

NJ Retreads Motorcycle Club

Newletter for November—December 2021



Wednesdays - Sundays - Pop ups

The biggest challenge to riding is our ever-present, unpredictable weather. So, we just keep saying it over and over to maximize riding opportunities, we employ

the POP-UP RIDE

Stay vigilant to our emails and posts because when we see an opportunity, we grab it and announce the new plan. We don't do this last-minute stuff to drive you nuts: we do it to increase your chances of pleasurable riding. But much of it does happen on short notice, so stay tuned in.

Early Winter Issue

- Holiday Party — last chance
- New Breakfast Ride Schedule
- Time to Renew Membership
 - The Case for a Winter Bike
 - Our Future Right to Ride
 - Welcome New Members
 - New Member Tips
 - Happy Birthday
- Smiles and Smiles To Go

your NJ Retread State Officers:

Ray Denny Blew—Director
Steve Gallagher—Asst Director
Dave Somers—Membership
Claudine Gallagher—Photographer



Holiday Party—sign up deadline 11/15

Saturday, December 4th
Noon-4 PM

The Red Pine Inn >
210 Delsea Drive South
Glassboro, NJ 08028

Delicious Buffet, Cash Bar

Seating Limited
Reserve Now

Send check for
\$30 per person,
payable to:

New Jersey Retreads MC,
c/o David Somers
35 N. Smith Bowen Rd.,
Galloway, NJ 08205



Breakfasts @ 8am Rides @ 9am

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

November

- 7 Elmer Diner
- 14 Pegasus Diner
- 21 Point 40 Diner
- 28 Pegasus Diner

December

- 5 Point 40 Diner
- 12 Elmer Diner
- 19 Pegasus Diner
- 26 Point 40 Diner

January

- 2 Pegasus Diner
- 9 Point 40 Diner
- 16 Peters Diner



WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

November

- 3 Elmer Diner
- 10 Pegasus Diner
- 17 Point 40 Diner
- 24 Pegasus Diner

December

- 1 Point 40 Diner
- 8 Elmer Diner
- 15 Pegasus Diner
- 22 Point 40 Diner
- 29 Pegasus Diner

January

- 5 Point 40 Diner
- 12 Peters Diner

DINER LOCATIONS

Elmer Diner - 41 Front St, Elmer (Route 40 just east of Main Street)

Pegasus Diner - 445 Delsea Drive, Malaga (intersection Routes 40 and 47)

Point 40 Diner - 761 U.S. 40, Monroeville (intersection Routes 40 and 77, Pole Tavern)

Peters Diner - 1741 South Black Horse Pike, Williamstown (Rt 322 and Malaga Rd)

Southern New Jersey Retreads - 2022 Application and Membership Renewal Form

Retreads Motorcycle Club International, Inc—AMA Charter 3233

please print clearly

Date ____/____/____ Applicant _____ Co-Applicant _____

check one: Renewal ____ New Member ____ Sponsored By (if applicable) _____

IMPORTANT - this form MUST BE SIGNED by APPLICANT and CO-APPLICANT (if any)

By voluntarily applying for membership, I understand the Retreads cannot assume responsibility for any aspect of my safety. I understand the sport of motorcycling 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 Sign _____

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If your application is a renewal, you may skip further entries in this section UNLESS there are changes to any of the info below

Street _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

County _____ Email _____

Cell #s _____ Land Line _____

required: Applicant Birthdate ____/____/____ Co-Applicant Birthdate ____/____/____

AMA #(s) if members: Applicant _____ Co-Applicant _____

Make of motorcycle(s) _____ Other MC Club Affiliations _____

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please return application and payment to:

David Somers, 35 N. Smith Bowen Rd., Galloway, NJ 08205

Membership: \$20 single / \$25 couple Amount Enclosed \$ _____

make checks payable to: New Jersey Retreads MC

***** ADMINISTRATION ONLY *****

Membership Card # issued:

Applicant _____ Date ____/____/____ Co-Applicant _____ Date ____/____/____

Check #s: _____

from the pen of Steve Gallagher

The Case for a Winter Bike

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So those who know me know I love to ride all year. Sadly I'm in the minority in this habit. I've often been on winter rides on Sundays with a few fellow Retreads and wish we had a bigger group, but alas, once the temps drop past those of a pleasant fall day, a large majority of riders store their bikes and wish for sunny spring days to come.

So what makes a Winter rider different is mostly the desire to not give up. I honestly enjoy the colder days that are within reasonable temperatures. Although there are challenges, there are rewards as well.

The reason most riders hang it up is usually a combination of cold temps (and perhaps lack of sufficient gear to keep him warm) and also road conditions (especially road salts. Personally, I combat this with two strategies. First, having a selection of gear to suit the temps, and second, having a bike that doesn't make me nervous regarding its being devalued by riding it when I please.

The case for the winter bike then is both simple and fun at the same time. By having a spare bike, that by design has a lesser value than your pride-and-joy main season bike, you get to enjoy riding more months of the year, and also mix up your riding experience.

Last year, one of our regular winter riders bought a nice condition late 80s Gold Wing from a dealer. It runs very well and looks nice for just a few thousand dollars. So what bike would you choose to have as a spare? If I had no other bikes I would likely choose a similar Wing, an original 1980s Yamaha Venture Royale, or perhaps a first generation Kawasaki Voyager. But the real diamond in the rough for me would be an aging Harley Davidson Electra Glide. The reasoning is simple. A less complicated bike with great parts-availability that is easily serviced by various shops. If you ever want to own a particular bike from many years ago, well now you can for pennies on the dollar. As for extra riding attire, it can be purchased for pennies on Craigslist as well.



The bottom line is if you have a cheaper spare bike you don't need to worry about the small details. Put the expensive top-shelf bike away as you normally would and go ride the winter bike. As I've said for years, there is something wonderful about waddling into a Wawa for coffee in too many clothes and a helmet and having people give you the (*he must be nuts*) look. Obviously, precautions must be taken, as cold can lead to fatigue, disorientation and symptoms quite similar to hypoxia (altitude sickness), so checking the weather and road conditions is also important.

Getting home after a nice winter ride and enjoying a warm cup of tea with my cat on my lap is the ending of a great day, and gives me the feeling of having a little more soul than the rest of the public. If you plan well, there are many extra riding days to enjoy instead of wantonly staring out at your garage.

Oh, and if anyone out there actually buys an original Yamaha Venture Royale, could you let me take it out for a few miles? I've always lusted after that bike: I'd love to say I actually rode one!

Hope to see you out there,

Steve G

Assistant State Director, Steve Gallagher
Club Photographer, Claudine Gallagher



Who's Going to Protect Our Grandchildren's Right to Ride?

from David Somers, Retreads Membership Officer



They're something we may not think about very often. Certainly we think about our grandchildren all the time: their lives, their health, their schools, what their neighborhood is like, and what the future hold for them. And of course, we all squirrel away some money in piggy banks, college funds or annuities that will some day be theirs. But what about this hobby of ours?

When they reach our age will they be able to enjoy the greatest hobby there is? Motorcycling has needed (and still needs) advocates in the halls of local, state and federal governments, as well as in the court-of-public-opinion.

The Retreads know this, and as such are AMA Chartered. Retreads have six Charters, including the Mid Atlantic Retreads, within the AMA: the American Motorcyclist Association. The mission of the AMA is to promote the motorcycle lifestyle and protect the future of motorcycling. That sentence is their mission statement! Since 1924, the AMA has protected the

future of motorcycling and promoted the motorcycle lifestyle. AMA members come from all walks of life, and they navigate many different routes on their journey to the same destination: freedom on two wheels. So have a look at their webpage and consider a membership. It's as important now as it was 100 years ago. <https://americanmotorcyclist.com/>

And about riding, well, riding season is here! The shoobies are gone, the greenheads and skeeters and humidity and our tans are all gone, but the need to ride is ever present! It's time to change fluids, dig the electrics out of the closet and make sure no moths got to them over the summer, rinse out your balaclava, and get ready for another season of Sunday-Wednesday-Pop-up winter rides.

Speaking of Sunday rides, 2021-2022 will be the 44th season for the Polar Bear Grand Tour, the only one of its kind. What's the Polar Bear Grand Tour you ask? Well, it's basically people that ride in the winter to keep in touch with each other. It's got a storied history and they've worked hard to promote motorcycling for what it is: a great hobby for people of all walks of life. And they are AMA affiliated. They have destinations set for every Sunday from October 31st, 2021 until April 17th, 2022. I've ridden many Polar Bear rides over the years, and I know many of you have too, and I plan to incorporate some of them into Sunday rides for us this season. Here's a link to the Polar Bear site where you can look over the schedule and see what they're about. If you recognize any of the restaurants or know any great roads to ride in the areas, maybe plan a route, or share the road information with me so I can stick it in my route. <https://polarbeargrandtour.com/index.htm>

It's also Retread membership renewal time so please print out the form (see PAGE 6) and note any recent changes you may have (phone, address, email). Birthdays are good too so we can give you a shout out in the newsletter, oh and please include your AMA number if you have one. Even if you don't have any changes, it is required that we each sign the form for insurance purposes and you can snail mail it to me (address is on form) or hand it to an officer at a Wednesday or Sunday ride. So, until next time this is a proud AMA member, proud Polar Bear member and proud Retread Member, Dave Somers, signing off. Let's ride.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS



Welcome to our Newest Members

David Dollinger
of Simpsonville, SC >>>>>>>>>>>>

Kathy Dollinger
of Simpsonville, SC

Michael Sulik
of Salem, NJ



Old school, New school
Everyone is
Welcome!

RIDE DEPARTURES

Our Facebook page, "Retreads of South Jersey" also carries our most recent schedule.

COOL TIP

Use your digital phone to take a snapshot of the schedule. That way you've always got it close at hand.



Simpsonville, SC



Salem, NJ

TIPS FOR NEW MEMBERS

RIDES: Our rides are scheduled every Wednesday and Sunday, year round, weather pending, and depart from pre-designated diners. Departure times vary to fit the season, generally 8:30 or 9:00am. Dates, times and departure points can be found in this newsletter, Facebook and our website.

POP-UP RIDES: In the case of predicted unpleasant weather we may choose to change plans and ride on an alternative day. This is called a POP UP. These are announced "11th hour" via email or social media.

KICK STANDS UP (KSU): Departure times are strictly adhered to because ride leaders have planned routes and stops, timed to fit the program. Gear up, gas up, dress up, and get your engine fired up at the designated departure time. Be advised ahead of time: we do not waver from KSU departure time.

BREAKFASTS: Enjoy an optional pre-ride breakfast and lively conversation at the designated location. Allow an hour extra prior to KSU time. If skipping breakfast, arrive 15 minutes prior to KSU time.

RIDE LEADERS: We are fortunate to have some experienced ride-leaders. On any given day, from 1-3 different routes could be available from which to choose. Intended routes and destinations are announced upon re-grouping outside, following the breakfast.

TYPICAL DAY RIDES: Day rides are within region (NJ, DE, PA, MD), generally within a 75 mile radius of departure point. The intent is a pleasurable ride plus comfort stops and lunch stops, then head homeward. Typically, about 150 miles round trip, and riders make it home long before supper time.

RIDING STYLE: Motorcycling has risks. We respect the protocols long established by the NJ State Police MotorCops. That is *staggered formation* and the *two-second rule*. No side-by-side riding, and allow a two second gap between you and the bike directly in front of you. Request an explanation.

RIDE FREEDOM—We realize life has its appointments, discomforts and surprises. If you're only available for a portion of the day: you're still welcome to ride and to peel off when needed. Or an emergency may arise, compelling you to bow out: we understand that as well. You are free to come and go as desired.

MAKE EVERY RIDE YOUR RIDE: And as would be expected, each ride-leader has his/her own style, and preferred routes and destinations. If you are uncomfortable, there is no pressure, no judgment and no request for explanation. At any time for any reason you may bow out of a ride. You are never locked into finishing a ride. So, here's the deal Be responsible for your ride, your abilities, your protective wear, your comfort level and the condition of your gear and your bike. Make every ride your ride.

RALLIES and EXCURSIONS: We also participate in rallies for our organization, and others. Long distance multi-overnight rides may be available. For manageability and safety, these are size-restricted and only available to paid members. Rides are announced in advance; booked on a first-come basis.

COMMUNICATION & CB ETIQUETTE: We use CB radio communication. It's not required but having one is a plus. Use channel 32 for essential ride info: please switch over to channel 30 for social conversation.

FOR QUESTIONS OR FURTHER INFORMATION

Denny Blew 856-498-9208, Steve Gallagher 856-297-4141, Dave Somers 609-226-2330

It's about riding, fun and friendship. We welcome you !

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

All our members are great! And great members make a great club. Wishing you the best today and every day.

NOVEMBER

2 Frank Patterson
4 Larry Innis
4 Katie Rink
7 Dean Ruble
11 Alma Fegley
12 Gordon Moore
15 Joanne Theiss
17 Michael Congleton
17 Diane Impagliazzo
17 Rosemary Meeker
23 Fred. Jennings
26 Fred Josephsen
29 Bruce Levinthal



DECEMBER

1 Barry Coniglio
3 Barb Jones
8 Joan Galante
11 Bill Platania
14 Carl Kuni
14 Dorothy Pinto
16 Rick Becker
21 Tom Meineke
22 Linda Janney
22 Carol White
28 Steve Gallagher

SMILES AND SMILES TO GO



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