

RETREADS

Motorcycle Club_®

August, 2023

TUCSON ARIZONA Monthly meetings: 2nd Sunday of each month

When: Breakfast @ 8:00 AM, Meeting @ 8:30 AM

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

July meeting notes:

We had quite the crowd (our local membership appears to be growing) - which was so nice to see. Unfortunately the A/C was out at the Golden Corral. We did have a large industrial fan that kept us cool however we had to turn it off for the meeting. Thanks for everyone's attention and patience!

We now have 144 members. We heard from Roger Deevers (aka Mr. Safety) that we still need to watch out for alligators (tire rubber debris that has come off vehicles/semi trucks/trailers) on the roadway. Where there is one, there are likely to find others. Also the patches in the roads - those shiny, slick areas when the weather heats up. Drive defensively and keep alert. Also please read the safety messages, they are different each month. There is still time to register for the International rally in Grand Junction, Colorado. August 1-3, 2023.

We had some new items to ponder. Christmas party (December 16) menu - Golden Corral (baked/roasted chicken), Nana's Kitchen (meat loaf) or Roma Imports (Italian). As a reminder the club will provide the coffee/hot water/creamer/sugar/water and ice. We have a band (bring your dancing shoes) and white elephant gift exchange (max \$5- idea is to bring something that you have decided needs to go to a new home). Tucson Estates park (Western Way and Kinney road). Doors open at 4, we begin getting ready for dinner at 5PM. Everyone brings their own plates, silverware, glasses, table decorations. Tables seat 8 - join a table or get 8 people together and exchange ideas for your table decor. Cost expected around \$3-5 per person/\$15 per person for non-members.

Don't forget to RSVP for Taco Sunday - July 16th - Dennis Johnson will meet you at the Circle S Saloon however he needs to give a head count. Tony Arroyo spoke about his bicycling events and St. Jude's, September 2023 ride and donations for the St. Jude's cancer center.

Another item is we have the opportunity to "clean" a roadway and have our group recognized with a sign identifying us as the group that keeps the stretch of roadway clean of litter.

There are many choices and we can reserve our choice. Pima County furnishes the vests, garbage bags, etc for the clean up. Judy Aitken mentioned the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is hosting a golf tournament on Saturday, November 11, 2023. If you are interested go to https://www.bootsonthegreencvma.com/.

Our next meeting is August 13th.





SAFETY CONCERNS

Roger Deevers, Safety Officer

CONSTANT VIGILANCE



VISIBILITY

Are you being seen when riding your motorcycle? Maybe, maybe not. We who are enthusiasts or advocates take notice of motorcycles but those driving cars or trucks might not. Why? Primarily because they aren't looking for motorcycles but for other vehicles similar to theirs. That means their attention needs to be drawn to you. How? Make yourself conspicuous by wearing the appropriate motorcycle apparel; the brighter the better. Also position yourself where you are seen. Take up your lane of traffic. The road is yours as well as everyone else's. Cowering off to the right next to the edge of the road invites following drivers to crowd and those who intend to pull out in front of you to just dismiss you.

Avoid blind spots. Riding next to the rear, or quarter panel, of a vehicle is one of the most vulnerable locations. A lane jumper can take you out in a split second. Be aware that a driver preparing to pull in front of you may not see you because there may be a pole or even landscape shrubbery intended to beautify an area hiding you.

Approaching an intersection which is where drivers often turn in front of approaching motorcycles warrants extra attention. If you suspect someone is inattentive, riding with a slight weave will heighten their attention. However, be ready to apply front and rear breaks in an instant. A fraction of a second can make the difference between a collision and having a close call.

When Semis are around, either on the highway or in town, do not linger next to them. Either speed up to get past them of fall back where the driver can see you in the mirror.

Be seen, be ready and above all, RIDE SAFE.

Roger



Beverly Ford



July Ride Reports

Tuesday July 4th Davidson/Albert Open House Tucson, AZ

Seven people made it out to Dan and Ellen's new place to see their work in progress. Some of the depressing dark brown paneling had been painted and many toys already moved to the yard. Coffee, tea, donuts and fruit were available before 6 of us headed out to Richie's Cafe at Ryan's field. Three had previous engagements to attend to. Many thanks to Brian, Judy and Lee, Arlyce and Dennis, Bev and Willie with Ellen and John McVay chiming in by text for a warm welcome to our new place. Submitted by Ellen Davidson and Dan Albert





Sunday, June 16th Taco Sunday Circle S Saloon and Cafe Marana, AZ

Nineteen hungry Retreads met at the Circle S Saloon and Cafe for their monthly Taco fix. Next Taco Sunday August 20. Submitted by Dennis & Arlyce Johnson

Iron Butt 2023 Yuma, AZ to Colorado Springs, CO

Both Lee Aitken & Roy Woolard are Vietnam Combat Vets. They belong to the Combat Vets Motorcycle Association that was having a National Convention in Colorado Springs. We, Roy, Lisa, Lee & Judy decided as long as we were going to Colorado Springs for the convention, we may as well do an 'Iron Butt' ride. Tucson to Colorado Springs is not 1,000 miles, so more miles were needed to make 1,000. Decision was made to drive to Yuma, get a few hours' sleep in the afternoon, and leave Yuma at midnight. Hard riding, only stops were for fuel, restroom, and hydration. We hit our 1,000 miles at 7 pm, with 57 miles to go to Colorado Springs. It was exhausting, but fun to do it with such good friends. *Submitted by Judy Aitken*



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Retread's International and Four Corners Rally August 1-3rd Grand Junction, CO

Retread's Delmarva Rally September 14-16th Harrington, DE Date Sunday, August 20th Taco Sunday

Kick Stands Up 11:00 AM

Meet location Meet at Restaurant

Ride Contact Dennis Johnson

Contact phone 520-971-5015

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Destination Circle S Saloon

Address 16021 W. El Tiro Road

City, Zip Code Marana, AZ 85653

Notes Taco special (other food too)







August Birthdays

Retreads Int. Rally	8/1 - 8/3	Patricia Moyer	8/18
Connie Maifert	8/8	Fritz Hennings	8/19
Janice Jones	8/13	Aina Dickerson	8/26
Evonne Anderson	8/15	Dorene Rohlman	8/26
D.W. Gary	8/16	Ramona Panas	8/30

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 TucsonRtrdnews@gmail.com no later than the 20th of each month. The Tucson Area Rep. and the newsletter editor reserve the right to edit all materials submitted for newsletter publication.

For Sale



For sale: whirlpool Refrigerator 4.6 cu. Only used 6 mo. In RV. Excellent condition asking \$150.00.

Contact Rich Printz 815-258-5585 or goldwingtrike07@gmail.com.



Two brand new HJC helmets (only worn twice). Sizes M and XL (they run small). \$50 each.

Contact Willie Wilson @ wd9fha.gw@gmail.com or 812-459-6716

FOR SALE - 2013 Honda Goldwing A, Blue/Silver, 75,205 miles today, Navi system, Air Bag, ABS brake system, XM, CB, Kuryakyn Trailer hitch, Floor boards, Highway pegs, Trunk rack, Centramatic wheel balancers, 1 1/2" handlebar set back, Wind Wings, Dunlap Elite 4 tires, Heated Grips & Seat. Garage kept SE New Mexico, Pictures Available. \$12,000.00.

Contact Jim Richards at 575-840-6405 or dpkid45@ymail.com.







Current Tucson Retread's T-shirt inventory

Note: colors are more expensive because our order was small quantity - we receive much better pricing if we can order 40-50 shirts at a time. White shirts are from an order several (probably 5 years ago).

Prices for everything have gone up.

Any white T-Shirt:\$5, all others are \$25. Limited to quantity on hand, first come, first served.

Size: Small

1 Black, pocket, long sleeve;

1 Black, pocket, short sleeve

Size: Medium

1 Fluorescent yellow pocket, short sleeve

Size: 2 Extra Large

1 Blue, pocket, short sleeve

Size: Large

2 ea. White, short sleeve

Size: Extra Large

1 ea. Blue, pocket, short sleeve

Contact Jeff or Cecilia if you are interested. tucsonarizonarep@aol.com or 520-603-435

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