



FOOTHILLS CHAPTER OF RETREADS INTERNATIONAL
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January 2008 Newsletter

New Members

Our first new members of 2008 are Fay Thomas and Joey Hitchcock (The Axe Murderers from Old Bones). Welcome aboard "officially".

From the desk of.....

Welcome to the 2008 riding season! December of 2007 will go down as the first month in five years that I haven't been able to ride even a little bit. Global warming my ass! Still, you can't complain about our weather in the foothills. Legitimate riding is not far away now.

I hope that everyone enjoyed last year and their affiliation with Foothills Retreads and will be rejoining us this year. I know that some were a little disappointed with the number of day rides, and you have a point. After 2006, the comments we were getting suggested that weekend rides and longer outings were wanted. We sure made an effort to address that in 2007 but that may have cost on the day rides.

Really though, the biggest problem with the day rides is finding someone who will take on the task of **Ride Coordinator**. That's just someone that can help set a day and make sure everyone gets an email letting them know the plans and a meet up point. We have a few great volunteers but are spread a little thin when it comes to some things. A couple of people to set up a couple of rides for the season would help a lot and make sure we have something going on all summer for all tastes. Volunteers???

Once our membership list is set, I will get everyone a copy. From that, anyone can set up even a last minute ride. Make a couple of calls to people that can also make a couple of calls and away you go. You don't even have to be ride coordinator to do that.

Finally, give me some ideas of day rides, show and shines or local events and rallies and I will see what I can do about adding them to the calendar.

Annual Foothills Retreads Christmas Party

Thanks to everyone that made it out for our second annual Post Christmas Christmas Party. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to Birdo for his catering efforts, Don Morberg for the video show and Doug Woelfle for the music. Thanks very much to the ladies that brought out the salads as well. I am not sure exactly who brought what but it is sure appreciated.

Finally, thanks very much to "Cosmo" Chapiel, Sergeant at Arms, for stick handling the party, gathering and returning the "lost and found" items and the artful creation of the awards.

If I have forgotten anyone, I apologize. It is an oversight due to advancing age and Vance and Hynes induces brain cell damage. Attached are a few pics of the event.



Eating, dinking and being merry



The official Foothills Retread Cake and something pink from the lost and found.



Doug's Broken Bones award and Cheeks lost and found jeans.



Doug and Deb, riders of the year and Larry, Miss Congeniality or something



Kirsten and Bonny, the Ladies of Foothills Retreads award and Don Morberg for Foothills Retread of the Year.



A special gift for Birdo from the Exec and Kirsten looking a little worse for the wear.

Well that was this years Christmas Soirée'. Trophy winners, don't forget to return the trophy by year end so that it might be passed on for 2008. Obviously this does not apply to Don Morbergs award and certainly not Birdos cherished memento.

FUTURE RIDES

Sturgis

It looks like a group is starting to form for 2008. Let me know if you are interested and I can give you some information.

Laughlin River Run in Laughlin, Nevada

I hope that everyone is giving serious thought to this rally. It looks like it will be a great time and we do have a group forming to go. Vilnis Caks has agreed to be the **Ride Coordinator** on this and he can be reached at vcaks@shaw.ca. For a little more information on it you can visit our website at

<http://www.foothills-retreads.com/laughlin-2008.htm>

Toad Rock Rocks

30 miles north of Nelson BC, on Hwy. 31
JUNE 27 - 29, 2008
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Motorcycle Rally

 CROPDUSTERS	LIVE MUSIC EVERY NIGHT	 WHOLE LOTTA LED				
LOTS OF PRIZES!	WEEK END PASS INCLUDES 3 NIGHTS CAMPING	LOTS OF FUN!				
LICENSED EVENT	POKER RUN SHOW 'N SHINE	VENDORS ON SITE				
JELL O SLIDE		BIKE GAMES				
						
\$100 NO BRAINER includes 5 meals & T Shirt \$60 RETOAD, 100 free T's						
NO MINORS 	PRE-REGISTER * 1 877 229-5448 www.toadrockcampground.com Limited On Site Camping * Bikes Only In Campground READ THE FINE PRINT BELOW	NO PETS 				

This is a friendly, charity fund-raiser, and Mama don't like no sh**. A ReToad means a week end pass, whether you've been here before or not. The first 100 Re Toads get free T's, and all the No Brainers get free T's. Registration closes June 1. All pre-registered will have on-site camping, first come, first served. Come early, or stay longer - more entertainment is in store. If we fill up, gate arrivals without registration will be redirected to a nearby campsite, and a shuttle service will be in place. Rally goers choosing to stay at local hotels will also be able to make use of the shuttle service. Leave your dogs and kids at home, you have to be 19 to attend. blah blah blah

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

This is another reminder that the 2008 membership renewal is now due. Once again it is just the \$25.00 "donation" for all the members on your application. It would be great if we could get a strong renewal, as we have enjoyed in the past, so try not to forget. You can pay me at this months meeting. I will follow up as best I can until the end of February. At that point I will assume that you have decided not to renew and I won't nag you further. If at some point you wish to rejoin, I will be happy to re-add you to our mailing list. Try to let me know one way or the other.

NEXT MEETING.....

Sunday, January 20th

at

11:00 AM



Hope to see everyone out.