

MASS-2 CHRISTMAS PARTY

- Sunday, December 4, 2016
- 1:00 p.m.
- The Glen Caffe
 - 63 Glenallen Street, Winchendon

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

Bring a wrapped gift with a value of no more than \$15 for the gift swap, if you would like to participate.

You get to choose ONE from three of the below options.

Prime Rib -- \$28.00 (Includes Garden Salad, Potato, Vegetable, and Dessert)

Baked Stuffed Chicken - \$23.00 per person (Includes Garden Salad, Potato, Vegetable, and Dessert)

Tour of Italy – \$24.50 per person (Includes Pasta, Chicken Parmesan, Meatball, and Sweet Sausage, Garden Salad, Fresh Bread, and Dessert)

The chapter is covering the costs of the appetizers prior to our meal. A special thank you goes out to Maury Lizotte for his leg work on this year's party planning.

...hope to see you all there!

We will again be accepting donations for *Sherry's House* at our Christmas party.

Please consider purchasing and donating gift cards for Wal-Mart, Target, K-Mart, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, CVS, etc. or Gas Cards, Phone Cards, VISA and American Express. Visit www.whyme.org for more information about Sherry's House. We will be bringing all of those collected to Sherry's House in Worcester to assist them in their mission for the kids this holiday season. Visit www.whyme.org for more info.

As always, thank you for your generosity — the children and families at the home thank you as well.

We <u>must</u> have a RSVPs and

pre-paid dinners by Sunday, November 20 to give to the caterer.

Contact Bob Laford with your choice & meal payment as soon as you can. Checks made out to RK-Mass 2 can be sent to PO Box 221, Petersham, MA 01366



From the desk of the Chapter President

Hi Everyone,

Imagine here we are in the fall months already with still a few more riding days ahead. But it's also time to think about when you do put your ride away for the winter what you need — Just a couple of simple things so you don't have to do them in the spring. When you put it away have a full tank of gas, some Stabil in the tank, a coat of wax, and some cardboard or plywood under your tires so they aren't on the concrete. (Has a tendency to effect the rubber on the tires and could cause flat spots).

If you don't remove the battery make sure you have a battery tender available and plug it in. It's a good time of the year to swing by your local department store or auto store to pick one up.

If you do remove the battery don't leave it on a cement surface. The chemical make up in concrete will drain your battery and basically kill it.

We've had a great year of riding, and we just held our annual chapter meeting. There was a couple of requests for even more adventures next year. If there is anything you can think of that the group may enjoy as well, let us know. We will be putting our 2017 ride schedule together very soon and welcome your input.

Aside from our regular schedule of events, if you're just hanging around on a weekday or weekend and want to clock a few miles send out a text or make a phone call and see if anyone else would like to join you. You never what places you may find that others in the group may like to see.

How about a little coffee club gathering during the fall / winter months? A few members have idle time in the mornings and would like to get together and have coffee during the week or a couple of times a month. Don Hurme is all done working for the Fire Academy for the reminder of the year, I know Ed and Charlie get together once in a while. If you have some morning time let's see if we can get together and chat over a cup of coffee.

Money collected from our 50/50 raffles was decided to make a charitable contribution of \$250 to the Montachusett Veterans Outreach program, a local chapter in Gardner. We will resume our 50/50 raffles in January when we meet for pot luck gatherings or get-togethers and continue through the ride season. At our next annual meeting we'll choose an organization for the 2017 donation. Thank you all for your help and support.

Chris Conrad made a guest appearance at our annual meeting. He looks great and is back to work. As a reminder he's still not completely out of the woods as there are a few more treatments ahead of him. He very much appreciates the phone calls and text messages and keeping him and his family in your thoughts.

Again thank you all for everything you do, let's stay safe and play together.

President K. Martin



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 Yankee Rally — A gathering of Region 1 Red Knights Rutland, Vermont is the destination for the 2017 Yankee Rally on June 2-4, 2017 (This means that the Americade arrival date at the cabins will be Sunday 6/4 instead of our routine Saturday arrival). The Holiday Inn of Rutland is Host Hotel. Room Rates: Single Room \$110/single and \$129/double, plus tax. Full Breakfast Buffet daily included in the room rates. A second hotel is available when the Holiday Inn is full. The Quality Inn, just 0.7 miles away at \$99.00 a night, (single or double) and also includes breakfast. 	 Winter Potluck Sunday, January 29 Artisan Lodge Hall — 319 School Street (Rt. 12) in Winchendon (beyond the Legion) 1:00 pm Bring some food to share and stories to tell and we will celebrate our friendships on a cold winter's day by looking ahead at the 2017 riding season with our completed ride calendar for the new year! 	Thank you to those who came out for our October meeting and election of officers. Congratulations to VP Maury Lizotte, Treasurer Bob Laford, and Road Captain Bob Shakarian. Thank you to each of our officers for the time and effort that they all put into making our chapter successful. <u>Officers for 2017 are</u> : Kevin Martin, President 978-877-6179 rkma2prez@gmail.com Maury Lizotte, Vice-president
2017 International Convention Syracuse, NY — August 16-20, 20 The 2017 convention is a mere 300 miles a in Syracuse, NY. Chances are there will be large representation from Massachusetts, whether for the entire convention, or even long weekend. Current plans for the convention include: F station Grand Tour Ride, rafting, 1000 Isla visit to the Zoo, and a tour of the Eisenhow	Holiday Inn Liverpool 441 Electronic Parkway Liverpool, New York 13088 315-457-1122 www.staysyracuse.com Guest room rate \$134.00 Firefighter games (human bowling?), 12- nds ride, Casino, Shopping, Go-carts, a	(978) 410-5553 lizotteme@gmail.com Rick Oliver, Secretary 978-413-5544 rickoliver3@yahoo.com Bob Laford, Treasurer 978-724-3270 rflaford@tiac.net Bob Shakarian, Road Captain 978-807-0817 Sharkey625@aol.com Larry Robinson, Assistant Road Captain 978-724-3321
keep track of who, what, when, and wh	at you are thinking about it, so he can	George Colby, State Rep (Mass-3) 380 Main St Plympton, MA 781-585-8817 gcolby@comcast.net Bob Binnall, Assistant State Rep (Mass-15 126 Rowe Street Newton MA 02466 617-908-1680 binnall129@gmail.com
At the International Convention, there were 10 There were 66 delegates present at the meeting 600 MALs. For the first time in the history of t	. We now have just over 400 chapters and	Matt Materra (NJ 31 & 33) 1309 Fulton Street Cape May Courthouse, NJ 609-846-3648 region1@redknightsmc.com The chapter officers will be meeting in November to plan the 2017 Ride Schedule . Do you have any ride and/or events that you would like to share?

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Get the info to an officer!

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On the road with our friends...

- The July 4th weekend was a picture perfect long weekend from Mother Nature. We gathered at Larry and Nancy's for a fun afternoon one day just to kick back with our chapter family!
- A dozen members and friends met up for a ride into the Lakes Region of New Hampshire and a boat ride on Lake Sunapee. It was a hot- hot day, so the boat ride was a welcome relief!
- We learned some local history when out on a "Mill Ride" in July. The president started our ride with a stop in Ashburnham,





or should we say Dorchester-Canada where the mills in the area made a variety of products from leather fire buckets to furniture and textiles. Gardner was furniture and Winchendon's mills manufactured metal toys (hence Toytown). Stopping in Brattleboro for lunch along the river in a restaurant that served as the train depot at one time. A look up and down their main street reinforced how rivers fueled the industrial revolution and the growth of New England towns. A stop in Orange for ice cream had the route passing by the $\overline{\mathbf{I}}$ mill where Minute Tapioca was made by General Mills and another where sewing machines were manufactured at the New Home Sewing Machine Company. After ice cream it was through Athol (Tooltown) where the Starrett Company still exists and ghosts of Athol Manufacturing, Union Twist I Drill, McCellwain Shoe Company, and Athol Vice where a few of the mills and shops along the Millers River stood.

- We'll have to think of more country stores to visit in 2017 because this summer's ride found one store closed, with a sign apologizing (Pepperell), one as planned (Harrisville), and one to close permanently 45 minutes after arriving (Keene)! But it was still a good day for a ride.
- Our last ride before the fall equinox crossed our paths saw 17 members with a trip to Grafton to the state police museum with vintage police cruisers and bikes and lots of memorabilia. Had lunch at Hot Dog Annie's then up to Herrick's Tavern in Orange for ice cream.
- Another fabulous breakfast buffet was provided by the firefighters at the Jaffrey FD to kick off Fire Prevention week. Was it "in spite of" or "because of" the rain that we had 23 members at JFD that morning?

YOU HAVE BRAINS IN YOUR HEAD. YOU HAVE FEET IN YOUR SHOES. YOU CAN STEER YOURSELF ANY DIRECTION YOU CHOOSE. YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN. AND YOU KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW. AND YOU ARE THE ONE WHO'LL DECIDE WHERE TO GO Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss)

Red Knights Connecticut State Picnic

Thanks to our RKMC family in Connecticut we had a fun afternoon along the shores of the Connecticut River for the RK-CT annual state picnic.

A 100 mile ride down, an escorted ride through the area with about75

other Red Knights, and their BBQ made the day. And of course, an ice cream stop on the way home.

Monthly ice cream rides: There will be more ice cream awaiting us in 2017, but for 2016, our "official" ice cream rides have concluded.



In July we had an ice cream social at Bill and Pat Bourque's house since his recent knee surgery would not allow him to ride for ice cream with us.

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August brought out 24 people for another "social," this time at Chris and Ellen's in Ashburnham.

2017 Dues

We have been sending out electronic reminders about your 2017 dues. If you have not paid them yet, PLEASE get your dues (This year's dues are \$25 per person) to our Treasurer.

As with any organization there are expenses that we incur and your dues help us cover those costs. A portion of your dues also goes to the International for our charter dues. (We must have all International dues paid by January or we incur a \$50 penalty).

Please have your dues in to Treasurer Bob Laford before **December 1, 2016**. Thanks.

> Red Knights Mass-2 P.O. Box 221 Petersham, MA 01366

If you would like to pay electronically via PAYPAL, contact Bob

Membership News Briefs...

Our condolences to Marcia Marjomaa and Maury on the passing of Marcia's sister, to Tom and Shari Lozier on the passing of Shari's brother and to the family of chapter member Charlie Muth. Charlie passed away in July.

Welcome to new member, Charlie Hamberg, dad to Jeff and Faith. After spending time with us at Americade, we had him hooked!

Congratulations to the Dupells and the Brouillets who were on grandchild and great grandchild watch for the stork this summer!

Congratulations to Charlie Clarkson and Phil & Bea Jordan. They were all recognized by the International Board during the convention as *International Life Members* for their work with the board in the early years of the Red Knights.

Thank you to those that were able to come with us to the RKMC Memorial on 9-11.

We had a brief ceremony and left flowers at the World Trade Center steel.



2016 RKMC Convention!

Our hot humid summer included the week where Red Knights were headed to Wisconsin Dells for the

International Convention. Being somewhat removed from the east coast, the participants from Massachusetts took a variety of different transportation routes to get there.

Ed & Peg Brouillet, along with Deb Mickle touched down in Wisconsin via air travel on Wednesday, where Peter Stone and Norm Beausoliel (MA-1) trailered part way past Chicago and then donned their riding gear for visits to Sturgis, the Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore, and surrounding sights before arriving. Assistant State Rep Bob Binnall and his wife Alex took a three week vacation and headed west in the camper before arriving for the convention. And that is just a few of the travel tales of our friends!

There was a ride on Thursday to the Pierce Manufacturing plant, which was enjoyed by those that went. In the evening there was a Tommy Bartlett water show to which tickets were provided free by the hotel. It was a fun evening. Friday most members went on a ride to the Wisconsin Firefighters Memorial that was a very moving experience.

During the business meeting the election results were announced with Spike Ostiguy of Mass-4 and Jack Jarvis of NC 6 as VP and Secretary respectively. Congratulations to both.

After the convention our Mass-2 reps headed north to Green Bay to visit with our friends Steve and Mary Jo Chappel, As a past member of the International Board, Steve and Mary Jo were recognized with International Life Memberships at the convention and Ed, Peg, and Deb had the honor to present them with their plaque! It sounds like everyone had a great time!





A Red Knight visit to the Pierce manufacturing plant



Visiting the Wisconsin Firefighters' Memorial



The obligatory convention BBQ

- Future Conventions:
- 2017 Syracuse, NY
- 2018 Pittsburg, PA
- 2019 New Hampshire
- 2020 France!

Don't forget to get your year-end mileage into VP Maury Lizotte to be included in the 2016 totals!

Life/Charter Member Appreciation Day

We had a very relaxed and enjoyable summer afternoon at the On-site Academy in Westminster to say thank you to those members that started our club back in 1983. We had 25 people turn out, including our State Rep and his wife and it was good to see those members that we do not see too often as well.

Charter Members that joined us for the day were Marty and Cliff Eldridge, Charlie Clarkson, Maury Lizotte, Ed Brouillet, Tom Chaplin, and Bob Feeley



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 with our new logo, contact President Kevin Martin (978) 877-6179.

Chapter Treasurer **Bob Laford (978) 724-3270** has a number of items too: Window & Helmet Decals , Thin Red Line Decals, Chapter Patches, Red Knights Shoulder Patches w/rockers, and Red Knights Back Patches & Rockers (for vests).

Decals and patches are available in both traditional Red Knights logo and our new chapter design!

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!

2017 Motorcycle Show dates and locations are:

Kev-Marv productions have posted that "after years of shows at the Seaport World Trade Center we are forced to look for a new home. The spiraling cost of doing business in downtown Boston, and the burden of exorbitant parking fees have prompted this decision."

The 2017 NE Motorcycle Show will be February 25 & 26 at the Royal Plaza in Marlborough with \$10 admission and Free Parking! *Visit www.kevmarv.com for more information.*

The International Motorcycle Show in New York City is the weekend of December 9-11, 2016

Springfield—January 21-22 at the Big E in West Springfield

Excerpts from David Hough's "Proficient Motorcycling column in the August Motorcycle Consumer News.

The Rest of the Ride — Growing Older

Over the past decade, the mean age of motorcyclist has increased 0.83 year per calendar year. The population of motorcyclists is not only growing older, but the rate is increasing.

[In 1980 the mean age (average age) for a motorcyclist was 24, in 2000 it was 38, 2010—49, and estimates for 2016 is that the average age of a rider is 58].

One fact for sure is that there's a serious aging trend in motorcyclists in the U.S. Veteran motorcyclists are growing older, and a few "return riders" are getting back into motorcycling after fulfilling work or family obligations. But fewer young people are getting into the sport.

Ten years down the road, today's 55-year-old motorcyclist will be 65. And today's 65-year- old survivor could be 75. There are realities to face, such as lengthened reaction time, wobblier balance, fuzzier vision, and ongoing medical issues. At age 50, you might swear you'll never stop riding, but at age 60 or 70 you might find your priorities changing. And you might find that growing old doesn't happen the way you thought it would.

One important question is, do you want to continue motorcycling as you grow older? Your physical and mental abilities will decay. Do you have some exit plan-say, a theoretical age at which you plan to hang it up? Or do you intend to continue riding for a few more years, modifying your riding tactics to accommodate your decreasing abilities?

Whatever your plan, it would be wise to take steps now to help make it happen without too much angst. We may not have a choice in growing older, but we do have a choice in our quality of life, and the choices we make today will help determine how our plans turn out. For instance, it's harder to continue motorcycling when you're overweight or having to deal with ongoing medical issues.

At about age 75, my attitude about motorcycling was changing, and after negotiating 80 miles through a lush The author valley overpopulated with wild deer, I realized that I had lost my nerve for traveling by motorcycle. I knew too much about the hazards to enjoy the ride anymore. I still wanted to attend a few motorcycle events, but the combination of unreliable body parts and loss of nerve caused me to change tactics entirely. I sold the big roadburner and bought a 250cc bike and a hitch rack for the SUV. Now I transport the small bike to rallies, and ride around town a bit to demonstrate that I'm still a motorcyclist.

I know lots of riders who lavish attention on their motorcycles, while allowing personal health to deteriorate. I don't know why we focus more on machines than on health. I know I should stop sneaking cookies, and get in more exercise. For whatever psychological reasons, I'm inclined to go futz with some mechanical detail, or finish an article such as this one. I do know that if the goal is to outlast our motorcycles, we're all going to need to be more proactive about health.

So, what's the plan for the rest of your ride?

Greetings all,

If you were at the fall state meeting [or have seen the state newsletter] you know that a MA State Red Knights Boston to Bahamas cruise was brought up.

The response was enthusiastic and I told everyone I would be getting information out as soon as I could.

It was also decided that this cruise would be OCTOBER 2018.

Right now this is limited to just MA Red Knights because that is what was discussed at the meeting. If the MA chapters want to open it to friends that could be decided at our 2017 spring meeting.

Cruise line: Norwegian

Ship: Norwegian Dawn

Leaving Boston on a Friday afternoon in October 2018

Returning to Boston on the next Friday morning

Pricing (Approximate) PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

- Inside room (no window) 660.00
- Cabin with water view window1000.00
- Side cabin with a balcony: 1300.00
- Aft cabin with balcony 1400.00



These prices do not include taxes or gratuity. (The 2018 fee / booking schedule is not yet out. Should be right after the first of the new year). Right now the Non refundable booking fee is \$250.00

This URL shows the different rooms. http://www.cruisecritic.com/photos/ships/norwegian-dawn-265/ Deck #10 is what we are asking for and all Red Knights would be roomed there. (Depending on how many go)

My wife Sandi is in touch with the cruise booking agent and will be receiving notice as to when we can all start to book.

Each MA Red Knights member wishing to go would book on their own.

Just like booking a room for a Red Knights convention you would mention the Red Knights.

REMEMBER!!!!! This email is just a notice to let you know Sandi and I are cranking up the machine for October 2018 . DO NOT try to book yet!!!

This is an information email so you can plan for your time and finances should you wish to go.

Questions??? Feel free to call or email me. We have plenty of time.

	Regards,
	George Colby
	Mass State Rep
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2017 Yankee Rally Registration Packet

PLEASE PRINT OUT THIS PACKET AND MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR YOUR TOTAL COST



Registration Forms and Fee should be mailed via USPS to: RKMC Vermont State Association c/o Dave Harrison 645 S Lincoln Rd Lincoln, VT 05443 Questions? email: dharris@wcvt.com

Registration will close on May 1, 2017

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE PAID BY CHECK/MONEY ORDER, NO CASH, CREDIT OR PAYPAL & ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE

THIS IS A PACKAGE DEAL ONLY

Dates:	Friday	June 2, 2017
	Saturday	June 3, 2017
	Sunday	June 4, 2017

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Rutland Vermont 476 US Route 7 South Rutland, VT 05701 Phone: (802) 775-1911 * When reserving your room, you <u>must</u> tell them you are with the Red Knights Motorcycle Club Yankee Rally to get our group rate *

Included in registration fee Friday night hospitality room Saturday Evening BBQ Sunday Farewell Breakfast One Challenge Coin Included in Each Adult Registration One Tee Shirt included in Each Registration (Adult and Child)

> This event is FAMILY FRENDLY! *Please keep this page* Follow the event on Facebook: Yankee Rally 2017

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CHILD REGISTRATION FORM

** 12 and under **

Yankee Rally Tee Shirt (ONE included in registration-previous page)

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