



## The Shadow Writer September, 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,

Well the year is rushing by and we're looking at the Club Picnic on the newsletter calendar already. I know that Laura is getting everything in order so we'll have a very enjoyable day. If any of you are available to help out with anything that Laura might need please give her a call or drop her a text or email. If for no other reason than to verify that she has all the help she needs. If you've been a member for 10 years or 10 days, it doesn't matter, jump in and help your friends in the Club to make these events successful. The more help we have the less the organizer has to do and the more likely people are to want to volunteer to take on the next event. We always have a group of past organizers who can walk anybody through the planning and preparation for our picnic; our Holiday party; or a Sunday ride. Just as we are seeing newer members starting to organize Sunday rides we should also want to get involved with helping out with other Club activities, whether it be the Club picnic; organizing a Sunday ride; helping to man a checkpoint on a poker run; collect for a Club charity; decorating the hall for a party; or just setting the table for the picnic. Nothing is too small a task to perform. Each time you lift a finger to help it allows the organizer to enjoy the event themselves. Get involved . . . It feels great!

It looks like the weather is finally starting to cool down a little so hopefully we'll have a larger turn-out for our Sunday rides and maybe we can start doing some Saturday Nights Out. This is also an activity that Ira has been gracious enough to handle in the past but many times the participation isn't always that great. If you have an idea for something we can do as a club on a Saturday, like Cliff's awesome prison tour, then bring it up and share the details with us and I'll put it in the newsletter and see who wants to go. What I've found with the Shadow Riders is that the more time I spend with the members the more time I want to spend with them. You are all members of my Shadow Riders family!

Hope to see you this Sunday!

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: September 25 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 arrive around 9:30, line up your bike, then visit with friends. Rides leave at 10 a.m.

8/28/18 Meeting Minutes

Club president John Geiler opened the meeting at 7:02PM.

John announced that Laura could use assistance organizing the club picnic. Please contact her directly if you can help. She has reserved the Muffin Pavilion at Love Park for the picnic on October 14th.

Vice President Randy Hendershot thanked Cliff Connoyer for organizing the penitentiary tour and said it was great. Many club members applauded in agreement.

Randy said he's, "Noticed our rides aren't as full as they used to be. We don't have as many riders showing up on Sundays". He suggested if any of us have noticed someone's been missing for a while, and would like to see them back, don't hesitate to simply check the buzz book, pick up the phone, and invite them to Sunday rides.

Lou offered up an additional idea to get people back out again on Sundays. He suggested towards the middle of the week, every week, we send out an e-mail to promote the upcoming Sunday ride. That way people will know we definitely have a ride planned and a few details such as where we're going, the types of roads we'll be traveling, and what we'll see along the way, might make all the difference in people showing up or not. Lou also suggested route sheets also be made available through e-mail prior to the ride to anyone willing to lead to avoid confusion and uncertainty on Sunday mornings.

Jim Gianella reported our current membership is 98 which is down 18 members from this same time last year.

Treasurer Tony Weaver reported we took in \$32 last month and spent \$66. We have \$173 earmarked for Harbauer/McBride. Overall we are "on budget" and "in good shape".

Safety Officer Ross reported our Sunday ride calendar is now booked until the first weekend in November.

Tony Weaver announced he'll be leaving for Bikes Blues & BBQ the Sunday prior. Once there he's planning to ride routes he got out of "the Road Runner magazine" and "beefed them up with roads that Butler Maps recommended". See website calendar for details or contact Tony directly if you're interested in accompanying him.

Although she's done so for years, due to health reasons, Diana will not be able to represent our club at the annual Big St. Charles Chili Cook-off being held this year on October 27th from 11am – 3pm. Big St. Charles is a long time sponsor of our club and Diana urges anyone with a chili recipe to please step up and represent Shadow Riders at our sponsor's event. She makes 5 gallons of chili. Tastes are sold at 50 cents each and sale proceeds go to our charity. Gift card prizes for the cooks are awarded as well.

Dave Kelewae has acquired and been experimenting with various Shadow Riders logo iron-ons and decals from various vendors. He's happy with the quality of the logos he received from "StickerYou". He donated an iron to the 50/50 pot and will be relaying his ideas and findings to Merchandise manager Andrea.

Tito won the 50/50. The pot was \$22 and a Shadow Riders iron-on.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39PM.

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**August Membership**

Main Members	78
Significant Others	20
Juniors	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>

**October Birthdays**

- 06 - KAREN JOHNSTON
- 07 - RON HUGHES
- 09 - DEBORAH JOHNKE
- 10 - ALLEN PRICE
- 14 - CHRIS SCHWEITZER
- 15 - DAVE WALTERS
- 17 - HENRY ANDERSON
- 30 - SCOTT QUINN

**September Anniversaries**

- 1 year – Alan and Michelle Jobe
- 5 years – Lisa Soucy

I just wanted to broach a subject that always comes up in conversations with members this time of year: "Where are we going next year??"

We have had some great trips this year with Bob's rides to Sturgis and HD's 115th Birthday Bash; Ira's annual trip to Branson and his ride to Copper Harbor; Andrea's great trip out to West Virginia and Ohio; and our upcoming trip(s) to Bikes, Blues, and Bar-B-Que.

Randy is kicking around the idea of taking the Club back to Yellowstone in 2019. Many of us weren't members that last time the Club went and we're looking forward to going out with someone who's been there and knows where to take us for the best riding and sight-seeing. I hope that comes together and I thank Randy in advance for his planning and efforts.

If you're thinking of somewhere that you've gone in the past that you really enjoyed, and you think that the people you've met in the Club would enjoy it too, then bring it up at a meeting or send us an email and we'll kick it around and see what kind of interest we have in doing the trip. The reason I ask for people to bring it up to everybody is so we know when other people might be planning something for the same time frame.

I've always enjoyed our Club trips and I have great memories of some awesome travels with my friends. I don't think I've enjoyed many trips in my life as much as I have with the Club. We will always have our regularly scheduled yearly trips like BBB; Sturgis; and Branson but it's those new-places-to-go that really gets our interest. Our trips to Colorado; Niagara Falls; Maine; Canada; and the Smokies have been some of the most memorable trips of my life. My very first trip with the Club was to West Virginia in 2010. I didn't know what to expect but it was a great time with great people and I still remember almost everywhere we went on that trip and all the kidding around amongst the different members. It's like getting together with your best friends from high school and spending a week together . . . There's nothing like it.

Thank you to all the trip organizers for all your hard work and planning. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and we are thankful to have the opportunity to travel this beautiful country with our motorcycle family. If you haven't travelled with us in the past you really need to give it a try. You won't be sorry.

Johnny G  
Editor

### **Bike Count for August**

Honda - 22   Harley - 33   Kawasaki - 16   Suzuki - 3   BMW - 3   Yamaha - 7   KTM - 3  
Vento - 1   Big Dog - 1   CanAm - 1   Triumph - 1   Ducati - 1   Victory - 5   Polaris - 1   Ural - 1

Hello ShadowRiders,

The riding season is beginning to change to cooler weather... remember to check your tire pressure before every ride! Please ride defensively and always expect the unexpected... I know that we sometimes exceed the posted speed limits on rural roads and it's hard not to, with the wind in your face and the sound of that engine, but remember to apply normal cautionary rules like safe passing distances, slowing down on blind corners & blind hills. You cannot know what is in that blind spot until it might be too late to avoid an obstacle.

Thanks to those who responded and signed-up for the open rides we had in August & September! We are now booked thru October. If anyone wants to lead a ride in November, just send me an email.

Thanks, 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 member for September

Vincent Dunlap rides a blue 2007 Kawasaki Vulcan 900 and a black 1978 Kawasaki KZ1000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept. 16 Brew Haus Pacific, MO	Sept. 17	Sept. 18	Sept. 19	Sept. 20	Sept. 21	Sept. 22 Tony's trip to Arkansas (early BBB)
Sept. 23 Midway Café Weingarten, MO	Sept. 24	Sept. 25 Monthly Meeting Sports Cafe	Sept. 26	Sept. 27 BBB Trip Begins	Sept. 28	Sept. 29
Sept. 30 Junie Moon Café in Union	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Oct. 5	Oct. 6
Oct. 7 Open Ride	Oct. 8	Oct. 9	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 12	Oct. 13
Oct. 14 Club Picnic at Love Park	Oct. 15	Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Oct. 18	Oct. 19	Oct. 20

**Rides and Events**

Sept. 16: Jim Gianella is taking us out to the Pacific Brew Haus in Pacific, MO.

Sept. 22: Tony is leaving for an extended stay in Arkansas so he can ride the roads a little bit before the crowd gets there. Contact Tony if you haven't already for last minute details.

Sept. 23: Erin O'Donnell is leading this Sunday's ride to the Midway Café in Weingarten, MO. Home of the bestest onion rings around.

Sept. 27: Our group is leaving from the QT station at 109 and 44 at 8:30 for our ride to Eureka Springs to begin our Bikes, Blues, and Bar-B-Que weekend.

Sept. 30: Justin Gordon is leading this Sunday's ride to the Junie Moon Café in Union, MO. Always a great place to eat.

Oct. 7: This Sunday is still an open ride according to the ride schedule. Give Ross a call and pick a route to fill this opening.

Oct. 14: Laura is putting together a picnic feast for your enjoyment. If you haven't already, give her a call to see if she still needs anything else. One of the highlights of our riding season. Good times with good people!

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<https://stlouis.craigslist.org/mcy/6685188914.html>

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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