
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA RETREADS NEWSLETTER- AUGUST 2026

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From the Reps

It is hard to believe that August is already here. Greg and I had the pleasure of attending this year's International Rally in Franklin, Pennsylvania. This was the first time the Western Pennsylvania Retreads hosted an International Rally, and the event was a great success, with 160 members in attendance. We were also pleased to welcome two new Retread members from Indiana, John and Jyl Robbins. Jyl is the younger sister of our very own Lee Blauvelt, and the two spent a couple of days with us during the rally. After speaking with them, they expressed strong interest in starting a new chapter in Indiana, and many Retreads are prepared to help them get that chapter established. Several topics were discussed during the representatives' meeting at the rally, with one of the most important being confirmation of the 2027 Retreads International Rally. The rally will be held at Massanutten Resort in Massanutten, Virginia, from September 13–16, 2027. A save-the-date flyer was shared; however, reservations cannot be made at this time and will not open until after the Delmarva Rally. The Delmarva Retreads, along with the Mid-Atlantic and New England Directors, will be hosting the event. Another exciting highlight is the Spirit Stick, a tradition that began last year at the International Rally. The Spirit Stick is awarded to the chapter that brings the most members to the International Rally. Last year, I kept checking with Ron Cardin to see how close we were to the Delmarva group. It was a very close count, but we were short by two members, so Delmarva won the Spirit Stick, along with one free rally registration for this year's International Rally. Some have asked how that free registration was awarded. Everyone from the Delmarva group who attended the rally had their name placed in a drawing, and one lucky winner received the free registration. This year, Eastern Pennsylvania Retreads won the Spirit Stick. We had 33 members from our chapter attend the International Rally, out of the 160 members in attendance. To continue the tradition, we will place the names of all Eastern Pennsylvania members who attended this year's rally into a drawing. One lucky winner will receive free registration for the 2027 International Rally in Massanutten, Virginia. The drawing will take place at our end-of-summer picnic in September. We also took a group photo at this year's International Rally, and we thought it would be nice for everyone to wear the same Retreads shirt for next year's group pictures. Order forms are being prepared for Eastern Pennsylvania

Retreads T-shirts, and once they are available, we will begin taking orders for our chapter. Let's plan now to keep the Spirit Stick and mark our calendars for the 2027 International Rally. Attendance will be capped at 200 members, and once that limit is reached, a cancellation list will be started. Be sure to reserve your spot early so you are included in the first 200. Let's keep the Retread spirit going strong!

Greg & Diane Gill

[International Rally Wrap-Up](#)

This year's International Rally was held in Franklin, Pennsylvania, and hosted by Western Pennsylvania. The event welcomed 160 members, representing 24 chapters. Attendees enjoyed a variety of rides coordinated by Daryl Boleratz, the Western Pennsylvania Assistant Representative. Of course, no Retread ride would be complete without an ice cream stop, and nearly all of the rides ended at the same location each day. On one occasion, we even had to wait while the ice cream truck was unloaded. The rally also featured many donated drop-ticket items, along with a full table of Retread merchandise available for purchase. Order forms were provided for anyone needing a different size or an item that had sold out. Special drawing prizes included a beautiful quilt donated by the local ladies from Quilts of Valor, a picture frame filled with scratch-off tickets won by Ron and Robin Cardin, and a basket full of assorted goodies. On the first evening, members enjoyed a pulled pork dinner before the Quilts of Valor presentation. Five members were honored with quilts, including two of our own, Harold Robinson and Art Grantz, as well as Ron Doucette, Paul Brandis, and Walter Lyons. Each quilt was made in red, white, and blue, with every quilt featuring a unique pattern. The following evening, attendees celebrated Christmas in July with an ugly sweater contest, gift exchange, Christmas cookies, and ice cream sundaes. Day three brought rainy weather, so while some members rode their motorcycles, most traveled by car, truck, or van. That evening, 80 members were recognized for attending the Western Pennsylvania rally for the first time. Greg and I led a ride to the Zippo/Case Factory and Museum on Tuesday. On Wednesday, we led a car trip to the Packard Museum in Ohio, and on Thursday, we led a ride to the Cummins Factory. There, we learned about the history of the factory and enjoyed an excellent tour of the plant, where more than 500 engines are produced each day. Each engine is ordered before production begins, and once it is completed and tested, it is shipped to the company that placed the order. Thursday evening concluded with the banquet. Kim organized a mystery-money game with 15 members participating, the money for the game was donated by International. Each person received an envelope containing between \$25 and \$125, but no one knew the amount inside. Participants could either keep their envelope or trade with someone else during their turn, which made the game especially entertaining. One envelope, in particular, originally held by Linda Robinson, was highly sought after; to everyone's surprise, it ultimately contained only \$30.

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.

🇺🇸 July 4th, 2026 .🌟 Happy 250th Birthday America!!! Hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday. By the way it is also the 100th anniversary of the famous ROUTE 66. As of this writing on July10, I know there a couple of New Jersey Retreads riding the entire route on their motorcycles.

8 Retreads came to breakfast on July 4th. Good food and conversation as usual. However, the 100 degree heat prevented us from doing a safe after breakfast ride. But there were 3 bikes in the parking lot. Hopefully next month will be bring cooler temps so we can do an after-breakfast ride to some revolutionary war contest sites.

Ride safe,

Kris Hoot 🦉🦉🦉

Meet Up at Westy's Bar & Grill 5:00pm 279 W State St, Hamburg PA. First Wednesday of the month May – September

On Wednesday, July 15, four Retreads gathered for dinner at the Westy Bar and Grill. Greg and I attended, along with Rick and Darlene Horst. Rick and Darlene arrived on their motorcycles, while Greg and I drove because storms were forecasted in our area. We enjoyed a pleasant evening together, discussing a variety of topics ranging from Retreads activities to grandchildren. Our next dinner will be held on Wednesday, August 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the Westy Bar and Grill, 279 W. State Street, Hamburg, PA. We hope to see more of you there.

Diane and Greg Gill

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 little sticky outside this morning, but that didn't stop 19 Retreads on 12 bikes from attending the Lancaster Breakfast. It was great to see everyone this morning. Eric brought a friend (John Zook), who was actually the contractor when we built an addition on to our house about 25 - 30 years ago. Welcome John, hope you enjoyed yourself and come back to join us again. Last month it was Ed Derry who had stories of his trip to Canada and Alaska. This month Lee Blauvelt told us stories of his and Nona's trip to Nova Scotia. Sounds like a lot of fun! Possibly on the bucket list for us next year. Not too many stayed after breakfast to talk due to the Golden Corral was expecting 13 buses later in the day.

Thank you to Kim and Dwight Brenner for leading an after-breakfast ride. We had 6 bikes and 7 Retreads. Dwight took us for an adventurous ride south into Maryland then back up into Columbia for ice cream along the river. We parted ways after ice cream.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for breakfast this morning and we hope to see you soon.

Linda and Harold Robinson

Hinkle's Dinner –261 Locust St, Columbia, PA. Second Wednesday of the month April – October

No one attended this month's dinner.

Charlie Boyer

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

It was a dreary Saturday morning with rain in the forecast for later in the day. There were 11 retreads that came out for breakfast, 2 on motorcycles. The food was good as usual, and the conversations around the table were even better. Diane & Greg joined us today and shared that Rick & I would be stepping down as breakfast host at the end of the year and that they are looking for someone to take over. The hope is that someone will step up to keep this breakfast location going. The 50/50 was won by Greg Gill. We want to thank everyone that came out today to join us.

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 full house at A&J's Twisted Kitchen this morning. We had 16 Retreads with 8 bikes. Jill and John, the new Indiana Reps also joined us this morning (Lee's sister and brother-in-law). We were also in the company of another Motorcycle club. The Pagan's M/C stopped in for breakfast this morning. They had around 30 members with 40 bikes outside. I was going to pass out some brochures, but they probably would not have been interested. After breakfast some stayed to talk, but most parted way and headed home. It was a beautiful day, and most were taking the scenic route home (as we did). Sorry, no after breakfast ride.

Thank you to everyone who joined us this morning for breakfast and we hope to see you soon.

Linda & Harold Robinson

A & J Twisted Kitchen Dinner - 5:00 p.m. Dinner Meet-up, 3572 Lincoln Hwy, Kinzers, PA. Third Thursday of the month.

No report this month

Ron Scott

[Future Events & Retreads Rallies](#)

2026 – Scavenger Hunt

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. All sites can be visited at any time during the contest.

Send your photos to Linda Robinson (hlarob@aol.com or text them to 717-823-0413) and she will keep track of the points you earn. At the end of the contest, whoever has visited the most sites wins.

If you earn a minimum of 15 points, you will receive a patch.

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.

August

- Fort Penn Marker, Stroudsburg, PA
- Fort Augusta, Sunbury PA
- Pine Grove Furnace, Gardner, PA
- Black Powder Tavern, Wayne. PA- restaurant

Clue: The specific kind of boat George Washington used to cross the Delaware River. Find the boat by the Post Office and Grist Mill.

Bells Across PA- Any Bell counts as 1 point

I would also like to include the “Bells Across PA” link and encourage people to find Bells in any and all of the counties in PA. Two Bells a month will be counted.

Here is the link: [America250PA | Start Here, America Did!](#)

September 13, 2026 – Eastern PA Retreads Picnic – *Save the Date*

Noon at Kauffman’s Bar-B-Que Restaurant, 254 Gravel Pit Rd, Bethel, PA
See flyer attached.

September 17 – 19, 2026 - Delmarva Retreads Rally

Early Registration – September 16 – Flyer attached
Harrington, DE

September 26, 2026 – Fall Bonfire – *Note Date Change from previous newsletter*

Flyer on website
John and Martha Decker’s home, 939 May Rd, Lititz, PA

October 11, 2026 – 19th Annual Ride for Camp

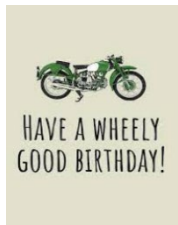
Flyer will be attached in an upcoming newsletter.
Bashore Scout Reservation, 106 Moonshine Rd, Jonestown, PA

November 22, 2026 – Dutch Apple Dinner Show

Details and Flyer will be attached in an upcoming newsletter.

December 12, 2026 – Christmas Luncheon at Country Fare in Myerstown.

Details and Flyer will be attached in an upcoming newsletter.



Happy August Birthdays

2	Linda Weber	21	Kim Brenner
2	Art Brett	21	Gary Rothstein
9	Kim Brett	23	Warren Spang
10	Donna Gunther	24	Samual Muir
10	Donald Scherer	25	Robert Savarese
10	Richard Fowle	28	Paul Weaver
10	Kirk Boyer	31	Linda Robinson
18	Wayne Emenheiser		

Let's Ride

This month I have several places you might want to visit.

August 7 & 8 is Triumph Demo Days at Martin Moto in Boyertown. There will be Triumph Tigers and Scramblers to ride. Reservations recommended.

<https://facebook.com/events/s/martin-moto-triumph-demo-days-/2381553315666011/>

At the same time is the Goschenhoppen Festival showcasing the daily life of the Pennsylvania Germans in the 18th and 19th centuries.

<https://goschenhoppen.org/folk-festival/>

And finally Grey Towers National Historic Site in Milford, PA. Grey Towers was the home of Gifford Pinchot, founder and first Chief of the US Forest Service.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/greytowers>

Enjoy the ride.

Lee B.

Ride Leaders Needed

We are looking for people to lead rides after the Myerstown breakfast (held at Country Fare Restaurant on the 3rd Saturday of the month) for the next few months. As you may already know, Rick had total knee replacement on May 19th. With that said, he is not riding and not sure when he will and when he will feel comfortable to lead rides. If you are able to lead a ride for us, please contact me at 717-269-5397 or dr_horst@yahoo.com.

Thank you,

Darlene Horst

Recruit & Ride FREE

If you bring in two new members during 2026 (couples count as one), the club will cover your 2027 membership dues. It's our way of saying thanks for helping the club grow and stay strong.

See Diane or Greg Gill for Retreads Business Cards you can hand out to potential Retreads members

Looking Ahead in 2026

August 1 – Breakfast at Quakertown Family Restaurant @ 9:30 am

August 2 – Iron Pigs Baseball Game @ Gates open at Noon

August 5 – Dinner at Westy Bar & Grill @ 6:00pm

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

August 8 – Breakfast at Golden Corral @ 8:30 am

August 12 – Dinner at Hinkle's @ 5:30 pm

August 15 – Breakfast at Country Fare Restaurant @ 9:00am

August 22 – Breakfast at A&J Twisted Kitchen @ 9:00am

September 2 – Dinner at Westy Bar & Grill @ 6:00pm

September 5 – Breakfast at Quakertown Family Restaurant @ 9:30 am

September 9 – Dinner at Hinkle's @ 5:30 pm

September 12 – Breakfast at Golden Corral @ 8:30 am

September 13 – Eastern PA Fall Picnic @ Noon

September 16 – 19 – Delmarva Rally

September 19 – Breakfast at Country Fare Restaurant @ 9:00am

September 26 – Breakfast at A&J Twisted Kitchen @ 9:00am

September 26 – Maryland Retreads Fall Picnic @ 1:00pm

September 26 – Fall Bonfire at John & Martha Decker's @ 4:00pm

September 2 – Dinner at Westy Bar & Grill @ 6:00pm

October 3 – Breakfast at Quakertown Family Restaurant @ 9:30 am

October 10 – Breakfast at Golden Corral @ 8:30 am

October 11 – Boy Scout Ride @ 9:00am

October 14 – Dinner at Hinkle's @ 5:30pm

October 17 – Breakfast at Country Fare Restaurant @ 9:00am

October 24 – Breakfast at A&J Twisted Kitchen @ 9:00am

October 31 – Scavenger Hunt Ends

2027 dates – Mark your calendar!!!

International Retreads Rally: September 13-16, 2027 at Massanutten All Seasons Resort, 1822 Resort Drive, Massanutten, Virginia. Early Reg .Sep. 13 – 12:00 to 4:00 pm.

Western Pa. Rally – July 19-21, 2027. At Quality Inn, Franklin, Pa. Early check-in July 18

Breakfast Meetings and Events Schedule

August 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 9:30 am - 11:30 am Quakertown Breakfast Meeting
2 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm Iron Pigs Game	3	4	5 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Meet for Dinner - Westy Bar & Grille	6 RI Retreads - Gray Ghost Inn Getaway	7	8 8:30 am - 10:30 am Lancaster Breakfast Meeting
9 RI Retreads - Gray Gh...	10	11	12 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner at Hinkles	13	14	15 9:00 am - 11:00 am Myerstown Breakfast Meeting
16	17	18	19	20 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Meet Up for Dinner at A & J Twisted Kitchen	21	22 9:00 am - 11:00 am A & J Twisted Kitchen Breakfast
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Westy's Bar and Grill Dinner	3	4	5 9:30 am - 11:30 am Quakertown Breakfast Meeting

Eastern PA Picnic

Sunday Sept 13th, 2026 - Meal served at 12:00 p.m.

Kauffman's BBQ under the Pavilion

\$18.00 per person, choose Chicken or Ham below



33 Gravel Pit Road
Bethel, Pa 19507
717-933-8415

Large Chicken or Baked Ham Dinner with baked potato or potato filling, your choice of pepper cabbage, cole slaw or applesauce plus roll & butter. All you can drink soda, coffee and water. Your dessert is also included.



Sign up by September 3rd count needs in on September 4th. Make check payable to
Eastern PA Retreads.

Mail to Greg & Diane Gill, P.O. Box 573, Saylorsburg, Pa 18353
570-369-2467 eastparetreads@live.com

We will be holding a mini golf tournament and games will be available for those who wish to participate. If you wish to bring along a door prize to donate, we thank you in advance.

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EASTERN PA END OF SUMMER PICNIC – KAUFFMANS BBQ – SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026

Names (s) _____ email _____

Address _____

Number attending _____ x \$18.00 = _____ amount enclosed.

#of Chicken or Ham

Which Retread group is your home and do you hold a position? Eastern Pa, Maryland, New Jersey?
_____ If none of those listed please fill in your home group. Thank you...

2026 Delmarva Retreads Rally

"Adventure Awaits in the First State"

September 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2026

(Early Registration and Welcome Reception on Wednesday, Sept 16th from 2:30pm to 5:30pm)

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 17271 S. DuPont Hwy., Harrington, DE 19952. Call 1-302-398-8800 for reservations. (Mention "Delmarva Retreads" when calling to get discounted rate).

Hotel rates range between \$146.00 to \$162.50 per night PLUS TAX depending on how many nights you are staying and what type of room you book. Guests can check in as early as Tuesday, 9/15/26 and check out as late as Sunday morning 9/20/26.

Deadline for hotel reservations is August 10th, 2026 to guarantee the discounted rate

Rally Registration is \$75.00 per person and includes the following:

- Complimentary Breakfast at the Host Hotel from 6:30am to 9:30am
- Hospitality Room / Heated Outdoor Pool / Indoor Exercise Room
- Daily Guided Rides and Planned Excursions
- Wednesday Early Check-In / Welcome Reception from 1:30pm to 4:30pm
- Thursday - Entertainment / Ice Cream Social
- Friday - Parking Lot Party with Outdoor Games
- Saturday - Banquet and Awards Dinner
- Door Prizes – Event Swag Bag – Snacks – Water
- Raffles and Drop Bag Auction
- Special Drawing for Toy Donations for the 5th Annual Delmarva Retreads Toy Drive benefiting the Salvation Army (one ticket for each toy donated)

*You must hold a valid Retread Membership Card to be eligible for awards ~ No awards for trailered bikes

You will receive a confirmation email. We also plan to share the ride schedule and updates via email!!

Riders Name: _____ **Retread Card#** _____ **State:** _____

Co-Rider Name: _____ **Retread Card#** _____ **State:** _____

Address: _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone # _____ **Email:** _____



Rally T-Shirt Order:

Unisex Long Sleeve T-Shirt - \$28.00 - S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL* _____ 3XL* _____ 4XL* _____ Total = \$ _____ -- _____

*Add 3.00 for each shirt 2XL and over _____ **T-Shirt Total = \$** _____

Deadline to order Rally T-Shirts – August 1st

- **Make Checks Payable to:** Delmarva Retreads
- **Mail Registration Form and Check to:** Ron Doucette, 75 Barratts Chapel Road, Felton, DE 19943

Rally Registration Cost is \$75.00 per person x _____ people = \$ _____

Rally T-Shirt Order Total= \$ _____ Total Cost = \$ _____

SIZE Chart	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
LENGTH	27	28	29	30	31	32	32.5	33
WIDTH	17	19	20	21.5	23	24.5	26.5	28.5

Can't wait to see everyone at this years' Rally!!!!!!

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SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2026
AT 4:00 PM



RAIN DATE:
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 10TH, 2026
AT 4:00 PM



**AT JOHN AND MARTHA
DECKER'S HOUSE**
939 May Rd.
Lititz, PA 17543



PLEASE BRING
your own drink and a
covered dish to share
(main dish, side dish,
or dessert). Outlets
are available!



**FIXINGS FOR
S'MORES WILL BE
PROVIDED ALONG
WITH PAPER
PRODUCTS.**



**SOME CHAIRS WILL
BE PROVIDED, BUT
YOU MIGHT WANT
TO BRING YOUR
OWN!**

PLEASE CONTACT MARTHA OR JOHN DECKER IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING



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