



# RETREADS®

## Motorcycle Club

JUNE  
2018

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**Monthly meetings: 2nd Sunday of each month -- Golden Corral,  
6865 N. Thornydale Road, Tucson, AZ**

**April thru September 8:00 am October thru March 9:00 am**

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The Retreads is a club for motorcycle enthusiasts 40 years old plus. We don't care what you ride. Membership is \$15.00 per single and \$20.00 per couple. Members may submit information about rides, items for sale, motorcycle articles, etc. no later than the 1st of the month to the newsletter editor: Mary-Ellen Tyndall, [TucsonRtrdNews@aol.com](mailto:TucsonRtrdNews@aol.com). The Tucson Area Rep. and the newsletter editor reserve the right to edit all materials submitted for newsletter publication.

### RIDE SCHEDULE

#### July Rides

**Saturday, July 2, 8 AM** Breakfast at TTT (5451 E. Benson Hwy, Tucson, AZ 85756 520.574.0961) Meet at 8AM  
Contact: Dwight Irwin 520-574-9670 or [keek9553@gmail.com](mailto:keek9553@gmail.com)

**Sunday, July 8, 5:30AM**  
Regular monthly meeting @ Golden Corral (6865 N Thornydale) @ 8AM. *Ride before meeting meet at AM/PM Benson Hwy & Park. Ride Saquaro West, Picture*

**Wednesday, July 11, 7AM**  
Breakfast ride to 3 Points Restaurant (9470 S. Sasabe Hwy, Tucson, Az 85736 520.908.0770). Meet at AM/PM, Benson Hwy & Park Ave. Contact: OPEN

**Saturday, July 14, 5:30AM**  
Breakfast ride G-Ma D's Cafe(100 S. Haskell Ave. Willcox, AZ. 520.766.0471) Meet at I-10 and Wilmot  
Contact: Jeff Murch 520.603.3579

**Wednesday, July 18, 6AM** Breakfast ride. Reb's Café (1020 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Benson, AZ 85602, 520.586.3856) Meet at Chevron, I-10 & Wilmot. Contact: OPEN

**Saturday, July 21, 6 PM**  
Gaslight Theatre. Gnatman. Need to know who is interested so we can purchase tickets ahead of time. Contact: Jeff Murch 520.603.3579 or [TucsonArizonarep@aol.com](mailto:TucsonArizonarep@aol.com)

**Wednesday, July 25, 6:30AM**  
Breakfast ride to Sunny D's Restaurant (424 N. Huachuca Blve, Huachuca City, AZ. 520.255.7468). Meet at Chevron I-10 & Wilmot Contact: OPEN

**Saturday, July 28, 7PM**  
Desert Museum at Night. 2021 N. Kinney Rd, Tucson, AZ 87743. 520.883.2702). Open until 10PM. Meet at AM/PM, Benson Hwy & Park Ave. Contact: Jeff Murch 520.603.3579 or [TucsonArizonarep@aol.com](mailto:TucsonArizonarep@aol.com)

**Please call the contact names indicated for each ride if you are going to participate. Times Shown are Departure Times. Be Fueled up and Ready to Go**



## Ride Reports

### International Rally

We traveled with Marty Jopson, Lee Davis and ourselves to St. Joseph, Missouri for the International Rally. On our second day we got hit with a heat wave, so we found a hotel and headed for our rooms. Our bikes said 100-105 while traveling the last leg to the hotel and we were sure glad to be in the cool of the hotel for the evening. We arrived a day early to St. Joseph and did some sight seeing on our own (gave us a chance to scout out the area). It was a fun time. We all got to see Dave's new bike! We went to all the points of interest and sure were amazed at all the "antiques" in the museums. Only problem was some of us still have the implements and devices they had in the museum! Boy how to feel old!

Here are the Tucson Retreads who attended the International rally:

Dave, Marty , Lee , Dale & Rosemary, Ron & Candy , Earl & Liz , Chuck & Cindy, Rick and Donna, John & Ellen, Tom & Gail, Bob & Annette (Liz's sister & brother in law), Jeff & Cecilia.

A new motorcycle for Liz Rose



A new motorcycle for Dave Piper



**Safety Concerns**  
**Roger Deevers, Safety Officer**  
**HAVE A NICE SUMMER**



On my recent solo motorcycle trip to Iowa I stayed overnight in Amarillo, Texas. It can get rather cold in that part of Texas, I found out, even toward the end of May. I started early in the morning expecting temperatures to warm as the sun was rising in the East. The temperatures stayed in the high 40s for hours. Stopping for fuel, I went into the convenience store to warm up. A hot beverage would be nice but I avoid coffee because of the effects of caffeine. Hot chocolate sounded good. Yes, chocolate has caffeine too but not as much as the usual cup of coffee. Turns out my selection was a poor choice because of the amount of sugar in the beverage. I'm hypoglycemic. Proceeding east on I-40, I eventually fell victim to the effect of the sugar. My blood sugar dropped and I began to feel very, very groggy. A exit came available where there was virtually no traffic and I could get off the bike and recover. Fortunately I had purchased some mixed nuts at a truck stop a couple of fuel stops back. A handful of well chewed nuts, and some water had me in recovery mode within a few minutes. The protein in the nuts stabilized my blood sugar. That was a good lesson for me and perhaps sharing my experience can benefit someone else too.

**From the AMA:**

**'WASHINGTON, D.C. - Motorcyclist traffic fatalities were down 5.6 percent in 2017**, with 296 fewer deaths than in 2016, according to a preliminary report issued in May by the Governors Highway Safety Administration. The report, *Motorcyclist Traffic Fatalities by State: 2017 Preliminary Data*, projected that 4,990 people died in motorcycle

crashes during 2017. Among the leading factors cited as contributing to motorcycle crashes: alcohol or drug impairment, distraction and the aging riding population. The GHSA said more states are considering ignition interlocks to reduce impaired driving. The group also is advocating for universal helmet laws. The AMA strongly encourages helmet use but believes that adults should have the right to voluntarily decide when to wear a helmet.

It's summer now but I feel vulnerable without protective equipment. I don't care how hot it is I wear the helmet, armored jacket and gloves. Recently I had misplace my gloves and riding without them felt weird. Keep up those good habits and remember that head check when changing lanes, merging *and* at intersections, even knowing you have the right of way. Happy, safe summer riding.

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### **Thank you Lee and Judy for sharing your wonderful experience.**

Lee and Judy just returned yesterday from a cross country trip from Tucson to Los Angeles, California, on their motorcycles, then joined 1,600 VietnNam Veterans and other Vets to do the "Run For The Wall" ride from L.A. To Washington D.C. It's a healing ride for all our vets, and the 'mission' is accomplished at the Vietnam Wall in Washington D.C. ([www.rftw.us](http://www.rftw.us)) A total of 6,543 miles. An amazing, exhilarating, exhausting experience! Here is their story.

This year, our 30th anniversary of the Run, we started out with approx. 1,600 riders in L.A., we split up into three groups - about 500 go the Southern Route - through Texas, Louisiana, 500 go the Central Route, through New Mexico, Kansas, West Virginia, and the rest to Midway Route, through Oklahoma, Tennessee. We had to ride really close up, it is pretty tough, but they want to keep us from being strung out over the freeway. As is, we are about four miles long. We go 5 miles under the speed limit, so most of the time are traveling at 70 mph. Can't take your eyes off the motorcycle plate ahead of you. Lots of 'rubber-banding' the entire time.

Judy was an Ambassador, stopping at the overpasses to thank the people who come to stand in the heat or rain to put up flags, cheer and wave as the pack goes through. Lee was a Road Guard, stopping cars at on-ramps as the pack goes by, then racing past the pack (at 135 mph) to another on-ramp. He is responsible for the pack getting to DC safe.

As we travel through the US, we stop at various War Memorials, also Veteran's Hospitals to visit old, sick vets. They love it. At each stop for breakfast, lunch and dinner all meals are provided - donated by the towns people of whatever city we are in, or the VFWs. Most of our gas is also donated by various motorcycle clubs.

At almost every overpass, people are out, with flags and signs saying, "Thank you" and waving, as we go through. Also, each town we stay in for the evening, people line the street, for a 'parade' through, again with signs and flags. Absolutely amazing.

This entire trip was for the Veterans. It is not a pleasure trip, it is not to see the beautiful scenery along the way. It is a mission. It is to promote healing among ALL veterans and their families and friends, to call for an accounting of all Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action (POW/MIA), to honor the memory of those Killed in Action (KIA) from all wars, and to support our military personnel all over the world.

It's to have a supportive atmosphere where the Vets can reflect and heal on the trip to the Viet Nam Memorial Wall. For all the Viet Nam Vets, as we travel across and see the "thank you" and "welcome home" signs on all freeway over passes, and during all the parades through each small town, was the first time they have been thanked for their service. Fortunately, we have learned a lot from the way our Vets were treated when they returned from that war. They were embarrassed to wear their uniform, or to even say they were over there. The emotion that comes over the new guys who have never done the "Run" before - FNG's (Friendly New Guy's) is sometimes overwhelming. A lot had to pull over to the side of the road and cry. We have several Chaplains along that stop and give spiritual comfort to them.

We have a "Missing Man formation" on each segment. The first two motorcycles are the Route Coordinator and his assistant, riding side by side. The next is a lone Motorcycle rider with no one riding next to him. This is the "missing

man". It is quite an honor to be able to ride the Missing Man formation, and you need to be somber in that riding position. No waving to the people. I was able to ride in it. Wow, it's an eerie feeling, almost like you can feel someone there next to you. Then after that is the "pack", the platoons that have about 25 in each platoon.

At each breakfast, lunch, and dinner there is a "POW" table. A lone small table with a complete setting - plate, napkin, silverware, and glasses waiting for our POW's and MIA's to return home. This table is symbolic of members of the armed forces who have become prisoners of war in foreign countries as well as those who are missing and unaccounted for. The table with only one place setting is often symbolic of the lone veteran who isn't home when they should be: one empty chair, one inverted glass. It is symbolic of all missing persons.

At the Viet Nam Memorial Wall, again emotions broke out as memories came back, guys finding their best friends names on the wall, and the presentation of the plaque from the "Run For The Wall". Stories of hero's being told. MIA's family telling the heartaches of their missing father.

Another reason for the "Run" is to educate future generations as to the importance of accountability in wartime actions emphasizing that no one should be left behind.

The "Run" also joins "Rolling Thunder" in support of their demand for government accountability for POW/MIA's and to keep funding going to search for MIA's.

About 600,000 motorcycles do Rolling Thunder, and a lot of the "Run" people join them, all going together as a group. I was amazed when I left Tucson, telling people I was going to do the "Run" and "Rolling Thunder" and none had heard about either one.

Mission accomplished!!! Then, the long trip back to Tucson, not as a group, but then, getting to see the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, the Smoky Mountains, and other great scenery and rides.

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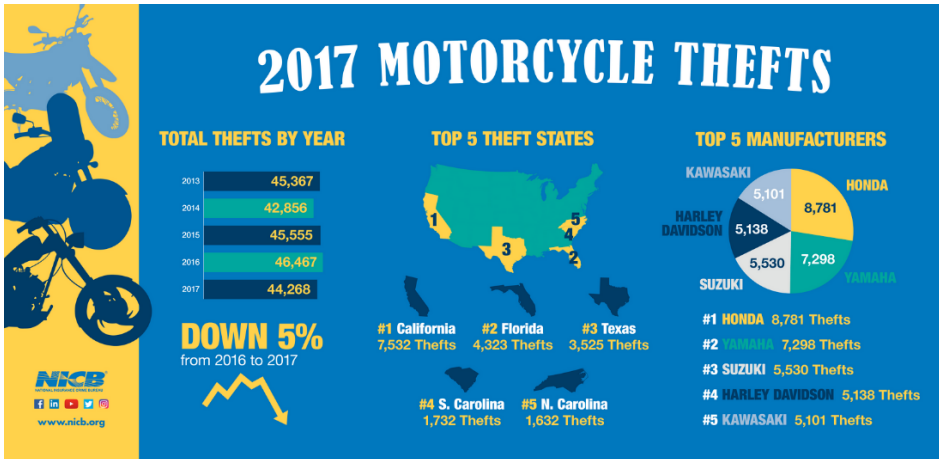
## **American Motorcyclist Association opposes profiling of motorcyclists Board of Directors adopts official position statement**

PICKERINGTON, OH – January 24, 2017 The American Motorcyclist Association Board of Directors has adopted and issued an official position statement objecting to the profiling of motorcyclists by government agencies, including judging riders on their chosen apparel, mode of transportation or associates, rather than specific behavior and actions.

“The AMA strongly condemns the profiling of motorcyclists by government agencies and has long championed the undeniable fact that the vast majority of riders and enthusiasts are upstanding, law-abiding citizens,” the statement reads.

“Several states have considered bills aimed at curtailing the profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement agencies and others,” said AMA Board Chair Maggie McNally-Bradshaw. “The Board believes this is an important issue facing everyone who rides, and the AMA remains at the forefront in promoting the motorcycle lifestyle and protecting the future of motorcycling.” The AMA Board of Directors adopts and publishes position statements that delineate the organization’s official stance on issues of concern. The new statement on Motorcyclist Profiling is one of seven adopted by the Board. The full statement on Motorcyclist Profiling can be found here: [www.americanmotorcyclist.com/About-The-AMA/motorcyclist-profiling](http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/About-The-AMA/motorcyclist-profiling). The states of Washington (S.B. 5242 in 2011) and Maryland (S.B. 233 in 2016) passed legislation specifically forbidding the profiling of motorcyclists, and other states are considering similar legislation.

## Thefts down five percent from 2016



### The top 10 states with the most reported motorcycles thefts in 2017:

California (7,532)  
 Florida (4,323)  
 Texas (3,525)  
 South Carolina (1,732)  
 North Carolina (1,632)  
 New York (1,547)  
 Missouri (1,409)  
 Georgia (1,235)  
 Indiana (1,204)  
 Arizona (1,057)

### The top 10 cities for motorcycle thefts in 2017:

New York (980)  
 San Diego (846)  
 Los Angeles (833)  
 Las Vegas (583)  
 Miami (575)  
 San Francisco (568)  
 Houston (424)  
 San Antonio (413)  
 Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (350)  
 Philadelphia (342)

### The top 10 most stolen motorcycles in 2017 by manufacturer:

American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (8,781 thefts)  
 Yamaha Motor Corporation (7,298)  
 American Suzuki Motor Corporation (5,530)  
 Harley Davidson, Inc. (5,138)  
 Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (5,101)  
 Taotao Group Co. Ltd (2,305)  
 KTM Sportmotorcycle AG (722)  
 Genuine Cycle (532)  
 Ducati Motor Holding (520)  
 Kymco U.S.A., Inc. (484).

DES PLAINES, IL – June 6, 2018

The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) today released its annual report on motorcycle thefts in the United States for 2017. A total of 44,268 motorcycles were reported stolen in 2017 compared with 46,467 reported stolen in 2016—a decrease of five percent.

After several years of consecutive declines, motorcycle thefts increased in 2015 and 2016. However, 2017's result may signal a resumption of the downward trend.

The most motorcycle thefts occurred in July and August with 4,951 each. The fewest in December (2,494) which continues to reflect a weather-influenced pattern that is consistent with previous years.

Download the complete report [here](#) and an infographic [here](#).

Anyone with information concerning insurance fraud or vehicle theft can report it anonymously by calling toll-free **800-TEL-NICB** (800-835-6422), texting keyword "fraud" to TIP411 (847411) or submitting a **form** on our website. Or, download the **NICB Fraud Tips app** on your iPhone or Android device.



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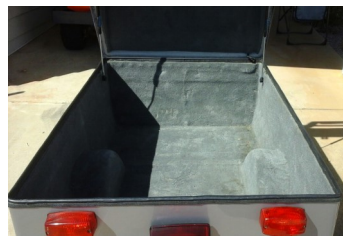
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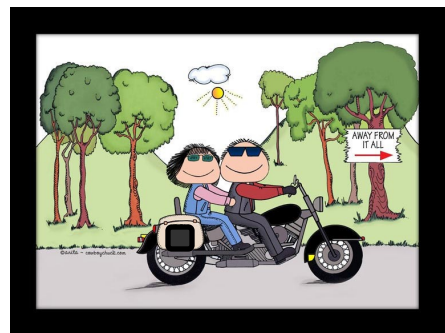
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