



FOOTHILLS CHAPTER OF RETREADS INTERNATIONAL

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October 2010 Newsletter

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Next Breakfast Meeting

Sunday, October 17, 2010
Stockman's Restaurant
Dunbow Road

The new Regional Rep from Edmonton, Larry Fowell, will be attending this meeting, and we would like to see as many Foothills Retreads as possible. There is no snow in the forecast for the weekend, so this may be our last chance to "ride" to a Breakfast meeting this year. PLEASE let Jill know if you will be attending, it really helps to give the restaurant a Head Count.

She can be reached at angelatheart@shaw.ca, or Ph: 982-4150

The doors will be open for coffee at 10:00 a.m.

Food served around 10:30

ANNUAL XMAS PARTY

Plans are being formulated for the 2010 Xmas Party and awards ceremony, which, as in the past, will probably be held in the New Year. In case you are wondering, we have traditionally held our party in the new year, so as not to conflict with members company Xmas parties being held this year. So, keep January 2011 open on your calendars - date TBA.

Laughlin River Run

April 27 – May 1, 2011

If you need a break from the snow and cold here in Alberta, let Vilnis take you for a ride through the snow and cold of Arizona's mountains and deserts. This is a 'trailer your bike' event, and includes such sites as historic Route 66, the 'OMG' ride to Oatman (and it's wild asses), the Grand Canyon, a ride back in time through Seligman, the cliffhanging Jerome, and a shop til ya drop visit to Laughlin, Nevada. If you are interested in becoming a River Rat, please talk to Vilnis about travel and accomodations.

ANNUAL OLD BONES RIDE-IN

June 3th 4th and 5th, 2011, Wayne, Alberta
Last Chance Saloon

If the scheduling is the same as past years, then the above dates should hold true for the first Alberta rally and social event of the 2011 season. Old Bones is an official regional rally and we work with the Edmonton Chapter to try and ensure that everyone has a memorable weekend. And if you can't remember being there, there are always pictures to help jog your memory. For those of you that haven't been, ask those that have. This is a great time, with partying, contests, prizes and a great group. Past experience suggests that you not miss Friday night, especially the Fuzzy Navel Initiations. Watch the Newsletter for further details and date.

Great Falls KOA Rally

June 17th to 19th

Again, if past scheduling is any indication, these will be the dates for this event. A number of Retreads have attended this KOA sponsored event in the past 2 years, and despite a mix bag of weather, everyone seemed to have had a great time. They have a great campground with lots of tent or trailer space as well as Kamping Kabins. More details will be provided as they become available.

TOAD ROCK RALLY

July 1, 2 & 3, 2011

The Toad Rock Rally is on again next year and Vilnis has informed us that registration is now open. For more details on this 'must do event' visit www.toadrockcampground.com . This is the campground that hosts the event and there are some great day rides in the area.

This is something that you should really try to make - it is the best rally in the area by far. They limit attendance, so you might want to register as soon as possible. This can be done at the Toad Rock website.

Sturgis

Despite some last minute cancellations, there was still a good Retread turnout for the 70th anniversary this past August. If you have any pic's you would like to share, please send them to Drifter Don for posting on our web site. As noted before, this rally is an absolute "Bucket List" item for anyone that is remotely interested in biking. It is more fun than should be legal. Actually, not all of the fun is legal but it is, for the most part, harmless. This is pretty much an annual event for some of us, so if you have any questions, search out some of the members that have gone, and returned.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Just a reminder that we start collecting membership dues for 2011 at the beginning of the year. They remain at \$25.00 for everyone, which includes your spouse or significant other, but excludes inflatable's (sorry Vilnis). I will let you know when we receive our 2011 cards

Executive Changes

As most of you know, Dave Corbett and Chris "Snake Killer" Chapiel have stepped down after 6 years of undying service, which included founding this Chapter, and building the membership from 6 to 82 in 2010. On behalf of every member of the Foothills Retreads, we thank you. Attempting to fill their shoes; the new Executive going forward will be Bob Duncan as Area Rep, Roman Wegiel as Assistant Rep, and Jill Sutton as Event Coordinator. There has also been a change in the Regional Rep, and Don "Ranger Don" Gabert is stepping down, and Larry Fowell is taking over. As noted above, Larry will attending our Breakfast meeting this Sunday, so let's show him what this Chapter is all about. On second thought, try to behave yourselves.

NEXT MEETING?

Unless there is some other conflicting holiday or event, there will be a Breakfast meeting the "third" Sunday of every month throughout the winter at The Stockman's. If you have any complaints about the venue or food, take it up with Roman – I'm sure he will deal with your complaint in the appropriate manner.

NEW REGALIA

Other than the Retreads Patch and Pin, we now have a supply of

"Old Bones"

patches for sale for \$5. I would like to personally thank Drifter Don for taking the initiative and arranging for these. If you would like to proudly display your Old Bone, please talk to PT at the Breakfast meeting.