



THE RETREADS

The Montana Chapter

January 2009

Special points of interest:

- Send photos of you and your bike or rides, with details, for the [Retreads](#) website
- Please contact Terry if you have information or articles for the Tailpipe Newsletter.
- Check out the member section of the website to get to know other riders in your area.

Felicia is in the hospital at the time this is being written, so I will try to take her place as the newsletter writer. Our monthly breakfasts for this year have been reduced from three to one due to the lack of the Bitterroot members at the Bitterroot breakfasts, no more than four and usually none, and the lack of members at the Sunday breakfasts, even though the turnout was better than in the Bitterroot. We had a good turnout for the January breakfast which was held at the Montana Club on Reserve St. in Missoula. The food was very good, the service was very good, the amount of room was good, and the members from the Bitterroot to Thompson Falls were there. Last year started off with riding weather that was a

little wet and cool but got better in late June. The "Ralph Harris Memorial Ride to Mexico" poker run in late August was nice since it was in the Bitterroot mountains to the Broken Arrow Mexican Restaurant in Gibbonsville, ID where it was cooler than Missoula. We met up with another club at the top of Lost Trail Pass, rode to the Broken Arrow, and had some good Mexican food. The rest of the rides during the summer were also good. Some were to Lincoln, Helena, and back, some were to Georgetown Lake, Anaconda and back, Mullan, ID, Thompson Falls and back, around Flathead Lake and back, Seeley Lake and back, the Lochsa Lodge and back, Lowell, ID and back, and the "Ride for Hope" to raise money for the Montana

Hope Project. The "halfway point" this year was in Red Lodge, MT. The ride is officially 500 miles round trip, but after you ride over the Beartooth Highway and go through Yellowstone Park to Dillon, through the Big Hole Valley, and back to Missoula, it ends up being just over 900 miles. But nobody had any complaints. Nice weather, nice scenery, and nice people. What a nice summer. It would have been even nicer if we didn't have so many days over 100. Or 90. Or 80. Maybe that's just me. I like it cooler! Maybe this year will be better for riding.

Keep the rubber side down!

Terry Sullivan
Montana breakfast and ride coordinator.

May 2009

Felicia is doing OK after being in the hospital for seven weeks. She is still not up to writing the newsletter so I am trying my hand at it again.

This spring doesn't know when to show up or how long to stay! One weekend is good for riding, except for the threat of scattered showers, and the next weekend is snowing and you need the ice studs.

The meetings on the second Saturday of the month at the Montana Club on Reserve St. in Missoula have been well attended even by some that have not been seen in over a year. We have even had some guests and new members attend. This has really helped in planning events for this year and also the 50/50 drawing. Most of the rides this year will be after the breakfast meeting on the second Saturday and

"make-up rides" on other weekends depending on the weather. They are always changing at a moment's notice, so call or e-mail me for the latest information.

Some rides and other events are set in stone, well maybe sandstone. The Montana Hope Project Ride for Hope is July 25th and the Guardian Angels ride is July 26th. These are not Retreads rides, but are well attended

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by Retread members.

The Montana Retreads Annual Picnic is scheduled for August 1st. The Ralph Harris/Bob Giron Memorial Ride to Mexico and Fun Run to the Broken Arrow Mexican Restaurant in Gibbonsville, ID. is scheduled for August 22nd.

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Christmas Party date and location will be determined at a later date.

The Montana Retreads website has been changed a little to update the membership list and the history of the Montana Retreads. Also the history of the Retreads International has been added. Please visit the website and send me your comments so it can be

improved. Hopefully this summer's weather will be better for riding than last year so we can ride every weekend. Of course that means we will have to mow the lawn on some other day!

Keep the rubber side down!

Terry Sullivan
Montana Retreads
Breakfast /Ride Coordinator

July 2009

The Montana Retreads' riding season has had a slow start again this year, but we are going to make up for it the rest of the season starting with the July breakfast on the 11th at the Montana Club on Reserve St. in Missoula. A ride is scheduled after breakfast with the destination to be determined at breakfast. Guests are welcome. Last month we had a guest from Butte who is now a member! The Montana Retreads are growing, one or two members at a time.

One ride most of us go on is the Montana Hope Project Ride for Hope. It is a 500 mile ride to Helena starting from five different towns in Montana; Missoula, Kalispell, Three Forks, Billings, and Havre. Those of us living in Western Montana have the best ride, going through the Bitterroot Valley, over Chief Joseph Pass, Wisdom, Dillon, Twin Bridges, Ennis, Three Forks, Helena, and then back to Missoula for the 500 miles. The different starting points have different routes. This ride was started in 1990 to raise money for Montana children from the age of 2 to 18 with a terminal illness, or a life threatening illness, to grant a dream come true. They get whatever they want. Some want a trophy game hunting trip,

some want a car, some want a computer, and some want a trip to Disney World. The kids get the wish, but the whole family gets the benefit of seeing the spirits of the children being raised, sometimes to the point of lengthening their lives. It will be on July 25th.

Another ride that most of us go on is the Guardian Angels Ride on July 26th. This ride was started by an oncology doctor in Missoula, who rides, to raise money for cancer patients' medications, and transportation costs to get treatment. We will ride from Missoula to Seeley Lake on July 26th for a banquet supplied by different drug manufacturers, and they know how to throw a banquet!

August will start out with the Montana Retreads Annual Picnic at Fort Fizzle just west of Lolo on US 12 at noon on the 8th. This will take the place of the monthly breakfast since it is the second Saturday of the month. The 50/50 drawing will be held. Guests are welcome. This is a potluck picnic with the Montana Retreads supplying the chicken to members and with a cost of \$3.00 to non-members. A ride will be

considered after the picnic, if we don't eat too much!

The next ride will be the Idaho Canyon Tour on August 15th and 16th starting in Missoula and going over Lolo Pass to Kooskia, McCall, Lowman, Stanley, and Salmon, ID, Lost Trail Pass, and back to Missoula through the Bitterroot Valley. It has some of the best riding in the country.

On August 22nd is the "Ralph Harris/Bob Giron Memorial Ride to Mexico". Mexico being the Broken Arrow Mexican restaurant in Gibbonsville, ID on US 93. This will also be a poker run.

The last weekend of August is open for suggestions. The breakfast/meeting for September will be on the 12th.

For additional information just e-mail us at terryandfelicia@montana.com.

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Terry Sullivan
Montana Retreads
Breakfast ride and coordinator

I believe many Harley guys spend more time revving their engines than actually driving anywhere; I sometimes wonder why they bother to have wheels on their motorcycles.

Dave Barry