

# NJ Retreads Motorcycle Club



Newsletter for  
September-October 2022



## ICE CREAM MEETUP

Monday Sept 19, 6:30pm  
5 Points Custard



557 Tuckahoe Rd, Vineland  
(Near Richland)  
Adjacent to Five Points Restaurant

**Wednesdays - Sundays - Pop ups**

To maximize riding opportunities, we  
take advantage of

the POP-UP RIDE.

Watch our emails and Facebook for up  
to the minute notices. When we see a  
good chance to ride, we grab it fast.  
Stay tuned in.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

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Jack and Patricia Nestor  
of Salem, NJ

Kevin and Lisa Kolb  
of Moorestown, NJ

Denny and Angeliki Kokolis  
of Cherry Hill, NJ

Michael Jones  
of Burlington, NJ

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HAPPY TO HAVE YOU!

Thank you

**RIDE LEADERS**



# RIDE SCHEDULE

**If you're joining us for breakfast, we recommend arriving one hour prior to the specified departure time.**

## SUNDAYS

Sunday rides always depart  
at 9am, year round

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### September

4 Point Forty  
11 Elmer  
18 Pegasus  
25 Point Forty

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### October

2 Elmer  
9 Pegasus  
16 Point Forty  
23 Elmer  
30 Pegasus



## WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday rides depart  
8:30am this time of year

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### September

7 Silver Coin (new, revised)  
14 Pegasus  
21 Point Forty  
28 Elmer

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### October

5 Pegasus  
12 Point Forty  
19 Elmer  
26 Silver Coin

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### November

2 Point Forty

Elmer Diner - 41 Front St, Elmer (FUEL: US Gas, Sunoco)

Pegasus Diner - 445 Delsea Drive, Malaga (FUEL: Riggins, Wawa)

Point 40 Diner - 761 U.S. 40, Monroeville (FUEL: UP Gas)

Silver Coin Diner - 20 South White Horse Pike, Hammonton (FUEL: Wawa, Exxon, Riggins)

**FUEL UP PRIOR TO DEPARTURE TIME**

## NJ Retreads 2022 — Existing Member to Rejoin Section

Retreads Motorcycle Club International, Inc. - AMA Charter 3233

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED - 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Return application / payment to: David Somers - 35 N. Smith Bowen Road, Galloway, NJ 08205  
\$25 couple / \$20 single amount enclosed —> \$\_\_\_\_\_ Please make payable to: NJ Retreads MC

*(Note to existing member - We have all of your contact information on file. If anything has changed from last year, please make note of the changes below; otherwise just complete the above portion and remittance)*

Any changes: \_\_\_\_\_

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## NJ Retreads 2022 — New Applicant Section

Retreads Motorcycle Club International, Inc. - AMA Charter 3233

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Applicant Birthday \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ AMA Member?#s? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Administration Use Only

App Card # Issued \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Co-App Card # Issued \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

# TIPS FOR NEW (and all) MEMBERS

**SCHEDULES:** Rides scheduled every Wed & Sun, year round, weather pending. In case of bad weather we may change plans and do 'pop-up' rides on alternative days. Stay vigilant to our Facebook and emails.

**KICK STANDS UP (KSU):** KSU=Departure. Departure times are strictly adhered because of 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 we do not waver from KSU time: we do not wait.

**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:** On any day, 1-3 routes are available from which to choose. Routes are announced following breakfast. If you don't like the route, it's all about freedom. You can make your own route by leading a ride. It's just choosing a place you like to go and taking us there. We encourage more ride leaders: you can be one: show us where you like to go. Talk to an officer or a ride leader to learn more.

**COMMON RIDE PROTOCOLS:** Motorcycling has risks. We respect the long established protocols of the NJ State Police MotorCops. That is *staggered formation* and the *two-second rule*. That means no side-by-side riding; no passing while in motion; and allowing a two second time-gap between you and the bike directly in front. If you do not understand these, we are willing to give our best clarification.

**RIDING STYLE, and RIDING WITH YOUR RIDE LEADER:** Each ride leader has his/her own style, their focus being one of many things: scenic, relaxed, food mission, landmark destination, twisty, spirited, lively, & more. Understand that ride leaders have planned routes and destination goals to get through the day and return home by a reasonable time. Riders are to stay up with their ride leader in order to keep the group together, moving as a unit as much as possible. Never ride uncomfortably or under pressure. Should a ride leader's style not be to your taste or comfort, that is a sign to exit the ride: and it's your right! Then go about finding a ride leader whose style suits you .... or consider leading a ride yourself.

**FREEDOM TO MAKE EVERY RIDE YOUR RIDE:** If you're uncomfortable for any reason, there's no pressure, no judgment, nor need for explanation. At *any time* for *any reason* you may bow out of a ride. You are *never* locked in. So ..... assume full responsibility 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. We realize life has its appointments, discomforts and surprises. If you're only available a portion of the day, come to ride and to peel off when needed. Should an emergency arise calling you to bow out, we understand that as well: you're free to come and go as you desire.

**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 ride plus comfort stops and lunch stops, then head homeward. Typically, about 150 miles round trip, and riders make it home before supper time.

**RALLIES and EXCURSIONS:** We sometimes participate in rallies for our organization and others.

**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.

**MEMBERSHIPS:** Run Jan 1st to Dec 31st. Only those maintaining up-to-date membership may participate in rides & events. New members joining Oct/Nov/Dec are grandfathered in for the next year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT AN OFFICER

# FALL BIRTHDAYS

## SEPTEMBER

1 Cindy Monteleone  
4 Carol Somers  
6 John McCurnin  
6 Gail Pearson  
6 Steven Stepp  
9 Nick Marino  
10 Al Lisicki  
10 George Muller  
14 Dom Shterban  
17 Andrea Wells  
18 Richard Redrow  
19 Stan Ware  
25 Jeanette Jones  
27 Chris Bennett  
29 Robt. Pearson

## OCTOBER

1 Christine Coniglio  
2 Sam Beloff  
2 George Capua  
4 Tracy Cronk  
5 Pam Jurga  
12 Russ Fuscia III  
15 Randy Hammond  
18 Tom Keller  
21 Todd Cone  
25 Joe Holden  
26 David Cope  
26 Susan Darraugh  
26 Bob Easterday  
29 Gary Jones



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**Retreads of South  
Jersey**





# TRAVELINGS







## TOURING and the HOME LIFE

Motorcycle touring to rallies and destinations has over the last five or so years become both a joy and a challenge. Claudine and I enjoy the trips very much but we are always glad to be back either to our camper

in Pennsylvania or our home in Elmer NJ. This season we concentrated on completing some things we wanted to do; sort of cleaning up loose ends, if you will.

June- Our first Americade. We had a great time.

July- Western PA Rally second year in a row. Nice people and sights followed by what was to be a hot air balloon ride over the middle falls at Letchworth State Park, that got cancelled due to unfavorable winds. But that's okay.

August/September -New England Retreads rally in NH. The AVA (American Voyager Association) canceled their rally there due to COVID back in 2020. We want to see that area, go to Mt Washington, and visit a friend in Maine. Gonna stop by Ausable Chasm on the way home.

We've got lots lined up and lots to do. If all goes according to plan we will have made some pretty great memories before winter returns.

### ***"We must balance fun vacations with work life and home life."***

That said being that I am not set to retire just yet. We must balance fun vacations with work life and home life. Fortunately, I have worked for the same company for twenty-eight years, and consider the owners and some of my fellow employees as family. They are great about scheduling time off.

I'm not sure, even if I had funding and time, I would like the idea of doing a cross country trip on two wheels. I personally really don't appreciate highway riding unless absolutely necessary. Droning down an interstate is both boring and really tiresome. The thought of making a cross country trip using as many state roads as possible would take several weeks to actually enjoy the ride.

Then there's the home life. Who is taking care of our cats and property? I actually have the best neighbor who looks after us in our absence. But it's a little unfair to close the door and hope the cats are okay for extended periods. About 9 or 10 days seems more than enough to leave them bored and lonely. Some would argue that not having pets makes your life easier. As I write this, all of my three cats are in the same room hanging out with me. Our house is not a home without them.

I'm also privileged to own a camper in Waymart, PA where we spend many a weekend riding the motorcycle and our bicycles, sailing my Sunfish, kayaking, and hanging out

with the neighbors at campfires. I'm truly a lucky and blessed man.

As for me I think there are plenty of destinations within my time span that we have yet to see. The more I talk to my fellow Retreads the more I realize just how much fun you can have in a limited time.

### ***"I love to ride but I don't want to ride past things worth stopping for."***

In the last year or two we have very consciously tried to add in activities and destinations *off* the bike while visiting various states. I love to ride but I don't want to ride past things worth stopping for, simply for the sake of riding. Last year we had a great time at Letchworth State Park and also stopped by The National Soaring Museum for a glider ride. This year we stopped by the Piper Aircraft Museum enroute to the Western PA Rally as well as Hyner View State Park. Our recent Americade rally included stopping at Natural Stone Bridge and High Falls Gorge. All nice stops to stretch the legs and smell the roses. We also planned to spend a night with an old friend enroute to Western PA.

### ***"If we accomplish all we schedule to do this year, then where does 2023 lead us?"***

So the question on my mind recently is simply, "If we accomplish all we schedule to do this year, then where does 2023 lead us?" Maggie Valley has been calling for many years, as has Nova Scotia. Maybe the Ohio Valley. A tip of the iceberg really. Many places to revisit as well as exploring further in those places. The possibilities are pretty endless and all within a casual two day ride. The pictures posted from our friends in Greenville SC are nothing short of spectacular also.

I guess what becomes increasingly clear is I will need many years to see what my mind wants to see. Having my wife to accompany me on these journeys is a great icing on my cake. So this is my brain on a motorcycle.

### ***"What's your brain scheming?"***

What's your brain scheming and how many seasons do you still need to empty the bucket list? Not that that's even possible. I recently saw a post highlighting a patch that read "Adventure before Dementia". A sad state of aging but one I am determined to deny as long as I can. Don't wait until your retirement. With the current economy my 401K is falling faster than the cliff divers in Mazatlan. Life and time wait for nobody.

Hope to see you out there!  
Steve G



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# SMILES AND SMILES TO GO



*“The connection to place, to the land, the wind, the sun, stars, the moon... it sounds romantic, but it's true - the visceral experience of motion, of moving through time on some amazing machine - a few cars touch on it, but not too many compared to motorcycles. I always felt that any motorcycle journey was special.”*

Antoine Predock

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