

MARYLAND RETREADS



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Where, oh where has the year gone? It seems as if the year goes by so fast when you are having fun with your friends and riding your motorcycle. It's hard to believe this is the December newsletter, but here it is.

Thanksgiving is over and we are turning our attentions to Christmas. At least I am. I am looking forward to our annual Christmas luncheon at Mountain Gate. This starts things off just right for me. Hope to see you there too.

Let's talk a little bit about November. It was time for the Sunday morning breakfast and meeting, but it was pretty cold at our house. The decision was made to take the car thinking it would be even colder motoring across Rt. 77 to Thurmont. Ah, but mother nature threw me a curveball. The longer we were out the warmer it got. At the mountain top the thermometer was reading 50+ degrees. Some of our other Retreads members obviously figured the day would be different because we had 20 bikes in the lot all ready for a great day of riding.

It was really a good turnout for breakfast with 53 members and guests in attendance. After a short meeting reviewing upcoming events for the Maryland and Eastern PA Retreads holiday season, I had to make the announcement that there would not be a planned ride for the day. I felt bad that I left the group down, because I had volunteered to lead the ride previously. It left a little hole in me to watch all those bike riders leave by themselves. I hope they at least enjoyed the ride home in that beautiful November sunshine.

Good news for some of our members. Buddy picked up the monthly door prize and Sharon and Randy went home with their share of the 50/50. Thanks to Ron and Sharon though, they actually won both 50/50 drawings but graciously turned down the second win so another Retread had the opportunity to go home with a little more than they came with.

On November 12th the Maryland Retreads got together at Ole Mink Farms Recreation Resort to attend our annual Planning Meeting.

A nice group came together to share ideas for rides, destinations and overnight trips for 2017. They also brought some of their favorite soups, sandwiches and desserts. The meeting lasted for about an hour. We talked through the successful 2016 season. Thanks to all our Retreads members for making it a great year!



The group had lots of new and exciting ideas for 2017 after breakfast rides, and we look forward to

traveling to new destinations and some new scenic byways. There are still some holes in our plans for the 2017 riding season so if you have any ideas, or you would like to lead a ride, let us know.

As always we ask for Dinner Out and Ice Cream suggestions. This year we were only asking for new locations since Ron, Sharon, Lynn and Augie already have a long list of favorites. If you have any suggestions, please get them to our coordinators.

The meeting concluded with Patsy and I announcing the 2017 would be our final year as the Maryland Retreads representatives. If you would like the opportunity to bring new and fresh ideas to keep our club alive and kicking up dust, please contact us. We will be happy fill you in on club operations. It goes without saying, it is because of all of you that we keep the Maryland Retreads a health, happy, family oriented motorcycle club. Thank you.

We will be contributing to three charities again this year with funds collected throughout the year. The Hospice of Washington County's Doey's House; Hospice of Frederick County's Kline House (date to pick up and deliver items was confirmed for Dec. 6th, 10am. Meet at Costco in Frederick) and Operation Second Chance.

We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas lunch at Mountain Gate, 12 noon. Put on your holiday smiles and let's start this winter season together. See you at the holiday lunch.

Jeff & Patsy

Laughter The Best Medicine

As we were putting out cookies for Santa on Christmas Eve, I accidentally dropped one. "No problem," I said, picking it up and dusting it off before placing it back on the plate.

"You can't do that," argued my four-year-old.

"Don't worry. Santa will never know."

He shot me a look. "So he knows if I've been bad or good, but he doesn't know the cookie fell on the floor?"



PLAN AHEAD



Future Retread Rallies

Additional rides and flyers will be in future newsletters as they are available.

March 31 - April 1, 2017, Coffeyville Retreads April Fools' Rally, Coffeyville, KS

May 15 - 18, 2017, International Rally, Bird-in-Hand, PA

July 17 - 19, 2017, Western PA Rally, Cambridge Springs, PA



December Birthday's

- December 2 - Lynn Schenkelberg
- December 12- Dawn Small
- December 15 - Robert Koch
- December 22 - George Albaugh
- December 22 - Sharon Richards
- December 23 - Louis Small
- December 25 - Leroy Bowers
- December 27 - Joe Ensminger

- Randy W.
- Hal R.
- Dominica B.
- Dottie's Sister Peg
- Wayne B.
- Judy B.



Mark Your Calendars

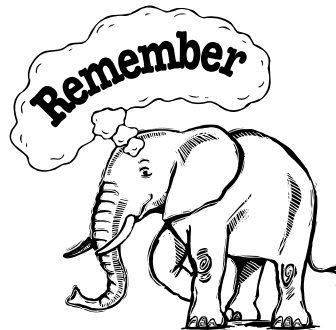
1st Sunday of each month breakfast (except December) 9am, Mountain Gate Restaurant, off Rt 15 just South of Thurmont, MD.



Monthly after breakfast group rides are planned. If you have a ride you would like to lead or a suggestion for a ride, please let us know.

Sunday, December 4, **12 noon** - Annual holiday buffet lunch, Mountain Gate Family Restaurant. Price will be \$17.80 per person which includes the entire dinner buffet, beverage, tax, and gratuity.

Sunday, January 1, 2017, 9am - We will be meeting for breakfast at Mountain Gate.



Membership Renewal

Don't forget to renew your Retread membership. Form in newsletter

Remember rider and co-rider need to sign the form.

Maryland Retreads Cookbook

A few books remain!

75 pages of delicious recipes for only \$15 each.

This makes a wonderful gift! We were reminded this week only 3 months until Christmas!



Cookbooks

Send payment and form to: Sharon Richards
618 E Main St., Thurmont, MD 21788
(Make check payable to Sharon Richards)

NAME: _____
Please Print

PHONE #: _____

of Cookbooks: _____ x \$15 = _____



Maryland Retreads Application/Renewal Form

Retreads Motorcycle Club International, Inc.
AMA Charter 3233

Visit us at 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 \$ _____

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*Merry Christmas to All
and a Safe 2017*

