



RETREADS

Motorcycle Club®

October, 2020

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Monthly meetings: 2nd Sunday of each month

When: April thru September 8:00 am; October thru March 9:00 am

Location: ZOOM meetings until further notice



September meeting notes:

Reminder - October meeting begins at 9AM. Zoom meeting will be the same.

Dottie Golding, Jean Stone and E.J. Foreman all have been under the weather. We wish them speedy recoveries and good health. E.J. Foreman is moving back to Colorado (she received an offer she could not refuse from her former company). She will still have her place in Tucson and hopes we all continue to keep her in the loop via text, email or Facebook.

Roger Deevers reminded us all that we ride with/without personal protective gear - it is our choice however those choices do come with risks. He met a gentleman who in his younger days rode dirt bikes and rode without regard to the risk level or figured he could handle any risky situation. One such encounter had him going over his handlebars and face first into the dirt. His lower lip and jaw were pretty much torn free. He was lucky to be with friends who got him to a hospital and he recovered. If he had worn a helmet with a solid chin bar he may have still had dirt in his face but probably not his chin and jaw torn up. Roger also realized that Roger Gangwer of C & R cycles uses a helmet with a solid chin bar when he test drives his repaired motorcycles. Again a personal choice.

John and Nancy Hlady will be making their way back to Green Valley towards the end of September however they said the fires burning in Oregon are really too close for comfort. At the time of the meeting the fires were about 10 miles from their house. Smoke is so thick that visibility is reduced to the point John can see the house across the street but not really any details, just there is a building. They anticipate rain this week - let's all hope it puts the fire out or greatly assists the fire fighters. The smoke is so thick that helicopters and air support can not go up as visibility makes it completely impossible to fly.

Roger Deevers mentioned there is construction at Houghton and I-10 (probably a few months) along with widening project on Valencia to Mary Ann Cleveland road. Beware of these areas.

Joe and Donna Curreri were dog rescuers - they were out on Wilmot road between I-10 and Sahuarita Rd. and spotted a small dog. They did find the owner through a neighbor- they turned into a street that had homes and rang the door bell. Long story short the owners were away but the neighbor was next door. All was handled. Good Samaritans! Thanks Joe and Donna. Lee and Judy said there were 2 motorcycle deaths (both riders were hit from behind) and both drivers were DUI drivers.

American Legion post 109 - Corona De Tucson, first Saturday of the month breakfast is closed (Kitchen was not making any money). The Commander does not see a time that it will open back up. We discussed several alternatives but did not come to any conclusions.

Jeff & Cecilia Murch

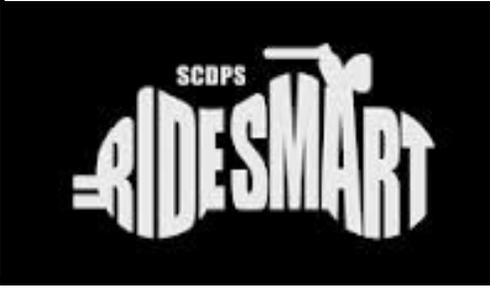




SAFETY CONCERNS

Roger Deevers, Safety Officer

CONSTANT VIGILANCE



TWO WHEELS OR MORE

Have your two wheel habits and driving methods carried over if you are in another vehicle? Mine certainly have. When going through intersections in the four wheeler I'm looking in all directions even though I know I have the right of way. Also I've taken greater notice of debris on the road especially from exploded semi tires. When I see some I expect to see more and it can be in my lane with shards of wire sticking out, laying in wait to puncture a tire. Those pick-up trucks piled high with anything and everything, secured or not, are to be watched cautiously. Changing lanes or merging has me doing a head check now, in the four wheeler, just like when I'm on the bike and not relying only on the mirrors.

Years ago before I was old enough to drive a car (and there were no Interstate highways) a older cousin cautioned me to be extra vigilant when going over a hill because there could be a dare devil passing another car and heading straight at you in your lane. I've never forgotten that advise. We ride a lot on two lane roads and some routes have blind curves and corners. One never knows what is around that curve or corner. There could be a fallen rock or rocks on the road or perhaps some that may have been scattered by a previous passing vehicle. There could be a deceased animal of any size. Hitting a smashed javelina or coyote laying in the road would produce a rather unpleasant result.

Now that the temperatures are becoming tolerable and our seasonal member are returning we will be getting out on our bikes more often. Whether on two wheels or more, keep up those good habits and ride, or drive, safe.

Ride Safe

Roger

Tucson Retread's Alphabet Photo Tour

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At a February Retreads meeting several years ago, I was talking to Cecelia Murch about my continued frustration with motorcycle clothing. I suggested we have either a literal or a verbal style show with a topic each month. In a literal style show, people bring what they want to talk about. At a verbal style show, you just talk about the brand you like or hate and why you like or hate it. I told her my tale about finding socks that I was willing to wear and promised to send the article I wrote over a year ago when I finally found socks that I LIKE. Here it is. Next month I'll tell you my helmet stories!!

Sokz

By Ellen McVay (*probably written in 2011 or 2012*)

Some of you may be expecting an article about Bill Clinton's cat. Others may just think I can't spell but this is really a story about Sokz.

12 or 13 years ago, John bought his first Goldwing and I took up riding behind. I had boots that covered my ankle and put them on, along with a lot of other protective gear and I mean A LOT, as I got ready to go for that first ride. The boots were not a success. They were lace-up and they didn't have a zipper. Thirty miles down the road, I said, "can we stop so I can adjust my sock. It is making me miserable." We stopped, I untied, loosened, unlaced and took off the boot. I adjusted my sock and then I tightened, laced, and tied it all back up again. Over the next three months my miserable socks were a chronic issue and my boots became a source of serious contention. I bought new boots that zip up the side: Bjorn boots that cost \$200+. The only thing that changed was that it was faster to adjust my socks as the tying, untying, tightening, loosening routine was gone. My toes were still miserable and I was still begging to stop about every half hour to adjust my socks. My big toe was being squished and there was a wad over my little toe that made life miserable. I decided it was the socks and began a quest for a tolerable (note I didn't say perfect) pair of socks.

!!br0ken!!ere too short, too tight at the calf, that slid down in my boots. I bought socks at the shoe store in Tubac that were tissue paper thin. I think they had a built in heater I couldn't see—they were too hot 12 months a year. I bought socks that had individual toes, but no heels—they gave my toes claustrophobia that has never gone away. I bought socks that were tight in the instep and puffy for my toes. "Puffy" translates to "waddy" when you put it in your boot and my little toes were not happy with that outcome. I bought velour socks at Wing Ding 2009. My toes were pretty happy but the side seam itched mercifulously. I thought maybe my boots were too tight. I bought new boots that both lace and zip so I could adjust tightness. That seam still itched. I have bought cotton socks, wool socks, nylon socks, socks made of designer fabrics that are meant to breathe. It just doesn't matter. I resorted to taking sandals along if we were going more than 30 minutes on the bike. When we stop, I change shoes—and tolerate the teasing about my claustrophobic toes.

Given all of this, those of you who know John can imagine how enthused he was when I stopped at a socks vendor at Wing Ding 2010. The brand is Sokz and the advertisement said "High-Tech Socks" and the label listed motorcycling. The salesman gave me a terrific pitch to buy a pair. Little did he know that I was now at a point that I would buy any sock that looked different than the 30 + pair I have at home and Hate. So I bought a pair of them that are 65% lenpur, 20% ceramic, 10% polyamide and 5% elasthan. Not one word I recognize in the bunch!! There is a right sock and a left sock. It says "right" on the right sock and "left" on the left sock. This makes good sense to me, after all gloves have a right and left. The band at the top keeps them up without me worrying about my toes falling off from gangrene. They have heels. My big toes have room. There is no bunch at my little toes. They survived the wash machine without turning into a postage stamp. They dry overnight if we are on the road. I was so impressed, I went on line to buy another pair. I couldn't make the website take my credit card today. Maybe it is like socks, I have to try thirty times before I get it right.

Obituary

Harold E. "Harry" Barden, 78, passed away August 25, 2020. His battle with cancer is over. He retired from the Michigan State Police and was a member of the Retreads. He was cremated and did not want a service.



Taco Sunday Ride Report 9-20-20

"Grumpy" welcomed a hardy group of Tucson Retreads for Taco Sunday September 20. Temperatures were under 100 degrees and that encouraged the following to come by motorcycle. Rebecca Hartman, Rich Gilbert, Bill and Nancy Johns, and Dennis and Arlyce Johnson. Lee Davis and friend Bob came by car as did Roger Deevers and his brother and wife.

Grumpy was still Grumpy. Looking forward to Dave Piper's return to cheer her up.

Smooth Riding,

Dennis

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Rose Kimball	10/10	Cheryl Gangwer	10/24
Dave Keiper	10/11	Ross Goodwin	10/26
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