



# RETREADS

## Motorcycle Club

November, 2025

TUCSON  
ARIZONA

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

When: Breakfast @ 8:00 AM, Meeting @ 8:30 AM

Location: Golden Corral Buffet & Grill 6865 N. Thornydale Road Tucson, AZ

### October meeting notes:

We had a small group, still waiting for our snow birds to return. Perhaps November will be a larger group.

2026 Membership cards are ordered - hopefully we will have them soon. John and Nancy Hlady are back in Green Valley. One of our restaurants on the ride schedule to Tombstone is closed permanently - group riding can decide on a different restaurant.

Roger Deevers reminded us that sometimes we make bad decisions, sometimes things just happen no matter how prepared and conscious you are of your surroundings. Personal protective gear is a choice. He also reminded us that helmets can range from inexpensive to expensive however it is insurance that may save your life. DOT rating on a helmet only means the manufacture has completed testing, SNELL rating reflects independent testing by a third party (not the manufacture).

Road cleanup is October 19, with Taco Sunday to follow. Retreads are registered for the Veteran's Day parade, Tuesday, November 11th. Lunch to follow. Please contact Cecilia (if you have not already done so) - she will send out the details of where to meet, group number and time.

Holiday celebration is \$5 per person, paid in advance. Tucson Estates on December 6th. Doors open at 4 PM, Dinner ~ 5-5:15 with dancing and white elephant gift exchange. We wished all our birthday members a Happy Birthday. Next meeting is November 9th.

One extra note - Do we want to have a New Years Day ride? Lunch at Amado at the Longhorn Grill? Please let Cecilia know so we can make arrangements.

Cecilia Murch





## SAFETY CONCERNS

Roger Deevers  
Safety Officer



### CELL PHONE: BLESSING OR CURSE

Cell phones have become very beneficial. Many times lives have been saved because of an immediate call for emergency service or contacting a family member for needed assistance. However cell phones can be a curse for motorcyclists when in the hands of abusers. It's not unusual to be following someone in their car or truck who is weaving around in the lane speeding up and slowing down. It becomes obvious that the driver is talking on his or her cell phone or performing other activities like using the device for texting.

You stay alert and use all the needed safety gear, but sometimes that's not enough to prevent accidents and injuries. Distracted drivers are the leading cause of motorcycle crashes, not the bikers themselves. In 2019 motorcyclists accounted for nearly 14 percent of fatalities. (NHTSA) estimates that 481,000 people use cell phones when driving. That explains the relationship between motorcycle deaths and distracted driving.

What Constitutes Distracted Driving? Distracted driving refers to any activity that could divert a person's attention from their primary task of driving. Anything from paying attention to the road and surroundings can distract a driver and increase their chances of causing an accident. Often, it is due to the driver's [negligence](#). Some behaviors that lead to distracted driving include: Texting or calling on the phone and;

Reaching for items in the car, eating or drinking, talking to passengers, adjusting the entertainment system, daydreaming or rubbernecking

Any of these behaviors can distract a driver and lead to motorcycle accidents. However, texting while driving, according to the NHTSA, is the most dangerous and alarming distraction. The NHTSA likens the five seconds it takes to read or send a text on the road to driving across a football pitch with your eyes closed.

Different Types of Distracted Driving include: 1. Visual Distractions These are distractions to the eyes when texting, tuning the radio, or staring at something on the road. You cannot drive safely or identify risks once you take your eyes off the highway. 2. Manual Distractions These are typical physical distractions, such as taking your hands off the wheel when driving. Examples include: Adjusting the seat belt, grabbing food or drink, adjusting the stereo or electronic device

Controlling a vehicle with one hand on the wheel is tricky and can easily contribute to a distracted driving accident. Mental distractions can switch the driver's attention off the road. Loss of concentration occurs when talking to another passenger, daydreaming or upset. These distractions can hinder you from making sound judgment decisions on the road.

What Does the Law Say About Distracted Driving on a Motorcycle? Distracted driving involves various activities that can keep the driver from full engagement when operating a vehicle. As earlier mentioned, the activities can range from eating and drinking to fiddling with the sound system or simply talking to a passenger. But statistics show that using a cell phone is the main form of distracted driving. So, considering how popular cell phones have become, states have resorted to enforcing laws to reduce distracted driving. So far, 48 states have enacted a Hands Free Law prohibiting texting and driving. Twenty-four states have gone a notch higher to ban handheld phone use when driving altogether. Breaking any of these laws attracts penalties, including fines, license suspension, and serving a jail term. Is it Always the cyclist who gets distracted? Far from it, most of the time, it's drivers of passenger vehicles who get distracted when driving. But that is not to say motorcyclists are not subject to distracted driving. Motorcyclists are as vulnerable to distractions as drivers operating sedans or trucks. In fact, motorcyclists have more distractions to worry about, considering their lack of physical protection.



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## CELL PHONE: BLESSING OR CURSE Cont'd

Motorcyclists have been known to use their cell phones when riding too. Talking on the phone is a significant distraction that often causes dramatic accidents. Things can become so mundane when cruising on the open road. Riding for long journeys can easily make your mind wander off- especially if riding in remote areas can also increase your chances of daydreaming. It would help if you take frequent breaks for your body to rejuvenate. Every other rider arms themselves with an MP3 player to keep entertained when riding. The problem comes when you try changing music selections while still on wheels.

Taking your eyes and hands off the bike is quite a dangerous distraction that can cause fatal crashes. You can select your songs beforehand, so you don't need to change them once your ride begins. Motorcycle riders are often distracted by other drivers on the road than anything else- especially the bad drivers. A bad driver can irritate you, distracting you from keeping an eye on the hazards or other vehicles. If you spot a bad driver, do your best to avoid them; else, they might distract you. Cars are the greatest threat to you as far as motorcycle accidents are concerned. Unfortunately, avoiding a collision with a reckless driver may not always be possible. Try not to ride in a car's blind spots and stay visible in the rear view mirrors of other drivers. It also helps if you flashe your brake lights whenever slowing down or about to stop.

The best thing you can do to save yourself from becoming a victim of a distracted driver is to make yourself visible. Consider wearing high visibility (reflector jacket) and using a headlight even during the day. Even though motorcycle horns are often not loud enough, honking can force a driver to pay attention to you.

Stay alert and ride safe, Roger



# 15th Annual Amado Chili Cook-Off

Randy & Rose Estes Classic Car & Motorcycle Show

Saturday, November 15, 2025 | 9 AM to 3 PM

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# November Ride Schedule

Ride Contact: Cecilia Murch 520-603-4350  
**Please RSVP for all rides to Cecilia Murch unless alternative contact is listed.**  
 tucsonarizonarep@aol.com

<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Sunday, November 2, 2025</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 4, 2025</b>
Meet Location	Seven Eleven, Oracle and Magee	Meet at restaurant
KSU	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Ride Contact	Cecilia Murch	Cecilia Murch
Contact phone	520.603.3579	520.603.3579
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Destination	Biscuits Café	Buendio Breakfast and Lunch Café
Address	270 E. Hunt Hwy.	2530 N. 1st Ave
City	San Tan Valley, Arizona 85143	Tucson, Arizona 85719
Notes		
<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Saturday, November 8, 2025</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 11, 2025</b>
Meet Location	Chevron Wilmot and I-10	Downtown
KSU	9:30 AM	10:15 AM
Ride Contact	Cecilia Murch	Cecilia Murch
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Destination	La Unica Restaurant and Tortilleria	Veteran's Day Parade
Address	142 N. Haskell Ave	Corner of West Alameda Street and Granda Ave
City	Wilcox, Arizona 85643-2160	Tucson, Arizona
Notes		Lunch to follow - groups choice on where to eat
<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Friday, November 14, 2025</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 18, 2025</b>
Meet Location	Chevron Wilmot and I-10	Chevron Wilmot and I-10
KSU	9:30 AM	10:15 AM
Ride Contact	Cecilia Murch	Cecilia Murch
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Destination	Jimmy's Hot Dog Company	Farmhouse Restaurant
Address	938 W. Highway 92	811 W. 4th Street
City	Bisbee, Arizona	Benson, Arizona 85602
Notes		
<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Sunday, November 23, 2025</b>	<b>Sunday, November 30, 2025</b>
Meet Location	Pinnacle Peak	Pilot at Rita Road and Interstate 10
KSU	5:30PM	10:00 AM
Ride Contact	Cecilia Murch	Cecilia Murch
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Destination	Pinnacle Peak	Sandy's RV Restaurant
Address	6541 E. Tanque Verde	5120 AZ 191
City	Tucson, Arizona 85715	Pearce, Arizona 85625
Notes	Wear a tie - so the group can be "recognized"	

# October Ride Reports

## **Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> Just Breakfast Tucson, AZ**

déjà vu at Just Breakfast with Arlyce and Dennis Johnson, Lee Davis, Dixie Hayes and Richard Flax. *Submitted by Richard Flax*

## **Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> Kon Tiki Tucson, AZ**

"Aloha" at Kon Tiki from Anne Lee, Dwight and Carolyn Irwin, Connie Bean, Lee Davis, Jim and Jayne Ronfeldt, Arlyce and Dennis Johnson, Dixie Hayes and Richard Flax. *Submitted by Richard Flax*

## **Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> Nickels Diner Rio Rico, AZ**

Ride was enjoyed by Arlyce and Dennis Johnson, Anne Lee, Doris and Rich Paulik, Dave Ameigh, Cecilia Murch, Dixie Hayes, Richard Flax, and Lee Davis. *Submitted by Richard Flax*

## **Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup> Manuel's Mexican Restaurant Green Valley, AZ**

Dennis and Arlyce shared an omelet at Manuel's in Green Valley. They enjoyed a romantic breakfast. *Submitted by Cecilia Murch*

## **Thursday, October 2, 2025 Wisdom Café Tumacacori, AZ**

Dennis and Arlyce, Brian and Jim. Enjoyed a lunch and conversation. Still a bit warm (riding their motorcycles) but hopefully it will cool down soon. *Submitted by Cecilia Murch*

## **Sunday, October 5, 2025 Roadrunner Kafe Wilcox, AZ**

Ride was pleasant. It was Rex Allen Days but we had no issues with crowds. Enjoyed our breakfast and conversation. Anne, Brian and Cecilia attended. *Submitted by Cecilia Murch*

## **Thursday, October 16, 2025 Zula's Restaurant Nogales, AZ**

John and Nancy enjoyed a solo ride through Sonoita and Patagonia ending up in Nogales for a wonderful mexican lunch with apple pie ala mode and warm cinnamon sauce for dessert. *Submitted by John Hlady*

## **Sunday, October 19, 2025 Road Clean Up Marana, AZ**

11 Retreads and 1 'future Retread' made it to road clean up. Day was beautiful - perfect temperatures. Road appeared clean, however we picked up 3 pickup truck beds full of trash bags including a mattress, propane tank, car parts, broken glass, and other. All were disposed of between Brian and Cecilia. Road looked great afterwards. Several cars stopped to thank us for our service. Brian and Jaxton, Richard and Dixie, John and Nancy, Keith and Peggy, Rebecca, Adele, Anne, and Cecilia. *Submitted by Cecilia Murch*

## **Sunday, October 19, 2025 Taco Sunday Marana, AZ**

5 additional Retreads joined the road clean up crew for taco Sunday. Dennis and Arlyce, Dave and Pam Ameigh and Rich Printz. Good tacos and conversation. *Submitted by Cecilia Murch*

## **Tuesday, October 21, 2025 River Bottom Grill Florence, AZ**

Jim, Brian, David, Leslie, and John road to River Bottom Grill in Florence. Wonderful day for a ride. Happy to have rides again. *Submitted by Cecilia Murch*

## **Sunday, October 26, 2025 The Garage Green Valley, AZ**

9 Retreads had a good lunch at The Garage Sports Bar. Attending were Dan and Aina, Brian, Shirly and Marty, Cecilia, Lee, and John and Nancy. *Submitted by Cecilia Murch*

## **Tuesday, October 28, 2025 Sunny Side Up Cafe Catalina, AZ.**

Sunny's in Catalina was decided by the assembled group. Dennis, Arlyce, Adele and Dan D. Attended. They were so busy chatting that they forgot to get a photo. A great time for all. *Submitted by Cecilia Murch*

## **Thursday, October 30, 2025 Horseshoe Café Benson, AZ**

11 Retread's made a beautiful fall ride through Sonoita with a brief stop at Pipers Falls for a leg stretch and pit stop before continueing on to the Horseshoe Cafe for an enjoyable lunch. *Submitted by John Hlady*

# October Ride Pictures



◀ Just Breakfast 9-23



Kon Tiki 9-25 ▶



◀ Nickels Diner

Manuel's Mexican Restaurant ▶



◀ Roadrunner Kafe

Zula's 10-16 ▶



◀ Road Clean-Up 10-19

Riverbottom Grill 10-21 ▶



◀ The Garage Sports Bar 10-26

The Horseshoe 10-30 ▶



**Date** Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> Taco Sunday  
**KSU** 11:00 AM  
**Meet location** Meet @ restaurant  
**Ride Contact** Dennis Johnson  
**Contact phone** 520-971-5015  
**Contact e-mail** ddjtucson@hotmail.com  
**Destination** Circle S Saloon  
**Address** 16021 W. El Tiro Road  
**City, Zip Code** Marana, AZ 85653  
**Notes** Taco special (other food too)



**Date** Every Wednesday Gentleman's Garage  
**KSU** 9:00 AM, Lunch to follow  
**Meet location** Gear Shifters 1045 N Catalina Ave  
 Tucson, AZ 85711  
**Ride Contact** Bear Moncrief  
**Contact phone** 520-404-8692  
**Contact e-mail** bear1biker@gmail.com  
**Destination** The Breakfast Stop  
**Address** 6135 E 22nd St.  
**City, Zip Code** Tucson, AZ  
**Notes** Gentleman's Garage



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**Save the date**

**Tucson Retread's  
 Christmas Party**

**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
 Tucson Estates Club House**

A professional photographer will be taking pictures for a future yearbook update

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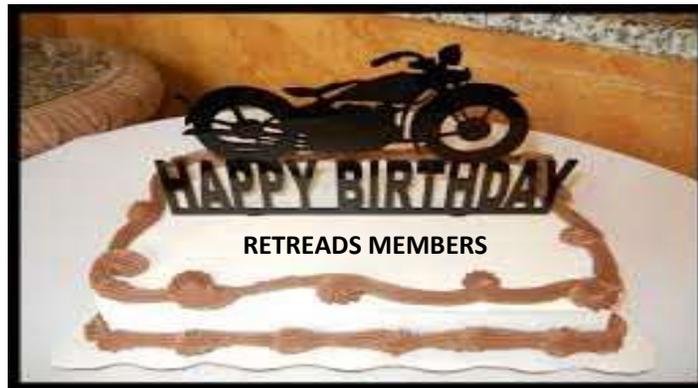
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# November Birthdays

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Nancy Johns	John McVay

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