



# **N.J. RETREADS MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

## **NEWSLETTER**

**November / December 2020**

### **NEW RIDE SCHEDULE !!! URGENT !!!**

It's still crazy. NJ restaurants are open for indoor dining but restrictions remain at 25% capacity. When an establishment must leave 3 of 4 tables empty, it's nearly impossible to procure group-space. But generous breaks have arisen and here's what we're doing to bring back some normalcy.

We have a connection with the Bridgeton Family Diner. The owner, Derman, has agreed to a commitment without reservations. And Elmer Diner has also agreed. So, here's the immediate plan:

\*Sunday November 1st—Bridgeton Family Diner

\*Wednesday November 4th—Elmer Diner

\*Sunday November 8th—Elmer Diner

\*Wednesday November 11th—Bridgeton F.D.

These gracious opportunities will buy us time to approach other diners to offer us some space with our fluctuating attendance.

**BRIDGETON FAMILY DINER**  
825 North Pearl Street, Bridgeton, NJ 08302  
856-455-1010  
Two gas stations one mile north

**ELMER DINER**  
41 Front Street, Elmer, NJ 08318  
856-358-3600  
Two gas stations at corner

For breakfast we recommend arriving no later than 8am. Please obtain fuel ahead of time. Kick stands go up without delay at 9am.

Bear with us as we develop plans through these challenging times. We're in hopes that by our next newsletter we'll have a full standard breakfast meetup schedule. Stay tuned to Retread emails and our Facebook page for the latest news.

Retreaders,

Many changes and notable announcements in this issue:

- Hopeful return to normalcy
- Our new Asst State Director
- Nov/Dec Birthdays
- Welcome New Members
- A Motorcycle Story
- Membership Renewal Time
- Sunshine Club
- Happy Holidays

In the meantime, let's ride!

R. Denny Blew, NJ State Director

### **IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME**

Time to renew your Retreads membership. Bargain of the century! SEE PAGE 3 for your printable membership form. Get it done!

#### **ESSENTIAL PHONE NUMBERS**

Denny Blew— 856 498 9208  
Steve Gallagher— 856 297 4141  
Sam Beloff— 856 776 3938  
Jim Wells— 609 271 9323  
Jim Dougherty— 609 442 9884

Please see updated breakfast/ride schedule on our FB page or our web site. Thanks



Welcome  
Steve and Claudine



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

— Steve Gallagher

When I first joined the SJ Retreads I was welcomed by all the riders I met. I thank Gordon Moore for recommending that I check out this club.

Our first ride was a Mike Black classic and I was duly impressed. I have really enjoyed my time here for many reasons, the amazing riding, making new friends and so on. When I started I got to meet Jim Wells and Sam Beloff as the guys that were "running the show" Since that time we have seen these gentlemen both reach the time to retire from these positions. I still look forward to riding with them often in the future. These guys have cast a large shadow and have left us all a truly great club.

When I heard that Ray Denny Blew was volunteering to take the reigns I called him and offered my support in whatever capacity needed. Accepting this position is not a job I intend to take lightly but want to do it well. I think the legacy set by Jim and Sam deserves nothing less. That said, I ask everyone to bear with me as the learning curve is going to take a little while.

I set up a Retread only email to help keep things organized and look forward to hearing from anyone that I can help. Feel free to contact me at any time. Until then let's enjoy the ride!

Steve Gallagher

SteveGSJRetreads@gmail.com

856-297-4141

## THANK YOU! RIDE LEADERS

New ride-leaders are stepping up, and we certainly appreciate it! Ride leaders donate personal time to plan the routes, comfort stops and meal destinations. Their investment and expertise makes our rides interesting, fresh, safe and tasty! Many thanks to our ride leaders, old and new!



## CREATE A POP-UP RIDE !

Go to our Facebook page (Retreads of South Jersey) and post your pop-up ride one to two days in advance. Be sure to include the day, time and place.



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# Southern New Jersey Retreads Application / Renewal

Retreads Motorcycle Club International, Inc., AMA Charter 3233

[Please Print Clearly]

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal or New Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsored By \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: MUST BE SIGNED BY APPLICANT AND CO-APPLICANT, IF ANY**

By voluntarily applying for membership, I understand that the Retreads cannot assume responsibility for any aspect of my safety. I understand the sport of motorcycle riding has an inherent safety hazard. I also understand that my participation in any Retread activity is strictly voluntary, and further, I release and hold harmless the Retreads from any loss to my person or property.

**Applicant (sign):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Co-Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW MEMBERS PLEASE COMPLETE**

(not necessary for renewing a memberships except for reason of making changes)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phones \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Birthday \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

If you're an AMA member give number: Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Make of Motorcycle(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Other MC club affiliations \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return application and remittance to:**

Jim Dougherty — 244 Clarkstown Road, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

\$25 couple or \$20 single amount enclosed —> \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: New Jersey Retreads MC

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

**Our one and only strength is  
that of our members. We offer  
our best wishes for a great day  
today and every day!**



### NOVEMBER

Valerie Fox – 1  
J.Ross Usinger – 1  
Katie Rink – 4  
Larry Innis – 4  
Dean Ruble – 7  
Frank Patterson – 2  
Alma Fegley – 11  
Cecil Robinson – 11  
Gordon Moore – 12  
Diane Impaglozzo – 17  
Rosemary Meeker – 17  
Henry Smith – 22  
Fred Jennings – 23  
Ed Carroii – 24  
Fred Josephsen – 26  
Bruce Leventhal – 29  
Robert Hullfish – 30  
Robert Visconti - 30

### DECEMBER

Barry Coniglio – 1  
Barb Jones – 3  
Joan Galante – 8  
Rick Menear – 9  
Bill Plantania – 11  
Ed Moy – 11  
Carl Kuni – 14  
Kimmi Marino – 14  
Dorothy Pinto – 14  
Theodore Pettinelli – 14  
Rich Becker – 16  
Tom Mainzke – 21  
Carol White – 22  
Steve Gallagher – 28



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A GREATER 2021

**This is your last newsletter of 2020. Despite a tough year we pulled together and made the best of it. Let us project that spirit into 2021. We remember those we lost, and pray for blessings upon their loved ones. Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays in all flavors, and a very safe, healthy, Happy New Year.**



# I Saved Evel Knievel

(or)

## How I Started Destroying Motorcycles

*copyright R. Denny Blew*

I was reminiscing the other day about my cousin, Dick. Dick is like the brother I never had. Throughout childhood he and I were the greatest of pals. Growing up on Papah's dairy farm, Dick and I were always creating some sort of *mischief*. At least that's what Papah called it. Of course, Papah, not being a master of the English language, did not realize the proper term for this activity of ours was ..... *fun*.

There was the time we built a roller coaster out of boards, asparagus boxes and a dilapidated baby coach. This major amusement attraction turned out to be a single-ride event. Being strong on the development side but weak in the research department, we had slightly under-estimated the speed of the coach, and over-estimated the stability of the primary support structure. Actually, to be honest and forthcoming, it was a tremendous success, until the first crest, whereafter the ride was quashed by the authorities on account of Dick having to obtain some major orthodontic reconstruction work. Personally, I thought the half-moon moon effect on his two front teeth was kind of cool, as you could fit a straw through it perfectly. In fact, nowadays, what with the piercings and bodywork people get done, had they not repaired Dick's teeth, such a thing might have prompted an entire new fashion trend. (I always was ahead of my time.) But those who lacked vision didn't see it that way, and resultantly, adding insult to injury, I too suffered at the *hands* of the authorities.

Among our magnificent inventions was a valiant tribute to Evel Knievel. We had absconded with one of my grandfather's coveted hothouse benches, a 16' long two-by-ten board. We propped and nailed one end of it on top of a pepper basket, creating a long ramp, which to your common everyday daredevil is needed to hurdle oneself over canyons and such.

Now, in such ventures, I tended to act as the design authority (elder, smart but no-guts) half of the team, whereas Dick generally served in the test-pilot role (gutsy but gullible: "So, you're sure this'll work?")

At any rate, it was the opinion of the design department that the set-up needed some enhancing special effects as would be required for all standard daredevil performances. Thusly, from end-to-end, I enriched the board with a generous soaking of gasoline, pulled out some matches I'd stolen from our kitchen, and lit the ramp afire. It was a magnificent spectacle! Then, waving a flag I'd pre-constructed out of mom's new broomstick and one of my dad's initialed handkerchiefs, I gave the go-ahead signal to Dick, who waited on his mini-bike about a thousand feet away that, depending on wind conditions, barometer readings and concentration of dirt in the gas tank, was required to build up to the maximum velocity of fourteen miles per hour, which in 1965 was about as close as either of us had come to breaking the sound barrier.

Long story short, and as is not uncommon in the case of first-run experiments, there were minor hitches. We had partially under-calculated the inherent springboard effect of the ramp unit. Reaching top speed, the mini-bike traversed the long flaming board, pressing it flat to the ground until the last few feet, at which point a deep arc had formed. Apparently, an unforeseen enormous pressure had built, and as fate would have it, the ramp had to pick this particular instant in time to return to its preferred state of flatness. (I will not describe the next fifteen seconds so as to spare the emotions of the faint-hearted.)

Anyhow, upon regaining consciousness, Dick told me it was the first time he'd appreciated the beauty of the entire county. Unfortunately, re-entry was not fully desirable, resulting in temporary damage to my cousin, a broad redistribution of parts of the mini-bike and, following the subsequent fire, total destruction to the coveted hothouse bench board, not to mention the mashing-up of an adjacent weed patch my grandmother presently re-identified as "Oh, my prize begonias!" Needless to say, I didn't sit down for a week.

Nonetheless, I'd like to think that we saved Evel from some accidents in his later years. No doubt he'd heard about this magnificent incident (as did the whole neighborhood, stemming from the noise I'd conjured up in response to the willow switch), and I'm sure every time after that, that good ol' Evel planned a stunt, he'd pulled out the data from our daring experiment, and studied the physics of it all, just to make certain his derriere wouldn't suffer the same fate as ours.

## A WAY OF HELPING YOURSELF — CB COMMUNICATIONS

CB Radio is our means of road communication. We use CBs to report general info, mechanical problems, need of a comfort or fuel stop, road hazards ahead, a separation of the group, etc. A CB radio provides safety, comfort, information and an all-around better experience.

The best current setup for CB communication is attained by combining two packages:

- 1) a portable CB with an interface and a push-to-talk button. These mount to your handlebar, and
- 2) a wireless SENA helmet mount mic/ear phone set. Members will help you find the components.

Estimated current cost is around \$300. Get a CB. It benefits your comfort, safety, and enjoyment .



## AND A WAY OF HELPING YOUR CLUB — LEAD A RIDE

We need ride leaders! This is not something we expect anyone to do on a constant basis, and on occasion, your stepping up would be a huge help. Special talents not required, and we even have a plan to make this work without having a CB.

Simply, being a ride leader means being the steering wheel. You set the pace. You steer us to the place. Use your favorite roads. Steer us to a comfort stop at mid morning; steer us to a lunch stop at noon. After lunch, everyone heads home. Easy -peasy. Contact a club officer or other ride leader. We'll help you out!



## SUNSHINE CLUB

Jim and Andi Wells will graciously send well-wishes to any member or member family experiencing illness or hardship. But you must notify them by email : [jrw31948@aol.com](mailto:jrw31948@aol.com)



### SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!!

Stephen and Judith DeBaun of  
Deptford

Fonnie Reagan of Browns Mills

Edward Moy of Woodbury  
Heights

William Palese of Woolwich

James and Jennifer Richardson of  
Glassboro

Harry Warner of Vineland

### FIND US ON FACEBOOK

"Retreads of South Jersey"

### CLUB OFFICERS

R. Denny Blew, State Director  
Steve Gallagher, Asst. State Director  
Sam Beloff, past Asst. State Director  
Jim Dougherty, Membership Officer  
James Wells, Past State Director

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