
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA RETREADS NEWSLETTER- APRIL 2026



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[From the Reps](#)

Well, it's almost the Mid-Atlantic Rally time and things are moving along nicely, and we have even been speaking with Kim Docter, and the International Rally stuff is coming together as well so if it's safe to say we are in full Retread Rally mode! We are even working with Ron and Cheryle Doucette as well as Ron and Robin Carding to go check out Virginia for the International Rally next year.

The next Mid-Atlantic Rally meeting will be Saturday, May 2nd at 9 am in the rally registration room at the Bird in Hand Inn. Any and all volunteers, helpers, tour leaders etc. are asked to attend as we will be finalizing the rides and fill the rally bags. The reminder letters for this will be going out soon with the \$5.00 off breakfast coupon inside for those who will be helping us. Greg and I will be there early that morning, please give me a call if you forget your coupon.

It's getting nicer out there all the time, hopefully these coming days of rain, which is what the weather man is calling for comes to a nice clearing soon. All rain and no sunshine can cause some of us who ride to be a little grumpy at times, so bring on the nice weather and ride while you can.

We are still interested in hearing from any members who would like to be involved with pop up rides during the week possibly in all the different areas that the Eastern Pa Retreads cover so if there is anyone that wants to get on the list to provide pop up rides, please let us know.

The mid-week get-togethers for dinners and ice cream are starting up - 1st Wednesday of the month will be at Westy Bar & Grill in Hamburg (starting in May) and the 2nd Wednesday at Hinkle's Restaurant in Columbia (starting this month on the 8th!). We are still waiting to hear if there will be anything on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, this has still not been finalized.

See you all real soon!

Greg & Diane Gill

Breakfast Updates

Quakertown - 9:30 am Breakfast Meeting at Quakertown Family Restaurant, 25 North West End Blvd, Quakertown PA. First Saturday of the month.

March came in like a lion, cold and windy. But still 9 Retreads came to breakfast, 2 on bikes.

We're all glad to see daylight savings time. That means an extra hour of riding time. No after breakfast ride. Our next breakfast is April 4th. Hope to have warm enough weather to have an after-breakfast ride.

Ride safe and watch out for potholes.

Kris Hoot 

Lancaster Breakfast - Golden Corral - 8:30 am Breakfast Meeting at Golden Corral, 2291 Lincoln Hwy East (RT 30), Lancaster PA. Second Saturday of the month.

A breezy start to the day at the Corral this morning. But that did not stop three Retreads from riding to breakfast. No, I was not one of them, but Linda was. Joined by Charlie and Rich. I must be getting soft in my old age. We had 20 Retreads inside, out of the wind enjoying breakfast and conversation. It was great to see Diane and Greg and thank you to Dwight and Kim Brenner for hosting this morning's breakfast. The winners of the free breakfasts were George Lorah and Charlie Boyer. And the 50/50 was won by Dwight Brenner (his payment for hosting). No one went on the after-breakfast ride, but Linda was willing to lead a ride.

Linda and I would like to thank everyone for joining us this morning and we hope to see you next month (hopefully with warmer weather).

Linda and Harold Robinson

Myerstown Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting at Country Fare Restaurant 498 E. Lincoln Ave. Myerstown, PA. Third Saturday of the month.

18 Retreads came out for breakfast this morning at Country Fare Restaurant. The day started out cloudy and cool with a forecast of partly sunny and temperatures in the 50's. With a half-decent forecast, we had 6 motorcycles in the parking lot. What a great start to spring! We were glad to see Don & Shirley Lentz, who we have not seen for a while. We welcome Kirk & Diane Boyer, who had visited us twice before and have now officially joined the Retreads. As usual, there was a lot of conversations going on around the table. The 50/50 today was won by George & Jeanne Lorah. After breakfast, 8 people on 6 motorcycles went for a ride through the countryside. It was a bit chilly, with the sun only peaking out now and then, so the ride was not a long one today. Of course, no ride is complete without an ice cream stop, so we finished our ride with a stop at Patches Family Creamery. Thank you to all who came out today. It is always good to visit with friends. Hope to see you next month.

Rick & Darlene Horst

A & J Twisted Kitchen Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting at A and J Twisted Kitchen, 3572 Lincoln Hwy, Kinzers, PA. Fourth Saturday of the month.

It was a great morning at breakfast with 17 Retreads enjoying a hot breakfast and one lonely motorcycle sitting outside in the cold. It was great to see Jane Frank this morning (her annual breakfast with the Retreads). And as Arlin was always a regular at A&J's, he was truly missed. The conversations went on for quite some time as most didn't want to go out into the cold. But we finally departed.

Linda and I would like to thank everyone for joining us at breakfast this morning.

Linda & Harold Robinson

Let's Meet for Dinner – March 22, 2026 – CopperHead Grille, 5737 Route 378, Bethlehem, PA

Our "lets meet for dinner" on March 22 was a success. 18 Retreads signed up and amazingly 18 Retreads showed up. No cancellations, which is rare.

The dinner was held at Copperheads Bar and Grill (or as my wife Brenda calls it the "Snake Place") in Bethlehem. She also calls Red Robin "The Bird Place". We had a room all to ourselves with only 1 waitress. I was a little worried that she would not be able to handle 18 of us, but she did a fantastic job all by herself. The food was excellent. Everyone seemed to enjoy each other's company. It was such a nice day with temps in the high 70's that there were 4 or 5 Motorcycles in the parking lot. Get well cards were passed around for a couple of recuperating Retreads. The 50/50 was won by Brenda Hoot. Hopefully, We'll do it again somewhere in this neck of the woods next year.

Kris Hoot 🍷

[Future Events & Retreads Rallies](#)

2026 – Scavenger Hunt

2026 Revolutionary War Sites Contest – Start planning your visits

In honor of the United States Sesquicentennial, we are resuming the Retreads Scavenger Hunt. We will visit designated Revolutionary War and other historic sites.

The contest runs from **April 1, 2026, to Oct 31, 2026**. Visit the sites on two, three, or four wheels; enjoy and get your picture taken. Each month new sites will be released. Each site visited is worth 1 point. One site will have a clue instead of the name of the site. If you solve the clue and get a picture of the site, you will earn 2 points for that site. Send your photos to Linda Robinson (hlarob@aol.com) and she will keep track of the points you earn. At the end of the contest, whoever has visited the most sites wins. Participants must be members of the Eastern Pennsylvania Retreads Motorcycle Club. Remember to practice safe riding rules and do not park on a roadway to obtain a picture.

April site list: (star* indicates a restaurant)

- Old Sciota/Brinker's Mill- Stroudsburg, PA
- Daniel Boone Homestead- Birdsboro, PA
- Colonial Complex in York- York, PA
- Hopewell Furnace- Elverson, PA
- *Rising Sun Inn- Telford, PA

Clue for final site: The place where the Continental Army took refuge during the winter of 1777-1778.- this site is worth 2 points.

May 14 – 16, 2026 -Mid Atlantic Retreads Rally

Early Registration – May 13 – Flyer attached
Bird-In-Hand, PA

June 17 –21, 2026 - Trip to Floyd, Virginia

See flyer attached

July 20 – 22, 2026 - International Retreads Rally

Early Registration – July 19 – Flyer attached
Franklin, PA

August 6 - 9, 2026 - RI Retreads Annual Gray Ghost Inn Weekend Getaway

See flyer attached

September 17 – 19, 2026 - Delmarva Retreads Rally

Early Registration – September 16 – Flyer attached
Harrington, DE

Let's Ride

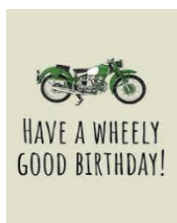
The Antique Motorcycle Club of America, Perkiomen Chapter is having their National meet Friday April 24, 2026, through Saturday April 25, 2026. There are bikes older than 35 years on display and a big swap meet area. Free admittance. Food is available to purchase. Clean restroom facilities.

Oley Fairgrounds, 26 Jefferson St., Oley, PA.

https://www.antiquemotorcycle.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=327323&item_id=2782569

Lee B.

Happy April Birthdays



8	Jane Frank	20	Bill Cox
8	Michele Wagaman	23	Edward Benner
11	Jeanne Lorah	23	Mike Curley
11	John Miller	24	Martha Decker
12	Nancy Schappelle	29	Calvin Ewell
12	George Lorah	29	Glenn Beaver
16	James Landis, Jr	30	Ruth Horst

In our thoughts and prayers



Arlin Nice died at home last Saturday. He had been hospitalized for pneumonia for about a week and then was sent home. He went back to work for one day before he passed away.

Arlin has been a Retread since 2014. His warm smile and friendly personality will be missed. Arlin was always at the meet for dinners, the mid-winter banquet, breakfasts and so much more - he loved riding his Honda and spending time with the Retreads. But in the same token Arlin also loved his job and was always working and when I asked him if he was going to retire he said "I'm not sure, I really enjoy what I do". His smile and laughter and conversations are going to be really missed. Arlin knew that the Retreads were his family.

Arlin did not want any services or obituary, he was cremated as per his nephew.

Also, please keep **Linda Plecker** in your thoughts and prayers.

Several months ago, Bill and Linda Plecker were in a car accident, after the accident Linda was not feeling well and having a lot of pain in her back and such but as most people know her she kept moving as nothing could stop her from doing what she wanted or needed to do. A couple of months ago she fell and still her back was hurting. About a week or so ago she was taken to the hospital in Deltona as she could not walk, her daughter Tina had to call an ambulance. Once she got to the hospital and after they did all these tests and procedures, after speaking with Bill, Bill told me that she had breast cancer years ago and it came back and had metastasized to a spot on her lung and on her spine. After speaking with Bill today, the cancer has caused a few of her vertebrae to be broken. Bill indicated that Linda has refused any cancer treatments at this time and is now in Advent Health in Orange City Florida. She requested to speak to 3 very very close friends, so Bill is trying to get that arranged for Linda. Linda is taking pain medication and is still drinking and eating what she can. Bill said that he and Steve are doing OK at this time, but to please keep Linda in your prayers. As most of you know Linda and Bill are/were so much involved with the Retreads, especially at the international rallies which they loved to attend. Either they drove directly there or they flew to wherever they needed to be, they were not going to miss them so that they could see their friends, who they considered their family. Linda could take a bunch of yarn one day and have it made into a blanket by the next day. Ask me, I am one of the lucky ones to see this happen and will cherish this forever. She made so many plastic canvas items for the international rallies from center pieces, door prizes etc. One time she made a tissue box holder out of plastic canvas which looked like a tea kettle, I asked her if she could make that into a box to hold Tea bags, well shortly after she had one done for me. There was nothing she could not make, she had a vision and she turned it into something beautiful. If any Retread member wishes to send cards or anything to them, please send Diane Gill a message and she will be able to provide you with their address. I do not know exactly how long they have been Retread members as they sent their membership right into international.

Breakfast Meetings and Events Schedule

April 8 – 5:30 pm Dinner meet-up at Hinkle’s, 261 Locust St, Columbia, PA 17512 – *New this month*

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	31	1 Scavenger Hunt Begins	2	3	4 9:30 am - 3:00 pm Quakertown Breakfast Meeting
5	6	7	8 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner at Hinkle's	9	10	11 8:30 am - 3:00 pm Lancaster Breakfast Meeting
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Myerstown Breakfast Meeting
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 9:00 am - 3:00 pm A & J Twisted Kitchen Breakfast



Looking Ahead in 2026

April 1 – Scavenger Hunt begins – Revolutionary War Sites

April 8 – Dinner at Hinkle’s

May 6 – Dinner at Westy Bar & Grill

May 13 – Dinner at Hinkle’s

May 14 – 16 - Mid Atlantic Retreads Rally

June 3 – Dinner at Westy Bar & Grill

June 10 – Dinner at Hinkle’s

June 17 – 22 - Trip to Floyd, Virginia

July 8 – Dinner at Hinkle’s



2026 Mid Atlantic Retreads Rally

May 14th-16th 2026, - early registration Wednesday May 13th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Host Hotel – Bird-In-Hand Family Inn & Restaurant, Rt. 340, Bird In Hand, PA

\$128.00 Single/Double Room Per Night plus 11% tax (subject to change)

800-537-2535 www.bird-in-hand.com

MENTION "RETREADS MOTORCYCLE CLUB" SPECIAL ROOM RATES WILL BE HELD UNTIL **APRIL 1ST**

ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Travelers Rest 3701 Old Philadelphia Pike, Intercourse, Pa 17534

Spruce Lane Lodge & Cottages 2439 Old Philadelphia Pike Lancaster PA 866-925-8676

Mill Bridge Village & Camp Resort, 101 S Ronks Road, Ronks, Pa 17572

Important Rally Policy Reminder

For the safety and comfort of all attendees, **no animals are permitted in any rally rooms or evening event spaces** during Retreads gatherings. The **only exception** to this rule is for **registered service animals** as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a secure and welcoming environment for everyone.

Hosted by Mid Atlantic Retreads <http://www.midatlanticretreads.com/> for more details

Rally Package Includes

Rally Pins to first 100 signed in at rally
Hospitality Room with coffee, cookies, pretzels and ice cream throughout rally.
Guided & Self-Guided tours Thru – Sat
Wednesday evening Ice Cream Social & Fire Pit
Thursday evening Entertainment & Door Prizes
Friday Evening Banquet, Awards & Door Prizes
Retreads Breakfast Buffet, Fri or Sat
Saturday – BBO & Door Prizes

Additional Activities

Thursday evening guided ride to Shady Maple Smorgasbord
Mini Golf Tournament with awards
Queen of Hearts with awards
Outlet Malls Nearby
Host Hotel permits all attendees to use pool and hot tub, even if staying somewhere else.

Valid membership card required for some Awards



Hanes 100% cotton shirts.
V neck for ladies, pocket for men.

Shirts must be ordered by April 14th

Colors may vary due to shortages

Checks payable to Mid Atlantic Retreads. dianeg@affordablecomfortinc.net

Mail to: Greg & Diane Gill P.O. Box 573 Saylorsburg PA 18353 570-369-2467

WHAT STATE DO YOU HOLD YOUR RETREAD MEMBERSHIP WITH? _____

NAME(S) _____ Retread Card No(s) _____

ADDRESS _____ AMA Card No(s) _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

DO YOU HOLD A POSITION? – CIRCLE WHICH APPLIES - PAST OR CURRENT –
WHAT POSITION? - BOARD, DIRECTOR, STATE REP, ASSISTANT STATE REP. - WHICH STATE DO/DID YOU HOLD POSITION? _____

NUMBER ATTENDING ____ X \$90 Before April 14, \$100 after April 14 = _____
Without Banquet number attending ____ X \$80 Before April 14, \$90 after April 14 = _____

SHADY MAPLE SMORGASBORD, NUMBER ATTENDING _____ x \$28 = _____
Mens pocket T Shirts S__ M__ L__ XL__ XXL__ 3XL__ \$27 each = _____
Ladies V neck Shirts S__ M__ L__ XL__ XXL__ 3XL__ \$22 each = _____

Shirts must be ordered by April 14th. Total amount enclosed (in U.S. funds please) = _____

The Floyd, VA Trip

Floyd Calendar of events: (search Floyd VA visitors guide)

Thursday June 18th: Floyd Small Town Summer Concert series. 6pm.

Friday June 19th: Friday Night Jamboree. 6:30pm.

Saturday June 20th: Americana Afternoon. 12 noon to 3pm.

Sunday June 21st : We will be departing. The Music Jams start at 1:30pm. but we will be on the road at that time.

During our stay in Floyd there will be plenty of live music inside and out. People just walk into the park and start playing music together.

Itinerary ideas:

Mt. Airy N.C. (Mayberry). This is a very scenic ride with a twisty back road. We will enjoy the day touring the town and if you wish to take a tour in a police cruiser, that is another option.

Chateau Morrisette Winery. Maybe they will give us a tour of where they make the wine.

Mabry Mill.

Blue Ridge Music Center. Aside from the Bluegrass Museum they have Music in the Breezeway between 12 noon and 3pm. Where people just come in with their instruments and start playing.

Other options are to just ride some back roads or if you are a race car fan, the Wood Brother's Racing Museum and Virginia Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame are side by side in Stuart, Virginia off of route 8.

Note - nothing is set in stone. If you wish to stay in Floyd and tour the town or join in with the music, that is fine. If you wish to visit elsewhere on your own, have at it. We will see you in the evening back at Floyd.

*We are planning on meeting the group at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant in Thurmont, MD. at 9:30am. Wednesday June 17th. (133 Frederick Rd. Thurmont, MD. 21788).

There are two gas stations in Thurmont close to the restaurant. **Please fill your gas tank prior to coming to breakfast.**

If you have a long ride to Thurmont, there are hotels in the area, that an overnight stay may be an option.

Do not forget your Park Pass. You will need one to get onto Skyline Drive.

We will be departing Thurmont, MD. Wed. June 17 with an overnight stay in Harrisonburg, VA. Leaving Harrisonburg Thursday morning (18th), and arriving in Floyd on the 18th. Staying Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights in Floyd. Departing Floyd Sunday morning (21st), with an overnight stay in Harrisonburg Sunday evening. Continuing home Monday morning (22nd). I am opting to take 340 back into Front Royal from Harrisonburg instead of Skyline Drive.

Depending on time, we will basically be passing Massanutten where the 2027 Int'l. Rally is going to be held, maybe we can visit.

Thank you,

Linda and Harold

2026 INTERNATIONAL

RETREADS RALLY

First time ever held in Western PA

July 20 - 22

Early Registration Check-in on July 19th

Quality Inn & Conference Center

1411 Liberty St, Franklin, PA 16323



Come unwind and relax in Historic Franklin PA. Enjoy riding and fellowship with friendly RETREADS from many states and Canada. Lots to see and do, or just relax at the hotel with other Retreads

Shirt orders must be received by June 1st

50/50 & Drop Tickets

(Donations are welcome for the Drop Ticket auction and door prizes)

814-437-3031 Mention RETREADS for special room rates

\$124.99/\$129.99/night + taxes. Includes hot breakfast bar Room check-in begins after 2:00pm. Earlier check-in is not guaranteed

Nearby hotel: *Knights Inn 814-432-2101 (5 miles)*
There are also many AirBnB's & Bed-n-Breakfasts within 2 miles of the host hotel.

RALLY PACKAGE INCLUDES

Sun. Aft: Early Registration 3-5pm & BBQ Pulled Pork sandwich supper

Mon. Eve: Entertainment—Christmas In July. Music, Games, Christmas cookies, ice-cream, Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest, White Elephant gift exchange & Hats/Gloves/Socks collection for the homeless.

Tues. Eve: Banquet, Awards & Door prizes

Wed. Eve: Picnic supper, doorprizes & maybe a few games

Daily: Guided & Self Guided Rides and Walking Tours

You must have a current membership card to be eligible for awards. No awards for trailered bikes.

Camping Available at:

Venango County Fairgrounds (3 miles) \$20/night includes water/electric & bath houses. 814-437-7716 (If no one answers leave a message & they'll return your call)

Two Mile Run County Park 814-676-6116 (9.5 miles)

Registration/Hospitality Room open...Sunday July 19th 3pm - 5pm

Monday - Wednesday 7:30am - 10:30am

Other times will be posted and listed in your rally packets.

Drinks and snacks will be available

Make check payable to: Western Pennsylvania

More info: Kim Docter 814-398-4918 (call or text)

E-mail: kadocter@gmail.com

Mail to: Jan Archer, 25461 State St, Saegertown, PA 16433

Driver _____ Phone _____ Retread Card # _____

Driver/Passenger _____ Phone _____ Retread Card # _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

E-mail address (for confirmation of registration) _____

Retread Group you belong to: _____ Position(s) (if any) _____

Is this your first time attending a Western PA Retread Rally? (Circle one) YES NO

of people _____ X \$ 90.00 ea. (Includes everything above & maybe a few surprises) = \$ _____

of people _____ X \$ 75.00 ea. (without banquet) = \$ _____

Total for shirts from shirt order form (Include shirt order form with registration form) = \$ _____

NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 10th *ALL Payments must be in U.S. Funds* **Total Enclosed \$** _____

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

2026 INTERNATIONAL RETREADS RALLY SHIRTS

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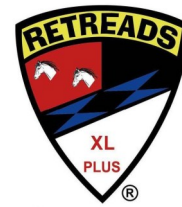
Name on shirt is an optional \$5.00 upgrade

Micropique Sport-Wick Polo's

Won't shrink when washed

Men's and Ladies sizes

These are the same great shirts that we have offered at past Western PA Rallies!



Our Retread Logo, with white lettering below, will be on the front left chest.

International Retreads Rally
Franklin, PA 2026



SHIRT ORDERS DUE BY: JUNE 1st

Shirts will be ready for you when you check in at the rally.

CIRCLE THE SHIRT SIZE YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER

MEN'S sizes: S(35-37) M(38-40) L(41-43) XL(44-46) 2XL(47-49) L-TALL **\$25.00 each**
3XL(50-53) 4XL(54-57) XL-TALL 2XL-TALL **\$28.00 each**

NAME, one word (Optional): **Additional \$5.00** _____ PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

TOTAL MEN'S - \$ _____

WOMEN'S sizes: XS-2(32-34) S-4/6(35-36) M-8/10(37-38) L-12/14(39-41)

XL-16/18(42-44) 2XL-20/22(45-47) **\$25.00 each**

3XL-24/26(48-51) 4XL-28/30(52-55) **\$28.00 each**

NAME, one word (Optional): **Additional \$5.00** _____ PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

TOTAL WOMEN'S - \$ _____

TOTAL FOR SHIRTS ORDERED: \$ _____ - **Put this amount on your rally registration form AND include this order form with your rally registration. Please don't send a separate check for your shirt order.**

Contact information for questions on your shirt order:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS ORDER FORM WITH YOU RALLY REGISTRATION FORM. THANK YOU!



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