



RETREADS[®]

Motorcycle Club

December, 2023

TUCSON
ARIZONA

Monthly meetings: 2nd Sunday of each month

When: Breakfast @ 8:00 AM, Meeting @ 8:30 AM

Location: Golden Corral Buffet & Grill 6865 N. Thornydale Road, Tucson, AZ

November meeting notes:

We had a new member join - Richard Hanes. We welcomed our other new member Brian Estees. We also had several members who have been absent for a while attend. Nice to have the group back! Roger Deevers reminded us with the cooler weather to take our tire pressure measurement in the morning (also fill up tires in the AM). He also said to check your tires ages. Date code is on the side and it denotes the week of production and year. IE. 2323 would be the 23 week of the year and manufactured in 2023. Recommended age of tires is 7 years however with our dry climate we suspect in Tucson to check that time interval may be too long. Good idea to check your tires periodically for defects. Judy Aitken clarified that for the 4 corners rally - the tour into the canyon is on May 1st so you need to be in Chinle on April 30 if you want to be on the canyon tour. December Taco Sunday will be led by Dave Piper and meeting location will be Benson Highway and Park (AM/PM Gas station). We went over the instructions for the road clean up (hat, long sleeves, sun screen, closed toed shoes/boots, bright clothing). We will not be picking up heavy items, furniture, tires, etc. Wear gloves and use pickers as we do not want anyone to be bitten by inserts, snakes, rodents, etc. We will have vehicles stages at both ends of the route with flashers so drivers know to slow down. Once we are done with the clean up we will go to Circle S for lunch. Christmas party is set December 16th. You must pre-pay and notify Cecilia and Jeff if you plan to attend so we can order the appropriate amount of food. If you want to bring salad (tossed, fruit, macaroni, potato, pasta, etc) instead of dessert that is appreciated. Jim and Dorene Rohlman will be collecting new, unwrapped toys, gift cards for the Salvation army gift drive. Remember it is children of all ages (0-18 years). Collection will be at next month's meeting (December 10) and Christmas part (December 16). We also collect socks (new) for the homeless veteran program (VA) - Rebecca takes those donations for our club. We had our AMA service award (Rebecca Hartman for all the work she does for our club as the assistant representative and taking our donations to homeless Vet program, community food bank and Ronald McDonald house (pop tabs)). The AMA safety award (Lee Aitken for his continued advice on safety training courses, safety reminders and safety statistics). We appreciate all of our members in keeping all of us informed and updated on issues and concerns we all have a motorcycle riders. We sang Happy Birthday to our November Birthday members. Next month's meeting is December 10, 2023.

Special Thank you to Jim Thompson. He spoke to all of our Veterans and how honored we are that they are in our club! He asked those at the meeting to stand and receive the applause they deserve. And how much we appreciate/appreciated their service to our Country.

Thank you again!!!

Jeff & Cecilia Murch





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Roger Deevers, Safety Officer

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MISTAKES

There are many mistakes motorcycle riders make but experienced riders most often make these five.
5 MISTAKES EXPERIENCED RIDERS MAKE.

1. **Improper Use of Vision:** Vision is the most critical skill we can develop for riding a motorcycle. The two most critical locations on the road where we make mistakes are at intersections and when we're cornering. Scan intersection and be ready for instant action. Anticipate danger around blind corners and curves.

2. **Failing to Predict Danger (Situational Awareness):** Our brains are constantly analyzing trends in an effort to make predictions. The brain performs this function in an effort to predict danger and maximize our self-preservation. Predicting danger within our environment means we need to identify, process, and comprehend the critical elements of information about what is happening to survive our ride.

3. **Overestimate Riding Abilities (Riding Within Limits):** To be successful riders, we'll need to be able to understand the difference between the risks we are taking and the skills we actually possess: risk offset. Know your risk offset. Being self critical helps to avoid errors.

4. **Underestimate Effects of Aging:** We spend billions of dollars in this country to try to stop and even reverse the effects of aging. If we misunderstand the effect aging is having on our ride, we can unwittingly add risk to our ride. Many of us are getting there or have already arrived.

5. **Accepting More Risk Through Less Riding Gear:** Personal protective equipment designed for motorcycling is necessary to reduce our risk and increase riding enjoyment. The less we wear, the more we increase our risk. Dress for the crash. When flesh meets pavement, pavement emerges the winner and is a harsh teacher.

Ride safe and avoid mistakes. Roger

AMA Service and Safety Awards

Congratulations to Rebecca Hartman this year's recipient of the AMA Service Award and Lee Aitken this year's recipient of the AMA Safety Award.



November Ride Reports

Saturday November 5th Nichel's Diner Rio Rico, AZ

22 Retreads came to breakfast at Nickels Diner in Rio Rico. A perfect day. The ride down to Rio Rico was cool but warmed up by the time we arrived at the restaurant. We were seated on the patio with heaters. Service was great and everyone enjoyed the food and conversation. We all scattered to the wind after breakfast. The ride home was warm - 88 degrees. This is why we love our "Fall and Winters". Dixie, John, Rich H., Marty & Shirley, Brian E., David A., Dan & Aina, Jim & Dorene, Judd & Sue, Louis & Verna, Richard F., Roy & Lisa, Nick & Doris, Jeff & Cecilia. *Submitted by Cecilia Murch*



Friday November 10th Veterans Day Parade Tucson, AZ

We had 7 motorcycles and 1 vehicle attend the Veterans Day Parade. Dennis Johnson, Rich Printz, Judd and Sue Starr, Evan and Pam Downs, Jim Rohlman, Louis and Verna Feltz, and Jeff and Cecilia rode their motorcycles in the Veterans Day Parade (celebrated on Friday, November 10). John and Ellen McVay enjoyed the parade from the bus bench along the parade route. Once the parade began and ended we all readied ourselves for lunch. Lunch was at Coyote Pause Cafe. Everyone enjoyed the meal although a couple were directly under the ceiling fan (which made for a cool lunch). We all scattered to the winds after lunch. Thanks for Dennis and Arylce Johnson for making the lunch reservations. *Submitted by Cecilia Murch*



Wednesday November 15th Tag's Cafe Coolidge, AZ

A lively group met at Oracle & Magee for a fairly hot ride to Tag's in Coolidge. We split the group and Dan led the first pack - did not lose anyone and arrived just SECONDS before the second pack led by Aina. There were 16 bikes, but the trikes were dominant. We had 23 Retreads at the restaurant: Willie & Bev met us there since they live at Picacho Peak. Other newer or long time missing were Richard Hanes and Dave Oman. Connie Bean brought her granddaughter, Electra (Ellie), and Dale Russell introduced his new companion, Shawn Leake from Oregon. Others in the group were Dennis, Arlyce, Ken & Kathie Johnson, John Hlady, Richard Flax, Richard Printz, Jeff Murch, Jack & Jean Scott, Lee Davis, Jim & Jayne Ronfeldt, and Dan & Aina Dickerson. After lunch, we scattered to the winds, but some went back to I-10 and followed the frontage roads back. *Submitted by Aina Dickerson*



November Ride Reports

Friday November 17th Karichimaka Ladies Lunch Tucson, AZ

The weather was perfect so two ladies rode their bikes and members came from all over the area. The place was pretty empty when we got there, but a huge group came in as we were getting our food and filled the back area up. They had put on extra help and our waitress, Isamar, was GREAT! The food was good and we all had a wonderful time visiting from one end of the table to the other. We missed Ellen D., Pam D., and Cecilia who had to cancel. Those present were: Dixie, Nancy T., Nancy J., Sue, Edna, Dodie, Ramona, Judy, Rebecca, Arlyce, Kathie, and Aina. Wonderful time! Thanks to Becca for taking the picture. *Submitted by Aina Dickerson*



Sunday November 19th Road Clean Up

Wow! Wow! We had 20 hardy souls (Lee & Judy Aitken, Louis & Verna Feltz, Derryl & Lek Bates, Roy & Lisa Woolard, Dennis & Arlyce Johnson, Judd & Sue Starr, Barbara Darr, Dale Russell, John Hlady and Jeff & Cecilia) who braved the morning fog to come out for our road clean up. Once we were on Avra Valley road past the airport the fog cleared and the skies were as blue as can be. We caravanned to the Avra Valley road and Anway (restaurant at the corner). We had a large enough group that we could stage at the beginning, middle and end and work towards each other. Aina was terrific - bringing water and checking on everyone. We did run out of bags, Aina made a bag run. Ron and Kay Brewster live in the area and donated some bags for the cause. There were spots where it was pretty messy but overall not too bad (in my opinion). We will have to see how it looks in March 2024. Photo is missing Jack Scott, Sue Starr, Derryl Bates, Brian Estees John Hlady, Aina Dickerson, Arlyce Johnson, and Dixie Hayes-Cornia. *Submitted by Cecilia Murch*



Sunday November 19th Taco Sunday Circle S Saloon Marana, AZ

Imagine walking into the Circle S Saloon and finding a table filled with Retreads (10:30 AMish). Then Dave Piper arrived with his Voyager contingent. Add in the other members who arrived and we packed and overwhelmed the staff. There were only 2 waitresses for the entire building. We must be better at communication! Thankfully we have been coming to Circle S for a while however they would have had more staff had they known we were going to be 53 strong. We joked that I should have held a meeting - as we had more than enough for a quorum. Several members who we don't often see at our monthly meetings were in attendance. I was able to renew registrations and collect for the Christmas party. There is not room to list everyone and the photo only has a portion of the Taco Sunday attendees -- but we enjoyed visiting and relaxing before we headed home. *Submitted by Cecilia Murch*



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Thursday November 30th Eva's Mexican Restaurant Casa Grande, AZ

On a cool November 30th 19 Riders on 15 Bikes wound through cactus, roared straight through farmland, rode around some Indian reservation mountains on the way to Eva's Fine Mexican Food in Casa Grande and started back through a pecan orchard. Those attending the gala occasion were Roy and Lisa Woolard, David Ameigh, Dale Russell, John McVay, Marty and Shirley Jopson, Louis and Verna Feltz, Charlie Broder, John Hlady, Bill Dufner, Dave and Patty Piper, Rick Paulik, Dan Dickerson, Brian Estes, Dixie Jo Hayes and Richard Flax. (Yes, Dave Piper insisted on Dairy Queen on way home.) *Submitted by Richard Flax*



December Ride Schedule

Date	Sunday, December 3, 2023	Wednesday, December 6, 2023
Meet Time	08:00:00 AM	11:00:00 AM
Meet Location	Circle K at Ajo and Kinney Road	Speedway Gas Station Magee and Oracle
Ride Contact	Jeff and Cecilia	Dan Dickerson
Contact phone	520-603-3579 / 520-603-4350	520-297-6884
Contact e-mail	TucsonArizonaRep@aol.com	Scooterdan@msn.com
Destination	Richie's Cafe 520-444-7467	La Casita 520-487-9980
Address	9700 W. Ajo Highway	400 SR-77
City	Tucson, Arizona	Mammoth, Arizona
Notes	At Ryan airfield	
Date	Thursday, December 7th, 2023	Saturday, December 9, 2023
Meet Time	10:00:00 AM	11:00:00 AM
Meet Location	Speedway Rancho Vistoso & Oracle	Speedway Twin Peaks & Tangerine
Ride Contact	Robbin Bruning	Richard Flax
Contact phone	303-710-7845	740-412-1080
Contact e-mail	rsbruning@gmail.com	Rflax104@gmail.com
Destination	Porters Saloon and grill	Cadillac Chaparral 520-825-9677
Address	695 Main St	47621 E Ballesta Road
City	Superior, AZ	Tucson, Arizona
Notes		Grilled steak, chicken, etc.
Date	Tuesday, December 12, 2023	Saturday, December 16, 2023
Meet Time	11:30 at restaurant	4-9 PM
Meet location	Culinary Dropout	Retreads Holiday Party
Ride Contact	Aina Dickerson	Jeff and Cecilia Murch
Contact phone	520-297-6884	520-603-4350 / 520-603-3579
Contact e-mail	Scooterdan@msn.com	TucsonArizonaRep@aol.com
Destination	Culinary Dropout 520-203-0934	Tucson Estates Club house
Address	2543 E. Grant Road	5900 W. Western Way Circle
City	Tucson, Arizona 85716	Tucson, Arizona
Notes	Bring sweater if you tend to be cool	Our holiday celebration – all welcome!

Date Sunday, December 17th Taco Sunday

Kick Stands Up 10:00 AM

Meet location ARCO Park and Benson Hwy.

Ride Contact Dave Piper

Contact phone 443-878-5200

Contact e-mail piperduke0637@yahoo.com

Destination Circle S Saloon

Address 16021 W. El Tiro Road

City, Zip Code Marana, AZ 85653

Notes Taco special (other food too)



December Birthdays

Robert Stark	12/1	Gwen Start	12/13
Joe Donahue	12/3	Connie Bean	12/17
Edie Feasel	12/3	Dellanie Fragnoli	12/18
Lek Bates	12/3	Norberto Castro	12/18
Keith Moyer	12/4	Richard Hanes	12/20
Richard Flax	12/5	Merry Christmas	12/25
Dale Russell	12/9	Kathleen Bohnhoff	12/26
Ronald Bohnhoff	12/11	Mel Feasel	12/27
Bev Wilson	12/12	Rich Gilbert	12/30

Retread's Marketplace

The Retreads is a club for motorcycle enthusiasts 40 years old plus. We don't care what you ride
Membership is \$20 per single and \$25 per couple.

If you are a member of the AMA please send me your Member ID and expiration Date. This helps us lower our insurance when we put on rallies and sanctioned events. If you can forward this information it would be greatly appreciated. Jeff & Cecilia Murch

Members may submit information about rides, items for sale, motorcycle articles, etc. to the newsletter editor TucsonRtrdnews@gmail.com no later than the 20th of each month. The Tucson Area Rep. and the newsletter editor reserve the right to edit all materials submitted for newsletter publication.

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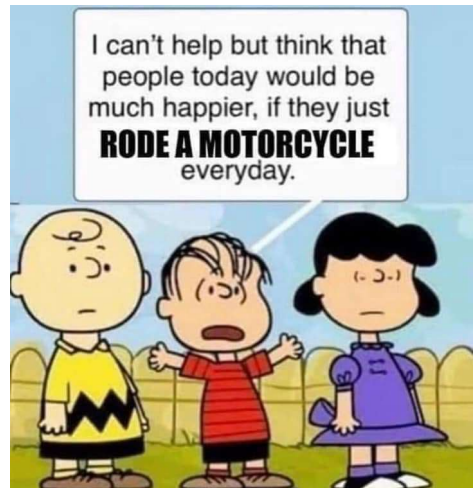
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