
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA RETREADS NEWSLETTER- FEBRUARY 2026

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[From the Reps](#)

Hello, Retreads!

Hope everyone is recovering from our last snowstorm. There is not too much to report motorcycle wise, but this is the time of the year for motorsport conventions, auto, motorcycle and RV shows. Winter is a wonderful time to take the opportunity to see the latest models and sit in the saddle.

We do have the Mid-Winter Banquet quickly approaching, which is on Saturday, February 14th, 2026, at 4pm, held at Yoders Restaurant in New Holland, Pa. This event is always a time for good fellowship and laughs, also do not forget, for those of you attending, if you have pictures or memorabilia of those Retread members who have passed over the years and are no longer with us, and you would like to share with the members attending, please bring them along to display on our memorial table that we have each year. The entertainment this year will be an incredibly fun experience for all at the event, we decided to do something a little different so be prepared for fun and laughs.

Our Breakfast meetings are as always, a terrific way to catch up and talk about the upcoming spring events and motorcycle riding. I see a few of our members have already upgraded their motorcycles in anticipation of our rally rides. We look forward to seeing them in person.

Please stay warm and safe but also watch out for the ice.

Greg Gill

[Mid-Winter Banquet](#)

Saturday, February 14 at Yoder's Banquet Center

\$37.00 per person. **Money due by February 5th**. See flyer for more details

[Quakertown Breakfast](#)

To all Retreads Happy New Year! For the first breakfast of the year in Quakertown, we had 8 Retreads in attendance. The weather was cold and black ice here and there so no bikes in the parking lot. But the food was good and so were the conversations. I made arrangements for a "let's meet for dinner" at the Copperhead Bar and Grill on **Sunday March 22 at 2pm**. 5737 route 378 Bethlehem Pa 18015 Phone # 610-282-4600. Hopefully many of us will be there.

Ride Safe.

Kris Hoot

[Lancaster Breakfast – Golden Corral](#)

The first breakfast of the year at the Corral herded in 21 Retreads and four guests. But no steel steeds in the parking lot. Richard Fowle (a new member), brought his grandchildren Rachel and Mason with him and Merv and Mary Jane McClenaghan (guests of Rick and Darlene Horst), joined us this morning for breakfast. Fast forwarding.... we lost two guests at the end due to Merv and Mary Jane filled out their application and became Retreads. The free breakfasts were won by Rachel and Mason Fowle and the 50/50 was won by Merv McClenaghan. We were rootin' for you Charlie. A special thanks to Kim and Dwight Brenner for hosting breakfast this morning. They have agreed to help out with the Lancaster breakfast. It was great to see everyone and there was a lot of conversation and catching up from the Holidays. With all of the excitement we forgot to take pictures to post on face book, sorry. Come join us next month and you will have memories and won't need pictures.

Linda and I would like to thank everyone for coming out this morning and hope to see you next month.

Linda and Harold Robinson

[Myerstown Breakfast](#)

What a turnout on this snowy morning! No bikes today! But good time and good company! Charlie Boyer and I had a good meal!

Chris Kreitzer

[A & J Twisted Kitchen Breakfast](#)

We had 8 Retreads for breakfast at A&J's this morning. A bit of a chill in the air. Everyone enjoyed hot coffee, tea and food before we hunkered in for the snow. I stocked up on pancakes for the weekend.

Linda and I would like to thank everyone for joining us this morning. Stay Warm!

[Meet and Greet](#)

March 22, 2026 @ Copperhead Grille

See flyer attached

[Trip to Floyd Virginia](#)

June 17 -21, 2026

See flyer attached

[Let's Ride](#)

Here are some tips for riding in cold weather.

- Leave later, let the day warm up.
- If you are standing around in the driveway and you feel a bit warm, you are probably underdressed for riding.
- Remember that the head wind is going to exert wind chill on you, brrr.
- Wrap your neck; you lose a lot of heat out the collar of your jacket.
- A full-face helmet is warmer than a half helmet.
- Block that air!
 - Zip up your zippers! The pockets on my leather jacket channel wind into the jacket if they are not zipped closed, double brrr.
 - Cinch down your pants, cuffs and jacket cuffs.
 - Tuck in your shirt. Adjust the waist on your jacket so it is snug.
 - I take off my bulky watch in cold weather so I can get better closure of my left sleeve and an easier fit of my big gauntlet gloves over the jacket cuffs.
- Jeans alone are not suitable for cold weather. Add long underwear and wind pants outside. I normally have both insulated and uninsulated wind pants on the bike in cold weather. I'll start off wearing insulated pants and change to uninsulated pants later in the day.
- Heated grips are lovely.
- Madame says the Can Am's heated seat is very nice.

Lee Blauvelt

[2026 Scavenger Hunt](#)

2026 Revolutionary War Sites Contest

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**. The sites to find, will be released monthly in the newsletter and on the club Facebook page. Visit the sites on two, three, or four wheels; enjoy and get your picture taken. Each site visited is worth 1 point. 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.

How many can you visit by Oct 31, 2026?

Participants (15 or more points) will receive a Scavenger Hunt Patch commemorating the hunt.

New Members

Member Name	City	Sponsor(s)
Merv McClenaghan & Mary Jane	Manheim	Rick and Darlene Horst

Happy February Birthdays



Thomas Heckles	1	Barb Linderman	10
MaryLou Weaver	1	Lou Martofel	15
Diane Gill	2	Paul Wade	17
Joyce Moyer	3	David Thompson	21
Patti Beaver	6	Cindy Clough	22
Dennis Wilson	6	Ron Linderman	23
Barry Klipple	8	Claude Schappelle	24

In our thoughts and prayers

We regret to inform you of the passing of former Retread Bob Shank of Mount Joy. Many of you will remember Bob & Beulah from their duties administering the door prizes at the Mid Atlantic Rally for many years. They always provided warm smiles and conversations while members perused the selection of door prizes in the back room.

Bob passed away last January but we were just notified. Bob & Beulah were Retreads since 1993.

Cards may be sent to:

Beulah Shank

409 Birchland Ave, Mt Joy PA 17552

Breakfast Meetings and Events Schedule

February 7 - 9:30 am Breakfast Meeting at Quakertown Family Restaurant, 25 North West End Blvd, Quakertown PA.

February 14 - 8:30 am Breakfast Meeting at Golden Corral, 2291 Lincoln Hwy East (RT 30), Lancaster PA

February 14 - 3:30 pm Mid-Winter Banquet at Yoder's Banquet Center

February 21 - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting at Country Fare Restaurant 498 E. Lincoln Ave.
Myerstown, PA

February 28 - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting at A and J Twisted Kitchen, 3572 Lincoln Hwy,
Kinzers, PA

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End Blvd, Quakertown PA.

March 14 - 8:30 am Breakfast Meeting at Golden Corral, 2291 Lincoln Hwy East (RT 30),
Lancaster PA

March 21 - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting at Country Fare Restaurant 498 E. Lincoln Ave.
Myerstown, PA

March 22 - 2:00 p.m. Meet for late Lunch with the Hoots at Copperhead Bar and Grille,
Rt378, Bethlehem, PA

March 28 - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting at A and J Twisted Kitchen, 3572 Lincoln Hwy,
Kinzers, PA



[Looking Ahead in 2026](#)

February 14 - Mid-Winter Banquet

March 22 - Dinner at the Hoot's

April 1 - Scavenger Hunt begins - Revolutionary War Sites

May 14 - 16 - Mid Atlantic Retreads Rally

June 17 - 22 - Trip to Floyd, Virginia

July 10 - Mini-Golf at Kauffman's

July 19 - 22 - International Rally in Franklin, PA

August 2 - Iron Pigs Game

September 13 - Eastern PA Fall Picnic

September 16 - 19 - Delmarva Rally

October 11 - 19th Annual Ride for Camps

October 31 - Scavenger Hunt ends

November 22 - Dutch Apple Dinner Theater

December 6 - MD Christmas Luncheon

December 12 - Christmas Luncheon at Country Fare



Eastern Pa Retreads Mid-Winter Banquet

Feb 14th, 2026

At Yoder's Banquet Center

14 South Tower Road New Holland PA 17557

Route 23 & South Tower Road

Family Style Meal, 50/50 Drawings,
Door Prizes (Feel free to bring one to donate) & Games
Social Time 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. Meal served at 4:00 p.m.
There will be entertainment after the meal.

Ticket price = \$37.00 per person. **REGISTER BY February 5th**

Lodging: The Country Squire Hotel at 504 E Main St, New Holland PA 717-354-4166
- Mention Retreads for Discount.

Make checks payable to Eastern PA Retreads

Mail to: Greg & Diane Gill P.O. Box 573 Saylorsburg, Pa 18353

Phone#: 570-369-2467 Email Address: eastparetreads@live.com

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**Mid-Winter Banquet - Make Checks Payable to: Eastern Pa Retreads - Mail to Greg & Diane Gill
P.O. Box 573, Saylorsburg, Pa 18353**

Name(s) Attending: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Membership area: Eastern or Western Pa/Maryland/NJ/Delmarva or _____

Do or did you hold a position such as Asst Rep, Rep, Director, Board? _____

Number Attending: _____ x 37.00 = _____ Amount Enclosed: _____ Check#: _____

LET'S MEET FOR DINNER

Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 2:00PM



**5737 Route 378
Bethlehem, PA 18015
(Center Valley)**

**Come join us for some fun & celebrate the beginning of
SPRING!!**

Order off the menu/individual checks

Limited to 40 people - NO WALK INS

Deadline to register is Sunday, March 15, 2026

Notify: Kris & Brenda Hoot at: kbhoot@comcast.net

or phone or text Kris at 215-460-5082



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) = _____

Trip to Floyd Virginia

Just letting everyone know (since not all do Facebook), we are working on a Ride to Floyd Virginia for next year. Dates are Wednesday, June 17, 2026, to Monday, June 22, 2026. We will be staying overnight on the way to and from, in Harrisonburg Virginia at the Sleep Inn & Suites Harrisonburg near the University (off route 33). The one-day layover is due to, we will be using Skyline Drive and The Blue Ridge Parkway to get to Floyd, and the speed limit is 25 - 35 mph. on Skyline Drive and at the most 45 mph on the Parkway. It will also give us some time to take in some of the scenery. I have 20 rooms blocked at Hotel Floyd and the Sleep Inn & Suites in Harrisonburg. You will need a Park Pass to get on Skyline Drive. Floyd is a laid back Bluegrass/ Country Music town. We will be living on Floyd Time while we are there. Thursday nights they clear out the Country Store for Honky Tonk, Friday nights they do the same for the Jamboree and Saturday evenings is a live radio broadcast. Next door at the Dogtown Roadhouse they also offer live music of many styles. During the day folks just walk in with their instruments and start playing down at the park. (Google search Floyd Virginia. While you're there check out Floyd Fest). We won't just be waiting around for the evening entertainment, we will also be visiting other places and riding some back country roads. Some of the destinations I am looking at are: Mabry Mill, Blue Ridge Music Center, Mt. Airy



N.C. (Mayberry), Pilot Mountain, and Chateau Morrisette Winery..... and maybe just do a little riding. Then, coming back and relaxing on Floyd Time. Check your calendars and save the dates if you are interested.

Hotel Info.:

Sleep Inn & Suites Harrisonburg, VA. (near the University)

1891 Evelyn Byrd Ave.
Harrisonburg, VA. 22801

When making a reservation, use the link provided or call the hotel

Phone#: 540-433-7100
540-437-2144

Group Name: Retreads M/C

Group acct.#: 5184589 (June 17th)

- <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/IV28V45184655> (June 21st)
- <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/BB06S1>

Dates: Wed. June 17, 2026 & Sun. June 21, 2026 (one night stayover).

Room rate: **\$79.00 per night.**

Hotel Floyd

300 Rick Lewis Way
Floyd, VA. 4091

When making a reservation, use the link provided or call the hotel

Phone#: 540-745-6080

Group Name: Retreads M/C (coordinator: Harold Robinson)

Group Reservation#: 399829. If you call in your reservation, you will need this number.

<https://resnexus.com/resnexus/reservations/group/4697A45F-9901-43CB-AA73-D8298802933C?GID=9fb89374-6d20-4ded-b896-d3726573b56d>

Dates: **Arriving: Thursday June 18, 2026**

Departing: Sunday June 21, 2026

Room Rates: **\$499.97 for three nights.** (Thursday-\$139.99, Friday & Saturday-\$179.99 per night). **When calling in your reservation or at check in, let them know if you have AAA, AARP, Military or Senior Citizen for a 10% discount.** This is not a chain hotel, so the prices were a little higher.

Cut off date for room reservations for both hotels is April 15, 2026.

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)

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

E-mail: kadocter@gmail.com

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

ORDER YOURS TODAY!

True Royal Shirts

Full Color Emroidered Retread Logo

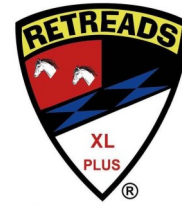
Name on shirt is an optional \$5.00 upgrade

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 sent 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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