



RETREADS

Motorcycle Club®

January, 2021

TUCSON
ARIZONA

Monthly meetings: 2nd Sunday of each month

When: April thru September 8:00 AM; October thru March 9:00 AM

Location: ZOOM meetings until further notice

Tucson Arizona Retreads Notes - December 2020 Reminder – January 10th Zoom meeting begins at 9 AM.

What a terrific meeting. We had plenty of participants. We also had Ron and Robin Cardin, New England Regional Directors join our meeting. Roger Deever looked back at our newsletter December 2019 and that safety message was “Zoning out”. We all have done it, gone through the stop light or arrived at our destination without remembering the route. As motorcycle riders we must always watch out for the unexpected. Roger had a motorcycle riders handbook, he wondered how many of us had this reference book? He suggested we all re-read it, never hurts to remind ourselves of rules of the road. Roger showed a figure that had 2 sprockets, one being yourself and the other labeled “crash”. As you move around the sprocket you limit your choices or options. If you zone out and a driver zones out, you may find yourself in a bad situation with few options. Ray Beauvais, is a pilot and his advice for motorcycle safety: If you feel uncomfortable just “stop”. Breathe and think for a minute how to proceed. Again, the message is to ride your ride, never try to impress or keep up if you are not comfortable. We have a destination, and you can meet us there.

Remember too, if you go on a ride, send John Hlady your ride report (TucsonRtrdNews@gmail.com). We all enjoy reading where you have been or what experiences you had getting to the destination. It is not the destination...it is the journey. Website has ride suggestions, gather at the appointed time and take the suggested ride or decide to make a different destination (group assembled decides on leader and destination). As the COVID numbers go we can not guarantee rides so be prepared to ride solo and be pleasantly surprised when others show up too. As I have heard in the past “any day riding beats the alternative”. Ride Safe and Be Safe

New Business:

Alphabet photo tour – Please continue to send in your photos. John would like to continue the collage of photos. Judy is working on the 4 corners rally for 2021. Middle of July 2021 is the initial target date. She is hoping to work a deal with the Casino (they have RV parking, lots of amenities making it a one stop has everything location) however the Casino is closed at the present time. Stay tuned.

T-shirts – We will have another form going around next year – Probably late January 2021 so look for the email in the future.

We discussed the idea of a Zoom Christmas party. We will all be social distanced, can be safe and secure at home and have fun! We hopefully can have “Chair Y.M.C.A” sing along. Only item missing will be our “tutu” but maybe we can have a “gag” gift reveal. Show us the most ridiculous, outrageous gift (think Richard Simmons chia pet head or the holiday print designed toilet paper roll).

We also voted and passed a donation to two charities: YOTO (Youth On Their Own) and Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. We all felt it was “the right thing” to do and definitely blessed to be able to support our community especially this year. Membership is in full swing (Jan-Dec). Send in your renewal (see form on page 7). \$20/single or \$25/couple.

Next meeting is January 10, 2020 at 9AM meeting start.

Jeff & Cecilia Murch





SAFETY CONCERNS

Roger Deevers, Safety Officer

CONSTANT VIGILANCE



PREDICTING THE FUTURE

A new year and new expectations. We want something better than what the last one imposed upon us. Remember the joke, "cheer up, things could get worse. So I did, and sure enough things got worse." Well, things can get a lot worse, but we don't want to be contributors to that situation.

There's only two thing that are certain in this world and we know what both of them are. We don't want our motorcycles and our utilization of them to be a contributor to one of them.

Therefore, looking inward, or being self critical, is a important consideration to safe motorcycle riding. What does that mean? Well, questioning yourself on some important factors like: What is my skill level? Do I ride too fast? Am I paying attention to other traffic? Do I recognize when I'm too fatigued? Have I caught myself day dreaming or zoning out? Have I continued to make the all important head check even though I believe there is no other traffic? Have I dispensed with wearing safety apparel because I'm only going a short distance? Is my riding apparel appropriate? Do I ride too close? Am I prepared for a breakdown or delay in traffic? How safe one wants to be is a personal choice but stupid hurts. Don't get hurt.

Will it be deja vu all over again or will gazing into a crystal ball help? Some may be blessed with extra sensory perception, ESP. If so please share so we can take counter measures if necessary. One certainty for the future is that we have a good association, support and friendship with others in our chapter of the Retreads and expect to continue to ride safe.

Roger



Virtual Christmas Party



We had a small group join for our first Virtual Christmas party. Lee and Judy, John and Nancy, Rich and Rebecca, Dennis and Arlyce, Bear, Eddy White (our newest member) and Jeff and Cecilia. We had a good time and welcoming Eddy to our group. We hope everyone has a great Holiday and Happy, Healthy New Year!

December Ride Reports

Patagonia loop brown bag lunch 12-5-20

Wow, what a turn out. The weather was perfect, the company was perfect, what more can we say? It is B.E.A.U.T.F.U.L. yes Dave is back. We had Dave, Pat, Butch, Dale, Rosemary, Dan, Aina, Evan, Pam, Ray, Larry, Fritz, Ken, Rich, Carol, Lee, Johnny, Jeff and Cecilia. 13 bikes and 1 Corvette. The only issue were the restrooms were closed at the park due to COVID 19 but otherwise we all had a good time. Very relaxing. Most made the loop, returning via Nogales. We took the frontage road at Arivaca and continued over to Green Valley and Sahuarita. Then we split again at Sahuarita road (some elected Sahuarita and some Aerospace Parkway). We was great to actually see everyone in person instead of zoom. Submitted by Jeff and Cecilia Murch

Taco Sunday Ride Report 12-20-20

We met at Park and Benson Highway AM/PM station had 12 motorcycles with 13 people gathered. Took the route of Ajo Way to Kinney Road, then through Saguaro National Monument West past Old Tucson, Desert Museum the Saguaro Visitors center to Sandario Rd. and meandered over to Circle S Saloon. As Dave always says "B.E.A.U.T.I.F.U.L." day. Upon arrival there were at least 6 more motorcycles and 8 people waiting for our assembled group. Grumpy (aka Lisa) had all the tables set up to comply with COVID 19 regulations. It had been many many months since Dave had lead a group out to Circle S so Grumpy and Dave made up for lost time. They were the floor show the entire time our group was at Circle S. Of course the banter was all good natured and provided entertainment while waiting for the food to arrive.

Mid Atlantic Rally canceled

After much consideration I have made the decision to cancel the Mid Atlantic Retreads Rally for 2021. Even though the vaccine is now available it won't be available to the general public until the 2nd quarter of 2021. The vaccine is a great weapon in fighting this disease but it is not a magic bullet that will instantly stop the spread of the virus. There will still be many people getting infected for several months after the majority of the population is inoculated. This timeline takes it well past the dates of our rally.

Although I and our dedicated volunteers will miss seeing all of you, I will not invite our members to attend a rally under those conditions. You are all my friends and your health is of foremost importance. If you have hotel reservations for 2021 please cancel them. The hotel will not allow me to cancel reservations that I didn't make. You must call them at 800-537-2535 to cancel.

If you are a rally volunteer who made reservations via the Advance Reservation form that I send in you don't have to do anything. Your room is canceled for 2021 and reserved for 2022.

The dates for the 2022 rally will be Wed. May 18 to Sat. May 21 with checkout on Sunday May 22. We hope to see you then.

Thank you,
Art



New Members

Dan Albert
Gaylene Clark
Ray Beauvais
Rachel Angler
Robbin Bruning
Sandra Bruning
Eddy White

Grandma's Apron

This is about my Grandmother in Texas where I spent my summers while growing up. Ahhhh, the memories.

Submitted by Judy Aitken

"I don't think our kids know what an apron is. The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. It was also because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons used less material. But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears. From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.. And when the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron. I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron - but love... "

Sharing from Love What Matters

Inspired by Tina Trivett's poem, Grandma's Apron



Tucson Arizona Retread's Staff

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 1st 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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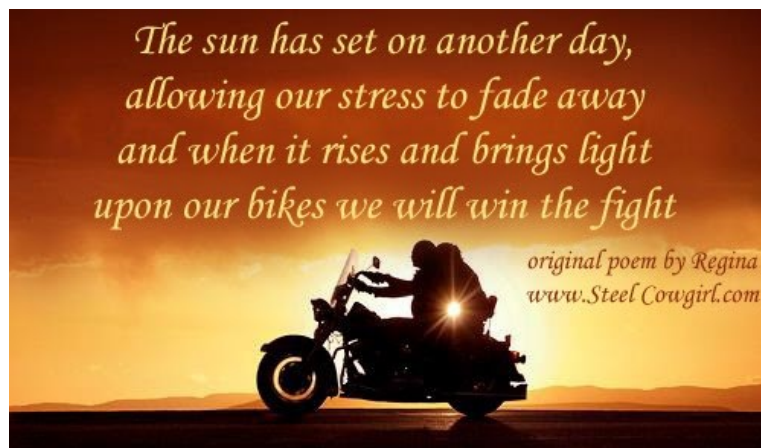
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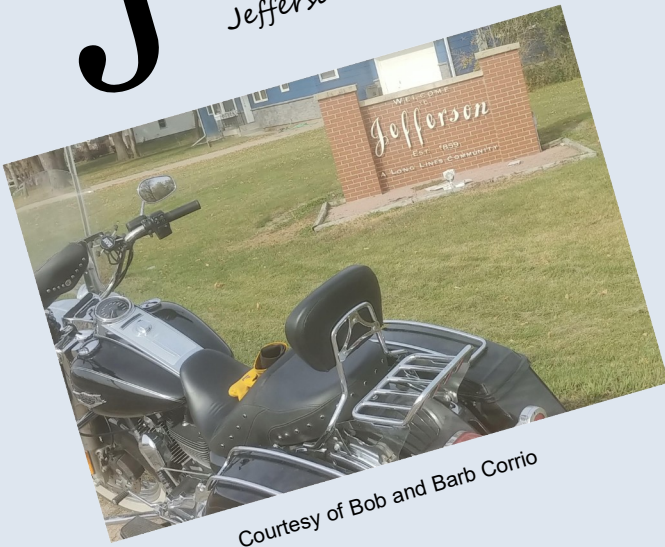
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Help Wanted: We are in need of volunteers for the position(s) of Sunshine lady/person as well as Web Master. Please see Cecilia if you are interested in serving in either of these positions.



Tucson Retread's Alphabet Photo Tour

J Is for
Jefferson, SD



Courtesy of Bob and Barb Corrio

U Is for
Umpqua, OR



Courtesy of Dale and Rosemary Russell

October 1st, 2020 through March 31st, 2021

Tucson Retread's Alphabet Photo Tour

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Co-Rider Print _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Important: All members must read and sign

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New Members (or changes to your membership): Please complete the below items.

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Your Birth date _____ AMA Number _____ Expiration Date _____

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1st Motorcycle Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

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Membership: \$20.00 Single _____ \$25.00 Couple _____ Checks payable to "Retreads"

If you wish to have a printed copy of the newsletter please consider adding \$5.00 to your membership to cover postage.

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4 X-Large, White, Long Sleeve, no pocket

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1 Small, Black, Long Sleeve, w/pocket
1 X-Large, White, Long Sleeve, w/pocket

\$10 each or 2 for \$17 while supplies last!



See Cecilia or Jeff Murch



January Birthdays

Happy New Year	1/1	Dick Beutel	1/15
Joe Curreri	1/2	Dennis Eggers	1/15
Robbin Bruning	1/4	Judd Starr	1/15
Don Bangs	1/5	Carolyn Irwin	1/16
Kathy Pearsall	1/5	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	1/18
Lee Aitken	1/7	Kim Jennings	1/18
Stan Wisniewski	1/7	George Buchanan	1/19
Leslie Hatzl	1/8	Pam Downs	1/20
Dan Dickerson	1/11	Charlie Broder	1/21
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