



# RETREADS

## Motorcycle Club®

August, 2020

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**Monthly meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month**

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

**Location: ZOOM meetings until further notice**

### July meeting notes:

We had some new faces on our Zoom meeting in July. Bear was driving in the back woods of Louisiana, D.W. was at his home, and Lee and Judy received their camera so we could see them "live" too. It seems to lift spirits even though we all would like to see each other in person, seeing everyone and being able to talk to each other helps tremendously. Thanks for calling in!

Roger Deevers reminded us that we may be a little rusty on our bikes, with the quarantine. We still should start our bikes and make sure they are in good order. If you do go out - take it easy and get accustomed to your bike. Be cautious and remember it has been a while. Watch out for tire debris on the roadways and now that the monsoons have hit, pot holes will be another item to avoid. Our safety officer from years ago contacted us and gave us a jump drive with his safety messages over the course of his years. Roger mentioned he had a brochure that listed tips and general safety items. We will look to see if we can find the file. Safety never goes out of style!

Golden Corral has a sign "opening soon" so we can watch for maybe a return to dining in and meeting up. I am sure we will still have to social distance but maybe we can get a small group together. Remember if you do go out for group ride -- send in your report to John for the newsletter. Hopefully everyone is enjoying the open roads and riding. Even if you cannot stop just getting out in the fresh air is worthwhile.

August meeting will be Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Watch your e-mail for the Zoom meeting invite.

Jeff & Cecilia Murch





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Roger Deevers, Safety Officer

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## DISTRACTIONS

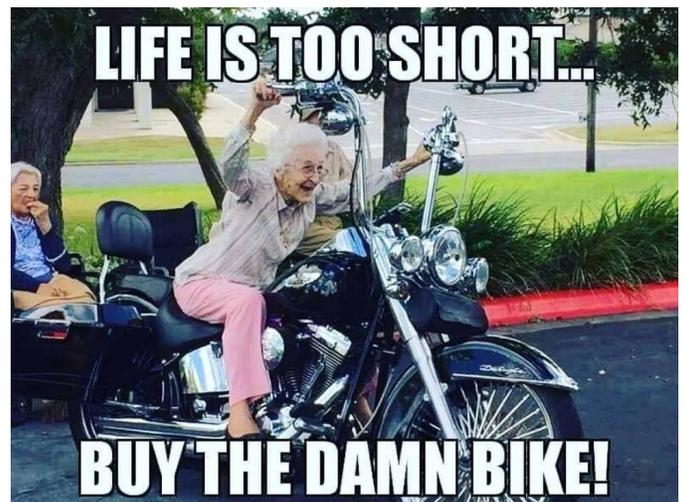
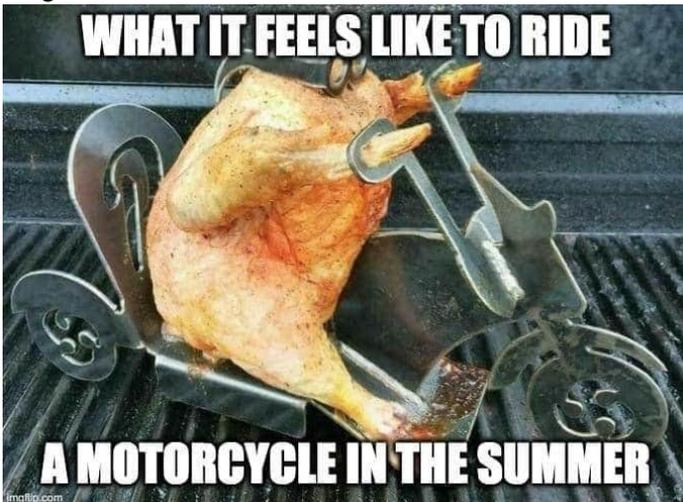
We have a great many distractions while riding our motorcycles, and it seems as though there is no end to them. Sorting out the major distractions from the lesser ones can be somewhat of a stickler for us every time we mount up and venture away. So much is vying for our attention like signs, bill boards and businesses trying to make an impression, It can be so easy to not see something else that can reach out and grab us. Therefore it's rather easy to miss signs and indicators that should have our attention.

Not only do we have to contend with ourselves being distracted, but we must deal with others who are distracted. People driving their vehicles are eating, drinking, talking on their cell phone or to each other, even rummaging for something on the seat or floor. They wind up drifting into our lane or cruising through a stop light. It seems as though we must not only be 100% in control of our motorcycle, but compensating for the ineptitude of others.

Good habits will aid in maintaining a better degree of safety. Like looking farther down the road for slowing traffic, or signals about to change, instead of just looking at the one vehicle in front and mimicking that driver. Good control in applying brakes needs to be established into your habits as well. When needing to quickly stop, most of your bike's weight is transferred to the front wheel. As much as 70 to 90 percent of your braking is transferred to the front tire depending on the situation. Practicing to squeeze the front brake lever along with applying the rear instead of grabbing and locking up the wheels will help avoid a unpleasant situation. The gyroscopic effect of the wheels turning will keep the bike stable and prevent a mishap. A little practice, in a empty or sparsely used parking lot, making what would be called a quick or emergency stop will help program yourself in establishing a good controlled braking habit.

Ride safe.

Roger



# July Ride Reports

June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roy & Lisa Woolard and Lee Davis rode to Bisbee on Tuesday June 30. After checking into the Copper Queen Hotel, we took the golf cart tour of Bisbee operated by the BisBee Tour Center. It was a 1 1/2 hour tour and we saw a lot of the city of Bisbee. Our tour guide was very knowledgeable and one could tell very proud of Bisbee. Two things that I remember most: 1) There are many buildings considered to be haunted and 2) The city of Bisbee was once considered to be the capital of Arizona. We then returned to the hotel and jumped on our bikes and rode to lunch. We ate at the Open Market Cafe. I must report that Bisbee seemed almost like a ghost town. Because of the Covid-19 Virus, many businesses were closed and hardly any traffic was observed. Certainly a lot different than normal. We then rode to the Bisbee Coffee Shop and had a fruit smoothie as we watched the sparse traffic going by. We returned to our hotel and rested up until dinner time. Because most restaurants were closed, we ate dinner at the hotel. Wednesday morning, we rode to the Bisbee Coffee Club for breakfast. After breakfast, we took the Bisbee Copper Mine Tour. The tour consisted of riding a small gauge train into the underground mine. We stopped a couple of times where the tour guides showed and told us much about copper mining. The tour lasted for an hour and was very interesting. After the tour ended, we again jumped on our bikes and rode to Douglas. We checked into the Gadsden Hotel. This hotel is famous as this is where Poncho Villa rode his horse up the steps of the marble staircase located in the lobby. We ate lunch at the hotel and then hung around the hotel all day. There is a veranda on the outside of the huge stained glass windows located on the second floor. We spent most of the afternoon sitting in the cool breeze and enjoying nice conversations. We then had dinner at the hotel. We discussed the possibility of having an overnight ride here by club. Roy talked to the management and they said if we had a certain number they would give us \$10 off per night. We had breakfast at the hotel Thursday morning and then headed back to Tucson. As we entered Bisbee, it started raining. We had to stop and put on rain gear. It continued to rain as we rode north. It rained hard for most of the ride until we got a few miles south of Benson. It was a great two day ride. The rain didn't bother knowing we needed it.

Reported by Lee Davis

**July 19<sup>th</sup>** - 13 Retreads met at the "Circle S" Saloon for TACOS!!! Thanks to Dennis Johnson for setting it up. We had a great visit - no problems - food was good - Grumpy was on her toes - everyone was glad to see us. Those in attendance were Dennis & Arlyce Johnson, Rich Gilbert, Rebecca Hartman, Dan & Aina Dickerson, Ellen Davidson, E.J. Foreman, Lee Davis, Roger Deevers and better late than never Dennie Stone, Fritz & Henrietta Hennings. The weather is pre-monsoon - will the real rain ever come? Reported by Aina Dickerson

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Beto, my wife Rosita and I have been doing. As you can see, we have been doing bicycling along the Santa Cruz River Loop which starts at Valencia and goes north all the way to Sunset and beyond. Recently I bought a tandem bicycle and both my wife and I have been riding and having lots of fun along the Santa Cruz River Loop. Most recently, on my wife's sixth time on the tandem bike we rode a total of 26.13 miles. We rode from Valencia to Silverbell Lake and back. Here are some shots to illustrate our bicycle rides. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Submitted by Tony Arroyo



*"I thought I'd get the cobwebs off the motorcycle. Don't wait up, I'll be gone for a few hours. If the weather is nice, it'll be a few days."*



We usually send our grandkids to church camp each summer on the Oregon coast, but since camps were canceled this year due to the COVID-19 virus we took them on a white water rafting trip on the Deschutes River in Central Oregon. They were a little apprehensive at first, but after the first set of class III rapids they were looking for more. We covered about ten miles in three hours on a beautiful and warm summer day. The rafting company's owner is building a house two blocks from our house so we got to know him and his team of guides better as well. We were in a small six person raft, by they also run four and eight person rafts and I think there were six or seven rafts in our little pack for the afternoon. I guess they all had a good time cause they all slept all the way home.

Submitted by John and Nancy Hlady



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Where did everyone go?

I can still see their paddles so there down there somewhere.

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# Retread's Marketplace

The Retreads is a club for motorcycle enthusiasts 40 years old plus. We don't care what you ride Membership is \$20 per single and \$25 per couple.

If you are a member of the AMA please send me your Member ID and expiration Date. This helps us lower our insurance when we put on rallies and sanctioned events. If you can forward this information it would be greatly appreciated. Jeff & Cecilia Murch

Members may submit information about rides, items for sale, motorcycle articles, etc. to the newsletter editor TucsonRtrdnews@gmail.com no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. The Tucson Area Rep. and the newsletter editor reserve the right to edit all materials submitted for newsletter publication.



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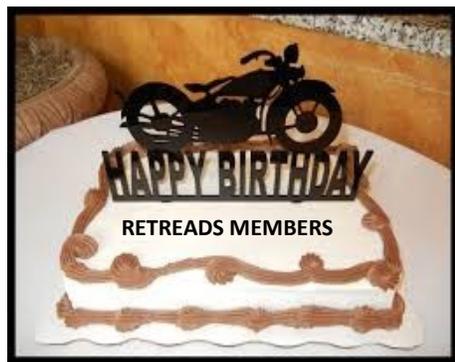
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See Cecilia or Jeff Murch



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## August Birthdays

Deb Eddie	8/2	Fritz Hennings	8/19
John Hatzl	8/3	David Spooner	8/19
Retread's Meeting	8/9	Aina Dickerson	8/26
Janice Jones	8/13	Dorene Rohlman	8/26
Evonne Anderson	8/15	Julie Beutel	8/27
D.W. Gary	8/16	William Tyndall	8/31
Patricia Moyer	8/18	Mary Ellen Tyndall	8/31



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