



GATEWAY REGIONAL RETREADS® RECAP

www.gatewayregionalretreads.com

Mar-Apr 2024

It's time to renew your memberships. The Membership Application Form is on Page 15. Be sure to complete all information and include your Email Address so we can update our records and include you on any important updates or new information.

Directors Notes

Hello Retreads. I'm not sure where to start this newsletter's notes. The last couple of years were a strange and unsettling time for our Region. We have lost a lot of our members. The drop in membership started back in the Covidi-19 days and hasn't picked up yet. We need all the members to go out and let riders in your area know about the Retreads.

We also need to find Area Reps for the Mountain Home chapter, the Springfield area, Cuba, MO as well as up in the northern part of Missouri. Also needs state and area reps for Kansas and Oklahoma.

Area Reps would be holding the monthly meetings, organizing rides and activities for the group. We also need State Reps for Mississippi, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas. Anyone that may be interested, please contact Omar or I and we can review those responsibilities with you.

Reminder, there will be a Spring Flings this year on June 6-8, 2024. The flyer is posted on Page 13. Be sure to mention you are a Retread when booking your room or rv spot at the Mt View RV Park & Cabins for the 10% discount. The other upcoming rally flyers are posted in this newsletter. The first (as usual) is the April Fools Rally in Coffeyville, KS. Apr 5-6th. Their flyer and all the others are beginning on Page 8.

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Directors Notes-Cont.

Don't forget to send in your Membership Application for 2024. The application is on page 15 of this newsletter as well as on our website:

gatewayregionalretreads.com

Ride like the wind, and keep the shiny side up and be safe.

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New Members

Tim & Karen Riggs

Charles & Lauie Travis

Bob Agosti

Note: All the new members are for North Arkansas Retreads



Anniversaries

March - April 2024

George & Millie Hendrix	Mar 08
Huey P & Duncan	Mar 03
John & Linda Mitchell	Mar 28
Bernie & Martinson	Mar 01
Spencer & Linda Fontenot	Mar 20
Paul & Carolyn Corbello	Mar 24
Charles & Betty Lee	Mar 05
Joe & Ruth Ellis	Mar 18

Kevin & Brenda Askl&	Apr 23
Garry & Celine Kingsl&	Apr 11

Birthdays

March - April 2024

Bob Agosti	Mar 03
Julia Blanchard	Mar 13
Lori Coolbeth	Mar 29
Omar Crafton	Mar 29
Gail Creech	Mar 20
Ronald Dartez	Mar 28
David Despard	Mar 16
Florence Foreman	Mar 28
Rich Gregory	Mar 05
Sherry Herrala	Mar 17
Caroline Kelley	Mar 02
Sandi Moore	Mar 11
Tim Riggs	Mar 23



North Arkansas Retreads®

North Arkansas Retreads El Chico Café

Jan – Feb 2024

January meeting had 20 members attending. We reviewed the Raffle items for Spring Flings and discussed how we might get more raffle item. We also discussed have a swap table for items that Retreads would like to sell or swap for other items on the table. We also have a couple of vendors that are planning on have a table at the rally.

The February meeting had 19 members in attendance. We discussed Spring Fling activities. We are already receiving registrations from Retreads locally and from other states.

Be sure to check the website to get a copy of the registration forms for all the upcoming Rallies.

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Salina Retreads
IHop, Diamond Drive, Salina, KS
Diamond Drive
Salina, KS

January and February 2024

In January we did not have a meeting due to the weather. We had so much snow where we live that we could not get out of our driveway.

In February we had three members and one guest. We talked about the upcoming rallies and what weird weather we are having. We had temps around 80 in February and theme today we are back to below freezing. I am looking forward to trying to make the rally this year if Dan is doing better.

Salina Area Reps
Dan and Shirley Jones

Business links..

Click on the urn in the ads to go to their websites – or copy and paste the links...



Get your gear on and let's ride!

**We Buy, Sell & Consign Motorcycles
Trade-Ins Welcome**

**Leathers-Helmets Custom Apparel- Leathers-
Helmets-Accessories**

<https://www.mountaineergo.com/>

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Motorcycle Tour Packs



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- Luggage
- Adventure
- Parts
- By Bike

<https://www.vikingbags.com/motorcycle-tour-packss/>

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6451 Hwy 62 West
Gassville, AR 72635

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<https://rpm-performance.edan.io/>

If you are interested in advertising in our newsletter and/or our website, please contact me at:

Email: gwregion@gmail.com

Phone: 870-421-2639

MOTORCYCLE FOR SALE:

2016 Harley-Davidson Ultra Classic Limited

Mile Driven: 45,255

Price: \$17,000

Contact: Omar (870) 620-0025

(Serious buyers only please...)



More pictures available upon request.
Email: retread1426@gmail.com

Clear Title...

Well maintained and can provide all maintenance records. The bike is garage kept year round when not riding. When traveling on overnight trips bike is covered at night.

Manuals include – owner manual, 2016 HD Repair & Maintenance Manual, audio system manual (Boom Box).

Audio console has Bluetooth, HD inboard navigations system. Has a USB port for flash drive access to play music, upload maps, etc.

Also Included are HD Travel bags for tour pack and both saddle bags and HD bike cover.

To view more photos, go to our website: <http://gatewayregionalretreads.com/index.html> – click on the More in the menu bar and select “Classifieds”

Motorcycle Safety Tips

Make motorcycle riding safety your top priority!

Operating a motorcycle takes different skills than driving a car; however, the laws of the road apply to every driver just the same. A combination of consistent education, regard for traffic laws and basic common sense can go a long way in helping reduce the amount of fatalities involved in motorcycle accidents on a yearly basis. It's important to understand some basic motorcycle safety tips to make sure your next ride is a safe one.

Follow these tips for safe riding:

Always wear a helmet with a face shield or protective eye wear.

Wearing a helmet is the best way to protect against severe head injuries. A motorcycle rider not wearing a helmet is five times more likely to sustain a critical head injury.

Wear appropriate gear.

Make sure to wear protective gear and clothing that will minimize the amount of injuries in case of an accident or a skid. Wearing leather clothing, boots with nonskid soles, and gloves can protect your body from severe injuries. Consider attaching reflective tape to your clothing to make it easier for other drivers to see you.

Follow traffic rules.

Obey the speed limit; the faster you go the longer it will take you to stop. Be aware of local traffic laws and rules of the road.

Ride Defensively

Don't assume that a driver can see you, as nearly two-thirds of all motorcycle accidents are caused by a driver violating a rider's right of way. You should always ride with your headlights on; stay out of a driver's blind spot; signal well in advance of any change in direction; and watch for turning vehicles.

Keep your riding skills honed through education.

Complete a formal riding education program, get licensed and take riding courses from time to time to develop riding techniques and to sharpen your street-riding strategies.

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Be awake and ride sober.

Don't drink and ride, you could cause harm to yourself and others. Additionally, fatigue and drowsiness can impair your ability to react, so make sure that you are well rested when you hit the road.

Preparing To Ride

Making sure that your motorcycle is fit for the road is just as important as practicing safe riding. Should something be wrong with your motorcycle, it will be in your best interest to find out prior to hitting the road. To make sure that your motorcycle is in good working order, check the following:

- **Tires:** Check for any cracks or bulges, or signs of wear in the treads (low tire pressure or any defects could cause a blowout)
- **Under the motorcycle:** Look for signs of oil or gas leaks
- **Headlight, taillight and signals:** Test for high and low beams (make sure that all lights are functioning)
- **Hydraulic and Coolant fluids:** Level should be checked weekly

Once you've mounted the motorcycle, complete the following checks:

- **Clutch and throttle:** Make sure they are working smoothly (throttle should snap back when released)
- **Mirrors:** Clean and adjust all mirrors to ensure sharpest viewing
- **Brakes:** Test front and rear brakes (each brake should feel firm and hold the motorcycle still when fully applied)
- **Horn:** Test the horn





Coffeyville Retreads April Fools Rally

DATE: April 5th & April 6th, 2024
TIME: Thursday Evening Early Bird
Friday & Sat – 8 A.M.
LOCATION: Ron Stevenson Building
Walter Johnson Park
REGISTRATION: \$20 Per Person
After March 17th registration will be \$25

For more information please contact:

Wayne Robison

EMAIL: marionrob1956@gmail.com

PHONE: 620-820-3280

If no answer, please leave a message

MOTEL & CAMPING INFO

Walter Johnson Park
Campground
620-252-6108

www.coffeyville.com/139

SureStay
605 Northeast St
620-251-3700

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
701 Northeast St
844-384-1695
620-808-3319

Sleep Inn & Suites
202 W 11th St
800-424-6423
620-688-6400

Rest-Full Inn
820 E 11th St
620-251-0002

NAME _____

RETREAD # _____

AMAR _____

NAME _____

RETREAD # _____

AMAR _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ST _____

PHONE _____

MAIL REGISTRATION TO:

Coffeyville Retreads
C/O Wayne Robison
PO Box 113
Mound Valley, KS 67354



SWLA RETREAD RALLY, 2024 April 24, 25, 26 & 27

Pre-Register \$25.00/Person Before April 15, 2024
All individual prices increase by \$5.00 after April 15.

RIDER _____ /RIDER/PASSENGER _____
Membership # _____ Membership # _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip _____ Contact Phone: _____
Email: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Can your cell number be put on a group text? Yes No

Group text can be active so if you do not have unlimited text you want
to circle NO.

Rally registration at \$25.00 x _____

After April 15 registration IS \$30.00 x _____

Registration: \$ _____

Early sign in will be 3:30 Wednesday, April 24

Rides will start Thursday, April 25

Check payable & mailed to "Louisiana Retreads"
3882 North Highway 171
Lake Charles, LA 70611

Feel free to text or call me and leave a message 337-515-2643. Sylvia Bailey

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Accommodations:

Rally will be at

The Mulberry Hotel in Westlake, L.A. This is a small private owned property. As of now there are 13 rooms on the ground floor, 2 are handicap, and 7 rooms on the second floor. Second floor rooms are suites. These rooms are a combination of double queens and single kings.

Downstairs rooms are \$99.00 + tax

Upstairs rooms are \$109.00 + tax

They will cut off the hold on rooms at the end of March. Work your best deal if you book in April. Get with me if you have any question and I feel sure they will give the same rate.

The Mulberry Hotel
917 Mulberry Street
Westlake, LA 70669
337-214-1677

There is a LaQuinta by Wyndham
1008 Sampson Street
Westlake, LA 70669
337-660-2525

RV sites will not be close. I am working to get a site in Westlake for RV sites. Follow Louisiana Retreads facebook page for updates.

You can call or text me at 337-515-2643 and let me know you will be needing a RV site and I will contact you as soon as I find something.

Anyone wanting to spend more time than the rally time let me know and I will attempt to make myself available to ride & eat before or after the rally.



Yá'át'ééh', we are privileged to welcome you to a sacred place for our people, the Dine. As Navajo we believe that our people journeyed through three worlds in various forms before emerging from the Mother Earth into this world, the Sparkling World.

Wednesday 5/1 Canyon De Chelly (pronounced Shay) Visitors to Canyon De Chelly National Monument "Experience" this powerful place with its rugged beauty, history and Navajo culture. Kkivas, ancient ruins and petroglyphs can be seen along the curving cliff walls. For the best adventure, Navajo guided jeep or horse tours will be available. Please visit www.arizonacanyonjeeptours.com to make your own reservations.

Thursday 5/2 North Rim and South Rim rides – Overlooks give visitors unique views and spectacular sights, including Ledge Ruin, Mummy Cave and Massacre Cave. As the ride climbs higher above the canyon floor, see Tunnel, Tsegi and Junction Overlooks where Canyon De Chelly and Canyon Del Muerto meet.

Friday 5/3 rides around the area and the evening banquet with awards and prizes.

HOST HOTEL: Holiday Inn – Group Rate \$106 + 20.5% tax. Phone: 928-674-5000
Address: Bia Route 7, Chinle, AZ Mention Retreads Motorcycle Club for group rate

Seeing the second largest canyon in the country may leave you exhausted. At the end of your adventures, the Holiday Inn has Navajo and regional dishes at Garcia's Restaurant. Also, pick up authentic Navajo jewelry and pottery at the Trading Post.

Rider: _____ Passenger: _____

Rider Retread's Member # _____ Passenger Retread's Member # _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email: _____

Number of people X \$50.00 ea. = \$ _____ enclosed

Register by April 1st, 2024

Mail to: Judy Aitken 5910 N. Calle Kino Tucson, AZ 95704
Phone: 520-293-2932 Email: tizatrading@aol.com



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 2409 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 Fire 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



Have 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 Saylorsburg 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) = _____



North Arkansas Retreads® Spring Fling Rally

Jun 6 - 8, 2024
Mountain View RV Park,
Mountain View, Arkansas



Scenic Poker Run on Friday	Guided Lunch Ride Saturday
Wipe-Out Board(s)	50/50 drawings
Raffle drawings	\$100.00 Bill drawing
Bingo Night	BBQ Dinner
JoJo's Catfish	Raffle Drawings

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration - \$35.00 per person
Registration at the door -- \$40.00 per person.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please make your check payable to **North Arkansas Retreads** mail to: Omar Crafton
36 Waterfront Circle
Lakeview, AR 72642

Rider: _____ Co-Rider: _____

Membership # _____ Membership # _____ Phone _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Rally Shirt - How Many: _____ Size: _____ Color _____ Amount \$ _____

Rally Shirt - How Many: _____ Size: _____ Color _____ Amount \$ _____

Rally Shirt - How Many: _____ Size: _____ Color _____ Amount \$ _____

Rally Shirt - How Many: _____ Size: _____ Color _____ Amount \$ _____

(See picture of T-Shirts design & color on Next Page) Total Shirts: \$ _____

Tee-Shirt Prices

Sizes S - XL \$17.00
Size 2XL \$19.00
Size 3XL \$20.00
Size 4XL \$22.00

Total for Registrations	\$ _____
Total for T-Shirts	\$ _____
Total Amount Paid	\$ _____

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2024 Tee-Shirts

Please send in your T-Shirt orders by May 28th

Motels and Campgrounds in the area:

Mountain View RV Park and Cabins, Stephen is Mgr. – 870-269-3758 (Rally Site)

Be sure to let them know when you call them to book a cabin or RV Spot that you are a Retread. They are giving us a 10% discount.

Days Inn –870-905-0661

Dogwood Motel – 870-269-3847

Pinewood Cabins & Motel – 870-269-5900 (located on backside of Square)

Ozark RV Park – 870-269-2542

Parkwood Inn & Suites 870-269-2828 | 870-213-5260 (Formerly Best Western)

Bed and Breakfast Inns, Mountain View, AR:

Country Oaks Bed & Breakfast

17221 Highway 9, Mountain View (870) 269-2704

(Full Breakfast-1 mile from the Square)

Ozark Country Inn

219 S. Peabody St., Mountain View (870) 269-8699

(1 block from the Square on-Hwy 9 S.)

Wildflower Bed & Breakfast On The Square

100 Washington, Mt. View (870) 269-4383 (Buffet Breakfast &Afternoon Snacks

Please call us at our number below if you have ANY questions. We hope you will come and help us celebrate another year as Retreads.

Omar & Dorothy Crafton

870-620-0025 (home)

870-421-2639 (cell)



Application for Membership
 Retread® Motorcycle Club International, Inc.,
 Gateway Regional Retreads®
 AMA Charter 32338

2024

New _____ OR Renewal _____ Date: _____

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Email 2: _____

Phone: _____ Phone 2: _____ Anniversary ____/____/____

Birthday ____/____/____ Spouse ____/____/____

**(Year is NOT
required)**

American Motorcycle Membership # _____ and _____

- PLEASE READ & SIGN. IF A COUPLE - BOTH MUST SIGN -

I understand that the **Retreads®** cannot assume responsibility for any aspect of my safety and that if I participate in any event, I do so voluntarily on my own assessment of my ability, assuming all risk; and I release and hold harmless the **Retreads® Motorcycle Club** for any injury or loss to my person, property which might result there from. I understand that this means that I agree not to sue the **Retreads®** for any injury resulting to myself or my property at any such event.

Signature **X** _____ Spouse **X** _____

Current Card Number _____ Current Card Number _____

Member Dues; **\$25.00** per Couple for 1 yr. \$ _____
\$20.00 for Single for 1 yr. \$ _____

- Additional Donation Amount (to support your local chapter) (Optional) \$ _____
 Chapter /Area _____

Make check out to: GATEWAY REGIONAL RETREADS®
Mail to: Omar Crafton
 36 Waterfront Circle
 Lakeview, AR 72642

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR REGIONAL USE ONLY:

New Card Number _____ & _____ Date Mailed ____/____/____

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Lakeview, AR 72642

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