
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA RETREADS NEWSLETTER- MARCH 2026



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From the Reps

With another Mid-Winter banquet in the books, we can start looking forward to warmer weather. This year marked the 35th annual Mid-Winter banquet started back in 1991 by Dexter and Mary Lou Sturgis. Diane and I were fortunate to be guests at the 1st ever Mid-Winter banquet. Surely never thinking one day we would be hosting a future event. Although the number of people who attend has dropped due to all the various reasons; the atmosphere and fellowship remain the same.

We had a few first timers attend and we were happy to see them join us. There were 37 Retreads and one guest (Thomas Allen Nester) who attended. This year's entertainment was music bingo brought by TNA sound. Fun was had by all. Many old favorites were in the mix; with winners walking away with memorable prizes.

Food was excellent as always and wait staff did an amazing job at keeping us all feed. If you haven't been to a Mid-Winter banquet or it has been a while, put it on your list of to-dos for next February. You'll be thankful you did.

Greg Gill

Quakertown Breakfast

February 7 2026 was a high temperature of 17 degrees and very windy, so not a motorcycle to be seen in the parking lot. But 8 Retreads came for some hot food and fellowship. Brenda and I are looking forward to hosting the "Let's Meet For Dinner" on March 22. Flyer in the newsletter.

I'm excited to see a **new scavenger hunt** for this year. Celebrating the United States 250th birthday. Starting April 1, Revolutionary War sites and other historical sites will be listed monthly in the newsletter and on the Retreads facebook page. Different places each month. Points will be awarded. See the newsletter for details.

IF ANY OF THESE REVOLUTIONAY WAR AND HISTORICAL SITES ARE IN THE QUAKERTOWN OR EASTERN PA. AREA, I'LL TRY TO LEAD AN AFTER-BREAKFAST RIDE TO ONE OR MORE OF THEM EACH MONTH, EXCEPT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY WHEN I'LL BE AT BIRD- IN -HAND FOR A RALLY MEETING.

And don't forget the first Saturday in July just happens to be the Quakertown breakfast, and the date is JULY 4TH, 2026. Hope to see you there.

Happy **250th** America!

Remember...When in doubt take the scenic route.

Kris Hoot

Lancaster Breakfast – Golden Corral

Happy Valentine's Day! 18 Retreads and one guest, Kyra Crigge (Merv and MaryJane McClenaghan's granddaughter), enjoyed breakfast this morning at the Corral. Weather is warming up but there is still a lot of salt on the roads and some ice patches due to melting snow. So, with that, no motorcycles in the parking lot (and no after breakfast ride. Yet!). Winners of the free breakfasts were: Chris Kreitzer and Ed Derry. Ed Derry also won the 50/50 drawing. Sometimes it pays to come to breakfast. Discussions were of upcoming Rallies and the Floyd Trip. From here some were headed to Yoders for the Banquet/Rally Meeting. Others, I believe, decided to skip breakfast for the meal at Yoders. Thanks for joining us for breakfast.

Linda and Harold Robinson

Myerstown Breakfast

The day started out dreary with wet roads, so there were no motorcycles in the parking lot today. However, 13 retreads came out for breakfast and a time of fellowship. In spite of our current weather conditions, spring is on the way, so hopefully we will be able to ride soon. Chris Kreitzer was the 50/50 winner today. Thank you to all who came out to join us today. We always enjoy seeing everyone and catching up.

Rick & Darlene Horst

A & J Twisted Kitchen Breakfast

14 Retreads enjoyed breakfast and fellowship at A&J's Twisted Kitchen this morning. Nice morning and calling for 50+ degrees today but with the salt and water on the roads most came in cars. Though we still had one motorcycle in the Parking lot. Richard Fowle road his motorcycle to breakfast. We were joined this morning by a couple of strangers. Paul and Mary Lou Weaver were with us this morning. It was great to see them both. It was great to see everyone this morning and hopefully today is a sign that Spring is just around the corner.

Linda & Harold Robinson

Meet and Greet

March 22, 2026 @ Copperhead Grille

See flyer attached

Trip to Floyd Virginia

June 17 -21, 2026

See flyer attached

RI Retreads Annual Gray Ghost Inn Weekend Getaway

August 6 - 9, 2026

See flyer attached

Let's Ride

Woo Hoo, March is here and winter's uncertain weather will end soon. Time to start planning where you want to ride this year. Not big, long multi day rides. But weekly adventures that get us up and out on the bike. You could do the "Ice Cream Trail" and visit a creamery every other week.

OR plan to go for a ride on the fastest ferryboat on the Susquehanna River. If you are planning on going to a Retreads Rally look for interesting places to visit along the way. Interesting places could be those in this year's scavenger hunt. The first time I went to the Western Pennsylvania Retreads Motorcycle Club's Rally, I stopped for lunch in Mars, Pennsylvania. I had a Mars Burger at the Mar's Bar & Grill while looking out the window at the Martian flying saucer parked on the village green. What a great time.

<https://www.visitpa.com/explore/trips-trails/scooped-ice-cream-trail/creameries/>

<http://www.millersburgferry.org/>

Lee Blauvelt

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**. 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.

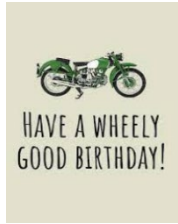
Participants must be members of the Eastern Pennsylvania Retreads Motorcycle Club.

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.

Happy March Birthdays



Arlin Nice	3	Douglas Witmer	19
Karen Kmetz	6	Elaine Krause	21
Susan Reich	13	Christopher Kreitzer	29
Kelly Scott	19	Bette Miller	30

In our thoughts and prayers

It is with a heavy heart that we have been informed that Carl Robinson passed away February 18th. Services were private

Carl was a very long-time member of the Eastern Pa Retreads; he loved to ride, tell jokes and stories. Whenever you saw him, he was usually with what we called the boys - it was him, Tom Heckles, Henry Kraus and Doug Hinton. They always traveled together to the rallies. I cannot recall ever seeing Carl upset or angry, he always gave me a smile.

He would not want anyone to be upset or mourn him, he would want us to enjoy our lives, live them to the fullest and ride....ride.....ride....

Breakfast Meetings and Events Schedule

March 7 - 9:30 am Breakfast Meeting at Quakertown Family Restaurant, 25 North West 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

April 4 - 9:30 am Breakfast Meeting at Quakertown Family Restaurant, 25 North West End Blvd, Quakertown PA.

April 8 - 5:30 pm Dinner meet-up at Hinkle's, 261 Locust St, Columbia, PA 17512

April 11 - 8:30 am Breakfast Meeting at Golden Corral, 2291 Lincoln Hwy East (RT 30), Lancaster PA

April 18 - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting at Country Fare Restaurant 498 E. Lincoln Ave. Myerstown, PA

April 25 - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Meeting at A and J Twisted Kitchen, 3572 Lincoln Hwy, Kinzers, PA



Looking Ahead in 2026

March 22 – Dinner at the Hoot's

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 1 – Dinner at Westy Bar & Grill

July 8 – Dinner at Hinkle's

July 10 – Mini-Golf at Kauffman's

July 19 – 22 – International Rally in Franklin, PA

August 2 – Iron Pigs Game

August 5 – Dinner at Westy Bar & Grill

August 6 – 9 – RI Retreads Annual Gray Ghost Inn Weekend Getaway

August 12 – Dinner at Hinkle's

September 2 – Dinner at Westy Bar & Grill

September 9 – Dinner at Hinkle's

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

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 Embroidered Retread Logo

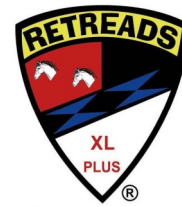
Name on shirt is an optional \$5.00 upgrade

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 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!

RI Retreads

Annual Gray Ghost Inn Weekend Getaway

August 6 - 9, 2026

Come join us on our long weekend at the Gray Ghost Inn. The Inn is located on Route 100 in West Dover, VT. We will be leaving on Thursday morning the 6th and head for home after breakfast on Monday the 10th.

On Thursday evening at the Inn, we'll have a BBQ ribs and chicken dinner. On Saturday evening at the Inn, we'll have Italian with a lasagna dinner. Included on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday morning is a hearty cooked to order hot breakfast. You're free to make your own dinner plans for Friday and Sunday.

Double Occupancy including 4 nights and 4 dinners and all taxes: \$690.80

Single Occupancy including 4 nights and 2 dinners and all taxes: \$620.40

The Inn is motorcycle friendly, with a well-lit, flat parking lot large enough to accommodate bikes and trailers. Other amenities are four large public areas, outdoor pool, backyard fire-pit, and the ever-popular porch and back deck for socializing.

In addition, there are many routes all mapped out to suit all levels of riding ranging from the 44 mile, curvy and hilly ride perfectly named "Giddy From the Turns" to the 222 mile "Wind In My Hair" ride. Or, you may just want to head out and explore on your own.



Check out the website at:

www.grayghostinn.com

Call 800-745-3615 or 802-464-2474 and let them know that you are with the RI Retreads and get your room reserved. There is a limited number of rooms set aside for us, so don't delay!

Please let us know when you've made your reservation.

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