



NJ Retreads Motorcycle Club

Newsletter for **MARCH—APRIL 2023**

Greetings, riding friends! While we expect Spring to start soon, March has a notorious reputation for dishing out payback for a mild winter. Let's hope that isn't the case in '23. The sour taste of the past three years with its disruptions and challenges brought on with Covid, we're due for some normalcy and a big spoonful of honey. And for us, riding is our sweet remedy. I invite you to join in and discover the fire, flash, freshness, and friendship found in motorcycle riding with good people. I like to call it our "medicine in the wind".

Ray Denny Blew, Director - NJ Retreads

HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP

FRESH RIDE SCHEDULE

Check out our March & April ride schedule that contains new breakfast locations.

APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms to renew membership, as well as for newcomers. You are welcome to copy and distribute it to prospective members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the date, Saturday, April 29th for our indoor picnic.

REVISED MEMBER TIPS

To better understand what the New Jersey Retreads are all about, it's a good read on how and where we ride, and just how we see the riding experience.

BIRTHDAYS and WINTER PHOTOS

Do we have your birthday on file? If not, send it to our Membership Officer, Dave Somers. DavidSomers35@comcast.net

MOTORCYCLES ARE PEOPLE TOO

Did you know that motorcycles are like people? Check out Steve Gallagher's treatise on the similarities and differences between people and motorcycles.

SMILES & SMILES TO GO

RIDE SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

Sunday Departure Time
9AM Year-Round

March

5 Elmer Diner
12 Point 40 Diner (Daylight Savings Begins)
19 Mays Landing Diner
26 Vincentown Diner

April

2 Pegasus Diner
9 Point 40 Diner
16 Elmer Diner
23 Mays Landing Diner
30 Vincentown Diner



HANDY TIP

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

DINER SERVICE

The best diners are
those that serve us well
and in a timely
fashion: we're trying
out some new ones

BREAKFASTS

Arrive an hour early to
enjoy breakfast and
good conversation

WEDNESDAYS

Departure Time is 9:00AM
on March 1 & 8
then changes to
8:30AM on March 15th

March

1 Malaga Diner
8 Mays Landing Diner

**Departure Time Moves to
8:30AM until further notice**

15 Point 40 Diner
22 Harrison House
29 Elmer Diner

April

5 Pegasus Diner
12 Vincentown Diner
19 Point 40 Diner
26 Mays Landing Diner

FUEL UP BEFOREHAND !

Routes are planned and timed out. Rides depart strictly at the time specified.

NEW SPRING DEPARTURE LOCATIONS

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

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

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

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: ____/____/____

SAVE THIS DATE!

**Saturday,
April 29th**



NJ RETREADS SPRING PICNIC

We'll be having an indoor picnic at the

Alpha Gun Club, 442 Third St, Atco, NJ 08004

On Saturday, April 29th. Figure on early afternoon, exact time to be announced.

This is a "bring-your-own" event. Bring your own food, beverage and supplies. If you should bring some to share, that's cool, too, but not required at all. And thanks to the club, the cost of the facility rental fee is being covered. So it's made into a free event!

Thanks to Ray Gangluff for making the arrangements!

More details to follow as the date closes in.

TIPS FOR NEW (and all) MEMBERS

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

KICK STANDS UP (KSU): KSU=Departure. Departure times are strictly adhered because of planned routes and stops. 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 conversation 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 are available from which to choose. Routes are announced following breakfast. If you don't like the route, it's all about freedom. Make your own route by leading a ride. Choose a place you like to go 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. We respect the 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 WITH YOUR RIDE LEADER: Each ride leader has a style and focus: scenic, relaxed, foodie, destination, twisty, lively, etc. Ride leaders have planned routes and destination points to get through. Riders are to keep up with their leader in order to keep the group together, moving as a unit. If you are uncomfortable with a style not your taste, that's a sign to exit the ride: and it's your right! Then find 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, nor need to explain. At *any time* for *any reason* you may bow out of a ride. 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. Life has its appointments, discomforts and surprises. If you're only available a portion of the day, come ride and peel off when needed.

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.

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

4 Frank Monteleone

5 Sandy Lisicki

7 Carolyn Kohl

7 Andrea Coughlin

11 Dale Beloff

19 Jim Wells

25 Alice Giunta

31 Keith Silva

APRIL

1 Karen Secchiutti

5 Gavin Webster

19 Alice Dougherty

27 Bruce Anderson

27 Ray Weise

29 Jim Dougherty



FACEBOOK **Retreads of South Jersey**

Motorcycles are people too.



Motorcycles are people too! It's a pretty corny political phrase reworked but I doubt they will care about my plagiarism.

So did you ever own a bike for 30 years? Well I have, and the similarities of bike ownership and then being another 30 years older with it are quite a life experience. Time marches on. So when you buy a new bike at age 30, and keep it until you're looking in the mirror at age 60, things change.

The bike of mention is a Harley-Davidson. The best advice my brother ever gave me was to buy the Electra Glide Tour Classic instead of the Electra Glide Sport, because the Tour Classic left nothing to upgrade to.

When I was 30 and the bike ... new, we were both young and ready to try anything. We learned our lessons the hard way. It's called life. Before you know it you're 40 and the bike is 10. Nothing too scary except noticing you're not so young anymore: nothing a little maintenance won't cure. The paint on us both is getting a little dull and scratched but we still run just fine.

Next, I'm 50 and the bike is 20. The guy in the mirror has to admit he isn't 30 anymore. The cost of maintenance keeps going up and must be more carefully monitored. And as the bike is developing patina, I get wrinkles and develop a pot belly.

At 55 and 25 my bike qualifies for classic plates. Both showing our age. A decline in book value. It's just a rider and his old friend: yet neither quite considered a collectible.

By Christmas 2022 I was staring down 60 and the bike turns 30 in May '23. This morning I started the bike after a couple months rest and it fired up as always. Took close to 20 miles to get fully hot and exercised to become the bike I know and love. It's the equivalent of 4 cups of coffee and a shower to get your butt moving in the morning. In other words we both have *old guy* issues.

The biggest differences and parallels are as follows.

- ◆ Bikes are less expensive to insure as time goes by; people not so much.
- ◆ Some bike parts get harder to find, and the price goes up some. But just like people, there are some parts that cannot be reproduced.
- ◆ Bikes can be fully restored to almost as good as new. I wish I could.
- ◆ Bikes can easily be traded in and replaced, but just like a good friend, you never forget a good bike. I will never sell this one. So for me, that will not apply.
- ◆ People have more issues as time goes on, and must be fixed right away, because unlike a bike, I need fixing now: I can't just languish in the garage, patiently waiting for *someday*.
- ◆ People just don't become sought after collectibles unless your name is Sinatra or such.

The bottom line is motorcycles are people, too! Your old bike is a lot like you. Treat both well and you'll be rewarded with a good life. I really hope my bike out-lives me and someone enjoys its ownership after my time is due or I physically can't ride it anymore. I will happily give it to them.

Hope to see you out there. After I've had a good warm up and some maintenance, that is!

Steve G

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"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you; spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life." - A. Poehler

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THANKS! - A great big thanks to our former officers who have helped us continue on:
Jim Wells, Sam Beloff and Jim Dougherty.