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# RETREADS

## Motorcycle Club<sup>®</sup>

July, 2021

**Monthly meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month**

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

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

We had 20 members come to the Golden Corral. We love that our group is growing in "year round" membership.

Roy Woolard was our 50/50 winner - so he has a temporary job for July 11th meeting.

We have 51 individuals coming to our 4 Corners Rally. We are making the final plans and arrangements. There is a group that will be leaving from Oracle and Magee (Speedway gas station) at 7 AM (departure time) to head to the Pinetop Tuesday, July 27, 2021. Please eat your breakfast (if that is your custom before we leave, make sure your gas tank is filled and you are ready to depart at 7AM - we want to beat the heat). If you want to meet us please contact Judy Aitken (529-293-2932 or email [tizatrading@aol.com](mailto:tizatrading@aol.com)). We will go north via Winkelman to Globe and then to Show Low for lunch - then on to our hotel.

Roger Deevers reminded us to keep attune to our surroundings and watch for debris. Our roads seem to be littered with debris on and off to the sides, not to mention the stuff that flies out of garbage trucks, landscaping trucks, etc. Always keep a watchful eye.

Please note Taco Sundays, occur the third Sunday of each month (during the summer months) anyone attending should meet at Circle S Saloon (16021 W El Tiro Rd, Marana, AZ 85653) at 11 AM. Please call Dennis (520-971-5015) or email [ddjtucson@hotmail.com](mailto:ddjtucson@hotmail.com) in order for him to reserve a table(s) for our group.

Our Christmas party is set - December 4th. Mark your calendars. Tucson Estates Park is the location (recreation room). We will have dinner and dancing. Begins at 5 PM. Details will follow once we are closer to the date.

Next meeting is July 11, 2021. Golden Corral, 8 AM with the meeting to follow once we have our food and everyone is settled.

We have reserved the private room at Golden Corral for our monthly meetings (second Sunday of every month) through December 2021.

Jeff & Cecilia Murch





## SAFETY CONCERNS

Roger Deevers, Safety Officer

## CONSTANT VIGILANCE



# BARRIER DESIGN

The issue of guard rails and motorcycles has been addressed previously in our newsletter. Improvements in the design of guard rails, or barriers, for motorcycles have been initiated mostly in European countries. A recent article from the AMA puts forth concerns regarding deficiencies in designs:

Washington, D.C. — The Federal Highway Administration has issued a report titled “Addressing the Motorcyclist Advisory Council recommendations: Synthesis on Barrier Design for Motorcyclist Safety”

Our recommendations will address each of the areas under our charter as well as recommendations that address barriers to the implementation of the charter-specific recommendations. To that end, each recommendation will specify the problem faced by motorcyclists, the recommendation itself, any relevant data that supports our recommendation or, in place of data, a recommendation for research to explore solutions to the problem. Additionally, we sought to include recommendations for the implementation of our proposed solutions where we have them. Lastly, we will specify if our recommendations address the motorcyclist themselves or other vehicle operators where appropriate. For example, a recommendation for providing lower barrier protection on a standard guardrail addresses a crash that may only involve the motorcyclist while a recommendation to post signage prohibiting left turns would address other vehicles turning into the path of a motorcyclist.

**Problem:** Barriers designed to protect those in passenger vehicles and larger commercial vehicles rarely take motorcyclists into account and as a result, a motorcyclist impacting a barrier risks more severe injury than if they impacted the object the barrier was guarding against. These recommendations will primarily address the motorcyclist rather than the other vehicle.

**Recommendation:** There are several existing countermeasures to mitigate the impact of a motorcyclist with an existing inadequate or dangerous barrier. We recommend that the Federal Highway Administration evaluate the existing options for their applications in the U.S. as well as identify situations where no treatment has been developed to address a barrier that poses a risk to motorcyclists. The Motorcyclist Advisory Council, MAC, has identified three of these options below but our list is in no way exhaustive.

When evaluating these barrier or barrier treatment options, FHWA [Federal Highway Administration] should consider several factors. First and foremost being how effectively the treatments mitigate the risk of injury to the motorcyclist, second, should be [the] where these treatments should be implemented. For example, curves are an area where motorcyclists are particularly vulnerable and where barriers are likely to be installed. Another factor to consider is the cost and ease of implementation as states are far more likely to make use of treatments that are relatively cheap and easy to install.

1. Secondary rail systems or guardrail continuous protection systems are an existing barrier treatment that is designed to prevent the motorcyclist from sliding under an existing guardrail and into a support post. This is often achieved by fitting a plastic or metal rail below the existing rail, which places a horizontal surface between the motorcyclist and the vertical support post.

2. Impact mitigation devices that can be installed on existing support posts can reduce impact deceleration and force while also being easier to install in curved road sections than secondary rails.

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3. Systems to mitigate motorcyclist impact while in the upright position must be considered as well. Not all impacts between a motorcyclist and a barrier occur while the motorcyclist has already fallen and is sliding towards a barrier. Additionally, fall hazards must be considered as motorcyclists may be ejected from their vehicle over a barrier and falling a significant distance such as when a crash takes place on a bridge or overpass. Systems to address this are being researched and were presented to the MAC by Nathan D. Schulz, M.S.C.E. We recommend FHWA furthers this research to develop an effective barrier treatment for upright motorcyclist impacts.

At least there is some movement taking place on this issue. We know that the wheels of government can turn extremely slow and it will take many years for improvements to be made in our favor.

Ride safe.

Roger



## June Ride Reports

### May 31st Tucson Estates Memorial Day Parade

We had 8 Retread members participate in Tucson Estates Memorial Day parade. Dan and Aina Dickerson, Lee Davis, Lee and Judy Aitken, Jeff and Cecilia Murch and Aina's friend Gloria. We all enjoyed riding in the parade and then went to Richies Cafe at Ryan's airfield for breakfast. We enjoyed good food and conversation.

*Submitted by Cecilia Murch*

### June 19<sup>th</sup> Bosa Donuts – Casa Grande

Eddy White and Jeff and Cecilia met and rode to Casa Grande Bosa donuts. We left at 5AM with cloudy skies and warm but very nice ambient temperature. Bosa Donuts was still practicing COVID restrictions - no chairs or tables. We ordered and took our food back the bikes and the small wall that ran along the parking area. We enjoyed conversation along with our donuts/bagels/croissants and beverages. We finally decided we better come back home as it was only going to get hotter. As we returned the temperature rose to 99 degrees and the traffic increased too! We made it back home before 9AM but the temperature had already reached 100. Another 105+ (maybe even 110+) day was predicted. *Submitted by Cecilia Murch*

### June 13<sup>th</sup> Taco Sunday Circle S Saloon

Eight hardy Club members attended the monthly Taco Sunday at Circle S. Saloon. Dennis and "Grumpy" missed all the missing Retreads.

*Submitted by Dennis Johnson*



### June 27<sup>th</sup> Sky Riders – Marana

6 riders and 5 bikes met at AM/PM gas station at 5 AM to make our breakfast ride to Skyriders Cafe. We all arrived early and left promptly. We went through Saguaro West and detoured on the John McCain loop. We then headed on the Taco Sunday route until we arrived at Avra Valley Road. Then we traveled over to Skyriders. 2 more riders and bikes were at Skyriders when we arrived. All told we had Maury, Dixie, Eddy, Lee, Jack, Jean, Jeff and Cecilia. We arrived about 6 AM - much to our dismay they did not open until 6:30. We had no problem "chewing the fat" and solving any/every problem we could think of. It was so nice to have a group and see each other in person! Breakfast was great. The coffee and water were plentiful. We left around 7:45 to beat the heat. *Submitted by Cecilia Murch*

## Upcoming rides

**Saturday, July 3rd, 2021 – Farmhouse Restaurant** (811 W 4th St, Benson, AZ 85602-6432) – Benson, AZ. – Meet at the Chevron gas station Interstate 10 and Wilmot at 5:45 AM. **Note:** Farmhouse prefers "cash", if you use a credit card there is a service charge added to your bill.

## Obituary

We were recently informed that one of our long term former members has passed away. Sandra Pancost was 85. She passed away Friday May 28th.

If you want to send condolences the address is: Pancost Family, 9411 E. Placita Cascada, Tucson, Arizona 85715.



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> Taco Sunday</b>
<b>Time</b>	11:00 AM
<b>Meet location</b>	<b>Meet at restaurant. Please RSVP to Dennis Johnson</b>
<b>Ride Contact</b>	Dennis Johnson
<b>Contact phone</b>	520-971-5015
<b>Contact e-mail</b>	<a href="mailto:ddjtucson@hotmail.com">ddjtucson@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Destination</b>	Circle S Saloon
<b>Address</b>	16021 W. El Tiro Road
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<b>Notes</b>	Drive out to Circle S for Taco special (other food too)



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## July Birthdays

Kerri Yauney	7/2	Jaci Gerard	7/22
Gail Becker	7/11	Edna Piper	7/22
Bear Moncrief	7/14	Donna Curreri	7/26
Mark Piedmont	7/15	Earl Rose	7/27
Linda Johnstone	7/15	Roy Wollard	7/27
David Piper	7/16	Maury Cornia	7/28
Verna Feltz	7/17	Evan Downs	7/28
Barb Corio	7/18	Ken Johnson	7/29
Ron Harsh	7/21	Ken Ewalt	7/31

# 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  
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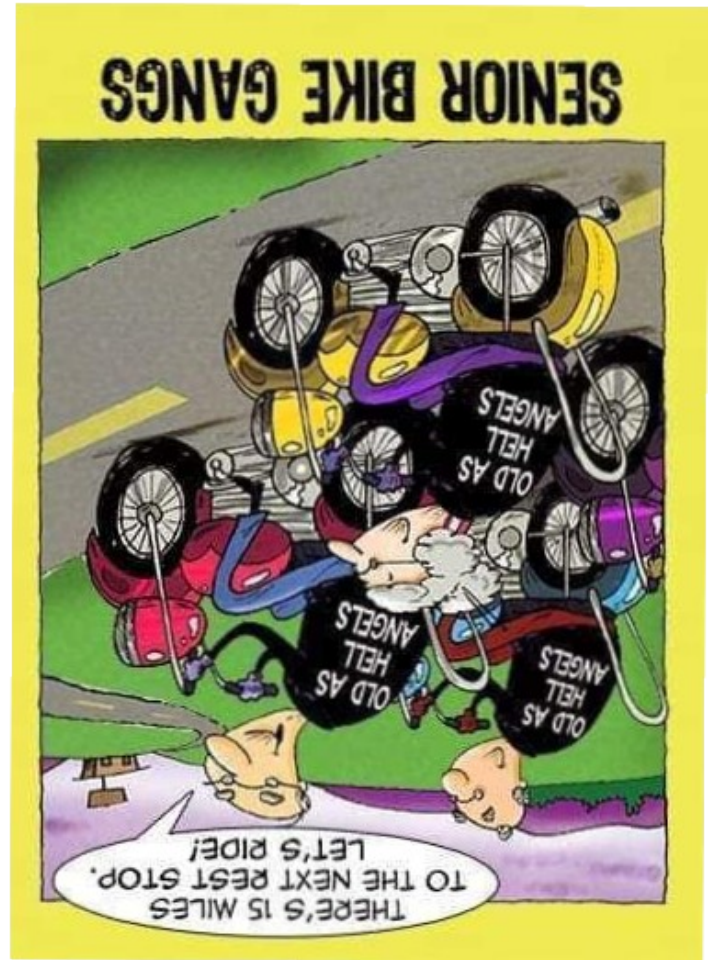
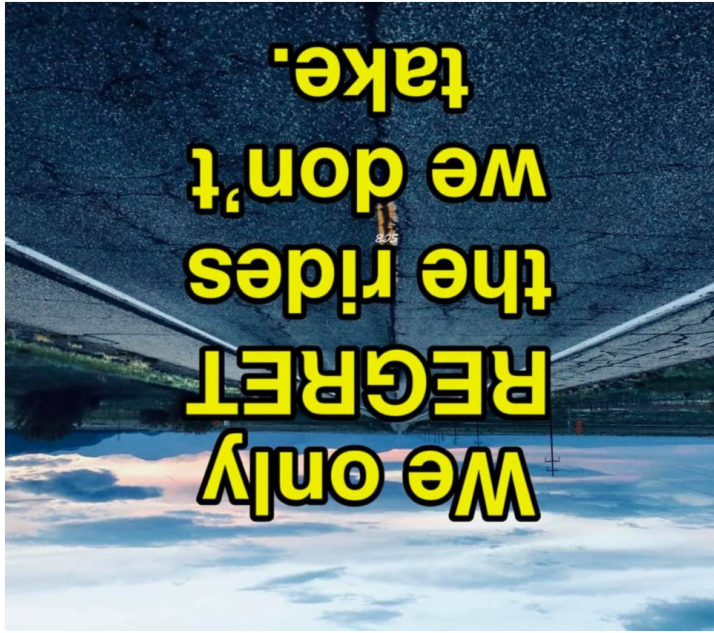
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