



From the
President's Desk

Red Knights

Mass Chapter 2 — Fall '07

<http://www.rk-mass2.org>

Loyal to Our Duty

As 2007 draws to a close and 2008 approaches we are in the middle of two milestones. As you are aware, the RKMC just celebrated its 25th anniversary this year and dedicated the memorial in Boylston. 2008 marks the same anniversary for our chapter. Mass-2 was the third chapter chartered by the Red Knights and is the 2nd oldest chapter still in existence. We all owe those founding members a big thank you for their foresight and hard work in organizing and running our chapter in those early years. Our original charter members that are still on our roster are: Ed Brouillet, Tom Chaplin, Charles Clarkson, John & Carole Collins, Cliff & Marty Eldridge, Robert Feeley, Phil & Bea Jordan, Maurice Lizotte, Wayne Stacy, and Richard Wheeler. Most of those original founders have also had leadership roles in not only our chapter but in the Red Knights International as well. Our chapter should be proud of all the work that has been done in the growth of the Red Knights over the past 25 years — because our members have had a role and an impact in what the Red Knights are today!

The memorial that was dedicated in Boylston during the convention is one way the organization can recognize all those who have gone before us and all those who have labored for our club. If the weather permits, part of the ride scheduled for our October Breakfast Ride (October 20) will be a stop at the memorial site. Please join us.

I heard that some of our members were approached at the convention and asked "how is your chapter so successful?" The answer given is basically that we do stuff together all year long. So even though the opportunity to ride is getting less and less as the seasons change, we still get together several times a month. Come join us, there are still plenty of things to do even though the cold weather months are approaching. Coming up we have our Breakfast Club each month, there is a Halloween Party, our annual Polar Bear Run, and our Christmas Party.

Come enjoy the camaraderie of the organization and the friendships that make it so special. Our chapter is successful, vibrant, and active because of each one of you who takes an active role. Help us out. Give us some ride ideas, come to a pot luck, have fun on a ride. That's what we are all here for. As the Kilhart's ad in the convention booklet says (for all of us), "the Red Knights is our second family, a family full of fun!"

Ride safe...

Do you have the stones to curl?

Ladies and gentlemen, take my advice, pull down your pants and slide on the ice!

Dr. Sidney Freedman (MASH)

Come join us for a pot luck afternoon... and time on the ice at the Petersham Curling Club on Saturday, November 17. We have made arrangements with the organization to offer us ice time and lessons on "how to curl." Look elsewhere in the newsletter for details. Bring some food to share, warm clothes to be comfortable on the (indoor) ice rink, and clean tennis shoes (sneakers) to wear on the ice. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to try this sport. Then when the next Winter Olympics come around you can tell all your friends that you've done that and be able to explain to them the rules and how the game is played! It's another great sport brought to you by Canadians trying to figure out what to do all winter long!

It's hard to believe that the summer and the riding season is rushing past us. It will not be long before we will be celebrating the holidays, so please mark your calendar for this year's Red Knights Christmas party.

MASS-2 CHRISTMAS PARTY



- Sunday, December 9
- 1:00 p.m.
- Apple Hill Farm, 143 Joslin Street in Leominster

Come join us for a **great** catered dinner and our annual Yankee Gift Swap.

Bring a wrapped gift with a value of no more than \$15 for the gift swap.

The cost is \$15 per person (the chapter is picking up the remainder of the cost) and if you were with us last year you'll agree that the food is fantastic! (Italian Faire this year)

...and the company is pretty good too.

The last few years we were able to donate a couple of dozen gifts to the **Loaves and Fishes** program in Ayer because of your generosity. This program provides Christmas gifts to children that may not have a holiday without your help.

Please bring a new unwrapped children's gift to our holiday party so we can make another donation to the program.

We must have a head count by Sunday, December 2 to give to the caterer. Please contact Bob Laford with your RSVP.
(978) 724-3270

(If you tell us you're coming but then can't make it we will need to collect \$20 to cover chapter costs).

On the road with our friends...

A good day's ride will wash away any stress and aggravation that you may have!

- Ice Cream – Our ice cream rides may be done for the season but they were definitely the cool answer on hot nights during the summer! In July we had 15 bikes lined in a row at the Murdock Dairy Farm in Winchendon. It was such a cool picture it actually appeared in a couple of papers!



K • It was a glorious summer's day when we met
R up for our crazy ride in July! We had 10 bikes
A meet at the Fernald School to begin the day. With
Z no planned stops, direction or itinerary, everyone
Y was wondering what was up. The president
produced a deck of cards and the high card cut
was the first leader for 20 miles. A draw into the
bag of marked poker chips produced which
direction the chosen leader would follow — and
we were off! Every twenty miles or so we would
stop and the luck of the draw would determine the
next leader and the next direction.

R During the day we were led by Larry, Caitlin, Dean,
I Shaky, Kevin, and Moe. We went on everything from dirt
D (and muddy) roads – where we even encountered a gate
E and had to execute a close-corner U-turn — to very
pleasant country roads. One of the stops, a motorcycle
dealership, was even having a “Crazy Sale.” No one
came out with a new bike, but they were thinking of it!
Of course there was ice cream before we were done —
and being a Crazy Ride the rule was that we had to have
ice cream before lunch. No one objected either!

- Early in August we were scheduled to go to “Stonehenge” in Salem, NH, but we changed routes on that hot Saturday morning and headed south through north-central Connecticut with a stop at the Dairy Bar at the University of Connecticut. With their own herd of dairy cows, their homemade ice cream is well worth the trek to Storrs!
- We had more than a dozen people join us on a perfect Sunday in August for a ride to Rhode Island for dinner at Wright's Chicken Farm. It was rained out when scheduled in May, but we had a wonderful ride in August... and ended at Otter River State Forest to wish Caitlin a Happy Birthday and have some cake!
- Our president was able to “acquire” a number of tickets to the UMass-Holy Cross Football game and we had seven bikes and a four-wheeler meet up for the ride to and the game at Alumni Stadium in Amherst (and ice cream after).
- We made it to the Winchester Pickle Festival just in time to see the parade. Instead of throwing candy, they threw pickles (in zip-lock bags). It was a fun community fair and the seven bikes and a dozen people had a great autumn day to enjoy the back roads, twisty corners, sunshine... and of course ice cream! (I think some may have partaken in the fried dough too).



Post-Americade debriefing. Thanks to Moe and Marcia for opening their home to us with the pretext of looking at this year's Americade pictures and videos. Marcia's daughter had taken several of our CD's full of pictures and created a slide show complete with music. It was a lot of fun — and we had some great food; a turkey that Moe and Marcia prepared, all the accessories around the table that complimented the bird — and seven separate desserts such as blueberry crunch (with fresh blueberries), chocolate chip squares, cakes, and pies... all to be topped with homemade ice cream that was churning as we watched the movies!



Another old fart joins the crowd... Happy 50th Mr. V.P.

How many dirt roads and U-Turns does it take to make a scavenger hunt? That should have been the final “bonus points” question this year! Winding our way into Connecticut for over 200 miles searching out clues (and deli), and great roads, (and ice cream), and FUN.

It was a HOT day but it was still a lot of fun. Thanks to Kevin and Shaky for all their work planning the ride!

A recent article in Wing-world magazine talked about *The Importance of Flight Plans*. The article stressed that each ride we take needs preparation and that a piece of that preparation should be letting someone know our plans—even if it is a “minor” ride. The article also listed some of the author’s recommended preparation steps:

An Ounce of Prevention:

- Carry a cell phone that’s pre-programmed on speed dial to 911.
- List the person you want contacted first as “I.C.E.” in your contact numbers list. (ICE = “In Case of Emergency”)
- Leave a written—or at least a verbal—message with relatives or other loved ones as to your destination and your route plan. If changes occur, phone those people to let them know.
- If the trip entails overnight accommodations, include the name and phone number of where you’ll be staying; or let family and friends know you will phone home each night with that information.
- Install a homing device on your motorcycle.
- Use common sense and safe riding practices when riding alone, and don’t take unnecessary risks.
- Let the people at your traveling destination(s) know when to expect you and what they should do if you fail to arrive.
- Always perform daily mechanical checks, as listed in your Owner’s Manual, on your motorcycle.
- Always carry a First Aid kit with you; having a red cross symbol on it and packing it toward the top of your saddlebags is helpful.
- Wear any appropriate medic alert tags/bracelets and carry a card with “In Case of Emergency” information, including current medications, allergies to medicine, your doctor’s phone number, whom to contact, and your insurance carrier’s name and phone number (though not necessarily your insurance policy number), in your wallet.

Our chapter does maintain an emergency information database that our officers carry. If you have added your information to this list, thank you. If you need to update any information—or if you would like to add your personal information to the list, please contact Bob Laford. As the author stressed in his article—some preparation ahead of time may save time and grief after an incident.

Try your luck at Curling—oh yeah, we’ll be eating too! — Saturday, November 17



Curling is an Olympic sport and probably one that you have not tried. BUT the Red Knights are working to broaden your cultural background and have made arrangements with the **Petersham Curling Club** to hold a pot luck dinner in their facility.

Our afternoon at the Curling Club includes ice time and instruction on how to Curl!

Bring a dish to share for an afternoon pot-luck, November 17 (instead of our monthly breakfast

club meeting). Meet at the Petersham Curling Club at 1:00 p.m. when we will break bread together. Then we will have some instruction on curling etiquette and rules and have some fun on the ice. Think of it as Bocci on ice with 50 pound stones!

The Curling Club is at 250 North Main Street (Route 32) in Petersham. Take exit 17 off of Route 2. The Curling Club driveway is on the left, 3.7 miles from Route 2—just prior to the golf course.

Have warm clothes to wear to be comfortable in the arena (gloves too) — and bring clean “tennis” shoes, sneakers, or “boat” shoes to use on the ice.

Pot luck is at 1:00 p.m. and ice time is 2:00—5:00

We found a new ice cream place (on the Clinton/Sterling line) called the Rota Farm with very good ice cream! We even had a long-distance rider—Daniel W. from Switzerland—who made the hop with us for some ice

cream before he finished up his visit to the states.



...speaking of ice cream, I hear that Moe and Marcia have made at least three pilgrimages to the Dairy Bar at UConn in Storrs, CT. And YES, the ice cream is that good!

2008 Dues and Hold-Harmless waiver

Included with this mailing is your invoice for the 2008 dues. As with any organization there are expenses that we incur and your dues help us cover those costs. A portion of your dues also go to the International for our charter dues. (We must have all International dues paid prior to February 15 or we incur a \$50 penalty).

Also included in the mailing is a Red Knights Hold-Harmless agreement if we do not have one on file for you. Please have your dues and waiver in to Treasurer Tim Kilhart by **December 15, 2007**. Thanks.

Tim Kilhart 52 Adams Drive – Athol, MA 01331

Many Red Knights Chapters have one charity that they work to support over the years. In the history of our chapter we have decided to support many charities and make donations where the need exists throughout our area.

We frequently donate funds to many causes. Here is a list of the organizations that we have supported throughout the past two years. Thank you all for your help to make these donations possible.

- AMA Fueling the Fund
- American Cancer Society
- Boston Fallen Firefighters' Relief Fund
- Brian's Ride
- Carole Croft Landry Fund
- Charleston (South Carolina) Firemen's Fund
- Child and Family Services of North Quabbin
- Dept. of Social Services Children and Family Fund
- Dombrowski Family Fund
- Fitzzy Fundraiser for Alzheimer's
- Golden Living Center Activity Fund
- Hodgkin's Lymphoma Foundation (Lucky13 Foundation)
- Jaffrey Firefighter's Co. Inc.
- Landry family Scholarship Fund
- Loaves and Fishes
- Lyon Family Fund
- MSF Rider Scholarships
- NEADS (Service K-9's for Vets)
- On-Site Academy
- Orange Police K-9 Fund
- Paul's Ride for Cancer Patient Support
- Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation
- Petersham Firemen's Association Scholarship Golf Tournament
- Richard and June Gagnon Fire Fund
- Ride for Kids
- RKMC Memorial Fund
- Station Nightclub Education Fund
- Winchendon EMT Fund

And as you know our chapter contributed time, effort, and funds to the creation of the Red Knights Memorial in Boylston that was dedicated this past summer.

Membership News Briefs...

Welcome to Rick and Lori-Jo Oliver of New Salem who joined the club this summer. Rick and Lori run the New Salem General Store on Route 202 in New Salem. Congratulations to Moe and Marcia on their new 1800 Goldwing... a 2008! Moe now holds the world's record for number and variety of Goldwings owned in a year. He bought a GL1200 last spring when he re-entered riding and re-joined the Red Knights; he bought a GL1500 last summer because they were having so much fun; and now he has upgraded to a new 1800. Best wishes Moe! Seems that Ed liked the color of Moe's bike so much that he went out and ordered himself a new 1800 as well, so best wishes to him and Peg on their new ride. Also congratulations and best wishes to Larry and Nancy Robinson as they brought home a new HD Ultra Classic FF's Special this summer and to Fred and Lisa Leblanc on their new home in Belchertown. Best wishes also to Francis Wada on his new Goldwing acquisition... with extra wheels!

Our condolences go out to the Barclays on the passing of Mary's Dad, Charlie Landry, during the summer.

What is the chapter planning?? — It's up to you!

This chapter and all our events are for you, the members. This is the time of year that we begin planning rides and gatherings for the next riding season. Please share with us any ride ideas (and specific dates if necessary) that you may have for next year.

Was there a ride or event that we did in years past that you would like us to revisit? Did you read about a fun destination in a travel magazine or the travel section of the newspaper? Or did someone tell you about this great ride, weekend, or place that you would enjoy? TELL US! It would probably be a great place for the Red Knights to venture off to as a group.

The Chapter Officers will be meeting after the first of the year (by ourselves and then with other Mass Chapters) to put together a proposed itinerary for the 2008 ride schedule.

Then we will have the schedule ready for our February Pot-Luck. Please let us know your ideas so we can plan a fun season (as well as pre-season and post-season) of events that everyone will enjoy. Thank you.

Our **Breakfast Clubs** have started up again! The riding season may be winding down, but that does not mean that the fun is going to stop.

Every third Saturday from October through April we will gather for breakfast and fellowship. Meet at the Westminster FD for 8:00 a.m. (October's is at 9 a.m.) and we will discover a different breakfast haunt for the month.

December 15, January 19, February 16,
March 15 and April 19

(Our November 17 Breakfast Club has been changed to an afternoon Pot-luck so we can learn how to Curl on the ice at the Petersham Curling Club!)

Winter Potluck

- Saturday, February 9
- 4:00 pm
- Outdoor sledding??? And an evening hayride or sleigh ride is in the planning!

We'll be meeting at the Farm in Ashby, on Bennett Road again this year, thanks to the hospitality of our hosts Wayne and Linda Stacy.

Bring a dish to share and something to wet your whistle and we will share stories from the past and look ahead to the new riding year.

We will have the **ride schedule for 2008** printed and ready for distribution – so don't miss it!

Give Linda a call to let her know that you will be coming, and to ask for directions if you are unfamiliar with where the farm is. 978-386-7915

...as we did in 2007, the horse-drawn hayride will be at a cost of \$5 per person and the chapter will pick up the rest of the cost.



We can always come up with a reason to get together -- eat—and have fun. So once the "Wild Hogs" movie made it to DVD it was only a matter of time before we had a movie night!

Moe and Marcia let us use their big TV and we piled in to laugh with each other and have a fun Saturday evening. Thanks M & M!

Chapter MSF Scholarship

Pay attention. Keep focused. Practice your skills. Take riding classes. Hit the parking lots and go over the basics. Like a pro ball player, by doing things the right way over and over again it becomes part of you and just might make your day a safe one.

Brian Rathgen, Backroads Magazine

The Central Mass Safety Council is a great partner with our work on motorcycle safety through our MSF Scholarship program. We will be giving out rider scholarships again in 2008 thanks to our fundraising efforts, assistance from the safety council, and the work of our scholarship committee.

Thanks go out to our Scholarship Committee; Donna Moreau, Bob Shakarian, and Don Hurme for their continued work on the committee.

Be on the look out for the 2008 scholarship information that will be out after the new year. If you know of a new rider who would benefit from the Beginner's Rider Course, or if you would like to file for a scholarship for either the Beginner or Advanced Course, please get an application to the committee for consideration.

No matter how long you have been riding — rider education will make you a better rider!

When the applications for '08 are ready please help us get the word out by posting the scholarship info at your favorite local bike shops!

Have you had the chance to visit the Red Knight's Memorial yet?

This beautiful space, adjacent to the Boylston Fire Station on Route 70 was dedicated to all our members at the Convention in August.

If you are out for a ride, stop by for a visit. A lot of people work very hard to make our club what it is — and a lot of our members worked very hard to see this memorial to completion.

We hope to visit the memorial as a chapter before the riding season is finished (maybe at our first Breakfast Club Ride in October). Please consider joining us for the ride.



The chapter received a nice thank you from Don Parker and the members of Mass-1 for our help on the convention and the Red Knights Memorial.

...and again, on behalf of the Executive Board of our chapter, thank you all for your help in both these endeavors.

Our last "scheduled" Ice Cream Ride was on September 18. It was under bright blue skies and we had a dozen people show up to round out our evening rides. The young attendant at the dairy was starting to clean up for closing when we showed—but she learned that our entertainment value was worth staying open!



When we left, the blue sky had turned to a night sky full of sparkling stars and it was 49 degrees when we parked the bike at home!



Thank you to our Labor Day hosts, Deb and Steve Mickle for opening their home to us again this year.

We had a superb day for a ride and a BBQ... and the steamers and grilled prime rib were just GREAT! Of course there was dessert too, with Mary B's chocolate chip squares, in a variety of added flavors, and a yummy trifle by Deb.

25TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

(Thanks for your help and participation!)

By the time the convention in August was complete over 300 Red Knights from all over the globe had come to Worcester to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our organization. A big thank you must go out to all our chapter members who worked hard with the members of Mass-1 and other chapters over the last three years to make this convention such an overwhelming success. Everywhere you looked you could find Mass-2 people on the move at the convention. We were busy, we were having fun, and it all paid off with a very successful convention. THANK YOU!

Like many of you, I was in Worcester for some time—but was also on the road around central New England during the days of the convention. I ran into several batches of Red Knights out enjoying our “home turf” during their time here. And every time I saw RK members they had big smiles on their faces. The weather was just about perfect, and as we all know, the roads around here are great riding.

The convention officially kicked off on Thursday with the welcome BBQ in Boylston at the Pine Ridge Farms. The field was full of bikes and the bikers were full of food that evening! Friday was the bus trip to Boston and many of the visiting Red Knights took advantage of that opportunity. But since Boston is our back yard a number of our members took their leave and headed towards the north shore to Salem — and others went trolling for other great roads (and ice cream) to enjoy the day.

Saturday was the business meeting and several special guided stops. First stop was Franklin Street in Worcester, the site of the 1999 Cold Storage Building Fire. We met up with members of the Worcester Fire Department for a brief ceremony where the RKMC paid their respects to Red Knight Tim Jackson and his five brother firefighters lost on 12/3/99. Then the Red Knight procession—all escorted by the Worcester FD—made its way to the Boylston Fire Department and dedication of the Red Knights memorial.

Congratulations to Ed Brouillet on his “retirement” from the International Board. Ed served 17 years with the board—the last six as International president—and saw the RKMC through tremendous growth during his tenure. Thanks for all you have done for the organization Ed — what’s it like to be a “civilian” again?

Ed and Peg were also honored as the recipients of “Life Member” status by the International Board at the August convention. This honor has been given to very few people and it shows the respect that everyone has for these two people and the work they have done for the Red Knights over the last 25 years. It’s an honor we all support!

GUY'S DAY OUT IN BOSTON 2008

The Boston Motorcycle Show is the weekend of February 9-10 at the Bayside Expo in Boston.

It is always a great time looking at all the bikes, vendors, and wares at this show. Come join us on **Sunday, February 10**. We will meet at the Leominster train station about 9:00 a.m. for the ride into Boston and see if we can find our way — and always with a smile and a laugh!

Oh no... our annual cultural stop for Wings (is it the legs) is off as the Hooters by the Garden has closed!

Other 2008 Show dates and locations are:

*Hartford, CT on January 5-6
Wilmington, MA on January 12-13
Salem, NH on January 26-27*

Check out www.kevmarv.com for more information

DID YOU SEE CHARLIE'S AWARD!

At the convention Charlie Clarkson was presented with a trophy for being the first official registrant of the convention. The trophy was almost as tall as Charlie! How did you get that one home Charlie?!?



We had several members head out to Sturgis again this year for all the festivities out there. And whether or not they all rode... or as this patch proudly says...

...they all had a great time! And isn't that what it's all about.

I got a note from Jim Barclay about his trip home after leaving the “Pickle Festival” with us.

On the way home his bike began to handle strangely. He found himself in Keene with a FLAT rear tire. After waiting for Caitlin to bring me a compressor and finding that there appeared to be a large nail (actually 3” piece of metal) in the tire they called on brother Ed to see if they could borrow his trailer.

Nope, better... he'll be right there! He drove the thing all the way to Keene to get them and even worked to pull the chunk out of Jim's destroyed tire.

I know that Jim was pleased with the Red Knight “service” as many of us have been when we have needed a hand (several members have needed that roadside service this year too)... thanks to all our members for helping each other out when there's a need!

We had a GREAT summer's weekend in Vermont! The **Swiss Farm Inn** on Route 100 in Pittsfield, VT is just about dead-center to some of the most fantastic motorcycle roads and scenery in the Northeast. And we rode and rode and rode! (And ate and ate and ate).

Our Friday trip north into Vermont was sunny and warm. We had eight couples from our chapter meet up and head west to parts of the Mohawk Trail before changing direction and picking up Route 100 just north of Colrain.

Route 100 has been deemed one of the ten best motorcycle roads in the country — and that is no exaggeration!

We stopped for lunch in Ludlow... with just a minute or two to spare. Before our lunches were served we were hurrying out to the parking lot to cover the seats and grab rain gear. It was VERY dark, and the wind and rain came with a vengeance as a front passed through. So we took our time and enjoyed our lunches. Some even lingered a little longer when they heard that dessert for the day was an ice cream sundae (a big ice cream sundae).

It was still raining a little when we started out again, but when we pulled into the Killington Mountain resort a half hour later the rain had stopped. We had reservations to take the Gondola to the summit, but the earlier Thunderstorm had stopped the tram's runs for the day. Back on the bikes we were just a dozen miles from the B&B. When we pulled in, our ninth couple met us — Les and Mayda Berg from Vermont Chapter 2.

We all unpacked and kicked back on the deck to relax. Then everyone ran around checking out everyone else's rooms. Kent and Joy from Vermont 2 also met up with us to share dinner. Joy was headed to Rutland for the weekend where she was instructing an MSF course — and Kent was just out for the ride!

Our evening meal was provided by our B&B hosts Joyce and Roger. They were just wonderful in how welcoming they were to us all. We were made to feel very much at home. The chicken and shrimp dinner was just perfect... and then Joyce brought our homemade peach cobbler topped with ice cream!

After dinner most of the riders were too full to

do anything but relax, but a few headed north on Route 100 to the Texas Falls about 25 miles further up the road. Dusk was just setting in as they returned topping the end to a near perfect day.

Saturday was another promising day and it started off with a big breakfast courtesy of our B&B hosts — then it was off to explore.

We rode up Route 100 for a while and then headed west over the Brandon pass (Route 73) that had just been resurfaced in June. Coming into Brandon we were detoured over a dirt road as the town was preparing for a parade. Ed was tickled that he had the chance to ride a dirt road in Vermont... bringing back memories of another club he had ridden with in the past.

The town common in Brandon was all decked out with a country fair so we stopped to peruse their wares and listen to the music for a few minutes.

In Vergennes we headed over the bridge to New York where we met up with Bill Curtis. We rode along the western shore of Lake Champlain to Westport where we had lunch on the water at the Galley Restaurant. Then it was further north to Essex where we took the ferry back across to Vermont.

We could see the rain moving across the water as we crossed the lake and our estimates were right that both us and the rain would reach the shore at the same time. For a few miles the rain was pretty heavy, but by the time we had turned up Route 17 to head towards the Mad River Glen it had let up. Going over the mountain pass gave us some exciting and challenging twisties, switch-backs, climbs and descents! It was a lot of fun. We met Route 100 again, in Waitsfield, and then headed south with more twisties to enjoy as we headed down 100.

We stopped in Hancock to stretch our legs — and buy some ice cream. The rain had again started to fall so we decided that the fireworks scheduled for Killington that night would probably be a bust and figured we would be prepared to stay in once back at the



B&B. We picked up hot dogs, hamburger, chips, beans, and other assorted munchies at the little store in Hancock. When we returned to the Inn we asked if we could take over the kitchen and the BBQ grill. Joyce was very receptive to our idea! And when we were ready to eat, she enjoyed our faire for Saturday's dinner as well.

Peg had brought old Americade footage from the mid 1980's, so after everyone was settled in after dinner we laughed at the hairstyles, sideburns, and other memories that the movies gave us for the evening. ...just so everyone knows, the Laford's were the last people to head off to bed on Saturday! By 9:28 p.m. everyone was in the rooms, tired from the day's ride!

Sunday morning was another great meal by Joyce and her staff. She had a choice of a Greek Omelets or peach and strawberry stuffed French toast! WOW!

The clouds were still heavy from the overnight rain so we all started off wearing our rain gear. It was not needed though and we enjoyed the ride home without any additional rain. Marty and Cliff broke off from the group in Windsor when we crossed the Cornish covered bridge and the remainder of the group headed south through Keene and back home again.

We all said that it was such a great time that we will be headed back there again in 2008. Les and Bob were even discussing alternative routes to plan... maybe 2008 will be Vermont to the White Mountains and back! Come join us.

Mark July 18—19— 20, 2008 in your calendar and reserve a room early for the RKMC weekend at the Swiss Farm Inn... and enjoy the mountains with us!

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FIRST BREAKFAST CLUB RIDE OF THE FALL IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 — MEET AT WESTMINSTER FD AT 9:00 A.M. AND WE WILL HEAD OUT FOR BREAKFAST, A RIDE, AND A STOP AT THE RKMC MEMORIAL

Annual Meeting Reminder!

Annual fall meeting and election of officers will be at the Polar Bear Ride on Sunday, November 4, at 10:00 a.m. at the Westminster FD.

Officer positions up for election and/or re-election are President and the Secretary. Any Active Member interested in running for a position should contact Chapter Secretary Steve Mickle.

Come join us for another fun evening with a Halloween bash at Kevin and Lori's in Ashburnham. What will the winning costume be this year?

- Saturday, Oct. 28 – 4:00 p.m.
- 61 Holt Road (off Route 101)
- What will you wear for a costume this year??



Thayer Symphony's Holiday Pops Concert

Under the direction of our own Francis Wada
Saturday, December 15, at the Dukakis
Performing Arts Center at Monty Tech.

For more information visit
www.thayersymphony.org



RK IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS!

Red Knights' apparel and *stuff* are always a great gift for the rider on your Christmas list!

For RKMC embroidered clothing (shirts, coats, hats, etc.) contact Joe Guarnera at joegua@comcast.net or his home phone at 978-455-1022 .

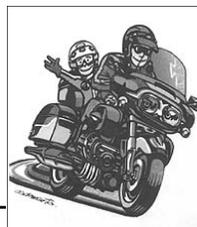
For screened T-shirts and Golf shirts, contact Vice-president Kevin Martin (978) 827-4297

Chapter Treasurer Tim Kilhart (978) 249-2983 has a number of items too: Chapter Decals (4 inch, 8 inch, and custom size if needed), RKMC Decals, Red Knights Shoulder Patches w/rockers, and Red Knights Back Patches & Rockers (for vests). AND Tim has the "Lady of the Knights" T-shirts too!

On the International Web Page you can buy merchandise from other chapters ranging from doo-rags to collar brass and license plate frames and everything in between!



Thank you to those who participated in this year's Ride for Kids and all of you who made donations to the cause.



It was a beautiful summer's day for a ride with over 250 bikes who raised in excess of \$54,000 for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.