

Sunshine Region Retreads

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SUNSHINE REGION DIRECTORS MESSAGE:

GREETINGS FELLOW RETREADS !

.Sadly, twice since becoming the Sunshine Region Director, I have heard the question from a member, "What's in it for me?, Why should I pay dues and when I get nothing in return?" Both times the same questions entered my mind as a response, "What would you like from the organization?" " Why did you originally join the organization?" , "What did you get when you first joined , that you are not getting now?" and "What can I/we do as an organization, to renew your interest in being a member?"

This question is not unique to the Retreads, I am a Master Mason (Past Master), a member of the Fraternal Order of Police (past President and Vice President) , past Treasurer of The Blue Knights MC, Past President of two different Law Enforcement Unions, a member of the Harley Owners Group (HOG) and have been a Law Enforcement Officer for over 40 years, serving as a supervisor for over 22 years and still work 10 hour days on the job. I have heard this question posed in each of these organizations..

choose the wolf as my avatar. Much like the wolf, humans are very social creatures in nature. Both feel the need to belong and be recognized, neither function well alone and both seek out others with similar interests or goals. There is no such thing as a lone wolf. A lone wolf does not survive long in nature and a lone human does not function to his/her fullest capability. Belonging to a group is about fun, but it also takes work. Running a chapter, organizing chapter rides and events, fundraising for charity, these all take time and a pack to work, one person can not accomplish all this by him or herself .

I guess the best answer to the question, "What's in it for me?", is "What have done to make it worth your time and dues ?", Have you participated in a Chapter event?, Have you gone on a breakfast , lunch or dinner ride with your chapter?, Have you participated in a toy run or fund raiser, representing your chapter or the Retreads in general? ,Have you participated in a state ride in? Have you volunteered your time as a chapter director or assistant? Have you organized a chapter event, such as a Hobo Stew or Chili Run? Have you organized or hosted a Regional event, such as the winter and spring ride in? Do you proudly wear your Retread logo on your shirt, hat or vehicle? Have you gone on an overnight trip with your chapter to some point of interest? ,St. Augustine is beautiful this time of year. Have you attended or participated in an International Retread Rally ? If the answer to these questions is NO, you may be right, There is nothing in it for you!

At the risk of insulting a few, what I am trying to say is don't just be a member of the pack, be a useful member of the pack. Have you become a member of the Ride to Eat and Eat to Ride generation ? Become the Alpha wolf, take charge if you feel there's nothing in it for you. Make the time you spend with other members productive and fun. The membership you pay for is not a salary for the chapter, state and regional directors. It is there to be used for the organizations members. Sure, some of it covers funding for the operation of the region, paper, ink and mail ain't free, but it is also available to the chapters, to assist funding events. Just call me ! I think most of us are mature enough to remember John F. Kennedy. One of my all time favorite quotes is from this man, whom I consider to have been the best at what he did though I was only 9 years old when he was taken from us. "Ask not, what your country (organization) can do for you. Ask, what you can do for your country (organization)." I think it fits a great deal of situations today.

I also want to report that Jack Schardine is out of the hospital and doing well. We can't wait to see you in March at the State luncheon in Daytona.

As always, Ride safe

Bob McGhee (Lobos)

Sunshine Region Director

Retreads International MC

Upcoming events for 2015

Feb. 21st- Nature Coast State Ride In, Inverness (see attached flyer)

March 14 - Fellowship Luncheon - Duff's Cafeteria, Daytona Beach 12:00 PM

Saturday March 28th 2015, Leesburg Pic Nic, held at the Hickory Point Park-Yacht Club on RT 19 Tavares, Fl. near Mission Hill .We meet at 11.30 am or so,eating catered food,BBQ style,around 12-12.15pm till 2 ish with games and raffle prizes. You can call me to confirm or talk at 978 532 1320 Bruce and Sue Garland

April 3-5 - Coffeyville KS April Fools Rally

April 24,25,26, -Leesburg Bike Fest, Leesburg Fl.

May 14-16 Mid-Atlantic Regional Rally

Aug 13 – 15 – North Central Regional Rally

Sept 10-12 New England Regional Rally

Sunshine Region Retreads Meeting Schedule

Homosassa Nature Coast Retreads

BOATHOUSE RESTAURANT 1935 S.E. Hwy 19 CRYSTAL RIVER, FL 34429

Saturday, 8am We have breakfast and ride follows

Jacque Iverson 352 637 4693 jiverson4@tampabay.rr.com



Inverness Retreads

B&W Rexall Drug Store, Citrus Plaza, 214 S. Hwy Inverness

Sunday & Wednesday 9am Ride follows

Bob Fernandes 352 341 5762 fernandes.robert88@yahoo.com



Jacksonville North East Florida Retreads

Meeting places and ride destination are announced weekly via email.

Ride schedule is determined quarterly during a chapter outing and posted via email.

Lynn Keen 904 259 1531 jlkeen1@gmail.com

Richard Axelberg 904 268 1444 riax@comcast.net

Leesburg Retreads

Cracker Barrel Restaurant 9450 US 441 Leesburg

Tuesday 8:00AM

Bruce and Sue Garland 978 532 1320 nsgarland@gmail.com

MaryAnn Etter 352 323 8388 etteracres@embarqmail.com



Melbourne Retreads

Golden Corral Restaurant Palm Bay Road , Palm Bay

Tuesday 5pm

Erik Turner 321 727 8631 et8631@bellsouth.net



Port St. Lucie Treasure Coast Retreads

Cross Roads Rest. 5050 128th Ave. Okeechobee

Every 2nd Sunday, 9am

Bob and Karen McGhee 772 528 4547 lobosmcg@aol.com

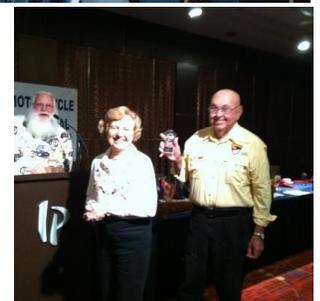


Tallahassee Retreads

The Country Kitchen Rest. 5810 N. Monroe St. Tallahassee Thursday 9am

Red Hills Honda 4003 W. Pensacola St. Tallahassee Saturday 9am

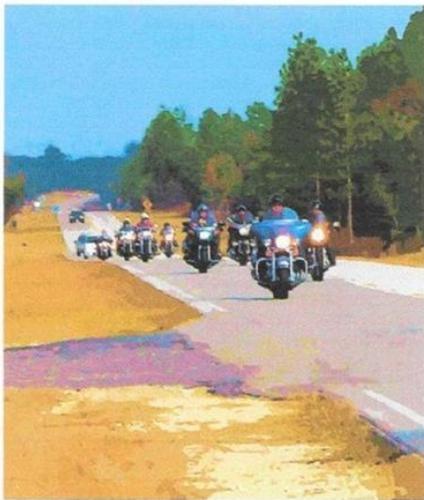
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Nature Coast Retreads State Ride-In



**50/25/25
and
Door Prizes**



**Your donation of a
desert will be most
appreciated**

Nature Coast Retreads invites you to our Sixteenth Ride-in to be held at Whispering Pines Park, in Inverness Florida, on February 21, 2015.

The park is located off Hwy 44 (Gulf to Lake Hwy). Turn North at Pleasant Grove Road by ABC liquors. There will be signs posted on the Highway. You can also get directions at www.mapquest.com by entering the address of 1700 Forest Dr, Inverness, FL.

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\$4.00 Admission includes Hot Dogs, Beans, Chips, & Coffee. Bring you own cold drinks.

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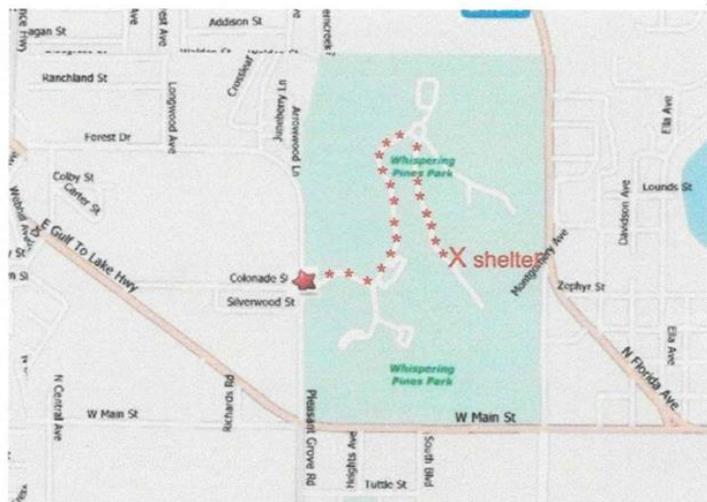
Serving to begin at 11:30.

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Please have membership card.

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For questions contact Jacque at naturecoastretreads@yahoo.com, 352-613-2866 or Donna at 352-527-9017



Treasure Coast News Bob and Karen McGhee

Fellow Retreads:

After several weekends of cold and rainy weather, we finally got a break this weekend with cool weather and a beautiful day for a ride with some of the group to River Ranch for a big car show. We had a great time. There is talk of a overnight ride in the very near future to Punta Gorda to visit a car museum. I'll post details later as soon as all the information becomes available.

We understand that Steve Peltier has been in the hospital. We all wish Steve a full and speedy recovery.

Nature Coast in Inverness is sponsoring a State Ride In on February 21st. Attached is a flyer with all the information. Karen and I discussed going, but after looking at our calendar of some upcoming events we have to attend, plus one of our dogs will be having surgery, we have decided we would not be able to attend this year, as much as we hate to miss the event.

The next event is the Fellowship Luncheon at Duff's Cafeteria on Saturday March 14th. See Flyer

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 6 - 15 Daytona Bike Week

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April 3 - 5 - Coffeyville KS April Fools Rally

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INTERNATIONAL RALLY

July 27-30, 2015

Montrose, Colorado

Safe Riding,

Bob and Karen McGhee



Bring me the waffles !

February 2015 Treasure Coast Retreads

Break Ground and Ride into the wind,,Please don't
get confused !



What's on the senior menu today

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM Meet at Captains Galley (Ft. Pierce)	2	3	4 9:00 AM Mystery Ride-Meet at Vero Truck Stop	5	6	7 8:00 AM Meet at Arby's Vero- Ride to Dominicks (Ft. Pierce) 5:00 PM-Meet at CJ Cannons
8 8:00 AM Meet at Arby's Vero- Ride to Crossroads (Okeechobee)	9 	10	11 9:00 AM Mystery Ride-Meet at Vero Truck Stop	12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 8:00 AM Meet at Arby's Vero- Ride to Country Ham and Eggs 5:00 PM-Meet at 14 Bones, Vero
15 8:00 AM Meet at Arby's Vero- Ride to Marsh Landing (Fellsmere)	16	17	18 9:00 AM Mystery Ride-Meet at Vero Truck Stop	19 	20	21 7:45 AM Meet at Arby's Vero- Ride to Okechobee airport 5:00 PM-Meet at Dominicks, Ft. Pierce
22 8:00 AM Meet at Arby's- Ride to Eagles Nest (Sebastian)	23	24	25 9:00 AM Mystery Ride-Meet at Vero Truck Stop	26	27	28 8:00 AM Meet at PSL Civic Cntr, Ride to Harry and the Natives, Hobe Sound 5:00 PM-Meet at Y-Not cafe, Vero

Leesburg Retreads Newsletter Dec 16, 2014

We had twenty three brave souls challenge the fog to get together for breakfast and a ride. The 50/50 of \$15.00 was awarded to our illustrious president, Sue Garland. It was on the up and up (she said)!

Bruce and Sue led the ride of twelve bikes on a great ride. How these two know the back roads so well when they are snowbirds is beyond me but the others on the ride kept saying, "I've never been on this road before". We stopped after an hour for a potty break and to warm up (it was raw). By 1030 the fog had lifted and we stopped for a second break. By 1130 we pulled into the Red Wing Restaurant in Groveland for speedy service and lots of good food.

Now, I am going to try and include an attachment with this newsletter of the pictures that our photographer, Sue took. If it doesn't work, I'll send it in a separate email.



2015 Bike Week
Sunshine Region Retreads
FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

WHEN: Saturday, March 14th 12 NOON TILL?

**WHERE: DUFF'S CAFETERIA, SUNSHINE MALL,
2400 S. RIDGEWOOD AVE. DAYTONA
BEACH.**

(COST ABOUT \$8.00 FOR LUNCH)

**WHO: ALL FLORIDA, OUT OF STATE AND
POTENTIAL NEW RETREADS MEMBERS
ARE INVITED.**

**More Info: Bob McGhee
floridaretreads@aol.com**

**DOOR PRIZES – BUY RETREAD MERCHANDISE
PLAY 50/50**

**Only current members are eligible for door prizes
Please bring your membership card**



Application for Membership

Sunshine Region



Retreads® Motorcycle Club International, Inc.

Please type or print

Membership is valid from January 1st through December 31st

**** This information must be completed before a membership card is issued.**

New Membership Renewal Membership

Retreads® Group Name _____
 Area Rep Group Director Assistant Group Director

**** Name:** _____ **** Co-Rider:** _____

**** Address:** _____ **** City:** _____

**** State:** _____ **** Zip:** _____ Phone : (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____
 Yes, send me the news letter using E-mail

**** Applicant's Birthdate** _____ **** Co-Rider's Birthdate** _____

Recruited by: _____

Donation \$ _____ \$ 15.00 single person or \$ 20.00 for couple per year.

Make checks payable to: Sunshine Region Retreads

Send application to: Sunshine Region Directors Ph. 772 528 4547 Email floridaretreads@aol.com
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I understand that the Retreads® cannot assume responsibility for any aspect of my safety. I understand that my participation in any Retreads® activity is strictly voluntary and further, I fully release and hold harmless the Retreads® Motorcycle Club, International, Inc. from any loss to my person or property.

For Region use only	
Card #(s)	_____
Clk#	_____
Cash	_____

**** Signature** _____
**** Co-Rider** _____

**** Date** _____