



NJ Retreads Motorcycle Club

Newsletter for **MAY — JUNE 2024**

Late Spring 2024

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Keith Bond of Vineland, Gene Mercoli of Sicklerville

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To Prospective Members

We are an easy-going group of grown-up, experienced motorcyclists who do day rides throughout the tri-state area. We ride Wednesdays and Sundays, year round. All brands are welcome. No meetings, few rules, nominal dues. If you are age 40 and above, we invite you to join us. Read on to appreciate the beauty and simplicity of what we are.

May-June Schedule

SUNDAY

Rides depart 9am

May

5 Harrison House

12 Woodstown Diner

19 Elmer Diner

26 Point 40 Diner

June

2 Pegasus Diner

9 Elmer Diner

16 Woodstown Diner

23 Point 40 Diner

30 Vincentown Diner

WEDNESDAY

Rides depart 8:30am

May

1 Pegasus Diner

8 Elmer Diner

15 Harrison House

22 Point 40 Diner

29 Vincentown Diner

June

5 Harrison House

12 Elmer Diner

19 Point 40 Diner

26 Pegasus Diner

Helpful Tips To Make Your Experience More Enjoyable

SCHEDULING

Use your phone to take a screen shot of this ride schedule.

BREAKFAST

Arrive an hour prior to the specified departure time to share in breakfast and conversation.

THE RULE ON FUEL

Gas up prior to the specified departure time. This is a must: it is not a suggestion.

Enjoy !

NEW MEMBERS JOINING MONTHLY!

Welcome

**Keith Bond of Vineland
Gene Mercoli of Sicklerville**

2024 Retread Officers

R. Denny Blew, State Director

856 498 9208

Steve Gallagher, Asst State Director

856 297 4141

David Somers, Membership Officer

609 226 2330

Claudine Gallagher, Club Photographer

Administrative Office:

NJ Retreads 2024 — EXISTING MEMBER RENEWAL FORM

Retreads Motorcycle Club International, Inc. - AMA Charter 3233

Join now and get it done

Member _____ Co-Member _____ Date ___/___/___

THIS MUST BE SIGNED - 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: _____

(Note—We have your contact info on file. If anything has changed, make note on reverse side.)

MAIL THIS APPLICATION - PLEASE DO NOT HAND THIS OFF TO OTHERS TO DELIVER

Mail application & payment to: David Somers - 35 N. Smith Bowen Road, Galloway, NJ 08205
\$25 couple / \$20 single amount enclosed → \$ _____ Please make payable to: NJ Retreads MC

NJ Retreads 2024 — FORM FOR NEW APPLICANT

Retreads Motorcycle Club International, Inc. - AMA Charter 3233

New Applicant _____ Co-Applicant _____ Date ___/___/___

Street Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phones _____ Email _____

Applicant Birthdate ___/___/___ Co-Applicant ___/___/___ AMA Member?#s? _____

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Administration Use Only

App Card # Issued _____ Date: ___/___/___ Co-App Card # Issued _____ Date: ___/___/___



2024 Mid Atlantic Retreads Rally

May 16th-18th 2024, - early registration Wednesday May 15th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Host Hotel – Bird-In-Hand Family Inn & Restaurant, Rt. 340, Bird In Hand, PA

800-537-2535 www.bird-in-hand.com

MENTION "RETREADS MOTORCYCLE CLUB" SPECIAL ROOM RATES WILL BE HELD UNTIL **APRIL 1**

ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Harvest Drive Family Inn 3368 Harvest Drive, Gordonville PA 717-768-7186
Spruce Lane Lodge & Cottages 2439 Old Philadelphia Pike Lancaster PA 866-925-8676
Country Acres Campground 20 Leven Rd Gordonville PA 866-675-4745
More hotels and campgrounds listed on our website.

Hosted by Mid Atlantic Retreads <http://www.midatlanticretreads.com/> for more details

Rally Package Includes

Wednesday evening Ice Cream Social
Door Prizes - Trophies
Hospitality Room with coffee, cookies, pretzels and ice cream
Thursday evening entertainment
Guided & Self Guided tours Thur – Sat
Retreads Breakfast Buffet, Fri or Sat
Friday Evening Banquet & awards
Saturday Evening BBQ
Rally Pins to first 150 signed in at rally

Additional Activities

Thursday evening guided ride to Shady Maple Smorgasbord
Mini Golf Tournament with trophies
Charity Poker Run with trophies
Outlet Malls Nearby
Host Hotel permits all attendees to use pool and hot tub, even if staying somewhere else.

Valid membership card required for some trophies



Hanes 100% cotton shirts.
V neck for ladies, pocket for men.

Shirts must be ordered by April 8

Colors may vary due to shortages

Checks payable to Mid Atlantic Retreads. - dianeg@affordablecomfortinc.net
Mail to: Greg & Diane Gill P.O. Box 573 Saylorburg PA 18353 570-369-2467
dianeg@affordablecomfortinc.net

NAME(S) _____ Retread Card No(s) _____

ADDRESS _____ AMA Card No(s) _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

RETREAD POSITION – **CIRCLE WHICH APPLIES** - PAST OR CURRENT – **CIRCLE WHICH APPLIES** - BOARD, DIRECTOR, STATE REP, ASSISTANT STATE REP. – WHICH STATE _____

NUMBER ATTENDING ___ X \$88 Before April 14, \$98 after April 14 = _____
Without Banquet number attending ___ X \$78 Before April 14, \$88 after April 14 = _____

SHADY MAPLE SMORGASBORD, NUMBER ATTENDING _____ x \$24 = _____

Mens pocket T Shirts S___ M___ L___ XL___ XXL___ 3XL___ \$25 each = _____

Ladies V neck Shirts S___ M___ L___ XL___ XXL___ 3XL___ \$20 each = _____

Shirts must be ordered by April 8. Total amount enclosed (in U.S. funds please) = _____



Come back to Mississippi and enjoy the Gulf Coast!!!

**2024 International Retread Rally
Gulfport, Mississippi
August 20-23, 2024**

Early Arrivals/Registration Monday 2:00-4:00 PM

**Registration includes Ice Cream Social, Rally Pin,
Awards Dinner & more**

Rider _____ Card# _____ AMA# _____

Rider _____ Card# _____ AMA# _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone/Cell _____ Email _____

**Registration fee \$60 per person \$65 after July 15, 2024
Valid RETREADS membership card required
Trailer bikes not eligible for some awards**

**Mail checks and a copy of this page to:
Mid-South Retreads, 1266 Plum Street, Prattville AL 36066**

**If you're interested in a Shrimp boat tour, which includes a live
demonstration and cruise, please check the space below
\$30 (may be less based on group discount) YES _____ NO _____**

HOTELS, CAMPING, ETC.

Holiday Inn Airport
9515 Hwy 49, Gulfport MS 39503
Phone 1-228-679-1700
Room Rate \$109

Best Western Seaway Inn
9475 Hwy 49, Gulfport MS 39503
Phone: 1-228-864-0050
Room Rate: \$74.00

Quality Inn Gulfport
9445 Hwy 49, Gulfport MS 39503
Phone: 1-228-868-3300
Room Rate: \$69.00

(ALL THREE HOTELS ARE ON THE SAME PROPERTY)

CAMPGROUNDS:

BAYWOOD, 1100 Cowan Rd, Gulfport 228-896-4840 (5 Star)

Gulfport KOA, 14031 U.S.49 228-206-0979 (5 Star)

Southern Oaks, 10530 Three Rivers Rd, Gulfport 228-832-5528 (5 Star)

CONVENIENT TO:

Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola,
USS ALABAMA in Mobile, Alabama,
Ride to New Orleans and visit the French Quarter.

AND LOCALLY:

SEABEE Museum in Gulfport,
Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi
Historic Beauvoir, Casinos, New Marine Park, Outlet Mall
Enjoy the food, shows, and entertainment all along the Coast

Your Choice!

**MENTION:
RETREADS**

2024 Delmarva Retreads Rally

September 16th, 17th & 18th, 2024

(early registration and Welcome Reception on Sunday, Sept 15th from 2:30pm to 5:30pm)



Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 17271 S. DuPont Hwy., Harrington, DE 19952. Call 1-302-398-8800 (Mention "Delmarva Retreads" when calling to get discounted rate) Click on this link → [DelmarvaRetreadsRally](#) to register online.
Hotel Rate: \$109.00 plus \$8.72 in tax totaling \$117.72 per night for 1 King or 2 Queen Beds (Suites Available for 119.00 plus tax)
*****Deadline for hotel reservations is August 10th, 2024, to guarantee the discounted rate*****

Rally Registration Cost is \$75.00 per person x _____ people = \$ _____
 Plus Rally T-Shirt Order Total= \$ _____ Total Cost =\$ _____

Rally Registration is \$75.00 per person and includes the following:

- Complimentary Breakfast at the Host Hotel from 6:30am to 9:30am
- Hospitality Room / Heated Outdoor Pool / Indoor Exercise Room
- Multiple Guided Rides and Planned Excursions offered each day of the Rally
- Sunday Evening Early Check-In / Welcome Reception
- Monday Night Sock Hop and 50's Dance Party
- Tuesday Night Banquet and Awards Dinner
- Wednesday Night Ice Cream Social & Parking Lot Party with Outdoor Games
- Door Prizes – Event Swag Bag – Snacks – Water
- Raffles and Drop Bag Auction

**You must hold a valid Retread Membership Card to be eligible for awards ~ No awards for trailered bikes*

- **Make Checks Payable to:** *Delmarva Retreads*
- **Mail Registration Form and Check to:** *Ron Doucette, 75 Barratts Chapel Road, Felton, DE 19943*

Riders Name: _____ Retread Card# _____ State: _____

Co-Rider Name: _____ Retread Card# _____ State: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____ Telephone #: _____

*****Please share your email address so we can send a registration confirmation, ride schedule and Rally updates*****

(please print) Email: _____

Rally T-Shirt Order:

Men's Short Sleeve T-Shirt - \$25.00 - S	M	L	XL	2XL*	3XL*	4XL*	Total = \$	_____
Women's "V" Neck T-Shirt - \$25.00 - S	M	L	XL	2XL*	3XL*	4XL*	Total = \$	_____
*Add 3.00 for each shirt 2XL and over							T-Shirt Total = \$	_____

~~~~~ Deadline to order Rally T-Shirts – August 1st ~~~~~



Men's T-Shirt



Women's T-Shirt



Registration cost after August 1st is \$85.00 per person ~~~~~ NO Refunds after August 13th

TIPS FOR NEW (and all) MEMBERS

SCHEDULES: Rides scheduled every Wed & Sun, year round. In case of bad weather we may do 'pop-up' rides on alternative days. *Stay tuned to social media* for updates.

KICK STANDS UP (KSU): Departure times are *strictly adhered* because of planned routes. Gear up, gas up, and get your engine fired up by the designated departure time.

BREAKFASTS: Enjoy a pre-ride breakfast at the designated location. Allow 1 hour prior to KSU. Otherwise, arrive 15 minutes prior to KSU time to hear about the day's routes.

RIDES: On any day, 1-3 routes may be available. Routes announced *following breakfast*.

BECOME A RIDE LEADER: It's simple. Choose a route or destination and take us there. We encourage more ride leaders. Speak with an officer or a ride leader to learn more.

COMMON RIDE PROTOCOLS: Respect the established protocols of the NJSP: that is *staggered formation* and the *two-second rule*. No passing or side-by-side riding, and allow a 2 second time-gap between you and bike in front. Ask for more info/clarification.

RIDING STYLE: Each ride leader has his/her own unique style. They unselfishly give their time and experience to plan rides. Do not expect them to change their plan or ride style for one individual. So *Join up with a ride leader whose style fits your taste*.

MAKE EVERY RIDE YOUR RIDE: Ride leaders plan their routes and destinations. To hold the group together, riders must reasonably keep up and move as a unit. *If you are uncomfortable with route conditions or a ride-style, exercise your right and exit the ride*.

HELP YOUR FELLOW RIDER: Try to stay aware of *the rider following you*. If they should drop out of sight, attempt to alert the riders ahead. Should there be troubles or a breakdown, we like to have someone remain with them until a solution is found.

ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY: For your own good, *assume responsibility* for *your* ride,

What Is It Worth?

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As a lover of time-tested old machines, I'm intrigued with the concept of a bike's monetary value against its intrinsic value of ownership. I currently own 6 bikes of 6 different brands with an age span from 1967-2017. Collectors will tell you their bikes speak to them in various intrinsic values that, at least for them, are more valuable than the bikes actual cash worth. I am one of those people: happily so!

Monetary value is what someone else (who has no history with this machine) is willing to pay to be it's next caretaker. But intrinsic value is a combination of sentimental value plus how it makes you feel just staring at it in the garage; not to forget the sound it makes when it comes to life, and how much it makes you smile under the helmet. Most collectors tend to always have a project bike in the garage, or at least one that needs repairs (and funding). So what is an old bike really worth?

In 2007 I bought a 1982 Honda CB900C as a *camper* bike. It was lighter than my Electra Glide and could fit under my screenhouse during camp season. I bought it because it was affordable, fit what I wanted it to do and, growing up, I'd always wanted one. These bikes changed motorcycling for the better: I just needed to own one. It served us well for several seasons and I loved riding it. Eventually it developed a persistent brake issue so we garaged it; in the meantime we rode the Electra Glide.

Fast forward and the bike languished many years except for the occasional firing up. Sadly I allowed the carburetors to get ethanol sickness and it wouldn't run at all. It tortured me every time I went into the garage. It needed more work than it was worth monetarily but I couldn't bear to sell it in that condition. So, how much was it worth?

By last fall I couldn't stare at it's broken self any longer, and I couldn't bear to sell it for parts. I vowed to fix it, even if it meant selling at a loss. I called a fellow Retread mechanic wizard and asked if he'd help. We discussed needs, expected expenses and potential cost overruns. He was more than fair, and agreed to get it running and braking reliably, while I'd do the small repairs and cosmetic work.

I well knew this project could end badly after such a long sleep, but I hoped it was worth it. It needed brakes and a battery, but the carbs were the worst part (these Japanese bikes are famous for carb issues). My mechanic toiled long frustrating hours. Still, the carbs tended to overfill and dump gas on the ground, and he was concerned they might never work properly. So I took it home, and hoped they would function once the weather warmed up.

Here we are in March, and after some experimentation, it's working normally again! Ever see a guy dance in his driveway? My neighbors have! Now I can say, "It runs like an old Honda!" (The way I always expected it to). It's no pristine time capsule; it wasn't when I bought it. It still needs tires and a tach drive gasket, and so forth. So, yes: I spent more on restoration and registration than I could sell it for, but realistically small repairs on a bike that's over 40. I'll always keep it lurking around.

Warm weather is coming and this *old friend* will be seen again around Elmer, NJ. And the guy riding it will have a big smile under his helmet, enjoying the wind, the sound it makes, the riding of a classic, and the knowledge that I didn't let it languish. And that's what it's always been worth!

My camper friend has a nicely kept 1970s Kawasaki Z900. He asked me to bring it up the Honda so the two of us can blast around the Pennsylvania hills. It's absolutely gonna happen. If you have a garage piece, take my advice and rescue it. Thank me later. And if you happen to own an old classic that you want to blast around on, call me. Let's do it. Hope to see you out there.

Steve G.

BIRTHDAYS



May

4 Les Bailey
4 Claudine Gallagher
5 Denny Blew
6 Dave Mattson
7 Keith Bond
8 Gary Cliff Jones
11 Nancy Webster
12 Brenda Patterson
15 Mark Whitley
18 Robert Andrews
19 Carl Donato
23 Mary Platania
23 Tom Smith
26 Frank Smith
31 Rich Gabrieli

June

1 Tom Hodge
2 Dave Somers
6 Joe Reid
7 Doug Meeker
9 Connie Frie
11 Ray Gangluff
16 James Kinnarney
19 George Thomas

Thank you, Claudine Gallagher, for so much of the excellent photography found on our Facebook page!

The 2—Second Rule

A Hybrid Procedure for Safer Riding

The hybrid directive of “staggered formation” and the “two-second rule” enables spirited riding while supplying a greater degree of safety. Yet, many motorcyclists are unaware of it.

Staggered Formation

Staggered Formation means no side-by-side riding or passing while in motion. Riders are to remain staggered except when stopped. On very narrow or slippery conditions, riders may go to single file but increase the gap to allow more reaction time.

Two-Second Rule

Watch the rider in front (in your lane: not to your flank). When the rider in front transects with an object (tree, utility pole, road sign), begin a relaxed count “*one mississippi / two mississippi*”. Once you finish your count, you should be intersecting with that same object.

The two-second rule automatically self-adjusts to work effectively at all speeds. It mechanically creates time-gaps:

At 15 MPH, you get a 44 foot gap to the rider in front

At 30 MPH, you get a 88 foot gap to the rider in front

At 45 MPH, you get a 132 foot gap to the rider in front

At 60 MPH, you get a 176 foot gap to the rider in front

At 75 MPH, you get a 220 foot gap to the rider in front

If you get there before two seconds, you’re riding too close. But if you’re not there till four or more seconds, you’re too far back and forcing a separation between the group: that’s not good either.

Shoot for 2-3 seconds. Ride safe / ride smart.

SMILES AND SMILES TO GO

