



## THE RETREAD CREST

**THE CHIEF** – is a field of gold representing the golden years, with the name Retreads thereon. The band sinister is black & blue, upper sinister being red with the Stallions in place, the lower dexter field being white with Roman numerals XL in red letters and the word “PLUS” underneath. This insignia is a REGISTERED INSIGNIA & TRADEMARK in United States & Canada.

**THE NAME** – Retreads is obvious. We have reached an age where retreat has become necessary.

**THE SHAPE** – of the Retread crest was taken from the US NAVY award presented for that which is considered to be the best.

**THE GOLD FIELD** – at the top is to denote those golden years over 40.

**THE FIELD OF RED** – which contains the rampant Stallions heads, is for the valor & blood that we have shed.

**THE STALLIONS** – who appear so proud, represent the strength & stamina of the Retreads. Used as a pair, they indicate that we work together as a team.

**THE BAR SINISTER** – which slants upward from left to right across the field, signifies the black and blue marks that we all acquired while we were learning to ride.

**THE FIELD OF WHITE** – symbolizes our purity of mind & thoughts, also the color of our face after the first tight squeeze!

**THE ROMAN NUMERALS XL** – “PLUS” designates our age over forty ... & as everyone knows, life really does begin at forty!

**THE BLUE OVERBAR** – above the field of gold is reserved to designate the State or Province in which the wearer resides.

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We wear our crests with pride! It identifies us as members of a select group that enjoys a wonderful sport, good times, many laughs and miles of open road.

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The **RETREADS** is a friendship club, a get together club. Our common interest in the motorcycle leads to many new friendships. The club encourages participation in all aspects of the motorcycle world. Club activities are as varied as the members themselves. Activities range from local breakfasts and “get togethers” to area, regional and international events. Members are kept informed of the various activities by the Club newsletter. There are no dues or membership fees. However, annual donations are requested to support the publication and distribution of the Club newsletter. Club regalia is available to each member at a reasonable cost. Otherwise, the price of membership is simply a desire to enjoy the company of, and good times with, fellow motorcycle enthusiasts. Membership lasts in the **RETREADS** for as long as you wish. However, annual donations to your local Club are necessary to maintain current membership cards and to ensure receipt of the Club newsletter.

The **RETREADS** are motorcycle enthusiasts who have attained and passed the age of 40. ( The spouse of the member need not be 40 to be a member ). We are riders, mechanics, dealers or just people who enjoy associating with the motorcyclist and motorcycles. We are members of the **RETREADS MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL INC.**, American Motorcyclist Association, Charter no. 3233. Our headquarters are located in Albany, Indiana, USA. The International President and Secretary are Larry and Mariene Patton.

The Club was conceived and started in 1969 by five men through a “letters column” in a motorcycle magazine. The first president was George Spidel, of El Cajon, California. He was president from 1969 to 1974 and again from 1978 to 1981. Since the beginning the **RETREADS** have continued to grow until we now number more than 30,000 across the United States and Canada.

**RETREADS** are to be found in Germany, Australia, the United Kingdom and anywhere there are motorcycle enthusiasts. Don't be surprised to be recognized and acknowledged when you wear the **RETREADS** crest. Many great friendships have been started by recognition of the **RETREADS** crest. Then the story telling starts! The Club is non political in nature and Affiliates with no organization other than the American Motorcycle Association.

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