



# RETREADS

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## Motorcycle Club

JUNE  
2017

TUCSON  
AREA

**Monthly meetings: 2nd Sunday of each month -- Golden Corral,  
6865 N. Thornydale Road, Tucson, AZ**

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

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The Retreads is a club for motorcycle enthusiasts 40 years old plus. We don't care what you ride. Membership is \$15.00 per single and \$20.00 per couple. Members may submit information about rides, items for sale, motorcycle articles, etc. no later than the 1st of the month to the newsletter editor: Mary-Ellen Tyndall, TucsonRtrd-News@aol.com. The Tucson Area Rep. and the newsletter editor reserve the right to edit all materials submitted for newsletter publication.

### RIDE SCHEDULE

#### June Rides

Saturday, June 3, 8 AM Breakfast at American Legion Post 109 (15921 S. Houghton Rd., Corona De Tucson) Ride to Follow. Contact Dwight Irwin 520-574-9670 or keek9553@gmail.com.

Sunday, June 11, 8AM Regular monthly meeting @ Golden Corral (6865 N Thornydale) Ride to Follow.

Saturday, June 17, 8 AM

Breakfast ride to Reb's Cafe (1020 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Benson, Az. 520-856-8206). Meet at Chevron, Wilmot and I-10. Contact

Jeff Murch 520-603-3579 or TucsonArizonaRep@aol.com.

Saturday, June 24, 7 AM Breakfast ride to Wild Horse (309 McKeonwn Ave. Patagonia, Arizona, 520.394.2344) Meet at Chevron, I-10 & Wilmot. Contact Dwight Irwin 520-574-9670 or keek9553@gmail.com

Sunday, June 11....Retreads meeting however we are meeting at 6AM (Park and Benson Highway) to ride BEFORE the meeting. We are going to take road over through Saguaro National Park to

Sandario and then over to Picture roads over to the meeting.

#### **Future Dates to Note:**

October 12-16, 2017 4-Corners Rendezvous Tucson, Arizona. Tucson Area Retreads Motorcycle Club hosting. Meeting hopefully at Voyager RV Resort (Earl and Dave to check w/ management). See flyer/registration.

Friday, December 15, 2017

Retreads Christmas Party Catered by Golden Corral. Music by: TBD.

Ticket prices: depends on rent for auditorium, catering and any other items the club may be paying for.

**Please call the contacts indicated for each ride if you are going to participate . Plans may change and rides may head to a different location from those listed. Times shown are departure times—Be fueled and READY TO RIDE! Also, if the restaurant has an early head count they can provide us with better and faster service.**



Flag Day June 14



Father's Day June 18



1sr Day of Summer  
June 21

## Ride Reports

### April 29 Ride to Sweet Peas in Arivaca.

Well blessed are the ones that bend in the wind....or who would ever guess Jeff was under the weather but it happened. Cecilia drove the Corolla as the caboose for the 9 bikes with Dave Piper graciously leading the group. Also Sweet Peas was not at their brick and mortar restaurant, they had a catering job...so we traveled to Arivaca (all the twists and turns) via Old Nogalas Highway to the I-19 frontage road to Amado to Arivaca and then returned the same way. We stopped at Tractor Trailer Supply (where they had a Farmers market and Sweet Peas (AKA BK Outlaw BBQ) had set up). The owner had a tent, table and chairs set up for us and everyone had a good lunch. We parted ways and traveled back home. We had 2 couples come for the ride and before we began they joined as members!. Please welcome Mark Applegate and Jaci Gerard. Please also welcome Doug and Judy Fifield.

Welcome and happy riding!

Cecilia

Photo from JD at Bird in Hand, PA Retreads International Rally.



### After the May 7 meeting:

Dan led Aina, Charlie Broder, Gail Barry, Dave Spooner, Ellen Goodman and Judy Aitken up Thornydale to Tangerine, then Rt. 77 to Oracle. We then took American Ave. to Mt. Lemmon Hwy.(otherwise known as the "back way up") and then down Webb Rd. to San Manuel. When Webb Rd. met the highway, Judy turned left and headed for 77 and home for some grandmotherly duties and the rest of us turned right into San Manuel. We took a break at the Ace Hardware - good to know they have a bathroom. After a nice visit in the parking lot, we all headed back the same way we came. People went their own way on the way back and we had a most enjoyable ride. Submitted by Aina

### Thursday, May 18:

This was not a scheduled Retread ride. Dan & I both rode up to Marana before 9 to watch and wave our flags as the participants in the central section of the Run To The Wall came in to refuel on their way to Washington, DC. There were several hundred bikes, but they are super organized and all things went smoothly. Picture 2 lines on each side of the pump - one guy handling the hose - filling one on one side then turning and filling the one behind him. 4 pumps, 8 lines and people directing traffic at each end. WOW! We were very lucky to see Judy and Lee Aitken who were meeting with the Patriot Riders who had a prayer and some patriotic songs after they picked up their flags to form an honor guard on both sides of the street as the riders came in. Judy is an official Ambassador and was making the ride for her 10th time. Lee was with them in spirit but was not quite ready to make such trip after his recent problems after surgery. Dan and I rode over to Cattlemans Cafe for breakfast and just made it back in time to get a spot on the frontage road so we could wave our encouragement and thanks to all of these wonderful people who ride because we can't. Both Dan & I served during Viet Nam, but his half of his 101st Airborne unit did not have to go over and my WAC job did not qualify me to go. But the Wall is special for both of us and we both have friends whose names are there. While in Marana, a special platoon of riders went to the fairly new Arizona State Veteran's Cemetery to lay a wreath. Local Legion Riders, Patriot Guard riders and others were at the cemetery to assist in the ceremony. Dan & Aina Dickerson Thanks Dan & Aina for the pictures & the report



## Tucson Arizona Retreads Notes-May 2017

We had our newest members at our meeting. Doug and Judy Fifield and Gail Barry. We welcomed them to our meeting and our club (if you have been on any of our recent rides they have been joining us. Don't forget to say Hi next ride). Our club is up to 149! And it continues to grow.



Roger Deevers reminded us to pay attention to our riding. You never can tell when traffic might stop in front of you, be prepared for the worst so you can avoid accidents (or being a part of one). We have had several accidents recently in Tucson. Dwight and Aina both urged members to write and band together to send a message to our officials that Motorcyclists have as many rights as the cyclists. Our lives matter too.

David Spooner won the 50/50 raffle however he is unable to sell tickets at the next meeting. Rebecca Hartman volunteered. We will catch David when he returns next year.

Christmas party Friday, December 15, 2017. We are considering changing our food vendor. The price would remain the same (\$10 per person) plus they will deliver and serve. We are waiting for their menu to see what we can pick and make as our meal. We have entertainment that will play during and after our dinner. So mark your calendars and get ready to enjoy an evening with your Retreads friends.

Our 4 corners rendezvous is October 12-16, 2017 at Voyager RV park. Our flyer was sent to all members. We already have 16 registrations, one from California and one from Louisiana. We hope to see many of our members!

We have not completed nor begun a Summer/Fall ride schedule but we may try for a Pizza party for us desert folks who brave the summer sun.

Don't forget to check out members "For Sale" or "For Want" items in the newsletter.

Memorial Day parade is a possible ride if anyone is up to it. 7AM line up time, parade at 8AM. Separate email sent out to see if there is any interest from those not attending the meeting (only 1 hand went up with the announcement).

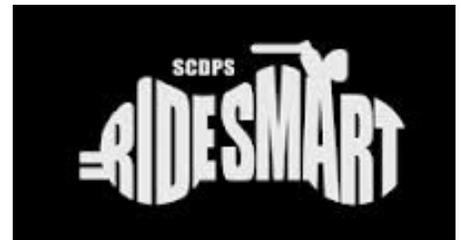
Our next meeting is June 11. We will meet at **6AM at Park and Benson Highway** to take an early ride before breakfast. Plan is Ajo Way out to Gates Pass and back into town.

A few members went on a ride after the meeting...you will have to read the ride report to know where they went.



## **SAFETY CONCERNS**

**Roger Deevers, Safety Officer**  
**LINES**



The one thing that has perhaps saved more lives than anything else for the driving public has been the painted lines on the road. The center line being the one most effective. Those lines painted on the roads and highways have been there for the entirety of our lives. The story of the original line may have some myth connected with it. "It was a

painter's truck who had a container to paint tip over and the paint spilled on the rear tire leaving a line down the middle the road. Drivers used that line as a reference to stay on their side of the road." A good story but not the official one: 'The first lined road in the United States was Trenton's River Road in Wayne County, Michigan, which dates back to 1911. Edward Hines, at the time the chairman of the Wayne County Board of Roads, came up with the idea after watching a leaky milk truck make its way down the road, [according to the Michigan Department of Transportation](#). Hines was posthumously inducted into the Michigan Transportation Hall of Honor for the idea in 1972.'

Since the first application of paint to pavement, a career emerged titled "Traffic Engineer."

'**Traffic engineering** is a branch of [civil engineering](#) that uses [engineering](#) techniques to achieve the safe and efficient movement of people and goods on roadways. It focuses mainly on research for safe and efficient [traffic flow](#), such as [road geometry](#), [sidewalks](#) and [crosswalks](#), [cycling infrastructure](#), [traffic signs](#), [road surface markings](#) and [traffic lights](#). Traffic engineering deals with the functional part of transportation system, except the infrastructures provided.' Thinking back to my younger years the white and yellow lines were just paint. Some ingenious individual came up with the idea of making the lines more reflective by including glass beads in the paint which made a remarkable difference at night. Traffic engineers have done an excellent job of designing road markings that are usually easy to interpret. However the design and specifications are handed off to someone else to carry out the application. On an ordinary basis those "road painters" do a pretty good job. But once in a while we come across an area where the lines on the road are confusing and near impossible to follow leaving us, after getting through the area, to mentally say, "WHAT? WHY? Where the painters confused too?" Whether it was spilled paint or leaking milk, following the resulting lines and evolution of markings on the road has indeed made our riding experience much safer.

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## 2017 AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days 2017

### July 7-9 event includes Swap Meet, Racing, Wall of Death, Seminars and more

PICKERINGTON, OH – April 18, 2017 A \$10 early bird discount is available through May 1 on tickets to the 2017 AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days, scheduled for July 7-9 at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio, the American Motorcyclist Association announced today. AMA members get a \$15 ticket discount through June 5, which is an additional \$5 off the early bird discount. AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days features vintage motorcycle racing, bike shows, seminars, demo rides, live music, the American Motor Drome Wall of Death, a swap meet with nearly 1,000 independent vendors and much more. "We invite all motorcyclists to join us at another amazing AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days," said AMA Chief Operations Officer Jeff Massey. "AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days is recognized as one of the country's premier motorcycling festivals, celebrating the illustrious history of motorcycling in this country. "The sheer size of this event and the excitement of the people attending are energizing," Massey said. "You can spend three days here and still not experience everything that's available." AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days raises funds for the nonprofit AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame. Begun in 1990, the event has been held at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course since 1995. The track and its surrounding grounds are a superb location for the event, accommodating road racing, trials, hare scrambles and motocross, in addition to a [Paul Yaffe's Through The Years Motorcycle Retrospective Big Hit at Arizona Bike Week](#)

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PHOENIX, AZ – April 14, 2017 – A retrospective exhibit celebrating legendary custom motorcycle builder Paul Yaffe's storied career was on display at the Legends Pavilion for the duration of [Arizona Bike Week 2017](#). Sponsored by [Chuck Franklin Law](#), Yaffe Through the Years showcased 19 of the most spectacular bikes that Paul has created during his 26 years in the bike building and custom parts business. Tens of thousands of people cycled through throughout the week, taking in photos and testimonies and witnessing firsthand and up close the beauty and power of Paul Yaffe's metal masterpieces. "It all started with a love of motorcycles and a curiosity and desire to see what could be made of them," says Paul. "I never would have guessed, when I first started experimenting in the mid eighties, that it would have led to where we are today." An amazing collection of some of Paul's most memorable custom creations was on display, featuring bikes from all around the country, including one of his take on an aluminum FXR from 1995. Nineteen motorcycles provided a visual representation of the evolution of Paul's career, from choppers to baggers to pro-streets, including both Discovery bikes (Phantom and Suzy-Q), Whitey (the bike he gave his bride her first ride on) and the world-famous Prodigy. A longtime Hamster, Paul also helped organize and participated in the Seventh Annual Hamster's

Charity “Dry Heat Run,” which drew over a thousand riders and raised over twenty thousand dollars for children’s charity. Beginning at [Paul Yaffe’s Bagger Nation](#), the ride stretched for 60 miles, winding through some of the most beautiful desert terrain Arizona has to offer, and culminating at Arizona Bike Week for a concert with Creedence Clearwater Revisited. But people were really taken with the *Paul Yaffe Through The Years exhibit*. “We did a smaller event as part of my birthday celebration late last year,” says Paul. “But we expanded the concept, added about twice as many bikes, more photos, artwork and memorabilia. Plus, it was really special to hold the event here in Phoenix, where I opened my first shop so many years ago.” That first shop was American Legend Motorcycle Co., which opened in 1991. Since then, Paul has enjoyed one of the most illustrious and influential careers in motorcycle designing and building. Today, Paul Yaffe’s Bagger Nation, together with Paul Yaffe Originals, is recognized as one of—if not the—preeminent custom bike building outfits.



**About Paul Yaffe** Paul Yaffe has been designing and building custom motorcycles and motorcycle parts and accessories for over 30 years. In that time, he has won many awards, contests and honors, including three “World’s Most Beautiful Motorcycle” awards at the famous Oakland Roadster Show and two “Builder of the Year” and three “Trendsetter of the Year” honors from Easyriders Magazine. Paul opened his custom shop [Paul Yaffe’s Bagger Nation](#) (together with [Paul Yaffe Originals](#)) twenty-five years ago, and today his designs are recognized as being among the best and most sought after in the world. For Paul’s latest news, designs and appearances, follow him on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) (@BaggerNation) and [Instagram](#) (@pybaggernation).

- Dad , why do people who ride bikes look so happy ?  
- Look son, in my opinion they are crazy.  
Also they have a weird philosophy,  
they think they are free, they believe in enjoying the wind in their faces,  
the dust, the rain, the sun and everything else.  
They call their friends brothers; they help each other,  
they greet each other even though they are strangers.  
When they get off their bikes they embrace as if they have not seen each other in years  
they live for the day, they are likely to die at any time but apparently do not care.  
- Dad can you buy me a motorcycle.



Photo and poem sent  
in by Judy Aitken.



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**LOS CARACOLES PASS, CHILE**

While the main highway from the Argentinean town of Mendoza up the Andes to the Chilean border in the shadow of Aconcagua (6961m) is a series of steps, from the border post at 3200 metres the road plummets down towards Santiago de Chile. The last time I rode down here, my companion was passed by the local bus while negotiating the 20 successive hairpin bends covered in a scattering of loose gravel. Los Caracoles means "the snails".



- Mark Applegate      Jaci Gerard
- Doug Fifield        Judy Fifield



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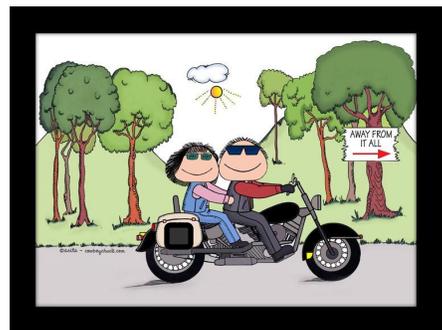
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