

Foothills Retreads



Summer 2011 - That's a wrap!

By Chapter Rep Bob (Hawkeye) Duncan

Despite the late start in what could be called 'Summer' riding weather, the Foothills Chapter of the Retreads has had a fairly active season; and the events and pic's in this Newsletter are but a small sampling of some of the fun & frolicking that took place since our last Newsletter in May. What we publish is not intended to offend anyone, but to give you an idea of what does/can happen, and hopefully promote you to take part next year.

The riding season kicked off in May with Vulcan's to Vulcan, and if this motley crew doesn't fit the description of 'Aliens', then I don't know what does?

June was a very active, and interesting month, starting with the joint Alberta Chapter's Old Bones Rally in Wayne. As usual the Friday night campfire was 'interesting,' and we thank the new Red Deer Chapter Rep for dropping off the firewood in advance - he supplied just enough, so we didn't have to
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The sun sets on summer riding season 2011 -- captured here in a Drifter Don photo of bike night at Alderside A&W on Sept. 15. But don't despair -- fall riding season beckons!

burn any of the outhouses this year. For those that couldn't make it, the two 'hairy scary' looking guys are Jim & Larry who are Retread members from the Okanagan Chapter. Jim was in true Retread form when a Stagette showed up at the hotel in toga's! Although the weather wasn't perfect, it didn't put a damper on any of the fun & games.

The next event was Rhonda Taylor's Farewell & Summer Soiree. If Rhonda is true to her word, she will only be gone for a year, so hopefully we can have another Farewell party next year when she gets back – we can decide then who's leaving. Again, we seem to be attracted to campfires! Next up was the Great Falls Kampout (and campfire) or, the "Golden Coral Supper Ride".

July saw the launch of the SS Retreads on Lake Kookanusa (which apparently made it back to shore with not too much damage), Toad Rock Rally (sadly the last one), Little New York Days in Longview, the Northern Stars National Rally & Yamaha demo rides in High River (which we crashed), the Ladies **only** ride to Fernie (probably no ti--y bar here), and the Lethbridge Air Show. Congratulations to Gerald Lauzier (Flip) for taking the plunge, and joining the ranks of the Toad Rock Jello Sliders. As I said above, this year was the last 'official' Toad Rock Rally. However, Mary is welcoming everyone back next year for a long weekend of camping, and if we want to organize our own 'activities', everything will be available for us. I will provide more info on this as it becomes available.

As everyone knows, August is Sturgis, and we had a few members attend again this year. Unfortunately, we did not receive any pic's for this issue. Next was the Bikes & Bulls Show & Shine & Rodeo (not sure how or what you shine on a Bull??). And finally for the month was our Annual Cat Creek Pot Luck BBQ and Highwood Pass run. Great turn out, great weather, and thank God someone remembered to bring Potato Salad. We also unveiled our new Chapter Banner, and we will be asking all of you to help 'personalize' it. We would also like to congratulate Al Jeffreys for winning two trophies at the HOG Rally in Kamloops, well actually his bike won – Best in Class and Peoples Choice.

Last, but not least, we continued to have our Thursday night Bike Nights at the Aldersyde A&W throughout the summer. Attendance varied, mostly due to the weather and vacations, but like other events, there were shiny Bikes and lot's of Bull. With any luck we will be able to ride well into the Fall, rack up some more km's, and more pic's for the next Newsletter. We are still looking for pic's of our members with their bikes for the Members Section of our website; so if you have a pic, please send it to Don Morberg (Drifter) at drifterdon@gmail.com and he will post it to the site.

Ride Safe!

Hawkeye



Upcoming riding opportunities are dwindling given the fast approaching fall weather but there are a couple of rides/events on the horizon to consider -- including the weekend trip noted below. Remember to keep an eye on your email and, if you're not one of those folks who believes facebook steals your soul, connect to Foothills Retreads facebook site and check out the latest ride chatter!

By Dan and Sally Royle

We recently posted a potential ride on our Facebook forum -- a trip to Radium at the end of the month.

Retreads-in-Radium....AKA....R-in-R. Spending two nights, September 23 and 24 and departing on Sunday the 25. We could head home via 93 to Lake

Louise...or go home via Fort Steele, Fernie, 22X and home via Longview or Nanton Pass? Those departing Saturday, would of course only be staying the night of the 24.



The long range weather forecast looks good...so far, with temps of 19 to 22 for the 3 days. Departing Friday from #1 West and 22 @ the Petro Can at 10:30 sharp, meeting at 10 for a quick coffee or whatever. Those want to come to the meeting place earlier can, as I believe there is a restaurant there as well and you could have some breakfast!

Those that would leave later Friday or on Saturday would be on there own, and perhaps could

rendezvous for a second group departure? Sally and I have Friday off, so we will be leaving on the Friday. We would be staying at the Motel Tyrol and offseason rates apply!

<http://www.moteltyrol.com/accommod.htm>

Free Pool Passes to the Hot Springs Pools

There are some units at the top with an adjoining balcony, there is a hot tub, and the rooms have micro, fridge and sink. Some rooms on the lower half have kitchenettes etc. Sally and I are booked, and if I could get a head count (number of rooms required, as some may be doubling or tripling up depending on the room type).

Dwayne and Myrna and the owners and would more than happy to have us Retreads and would reserve a block of rooms for us. So...let me know as soon as possible and I will in turn talk to Dwayne and have him reserve the rooms, and advise is a visa payment is required to hold the room or just our good word!

BIKER ROAD RULES . . .

- Midnight Bugs taste Best.
- Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.
- Wear Heavy Boots. You can't kick things when you're wearin' sneakers.
- NEVER argue with a woman holding a torque wrench.
- If you're a complainer, ride at the back of the pack so you won't contaminate the rest of the group.
- Never try to race an old Geezer, he may have one more gear than you.
- The size of the PISTON don't tell you nothin' about the DEPTH of the stroke.
- Home is where your bike sits still long enough to leave a few drops of oil on the ground.
- You'll get farther down the road if you learn to use more than two fingers on the front brake.
- Routine maintenance should never be neglected.
- It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.
- The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rearview mirror.
- Never be afraid to slow down.
- Only Bikers understand why dogs love to stick their heads out car windows.
- Bikes don't leak oil, they mark their territory.





Dinner Bell Diva -- Sweet Cheeks (aka Brent Gordon) gets himself in prime position to hit the grub early at Aug. 28 Cat Creek Cookout.



Bike Swap Gone Bad! Birdo puts the boots to Drifter Don on Highwood Pass roadside Sept. 11 after Drifter 'breaks' the shift rod on Birdo's red menace minutes after taking it for a spin. Thank gawd for bailing wire and tape!



Highway 40 bear hunting party -- Birdo, Dan, Sally, Brasco, Drifter, Bill and Garry enjoy a spectacular late season run.



Ladies Only Please! -- It was Debbie, Bonny, Terri, Kirsten and Chirp (Jill) escaping for a Fernie ladies only weekend on July 23rd. What happens in Fernie stays in Fernie, right ladies?



Hawkeye thanks Rhonda on behalf of the club, wishes her luck in the future and presents her with her five-year Retreads pin at her June 12 going way party.



Knock Knock? -- Flip appears to 'diesel up' on his way to June's Old Bones Rally in Wayne, AB.



Flip, Don and Cheeks find some old bones in Drumheller during June's annual rally in Wayne, AB.



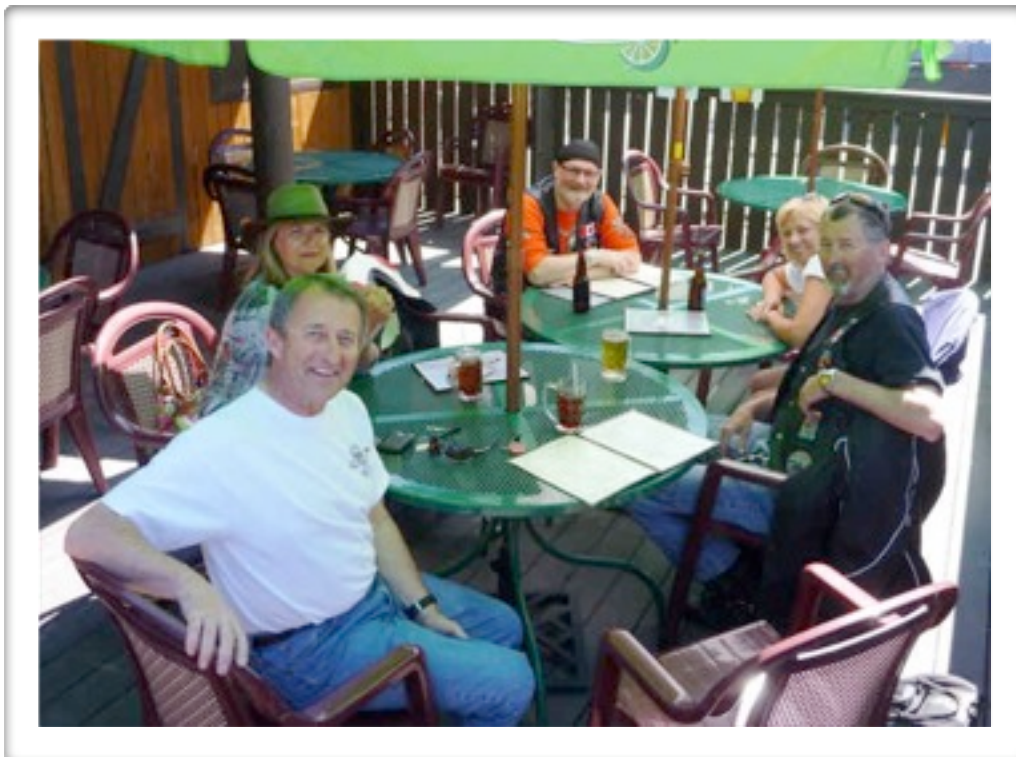
Sonja holds the umbrella for Charmaine and Jacqueline as the precip finally starts to fall!



The Quiet One holds his own umbrella; Wolfman decides he'd rather be rained on. Good choice, Wolfman!



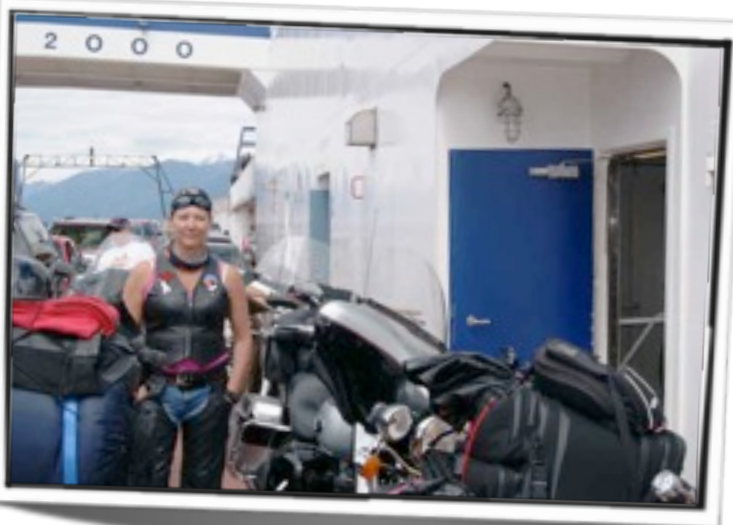
Al, Hawkeye and DrifterDon discuss the chance of rain at the campground in Wayne.



Retreads crashed the 'Leather & Chaps for SNAPS' charity event at the Roadhouse in High River on July 23. Clockwise, Garry, PT, Drifter, Brenda and Hawkeye.



Toad Rock Virgin Drifter Don gets his Toad specs on! He be stylin'!



Jetgirl on the Kootenay Ferry heading to Toad Rock on July long weekend.



It's all about finding a ball with a winning number on it . . . that and keeping your skivvies on.

Jello sliding mayhem at this summer's Toad Rock rally -- our illustrious chapter rep Hawkeye (above: back to camera) successfully chop blocks a red-headed girl. He takes this event seriously!



Flip wins a year's Retreads' membership for braving the jello slide at Toad Rock. Hawkeye did it as well -- third year in a row!





Retreads crash the Northern Stars Rally at High River's Heritage Inn on July 23. Hawkeye, Sailor, Dan, Mustang Sally, PT, Alex and Brenda discuss the game plan for the day.



Dave (past chapter rep) seems unimpressed by Wade's suggestion they check out the Sunday sidewalk sales in Drumheller mall during Old Bones 2011.



Hawkeye unveils the new Foothills Retreads banner at Cat Creek Cookout. Someone is missing a large chunk out of their chaps.



Big Al, Drifter and Sagebrush at the Aug 27th Bikes & Bulls Show and Shine/Rodeo in Airdrie.



June's Old Bones Rally included some games -- here Candyman (aka Larry) takes things a bit too seriously during the marshmallow blowgun contest. The blowguns were loaded up, aimed at the guy's long suffering partners and . . . hey, Darlene takes one between the eyes!

Don't forget to check the gallery link on the Retreads website for other pictures. We need your photos to keep things interesting on the site through the colder months ahead! Send along your shots to our webmaster Drifter Don at DrifterDon@gmail.com

Crazy Al's HD '05 Softail Deluxe voted crowd favourite at Canadian national rally in Kamloops

There's no mistaking the deep, earthy rumble of their bikes or their unrivalled pride in ownership. Harley-Davidson owners from across North America and overseas have arrived in Kamloops for the 16th annual Canadian National Harley Owners Group Rally — a gathering focused on two things: their mutual love for their brand and their passion for the open road.

"The U.K., New Zealand, a lot of members from the U.S. . . . you whole rally event is the experience of riding so, we see people come from H.O.G. Alex

name it. Part of the towards the event very far," said spokeswoman Carroni.

"And here to just share their Harley-motorcycles."

they're really congregate and passion for Davidson

To that end, convention a bike show on Kamloops Lodge, which members spit-their bikes to a

the H.O.G. kicked off with Friday at the Towne had polishing mirror finish.



Harleys of all

styles were represented.

Among the crowd favourites was Al Jeffrey's 2005 Softail Deluxe, a blue-and-white bike the former Kamloops resident has been customizing for the past six years.

"Basically the only thing that's factory is the frame," said Jeffrey, as he listed the many custom touches on his Harley.

Jeffrey, who now lives in Okotoks, Alta., has poured more than \$65,000 into the upgrades.

"You see some really unique bikes," said Connie Newmann, a Barhead, Alta., resident who is attending the rally with her husband, Rudy.

The Newmanns recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on the road with their 2009 Harley Classic. Like most of the riders at the rally, they've been to several H.O.G. gatherings over the years. "It's great. Everybody's so friendly," said Newmann.

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"And the nicest thing is you get to see different places. It's just a really neat way of seeing the world and meeting people."

Washington State couple Sue Lantz and Allen Wagner, who are in their 70s, rode a 2012 Ltd. Harley-Davidson to Kamloops. They've been to about six H.O.G. rallies over the years but this is their first one in Canada. They enjoy meeting other Harley enthusiasts.

"There's a lot of people here and you get to talk to them and see the different bikes," said Wagner. "A lot of them, they make their own. They rebuild them and put a lot of chrome on."

Harleys are a family affair for Tanis Vale of Calgary, who and daughter Courtney.

rode to the rally with husband Tim

"We've noticed over the years that bringing their children," said whole new generation of

more and more people are Vale. "Eventually, they'll have a riders coming up here."

Carol Michaud, rode from Fort been attending gatherings since to Nova Scotia, Victoria, Calgary ...

63, and husband, Ron, 72, Garland, Colo. They've Canadian H.O.G. the early '90s, travelling Saskatoon, Vancouver, "all over," said Carol.

"I like the Canadian more energy in it. It's

rallies. I think they put more family-oriented."

Bikes of course are the getting a lot of attention Sportster trike, which is

focal point of the rally and among those on Friday was Wendy Smith's 2008 custom equipped with a rack to hold her wheelchair.

Smith, who was injured in a single-engine airplane crash in 1976, has been riding motorcycles for just four years.

"I've loved bikes my whole life," said the Fort McLeod resident.

"We used to have a trike way back. My husband rode it, I didn't. So I just decided it was time to get my own."

The diversity of H.O.G. riders and their personalized Harleys can be seen again on Saturday when the group rides through Kamloops in parade formation. The parade starts at McArthur Island at 10:30 a.m. and travels along Mackenzie Avenue, Tranquille Road, over Overlanders' Bridge, to Summit Drive, McGill Road and Hillside Drive before returning to McArthur Island by 11 a.m.

If you look closely, you may even catch a glimpse of Guinness the rabbit. He rides in a special carrier with owners Melody Robbins and Don Miron of Vancouver.

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Fall Riding Tips

Time for an ice-cold slap in the face! Here are a few chilling safety reminders for the winter months ahead. Not everybody has the luxury of heated grips and a nice snug faring, so keep these points in mind to extend your riding pleasure!

Slippery Roads

The first rains of winter fall on roads that have been coated with oil during the summer months. Wet roads offer less grip than dry roads and places you previously rode could have a sheen of oil that now compromises the grip of your tires.

Water Filled Pot Holes

There is an illusion created by pot holes. Appearing like puddles, they conceal their depth... that is until you ride over them. Never assume a puddle is just a puddle!

White Lines

The painted surface of white lines gets extremely slippery in the rain. Avoid riding too close to the centre of the road during rain, as these markings collect a lot of fuel and dirt deposits. Add directional arrows and manhole covers to this list of snags!

Pedestrians

Be aware that pedestrians in wet weather are always not very aware, especially when running across the road to avoid getting wet! They usually keep their heads down to avoid the rain, so keep yours up to avoid them.

Speed and Corners

Make sure the centrifugal forces on the bike are minimized heading into bends. Just ride a little slower, keeping those forces under control. Never sharply brake or accelerate too quickly either! Additionally, gearing down too rapidly could cause a lockup of the back tire where it normally wouldn't on a dry road.

Tree Sap

Trees overhanging the road get a little over sapped during summer. In the winter rains the mixture of water and tree sap can form a slippery film, the perfect trap for the unwary motorcyclist!

Warm Yourself

Bear in mind that cold hands and feet don't react well. Treat yourself to a warmer kit and beat the freeze up this winter.

