

# MARYLAND RETREADS



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The calendar says it's spring. It also says it's coming up on the first of April. Easter is just around the corner. Everything we need is here except the warmer weather. Oh, it teases us with a day here and there, but winter just doesn't want to give up.

Well, I've done my part. I sent a letter to The Weather Channel demanding they start forecasting warmer weather. I know they will listen to me, because the media is always willing and eager to work for the betterment of the people.

The March breakfast meeting didn't have any motorcycles. It was 14 degrees, even though the sun was shining. There were 44 members and guests in attendance. We stayed inside where it was warm to hold our meeting. It seemed to be quiet in Mountain Gate that morning, but you know the Retreads, we livened the place up. Warm wishes and laughs all around.

We had our newest member join us. An Indian rider, Quinn Harry. How fitting and almost a Retreads tradition, he won one of the 50/50 drawings. Great to have you on board and we look forward to riding with you this year.

Hal and Dottie took home the second 50/50 and Dawn and Louie were the winners of the March door prize. Congratulations to everyone.

Speaking of summer and riding, Craig and Jan have kicked off the Reasons to Ride Challenge again this year. They continue to receive applications and I know there is still a lot of interest. So don't delay, get in touch with Craig and Jan to start your riding adventure soon. Just remember, if you're the lucky top three in achieving points, you could end up with either a \$50, \$30, or \$20 prize at the end of the season. Get out there, take lots of pictures, mark off your challenge sheet, and most of all have fun.

We completed our normal business and then opened the floor to Art so he could pitch the upcoming International Rally at Bird-In-Hand, PA in May.

He is still accepting volunteers to help at the rally. Any time you can give in the hospitality room, or if you could lead or tail gun a ride, it would be appreciated. The International rally is local, so let's get out there and have some fun, meet new Retreads friends, and volunteer a little if you can.

Art also made a pitch for a volunteer or volunteers to take over the leadership of the Maryland Retreads. As you all know Patsy and I have announced that this will be our last year as your Maryland Reps. Family issues are mounting up and we can no longer represent the club with the time needed to do it justice. If you are interested, or if you just want to know how the club operates, give us a call and we can get together.

After the meeting several members gathered at Lynn and Augie's for coffee and treats. Thanks guys for opening your home for fellowship until the Western Maryland Railroad museum opened.



Craig, Jan and Gary went to the museum in Union Bridge and it looks like they had a good time. Just look at the smiles.



Ron and Sharon hosted dinner out at Brother's Pizza on the 18th. Lynn and Augie hosted an Ice Cream Social on the 24th. It was nice to get together with our friends, break some bread, enjoy some great conversation, and just have a laugh. If you haven't been to one of these, make some plans when it fits your schedule. We have a great time.

See you at breakfast April 2nd!

*Jeff & Patsy*

## Member & Friend News

### Spring Motorcycle Maintenance

After a long winter, we know you're ready to get back out on the road without having to don all that heavy winter wear. But before you take to the road again, make sure your bike is in road-ready condition. Here is a handy motorcycle spring maintenance checklist to get you started so you can ride safely.

#### Change Your Fluids

First, check on all the necessary fluids that keep your bike running smoothly. Look for leaks, change the engine oil (if you didn't already before you put your bike away for the winter), then top up these fluids or change them if they have gone bad over the winter:

- ⇒ Gear oil
- ⇒ Hydraulic fluid
- ⇒ Shaft drive oil
- ⇒ Coolant
- ⇒ Battery fluid

#### Check the Battery

The cold can be hard on your bike's battery. To prepare for your first post-winter ride, make sure your battery is still in good condition. The terminals should be clean, and their connections should be secure.

#### Check Your Controls for Winter Wear

Cold temperatures can really do a number on motorcycle parts, so do a thorough inspection of all remaining parts of your bike before you take it out. Be sure you check your:

- ⇒ **Hoses** for cracks, bulges, or leaks;
- ⇒ **Throttle** for smooth movement;
- ⇒ **Cables** for damage like kinks or fraying;
- ⇒ **Levers** and **pedals** for breaking or bending.

#### Inspect the Chassis

Last, check the frame of your bike for damage or maintenance. Make sure the:

- ⇒ **Frame** has no cracking or dents;
- ⇒ **Forks** and **shocks** are adjusted correctly;
- ⇒ **Belt** and **chain** have the right amount of tension;
- ⇒ **Fasteners** are tight;
- ⇒ **Tires** Check carefully for cracks, flat spots, damage, and wear.

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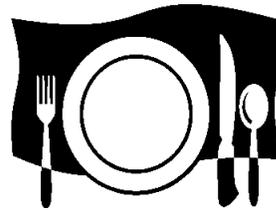


Elizabeth S.  
Hal R.  
Charlie D.  
Randy W.



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### Join us for Dinner Out!



*Thanks to Ron & Sharon  
for planning these!*

Saturday, April 22nd - 3pm.  
Mission BBQ, 17301 Valley  
Mall Rd., Hagerstown, MD  
21740 443-491-8777

<http://mission-bbq.com/node/923>

Wednesday, May 24 - 6pm. Kountry Kitchen,  
17 Water St., Thurmont, MD 21788 301-271-4071

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### Reasons to Ride 2017

Craig and Jan have come up with a wonderful 2017 Reasons to Ride program. It's easy. Take photos of City or State signs including your motorcycle in the photo. Spell Maryland Retreads with each City or State sign. National and State Parks, stone bridges, BBQ and Ice Cream stops, Dinner Outs and more. There is even a Question challenge.



\$5 registers you for the program. This is donated to our charities. See Craig or Jan and they will give you the 2017 Reasons to Ride tour sheet.

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**2017 Retread Rallies**

*Future International & other rallies being planned.*



*Flyers will be in future newsletters as they are available.*

March 31 - April 1, Coffeyville Retreads April Fools' Rally, Coffeyville, KS

May 15 - 18, International Rally, Bird-in-Hand, PA

July 17-19, Western PA Rally, Cambridge Springs, PA

August 17-19, Dodgeville Get Together, Dodgeville, WI

September 19 - 21, New England Regional Rally, Portland, ME

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**Mark Your Calendars**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month  
breakfast (except December)  
9am, Mountain Gate Restaurant,  
off Rt 15 just South of Thurmont, MD.



Monthly after breakfast group rides are planned. If inclement weather, ride will be postponed until later in the year. If you have a ride you would like to lead or a suggestion for a ride, please let us know.

April 2 - Jeff will lead a scenic ride  
(weather permitting)

May 7 - Blessing of the Bikes after breakfast / Allen will lead a scenic ride

June 4 - Ron will lead a scenic ride

July 2 -

August 6 -

September 3 - Randy will lead a scenic ride

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It was wonderful to meet Quinn at the March meeting. He sent an email after the meeting thanking us for the warm welcome.



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**Laughter the BEST Medicine**

The local bar was so sure that its bartender was the strongest man around that they offered a standing \$1,000 bet. The bartender would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass, and hand the lemon to a patron. Anyone who could squeeze one more drop of juice out would win the money.

Many people had tried over time - weightlifters, strongmen, etc. - but no one could do it. One day a scrawny little man came into the bar wearing thick glasses and a polyester suit, and said in a tiny squeaky voice "I'd like to try the bet." After the laughter had died down, the bartender said OK, grabbed a lemon, and squeezed away. Then he handed the wrinkled remains of the rind to the little man.

But the crowd's laughter turned to total silence as the man clenched his fist around the lemon and six drops fell into the glass. As the crowd cheered, the bartender paid the \$1,000, and asked the little man, "What do you do for a living? Are you a lumberjack, a weightlifter, what?" The man replied, "I'm an IRS Agent."

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**Other Motorcycle Events**

Adventure Park, April 23, 2017, Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show, [www.adventureparkusa.com/](http://www.adventureparkusa.com/)

Bikers Against Bullies, June 17, 8:30am Jackman's Custom Cycles, Telco Dr., Frederick. Attraction scavenger hunt throughout Frederick County ending at Burkittsville Ruritan Club 1:30pm. Additional details and website soon.

Hagerstown Bike Week, June 29 - July 2, 2017 [hagerstownbikeweek.org](http://hagerstownbikeweek.org)

Gettysburg Bike Week, July 6 - 9, 2017 [gettysburgbikeweek.com/](http://gettysburgbikeweek.com/)

Eastern PA overnight trip to Finger Lakes Region, NY - August 14 - 17, 2017. Flyer available online and at breakfast. Ed cell: 267-377-9332 or [etb2011hd@gmail.com](mailto:etb2011hd@gmail.com)

Harvest Drive Getaway - September 8 - 10, 2017. Flyer available online and at breakfast. Art [artgrantz@yahoo.com](mailto:artgrantz@yahoo.com) 717-818-5482

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**National Park Service Senior Pass**

It was mentioned at breakfast that there is a Senior Pass program through the National Park Service. The information below was gathered from the NPS website <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm>

- \$10 Lifetime pass
- For U.S. citizens or permanent residents age 62 or over.

May be obtained online, in person at a federal recreation site or through the mail using an application form. The cost of obtaining a Senior Pass through the mail or online is twenty dollars (\$20). Ten (\$10) for the Senior Pass and ten (\$10) for processing the application. Applicants must provide documentation of age and residency or citizenship.

- May provide a 50 percent discount on some amenity fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, boat launch, and specialized interpretive services.

- Generally does not cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessioners.

**Note:** Golden Age Passports are no longer sold. However, these passes will continue to be honored according to the provisions of the pass.

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**Celebrating Spring at Little Red Barn**



Ice cream was enjoyed by all!

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**Maryland Retreads Overnight**

Of the suggestions from the retreat last November, the club voted for this year's overnight we would like to plan a trip to Hurlock, MD (Dorchester County).

Take a river cruise on the Choptank River and possibly dine at the Suicide Bridge Restaurant. Paul and Mary Lou are gathering details.

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**EASTERN PA RETREADS OVERNIGHT TRIP TO FINGER LAKES REGION, NEW YORK**

Open to all Retreads August 14 - August 17, 2017

Ride leaders - Kathy & Ed Benner

Leaving @ 8:30 a.m. Monday Aug 14, from Wawa on Rt 61 next to Cabela's. 515 Lowland Rd, Hamburg, PA.

2nd Meeting spot – Leaving 10:00 a.m from The TA truck stop, 6 Buckhorn Rd, Bloomsburg, PA.

Also we will be stopping in Mansfield PA for lunch. If someone wants to meet there contact Ed for details

We will travel approximately 230 miles to Geneva, NY from Hamburg PA.

Visit: Historic Museums in Palmyra, NY

Glenn H. Curtiss Museum, Hammondsport, NY

Sodus Point Lighthouse on Lake Ontario – in NY, we are not going to Canada.

Museums charge admission fees.

3 nights at Microtel Inn & Suites By Wyndham, 550 Hamilton St, Geneva, NY.

Reservations: Ask for Retread Motorcycle Club.

All reservations must be made by 6/17/17 for rate.

Call for reservations office: 315-789-7890 Check in:

Aug 14, check out Aug 17. Return Thursday to

Hamburg Wawa by 3:30 p.m. Please let us know when you make reservations. Ed cell: 267-377-9332 or

etb2011hd@gmail.com

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## Maryland Retreads Application/Renewal Form

Retreads Motorcycle Club International, Inc.  
AMA Charter 3233

Visit us at [www.mdretreads.weebly.com](http://www.mdretreads.weebly.com) to learn about our group.



**Please type or print clearly**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsored By \_\_\_\_\_

*If renewing you may skip any further entries that have not changed. Be sure to sign below.*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**Important: MUST BE SIGNED BY APPLICANT AND CO-APPLICANT, if any.**

By voluntarily applying for membership, I understand that the Retreads cannot assume responsibility for any aspect of my safety. I understand the sport of motorcycle riding has an inherent safety hazard. I also understand that my participation in any Retread activity is strictly voluntary and further, I release and hold harmless the Retreads from any loss to my person or property.

**Applicant sign:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Co-Applicant sign:** \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Birthday \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant's Birthday \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

AMA number(s) if members \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_

Year joined the Retread organization (if known) \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_

May E-mail and/or telephone number be given to other Maryland Retread Members? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

May your name and photo appear on website? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How would you prefer to receive your newsletter? US Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Rider Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Make of Motorcycle: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Motorcycle(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Other MC affiliations \_\_\_\_\_

A donation of \$15 for single membership or \$20 for a couple's members is requested.

Please make check payable to: Retreads M/C

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return application to Jeff & Patsy Ensminger, 6105 Mary Ann Ct., Boonsboro, MD 21713

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