



# The Shadow Writer September, 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, here we are more than half way through our riding calendar. With the pandemic in full swing the year seemed to go by in a hurry. I wanted to thank those of you who have come out to ride and for your understanding and respect for the wishes of those who still want to social-distance. I guess we have to do what we have to do to get through this thing. We have still had some amazing rides and I'm already looking forward to the rest of the ride season. We still have some openings on the ride calendar, so if you haven't organized a ride yet this year please step up and help out.

I also wanted to thank Laura for the great job she did organizing the Club Picnic. The food was wonderful and the company was great. It always seems more like family when we do something like the Picnic and the Holiday Party. Everyone is smiling and relaxed, just being themselves. No pre-ride tension or schedule to meet. Just enjoying some good food and fellowship with those we've come to know as friends. I think Love Park has come to be a place we're all comfortable visiting and the pavilion is nice and the parking lot and bathrooms are close. Plenty of shade and usually a nice breeze. I hope we can have an even larger turn out next year when this whole COVID thing is just a bad memory.

As you've seen by the emails that started circulating yesterday we have finally set a date for a trip to the East for a week of riding and sight-seeing. The "Trip Committee" got together and decided on a time frame that would still have comfortable temperatures; maybe some Fall colors; but not so late that we would have too many dead leaves on the curvy roads while riding unfamiliar terrain. We'll be starting out in Cookeville, TN and riding into Kentucky; North Carolina; Virginia and possibly Georgia. I'm working on the day trips now and will have more details before we leave in 3 weeks. If you're planning on going don't wait too long to make your reservations. I know some of you are still going to Arkansas to ride the roads even though BBBBQ has been cancelled.

Be careful out there as you ride regardless of where or when you go. This is that time of year when we need to be keeping an eye on our tire pressures due to the low temps we're seeing at night. I'm just sayin' . . .

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) or Zoom video-chat meet.

**Next Meeting: September 22, 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 for 8/25/2020

General Discussion The Sports Café is now available again. We'll evaluate whether or not to hold the September meeting there. Jim Craig to provide the Zoom link for the meeting so folks who can't attend in person can attend via Zoom.

Road Trips: Andrea is planning a trip to North Carolina and Tennessee. Trying to plan it for when the leaves are changing.

Bikers Blues & BBQ: Cancelled. Some folks are going down anyways just to ride. Some of the local vendors are still going to have open houses/events.

September 17-20 camping trip to Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Contact Dave Kelewae or Phil Crow if interested.

Falling Leaf Rally (BMW) is moving to Steelville on October 9-11.

Jim Craig is working on planning a Saddle Sore 1000 Iron Butt ride for club members who would like to earn their Iron Butt certification.

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.

Ira suggested a Saturday ride from dealership to dealership to stop in a visit and raise the profile of the club. Members get a 10% discount at Big St. Charles.

Treasurer We received \$120 for the Gateway BMW ad. We spent \$550 on the picnic and \$13.54 on the newsletter in July.

Vice President: The ride calendar is open for Sept 13, 27. We need volunteers.

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

Membership: Current 2020 paid membership as of tonight 73.

Safety Officer: Working on scheduling road captains' training.

Hartbauer McBride Web site: bikershellingbikers.com

Make a Wish 2020/Ride for Wishes: Cancelled this year. Will be doing online fundraising – donate for a chance to win a vacation package. Laura will send the link to John. Checks can be made out to Ride for Wishes. The club voted to make a donation of \$1,000 this year.

Club Picnic: Will be Sunday August 30th. We're limited to 25 people at the picnic. Pavilion is reserved at Love Park 2239 Mason Lane.

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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**August Membership**

Main Members	64
Significant Others	10
Juniors	0
Total	73

**October Birthdays**

- 06 - KAREN JOHNSTON
- 07 - RON HUGHES
- 10 - ALLEN PRICE
- 14 - CHRIS SCHWEITZER
- 17 - HENRY ANDERSON
- 30 - SCOTT QUINN
- 30 - JOHN ORETO

**September Anniversaries**  
None yet . . . .

Shadow Riders,

It's been requested, by more than a few members, that we have a vote to determine whether we continue using "alternate starting locations" or return to Old Orchard Center as our Sunday morning meeting place. The idea to change the location was presented as a "trial basis" to see if our participation would increase. Some of our riders are riding less than usual because of the distance to get to the alternate locations. To be fair to all I'm willing to have a vote, if we have a motion, at this month's meeting which, at this point, will be at the Sports Café where we were originally meeting. I received a call last month letting us know they are ready when we are. Jim Craig has agreed to set up a Zoom connection for those of you who would rather not gather just yet.

I had one of our long-time members share a memory of when the Club started all the members got together and put thumbtacks on the map showing where they lived. The center point was used to determine where the starting point should be. I spent about an hour Friday morning doing exactly that. It doesn't appear that the center of our membership area has changed.

I ask that everybody consider the positives, as well as the negatives, for both sides of the argument before making a vote. I've enjoyed riding with my friends in the Club regardless of where we meet. I just want to get us to a place where everyone can be satisfied. We won't be able to please everyone but that's just how life works. We will continue to enjoy our success as a riding club regardless of the changes that come our way.

We have enjoyed the advantage of the texts for the Sunday rides as part of the Ride Committee's adoption. Also being able to download and utilize GPX files for our phones and GPS units has been a blessing to many of us who take advantage of the technology. We still have to iron out some bugs once in a while but these files can become a part of our Ride Archive for future use. I know when I'm out riding and I want to take part of one of our routes to complement my ride I can just pull up any ride that we've done this year; choose where I want to start the ride, based on where I'm at, and just follow the directions. I'll be using the BaseCamp program to put together the routes for our trip this month. Nice companion to the route sheet.

We'll see how it goes and then we'll place an order for business cards; brochures; and updated placards for placing at businesses. We haven't made any changes to our advertising mediums since we updated our logo. We will get Club approval on the new layouts before sending anything to the printer's.

I hope to see many of you at this month's meeting.

Johnny G

**Bike Count for August**

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

Bikes, Blues, and Bar-B-Que has been cancelled but many of the Club members are keeping their reservations at the Eureka Inn and plan on riding the roads on the additional day they have.

At the same time as the trip to BBBBQ was planned Dave Kelewae and Jim Wadum planned a Camping-on-the-cheap trip for those who like to camp instead of staying at a hotel. From what I'm hearing the camping trip is still on. Contact Dave or Flash for details. The campgrounds that they have been staying at are very nice.

The "Trip Committee" has scheduled a trip to the Eastern states beginning in Tennessee and will leave on Saturday, September 26 and will be returning on Sunday, October 4. We will be spending multiple nights at 3 of our lodging locations and we will be doing day-rides on 7 of the days and travelling for 2 days. Check the email I forwarded from Andrea for the locations and phone numbers of the hotels/motels we are staying.

## 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.

### New member for August

Michael Curran rides a black/white 2019 Kawasaki Versys 1000 SE LT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept. 13 Open Ride	Sept. 14	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 18	Sept. 19
Sept. 20 Nancy's Pizza Litchfield, IL	Sept. 21	Sept. 22 Monthly Meeting	Sept. 23	Sept. 24	Sept. 25	Sept. 26
Sept. 27 Open Ride	Sept. 28	Sept. 29	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3
Oct. 4 Open Ride	Oct. 5	Oct. 6	Oct. 7	Oct. 8	Oct. 9	Oct. 10
Oct. 11 Open Ride	Oct. 12	Oct. 13	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16	Oct. 17

**Rides and Events**

Sept. 20: Ira is taking us across the river to Nancy's Pizza in Litchfield, IL. The ride was originally scheduled to coincide with Niehaus Cycle's Customer Appreciation Days but due to the pandemic the event was cancelled as were many of our other annual events.

Sept. 13; 27; Oct. 4; and Oct. 11: These Sundays are Open Rides. These are vey sad things indeed. Throw your hat in the ring and help out your favorite motorcycle club. Pick a destination; let us know where we're going; and if you need help there are MANY of us who will help with the details. Thanks in advance for being an active member!

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

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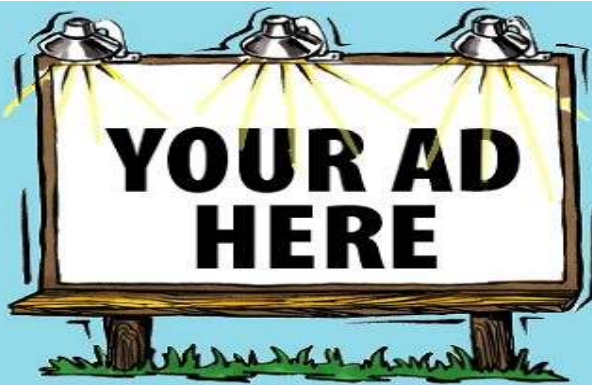
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Two pair of fringed chaps. Both seldom worn and in excellent condition. One is size XXI, and the other is 3XL (both adjustable) One is a 25 inseam and the other is 30 inseam. One has zipper down the sides and the other is all snaps so both can be trimmed shorter. I have a picture.

Peggy Phillips

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