



# THE RETREADS

## *The Montana Chapter*

### It's Your Website:

- Send photos of you and your bike for the membership section of the [Retreads](#) website. It would be great to have some ride photos too. Please include details with photos.
- Check out the section of the website for motorcycle accessories & clothing merchants. If you have had a good experience with a company, please let us know so we can include them.
- We are always looking for interesting articles to include. Please share if you have anything.

Send all photos and information for the website to [:Terry & Felicia](#)

## April 2008

I will be brief, like the meetings and rides since January. We finally had a winter this year, and it hasn't left yet! A few weekends looked promising for a ride, but the snow came again. It's a good thing we have had good places for breakfasts and meetings.

About the breakfast, Perkins said they could not handle the large turnout for breakfast

during the summer. If anyone has any other ideas about a good place to have breakfast on the second Saturday of the month, please let us know.

Here's hoping for no more snow (I sold my snowmobile)!

Terry  
Montana breakfast rep.

## July 2008

We got a message from a former member yesterday about an accident Bill Varien, the former Montana State Rep., was in trying to keep from hitting a deer near Lolo Pass.

Not much else has been going on in Montana except nice riding weather, except for the one day it snowed about three weeks ago, and light turn-outs for the three different area breakfast meetings.

Remember the wild animals try to challenge vehicles that are going through their back yards at 70 MPH!

Also remember the wild animals that try to drive cars that never see motorcycles!

Keep the rubber side down!  
Felicia Sullivan  
Montana State Rep.



## Update from Dave McCormack

*"I'd rather be riding my motorcycle thinking about God, than sitting in church thinking about my motorcycle."*

Anonymous

*JT Meenach and I visited Bill at St. Patrick Hospital today. Best we can tell, he has 7 broken ribs, some minor road rash on both arms (was wearing his mesh jacket), some minor road rash on his legs (was wearing gusseted draggin' jeans), possible broken fingers on his left hand and a few scratches on his forehead. The vertebrae (L2) appears to be slightly cracked but the Doc's aren't worried about it...yet.*

*He is under heavy sedation (my favorite kind) but when he's awake, he's very aware. There's some talk that's he'll go home maybe by the end of the week.*

*As for the accident itself...here's what we think we know...on Sunday...he was in the lead with JT behind him doing the speed limit or less about 2.5 miles west of Lolo HotSprings heading east. A buck*

*jumped out of the barrow ditch and stood in Bill's path. We think Bill tried first to avoid him but then hit his brakes locking up maybe the front brake in the process...leading to him being ejected and the bike doing about 3 end over end somersaults before landing across the lanes in the west bound ditch. Bill ended up on the middle stripe. First folks on the scene were obviously JT and then some folks who were EMT's, bailing out of their cars with neoprene gloves already on (didn't know there were so many medical folks on that road...good to know).*

*911 was called by a traveling Aussie and another Winger. EMT's arrived from the Idaho side and then life flight out of St. Pat's.*

*From that point on, it was basically clean up and follow the victim. Bill doesn't remember anything except that the buck just stood*

*there in his lane.*

*His protective gear protected him, especially the helmet (HJC Symax II). Had he been wearing his heavier jacket. (Tourmaster Transition), he might have escaped the road rash on his arms. Same thing for his gloves ...had he been wearing the heavier ones instead of the mesh summer gloves, maybe a little less damage to the hands.*

*Bill meant a lot to valley motorcycling and I'm sure all who know or rode with him would be welcome to drop by and wish him well.*

*Dave McCormack*