

Americade 2011

Each year Americade and Lake George serves as a homecoming for Red Knights from throughout the eastern seaboard and beyond. June 6-11, 2011 was no different and even Mother Nature (mostly) cooperated with good weather for all to enjoy the superb riding available in the Adirondack Mountains.

Similar to the Red Knights, Americade will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary in 2012 — and the Red Knights have been a part of the Lake George celebration since nearly the beginning!

Beginning on the first Saturday in June you could see RKMCC crests cruising the roads in and around Lake George. As the week progressed it was easier and easier to see fellow Red Knights and Red Knight smiles enjoying Americade.

Again for 2011 the Red Knights sponsored one of the event's three-course dinners. This year all of Americade's festivities were focused within downtown Lake George. Events that previously were held at the Roaring Brook Ranch were moved to the Fort William Henry Conference Center overlooking Lake George. The three-course dinner was held in the "FWH" White Lion room with a great view of the lake.

The dinner was a sold out success filling the room with 200 Red Knights and friends. Thanks to the generosity of our members there were seventy door prizes given out to the crowd. The food was exceptional as well, with choices of



sirloin, pork tenderloin, or salmon. The crowd was welcomed by International President Dave Emery and the door prize give away was run by District 1 Director John Rucinski.

Thursday was the open house at the Lake George Fire Station hosted by NY-12. There were over 250 Red Knights in attendance. Many of the chapters set up to sell their merchandise. It is always a great time to visit with others that you have not seen since last year. This year we had the novel chance to see LGFD head out to a fire call during our luncheon! How appropriate!



Mass-2 President Bob Laford presents NY-12 President Rich Merchant with a plaque recognizing the hard work and hospitality of NY-12 at the LGFD Open House each year.

Saturday was a rainy day and it did cut down on the participation in the parade. About two dozen Red Knights came out to lead the parade — and the parade consisted of less than 100 bikes braving the rain this year.

Mark your calendar for 2012 — and we'll meet in Lake George!

There were Red Knights involved in all parts of Americade. The vendors were happy to see Red Knights cruising the "tents" and spending their money and others took part in the seminars and various Americade events throughout the week.



Bob Binnal (Mass-15) took second place for his Rescue Trailer in one of the competitions.

Red Knight Founder Dave Hamilton also arrived with his diamond-plate fire engine trailer to display as well.

