

Eastern Pennsylvania Retreads Newsletter-February 2024



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Happy Valentine's Day



Mid-Atlantic Rally Planning Meeting- Saturday, February 10, 2:00 pm at Yoders, before Mid-Winter Banquet.

Breakfast Change for 2024

Shartelsville breakfast will now be held at **Country Fare Restaurant in Myerstown, PA**
3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM

Now is the time to reserve your room
for the Finger Lakes Trip
See the flyer for details



New Contest for 2024

Strange Town Names

See Attached Flyer for Details

Wellsboro Weekend August 2-4 2024

Book your room
See Flyer for details

If you have not already, Please send in your 2024 Renewal Form

Help Wanted

- A person or couple to do games at the fall picnic, Christmas Luncheon and Mid- Winter Banquet. If you are interested in one or all of the events, please contact Diane or Greg Gill at dianeg@affordablecomfortinc.net
- Ride Leaders for after breakfast rides, rides during the week and rides on the 4th or 5th weekend of the month. Contact Diane or Greg Gill or breakfast hosts.

[Quakertown Breakfast](#)

hosted by Kris and Brenda Hoot

Despite the "snowstorm of the century" that was predicted for that afternoon, 17 Retreads came to enjoy breakfast for the first time this year. I guess we were bad boys and girls last year because Santa did not bring any of us a new motorcycle. Brenda Hoot won the 50/50, congrats to her. Until next month. Kris Hoot

[Lancaster Breakfast](#)

Hosted by Harold and Linda Robinson

A wet start to the day for the first Lancaster breakfast of 2024, but the temperature was near 50 degrees. So, with that we had 18 Retreads for breakfast at the Corral this morning, with 7 bikes in the parking lot. We went over the upcoming events for the beginning of the year and pulled the free breakfast tickets and did the 50/50 drawing. Free breakfasts were won by George Lorah and Kim Brenner and the 50/50 was also won by George Lorah. We know who to keep an eye out for now. After breakfast Rick and Darlene Horst lead a Polar Bear Ride. 6 Bikes left the parking lot as the rain started to come in and the wind started to pick up. Hopefully this did not continue for the entire ride. The sun did come out about a 1/2 hour after I got home. I would like to thank everyone for coming to breakfast this morning and to Rick and Darlene for leading the ride after breakfast. Harold

[Myerstown Breakfast](#)

hosted by Rick & Darlene Horst.

The first breakfast of the year and the first one at our new location, Country Fare Restaurant in Myerstown. It was a very cold and windy day after a day of snow. This probably kept some people away today. We had seven retreads today but we enjoyed good food and fellowship. Tom Heckles shared that there are 59 days till spring, which is something to look forward to. Tom won the 50/50 today and donated it back to the club.

Thank you Tom. Thank you to those who braved the cold to come out. Rick & Darlene Horst

[Polar Bear Ride](#)

The annual polar bear ride was held on Saturday, January 13th after breakfast at Golden Corral. The temperature was in the low 40's so it was fairly mild but the winds were picking up more as the day went on. We had a total of six people on six motorcycles. We rode 40 miles of twisty, scenic roads in Lancaster county before stopping at the Courtyard Cafe on Main in Denver. Lee had already chosen to break off from the group before getting to the cafe. The rest of us went in and enjoyed fellowship while having some refreshments. We decided at that point not to continue with the planned ride due to the increasing wind. It may have been a very short polar bear ride but we had a good time anyway. Rick & I want to thank those who joined us.

Rick & Darlene Horst





[Let's Ride](#) by Lee Blauvelt

This month's recommended destination is "The National Civil War Museum!". The museum is one of the largest in the world dedicated solely to the American Civil War.

The museum is at 1 Lincoln Circle, Harrisburg PA. and is open from Monday to Saturday 10 – 5, and Sunday 12 – 5.

<https://www.Nationalcivilwarmesuem.org>

Or if reading is more your thing checkout "Daisy's Diaries" by Graham Ham. This is a true story as Graham rides his 1948 Triumph all over Europe in all sorts of weather, sometimes with one of his kids on board. It is a 3-volume set and is available on Amazon. This is a pretty good read.

[New Members](#)

- Lon & Tara Blauvelt from Davisburg Michigan - sponsored by Lee Blauvelt - this is Lee's brother
- Ed and Kelly Scott from New Tripoli - Sponsored by Dave Gill



[In Our Thoughts](#)

1. Karen McQuate - She misses being able to visit with everyone and enjoy the fun that they have had over the years. She indicated that she has a rare form of cancer, and her immune system is very low which does not allow her nor Allen to get out much. Cards and letters to keep in touch may be sent to 14 South Farmersville Road, Leola Pa 17540
2. Helen Wood - She said that her and Bruce miss coming to the Retread events but will have to live with it. Bruce is bedridden and is now living in a nursing home in West Chester - no name or address of the nursing home but I am sure if cards and letters would like to be sent, they can send them to Helen, and she will make sure Bruce gets them. 1280 Cardinal Avenue, West Chester Pa 19380
3. Bonnie Hannum has dementia and is in a home, Faith Living 2015 N. Reading Rd. Denver, PA. 17517 Room # 133.

[Safety Tip](#) by Blain Hertzog

As we dream of spring while the white stuff is falling, it's time to think about making sure your bike is ready to go. Please review the attached pre ride checklist courtesy of the Motorcycle Safety Federation (MSF) to help ensure your bike is ready to go on every ride.



T-CLOCSSM Inspection Checklist



T-CLOCS ITEM	WHAT TO CHECK	WHAT TO LOOK FOR	CHECK-OFF	
T-TIRES & WHEELS				
Tires	Condition	Tread depth, wear, weathering, evenly seated, bulges, embedded objects.	Front	Rear
	Air Pressure	Check when cold, adjust to load.	Front	Rear
Wheels	Spokes	Bent, broken, missing, tension, check at top of wheel: "ring" = OK — "thud" = loose spoke.	Front	Rear
	Cast	Cracks, dents.	Front	Rear
	Rims	Out of round/true = 5mm. Spin wheel, index against stationary pointer.	Front	Rear
	Bearings	Grab top and bottom of tire and flex: No freeplay (click) between hub and axle, no growl when spinning.	Front	Rear
	Seals	Cracked, cut or torn, excessive grease on outside, reddish-brown around outside.	Front	Rear
Brakes	Function	Each brake alone keeps bike from rolling.	Front	Rear
	Condition	Check pads and discs for wear.	Front	Rear
C-CONTROLS				
Handlebars	Condition	Bars are straight, turn freely, handgrips and bar ends are secure.		
Levers and Pedal	Condition	Broken, bent, cracked, mounts tight, ball ends on handlebar levers, proper adjustment.		
	Pivots	Lubricated.		
Cables	Condition	Fraying, kinks, lubrication: ends and interior.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, wire supports in place.		
Hoses	Condition	Cuts, cracks, leaks, bulges, chafing, deterioration.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, hose supports in place.		
Throttle	Operation	Moves freely, snaps closed, no revving when handlebars are turned.		
L-LIGHTS & ELECTRICS				
Battery	Condition	Terminals; clean and tight, electrolyte level, held down securely.		
	Vent Tube	Not kinked, routed properly, not plugged.		
Headlamp	Condition	Cracks, reflector, mounting and adjustment system.		
	Aim	Height and right/left.		
Tail lamp/brake lamp	Condition	Cracks, clean and tight.		
	Operation	Activates upon front brake/rear brake application.		
Turn signals	Operation	Flashes correctly.	Front left Rear left	Front right Rear right
Switches	Operation	All switches function correctly: engine cut-off, hi/low beam, turn signal.		
Mirrors	Condition	Cracks, clean, tight mounts and swivel joints.		
	Aim	Adjust when seated on bike.		
Lenses & Reflectors	Condition	Cracked, broken, securely mounted, excessive condensation.		
Wiring	Condition	Fraying, chafing, insulation.		
	Routing	Pinched, no interference or pulling at steering head or suspension, wire looms and ties in place, connectors tight, clean.		
O-OIL & OTHER FLUIDS				
Levels	Engine Oil	Check warm on center stand on level ground, dipstick, sight glass.		
	Gear Oil, Shaft Drive	Transmission, rear drive, shaft.		
	Hydraulic Fluid	Brakes, clutch, reservoir or sight glass.		
	Coolant	Reservoir and/or coolant recovery tank — check only when cool.		
	Fuel	Tank or gauge.		
Leaks	Engine Oil	Gaskets, housings, seals.		
	Gear Oil, Shaft Drive	Gaskets, seals, breathers.		
	Hydraulic Fluid	Hoses, master cylinders, calipers.		
	Coolant	Radiator, hoses, tanks, fittings, pipes.		
	Fuel	Lines, fuel valve, carbs.		
C-CHASSIS				
Frame	Condition	Cracks at gussets, accessory mounts, look for paint lifting.		
	Steering-Head Bearings	No detent or tight spots through full travel, raise front wheel, check for play by pulling/pushing forks.		
	Swingarm Bushings	Raise rear wheel, check for play by pushing/pulling swingarm.		
Suspension	Front Forks	Smooth travel, equal air pressure/damping, anti-dive settings.	Left	Right
	Rear Shock(s)	Smooth travel, equal pre-load/air pressure/damping settings, linkage moves freely and is lubricated.	Left	Right
Chain or Belt	Tension	Check at tightest point.		
	Lubrication	Side plates when hot. Note: do not lubricate belts.		
	Sprockets	Teeth not hooked, securely mounted		
Fasteners	Threaded	Tight, missing bolts, nuts.		
	Clips & Cotter Pins	Broken, missing.		
S-STANDS				
Center stand	Condition	Cracks, bent.		
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position.		
Side stand	Condition	Cracks, bent (safety cut-out switch or pad equipped).		
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position.		

2024 CALENDAR



Breakfast Meetings and Events Schedule

Most events have a flyer or information included in this or a previous newsletter. If you need another copy contact Diane Gill or go online at www.eparetreads.com to download or print a copy of any flyer.

Feb 3=9:30 a.m., Breakfast Meeting at John's Plain and Fancy Diner, 50 S West End Blvd, Quakertown PA.

Feb 10= 8:30 a.m Breakfast Meeting at Golden Corral, 2291 Lincoln Hwy East (RT 30), Lancaster PA

Feb 10= 2:00 pm Mid-Atlantic Rally Meeting- Yoders 14 S Tower Rd, New Holland, PA 17557

Feb 10= 3:30 pm Mid- Winter Banquet Yoders 14 S Tower Rd, New Holland, PA 17557

Feb 17= 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting at **Country Fare Restaurant 498 E. Lincoln Ave. Myerstown, PA**

March 2= 9:30 am Breakfast Meeting at John's Plain and Fancy Diner, 50 S West End Blvd, Quakertown PA.

March 7-10 Mid-Atlantic Get Away- Waynesboro- **Flyer**

March 9= 8:30 a.m Breakfast Meeting at Golden Corral, 2291 Lincoln Hwy East (RT 30), Lancaster PA

March 16= 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting at **Country Fare Restaurant 498 E. Lincoln Ave. Myerstown, PA**

BREAKFAST LOCATIONS:

1st Saturday, John's Plain and Fancy Diner, 50 South West End Blvd, **Quakertown**, Pa. Rt 309 just south of Rt 663.

2nd Saturday, Golden Corral, 2291 Lincoln Hwy East, **Lancaster** PA.

3rd Saturday, Country Fare Restaurant 498 E. Lincoln Ave Myerstown, PA on Route 422



Looking Ahead

Mid-Winter Get Away-March 7-10 2024 Cobblestone Hotel and Suites-Waynesboro, PA- **Flyer**

Meet for Dinner- April 14th 2:00 p.m. at Trolley Barn 116 E. Broad St. Quakertown, PA

Dessert Share- April 27th 1:00-5:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dessert and recipe to share at Trinity Lutheran Church 221 E. Main St. New Holland, PA.- **Flyer**

Mid- Atlantic Rally 2024 – May 16-18 2024 Early Registration May 15- **Flyer**

New England Rally2024- June 10-13 in Maine - **Flyer**

Western PA Rally 2024- July 15–17 2024 Quality Inn Franklin PA

Wellsboro Weekend- August 2-4 2024 Canyon Motel Wellsboro, PA. -**Flyer**

International Rally 2024- August 19-Weekend23 2024 Gulfport Mississippi

Del Marva Rally 2024- September 18-21 in Harrington, Del

Finger Lakes Trip- September 28- October 5- **Flyer**

Mid-Winter

Getaway with the Mid-Atlantic Retreats

Come join us for a short break from winter and
visit with old friends

March 7th - 10th 2024

Rooms: \$89.99 per night

Mention "Eastern PA Retreats" for Special Rate
Reservations must be made 02/10/2024

Complimentary Breakfast
Lunch & Dinner on your own

Nightly Gatherings in the Meeting Room Playing
Cards, Dice, and Cribbage etc.

Come see what Waynesboro, Pennsylvania has to offer:

Waynesboro Mall, Gettysburg Battlefield, Red Run Park, Sunshine Lanes Bowling, Antique Shopping, Waynesboro Movie Theatre, Frank's Pizza, Gino's NY Pizza, Waynesboro, Celebrity Deli, Applebee's, Monterey Pass, Rolling Mills, Red Run Grill, Café Del Sole, China Maple, Keystone Family Restaurant, and many more

Cobblestone Hotel and Suites 12695 Washington Twp Blvd,

Waynesboro, PA 17268 **717-765-0034**

All Rates are Plus Tax 11%, Breakfast included in Rate No outside Alcohol Beverages in Meeting Rooms





Dessert Share

Come and Enjoy this time of
food and friendship

Saturday, April 27th 1:00-5:00 pm

Bring your favorite dessert

And recipe to share

Stay part of the time or the whole time.

Held at Trinity Lutheran Church 221 E. Main
St. New Holland, PA

Contact Linda or Harold Robinson with ques-
tions. 717-823-0413/ daddyamy@aol.com



Wellsboro Weekend

August 2-4 2024

Book your room

Cayon Motel

18 East Ave. Wellsboro, PA

570-724-1681

Mention Ed Carvell and the Retreads

**Meet and ride up on Friday. Ride planned or on your own on
Saturday. Ride home on Sunday. Details to follow.**



New Contest for 2024

Strange Pennsylvania Town Names

(167 of them. Go find them)

Acme ,Acmetonia, Advance, Aliquippa ,Aquashicola, Balls Mills, Bareville, Bath Addition, Beaver, Beaver Falls, Bethlehem, Big Beaver, Bird-in-Hand, Black Horse Tavern, Blawnox, Blue Ball, Braintrim, Brave, Breakneck, Breezy Corner, Brokenstraw, Bryn Athyn, Bryn Mawr, Bully Hill, Burning Bush, Butts, California, Carraige, Ceasetown, Centralia, Chickies, Climax, Couchtown, Coupon, Cranberry, Curfew, Drab, Drinker, Drums, Dunkelbergers, Effort, Eighty Four, Emporium, Fairchance, Fawn Haven, Fawn Haven Number Two, Fearnot, Fertility, Foot of Ten, Forty Fort, Forward, Gag, German, Gravel Lick, Gum Stump, Hacklebernie, Haddock, Hill in Dale, Hometown, Hop Bottom, Husband, Intercourse, Japan, Jersey Shore, Jim Thorpe, Jugtown, Knob, Laboratory, Lebanon, Lickdale, Little Beaver, Little Hope, Lower Peanut, Log Pile, Mars, Midgetville, Misertown, Moon, Moscow, Mount Misery, Mustard, Needmore, New Enterprise, Newfoundland, Noble, Normalville, Nunnery, Ono, Option, P and W Patch, Paint, Pancake, Paradise, Peach Bottom, Pigs Ear, Pillow, Pleasant Unity, Plum, Pocohontas, Porkey, Punxsutawney, Quakake, Quiggleville, Railroad, Red Hot, Red Lion, Ringgold, Ronks, Rough and Ready, Scab Hill, Scalp Level, Schnecksville Schuylkill, Scotland, Seven Stars, Shakespeare Club, Sinking Spring, Slabtown, Slate Lick, Slippery Rock, Smiley, Snpj, Spindley City, Square Corner, Squirrel Hill, Stalker, Standard Shaft, Sticks, Stumptown, Throop, Tomb, Towanda, Truce, Tuna, Tunckhannock, Turkey Foot, Turnip Hole, Upper Black Eddy, Upper Peanut, Urban, Vanilla, Virginville, Vulcan, Waddle, Wall, Walmo, Wampum, West Wyoming, Wheat Sheaf, Wilmerding, Wind Gap, Womelsdorf, Woodchoppertown, Wopsonnock, Yoe, Zelienople.



Take a photo of yourself or your vehicle with the town sign if you can. Send them to kbhoot@comcast.net before November 15, 2024. Call Kris Hoot at 215-460-5082 with any questions.

Valuable prizes will be awarded at the 2024 Christmas luncheon.

Good Luck

It's time to make your reservations!
Finger Lakes, NY
September 28 – October 5, 2024

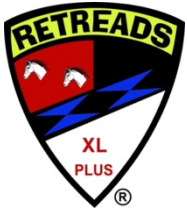


Contact Dan & Nancy at the Colonial Motel at 315-536-3056. Please tell them you are with the Retreads Motorcycle Club. They are honoring the quote they gave us last year for \$699 for the week (\$782.88 with taxes). Reservations must be made by May 1, 2024. Can't go the entire week...Daily rates are available at an average of \$159 a night.

We will meet on Saturday, September 28th at 8:30 AM for breakfast at the Pine Grove Diner, 475 Suedberg Rd, Pine Grove. We will leave immediately after breakfast. The ride is 205 miles, taking approximately 5 hours plus stops. We will make several gas/rest stops along the way. Bring or purchase snacks for at the rest stops. We will go for dinner after checking into the motel.

Daily rides/activities will be planned or you can plan your own adventures.

Contact Rick & Darlene Horst with any questions. dr_horst@yahoo.com or 717-269-5397



2024 New England Regional Retread Rally June 11, 12 and 13, 2024



(Early Check-in Monday June 10th)

**Best Western Waterville
375 Main Street
Waterville, ME 04901
(207)873-0111
(Mention "RETREADS")**

Host Hotel Rate: \$119.00 plus tax for **Single or Double occupancy**
*Rate includes breakfast daily

Rally package includes: Hospitality Room, Early check-in Mon. (2:00 pm – 4:00 pm), Tues. Wed. (8:00 am – 4:00 pm), Thurs. (8:00 am – noon), Ice Cream Social Tuesday evening in the hospitality room 7:00 pm, Entertainment Wednesday evening (Time TBD) in hospitality room, Rally Pin (First 100 to register), Guided and self-guided rides, Thurs. Night Banquet and Awards. (You must hold a valid Retread membership Card to be eligible for awards. No awards for trailered bikes)

Camp Grounds:
• See next page

NO REFUNDS AFTER May 29th, 2024

Please make checks payable to "New England Retreads" mail to:
Ron & Robin Cardin 97 Spruce Road Norwood, MA 02062

Your canceled check is your Registration confirmation or enclose a SASE or Email address for written confirmation

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Rider: _____ Card # _____ State: _____ AMA# _____
 Co Rider: _____ Card # _____ State: _____ AMA# _____
 Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
 Telephone #: _____ Email: _____
 Next of Kin: (Name, address & Phone #) _____

*******Register Early! After May 14th the cost is \$90.00 per person with Banquet*******

Rally with banquet \$80.00/person, times _____ people \$90.00 after May 14th.....Total = \$ _____
 Rally **without** Banquet \$70.00/ person, times _____ people \$80.00 after May14th.....Total = \$ _____
 Men's Short Sleeve T-Shirt - **\$20.00 ea.:** S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____Total = \$ _____
 Women's "V" Neck T-Shirt - **\$20.00 ea.:** S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____Total = \$ _____
 XX-Large _____ **\$22.00 ea.** XXX-Large _____ **\$23.00 ea.**Total = \$ _____
 Long Sleeve (Men's or Woman's) _____ add **\$3.00 ea** Grand Total = \$ _____

CAMPSITES NEAR WATERVILLE MAINE

1. Showhegan/Kennebec KOA
18 Cabin Road
Canaan, ME 04927
800-562-7571
2. Two Rivers Campground
327 Canaan Road
Skowhegan, ME 04796
207-474-6482
3. YogiBear Jellystone Park
221 Lakewood Road
Skowhegan, ME 04950
207-474-7353



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