



NJ Retreads Motorcycle Club

Newsletter for **JULY-AUGUST 2023**

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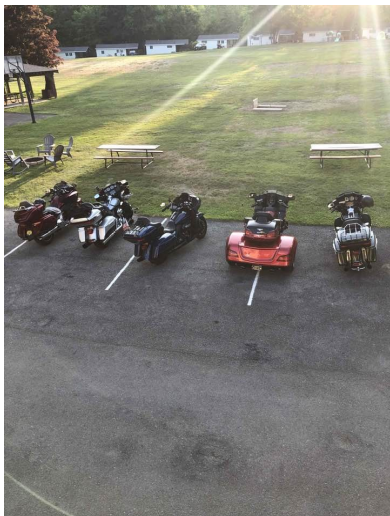
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Everywhere you go, take a smile with you!



The Delawarian

photo courtesy Tom Murray



Looking down
on what's looking up

photo courtesy Tom Murray



Joe's toes

photo courtesy Joe Holden

July-August Ride Schedule

SUNDAYS

Departure 9:00AM

July

2 Malaga Diner

9 Mays Landing Diner

16 Point 40 Diner

23 Vincentown Diner

30 Harrison House Diner

August

6 Elmer Diner

13 Point 40 Diner

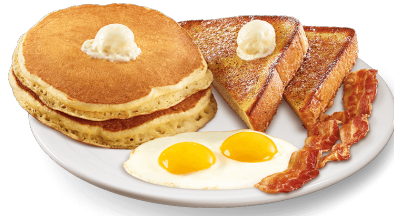
20 Pegasus Diner

27 Malaga Diner

HANDY TIP
Take a screen shot
with your phone to
keep your ride
schedule handy



BREAKFASTS
Arrive an hour early to
enjoy breakfast and
conversation



WEDNESDAYS

Departure 8:30AM

July

5 Point 40 Diner

12 Pegasus Diner

19 Harrison House Diner

26 Mays Landing Diner

August

2 Point 40 Diner

9 Vincentown Diner

16 Malaga Diner

23 Elmer Diner

30 Point 40 Diner



THE RULE ON FUEL

It is imperative to fuel up beforehand well prior to departure time. Ride leaders have planned routes and stops, We must do this to maintain schedule and a timely return home. Thank

Departure Points Information

Elmer Diner (6AM) - 41 Front Street, Elmer 08318 {856-358-3600}

Harrison House Diner (7AM) - 98 N Main St, Mullica Hill 08062 {856-478-6077}

Malaga Diner (6 AM) - 3443 Harding Hwy, Malaga 08328 {856-694-5640}

Mays Landing Diner (7AM) - 6177 Harding Hwy, Mays Landing 08330 {609-625-5051}

Pegasus Diner (7AM) - 445 Delsea Drive, Malaga 08328 {856-694-0500}

Point 40 Diner (7AM) - 761 U.S. 40, Monroeville 08343 {856-358-2882}

Vincentown Diner (7:30AM) - 2357 Rt 206, Vincentown 08088 {609-267-3033}

*"Don't wait around for other people to be happy for you.
Any happiness you get, you've got to make yourself." - Alice Walker*

NJ Retreads 2023 — Existing Member Renewal

Retreads Motorcycle Club International, Inc. - AMA Charter 3233

Renewing Member _____ 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: _____

NJ Retreads 2023 — New Applicants

Retreads Motorcycle Club International, Inc. - AMA Charter 3233

New 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. In case of bad weather we may do 'pop-up' rides on alternative days. [Stay tuned to social media](#) for up-to-the-minute news.

KICK STANDS UP (KSU): KSU - Departure times are strictly adhered because of planned routes and stops. Gear up, gas up, and get your engine fired up by the designated departure time. Be advised [we do not waver](#) from KSU time.

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

RIDE LEADERS: On any day, 1-3 routes may be available. Routes will be announced [following breakfast](#). Everyone is free to lead a ride. Choose a route or destination and take us there. We encourage more ride leaders. Speak with an officer or a ride leader to learn more.

COMMON RIDE PROTOCOLS: Motorcycling has risks. Respect the established protocols of the NJ State Police MotorCops. That is [staggered formation](#) and the [two-second rule](#). No side-by-side riding; no passing while in motion; allow a two second time-gap between you and the bike in front. If you do not understand these, we are happy to offer our best explanation.

RIDING WITH YOUR RIDE LEADER: Each ride leader has a style and focus, which could be: scenic, relaxed, destination, twisty, lively, etc. Each has a planned route and destination point in mind. In order to hold the group together, it is requested that riders keep up, and [move as a unit](#). If you are uncomfortable with route conditions or a ride-style, exit the ride! It's your right! Then find a ride leader whose style or focus suits you. Or lead a ride yourself.

MAKE EVERY RIDE YOUR RIDE: If you're uncomfortable for any reason, there's no pressure, nor need to explain. [At any time for any reason you may bow out of a ride](#). Assume responsibility for *your* ride, *your* abilities, *your* protective wear, *your* comfort level and the condition of *your* bike. Make every ride *your* ride. Also, even if you're only available a

*"Sometimes, you find yourself in the middle of nowhere.
And sometimes, in the middle of nowhere, you find yourself." - Unknown*



BIRTHDAYS

July

8 Ryan O'Rourke
12 Ray White
15 Jim Richardson
17 Maggie Voutsinas
24 Jen Richardson
29 Cindy DeStephano
29 Diane Easterday
30 Bruce Bermel

August

3 Tom Davies
4 Ron Secchiutti
8 Yardly Costa
9 Gayle Levinthal
9 Lois Murray
12 Manny Lugo
22 Lori Wells
24 Randy Hammond

NEW Departure Point

Vincentown Diner

Announcements

WELCOME NEW MEMBER !

Carl Donato of Vineland, NJ

ATTENTION RIDERS

We are expanding and seeking new members in the BURLINGTON and CAMDEN County areas

ATTENTION RIDERS IN BURLINGTON COUNTY

Springfield, Rancocas, Pemberton, Moorestown, Red Lion, Evesham, Tabernacle, Shamong, Buddtown, Chairville, Medford, Cinnaminson, Maple Shade, Timbuctoo and more!

ATTENTION RIDERS IN CAMDEN COUNTY

Berlin, Pennsauken, Somerdale, Collingswood, Gibbsboro, Tavistock, Audubon, Lawnside, Voorhees, Barclay, Haddonfield, Gloucester, Brooklawn, Runnemede, Lindenwold and more!

**JOIN THE
NEW JERSEY RETREADS
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**Find us on FACEBOOK Social Media
"Retreads of South Jersey"**

Of Airplanes and Motorcycles



What were you searching for?

Did you actually find it?

So how did you become a motorcyclist? For me it was a progression *away* from aviation. A year or two after high school I discovered a skydiving school at Burlington County Airport. I decided I wanted to try a couple parachute jumps, so I signed up for a *3 jump package*. I quickly realized although the thrill was amazing, it only lasted but a few minutes and you were back on the ground.

About that same time, they opened the dealership that sold me my first toy: my Eipper MX Ultralight Airplane. I flew it for 8 years until Bridgeport Airport closed, leaving me without a hangar. I ended up selling the Ultralight a year later. Realizing the idea of actually piloting a proper airplane was financially out of reach, I was now looking for something to fill the void. Enter my first motorcycle.

My first bike was an early 80s Honda V30 Magna. A fantastic learner bike and all-around fun. Although I always liked motorcycles, I didn't want to get one until I was a little older and had learned how to drive and the rules of the road. I was 26 when I bought the Honda. A year later I was involved in an accident with it and suffered a broken femur in my left leg. It took about a year to feel pretty normal again but I knew immediately I would get another bike.

That next bike was soon to be my now beloved '93 Electra Glide. Going from a 500cc Honda to the heavy Harley was a challenge, yet with some luck we have survived 30 years together! There are other bikes also.

The bottom line is when I got the Ultralight I was young and single. Not many would have shed a tear at my funeral so the dangers of flying were more tolerable to my mind. Although as it turned out, the only *big* injury I ever got was, ironically, on a motorcycle.

I guess I've always had a certain need for risk and reward, and a love of machines. My father was a car mechanic so I guess I come by that naturally. I've always felt that you need to fully enjoy life. And to do so you need to experience both the best and the worst of it. I've been to the high moments of joy and to many a funeral. Certainly, safety is a constant concern here in my older age, as I don't heal as easily nowadays. But it's been an amazing time and I wouldn't trade it for anything, including the broken leg!

I'm not sure if I'm still looking for something or not. Maybe the perfect day ride, but most likely just the happy piece of mind I get from a great day riding with Claudine on whatever nice backroad that presents itself. I guess the best life-lesson learned is simply to figure out what truly makes you happy every day, then try with all your strength and mental fortitude to achieve it. Spending time on a green tree-lined backroad with the wife is pretty priceless when your life's happiness is involved!

I wonder what my friends were looking for when they started out. What about you? Did you find it? I think I did, and I'm grateful for it all.

Hope to see you out there

Steve G

Steve Gallagher, Assistant State Director, NJ Retreads

Cook's Night Out

a success at

Carollo's Restaurant



A lively crowd of forty enjoyed a delicious dinner and plenty of laughs at our Spring '23 Cook's Night Out. This is always a treasured occasion because we can welcome back those snowbirds who'd gone riding southwards for the winter. And, it's a great time to reacquaint socially in a relaxed, non-riding environment. We had lots of smiles, great conversation and Alice Giunta won the 50/50.



"When you love what you have, you have everything you need." - Unknown

SMILES AND SMILES TO GO

“Count your age by friends, not years. Count your life by smiles, not tears.” - John Lennon



“For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness.” - R. W. Emerson

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