



NJ Retreads Motorcycle Club

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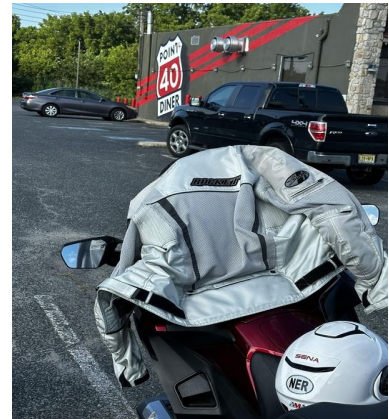
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Everywhere you go, take a smile along

To Prospective Members

We are an easy-going group of motorcyclists who do day rides throughout the local tri-state areas. We ride twice a week: Wednesdays and Sundays (and sometimes more). We go year round as long as the roads are dry. All brands are welcome. We ask little more than your good company and a very nominal annual dues. If you are age 40 and above, we invite you to join us. Read the contents herein to see the simplicity of what we are about.



Breakfast Time



Break Time



Lunch Time

Sept-Oct Ride Schedule

SUNDAYS

Departure 9:00AM

September

3 Mays Landing Diner
10 Point 40 Diner
17 Vincentown Diner
24 Harrison House Diner

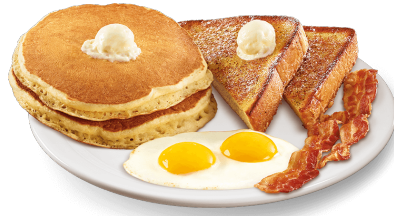
October

1 Elmer Diner
8 Point 40 Diner
15 Pegasus 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

September

6 Point 40 Diner
13 Pegasus Diner
20 Malaga Diner
27 Mays Landing Diner

October

4 Point 40 Diner
11 Vincentown Diner
18 Harrison House Diner
25 Elmer Diner



THE RULE ON FUEL

It is imperative to fuel up beforehand well prior to departure time. Ride leaders have planed 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}

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing." - Walt Disney

!!! SAVE THIS DATE !!!

Saturday, December 2nd

2023 New Jersey Retreads Holiday Party

To be held Saturday, December 2nd in a private room at Vineland's premier restaurant, Maplewood III. This will be an early afternoon, sit-down, three-course full dinner at \$34 per person. Cash bar.

Sign-ups will open around October 1st (forms will be mailed to you in advance), showing entrée choices and more details. Seating is limited, and verbal reservations are not accepted. So, for your convenience, around October 1st, we will be mailing you two very important documents:

*** 2023 Holiday Party Reservation Form**

*** 2024 NJ Retreads Membership Renewal Form**

Please fill these out, be certain to include your remittances, and mail them right away to the address provided on the forms.



NJ Retreads 2024 — Renewal for EXISTING MEMBER

Retreads Motorcycle Club International, Inc. - AMA Charter 3233

Join now and get it done: applications completed as of Sept 1st '23 are grandfathered in for '24

Member _____ Co-Member _____ 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: _____

(Note—We have your contact info on file. If anything has changed, make note on reverse side.)

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

NJ Retreads 2024 — NEW APPLICANT

Retreads Motorcycle Club International, Inc. - AMA Charter 3233

Applications completed as of Sept 1st 2023 get you membership now and for all of 2024

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

Street Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phones _____ Email _____

Applicant Birthdate ____/____/____ 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 and MAKING EVERY RIDE YOUR RIDE: 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. 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 portion of the day, come ride, and peel off when you want.

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



BIRTHDAYS

September

09/01 Cindy Monteleone
09/04 Carol Somers
09/06 Gail Pearson
09/06 John McCurnin
09/06 Steven Stepp
09/07 Myron Fegley
09/09 Nick Marino
09/10 George Muller
09/10 Al Lisicki
09/14 Dom Shterban
09/17 Andrea Wells
09/18 Richard Redrow
09/19 Stan Ware
09/22 Joan Blew
09/25 Gary Jones
09/29 Curley Pearson

October

10/02 George Capua
10/02 Sam Beloff
10/05 Pam Jurga
10/18 Tom Keller
10/25 Joe Holden
10/26 David Cope
10/26 Bob Easterday

Announcements

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Roger Anderson, Elmer

Stephen Becker, Williamstown
JoAnn Becker, Williamstown

Gary Grzyb, Wenonah
Gianna Grzyb, Wenonah

Mario Masano, Mullica Hill
JoAnn Masano, Mullica Hill

ATTENTION RIDERS

We are expanding and seeking new members in the BURLINGTON and CAMDEN County areas. JOIN THE NEW JERSEY RETREADS E-Z Application page 4

FACEBOOK "Retreads of South Jersey"



Carefree Highway

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Most of you know this 70s Gordon Lightfoot song. It's a beautifully done tune, which for me is a perfect *road* song. But it's funny that this is a favorite of mine as it often pops up in the jukebox of my mind, because the story and emotions expressed are about as polar opposite to the way I prefer to live my life that is to live happily, and the way my reality has played out so far.



But music has always held a tight grip on my mind as the days and riding miles go by. As the weather warms and the miles flow freely, it's just a cathartic combination for me. This particular song, *Carefree Highway*, is about the breakup of a relationship, describing a man slipping out the door, leaving everything behind, to start anew.

His Carefree Highway is absolutely not mine. First of all, I dislike highways, unless they're absolutely necessary. The last thing I'd ever like to do is slip out on my life to start anew, when I have spent years attaining the things that make me a happy person. As is the case at times, there are songs I'd like to rewrite to suit my own vision of life, such as with relationships, politics, and so forth. Of course, if I wrote it, it would be closer to Weird Al Yankovic than Gordon Lightfoot, so there's that issue.

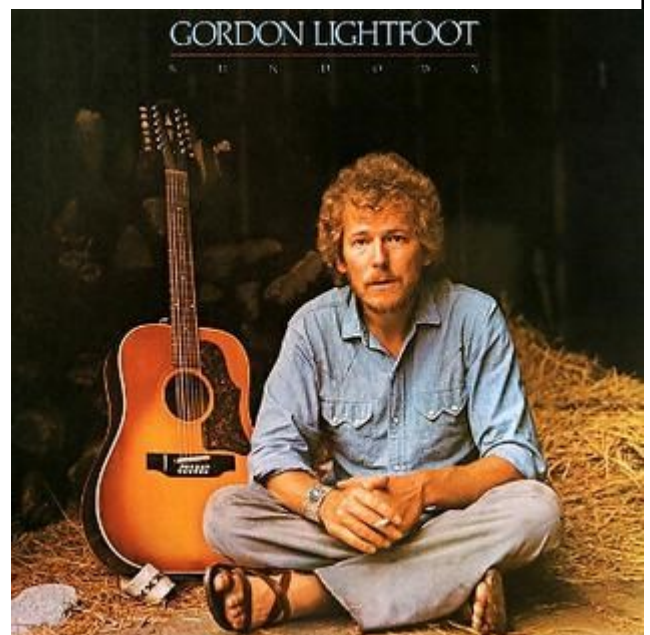
I guess if you're a music fan, you have this same feeling at times. As I've stated repeatedly before, I believe music and motorcycles reserve a similar space in the mind. Either one takes you to a different place in this world, if only temporarily.

As for *my* Carefree Highway, you'll find me on tree-lined back roads with the love of my life sitting behind me. Then happily back at our home together in the evening, enjoying the good life, whether it's my chair with a cat in my lap, or maybe a campfire with the neighbors at our camper. Carefree indeed!

I wish you all whatever Carefree Highway that works for you, and hope you are so blessed.

Hope to see you out there
Steve G

So I wrote this draft May 1st, 2023, as the news came that Gordon Lightfoot had passed away at age 84. RIP Gordon, and thanks for the great music.



SMILES AND SMILES TO GO



2023 OFFICERS

R. Denny Blew, State Director— 856 498 9208 Steve Gallagher, Asst State Director — 856 297 4141
David Somers, Membership Officer — 609 226 2330 Claudine Gallagher, Club Photographer

TRIBUTE

Farewell to long time Retreader, Don Reola, who left this world on July 16th, 2023. Goodbye, old friend. May we meet again someday on a ride in the skies.

