

# RETROTOURS SCHEDULE: 2015

**Thursday thru Sunday, April 23-26:**

**Finding Lost River, West Virginia**

**This 4 day weekend is the perfect way to kickstart your riding season and shake off the winter time blues. We'll get an early start on Thursday and ride less than 250 miles to our cabin in the state forest. You set the pace/ frequent breaks. The next two days are for unlocking the asphalt (or dirt road) secrets of this stunning, remote corner of WV. Eat, drink and relax; we'll adjust the ride plan to suit the weather and how you feel.**

**You could take a day off, sleep in or take a hike in the woods, as you prefer; Lost River State Park is serene and this early in the season there's really no one around but us. The cabins are comfortable with full kitchens and bathrooms and stocked with firewood. The nighttime sky will amaze you. **BONUS:** The rates are incredibly cheap.**



**The ride home on Sunday is about 225 miles, every bit of it on superb back roads through PA, MD and especially WV. Great riding is assured in virtually every direction and views to die for are included. We'll do all the preparation and planning; you just show up and ride. Check out the fleet and let us know your bike choice. These classics are ready to roll! The cabin and the setting are to die for. The riding is absolutely world class; words cannot begin to describe it. You simply must come and ride these roads! Maximum 8 riders.**

*Reserve now, this ride sells out.*

**Average: 215 miles per day.**

## **Sat. May 9 & Sun. May 10:**

### **Custom Designed Tour**

These 2 days are all about you; let's design this tour together. Tell me how many hours you want to spend riding each day or how many miles you want to cover. I'll draw a "destination circle" showing our range at average speeds and we'll look for destinations and points of interest within that circle. Tell me where your

interests lie: do you like old cars? Trains? Baseball? Astronomy? Vintage motorcycles? Just riding? Gourmet food?

Whatever interests you may have, we'll find something relevant and draw a route accordingly.



What is your preference for overnight accommodation? Want to stay in a houseboat? First class hotel? B & B? Cheap motel? Rustic cabin? Vacation rental house? Camper? We'll discuss ideas by phone or email and come up with the perfect weekend ride for you. First riders to reserve have first say but everyone's preferences will be taken into account.

If you prefer, you can just leave it up to me. Either way I will do my best to surprise and delight you with an adventure weekend that you will never forget.

Oh yes.....and which bikes did you want to ride?

Daily mileage and pace are whatever you want them to be. ***IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU!***



## **COUPLES TOUR 1: SKYLINE DRIVE**

**This ride is designed for couples. We'll take bikes that are suitable for two up riding but if both of you want to ride, no problem. We can choose bikes that have low seat heights and standard control layouts if desired, and my wife Lynn will join us on her own bike while I drive the**

**sidecar outfit. This opens up many possibilities: Lynn can take a turn in the chair and free up a solo seat so your passenger can ride solo for a while or be a passenger in the sidecar. It is even possible to nap in the sidecar and I can carry everyone's luggage in the sidecar outfit so you need not be crowded or overburdened on your bike**

**This is a THREE DAY EVENT, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.**

**Monday is Memorial Day so you won't have to rush back home. Arrive Thursday afternoon if you like and we will put you up. We have secure parking for your car or motorcycle. Flying in or taking the train or bus? We will be happy to meet you at the airport/station and provide transfer to and from.**

**We'll leave after a delicious breakfast and ride on back roads to Front Royal, Virginia where we will dine in style and enjoy upscale accommodations for 2 nights. There will be frequent stops at points of interest along the way, including a ride on an historic ferry boat. The pace will be relaxed: appropriate for two up riding on classic bikes.**

**On Saturday we will get a very early start to avoid potential tourist traffic and get onto Skyline Drive at the top, riding all of its 105 miles if we wish to lunch. The return to Front Royal will be via tiny back roads that take us through undeveloped areas where if you listen hard enough, ghostlike banjos can sometimes be heard echoing through the hollows.**

**Another amazing dining experience awaits and, thankful for our plush haven, we can enjoy a good night's sleep; essential for the ride home Sunday. This will include some of the best of south central Pennsylvania with a touch of Amish thrown in for good measure. Back at home we will unwind with wine and a celebratory dinner. You may choose to spend Sunday night here and leave Monday morning.**

**This ride will be limited to 5 couples and you should reserve your spot sooner rather than later as several couples from years past have already expressed an interest. Lynn and I look forward to meeting you and making new friends that share the joy of motorcycling and enthusiasm for the classics. Call or email if you have any questions. Let's talk.**



## LOCAL LOOPS I

This one day format is popular, with two rides selling out every year.

*This time we're shaking things up a bit.*

Instead of staying close to Kennett Square we are planning to range out towards the north, with our sights set on an unusual landmark.

The ride to Reading, PA will be on the smallest back roads. Our route will be scenic, technically challenging (but taken at a relaxed pace), and very interesting: perfect for our vintage mounts. With stops every 20 miles or so, you will be able to bond with your co-riders and change machines often. Sample them all if you wish!

The day includes a light breakfast, lunch on the road and a celebratory dinner back at home. Stops will be planned at small parks or local points of interest but the highlight will be the Reading Pagoda perched high on a ridge overlooking the city. This seven story structure is anchored to the mountainside by 16 tons of bolts. Built in 1906 as a resort which failed, it was eventually sold to the city of Reading for \$1. We'll have a cup of tea and enjoy the fantastic views. The road in is called Skyline Drive (for good reason) and the road out includes 10 hairpin turns.

**YOU'LL LOVE IT!**



If you can identify the rider in this shot your lunch is free.



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## **Friday, Saturday, Sunday. June 26, 27, 28**

This really is an amazing place. *You have to see it.* The Catskills are calling and RetroTours will answer. This 3 day tour will depart from Kennett Square early Friday. Taking advantage of the long summer days, we will cover nearly 300 miles on gorgeous back roads passing through the Delaware Water Gap, some of the most beautiful parts of north-eastern PA and over the "Alps of New Jersey" in that state's remote northwest corner. Finally we reach the Catskill Mountains, the Hudson River Valley and our amazing vacation home in the woods. After some well deserved R&R it's a short ride Saturday to the museum then a second night at the house before returning home where a delicious hot home cooked meal awaits.

Two very full days of great riding, classic bikes, summer weather, perfect motorcycle roads, the company of like minded enthusiasts PLUS one of the best motorcycle museums in the world. It just doesn't get any better than this.

All you have to do is show up. We'll prepare the bikes, plan the route, and make the reservations. If you ride in you can park your bike in our secure climate controlled garage. Drive here and secure outdoor parking is free. Fly train or bus into Philly or Wilmington, DE and we'll provide transfer to and from the airport or train/bus station. You are welcome to arrive the afternoon before and stay here before and after your trip. Breakfast before and dinner after the trip are included. Let me know if there is anything else I can do to help make this happen for you. I promise it will be special.

***Reserve now. Limited to 6 riders.***



**Saturday/Sunday July 11-12: NEW JERSEY MOTOSPORTS PARK**  
**AHMRA RACING & VINTAGE SWAP MEET**

An easy 2 day trip, we' ll start with a full breakfast here Saturday morning, leave at a leisurely hour and maintain a relaxed pace. Crossing the Delaware Memorial Bridge into South Jersey, we' ll then get "off the grid" by hugging New Jersey' s little known western shore which follows the Chesapeake Bay through quaint towns like Bi-valve and Dividing Creek where crab fishing once powered the economy. This unused, little known route passes through scenic farmland and orchards for just over 75 miles before we arrive at the racetrack facility which contrasts sharply with the countryside we have been enjoying all morning; it' s huge and modern.

Inside, you will be allowed access to the pits to view the fabulous vintage race bikes up close and talk with the riders. There is also action on the track as races will be running all day. Track food is better than average, you can take lunch whenever you feel the need and in between the racing action you will definitely want to peruse the large swap meet: parts, accessories, bikes and plain old junk. There is a little bit of everything for sale here but of course enjoying the summer weather and just looking is the best part. This is *full immersion* in vintage motorcycle culture. Live music adds to the atmosphere. You could decide to stretch out on the grass and catch a nap. Late in the afternoon or early evening we' ll take our leave of the race track and ride about 20 miles to a rented house where we can wash and change before finding a good restaurant. I recommend the sea food!

Sunday promises to be an especially interesting day. We ride southeast for about an hour and hit the Atlantic Shore at Cape May, New Jersey' s southernmost point. From the docks we will board a full size ferry boat for a 17 mile trip across the Chesapeake Bay, landing in Lewes, Delaware about 90 minutes later. From historic Lewes we will make our way north to Dover where we pick up DE Route 9 which follows the Delaware River north. This road is the 'old road' and perfect for vintage motorcycling. There is no traffic at all: no towns, no gas stations, just relaxed cruisin' past reedy marshes and over numerous hump back bridges that cross meandering inlets. If the mood strikes us we can stop at the Dover Air Force Base Museum of Transportation where a delightful collection of vintage military aircraft is on display. There are many other interesting possibilities on this route including an optional lunch stop for the local delicacy: Chesapeake Bay crabs in the rough. We' ll need a tad more than 100 miles to get from the ferry boat back home where a home cooked meal is waiting. There may even be a few cold beers. Surely there can be no better way to experience vintage motorcycling.

Limited to 6 riders so reserve your spot now!

## THE TOWN THAT TIME FORGOT: A BLAST FROM THE PAST IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

Departs early AM on Friday; July 24<sup>th</sup>. Returns at sundown on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

Here is a 4 day jaunt designed to give you a healthy dose of vintage touring the way it was meant to be. This trip will take us through the forests and mountains of Pennsylvania's core region and just might alter your priorities in life. This area has seen some economic development in recent years from 'fracking' yet there is still very little traffic to contend with as we enjoy the natural splendor of the Pocono and [Endless Mountains](#).

You should plan to arrive in Kennett Square sometime Thursday afternoon or night for orientation and loading. You can spend the night here if you like. We'll set out after breakfast Friday morning, heading north. Our back roads path will take us through scenic, wooded French Creek before a short but interesting dirt road that crosses the Eastern Continental Divide where it meets the Appalachian Trail. A bit further on is Ashland, whose broad main street is lined with row houses where a few hundred descendants of coal miners still reside. Frankly, the place is a little run down, but the food is good and plentiful. On top of the ridge is the Pioneer Tunnel Coal Mine. If you like we can visit and descend nearly a mile into the earth to learn how real men earned a living back when coal was king.

Plentiful food is just what we need, for the next section of road is twisty and challenging, and features abrupt elevation changes that make this 25 mile segment feel like a long roller coaster joining tiny villages and farms that dot the landscape. We pop out of the woods at route 11, which we follow for just a few miles before turning north again on more open roads. Several hours later, we are descending on a torturous narrow road, having crossed a huge expanse of state forest land. Before bottoming out, we turn back up a high cliff, enjoying the view. Weariness creeps up on us as, headlights on, we follow the Susquehanna for a few more miles into Renovo, where we check into the aptly named Yesterday's Hotel. Unchanged from the 1950s, what it lacks in luxury, it makes up for in character. There is a bar just off the lobby and bonus: the showers are really, really hot. If you don't feel like riding anymore we could eat at Yesterdays Diner or take a 1 1/2 mile walk to get the kinks out and visit the best restaurant in town, where we feast before retiring for the night. Yesterday's is unique, and you'll have to trust me on this one as there are no hyperlinks to 1950.

Saturday is open for discussion and can be a light day. We could explore some of the incredible tiny mountain roads, make the 70 mile run up to Coudersport for lunch or just lay low. If it's really hot we just might have to jump into the Susquehanna River.

Sunday morning finds us reloading our bikes early, and making our way to route 144 which cuts south for 35 miles across more forest lands. At one point, the roadway looks like a length of black ribbon snaking up the mountainside, as our machines weave rhythmically like ballet dancers. As 144 ends, we turn east and follow the quiet Poe Valley. The long smooth straight road encourages relaxing looks at the fertile farmlands framed by receding ridges. Zigzagging south and east, we run into the Susquehanna River, and notice that there is no bridge: we must rely on the Historic Millersburg Ferry.

On the east side of the river now, we keep angling east and south, then pick up route 772 which bypasses Lancaster, but not the local Amish heritage. It's Sunday afternoon, and we share the road with [Amish families in their horse drawn buggies, returning home from Sabbath](#). The final leg of our journey is relaxed, and a cold beer while soaking in the outdoor hot tub lets us decompress. Tomorrow it's back to work, but no one is in a hurry.