the Board this year. It was a very difficult year but they all made it look easy. We have had to make adjustments but that's what we do best. When life gives the Shadow Riders lemons, we don't make lemonade, we make lemon-meringue pie with grandma's flaky crust. We just make things work.

I'm just sayin'

John Geiler
President

Club Meeting (General Membership)

7:00 pm, 4th Tuesday of the Month
By Zoom tele-meeting until further notice.

Next Meeting: November 24, 2020

Sunday Rides

If you've opted to receive the texts for information on our 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 for 10/27/20

General Discussion: Back to Zoom due to increased Covid cases.

Officers for 2021: We have a few officer vacancies, VP and Safety Officer. Rich Bayers is willing to serve as VP. Eric Crum will run for Treasurer and, if elected, Tony will move to safety officer. John is willing to serve as president again next year. Jim will continue as recording secretary.

Road Trips: 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.

Ride Committee No report.

Vice President's Report No report.

Website: Updated Hartbauer-McBride's and sponsor's areas of the web site. We'll try to load a video on the scrapbook page. We have a Dropbox setup, email Ted if you'd like the link to upload some photos
Sign up for TEXT MESSAGING notifications of the rides. Text SHADOW to 84483 to sign up

Membership: No new members this month. Current 2020 paid membership as of tonight 74.

Safety Officer: Jim (Flash) was absent.

Hartbauer-McBride Web site: bikershellingbikers.com. See the website for upcoming events.

Lynn Mathews Brick dedication and bike blessing, 10/31 Roxana Park, Roxana, IL

Make a Wish 2020/Ride for Wishes: Cancelled this year. We made a \$1000 donation this year.

Events: Holiday party. We had about 40 responses, about half were declines. May move to April next year. John to propose possibly postponing or cancelling the event.

Motorcycle Training: Check the St Louis Community College web site for training sessions and dates – classes currently closed. The only site doing training right now is Big St. Charles Motorsports. Dennis is working on setting up BRC courses for club members.

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October Membership

Main Members	64
Significant Others	10
Juniors	0
Total	74

December Birthdays

- 05 - ANDREA GEILER
- 19 - RANDY HENDERSHOT
- 21 - RICHARD IMPERIALE
- 26 - PAT WALSH
- 26 - PHILLIP CROW
- 28 - ERIC CRUM

November Anniversaries:

We have no November Anniversaries.

Shadow Riders,

Due to the current state of affairs I had proposed to the membership, who were tuned in to our October meeting, that we might want to postpone our Holiday Party until sometime closer to the riding season. Since the meeting, with the increased restrictions on social gatherings, I think it would be in the best interest of the Club as a whole that we cancel this year's Holiday Party and try again next year. I'm hoping things will improve enough that we can have our Summer Picnic in the same time frame as we usually do. Not knowing how the new vaccine will be distributed makes it difficult to predict what 2021 will look like. I know it will be an economic mess but we will learn to adjust as we always do.

Things are very different these days and I'm hoping that we all get through the next year unscathed. I know we have a strong organization and we will make it just fine. We've weathered bad times together before, and a little thing like a pandemic isn't going to stop us from moving forward. We've been able to do pretty well with our Sunday rides as far as social distancing and being able to dine outdoors. We were very fortunate to have the beautiful weather extend well into November. It even looks like this coming Sunday is going to be in the mid-60's. Hopefully we can have a mild winter so we can get some additional pictures of us riding through the countryside with snow covering the fields on the sides of the road.

Out of all the good memories I have of the things that have transpired over the last 10 years I have to admit that many of those memories are of my time spent with the Club. The Sunday rides and the trips; the picnics and get-togethers; the events we've attended; and just being able to spend time with my motorcycle family. I hope others feel the same way. We've done some unforgettable things this last decade, some of them were probably best forgotten but you know how that goes, and we've had to say goodbye to some very dear friends along the way. Some have passed and others have moved on or retired from riding due to health conditions. They may be gone but they'll never be forgotten. As we say in the Club: Once a Shadow Rider, always a Shadow Rider!

Here's hoping you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Johnny G

Bike Count for October

Honda - 20 Harley - 20 Ural — 1 Kawasaki -10 Suzuki - 3 BMW - 10 Yamaha - 5 KTM - 1 Vento -1 CanAm -1 Triumph - 1 Moto Guzzi — 1 Victory - 5 Polaris - 1 Indian -1 Ducati — 0 Enfield — 1

Well, it's time to turn the page and start looking at the possibilities for 2021. Let's make this next year memorable to make up for the sad times that we've experienced in 2020. I believe that we should make all of 2021 a celebration of life and really take a look at everything we've taken for granted in the past. Let's put our heads together and figure out where we're going to go and what we want to see next year and start making plans to take our Shadow Rider brothers and sisters with us to share the experience.

If you've never travelled by motorcycle you're missing out on a memorable experience. If you have any questions about travelling on two wheels, or if you just wonder how to pack for a trip on a bike, talk to one of our Travelers and they can fill you in. I have to say that the trips I've taken with the Shadow Riders have been the most enjoyable of all my travels.

If there's somewhere you've wanted to go why don't you contact one of the other members and see if maybe we can turn it into a Club trip. We're looking forward to hearing your ideas and maybe you'll come out of 2021 with new stories to tell about your trip with the Shadow Riders.

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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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov. 15 Open Ride	Nov. 16	Nov. 17	Nov. 18	Nov. 19	Nov. 20	Nov. 21
Nov. 22 Open Ride	Nov. 23	Nov. 24 Monthly Meeting Via Zoom	Nov. 25	Nov. 26 	Nov. 27 We start our next diet.	Nov. 28
Nov. 29 Open Ride	Nov. 30	Dec. 1	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 4	Dec. 5
Dec. 6 Breakfast at Golden Corral	Dec. 7	Dec. 8	Dec. 9	Dec. 10	Dec. 11	Dec. 12
Dec. 13 Breakfast at Fuzzy's Taco	Dec. 14	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 17	Dec. 18	Dec. 19

In Lieu of Rides and Events



MOTORCYCLES

The brand is not important, the fact that you ride is.

Members' classified ads are free! Send to John Geiler at editor@shadowriders-stl.com or (314)-401-3485

Gateway BMW Motorcycles

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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

Gear for Sale to my Shadow Rider friends:

Harley waterproof boots, men's size 8, \$50

Women's Tourmaster Rain suit, yellow & gray jacket, black pants, size medium \$20

Sissy bar roll bag, T-Bags, 13 x10x10 attaches with Velcro straps \$20

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