



Western PA Retreads



July-Aug-Sept 2021

“On The Road Again”

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Reps Corner: Hello Friends,

This newsletter is running a bit behind. I thought I'd hold off until after the rally so it could include the rally recap, then right before the rally, my laptop with all of my Retread info did a Windows update and would no longer open any files. A quick trip to my computer tech and it was decided the best course of action would be to get a new computer. He was able to save all my files but it took several weeks to get a new computer in so he could transfer my information.

It's hard to believe that another Western PA Retread rally has come and gone. Thank you to everyone that contributed in some way, be it leading rides, volunteering in the hospitality room, contributing door prizes and Chinese auction items or just being a part of the fun we had. I was so excited, that in addition to the regulars that come to Western PA, there were so many first time attendees. I apologize to any of the first time attendees, that I didn't have a chance to talk with and get to know, other than a brief hello and introduction. Kathy Wilcox and Darryl & Nancy Boleratz have written great recaps of the rally, so I'll let you read all about it from their perspective.

On Saturday, August 14th at 11:00 am at the Miller Station United Methodist Church, 28042 Miller Station Rd, Cambridge Springs, there will be a Celebration of Life memorial service for my Father-in-Law, John Docter (A.K.A. Dad). He was your Western PA Rep for many years, prior to twisting my arm for me to take the reins. I would like to extend an invitation to all the Retreads to join us in this celebration. Dad thought the world of the Retreads and had made many life-long friends during his 40+ years with the group. He loved to share stories of the places him & mom had been and the people they met. There will be an opportunity to share your memories both during the service and afterwards at a chicken & biscuit dinner he requested, if we had a memorial service for him, to be provided by the ladies of the Miller Station UMC.

Our Western PA Picnic, on August 22nd, will be a true picnic this year. We'll be grilling hot dogs, having pasta salads, snacks and deserts. More information is elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope to see you all there.

Larry & I are looking forward to the International Retreads Rally in Coffeerville, KS September 6th – 9th. We're hoping to see many of you there. It's not too late to send in your registration if you haven't yet done so.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! Kim

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DO YOU WANT
A FREE MEMBERSHIP
FOR 2022?

New this year, in an effort to grow our membership, all you need to do is sign up two new members (couples count as one) in 2021 and your 2022 membership will be paid for by the club. Why not bring a friend or two as a guest to our next meeting?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: We will publish Retread events as we receive them and enclose registration forms for Retread rallies with your newsletter, at least once. Underlined events have or have had a rally flier included. If you need a copy of a rally flier contact Kim at 814-398-4918 or kadocter@gmail.com **Rally fliers are also available online at most of the sites below.**

Northern Breakfast Meeting: Hosted by Darryl & Nancy Boleratz - Meadville, PA

2nd Sat. every month - Breakfast 8-9AM - Meeting 9:00am at Perkins. Meadville, PA RT 322 East of I-79

Southern Breakfast Meeting: Hosted by Bill & Carol Feazell - Butler, PA

4th Sun. every month - Breakfast 8-9AM - Meeting 9:00am at Michael's Restaurant, 970 New Castle Rd (RT 422), Butler PA

2021 Retread Events

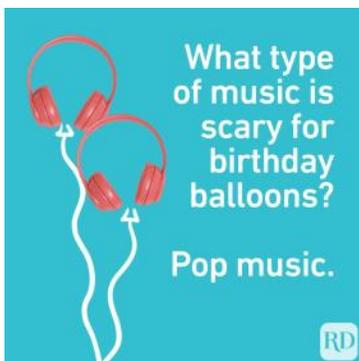
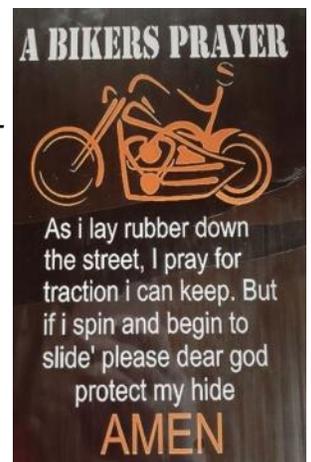
- Now - Nov 19 PA State Parks Contest. Sponsored by Eastern PA Retreads - information on our website
- Aug 14 Memorial Service for John Docter, former WPA Rep - *information in "Reps Corner"*
- Aug 13-16 Gray Ghost Inn Trip, West Dover, VT (organized by the RI Retreads)
- Aug 22 Western PA Retreads Picnic - Wesbury Picnic Pavillion, Meadville, PA - Information below
- Sept 6-9 International Retreads Rally, Coffeyville, KS
- Sept 25 MD Retreads Picnic, Thurmont Community Park, Thurmont, MD
- Oct 16-22 Eastern PA Retreads Fall Foliage Ride

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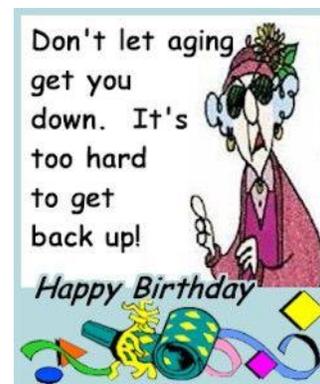
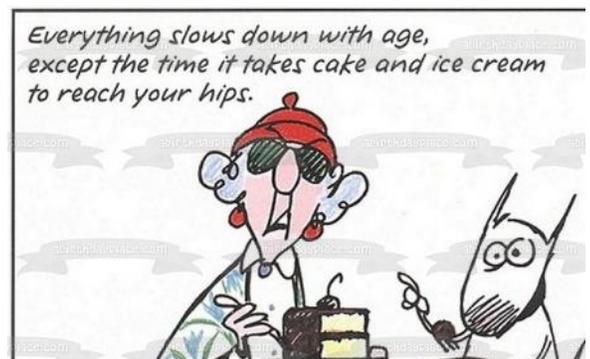
May 19-21 Mid-Atlantic Regional Rally, Bird-in-Hand, PA - *registration form is now available on our website. Will be included in our next newsletter*

Web Sites for Rally flyers

- Western PA:** www.wparetreads.org
- Delmarva:** www.delmarvaretreads.weebly.com
- Mid-Atlantic:** www.midatlanticretreads.com
- Eastern PA:** www.eparetreads.com
- Maryland:** www.mdretreads.weebly.com
- New England:** www.newenglandretreads.com
- National Retread:** www.retreads.org



Bill	Feazell	7/11
Laura	Bloom	7/18
Kathy	Brown	7/19
Janet	Morley	7/19
Leonard	Gauthier	7/21
Duane	Jones	7/22
Betty	Jones	7/25
Steve	Yeager	7/25
Melvin	Long	7/30
Judy	Grossman	8/26
Dick	White	8/30
Judie	Neill	9/1
Sue	Kaufman	9/8
Connie	Miller	9/14
Marlene	Long	9/15



WESTERN PA PICNIC 2021

What: Summer Picnic – Hot Dogs, Picnic Salad, Snacks,
Drinks, plates, utensils – Provided



Please bring a dessert to share and some cut-up fruit to go in to a Fruit salad.

Cost: \$5.00 each – paid at picnic

Where: Wesbury Picnic Pavillion, 31 Park Ave, Meadville, PA 16335 (It will be to the left of the Cribbs Residential Center)

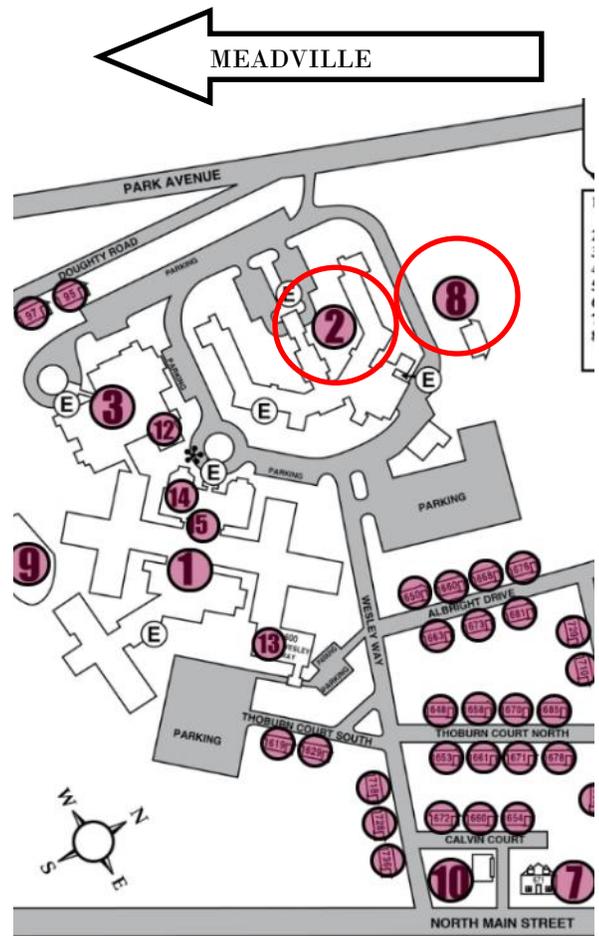
To see a map of Wesbury, go to: <https://wesbury.com/contact/campus-map/> The pavilion is #8 on the map

When: Sunday August 22, 2021 12:30PM - Eat at 1:00

Please RSVP so we have an idea of how many hot dogs and buns to buy. You can call or text Kim 814-282-0039, or send an email to: kadocter@gmail.com

#2 on the map is Cribbs Residential Center

#8 on the map is the Picnic Pavillion



“Don’t worry about burning the calories — that’s already been done!”



“You forgot another item? This is the 15th time you’re going back to the store. I’m starting to think you’re just looking for a reason to ride your new motorcycle.”



“Yes, sweetie, it is a pretty pink. However, you should’ve checked with daddy first before painting his motorcycle.”



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2021 Western Pa Retread Rally

By Kathy Wilcox

WE HAD A REAL RETREAD RALLY!!! Not virtual, real!!!! It was a big decision to plan a rally after all the shutdowns, but we planned it and RETREADS CAME!!! We had a great turnout- Retreads rolled into the Erie Pa Quality Inn parking lot, Sunday July 18th, on 2, 3 and 4 wheels. We had folks from 9 different states. Our role call included 37 from Pennsylvania, 13 from Delaware, 9 from New Jersey, 4 from New York and Maryland, 3 from Florida, 2 from Tennessee and 1 from Vermont. Unfortunately, due to the Canadian border still being closed, our friends from Canada were unable to attend this year. An amazing fact is that we had 21 folks attend who have never been to the Western Pa Retread Rally and most of those had never been to ANY Retread Rally. We even had 2 walk-ins. Yay!!! Sooooo, they got called up to the front of the room on Banquet night, and we welcomed and cheered and then awarded them CHOCOLATE! A precedent has been set-- any newbies to the Western Pa Rally get chocolate!!!!

Retread rallies are famous for long distance and age awards and as we all get older, the awards get more complicated. So, this rally the awards went to the following: (There may have been other Retreads in attendance who qualified to win these awards, but you had to sign up to win)

Longest distance to the rally - 4 wheels: (2 up) Bill & Linda Plecker - Deltona Florida: **1063 miles.**

Longest distance to the rally - 3 wheels: (2 up) Charlie Boyer & Dorene Smith - York Pa. **325 miles.**

Longest distance to the rally - 2 wheels: (2 up) Hal & Dottie Routzahn - Boonsboro MD. **349 miles.**

Longest distance to the rally Solo Female: Laurie Barnett - Hinesburg Vermont. **776 miles.**

Longest distance to the rally Solo Male: ??? No one signed up for this award

The oldest motorcycle ridden to the rally was a **1985 Goldwing** with a sidecar: ridden by Charlie Clark from Salem Ohio.

Our oldest female Retread at the Rally was Nancy Waller from Leesburg Florida. While at the rally Nancy's age was **80 years, 11 months and 27 days.** Happy 81st Birthday, Nancy!

Our oldest male Retread who signed up for the award was Sam Beloff from Galloway New Jersey at **65** years young. Actually, someone put Sam's name in twice and it's a good thing they did. Sam's name was the only entry. This award was a total surprise for him.)

Several interesting one-time events from this rally stand out. There was a call out on Monday evening for Ron Linderman from Eastern Pa Retreads. He had friended a Retread from New Jersey who was also at the rally. Steve Gallagher, from New Jersey, realized they were at the same rally as they each were posting pictures. So a meet up was arranged. New Jersey and Pennsylvania came together in Erie Pa. small world!!!

The other thing that happened was some folks were not clear about the contest regarding guessing the number of items that are in a jar, bag, box etc. This year we had a tote bag with snacks. So... the good news is that even if you are way off, you can still win? Something? Dave Renda guessed 150 which was so high, that he was awarded a knife to cut down his high expectations. Dottie Routzahn guessed that in the bag were a bottle of soda, candy, snacks and a bottle of wine. Ron Richards guessed 28 lbs. They were each awarded flashlights so they could better see the instructions. I heard that Ron's flashlight was defective so he may be in trouble again next year. The actual count was 19, so the bag of snacks was won by Linda Plecker who guessed 12. We also got to know Monica Renda who was a first time attendee, not just to our Western PA rally but to any Retread rally. She signed up for almost everything. Next year we might have to have an award for the "Most Enthusiastic Retread." She is a delightful lady and we hope she comes back!

Guided and self-guided rides are an important part of our rallies since Retreads like to ride! We were blessed by great riding weather each day.

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On Monday, riders headed to The Zippo Case Museum in Bradford Pa. It is a popular destination even though the round trip is 200 miles. The ride also included a stop at the Chautauqua Lake overlook, the Kinzua Dam and ice cream on the way home. Another group visited the Lucille Ball Museum in Jamestown NY and a 3rd went on the Ernst Seeds Farm Tour where they grow, process and sell hundreds of species of naturalized seeds and live plant materials for ecological restoration, landscaping and conservation, finally a 4th ride went to the Pymatuning Reservoir where everyone got to feed the fish.

Tuesday riders drove to the Kinzua Bridge Skywalk and Visitor Center, which is a 210 mile round trip to McKean County, others visited the Lake Erie Coast Guard Station and a 3rd group went south to the Union City Museum. Saving the best for last, the Wine County Tour, always popular, had wine tasting at each stop!

Wednesday's destinations included The Oil Creek and Drake Well Museum in Titusville, an interesting historical tour with a stop at Wood's Dog House for lunch. Another group visited the Acutec Precision Aerospace Plant in Meadville where they manufacture parts for many companies including Boeing and Cessna airplanes. Cambridge Springs Pa History tour included a visit to the site of the Old Riverside Hotel where we used to have our rally before it burned in 2017, and lunch at the new Restaurant built on the same site - The Riverside Brewery and Farm to Table Restaurant.

Evenings at the rally always include entertainment and this year we again had a great act. Rudy Elvis, an Elvis impersonator, from West Virginia, who put on quite a show on Monday evening. He sang, passed out the famous Elvis scarves, and sang some more. We had a break for ice cream and then he sang and passed out Hawaiian leis. Our ladies were estatic! He has a great voice and a really huge number of Elvis songs in his show. Tuesday evening we enjoyed Pizza, wings and veggies. Then we played Retread Bingo. We had to fill our bingo card with the names of Retreads in the room we did not know. It was a great evening. Wednesday was our banquet, with a delicious buffet and cake for dessert. What everyone looks forward to are the prizes especially the Chinese Auction. This year was again an interesting selection of prizes to choose from. We had various great motorcycle accessories, household items, beautiful handmade gifts, such as a lap Afghan made by Darlene Phillips, and a beautiful plastic canvas tissue holder make by Linda Plecker. Also a few very unusual choices - like a home hair cutting set, and Halloween decorations. But the outstanding ticket getter was..... an electronic fly swatter. Yep. Lockdown fallout. We are now obsessed with killing flies!!!

We had multiple great door prize gifts, including t-shirts and hats from Forest Park Honda in Erie Pa, and many cash prizes and gifts cards. But by far the most unusual gifts were the beautiful plastic canvas centerpieces made and donated by Linda Plecker form Deltona Florida. Not only were they the most complex and intricate designs- each must have taken many hours to make, but she then carefully packed and transported them all the way to Erie from Florida. Thank you, Linda!

The big item of the evening was the 50/50 drawing. The total to the winner was \$246.50 won by Nancy White, a first-time rally attendee.

I usually end the summary of our rally with a sign off from the Greatest Retread of all, our own John Docter. We had to say goodbye to John last fall, but we will never forget him, with his arm extended in welcome, greeting us all to every event. So, for John we remember, "He never met a Retread he did not like." Retreads, I can honestly say that he was right. You are all a special group of folks.

2021 Western Pa Rally

(as experienced by Darryl & Nancy Boleratz)

Some of our local members arrived at the Quality Inn & Suites on Sunday afternoon around 12:30 to get the Hospitality Room set up. It was a beautiful, sunny day. Retreads began arriving around 2:00 pm and we finally opened the Hospitality Room at 2:45. About 2/3 of the Retreads had arrived and checked in by 5:00 pm. It was great to see some Retreads that we had not seen in two years and to meet some that we had never met.

Monday, July 19th. We left the hotel at 8:00 am for Bradford, PA to take a tour of the Zippo Case Museum. It was a beautiful morning as we headed east on I-90 to I-86 into New York. Our first stop was at a rest area with a great view over Chautauqua Lake. There was an extended tractor trailer loaded with a long blade for a windmill that was getting ready to head out. It was interesting to watch the progress of their departure from the rest area to get onto I-86. We arrived at the Zippo Case Museum at 10:15 and met our tour guide. The tour through the museum was quite interesting and we learned some of the history of how Zippo lighters were invented and some of the current production statistics.



Lunch was at Togi's Family Restaurant in Bradford. Our next stop was at the Kinzua Dam. The water was quite high from the recent heavy rains. We also stopped in Youngsville for gas and then continued to Corry with a plan to stop at KC's for ice cream. When we got to KC's, they were closed. I discovered that they are closed on Monday. We headed back to the hotel and arrived at 3:45 to take a break before the evening entertainment. Rudy Elvis performed from 7 pm until 10 pm with a short break so we could have ice cream. It was a delightful performance and everyone seemed to enjoy it. That is a late night for most Retreads.



Tuesday, July 20th. It was another beautiful day. Our ride departed at 8:20 am for the Erie Coast Guard Station. We took a scenic route through the countryside to Presque Isle and stopped at the Perry Monument for a short break and then continued past the house boats on Horseshoe Pond and then the Coast Guard Station. Our tour guide, Gwen Olsen, greeted us at

the parking lot and she wanted to see our bikes as she is also a biker. She gave us an overview of the mission and responsibilities of the Coast Guard and then we went in the station for a brief tour and then outside to see their boats. They have a 45 foot boat and a 29 foot boat. We were given detailed information about the boats and then were able to go onboard and see the interior of the cabins which were quite impressive.

Lunch was at Max & Erma's by the Millcreek Mall. Everyone enjoyed lunch. Part of our group headed back to the hotel after lunch. The rest of us went on a nice ride to Waterford and stopped for ice cream. We headed to Berries and Blooms raspberry farm and sampled some red, gold, pink, purple and black raspberries. There were two bald eagles sitting in a tree at the raspberry farm. One was an adult and the other was a young one that still had a brown head. We were only about 100 feet from the eagles and got some great pictures. We continued our ride back to the hotel and arrived at 3:45.



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Tuesday evening, we had pizza, carrot and celery sticks and wings. Everyone had plenty to eat and then we played "Get to know your fellow Retreads bingo".

Wednesday, July 21st. The morning was cloudy and looked like a possibility of rain. We delayed our ride departure until 9:00 am. When we departed, the sky looked better and we took a more direct route to Acutech Precision Aerospace for our 10:00 am tour. On our way, just south of Venango, we encountered a tree across the road that had just fallen. There was one vehicle stopped on each side of the tree and we stopped and shut off our bikes. The guys all went up and in a few minutes were able to slide the tree off the road. We continued on and arrived at Acutech. The tour at Acutech was quite impressive. It was interesting to see the different types of machinery and some of the products they manufacture. Our lunch stop was at the Safari Bar in Meadville. We all enjoyed the buffet and some of the Retreads took pictures of the mounted animals in the bar. Following lunch, we gave a drive through of Wesbury Retirement Community where we live and then returned to the hotel.

The banquet was excellent and there were several door prizes and Chinese Auction prizes. The real fun began with the awards. I believe our new Western PA Rally cry will be, "Give him/her a flashlight".

Thanks to all who were willing to lead rides and to spend time in the Hospitality Room. It was a great rally and we had three good days of riding. Darryl & Nancy Boleratz



A Night With Rudy Elvis





Western PA Retreads 2021 Application/Renewal Form

Retreads Motorcycle Club International, Inc.

AMA Charter 3233

Visit us at: www.wparetreads.org

Date _____

(Please type or print)

Applicant _____ Co-Applicant _____

Renewal ____ New Member ____ Sponsored By(if applicable) _____

Important: Must be signed by Applicant and Co-applicant, if any, before cards are issued.

By voluntarily applying for membership, I understand that the Retreads cannot assume responsibility for any aspect of my safety. I understand the sport of motorcycle riding has an inherent safety hazard. I also understand that my participation in any Retread activity is strictly voluntary and further, I release and hold harmless the Retreads from any loss to my person or property.

Applicant sign: _____

Co-applicant sign: _____

Do you approve of your contact information being shared with other Retreads? Yes _____ No _____

May your name and/or photo appear on the Western PA Retread website? Yes _____ No _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Applicant's Birthday ____/____/____ Co-Applicant's Birthday ____/____/____

AMA number(s) if members _____ Co-Applicant _____

Year/Make of Motorcycle(s) _____

How do you prefer to receive your newsletter? ____ Email or ____ US mail

Effective 1/1/2020: Annual donation \$20/single or \$25/couple Amount enclosed _____

Please make check payable to: **Western PA Retreads** and return application to:

Jan Archer - 25461 State Street, Saegertown, PA 16433

The following to be completed by Western PA Rep. only

Retread Membership Card Number: Applicant _____ Co-applicant: _____
Date: _____ Cash: _____ Check: _____

Haiku Poetry Challenge

Haiku is an old literary poetic form consisting of three lines of unrhymed verse with the first line containing 5 syllables, the second line containing 7 syllables and the last line containing 5 syllables. Sometimes the verse has a seasonal theme.

In the previous newsletter, I issued a challenge to submit at least one original Haiku for our next newsletter. It could be any theme of interest to you. I was rather disappointed that only 3 Western PA Retreads took up the challenge. If anyone else would like to try their hand at Haikus, email me your poems and I'll print them in a future newsletter. Kim

Special thank you to those who rose to the challenge!

Haikus by Brett S.

Drifting along slow
Listening to the motor
Moonlight guiding me

Learning to accept
Leaning into a big curve
Longing for one more

Older it may seem
Less light coming from a beam
Still more than "eye" need

Leather lights and chrome
Some rubber getting me home
My ride pride and life

Facial curves and lines
Finding the long road that winds
Heaven is right there

Haiku by Kathy W.

(Backwards but close)
7-5-7 instead of 5-7-5
A+ for effort

Rain creeps, seeps, soaks into you
Yet stings and blinds eyes
Bikers riding in the rain

Haikus by Kim D.

Sunny Summer Days
Cruising Through West Virginia
Perfect Time to ride

Storm Approaching Fast
CamAm Spyer wants to play
Rain rain go away

Time is going fast
Almost Retread rally time
Can't wait to see friends



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