



FOOTHILLS CHAPTER OF RETREADS INTERNATIONAL
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February 2007 Newsletter

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members:

Terry Anderson
Will Dinning
Karen Flemmer
Doug Provost
Gus Rettschlag
Don Habetler

RECENT RIDES

The nice weather has allowed for some limited riding. For me it was mostly Tim's and back but the Chapiels and I managed a Pub ride, albeit still in Okotoks.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

We had a great time at the second annual Foothills Retreads Christmas Party. It was held at the Elks Hall which turned out to be a great spot for it. Convenient and cheap. We had about 30 members out for it and we attracted a couple more from the bar. Two turned into new members with another two giving it serious thought.

Thanks a lot to all that helped out with it. I will try to acknowledge you here but if I miss someone, I am sorry, but with Retreads qualifying age comes a certain degree of dementia. Anyhow, thanks to:

- Chris and Bonnie Chapiel for organizing.
- John Bird for helping with the eats. Great beef Birdo!!
- Brent & Sheila Gordon for the macaroni salads.

- Kirsten Corbett for Caesar
- Frank & Corrine Mead for trying to get dancers up (incl. me – good luck!!)

...and anyone else I missed!



For more pics, visit the Gallery section of our website

www.foothills-retreads.com

TOAD ROCK RALLY 2007

If you are planning on going (I really recommend it) you should see to registering right away. Admission is very limited this year. Vilnis is already down for it so you can talk to him about a group ride.

OLD BONES/REGIONAL RETREADS RALLY

I have confirmed with Don Gabert of Edmonton that the rally is still on in Wayne this year. The sense I got from the Christmas party is that we should have a fair number going. There will be what I am assured by Don is a “minimal” registration fee this year to cover the costs that he has paid himself in the past. (Like breakfast) As this is being held as a “Retreads Regional Rally” there will likely be a lot more out and with that, more expense. We had a ton of fun last year so it will be worth the fee.

The following is a “cut and paste” from last years notice that I have tried to update. It should give you enough info for now and I will get more as it develops.

Old Bones Ride-In

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June 1, 2 & 3rd, 2007
Wayne Alberta
Last Chance Saloon

No charity sponsored

Wayne Hotel is reserved under “OLD BONES RIDE IN”

7 rooms available / including a honeymoon suite

(403) - 823-9189 Al or Fred - manager

Camping on-site \$12 (to be confirmed) / bathrooms / coin showers available

" Ranger" Don needs a head count for the BBQ

BBQ - steak / beans / potato \$ 15 (also to be confirmed) Supplied by the **Last Chance Saloon**.

Would be a nice Saturday evening meal, Drinks are available from the saloon (This I can confirm)

Other accommodations for Old Bones Ride-In

these accommodations are on your own reservations

Drumheller Travelodge - Drumheller - 403 823-5302

Retreads Discount

Super *8 - Drumheller - 403-823-8887

Retreads Discount

Dinosaur Hotel - Drumheller - 403-823-6844

Hoodoo Motel - Drumheller - 403-823-5662

The Lodge at Drumheller - - 403-823-3322

Friday

Meet and Greet

Saturday

TBA

Sunday

Meet in Drumheller

For breakfast

Here is an interesting little tidbit for you. I was reading the Edmonton Chapters newsletter (www.alberta-retreads.com/) and found an article from their Area Representative in which he is promoting the Old Bones Rally. As some of the selling features, he offers this:

*“Following the day of the scavenger hunt everyone sits around the campfire to visit and have a suds or 2 or 3 or **20 if you’re from the RETREADS in OKOTOKS.**”*

Soooooo, we have a reputation to live up to. I am going to assume he meant it in the nicest possible way. Lets face it, we can't really deny it. As I recall, some of you **did** go a little overboard.

Lastly on this topic, Don Gabert has asked for a little help with some biker games *Barry* and I think that *Barry* maybe we have someone that *Barry* knows something about *Barry* this. Any *Barry* ideas or offers *Barry* of help would really be *Barry* appreciated. Let me know as soon as you *Barry* can so I can tell Don what we *Barry* have up our sleeve. Any thoughts? *Barry*

PS: this can't be done alone.

STURGIS

At the Christmas Party, a few of you indicated an interest in another Sturgis run this year. We have a small but increasing group that is looking at this now. I don't think I have it in me to put together the well organized and hitchless sortie we had last year but it would be great to have a group to travel with or meet up with at stops etc. Kirsten and I have kind of already preplanned for 2007 and the following is what we have in mind. If you can join us, that would be great. We had a great group last year and had a blast.

Fri., August 3rd – leave for Great Falls, Mt and spend night at the KOA there.

Sat. August 4th – leave for Hardin, Mt. (Little Big Horn) and spend night at KOA there.

Sun. August 5th – leave for Mount Rushmore/Hill City KOA and spend three nights here visiting Sturgis for one day and two days touring the Black Hills.

Wed. August 8th - leave for Sheridan, Wy. KOA. Take the back route and stop for sight seeing along the way. IE Custer, Crazy Horse, Devils Tower Monument

Thurs. August 9th – leave for Cody, Wy. and stay at the KOA there for two nights while touring the area

Sat. August 11th – leave for Great Falls, Mt. Plan to take the time to enjoy the ride up through the Chief Joseph Highway and the Beartooth Highway. This is a must see and do for us. Spend night at Great Falls KOA.

Sun, August 12th – leave for home.

As you can see, we are partial to KOA. You usually know what you are getting there and it usually includes a pool with restaurant nearby.

FUTURE RIDES

We are in the process now of trying to put together a busy and interesting season of rides but are looking for a little help. Any ideas you might have for short or long rides, overnights or just for a beer please let me know. As well, offers to organize rides are gratefully accepted. During the season, we can scramble a fleet of bikes for a last minute ride pretty easily. You can use the membership list (I will update it soon) and make a few phone calls (you call two who call two who call two. You get the idea.), or, you can use

the email list that you get when I send you something, and let everyone know what you have in mind.

Any ideas you have for improving the club are always welcome. We are a very new club and we need ideas from you to make sure it works for everyone. Not everyone likes a large group. Small rides are also a good plan.

HORSE THIEF HIDEOUT MEMORIAL RALLY

I got an email the other day from the organizers of this rally. It looks like it might be a lot of fun and the price is right. \$25.00 for two nights camping, two breakfasts and entertainment for two nights. They tell me that if we have a group coming, they may even discount that. I am up for this. Have a look at the attached poster and let me know who might be in.

HELPFUL LINKS

I thought that some of you might be interested in sharing a little information on good suppliers etc. We all have good contacts in some areas so if we pool that information, we can all benefit. These are personal observations only and should not be construed as an endorsement. The following are a couple that I know of. I would appreciate it if you could forward me any you have, or simply circulate it to the members by way of the email

Ok the first is for one of our own. Have a look at www.sagebrushdesigns.com for some nice add-ons, especially the engine chaps they custom make. This is our own Chris and Holli McVean.

Have a look at www.mandmcycles.com . This is a husband and wife that Internet sell all manner of motorcycle bling at a substantial discount. Usually in the 20% off list range, with reasonable shipping costs. They carry just about all manufacturers including Harley Davidson Genuine Motor Access., Kuryakyn, Vance & Hines, PM etc. Just price something out. Easy to do online and you will see what I mean. Talk to Al Jeffrey, he has used them a lot and has been “very” happy.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The fee for 2007 is still only \$25.00 for an individual or the whole family. You can pay me (*cheques payable to Foothills Retreads*) at the meeting if you can be there or you can send it to me as follows:

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NEXT MEETING.....

Sunday, February 18th at 11:00 am



Hope to see everyone out.

**HORSE THIEF
HIDEOUT**

MEMORIAL RALLY

INVERMERE, BC

July 6,7,8th 2007

\$25.00 per person

For more information call:

(403)755-1545 or (250)347-6871

- Camping
- Live Music
- Bike games
- Showers
- Tattoo's
- Poker Run
- Free Pancake Breakfast