

Sunshine Region Retreads

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Sunshine Region



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SUNSHINE REGION DIRECTORS MESSAGE:

GREETINGS FELLOW RETREADS !

It's been a long, hot, painful summer. I realize it has been a while since my last communication and I do apologize for that. I was given some extra job responsibilities by my employer, in the form of motorcycle supervisor for the department. Trying to get that program reorganized after it was cancelled several years ago, became quite a task. The motorcycles had been sadly ignored, in both use and maintenance during that time and it took a couple of months just to get them where I felt they were safe to operate and it was a battle with our finance people just to get it done. THEN, the pain. As most of you know, I now ride a Harley trike and have for over a year. Trust me when I say, switching back to a two wheel cycle, from a three wheel cycle is quite challenging. It is amazing how quickly you can lose those riding skills you practiced and use for years. While participating in a slow speed riding skills course, on the police bike, I dropped the bike, making a steering to the stops left turn. I thought I had tipped a cone and looked down and back to see and me and the bike went right where I looked, DOWN AND BACK. While the Road King did not fall on me, I landed on my back at just the right angle to cleanly break a rib in half. That was the end of training for that day and the end of work for the next month and a half while I healed, taking the pain meds the doctor prescribed and sleeping in my wife's recliner, which was the only way I could breathe without severe pain.

Anyway, I'm back to semi-normal (I don't think I've ever been completely normal), and back on my bikes.

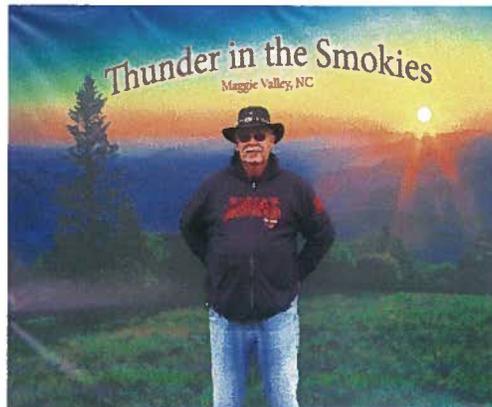
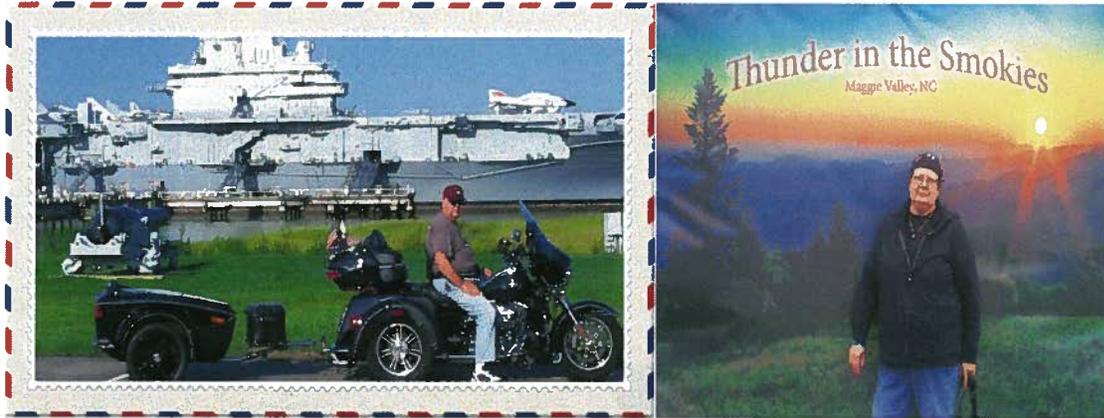
In September, Karen and I took a bike trip to Maggie Valley, NC, for the Thunder in the Smokies Rally. We had a very nice trip, with beautiful weather. We encountered a little problem in Savannah GA but I learned a valuable lesson, Harley Davidsons will not run on water. I pumped about 5 gallons of water/gas into my tank and the bike died before we left the parking lot. Fortunately the local Harley shop was five miles from us and responded within 20 minutes and hauled us to their shop. After about 2 hours, draining and flushing what I can only describe as milk, from the gas tank we were back on the road toward our overnight stop in Charleston SC, for our visit the following day to the USS Yorktown, ship museum. A great big THANK YOU to Mike Myers and the guys at Savannah Harley Davidson, you guys do business right. The remainder of our trip was beautiful, night time temps in Maggie Valley were in the 50's, and daytime temps in the 70's, a very refreshing break from 100 degree temps we were suffering through in south Florida. The morning we left for home, it was 43 degrees. Got a little wet, no, a lot wet, in Palm Bay, but made it home safe.

Since we had such a good turnout last year at the luncheon at Dixie Crossroads, we are going to try it again. Same plan as last year. First we will go to Ft. Christmas for the Cracker Festival, spend a couple of hours shopping at their craft fair. If you have never been to the Cracker Festival this is a great event with lots to buy and look at. Please join us there if you can. Their web site is <http://www.nbbd.com/godo/FortChristmas/>

At 12:15, we will leave Ft. Christmas and ride to Dixie Crossroads (approximately a 25 minute ride) in Titusville for a state ride in and lunch, scheduled for 1:00 PM. I have reserved a room for us, that seats up to 60 people. Lunch will be at the attendees expense. Their web site is <http://dixiecrossroads.com/>

At the ride in, in addition to having a great meal, **members** will be able to renew their membership and new members apply. **Members** can participate in a 50/50 drawing and door prize drawings (gift donations for this would be appreciated) Directors, please poll your members as to who will attend, so I can give Dixie Crossroads an approximate head count so they can reserve staffing for our event.

I always accept and will publish chapter events. Please send me your stories and photos for our newsletter. On a sad note, I announce that Jack Schardine has requested that, due to a lack of participation, the Tallahassee chapter be considered closed. If anyone would like to step up and reorganize this chapter, please contact me.



NOTE: ALL FUTURE CHECKS FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO: RETREAD MOTORCYCLE CLUB

As always, Ride safe
Bob McGhee (Lobos)
Sunshine Region Director
Retreads International MC

Upcoming events for 2015 and 2016

December 5, 2015

Ride in to Dixie Crossroads for lunch. See message above for details.

March 13, 2016

Sunshine Region Retreads Fellowship Luncheon , Daytona, FL (details will follow later)

~~~~> 2016 REGIONAL <~~~~

May 19 – 21, 2016 - Mid-Atlantic Rally

Bird-in-Hand, PA

July 18 – 20, 2016 – Western PA Rally

Cambridge Springs, PA

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.

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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

The Anatomy of a Retread Group Ride

Submitted by Lynn Keen on behalf of the Jax Retreads

Our Group, N E FLORIDA RETREADS, loosely based out of Jacksonville, typically consists of between eight and ten riders. We are a small but tight knit group all of whom share the responsibility of organizing and leading our weekly rides. On this particular date I suppose using the term Group is a little stretch as there were only four of us on the ride as several of our regulars were either out of town or enjoying family gatherings that took precedence over riding. Be that as it may, Tom had signed on as ride leader and regardless of how many riders we had he fulfilled his obligation and at least in my estimation, in a grand way. My day started a bit early, I left home at 7:00 am in order to complete the roughly one hour trip to be at our designated meeting place by the planned KSU time of 8:30. This portion of the day's ride was not particularly exciting as it was primarily all on Interstates. However, it was uneventful and because traffic was light I arrived a bit early. So, while waiting for the remaining riders I got a cup of coffee and relaxed . Before too long Tom and Mary came rolling in followed by Richard A. We pulled out of the Gate station at the designated time and headed south on US1 toward our intended destination, Oceanside Grill in Flagler Beach. When reaching St Augustine we crossed the Bridge of Lyons and picked up A1A which we followed south along the ocean. After leaving the more populated areas and approaching Crescent Beach the proliferation of condos, hotels and private homes, all of which block the views of the beach and ocean, give way to wide open vistas of sand dunes, beach and open water. From there south to the Oceanside Grill we enjoyed a pleasant and relaxing ride. Oceanside is at the southern end of the popular beach area in Flagler but judging by the crowd it's among the most popular restaurants. In-spite of the crowd we were seated quickly and enjoyed a nice breakfast. We finished up at the restaurant at about 10:30 and started our return ride heading south along A1A. The sun was bright, the sky was blue and the clouds were fluffy and white. The temperature was a little warm but not unreasonable. We continued south until turning east crossing the Halifax River at Ormond Beach. After crossing the river we made an immediate turn north and followed the river up and through Tomoka State Park and continued on to Bulow Plantation State Park. This series of roads are very familiar to all the folks that attend the motorcycle events in Daytona Beach as they are an integral part of one of the more popular self guided rides that are published and distributed during those events. Although I've ridden these roads many times this occasion just seemed to be special. Unlike riding these roads during a Daytona Bike event the traffic was very light, there was a quiet peacefulness about the surroundings, the bike seemed to be running especially well and the scenery seemed to be extraordinarily pleasing. We even got to see a couple of resident deer cross the road in front of us. Thankfully without causing any traumatic experiences. After leaving the Bulow Plantation State Park area we traveled north on Old Kings highway again enjoying a relaxing ride essentially devoid of any intrusions or traffic. We followed this quiet two lane road as it

parallels I95 until it connects with US1. At the intersection with US1 we continued north and as we accelerated and merged with traffic we faced the sudden realization that we were back in the hurried congestion of main stream traffic. However, even with that reality the ride continued to be enjoyable as we continued on into St Augustine where our little group separated and we each individually took our separate routes back to our homes. In my case that involved roughly another one and a quarter hours of riding on mostly two lane roads with light to medium traffic. I arrived home at about 2:00 pm after roughly a seven hour day and 230 miles of great riding and fellowship with good friends. With my batteries fully recharged I am now ready to face the coming week and maybe even tackle a couple of those neglected items on the ever present HONEY DO LIST! 😊



October 2015

Treasure Coast Retreads



A few clouds over the mountains in Maggie Valley, NC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 A visit from Rick and Kns while in Maggie Valley NC		 Bob and Karen at the USS Yorktown in Charleston SC. Karen's up on the bridge of the ship Look Closely.		1	2	3 8:00 AM Meet at Arby's, Vero. Ride to Country Ham and Eggs 5:00 PM. Meet at CJ Cannons
4 8:00 AM Meet at Captains Galley	5	6	7 9:00 AM Mystery ride. Meet at Vero	8	9	10 8:00 AM Meet at Arby's-Ride to Flying J, Ft. Pierce 5:00 PM. Meet at 14 Bones, Vero
11 8:00 AM Meet at Arby's-Ride to Crossroads (Okeechobee)	12 Columbus Day (Observed)	13	14 9:00 AM Mystery ride. Meet at Vero	15	16	17 8:00 AM Meet at PSL Civic Center, Ride to Too Jays, Stuart 5:00 PM, Meet at Y-Not Cafe Vero
18 8:00 AM Meet at Arby's-Ride to Marsh Landing	19 	20	21 9:00 AM Mystery ride. Meet at Vero	22 	23	24 8:00 AM Meet at Cracker Barrel at I 95 and Rt. 60, Vero for breakfast, followed by overnight ride to Homassassa Springs Resort
25 8:00 AM Meet at Arby's-Ride to Cracker Barrel, Ft. Pierce	26	27	28 9:00 AM Mystery ride. Meet at Vero	29	30	31 8:00 AM Meet at PSL Civic Center-Ride to Harry and the Natives. 5:00 PM, Meet at Too Jays, Vero

Dear Retreads:

As you can see by the pictures, The McGhee's and the Stanley's had a great time in Maggie Valley, NC. I wish I could post some of the great pictures Kris got of the Elk. The weather was fantastic.

Cooler weather is predicted for this weekend, which means we can now start planning longer rides and the first ride has been scheduled for this month on the 24th to Homassassa Springs Resort. I put all the information in last month's calendar about reservations. I asked that you let us know who is going so we know. So far, only 2 other couples have responded that they were going...we were hoping for more than that (Bill you responded as to why you can't).

Anyway, for those that are going we will be meeting at the Cracker Barrel on I-95 and Rt 60 in Vero for breakfast. We will leave from there. Some of the route will be taken on the Turnpike, so please bring your toll passes. When we get to the resort (not sure what time we can check in) we will see about taking a boat ride.

For those not going, if you don't want to go to Cracker Barrel, meet at Arby's at 8:00 and decide where you want to go for breakfast.

REMINDER: Wednesday Mystery ride now meets at 9:00 am.

We will post pictures next week of our fun at Homassassa Springs.

Ride safe.

Bob and Karen McGhee



Application for Membership

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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: Retread Motorcycle Club

Send application to: Sunshine Region Directors Ph. 772 528 4547 Email floridaretreads@aol.cc
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Card #(s)

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** Signature

** Co-Rider

** Date