



RETREADS

Motorcycle Club

May, 2025

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Monthly meetings: 2nd Sunday of each month

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

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

April meeting notes:

We had a good crowd. Many will be leaving to return to their summer homes. We now have 119 members.

Ramona sent out Birthday cards and "get well soon" cards. The May news letter will be early as John and Nancy are part of the "snow birds" who will be returning home. Please continue to send your ride reports - we will catch up in the June newsletter.

Roger Deevers advised us to carry a small first aid kit for minor injuries that you may experience on a ride. With the heat ramping up - remember that debris could be showing up more than usual. Also remember tire debris has steel woven into the tire. We heard about several personal "close" calls recently. Please remember to watch out for the other drivers (vehicles) as they may be distracted or just in a hurry and think they can pass a line of motorcycles without consequences. Be safe and vigilant.

Reminded all about our party in December with the professional photographer. We have the square dance hall (on 29th street and Swan) for our second annual 4th of July party. Details are still pending but a few stated "Don't forget the deviled eggs!"

We sang happy Birthday to our April birthday members. See everyone May 11 - Mother's Day.

Tucson Retread's Christmas Party

December 6th, 2025

Tucson Estates Club House

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

Cecilia Murch





SAFETY CONCERNS

Roger Deevers
Safety Officer



THINGS TO CONSIDER

There's much more to consider when on the motorcycle than when in your car, truck or SUV because you are out in the open with little protection other than your riding apparel. Riding posture is important for comfort. Relax. Don't tense up and don't maintain an excessive grip.

The most common motorcycle accident is a car fails to see you or judges your speed incorrectly, turning in front of you at an intersection. Blame inattention, distraction, blind spots and even psychology; a driver looking for cars perceives merely an absence of cars, not the presence of a motorcycle.

You just need to see it coming. Part of your skill as a motorcyclist is to develop a precognitive sixth sense. Look for signs that could indicate someone may turn in front of you: a car is at an intersection waiting to turn, there's a gap in traffic near an intersection, driveway or parking lot. In either situation, slow down, cover your brakes and get ready to take evasive action. Yes, you do need to take something as innocuous as a car waiting in a turn lane as a major and immediate threat to your life. You also need to account for objects outside of your vision. Gaps in traffic indicate the possibility of someone coming through that gap, even if you can't see them. Again, **MAJOR THREAT, PREPARE FOR EVASIVE ACTION.**

And once you've identified said threat, you can work it through levels of severity. Is the driver clearly able to see you, without obstruction from their window pillars, trees or signs? Is that person actually looking? Are they looking at you? How are they situated in the road? Where are their wheels pointing?

Look at their wheels, not the car – they'll give you the first clue of movement. During all this, also be aware of what's behind and to your side. Should you need to take evasive action, you'll need to know your routes of escape. It's no good braking in time to avoid a turning car, only to be swatted from behind by a tailgating SUV. What's the road surface like? Is it going to be able to handle the full force of your brakes or are you going to lock them? You do know how to use the full ability of your brakes, right?

Under no circumstances should you "lay the bike down." Your best chance of survival comes from shedding as much speed as possible pre-collision, and you're going to be able to do that best with the bike completely upright, using both brakes. Even if you only have time to lose 10 or 20 mph, that could be the difference between going home with bruises and not going home at all.

You Entered A Corner Too Fast

And now it's unexpectedly tightening and you're just not going to make it around. Don't be a dummy. Only ride as fast as you can see and use visual clues like telephone poles and signs to judge a road's direction, even if that road is disappearing over a blind crest.

If you do find yourself going too fast in a corner, the best approach is to trust the bike and try to ride it out. The bike is likely more capable than you are, so it's really you that's not capable of making it around. Take as much lean out of the bike as possible by hanging off, look where you want to go and be as smooth as possible on the controls. Do not whack on the brakes, chop the throttle or do anything else that may upset the bike and cause a loss of traction. Don't panic if a peg or knee or something else touches down, just try to hold that lean angle, look for the corner exit and ride it out. This is another situation in which trail braking can be a real help, allowing you to safely shed speed while already in the corner.

THINGS TO CONSIDER Cont'd

A Car Changes Lane Into You

You're riding in traffic when a car in another lane suddenly veers into the space you're occupying. Remember, our tiny motorcycles can easily fit into blind spots and drivers looking for cars aren't psychologically programmed to see motorcycles. Be aware of where blind spots lie and spend as little time in them as possible. If you can see a driver's eyes in their mirrors, then they have the ability to see you, too (But remember that still doesn't always mean they're looking – Ed.).

Beware of situations where lane changes become more possible. Is highway traffic slowing, with one lane moving faster than others? People are going to want to be in that lane. Don't be where they want to be.

Look for signs of a car changing lanes: turn signals, wheels turning, the car wandering around its own lane while the driver checks his/her mirrors and, of course, the driver's head moving. Be aware of all that, in all the cars around you, at all times, and you'll be good. A Car Opened Its Door

The biggest gap in traffic was between a line of parked cars and a stationary line of active traffic. So you go scooting through it when, all of a sudden, Nathan-no-look swings his door wide open right in front of you.

To avoid it never, ever, ever, ever ride between an active traffic lane and parked cars. Not just because of the opening doors thing, but because pedestrians step out, cars pull out so they can see, and for a million other reasons. Just don't do it. If you do, somehow, find yourself in a door-opening situation though, follow all the advice above and brake as hard as possible. Even if a collision is inevitable, shedding even a small fraction of your speed can really help. Cyclists call the area next to parked cars, within a door's width "The Death Zone" for a reason.

Stuff is coming out of the sky! That stuff is cold, wet and, surprise surprise, slippery. Does your bike have decent tires on it or were you silly and decided that running track rubber on the road was a good idea? Hint: it's not. So long as you're running reasonable tires and those tires aren't worn out, you'll be surprised at how well a motorcycle does in wet conditions. Just slow down and be as smooth as possible on the controls.

In the wet, things like manhole covers become super, extra slippery and you'll need to watch out for oil and diesel on the road as well. Look for patches of rainbow and avoid those. If it hasn't rained for a while, the first hour or so of rainfall is the most treacherous; it lifts all the oils and whatnot out of the pavement, floating it on top. Treat yourself to a hot cup of coffee and wait for a solid downpour to wash all that junk away.

Any one who has ridden in the rain knows the limited visibility it creates for you and other drivers and their general ineptitude; car drivers don't seem to understand that slippery conditions necessitate longer following distances and earlier braking.

According to the 1981 Hurt Report—the largest study ever conducted on motorcycle accident causation—alcohol is a factor in 50 percent of all bike wrecks. Don't drink and ride.

Ride safe, Roger

Louisiana Road Report

April 8-10 Sue and I met up with Sylvia and her group for their get together. There were folks from Missouri and Arkansas also. As usual always nice to see old friends. Sylvia, Red and Sam did a wonderful job leading rides, and of course great food stops. The focus of this location was to see Texas Bluebonnets, because of little rain we had to find them and what we saw were beautiful. They were further east of us and a little south. They had more rain. We did go through a motorcycle museum in Johnson City. The museum is in an old Ford dealership building and still has the in floor hoist that they raised model A's on to work on them. It was interesting. This was a fun time, educational and relaxing. Sue and I thank the Louisiana chapter for another great event and appreciate all the hard work that went into it. *Submitted by Sue and Judd Starr*



April Ride Reports

Thursday April 3rd Judy's Cook House Globe, AZ

9 Retreads on 6 bikes departed from the Speedway at Oracle and Magee at 10:30 am and rode to Judy's Cookhouse for lunch, about a two hour ride. We stopped in Winkelman for short break before heading on. It was a cool cloudy day for this time of year, with temps in the 60's, except when we stopped for the break as the surrounding mountains were blocking the winds and the clouds gave way to full sunshine. It was a smooth ride with little traffic and great mountain scenery. The restaurant was ready for us with group seating and quick service of good big lunches. Members on the ride were: Bear Moncrief, Dave Piper & Patti Novotny, Marty and Shirley Jopson, John McVay, Lee Davis and Joe and Donna Curreri. Thanks to Bear for taking picture. *Submitted by Joe Curreri, Photo by Bear Moncrief*



Wednesday April 9th Mt. Athos Restaurant Florence, AZ

7 Retreads on 5 bikes departed from the Speedway at Oracle and Magee at 11:00 am and rode to the restaurant for lunch, about a one hour ride. It was a hot sunny day, with temps in the high 80's when we left, moving into the low 90's after lunch. It was a smooth ride with little traffic and spanning mountain/desert scenery. The restaurant was ready for us with group seating and quick service of good Greek, American and Italian fine cuisine, offering an assortment of big dishes including pastas, lamb shanks and gyros. Members on the ride were: Lee Davis, Dale Russell, Shawn Leaky, Charlie Broder, David Ameigh, Joe and Donna Curreri. Thanks to David for taking the group picture. *Submitted by Joe Curreri*



Thursday April 10th Sandy's RV Park Pearce, AZ

7 bikes and 8 people made the ride to Sandy's Restaurant! Dave/Patti, Bear, John McVay, Ron Huffstutter, Mark, and Roy/Lisa. This place has really good food, reasonable prices and great desserts. This was Dave Piper and Patti's last ride for the winter as they were heading back East Saturday! *Submitted by Roy Woolard*



Tuesday April 15th The Grill at Quail Creek Green Valley, AZ

21 Retread's on 14 bikes/three wheelers and one tiny light blue caboose followed me through the backroads of Green Valley before arriving at the Grill at Quail Creek. We followed some twisty winding up and down roads while viewing the full bloom Palo Verde trees and Ocatillo cactus. Some of the Saugaro are beginning to bloom as well. We enjoyed excellent services, views of the golf course, and food. *Submitted by John Hlady*



Wednesday April 16th Sawmill Run Restaurant Tucson, AZ

11 Retreads on 10 bikes departed from the McDonald's at Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy at 11:00 am and rode to the restaurant for lunch, about a one hour ride. It was a hot sunny day, with temps in the 90's when we left, but kept getting lower as we climbed up the mountain on the Mount Lemmon highway, dropping into the high 60's when we reached the restaurant. It was a smooth breezy ride with little traffic, lots of smooth curves, and terrific broad views of the towns below. The restaurant was ready for us with group seating, self-ordering from a huge menu and quick service. The restaurant is named in honor of two sawmills that once existed on this very location. It is a cornerstone in the Mount Lemmon community and has been recognized for outstanding burgers, sandwiches, excellent service, and friendly staff. Members on the ride were: Ron Huffstutter, John McVay, Dennis Johnson, Marty Jopson, David Ameigh, Charlie Broder, Dixie Hayes, Richard Flax, Jim Rohlman, Joe and Donna Curreri. *Submitted by Joe Curreri.*



May Ride Schedule

Day/Date	Thursday, May 1, 2025	Monday, May 5, 2025
Meet Location	Pilot Rita Rd. and I-10	Fat Willys
KSU	8:00 AM	5:30 PM
Ride Contact	Cecilia Murch	Jim Rohlman
Contact phone	520-603-3579	231-557-9060
Contact e-mail	tucsonArizonaRep@aol.com	dojir66@gmail.com
Destination	Farmhouse Restaurant	Fat Willys
Address	811 W 4th	8701 S. Kolb Road
City	Benson, Arizona 85602	Tucson, Arizona 85756
Notes		Meet at the restaurant
Day/Date	Tuesday, May 6, 2025	Thursday, May 8, 2025
Meet Location	Speedway Oracle and Magee	Chevron I-10 & Wilmot
KSU	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Ride Contact	Cecila Murch	Cecila Murch
Contact phone	520-603-3579	520-603-3579
Contact e-mail	tucsonArizonaRep@aol.com	tucsonArizonaRep@aol.com
Destination	Casa Rivera	Wisdom's Cafe
Address	1975 W. American Way	1931 I-19 Frontage Rd.
City	Casa Grande, AZ 85623	Tumacacori, AZ 85640
Notes		
Day/Date	Tuesday, May 13, 2025	Thursday, May 15, 2025
Meet Location	Chevron I-10 & Wilmot	Speedway Oracle and Magee
KSU	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
Ride Contact	Cecila Murch	Cecila Murch
Contact phone	520-603-3579	520-603-3579
Contact e-mail	tucsonArizonaRep@aol.com	tucsonArizonaRep@aol.com
Destination	Manuel's Mexican Restaurant	The Oracle Patio Cafe
Address	121 W. Duval Rd.	270 W. American Way
City	Green Valley, AZ 85614	Oracle, AZ 85623
Notes		
Day/Date	Tuesday, May 20, 2025	Thursday, May 22, 2025
Meet Location	Chevron I-10 & Wilmot	Circle K at Ina and Silverbell
KSU	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
Ride Contact	Cecilia Murch	Dennis Johnson
Contact phone	520.603.3579	520-971-5015
Contact e-mail	TucsonArizonaRep@aol.com	ddjtucson@hotmail.com
Destination	The Horseshoe	Luna Cafe
Address	154 E 4th Street	14901 W. Kirby Hughes Road
City	Benson, Arizona 85602	Marana, Arizona 85653
Notes		

May Ride Schedule

Day/Date	Saturday, May 24, 2025	Tuesday, May 27, 2025
Meet Location	Chevron I-10 & Wilmot	Pilot at I-10 and Rita Road
KSU	6:00 AM	7:30 AM
Ride Contact	Cecilia Murch	Cecilia Murch
Contact phone	520-603-3579	520-603-3579
Contact e-mail	TucsonArizonaRep@aol.com	TucsonArizonaRep@aol.com
Destination	Madera Sunrise	Café Santa Rosa
Address	175 S La Canada Drive #151	2615 S. 6th Ave
City	Green Valley, Arizona 85614	Benson, Arizona 85713
Notes		
Day/Date	Thursday, May 29, 2025	Saturday, May 31, 2025
Meet Location	Circle K at Ina and Silverbell	Circle K at Ina and Silverbell
KSU	7:30 AM	6:30 AM
Ride Contact	Cecilia Murch	Cecilia Murch
Contact phone	520-603-3579	520-603-3579
Contact e-mail	TucsonArizonaRep@aol.com	TucsonArizonaRep@aol.com
Destination	Sky Riders	Arizona Family Restaurant
Address	11799 W Avra Valley Road	80 W. Esperanza Blvd.
City	Marana, Arizona 85653	Green Valley, Arizona 85614
Notes		



Date	Sunday, June 15th Taco Sunday
KSU	10:30 AM
Meet location	Circle K Ina & Silverbell
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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