



FOOTHILLS CHAPTER OF RETREADS INTERNATIONAL
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March 2006 Newsletter

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to:

Brian Bell
Linda Smith

NEW BIKES

Congratulations to Brian Bell on his new ride, a 1999 Kawasaki Vulcan Nomad 1500

RECENT RIDES

Ok, there is no news on any recent rides. Not even to Tim Horton's. Hopefully by this weekend, that will change.

WEBSITE

I wanted to take one more opportunity to thank Don Morberg on the fantastic job he did on setting up our website (www3.telus.net/retreads/). As well, I wanted to thank Chris Chapiel for donating the web space that Don used. This is one of the best club sites I have seen. Also, thanks to Don for agreeing to be our Webmaster.

On the subject of websites, I hope you all got my email about us being the Feature Motorcycle Club on the Bikers Den website newsletter.

RIDE COORDINATOR

As long as I am handing out the thanks, I should thank Al Jeffrey for agreeing to be our Ride Coordinator. It is easier to have one person to go to when looking to set up a ride, especially if it is short notice. Always keen to ride, Al is a great guy to have helping out this way. Keep his number handy.

ROAD SIGNS

I am attaching a copy of a document called Road Signs that I have borrowed from the Edmonton Chapter. It gives a list of signals used in making our rides as save as possible. I think I sent this out last year as well but it doesn't hurt to have it out again.

UPCOMING EVENTS

I have received the following notice for this years' Old Bones Rally in Wayne, Alberta. This is a rally sponsored by Ranger Don Gabert of the Edmonton Chapter of Retreads. A group of us were scheduled to attend this last year but plans got canceled in the spring rain. I know a bunch of us are interested in trying again this year. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to go. We can go as a group. Camping is the best bet because the hotel in Wayne only has five rooms, I think. You could stay in Drumheller though I guess. We can talk about that but I need to give Don an idea about how many and what we will need.

OLD BONES RIDE -IN

**Old Bones Ride -In
June 2-3-4, 2006
Wayne, Alberta
Fri - Meet & Greet
Sat - BBQ
Camping on-site
Hotel reservations available
Great Riding
" Ranger " Don
780-464-7503**

"STURGIS 2006"

If you are interested in being part of the group, either riding with or join in Sturgis, let me know if you have any questions.

NEXT MEETING.....

Sunday, March 19th at 11:00 am
At "The Willy"
Hope to see everyone out.

The Willy is the restaurant in the Okotoks Inn, the old hotel on Elizabeth Street in Okotoks, three or four blocks east of the main highway in. As you come into Okotoks, Elizabeth Street is the set of lights at the bottom of the hill, past the Extra Foods. Use the east side entrance usually.

Map is on the website, <http://www3.telus.net/retreads>

ROAD SIGNS

A GROUP LEADER'S GUIDE TO MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS



FOOTHILLS CHAPTER OF ALBERT RETREADS

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Whether you're leading a group ride or just cruising with a friend, you'll want to occasionally get a message across.

The ability to rapidly convey information can be helpful, and hand signals can do an admirable job of saying what needs to be said.

There are other ways to signal, and your motorcycle is equipped with lights for that very purpose.

Remember to use them even if there is no other traffic around - it's a good habit to reinforce.

While working on this booklet, I thought there must be others out there that know of, or have used other signals.

I would appreciate hearing from you and perhaps adding to this booklet so all may gain from our ride experience.

Rick Crawley

RIDING GUIDELINES - ARRIVE ALIVE

Thanks to our Ride Coordinator, Al Jeffery as well as many of our members with great ride ideas, the Foothills Chapter of Alberta Retreads is looking forward to a great season for 2006. To make these rides as enjoyable as possible for all participants, the following is provided.

1. If you know you are (or even think you might be) going on that day's ride, please gas up BEFORE the meeting.
 2. A departure time will be provided as far in advance as possible. Try not to be late.
 3. The E.S.C. suggests that a group of riders should consist of no more than five (5) in number. If you want to ride with your buddies, form your group and let the ride captain know. Each group should have a "lead" and a "sweep", preferably each with CB's. If CB's are not available, agree on hand signals before you start.
 4. When starting a ride, allow a one (1) minute window between each group of riders as this allows a space large enough for passing vehicles to return to the correct lane and also allows each group to stay within sight of each other.
 5. In order that we, as a group, do not end up strung out over a kilometer or more on the highway, it is recommended that within each individual group a two (2), one (1) second spacing between bikes be maintained.
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STOP



Arm angled sharply down, palm back.

HAZARD ON ROAD



Point crisply and emphatically, with either hand, left or right toward the hazard.

YOU LEAD



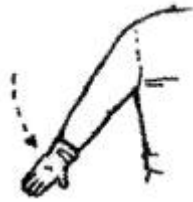
With palm down and facing forward, swing hand widely.

COMFORT STOP



With arm bent and fist clenched, make short up and down motions.

EMERGENCY, SLOW DOWN



Palm faces back, waving up and down.

SINGLE FILE



Hand clenched with one finger pointing up, no motion.

SPEED UP



Arm out and down, twist hand as with throttle.

COME ALONG SIDE



Swing hand out and point to road beside you.

FUEL LOW



Arm bent, hand pointing to gas tank.

PULL OFF



A right turn signal with a salute toward shoulder.