



# RETREADS

Motorcycle Club®

February, 2021

TUCSON  
ARIZONA

Monthly meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 - Reminder – February 14<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting begins at 9 AM.**

Zoom meeting has been gathering a few more faces. Hope to see more as time goes on. We all know this is not ideal but it is the best we can do at the moment. We are up to 86 renewals. Judy is still pursuing our 4 corners rally, last week of July at this point. Our alphabet tour has 2 groups that have completed their alphabet or very close to finishing. Our safety officer had other obligations so he only requested we all read the newsletter for safety reminders. We are still looking for someone(s) to volunteer to send out cards to our members, our Sunshine lady has tendered her resignation. Don't forget our sponsors C&R cycles and Cochise Motorsports. Both renewed their advertising for our newsletter. We appreciate their support. I have been sending out renewal reminders to our membership. John Hlady has been pulling double duty. He took on the task of compiling our photo directory. We want to have a photo so we can recognize each other in our street clothes and without our bikes. If you have not already renewed or sent a photo please consider sending it soon. We plan to publish by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. We discussed our next Zoom meeting will be Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> - consensus was that we could keep the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> -- but remember it is Valentines Day! We hope to see more faces next meeting.

Jeff & Cecilia Murch





**SAFETY CONCERNS**

Roger Deevers, Safety Officer

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If motorcycles were a recent invention it is unlikely that they would be allowed to make it into production. The same could be said about bicycles. All of the regulatory agencies would likely ban them from ever getting into the hands of anyone who could enjoy them. Fortunately for us they were created long before the the preventers of happiness came into being.

Since we are the secondary creatures by volume of the roads, the roads designs, when it comes to motorcyclist's safety, we are also regarded as secondary. Guardrails and other barriers are obviously designed for cars and trucks. It's a scary thought of having to encounter one if the situation arises. Most common guardrails have a open edge on top and bottom, ordinarily held in place with large dimensional wood or metal posts.

Where is the design and testing for guardrails for motorcycles being developed and tested? One would think where the most highways are being traveled on by motorcycles; the U.S.

Nope, it's Sweden. The two photos show a test dummy crashing into our typical guardrail and a experimental design created for motorcycle rider safety. Obviously the one designed for motorcyclist is considerably more expensive.

The common design more often has the rider sliding along the top edge and over the top.



Photos by: Jan Wenäll



The experimental design keeps the rider from going over the top and there is no sharp edge to slice into the person.

Naturally we can't expect State and Federal action to replace all of the guardrails with the safer design but some retro fitting in areas of concern are certainly not out of the question.

Some may not be familiar with MC Rider. I recommend it for all motorcyclists. It's a great website site with many excellent videos on all aspects of safe riding.

Keep up on your good habits and ride safe.

*Roger*

# January Ride Reports

## December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

14 members decided to go on a ride and met at I-10 & Wilmot. The original destination was Mt. Lemmon, but that was a little cool for even the northerners, so they decided to go somewhere else. Suggestions and "I don't know" bounced around like soccer balls until I finally suggested the Longhorn in Amado. Yes! Yes! And YOU lead! was the consensus. We took back roads down and when we arrived, the owner came out and welcomed us and I apologized for not calling ahead since we had no idea where we were going in the beginning. He told us to wait and they set up the back room for us and it was super! The hospitality was great, the service was great and the food was great and we all enjoyed our lunch. They are open for all three meals and I want to go there again. *Submitted by Dan Dickerson*

## January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 New Year's Day ride to Patagonia

We had 22 people attend our New Year's Day ride to Patagonia, Wild Horse Cafe. For those who love statistics we had 3 vehicles (2 couples, 1 single); 13 bikes with 17 riders (4 of those were co-pilots). Okay now my math skills are compete.  $17 + 5 = 22$ . We met at the Chevron I-10 and Wilmot. We were a tad late leaving as we were all enjoying "talking" to real, live people, not zoom or FaceTime or whatever other video conferencing is available. We enjoyed a wonderful ride and really loved that Sahuarita road has been completely repaved. As usual the road to Patagonia has its twists and turns. The temperature was cool but not unbearable and NO SNOW as in previous years. Wild Horse was empty except for one couple when we arrived. The service and food was excellent. We did not hear any complaints. A few had other obligations and returned to Tucson the same way we arrived. A second group headed to Nogales and took the scenic tour back to Tucson. All in all a great day of riding and enjoying visiting with our fellow Retreads. *Submitted by Cecilia Murch*

## January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ride to Longhorn restaurant Amado, AZ

Dan Dickerson got his wish! He wanted to go back to the Longhorn, so he led a ride there on Monday, the 18th. The weather could not have been better! There were 27 Retreads, including Travis Bierman, who joined after a few years away, and we had 19 bikes/trikes. Dan split us into 2 groups, which worked out well and they were ready for us. The back room holds 32 so we had a little space left for next time. Of course, we can always spread out into the main dining room. We did the back roads all the way down and then everyone split up to find another way home. Ellen had some trouble with her bike, but with a willing fix-it crew, they got it started and she was on her way. Really nice day. *Submitted by Aina Dickerson*



**New Members**

**David Adams  
Aurora Adams**

## **The Laws of Motorcycling**

*Submitted by Judy Aitken*

### **Counter Steering:**

If you push the left bar, the bike goes left. If you push the right bar, the bike goes right. That is, unless you keep pushing the right bar all the way, then you will probably go left while the bike swaps ends.

### **Crashing:**

Remember riding isn't inherently dangerous...crashing is.

### **Fuel:**

The ONLY time you will have too much fuel is when you're on fire.

### **The Rear Wheel:**

The rear wheel is just a big fan used to keep the rider cool and his butt relaxed. If in doubt... watch. When it locks up or slides out you can actually see the rider start sweating and pucker marks appear on the seat.

### **Rides:**

A 'good' ride is one you can walk away from. A 'great' ride is one you can walk away from and use the bike again.

### **Getting Hit:**

They can't hit you if you're not there.

### **Mistakes:**

Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.

### **Traction:**

When traction is sparse, the probability of survival is inversely proportional to the angle of lean. Large angle of lean, small probability of survival and vice versa.

### **Your Brain:**

Never let a motorcycle take you somewhere your brain didn't go five seconds earlier.

### **Fog:**

Stay out of fog. The single red taillight you think is another rider ahead that you can catch, might be the red starboard light of a docked boat.

### **Parking:**

Always try to keep the number of times you park the bike equal to the number of times you've ridden it.

### **Luck & Experience:**

You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.

### **Mirrors:**

If all you can see in your mirrors is the direction you were previously traveling intermingled with sparks, things are not at all as they should be. (Also see) Going forward.

### **Other Objects:**

In the ongoing battle between objects made of metal, rubber and plastic going dozens of miles per hour, and the ground going zero miles per hour, the ground has yet to lose. Same holds for cars, trucks, walls and most animals.

### **Judgment:**

Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, experience usually comes from bad judgment.

### **Going Forward:**

It's always a good idea to keep the headlight end going forward as much as possible.

### **Looking:**

Keep looking around. There's always something you've missed.

### **Laws:**

Remember, gravity and centrifugal force are not just good ideas. They're laws not subject to repeal.

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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**Help Wanted:** We are in need of a volunteer(s) for the position(s) of Sunshine Lady / Person. Please see Cecilia if you are interested in serving in this position.

## **For Sale: 2015 Honda F6B Deluxe \$13,500**

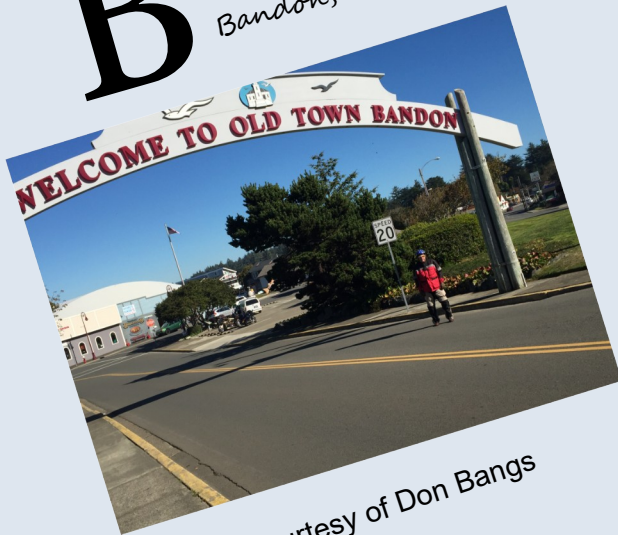
Only 4,400 miles, still has over 2 years left on warranty, bought new in 2019. Lot's of extras, cruise control, center stand, heated grips, highway pegs, taller passenger backrest, riders backrest, taller windshield, luggage rack, Kuryakyn storage compartment, only reason selling is I bought a new Goldwing automatic!

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# Tucson Retread's Alphabet Photo Tour

**B** Is for  
Bandon, OR



Courtesy of Don Bangs

**N** Is for  
North Bend, OR



Courtesy of Don Bangs

**R** Is for  
Rio Rico, AZ



Courtesy of John and Nancy Hlady

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Co-Rider Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ AMA Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Other Motorcycling Affiliations \_\_\_\_\_

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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.*

How did you find Tucson Retreads Motorcycle Club? Referral/Name \_\_\_\_\_ Internet \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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# Retread's Marketplace



## Retreads T-shirts Year End Sale

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

1 Small, Black, Short Sleeve, w/pocket  
 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

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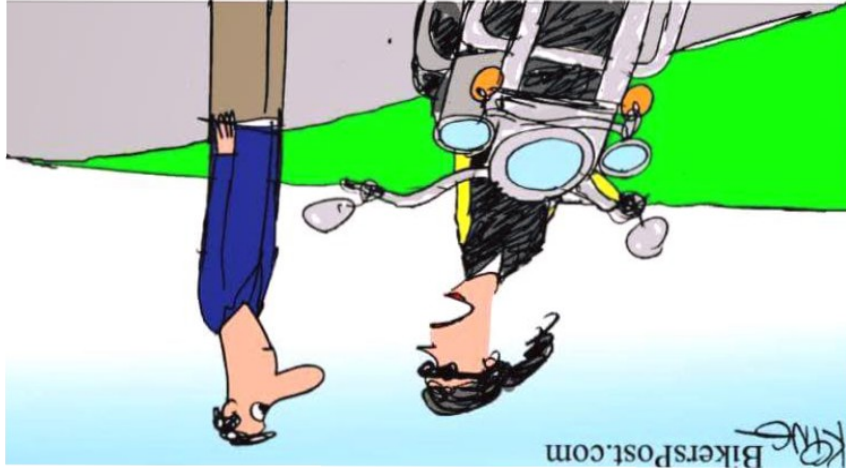
**Closed Sunday & Monday**



## February Birthdays

Calvert Kimball	2/4	<b>Happy Valentine's Day</b>	2/14
Marilyn Cobler	2/6	Lee Davis	2/15
Rosa Ramirez	2/6	Eddy White	2/16
Arlyce Johnson	2/7	Gail Ben-Jamin	2/17
Chuck Eddie	2/8	Judy Fifield	2/18
Rich Herrin	2/14	Louis Feltz	2/28
<b>Tucson Retread's Zoom Mtg.</b>	2/14	Theresa Jopson	2/28

*"Losing weight and exercising are boring and unrealistic."  
New Year's resolutions. Now I just promise to ride more."*



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