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Dec 21

First Day Of Winter



Dec 25

Christmas Day



Dec 31

New Year's Eve

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, TucsonRtrd-News@aol.com. The Tucson Area Rep. and the newsletter editor reserve the right to edit all materials submitted for newsletter publication.

RIDE SCHEDULE

December Rides

Saturday, December 2, 8 AM Breakfast at American Legion Post 109 (15921 S. Houghton Rd., Corona De Tucson). Contact: Dwight Irwin 520-574-9670 or keek9553@gmail.com

Wednesday, December 6, 10AM

Lunch ride to 3 Points Restaurant (9470 S. Sasabe Hwy, Tucson, Az 85736 520.908.0770). Meet at AM/PM, Benson Hwy & Park Ave. Contact: Dave Piper 520-574-5122 or piper-duke0637@yahoo.com Ride to Kitt Peak after lunch if party is interested

Sunday, December 10, 9AM

Regular monthly meeting @ Golden Corral (6865 N Thornydale). Ride after meeting. Park Link and wrap around.

Wednesday, December 13, 10AM

Lunch ride to White Horse (309 W. McKeonwn Ave. Patagonia, Arizona, 520.394.2344) Meet at Chevron, I-10 & Wilmot. Contact Jim Thompson jnt-crafts@msn.com or 440.376.8559

Thursday, December 14, 11:30AM

Ladies Luncheon. Meet at Dragons View (400 N. Bonita Ave. Tucson, Az. 85745 520.623.9855) Contact: Cecilia Murch 520.603.4350 or TucsonArizonaRep@aol.com

Friday, December 15, 2017 5PM

Retreads Christmas Party (5900 W. Western Way Circle, Tucson, Az 85713). Meet at Club House. Bring your table setting for dinner. BYOB (please be responsible). We will have entertainment too! Sign up Today!

Saturday, December 16, Noon-3PM

Cochise Motor Sports Christmas Party. 1100 Avenida Cochise Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Sunday, December 17, 10 AM

Taco Sunday at Circle S Saloon (16021 W. El Tiro, Marana, Az. 520.682.5377). Meet at AM/PM, Benson Hwy & Park Ave. Contact: Dave Piper 520-574-5122 or piper-duke0637@yahoo.com

Wednesday, December 20, 10:30AM

Lunch Ride to Coyote Paws (2741 S. Kinney Road, Tucson, Az. 85735 520.883.7297) Meet at AM/PM, Benson Hwy & Park Ave. Contact: Jim Rohlman 231-557-9060 or dojir@aol.com

Wednesday, December 27, 10AM

Lunch Ride to Bisbee Breakfast Club (75 Erie St, Bisbee.) 520.432.5885 Meet at Chevron at I-10 and Wilmot. Contact: Dan Dickerson 520.297.6884 scooterdan@msn.com

January Rides

Monday, January 1, 10AM Brunch ride to White Horse (309 McKeonwn Ave. Patagonia, Arizona, 520.394.2344) Meet at Chevron, I-10 & Wilmot. Contact Jeff Murch 520-603-3579 or TucsonArizona-rep@aol.com

Wednesday, January 3, 8:30AM Breakfast Ride to Sky Riders coffee Shop (11700 W. Avra Valley Road #84, Marana, Arizona 85653 520.682.3046).) Meet at AM/PM, Benson Hwy & Park Ave. Contact: Dave Piper 520-574-5122 or piperduke0637@yahoo.com

Saturday, January 6, 8 AM Breakfast at American Legion Post 109 (15921 S. Houghton Rd., Corona De Tucson). Contact: Dwight Irwin 520-574-9670 or keek9553@gmail.com

Thursday, January 11, 11AM Ladies Luncheon at The Stables 65 Avenida De Otero, Tubac, Az., 85646, 520.398.3516) Meet at restaurant. Contact: Liz Rose 712-251-3191 or emrose@wiatel.net

Saturday, January 13, 10:30AM Lunch ride to Fred's Arena (9650 S Avra Rd., Tucson, AZ 85736 520.883.7337) Meet at AM/PM, Benson Hwy & Park Ave. Contact: Dave Piper 520-574-5122 or piperduke0637@yahoo.com

Sunday, January 14, 9AM Regular monthly meeting @ Golden Corral (6865 N Thornydale). Ride after meeting. Joe Curreri to provide tour of the back roads in Marana

Monday, January 15, 10AM Lunch ride Tortilla Flat Restaurant (1 Main Street, Tortilla Flat, Az 85190) 480.984.1776. Meet at Chevron, Oracle & Magee. Contact: Jeff Murch 520.603.3579 or TucsonArizona-rep@aol.com

Wednesday, January 17, 8:30AM Ride to Zelma Basha American Indian and Western Art Gallery (22402 S. Basha Rd, Chandler 480.895.9350.) Admission is Free. Plan on Lunch in Florence at Mt. Athos Café in Florence, Az. Meet at Magee and Oracle. Contact: Joe Curreri

Friday, January 19, 5:30PM Dinner (meet at restaurant) CattleTown Restaurant (3141 E. Drexel Rd Tucson, Az. 520.295.1141) Contact: Jim Rohlman 231-557-9060 or dojir@aol.com

Sunday, January 21, 10 AM Taco Sunday at Circle S Saloon (16021 W. El Tiro, Marana, Az. 520.682.5377). Meet at AM/PM, Benson Hwy & Park Ave. Contact: Dave Piper 520-574-5122 or pipeuke0637@yahoo.com

Wednesday, January 24, 10:30AM Lunch ride to Sunny D's (424 N. Huachuca Blvd, Huachuca City, Az 85616 520.255.7468). Meet at Chevron at I-10 and Wilmot. Contact: Dave Piper 520-574-5122 or piperduke0637@yahoo.com

Sunday, January 28, 8AM Breakfast Ride to Todd's (9700 W. Ajo Way, Tucson, 520.883.7770). Meet at AM/PM, Benson Hwy & Park Ave. Contact: Jeff Murch 520.603.3579 or TucsonArizona-rep@aol.com.

Wednesday, January 31, 10:30AM Lunch Ride to Papachoris' Zula Restaurant (982 N. Grand Ave, Nogales. 520.287.2892.) Meet at AM/PM, Benson Hwy & Park Ave. Contact Earl Rose 712-251-3191 or emrose@wiatel.net

February Rides

Saturday, February 3, 8 AM Breakfast at American Legion Post 109 (15921 S. Houghton Rd., Corona De Tucson). Contact: Dwight Irwin 520-574-9670 or keek9553@gmail.com

Wednesday, February 7, 10AM. Lunch Ride to Tags (156 N. Arizona Blvd., Coolidge.) Meet at I-10 and Ruthrauff and (Parkand Ride location). Contact: Dan Dickerson 520.297.6884 scooterdan@msn.com

Thursday, February 8, 11:30AM. Ladies luncheon at Voyager RV Resort (8701 S. Kolb Road 520-574-5800) Contact: Iris Duke 520-574-5122 or pipeduke0637@yahoo.com

Sunday, February 11, 9 AM Regular monthly meeting @ Golden Corral (6865 N Thornydale). Ride after meeting: Oracle, Az to San Manual and back around

Wednesday, February 14, 11AM

Lunch Ride to Wisdom Café (1931 E. Frontage Rd., Tumacacori, Az 85640. 520.398.2397) Contact: Jim Rohlman 231-557-9060 or dojir@aol.com

Friday, February 16, 5:30PM Dinner (meet at restaurant) El Corral (2201 E. River Rd, Tucson, Az. 85718 520.299.6092) Contact: Jeff Murch 520.603.3579 or TucsonArizona-rep@aol.com

Sunday, February 18, 10 AM Taco Sunday at Circle S Saloon (16021 W. El Tiro, Marana, Az. 520.682.5377). Meet at AM/PM, Benson Hwy & Park Ave. Contact: Dave Piper 520-574-5122 or piperduke0637@yahoo.com

Friday, February 23, 10:30AM Lunch ride to Horseshoe Café (154 E. 4th St. Benson, Arizona 520.586.2872) Meet at Chevron, I-10 and Wilmot. Contact: Jeff Murch 520.603.3579 or TucsonArizona-rep@aol.com

Wednesday, February 28, 9AM

Breakfast ride to Skyriders Coffee Shop, (11700 W. Avra Valley Road, Marana, AZ. 520-682-3046.). Meet at Park & Ride Lot at I-10 and Ruthrauff Road. Contact: Joe Curreri 520-638-8780 or joendonnalee@comcast.net

March Rides

Saturday, March 3, 8 AM Breakfast at American Legion Post 109 (15921 S. Houghton Rd., Corona De Tucson). Contact: Dwight Irwin 520-574-9670 or keek9553@gmail.com

Wednesday March 7, 10:30AM Lunch. Mi Tierra Restaurant. 16238 N. Oracle Rd, Catalina, Az. 520-825-3040. Meet at Chevron, Oracle & Magee. Contact: Aina Dickerson 520-297-6884 or scooterdan@msn.com

Saturday March 10, 9AM Lunch ride to Tonto Basin. Butcher Hook, (219 S. Butcher Hook Drive, Tonto Basin, Az. 928-479-2226). Meet at Oracle & Magee. Contact: OPEN

Sunday, March 11, 9 AM Regular monthly meeting @ Golden Corral (6865 N Thornydale). Need ride for after meeting.

Wednesday March 14, 9:30AM Lunch Ride to Desert Rain Cafe (Main St. #501, Sells.) 520.383.4918 Meet at McDonalds at Kinney and Ajo. Contact: OPEN

Saturday, March 17, 9:30AM Brown Bag Lunch Ride to Pena Blanca Lake. From Tucson, travel south on I-19 towards Nogales. Turn right on SR 289 (Ruby Road). Follow signs to lake and boat ramp (10 miles). Contact: Merl Piper 520-574-5579 or Merlyn-pip@aol.com

Sunday, March 18, 10 AM Taco Sunday at Circle S Saloon (16021 W. El Tiro, Marana, Az. 520.682.5377). Meet at AM/PM, Benson Hwy & Park Ave. Contact: Dave Piper 520-574-5122 or piper-duke0637@yahoo.com

Wednesday, March 21, 10:30AM Lunch ride to The Cow Palace (28802 S. Nogales Hwy, Amado, Az. 85645 520.398.8000). Meet at AM/PM, Benson Hwy & Park Ave. Contact: OPEN

Saturday, March 24, 9 AM Brown Bag to Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park (37615 US. Hwy 60, Superior, Az 85273) 520.689.2811. Contact: Jeff Murch 520-603-3579 or TucsonArizonaRep@aol.com Lunch to follow in Superior.

Wednesday March 28, 10AM Brown Bag ride to The Amerind Foundation (2100 N. Amerind Rd, Dragoon, Az. 85609 520.586.3666). Meet at Chevron, I-10 and Wilmot. Contact: Mike Hrigora 810.923.4117 or nancyh-rigora@hotmail.com

April Rides

Wednesday, April 4, 9:30AM Ride before Lunch- approx. 65 miles. Then arrive at lunch around 11:30AM. Lunch at It's Greek to me (15920 N. Oracle Rd Ste. 120, Tucson, Az. 85739 520.825.4199). Meet at Chevron at Oracle and Magee Contact: Charlie Broder 520.615-4610 or cbroder1@msn.com

Saturday, April 7, 8 AM Breakfast at American Legion Post 109 (15921 S. Houghton Rd., Corona De Tucson). Contact: Dwight Irwin 520-574-9670 or keek9553@gmail.com

Sunday, April 8, 9 AM Regular monthly meeting @ Golden Corral (6865 N Thornydale). Need ride for after meeting.

Wednesday, April 11, 9:30AM Lunch ride to Sky Island Casino between mile markers 126 & 127 on US Highway 77 (777 Apache Sky Blvd, Dudleyville, Az 85192, **928.475.7800**). Meet at Chevron at Oracle and Magee Contact: OPEN

Saturday, April 14, 9AM Lunch ride to Sandy's Restaurant & RV Park (5120 E. Highway 181, Pearce, Az. 85625 520.824.7263). Meet at AM/PM, Benson Hwy & Park Ave. Contact: OPEN

Sunday, April 15, 10 AM Taco Sunday at Circle S Saloon (16021 W. El Tiro, Marana, Az. 520.682.5377). Meet at AM/PM, Benson Hwy & Park Ave. Contact: Dave Piper 520-574-5122 or piper-duke0637@yahoo.com

Wednesday, April 18, 9:30AM Lunch ride to Manor House (415 E US Highway 70, Safford, Az. 85546. 928.428.7148). Meet at Chevron, I-10 and Wilmot Contact: OPEN

Sunday April 22, 9:30AM Lunch ride to G-ma D's Cafe (100 S. Haskell Ave, Wilcox, Az. 85643 520.766.0471). Meet at AM/PM, Benson Hwy & Park Ave. Contact: OPEN

Wednesday, April 25, 9:30AM Lunch ride to Judy's Cook House (Globe US Highway 60 & 88 Miami, Az. 85501. 928.425.5366). Meet at Chevron at Oracle and Magee Contact: OPEN

Saturday, April 28 9 AM Brown Bag Lunch Ride to Chiricahua National Monument. (12856 E Rhyolite Creek Rd Willcox, AZ 85643 520.824.3560) Meet at Chevron, I-10 and Wilmot. Contact: OPEN

May Rides

Wednesday, May 2, 9:30AM Lunch ride to Cindy Lou's Roadhouse (133510 E US Highway 191, Elfrida, Az. 85610. 520.642.3663). Meet at Chevron, I-10 and Wilmot Contact: OPEN

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Saturday, May 5, 8 AM Breakfast at American Legion Post 109 (15921 S. Houghton Rd., Corona De Tucson). Contact: Dwight Irwin 520-574-9670 or keek9553@gmail.com

Wednesday, May 9, 9:30AM Lunch ride to La Casita Cafe (470 N. Broad St., Globe, Az. 85501. 928.425.8462). Meet at Chevron, Oracle and Magee. Contact: OPEN

Saturday May 12, 9AM Lunch ride to The Francisco Grande Hotel Legends Restaurant (12684 W. Gila Bend Highway, Casa Grande, Az. 85193 520.836.6444). Meet at Magee and Oracle. Contact: OPEN Note -suggestion to take back roads to Casa Grande Travel to Florence highway to Park link over to I-10 and then over to Casa Grande

Sunday, May 13, 8 AM MOTHERS

DAY ??? move to May 6th????? Regular monthly meeting @ Golden Corral (6865 N Thornydale). Need ride before meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 10:30AM Lunch ride to Los Agaves Mexican Restaurant (1451 S La Canada, Green Valley, Az. 85622 520.625.2336). Meet at AM/PM Park & Benson Highway Contact: OPEN

Sunday, May 20, 10 AM Taco Sunday at Circle S Saloon (16021 W. El Tiro, Marana, Az. 520.682.5377). Meet at AM/PM, Benson Hwy & Park Ave. Contact: Dave Piper 520-574-5122 or piper-duke0637@yahoo.com

Wednesday, May 23, 9:30AM Lunch ride to The Café (3280 Highway 82 E Highway 82 Sonoita, Az. 85637. 520.455.5044). Reservations may be needed. Ride Lead may want to call and confirm with restaurant a few days ahead with the number of riders. Meet at Chevron, I-10 and Wilmot Contact: OPEN

Monday May 28, 7AM

Memorial Day Parade at Tucson Estes Parkway. Breakfast after the Parade. Contact: Jeff Murch 520.603.3579 or TucsonArizonaRep@aol.com

Wednesday, May 30, 9:30AM

Lunch ride to Vinnys New York Pizza(1977 Frontage Rd, Sierra Vista, Az. 85635. 520.459.2315). Meet at Chevron, I-10 and Wilmot Contact: OPEN

Ride Reports

13 bikes, 17 people for the Veterans Day parade. 10 bikes, 14 people had breakfast before our "staging" for the Parade. 10 bikes, 12 people for lunch at Karichimaka's. 5252 S. Mission Road. We had Ross Major, relocated to Tucson from San Diego area, he was a Retreads in Southern California and joined us for the breakfast, parade and lunch. We tried to be on our best behavior, hoping he will join us on a permanent basis. Thanks Bill Johns for letting Ross know about our group! We all had a grand time watching the bikes, cars, military machines and all parade by us in preparation for the Parade. We also enjoyed several blind veterans who had been brought over from the VA Hospital to attend the parade. Their oldest member was 94 years young. We thanked them all for their service and wished them a Happy Veterans Day. Jeff and Cecilia

Nov. 8 ride to West End Cafe in Kearny.

22 Retreads headed north on a lovely day for riding. Ah, yes, "fall" in Tucson... We had 9 2-wheelers and 5 3-wheelers.

Dan Dickerson added a few detours on this trip, however. For the new guys, but, as it turned out, for most of the old guys also; we toured through downtown Oracle. We saw many new sights, including a couple of restaurants, a bike shop, and a biker bar up on a hill (the food is not bad and it has a great view). Then it was on to Mammoth and a tour through downtown. We found the post office and all the public works places, but not much else. Did see a new Mexican Restaurant when we got back on the "big" road, which was under construction just out of town. Yuck! And more yuck on the way home! THEN, as if that wasn't enough, Dan led us into beautiful downtown Dudleyville. Now, we all know about the brand-new casino just before you get to Dudleyville, but now we know about the 'rest of the story'. They have a nice park and a 'multi-generational' center and lots of houses, but it will take some more exploring to check out all the side streets that lead down to the river. We saved a tour of Hayden until next time and headed for breakfast/lunch which was great, then most of the crowd headed for the casino or home. Those present were Dan & Aina Dickerson, Joe & Donna Curreri, Judd & Sue Starr, Jim & Peg Johnson, Doug Fifield, Earl & Liz Rose, Leigh & Ron Huffstutter, Lee Davis, Dave Piper & Iris Duke, Jim & Doreen Rohlman, Jim & Nancy Thompson, Tom Golding, and Dave Spooner. Submitted by Aina

Ladies Luncheon

Ladies who were present, Edna Piper, Aina Dickerson, Dottie Golding, Doreen Rohlman, Sue Starr, Nancy Thompson, Iris Duke, Judy Domanski, Donna Curreri and a guest, long time Retread Nita McDonald. All the ladies enjoyed the get together and had a good time. See ya all at the next luncheon. Iris Duke



Hello Retreads, **Taco Sunday** was another success, we had 13 M/C's leave Park and Benson on a beautiful ride, weather was mild. We picked up 3 more bikes along the way, 4 more bikes were at the Circle S upon arrival. 34 riders and passengers enjoyed the food and good times. Grumpy was her good old self as usual. It was nice to see so many snow-birds returning. After lunch many headed home to watch the championship NASCAR race from Florida. Submitted by: Dave P.

Tombstone Longhorne Restaurant

We left Wilmot and I-10 with 13 M/C's and 16 riders, it was a bit windy but not bad a bea-u-ti-ful day (COOL) we had a break at Mustang Corners then on to the Longhorn. They were all set-up for us the service and food was good, everyone enjoyed the conversation and laughs. On the way home we had a stop at Dairy Queen in Vail, 7 of the 13 bikes stopped for some cool refreshments then on to our respective homes. We had one new rider his name is John and his brother-in-law is Ross Major he will be joining the Club, Welcome John. Dave and Iris

November 25 Ride

We had 19 people and 15 bikes on the lunch ride to Mt. Athos restaurant in Florence on Saturday November 25. We enjoyed another beautiful sunny day as we rode to Florence. I believe everyone enjoyed their meal. They serve the best tasting gyros in the area, in my opinion. We all departed and went our separate ways for the return ride back to Tucson. Some rushed back to attend the car. Lee Davis

Wed., Nov. 29

Another ADVENTURE!! Dan Dickerson led us off into the boonies down the back road from Oracle to San Manuel - and a lovely twisty road it is. And the weather cooperated just fine. When we arrived at La Casita in Mammoth, Don Bangs and Terry LaVigne, all the way from Sunrise, were there to greet us and meet a lot of new faces.

17 bikes (6 with 3 wheels) carrying the following Retreads made the trip:

Dave Spooner, Denny Stone, Fritz Hennings, Butch Costa, Judy Domanski, Dave Piper, Johnny D., Merl & Edna Piper, Bill & Nancy Johns, Jim & Doreen Rohlman, Earl & Liz Rose, John & Ellen McVay, Judd & Sue Starr, Joe & Donna Curreri, Lee Davis, Doug Fifield, Don Bangs, Terry LaVigne, and Dan & Aina Dickerson. During the lunch, at the prompting of Jim & Liz, we all sang Happy Birthday to John McVay! Aina

Tucson Arizona Retreads Notes-November 2017

We welcomed our newest members. Earl Rippetoe and Nancy Rippetoe ; they reside in Tucson and ride a Harley Davidson Trike. Stephen Tregoning, rides a 2005 Honda Silver Wing. He resides in Oro Valley. He found us online. We had a guest Ross Majors, he has relocated to Tucson from San Diego. Hopefully he will be an Arizona member. Welcome to ALL of you! We heard that Carolyn Irwin was under the weather. Aina Dickerson has been sidelined with back issues. Our condolences to Aina Dickerson as she lost 2 family members. Merl and Edna Piper were sidelined too.



Roger Deevers reminded us all to be “self critical”. We should have a mental checklist that runs through us to remind us to watch for cars, wear our safety gear-which is a personal choice (helmets, jackets, gloves, sunglasses), always watch for road debris and possible flying objects. Remember two objects cannot occupy the same space, check your proximity to the other vehicles, bikes, etc.

Jim Rohlman won the 50/50 raffle. We also had 2 gift cards for Texas Roadhouse and electronic meter that were won with 50/50 tickets. Don't forget to check out members “For Sale” or “For Want” items in the newsletter. Ride schedule is out and goes until May 2018. Please make sure to call your ride host so they can in turn notify the restaurant. We want our restaurant owners to know we are coming but also give them a chance to provide great customer service.

Judy reminded us that there are several Retread rally's coming up. April Fools, International in Missouri. Judy had tickets for a raffle by the Jim Click Foundation. Call or email her if you are interested in purchasing ticket(s).

New Business: Our Christmas party is Friday, December 15,2017. We voted and the club is paying for the Christmas party. We had quite the adventure assigning everyone to a table but in the end everyone drew a name out and the table assignments were done. Emails were sent to everyone at each table. Again this year we are having each table decorate and set their tables. It is so much fun to see the blank table transformed into a Christmas delight! Also we voted and will give charitable contributions to YOTO (Youth on their Own) and Tucson Community Food Bank. We will have a “mystery” raffle at the Christmas party. Tickets are the same prices as 50/50. You do not have to be present to win. We sold tickets at our meeting and will have them at December meeting and Christmas party too. It was suggested and in our own best interest to wear name tags (all rally participants had a name tag) to our monthly meetings. We had a list of individuals who need name tags. If you did not put your name down send me an email and I will make one and bring it to the next meeting. TucsonArizonaRep@aol.com

We are gathering memberships now. We expect to have our 2018 membership cards by the Christmas party. Cecilia



Ride to Lacasita

Ride photos from John Dee



World War II Inspired Indian Scout





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Roger Deevers, Safety Officer



SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

LOOKING AHEAD LOOKING BEHIND

The well traveled road can yield many surprises. Recently I saw an ironing board along the side of the Interstate. Why is it that people find it necessary to transport their household belongings to a new location piled high in a pick-up or cargo trailer using the Interstate Highway? It's bad enough negotiating, at slower speeds on city streets, around couch cushions and shattered end tables. A metal ironing board flying through the air greeting a motorcyclist in the windshield could provide a fatal experience. I'm sure I'm not the only one who becomes ultra cautious when detecting those transporters of potential tragedy.

As cautious individuals, who make sure not to stop too close to vehicles in front of us, we also watch the driver approaching from behind. That driver slowed nicely and didn't crowd you coming to a stop. But what about the next one coming behind that one? Keeping a check on the mirror for the other vehicle that could rear end the one behind you would be advisable too. It's the other guy we must constantly be on guard against. So, keep up those good habits as we enjoy our amazing machines and the beautiful South West weather even in the winter.

'Easy Rider' generation has a higher risk of motorcycle fatalities by Fredrick Kunkle

The baby boomers who made motorcycles cool are also dying on them at a higher rate than other motorcycle riders, according to a new report from AAA. The organization, analyzing federal crash data says the mortality rate for riders who are 60 or older is more than four times the overall increase in motorcycle deaths for 2016. For one thing, older drivers were more likely to sustain life-threatening or fatal injuries in a crash than younger riders, AAA says, citing data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Overall motorcycle deaths rose to the highest level in eight years in 2016, although some of the increase was also in line with an increase in motorcycle registrations. The number of motorcycles on the road increased to 8.6 million motorcycles in 2015 compared with 8.4 million in 2014, according to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) data cited by the organization. "The obvious thing is we're putting more motorcycles out on the road. It's not that anything really changed," said Kip Bickford, who also is program manager with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and the Florida Rider Training Program. But the report also showed the higher risks for older drivers. Between 1998 and 2007, the number of injuries for motorcycle riders older than 60 increased from 2,000 to 8,000, AAA says. In the same period, the number of injuries rose 150 percent for riders who are 50 to 59 years old. Bickford - who is 64 and traded in his last Harley for a trike - said a lot of cultural factors play a part, too. His generation grew up when motorcycles made the shift from the playthings of outlaws and gearheads to countercultural cool, as glorified in books and movies such as "The Wild One" and "Easy Rider." Then the baby boomers grew up, had families built careers and put the bikes aside. And then, as they became empty nesters or felt midlife crisis seeping in, they took the bike out of the garage. "This the point when people say, 'I rode a motorcycle for 20 years,'" They mean: Twenty years ago, I rode for a year. And now I'm just getting back on the bike," said Bickford, whose first motorcycle was a Honda S90. Since then, he has owned a series of Hondas, Yamahas and Harleys. "We started out with motorcycles because it was really cool."



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Our deepest sympathy to Bud Hendrick's wife Donna and his family.



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Norberto Castro 12/18

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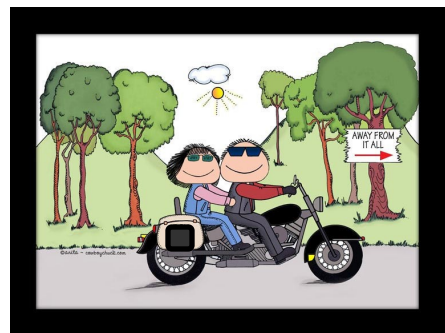
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