

MARYLAND RETREADS



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December 2017

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.

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.

The weather before the November breakfast meeting was cold and wet. It sure limited the number of bikes in the parking lot to only one. But, there were warm hugs and hand shakes in the restaurant shared by 34 members and guests. We had a great meal followed by our meeting inside, where it was warm.

Reason to Ride has come to a conclusion for 2017 and it is time for your entries to be turned in to Jan and Craig for final judgment. The winners will be announced in early 2018.

Congratulations to Gail, Donna and Allen for taking home their share of the 50/50. Maybe a start for their Christmas shopping. Donna and Allen were on a lucky streak and also picked up the Door Prize for November.

We reminded those in attendance of club renewals, but most everyone was already signed up of the 2018 season. If you haven't sent in your renewal yet, give yourself an early Christmas present, it's going to be a great Retreads year in 2018.

Thanks to those who gave cards for our Troops. I'm sure they will enjoy holiday message from us.

The November Planning Retreat

Over the river and through the woods to the planning retreat we went. The cars went that way and the motorcycles did stay. (At home in the garage).

We all gathered at Ole Mink Farm for the annual planning retreat. Mike, the owner, built us a cozy fire in the stove, nice and warm. We started out with a quick recap of the 2017 riding season.

We really packed quite a bit into a great year. Almost no bad weather, great rides and destinations. The best fellowship ever at breakfasts, dinner outs and ice cream socials. 2017 really was an exceptional year.



At this point Ron and Sharon took over the meeting as the new Maryland State Representatives.

Everyone helped fill out the ideas

board with rides, over night suggestions, dinners/diners, and ice cream locations. Now all that has to be done is build these into a schedule. However, there is always room for more ideas, so if you weren't able to attend, Ron and Sharon still want to know what you would like to share with the club. It should be a busy year and the club will be looking for volunteers to help as ride leaders, tail gunners, and other general help.

After the meeting we all shared a pot luck. All homemade by our best cooks. No better food in the whole world. We finished off the evening with dessert, fellowship, and a heated game of UNO.

We will be contributing to three charities again this year with funds collected throughout the year. Operation Second Chance; The Hospice of Washington County's Doey's House; Hospice of Frederick County's Kline House.

The club will also be collecting non-perishable items in January and February for local food banks. It was also suggested that items could be collected for the local animal shelters, your choice. Help is needed by all these worthy causes during the holiday season.

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

Retreads Rallies

Future International & other rallies being planned. Flyers will be in future newsletters or at breakfast meetings.



May 17 - 19, 2018 - Mid Atlantic Retreads Rally, Bird-In-Hand, PA

June 4 - 7, 2018 - St. Joseph, MO, Stoney Creek Hotel, 1200 N. Woodbine Rd., St. Joseph, MO. Call 816-901-9600 to make hotel reservations. Mention Retreads, deadline is April 15 for hotel reservations.

July 16 - 18, 2018 - Western PA Rally - Quality Inn & Suites Conference Center, 8040 Perry Highway, Erie, PA 16509. The hotel phone number is 814-864-4911. Mention Retreads to get that rate. Early registration Sunday afternoon.

The 2019 International Rally Spearfish SD, July 29 - August 1, 2019 at the Holiday Inn where it was held in 2004 and 2009. No other details at this time. This is the week prior to the Sturgis rally. All the vendors will be set up in Sturgis by Wednesday of this week without all the crowds.

Mark Your Calendars



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

After breakfast group rides are planned monthly. If you have a ride you would like to lead or a suggestion for a ride, contact Ron & Sharon with your idea.

Sunday, December 3, 12 noon - Annual Christmas buffet lunch, Mountain Gate Family Restaurant. Price will be \$18.70 per person which includes the entire dinner buffet, beverage, tax, and gratuity.

Sunday, January 7, 9am - Breakfast meeting at Mountain Gate.

Reasons to Ride 2017

Turn sheets into Craig and Jan at the December meeting.

Winners will be announced the beginning of 2018.

Member & Friend News

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



Dan & Betty's son-in-law

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Laughter the BEST Medicine

It was Christmas eve, and Santa was really busy making his list and checking it twice, when there came a knock at the door. His wife comes in. "Honey, where do you want me to put your boots and gloves?"

Well, Santa is very busy and so he's slightly annoyed by this trivial question, so he snaps at her, "Put them by the front door, and stop bothering me. I'm trying to get some work done."

He starts back to work, but a few minutes later an elf barges in. "Santa, we got all the toys wrapped, what should we do with them?"

Santa snaps, "Stick 'em in the sleigh! Can't you see I'm trying to get ready? I don't want any more interruptions!"

But sure enough, as soon as he starts back to work, there is another interruption. An angel, standing at the door, says, "Santa, I have your Christmas tree. Where would you like me to put it?"

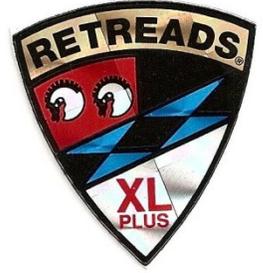
And this is where we get the tradition of placing an angel on top of the Christmas tree.



Maryland Retreads Application/Renewal Form

Retreads Motorcycle Club International, Inc.
AMA Charter 3233

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Please type or print clearly

Date _____

Applicant _____ Co-Applicant _____

Renewal ____ (November & December) 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 Ron & Sharon Richards, 618 East Main St., Thurmont, MD 21788

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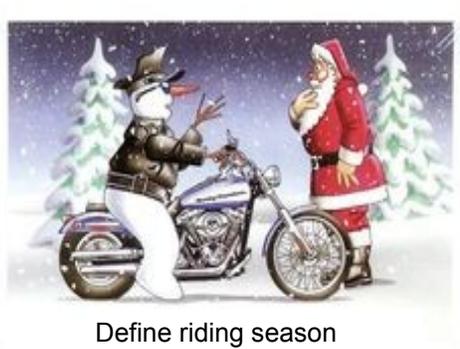


Retreads Events

Annual Christmas luncheon December 3

Eastern PA Christmas Breakfast December 10

January 7, 2018 Maryland Retreads breakfast



Define riding season