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*Make your plans today for the 2008
Convention in Sandusky, Ohio!*

From the desk of the International President...

On March 29th the Executive Board held their second board meeting since the 2007 convention. Our Secretary prepares a full agenda for us each meeting and we all put in full days working through the club business and issues that have arisen over the past six months. Because of our changes in the board, I agreed to assist the Vice-President with the Member-At-Large dues renewals for 2008. That takes about four months to notify and collect all MAL members' dues. The rest of my time during this period as President was spent communicating with members and addressing organizational ideas.

Prior to convention we want to have a workshop with you for questions and answers to reduce floor time at the convention. This will help the members understand the roles and positions that the board has come to in leading our organization.

I have some good news; Bob Laford is retiring as our club news letter editor—well, that's good news for Bob! Bob has had this job for 10 years and decided that it is time to step down. I can't think of any words to say other than, "THANK YOU." Bob has always worked to keep the letter on time and informational. I hope his editing time will now be used on motorcycle riding and I hope he will now have some time to come and see me in FLA.

Our 1st annual Red Knights cruise was in March. Leo Patry spearheaded this project for us. There were 54 Red Knights on the ship and we spent 7 pleasant days partying, eating, and having fun. The weather was beautiful, the casino was generous (to me a least), and the islands were fun to visit. There is a 2nd annual cruise in the making and all I can say is if you have never been on one of the cruises you haven't lived – especially if it is with the Red Knights. So thanks to Leo on organizing the event for us. I hope everyone has a chance to take advantage of this good time at a very reasonable price.

We lost a member of the Red Knights in a Line-of-Duty Death in January. Walter Fagan of NJ-17 passed away while responding to a structure fire. Thank you to Eastern Rep. John Rucinski and NJ State Rep. Matthew Vitacco and all those attending for representing us at Walter's funeral. Another member, John Miller, Charter member of North Carolina Chapter 6, was killed in a crash of a helicopter he was piloting. I wish to thank past Southern Director Gene Downs, Secretary Bill "Popeye" Snodgrass, and past Mass-2 Treasurer Cliff Eldridge, for attending John's service with me. John was a Captain in his department, 42 years old and very active in his RK Chapter and his community. Our sympathies are with Walter and John's families and our fellow Red Knights from NJ-17 and NC-6.

I want to thank all the members and the chapter officers for getting the dues to your chapter Treasurer and to the International Treasurer in a timely fashion. The convention rebate money is directly attached to the dues received in a timely manner. December 31st of each year is a very important deadline and we appreciate your cooperation.

If you want to know what is going on with the Red Knights visit our website. It is updated constantly. If you have an event you want on the web site get in touch with our web liaison Steve Chappell. We need about 30 days advance notice to publish the information. If you have a question or need help

with something please let us know.

If there is anything I can do for you, or you have a suggestion, or a thought on how we can better manage our club, please let me know. Ride Safe!

Fraternally and Sincerely, *Jack*



From the editor...

2008 marks my 20th anniversary as a member of the Red Knights and the tenth year that I have been working on the International's newsletter. Between my chapter newsletter and the International's, newsletters this publication will be my 62nd edition.

I have had the opportunity to be part of the Red Knights International through some phenomenal growth years and have had the opportunity to share my viewpoints and to place my thumbprint on the organization for the past decade through the newsletter and the webpage. When then-president Nelson asked me to take on these roles, the newsletter went out to 600 members in the U.S. and Canada. The document was copied at a local Staples Copy Center and my chapter formed an assembly line to get the mailing out. Now we are at over 8,000 members with over 7,000 pieces of mail. The product is professionally printed and handled by a mail service to get it out throughout the world—WOW!

As with any organizational position it is always good to get new ideas and new viewpoints to the forefront from time to time. Having said that, I have informed the International Board that this will be my last newsletter as your editor. It has been an honor to show case the Red Knights and what we are to you the members, and to all those that look through our newsletter and view our web pages.

I have always been and will always be proud to say that I am a Red Knight—and pleased to call you all friends.

Ride safe and see you on the road!

Bob Laford

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Reminder...

At this year's convention, the offices of Vice President, Secretary, Quartermaster, Southern Director and Western Director are open for election. Anyone who intends to run for International Office at the convention in August should forward relevant information to a member of the International Executive Board.

Come to the Kalahari for the 2008 Red Knights Convention!

The Ohio Association of the Red Knights is host of the 2008 Convention, and we are all welcoming you to meet us at one of the most exciting locations in Ohio. As a member of the Red Knight family, we invite you to attend this very special convention site located in Northwest Ohio on Lake Erie in the City of Sandusky. You will enter the world of "Kalahari," an African-themed resort and home to Ohio's largest indoor water park. As a Red Knight guest, you will be welcomed to the Nia Center, the Kalahari's convention-oriented attraction, and guided to the registration desk and be made to feel at home in one of the many spacious rooms of your choice.

Donations to the Red Knights Memorial Fund

2003: Massachusetts 1, Florida 1, Ed Brouillet MA 2, Clayton Thomas IN-1, New York 12

2004: Paul Jeffers NY 10, Ontario 1, Ontario, Ontario 1, In memory of Ken Roberts Ont 1, Alberta 1

2005: James Cody New York, Ontario 1, New Jersey 5

2006: New York 10, Ontario 1, Lynn Komandt OH 1, Ontario 15, Mark Gehri, Boylston Garden Club, Massachusetts 4

2007: Ohio 1, Raymond Gurard, Ontario 7, NYC Red Knights, Steven Bermuper NYC, Leo Patry Ont 7, Massachusetts 1, Vermont 2, Massachusetts 5, Ontario 9, North Carolina 7, Massachusetts 2, Bill Snodgrass Ohio 5, Ohio 5, Ontario 12, New Hampshire 4, Ontario 1, Alberta 3, Ontario 11

2008: Illinois 5, Massachusetts 3, New York 2, Connecticut 3, Maryland 7, New York 8, North Dakota 1

It's worse than you think More evidence of distracted drivers

If you think distracted drivers are potentially dangerous, you're right. What's really scary is how many drivers are multi-tasking out there on the road.

According to a recent survey from the industry group Network of Employers for Traffic Safety:

- 10 percent of drivers have done work-related tasks while driving, either by reviewing notes, talking on the phone or using a computer.
- 18 percent have applied makeup while driving.
- 32 percent of drivers admit to having read while driving.
- 39 percent have tended to children while driving.
- 51 percent say they use a cell phone while driving.
- 70 percent admit to eating while driving.

The lesson should be clear: Be careful out there, scan way ahead, and always be ready to take evasive action.

Remember that you need to practice good habits when you are driving your car and avoid being one of those distracted drivers!

What if the road wasn't open to us?

- A U.S. Senator introduces a bill to ban all "superbikes" from our highways.
- One of the largest insurance companies in the U.S. tries to "blacklist" sport bikes.
- Employers want to exclude motorcycle accidents from health insurance coverage.

Think it can't happen? It already has. If the American Motorcycle Association (AMA) hadn't been there to stop it, what would you be riding today?

Help keep the roads open. Join the AMA. Call (800) AMA-JOIN (262-5646), or join online at www.AMAJoin.com

...from our friends at the AMA
Are you a member yet?

The Red Knights Connecticut Chapter 3 is sponsoring its second annual Four Corners of Connecticut Tour.

This is a self-guided tour with only four checkpoints and you can do this whenever you want. This is not a race; it's a tour. You can do all four stops in a day, a week, a month or a season. Do them all at once or one at a time. Visit the four stops at your own pace.

To win a custom-made RKMC-Connecticut Chapter-3 Tour pin, you simply photograph your motorcycle in front of: the Pawcatuck Fire House, 33 Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, CT; the Community Fire Company on Chase Road in Thompson CT; The Canaan firehouse, 4 East Main Street, in Canaan CT; and the Sound Beach firehouse, 207 Sound Beach Ave in Greenwich, CT.

Once completed, send the four photographs (they must be of the same motorcycle) along with your name and address and a check for \$20.00, to Greg Loehr, Treasurer, Red Knights Motorcycle Club Chapter CT-3, P.O. Box 135, Monroe, CT 06468.

Proceeds benefit the Western Connecticut Chapter of the American Red Cross.

For more information on the Four Corners of Connecticut Tour, please call Greg at 203-261-7995 days, or email: loehr@snet.net. For more information on the Red Knights motorcycle club, see www.redknightsmc.com



What is your chapter up to?

Let us know what your chapter does throughout the year that may be of interest to your brother and sister Red Knights. Brag a little and send pictures and information on your chapter events to the International Board!

Red Knights aid Heart Safe project

DERRY, NH — Red Knights New Hampshire Chapter 1 raised \$1,932 through an 85-mile motorcycle ride last September helping with the community goal in Derry of putting defibrillators in all public buildings in town.

Firefighter Rob DeGroot, a member of New Hampshire-1 presented the check to the Town Council to help fund *Heart Safe Derry*. In addition to helping businesses and local organizations purchase defibrillators, Heart Safe Derry holds free monthly training sessions on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of defibrillators.

RKMC OHIO 5 is sponsoring a drawing on August 23rd, 2008 for a chance to win a Dream Vacation of Your Choice. The vacation includes ALL travel expenses up to \$3,000.00.

Only 299 tickets will be sold (\$20.00 donation per ticket). Winner need not be present to win *RKMC OH 5 reserves the right to conduct a 50/50 drawing if 299 tickets are not sold.*

Travel arrangements will be made though Polaris Travelers Inc. (614-410-1111 or 877-876-5274). Contact RKMC Ohio 5 for tickets or information at 1677 Jackson Road, Columbus, Ohio 43223 or 614-266-1720/d_garnes@hotmail.com.

How can your talents be best used to help the Red Knights? All levels of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club benefit from the efforts put forward by each of the members.

There are always tasks to do and help that is needed in your chapter, in your state, in the Regions, and at the International level too.

How can you help make the Red Knights a better organization?



The Red Knights International Board is looking for someone to take on the duties of the **International Editor** and work on our biannual newsletter. If you would like to know more about this position and how you can help the RKMC and the International Executive Board in this role, contact International Secretary **Bill Snodgrass** at secretary@redknightsmc.com



On March 22, 2008 members of Pennsylvania Chapter 15 braved a cold and snowy day to assist the 193rd Special Operations Wing from Middletown, PA to distribute over 700 stuffed Easter toys to children in 19 Central Pennsylvania Hospitals as well as the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey PA.

Welcome to all our new MALs and new chapters. The Red Knights now have 8,500 members, with nearly 330 members-at-large, and over 282 chapters.

Welcome to Michigan 1, Ohio 13, Vermont 4, New Hampshire 8, Arkansas 3, Idaho 2, Georgia 18, and Ireland 1!

Welcome everyone!



Members of Red Knights Connecticut Chapter-3 participated in the fourth annual Kick It Ride to kick cancer. Four chapter members participated as Road Captains. The 2007 ride saw approximately 1,000 motorcycles, more than double the 400 bikes and riders that rode in 2006. Seen here in the photo just before departure are Geoff Herald, chief of Danbury Fire Department and RKMC Chapter CT-3 president, Stepney Firefighter and RKMC Chapter CT-3 treasurer Greg Loehr, Caleb Shropshire from Washington Fire Company, and Erik Abrahamson from Ridgebury.



Members of Alberta-1 presented a check for \$1000 to the Ride For Dad (fighting prostate cancer)

Pictured are RK-ALB-1 President Don Brandon, Past-president Bob Chalmers, Ride for Dad Treasurer Brian Hoekstra and Ride Captain Gary Crawford and RCMP Paul Berthiaume.

Section 17: (Int'l Rules and Regulations)

If the Chapter delegate at the Annual Business Meeting is a member other than the Chapter President, they shall have a letter from the Chapter President designating them as the Chapter Delegate for voting purposes.

Meet us in Lake George for Americade!



www.lifeisgood.com

LG — is that for Life is Good or Lake George? I think it is both and if you are one of the 300 (+) Red Knights that come to the Adirondack Mountains in June you'll think so too! Come for the

scenery, the great riding roads, the over 50,000 bikes and 60,000 new friends you will make — it does not matter what first gets you to head to Americade, just come! Whether you mix your time between the vendors, bike watching on Canada Street, hanging out with your Red Knight buddies, or riding on the thousands of miles of great Adirondack Mountain roads, Americade, Lake George and the Adirondack Region will get under your skin and you will forever be saying — I'm headed back to Americade again! All it takes is that first visit.

In 2007 both Americade and the Red Knights celebrated their 25th anniversaries. The RKMC has long been a presence at the June rally. Over 300 Red Knights routinely meet and greet on the streets of Lake George and have become hosts to some of the best attended events at the Americade Rally.

Don't forget to show your Fire Service Pride and bring your **FIRE HELMET** to wear in the Saturday Americade parade!

Join your Red Knight brothers and sisters for some special events at Americade:

- **Three-course Dinner** hosted by the Red Knights on Wednesday evening. This is one of the events you can choose to attend on your registration form. Last year we hosted nearly 300 people for the dinner. PLEASE help us with door prizes. **Each chapter is asked to donate a door prize** (and bring your door prizes to the dinner with you).
- **Wednesday afternoon seminar on "Planning for a long distance trip"** presented by International Editor Bob LaFord, at Roaring Brook Ranch... based on Bob's series of articles that appeared in Wing World magazine last year.
- **RKMC Open House and Meeting—Thursday, June 5.** This year's get-together will not be at the LG Fire House as in years past because the station is being razed and replaced. The RKMC Open House will be one block south at the Caldwell Presbyterian Church at 71 Montcalm Street from 4pm-7pm on Americade Thursday. The church also has a breakfast each morning during Americade — so consider patronizing their breakfasts and thank them for welcoming the Red Knights.
- **Saturday's parade usually boasts nearly 100 Red Knights.** Join us this year in a fun motorcycle-only parade that winds through Lake George Village to the top of Prospect Mountain.

Red Knights Dinner at Roaring Brook Ranch Wednesday, June 4, 2008

The Red Knights have been able to give away more door prizes than any other sponsor of the dinners and rides at Americade each year. It does not go unnoticed by the people who run Americade, the people who attend Americade — or the other sponsors! We're able to continually provide those door prizes at our Wednesday evening dinner *because of you our members and you our chapters*.

Help us again this year make the Red Knights hosted dinner one of the most popular venues of the week. When you sign up with your registration put a check box next to the Wednesday evening three-course dinner so you can join us for a fun event.

We are also asking that each chapter donate one door prize to the cause. That is over 200 potential prizes! Anyone — chapters — MAL's — or individual members — are encouraged to donate door prizes to make this another special event. If you are not coming to Americade, please send your door prize to International Eastern Regional Director John Rucinski (easternusa@redknightsmc.com) (or past RKMC International President Ed Brouillet at rkma2@net1plus.com) in time so that the RKMC New York State Association members can take the prizes to Americade at the beginning of June.

Thank you all for making our Americade participation an overwhelming success!



Guess what motorcycle club is going to be featured on the cover of the 2008 Americade Official Program?

A little bird told me that it is the RKMC! I'm told it's a colorful shot of parade going up Prospect Mountain with the RK in the lead.

International Secretary Bill "Popeye" Snodgrass

Dear fellow Red Knights,

It is hard to believe that another two years has past since I last asked for your support in election as your International Secretary. It has always been an honor to me to serve you the members and our organization through my role on the International Board of Directors.

I have always made it my goal to work towards service for the membership of the Red Knights. I humbly ask for your support as I run for re-election as International Secretary at this year's convention in Sandusky so I can continue in providing this service.

Some of the projects and accomplishments I have worked on as your International Secretary include:

- Improved record keeping and data bases
- Streamlined trademark license process
- Developed motion ledger
- Developed procedure manuals
- Developed international board SOG manual
- Developed handout manual for members at annual business meeting
- Developed Red Knight of the Year program
- Improved voting procedure at annual business meeting
- Serve as fact finder for International Board
- Improved advertising procedures
- Served on by-law committee
- Improved insurance program
- Attend every board meeting since 2003
- Since 1993 attended 12 international conventions
- Attended Rolling Thunder, Americade, the Dixie Rally, and other state rallies representing the Red Knights
- Developed new tri-fold handout
- Developed new chapter/association charter certificates
- Designed new membership cards
- Founding father of the association program
- Served as past Ohio state representative and Ohio association president
- Averaged 17.8 hours in 2006 and 28.47 hours per week in 2007 working for the Red Knight membership
- Work on many other projects with board members
- Contact person for membership questions and concerns

As a fellow Red Knight and one who serves with others your representative board, I am always available for your questions, thoughts, and concerns about our organization.

Thank you for each of your individual efforts to make the RKMC special and your support of me in my role.

Have you ever been traveling and thought, "Gee I don't know anyone around here. Where is the best place to eat, stay, or get my bike worked on?" That's what the Help-A-Knight program is for – to maintain a database of Red Knights who are willing to accept telephone calls and help fellow Red Knights. Some of the help may be for information, or other options you may help on is if a RK member can stay overnight, pitch a tent in your yard, or leave their bike at your house.

The Red Knights Help-a-Knight program is available on line.

Visit www.redknightsmc.com and click on "Membership"

(You need Adobe Acrobat to read the file).

We will continually update the version that is available on our web page. Below is the registration form to add or update your information in the H-A-K program.

Please look over your state listing and let our editor know if there are people listed who are no longer members of your chapters. Thank you.

RKMC Help-A-Knight Registration Form

Please Print Information and Check All Statements That Apply

Name _____ Chapter _____

Street _____

City _____ St./Prov. _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____

MAIL TO:

Bob LaFord

276 West Road - Petersham, MA 01366

CALL: 978-724-3270 E-MAIL: rflaford@tiac.net

To Help-A-Knight I will:

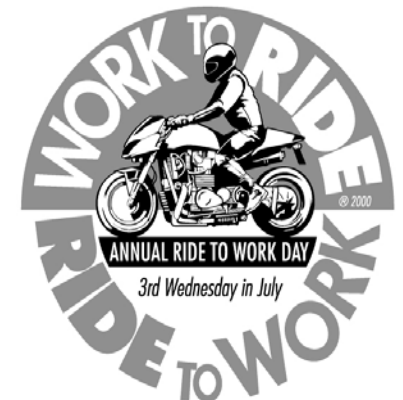
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1. Take calls for information about my area. No Collect Calls.
2. Allow a Red Knight to stay overnight in my home
3. Allow a Red Knight to put up a tent on my property
4. Allow a Red Knight to leave a bike on my property
5. Bring my SAE tools to a Help-A-Knight who has broken down
6. Pick up a Red Knight's bike with my pick-up truck or trailer
7. Bring my Metric tools to Help-A-Knight who has broken down
8. Someone in my home speaks French

Re-selling of RKMC Items

The re-selling of RKMC items or giving them to a business that will re-sell them (like Goodwill) is not allowed under the RKMC Trademark and Constitution regulations.

If the person is no longer a member of the RKMC, they can return the items to the chapter, place it on a wall for their own display, or use the items for rags — but Red Knight items cannot be sold to the general public.



Spring 2008

X This is a Change to my information
X This is a New registration

The following by-law changes are endorsed by the International Board

There are five proposed bylaws changes or additions. The changes/additions are in italics.

SECTION 1:04 A INSIGNIA PLACEMENT (change)

b. A top rocker showing membership status may be worn as listed in Section 2:01 of the By-Laws or another option available is a top rocker that reads "RED KNIGHTS" or "FIREFIGHTER"

SECTION 2:01 MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION AND TENURE (NEW)

VI. An Active member can if they so wishes be a member of more than one chapter at a time. They must pay the same dues as other members of the chapter that they chooses to join and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of an Active member in that chapter.

SECTION 5:06 SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP (change)

Social members shall be a Spouse, Partner, Boyfriend, Girlfriend, Son, Daughter, Brother or Sister of an Active Member, Associate Member or a Member-at-Large. *The minimum age for a social member shall be 16 years of age before joining.*

SECTION 5:07 SPECIAL HONORARY MEMBER (change)

Each Chartered Chapter may grant Special Honorary Membership status to a member of a recognized religion for the position of Chapter Chaplain. Special Honorary Membership may also be granted to a civic or business leader who does volunteer work for the Chapter. (REMOVE THIS LINE) *Special Honorary Membership may also be granted to the widow or widower of an Active or Associate Member.)*

(ADD THIS LINE) *The International dues for this membership classification is to be paid by the Chapter.*

SECTION 5:10 E-mail address of Record (NEW)

The Chapter mailing address and e-mail address of record will be that of the current Chapter President and Chapter Secretary. The Chapter Secretary shall maintain a current roster on file with the International. All communications from the International shall be forwarded to the proper Officer(s) or member. Communication to the International Executive Board shall be sent to the International Regional Director for distribution.

The West is alive with Two great Western Red Knights events.

In June the RKMC Western Conference will be in Albuquerque, NM on June 19 - 21 2008. New Mexico has a great program lined up and website links with information. The business discussion will be the formation of a Western Association and the Western Director's position. This will be attended by Red Knights from as far north as Cold Lake Alberta and as far south as ???

In July the Alberta Regional Conference at Turner Valley is July 10 -12, 2008. This event has been attended in the past by almost all the Alberta Chapters in addition to Chapters from other Provinces and the US. A ride through the Rocky Mountains is on the itinerary. The business discussion is the formation of an Alberta Association.

For contacts or information on both events visit
www.redknightsalberta1.com/news.htm

First Annual Red Knight Carnival Cruise

It was a typical day in the north, cold, wet, raining, and snowing when Red Knight members left the northern US and Canada to travel to sunny Miami, Florida. The reason was the 1st Annual Red Knight Caribbean cruise aboard the Carnival Triumph.

The cruise started with a get together in the piano bar on Saturday evening where 54 Red Knight members had their first chance to say hello and start to enjoy the fellowship that would follow for the next seven days.

Our first port of call was Half Moon Bay, Bahamas where our members took part in horseback riding,

parasailing, snorkeling with the stingrays, swimming and kayaking (be sure to ask the International Secretary how to sink a kayak) and much more. That night we took part in the Greek Toga Party on board ship.

After a fun day at sea, our next port of call was St. Thomas, USVI, where the women made up for all of the bike rallies that they had attended with the men by taking the guys shopping. There was a jeep safari and a visit to Black Beard's Castle, as well as parasailing, and a chance for snorkeling and scuba diving.

Our third port of call was San Juan, Puerto Rico, which is a beautiful city, rich with history. Members took part in the Old San Juan walking tour, the horse drawn carriage rides, visits to the Bacardi Distillery, and the rain forest. Did I mention that that there was more shopping?

Our last port of call was Grand Turk, on the islands of Turk and Caicos. Here our members went on dune buggy tours, helmet diving, horseback riding, snorkeling, and (of course) one last chance to shop.

The activities on board ship were too many to list. We enjoyed entertainment each night in the Rome Lounge. This featured the triumph dancers, the comedy of Mike Panzeca and Eddie Capone, and the amazing magic act of Kevin & Caruso. Who can forget the karaoke in the Club Rio (everyone will try to forget).

There were winners in the casino where Blackjack, Texas Hold 'em and Slot tournaments were held.

A group photo was taken without a red vest being in sight. It was fun to see 54 Red Knight members with the women in their formal dresses and the men in suits and ties.

As we said good bye in Miami for our return to the cold and wet of the north, many members were already making plans for next year's cruise.

We hope that you will join us on the Carnival Valor as we set sail March 1, 2009 for the Western Caribbean.



2007 Year End Report From Leo Patry - International Treasurer January 1, 2008

Listed is my year-end report for January 1 2007 till December 31st 2007
As International treasurer I submitted to the board a quarterly report for all quarters of the 2007-year including an end of year report. I also provided the board up to date financial records and a report for all three Executive meetings held in 2007. In January of 2008 I mailed to the International Secretary a CD with a copy of all the Treasurers records as stored on the treasurer's Lap Top Computer.

I made hotel arrangements for all Executive board meetings held during the year as well as arrangements for air flights for those members required to fly in to attend.

Meetings were held: April 12, 13, 14, 15, 2007 in Syracuse New York; August 15, 2007 Worcester Massachusetts; and November 9, 10, 11, 2007 Syracuse New York.

Set up and maintained a tracking database for funds donated by the chapters for the Red Knight Memorial. Also set up and maintained a record of all promotional grants given to the chapters and Associations of the Red Knights Organization along with all grant funding provided to the chapters and Associations for multi-chapter events for the Red Knights Membership.

Did considerable research into the opening of a second bank account and investment fund for the Red Knights Organization in the State of New York. An Investment fund was opened in the month of June, this fund will be reviewed by the Executive board at all its meetings and at that time a decision will be made as to the availability of additional funds to be transferred from the general account to the investment account. At the November meeting the decision was made to transfer additional funds to the investment account, which was done on November 29th 2007.

On January 10, 2007 I began the process of obtaining three additional service marks from the United States and Canadian patent office. I filled out the paperwork and started the process of our acquiring additional Trademark protection through the law firm of Christopher & Weisberg P.A. to obtain three service marks to go with our Red Knights Logo those being: Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club; Red Knights; and RKM

This process will also be applied to Canada once the US patent has been completed the whole process for the U.S.A. should take approximately 18 months and three to four months longer for the Canadian patent. The cost for this will run around 16,000.00 dollars total we have already paid \$13,706.46 of this and expect to have the process completed by spring of 2008.

On March 17, 2007 I filed the Red Knights corporate tax return with the I.R.S. unfortunately because of a lack of information from the Quartermaster's accounts this resulted in the IRS on June 11, 2007 sending the Corporation a letter regarding errors and omissions on the filing form which resulted in my refilling a corrected Tax report on July 17, 2007

On August 22nd 2007 I filed the annual report with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in regards to our articles of incorporation.

On the 16th of November 2006 I filed the certificate of revocation of appointment of a resident agent to change our resident agent from Don Staples to Ed Brouillet this was still pending till just prior to our filing of this year's corporate report with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Spent 1321 hours (29 hours per week) during the period of Jan 1 – Dec 31 2007 dealing with Emails, phone calls, and correspondence related to the duties of International treasurer with approximately another 2 hours per week spent on Internationals Banking requirements. Averaging out to 31 hours per week.

The above mentioned times are also above the time required to attend Executive meetings and the business conducted at the Internationals business meeting held each August.

At this time I would like very much to thank all the members of the International Executive for all the help and encouragement they have provided me in a very hard and trying year.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new members of the executive board for all their efforts on behalf of the membership and the team building that has continued over the past couple of years to bring the board to the level it is now, without that drive and devotion the organization would not be able to survive.

January 1st till December 31, 2007

January 7, 2008

GENERAL ACCOUNT

1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
Opening Balance	Opening Balance	Opening Balance	Opening Balance
\$ 92,539.53	\$108,409.20	\$ 62,727.95	\$ 50,258.66
Deposits	Deposits	Deposits	Deposits
\$ 30,040.17	\$ 32,059.72	\$ 15,226.14	\$ 46,872.48
Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures
\$ 14,170.50	\$ 77,740.97	\$ 27,695.43	\$ 53,841.75
Closing Balance	Closing Balance	Closing Balance	Closing Balance
\$108,409.20	\$ 62,727.95	\$ 50,258.66	\$ 43,289.39

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

June 4, 2007	Certificate of Deposit TD BankNorth-	\$30,000.00
November 29, 2007	Certificate of Deposit TD BankNorth-	\$20,000.00

MEMBERSHIP

CHAPTERS IN GOOD STANDING

1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
134 of 263	216 of 274	253 of 275	266 of 279

M.A.L's IN GOOD STANDING

1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
220	245	278	286

CHAPTERS IN ARREARS

1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
129	58	22	13

CHAPTERS ARE IN ARREARS FOR THE YEAR OF 2007

Alberta 2, Alberta 6, Arizona 1, Georgia 3, Georgia 5, Maine 6, New York 20, New York 23, Nova Scotia 1, Ohio 7, Ontario 8, Pennsylvania 21, Texas 8

BREAK DOWN OF EXPENDATURES

	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
Telephone	\$ 0.00	\$ 86.36	\$ 209.95	\$ 365.18
Postage	\$ 254.10	\$ 2,669.18	\$ 529.38	\$ 4,140.15
Photo-Copies	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,578.13	\$ 654.78	\$ 4,320.55
Office Supplies	\$ 253.54	\$ 3,827.54	\$ 728.99	\$ 3,939.72
Insurance	\$3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00
Fee's	\$3,965.31	\$ 41,769.51	\$ 5,328.97	\$ 29,982.12
Regalia	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 147.00	\$ 3,363.97
Donations	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 14,358.80	\$ 250.00
Publicity	\$4,253.40	\$ 8,758.40	\$ 2,004.41	\$ 1,154.89
50-50 Draw	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Rebates	\$ 390.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 530.00
Travel	\$2,054.15	\$ 4,851.85	\$ 1,783.15	\$ 5,795.17
Total	\$14,170.50	\$77,740.97	\$27,695.43	\$53,841.75

Year to Date Expenditures

\$173,448.65 less \$50,000.00 Investment CD actual \$123,448.65

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT INT'L QUARTERMASTER

Bank Balance Checking: 23,008.08 (2nd), 15,000.00 (3rd), 15,000 (4th)
STOCK ON HAND

ITEM	Value (2nd & 4th Quarter)	ITEM	Value (2nd & 4th Quarter)
Flags	\$ 817.00 \$2,100.00	25 th Anniversary patch	\$1,247.50 \$ 0.00
Shoulder Patches	\$2,763.90 \$2,184.00	Jewelry	\$ 1,081.74 \$ 945.00
Vest patches	\$9,968.35 \$9,254.40	Board Member Pins	\$ 905.00 \$ 760.00
Value of pre-ordered and paid stock		Misc. Stock i.e.	
	\$4,065.00 \$ 0.00	Pants & shirts	\$ 117.66 \$ 0.00
2" Mylar Disc	\$1,122.10 \$ 126.00	Decals	0.00 0.00
		Cash on Hand	0.00 0.00

Total net worth Quartermasters accounts \$45,096.33 (2nd), 37,088.25 (3rd), \$15,369.40 (4th)

Total Net worth R.K.I.F.M.C. Inc. \$ 153,505.53 (2nd), \$108,658.79 (4th)

Former Quartermaster inventory was valued at retail level instead of cost level, also a lot of old stock was written off and disposed of as not sellable.

'Knights Across The Borders'

Ken Valverde of the Blue Knights (POLICE), Ohio V Chapter and Bill Snodgrass of the Red Knights (FIREFIGHTERS), Ohio 5 Chapter will be riding for the Children as they ride from Windsor, Ontario, Canada to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, in 36 hours on June 7 & 8, 2008.



Donations will go to

Flying Horse Farms
www.FlyingHorseFarms.org

Flying Horse Farms is a nonprofit organization committed to building a summer camp and year-round retreat center in Mt. Gilead, Ohio, that inspires children with serious illnesses to reach beyond their diseases and embrace the healing power of unbridled fun!

Flying Horse Farms is proud to have the support of all the Children's Hospitals across Ohio. In addition, they are honored to be working with the Association of Hole in the Wall Camps, the world's largest family of camps for children with serious illnesses. Hole in the Wall Camps are the dream of actor Paul Newman who started the first camp in 1988 and has been the driving force ever since.



"While this 1620 mile ride in 36 hours will be a challenge, it is nothing compared to the challenges that these children face every day." Bill & Ken



Please make donations payable to
A.D. Farrow Co. Harley-Davidson Shop at NorthStar
Flying Horse Farms
7754 St Rt. 37 E/US 36 E
Sunbury, OH 43074

4 Mental & Physical Traps to Watch Out For on the Road... thought provoking tips from the AMA

Riding a bike keeps you in the elements, which is great, but it can also tire you out quickly. So always be on the lookout for:

Dehydration. Long days on the bike—or even short ones on hot days—can dry you out much faster than you realize. Either use a hydration system or take frequent breaks to drink fluids.

The Stupids. If you find your mind getting a bit foggy—say, you can't decide whether to stop for a break or not—take it for the warning sign that it is and stop. Are you hungry? Thirsty? Tired? Figure out what's wrong and fix it before you get back on the bike.

Small Pains that Could Turn Into Big Ones. Sitting in one position for long periods of time can cause muscle soreness. Tightening up? Stretch your muscles (safely) on the bike, or better yet, stop and walk around. A few minutes off the bike can buy you an hour or more of comfort back on it.

That Voice. If that voice in your head is telling you to stop for the night, or that another 100 miles may be too much before lunch, or that you're riding too fast, or anything else, do yourself a favor and listen.

Red Knights Grand Tour

2007 has been the best year ever for Grand Tour. 274 members earned a pin last year, 202 were Grand Tours, 27 were Fire House tours, 25 were Red Knight tours and 20 were 12 station tours. 1032 of our members have now earned a pin since 1999.

New 1 1/8" pins were ordered in December and really turned out great. Those of you that have the old 1 inch printed pin should think about earning one of the new ones to complete your set.

In June and July of 2007 one of the members of Alberta 4 crossed the continent twice, visiting fire stations along the way. Miles Hesselgrave travelled 20,000 kilometers (12,500 miles) on a 1978 Honda Goldwing with a trailer on a 59 day tour from Victoria British Columbia to St. John's Newfoundland and back. Miles visited 39 stations along the way earning pins for a Grand Tour, Firehouse tour and a Red Knight tour.

Please check our web site for directions on how to earn your Pin.

Respectfully submitted
Henry Heideman, Grand Tour Committee

Hello Red Knight Members,

Occasionally something comes along that unites a community to help the children in need. The Flying Horse Farms is a nonprofit organization committed to building a summer camp and year-round retreat center that inspires children with serious illnesses to reach beyond their diseases and embrace the healing power of unbridled fun!

This special place is located in the heart of the Midwest, Mount Gilead, Ohio. Situated on 167 acres of gently rolling hills, lakes, woods, trails, meadows, and wetlands, Flying Horse Farms promises to help children and their families trade the restraints of hospital visits, blood transfusions, chemotherapy treatments, overwhelming stress, worry and fear with days of swimming, fishing, horseback riding, and nights of campfires and singing! All camp activities are designed to allow campers to experience success no matter what their disease or disability—all at no cost to the campers or their families.

To help with this project, Ken Valverde of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club and Bill Snodgrass of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club will do a kick off ride on June 7 & 8, 2008. We plan on riding from Windsor, Ontario, Canada to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico (a distance of 1620 miles) in 36 hours.

We are asking for your support and prayers and we make this ride for the children of Ohio. For more information on how to make you donation or pledge, contact Darris Blackford at darrisblackford@adarrow.com.

Bill Snodgrass, Red Knights MC
Ken Valverde, Blue Knights MC



Miles Hesselgrave's cross country Grand Tour

The Maritime Museum of Sandusky presents the 4th Annual
Big Splash Raffle
 August 22nd and 23rd, 2008
 Sandusky Bay Pavilion (Corner of Meigs & Water Sts., Sandusky)
www.BigSplashRaffle.com

More than 50 PRIZES with a total value of over a QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS!

Time	Prize	Time	Prize
12:55	Announce Instant Winners	3:00	\$1,000
1:00	Sawmill Creek Golf Plug	3:05	\$2,000
1:05	\$2,000	3:10	\$1,500
1:10	\$2,000	3:15	\$2,000
1:15	\$1,500	3:20	\$1,500
1:20	\$1,500	3:25	\$2,000
1:25	2008 Harley Street Bob	3:30	Sawmill Creek Golf Plug
1:30	\$1,500	3:35	\$1,500
1:35	\$2,000	3:40	'08 Harley Fat Boy
1:40	\$2,000	3:45	\$2,000
1:45	'08 Bruce Motor Scooter 49CC	3:50	\$1,500
1:50	\$2,000	3:55	\$2,000
1:55	\$2,000	4:00	BREAK
2:00	\$1,500	4:05	BREAK
2:05	\$2,000	4:10	\$1,500
2:10	\$1,000	4:15	\$2,000
2:15	'08 Ford Mustang	4:20	'08 Ford F-150
2:20	\$2,000	4:25	\$1,500
2:25	\$2,000	4:30	\$2,000
2:30	BREAK	4:35	Kayak Package
2:35	\$2,000	4:40	\$2,000
2:40	\$1,500	4:45	\$1,500
2:45	\$2,000	4:50	\$2,000
2:50	\$2,000	4:55	\$2,000
2:55	'08 Harley Electra Glide	5:00	BIG SPLASH! \$50,000

SPECIAL "EARLY BIRD" DRAWING!
 Only July 5, 2008, 20 WINNERS
 of \$500.00 each will be drawn from
 BIG SPLASH ticket stubs returned to the
 museum by July 4, 2008.

**FRIDAY NIGHT
 "BASH BEFORE THE SPLASH"**
 Friday, August 22 from 6-9 pm the
 Pre-Splash Party will feature
 The Jimi Vincent Band for entertainment
 and your favorite foods and beverages
 will be available.

On Friday night we will also be hosting
 approximately 500 members of the
 Red Knights International Firefighters
 Motorcycle Club.

Friday night's event will also have plenty
 of side raffles and 50/50's.

Join us for a great night of
 Entertainment, Fun, and Friendship!

*All major prizes will be given away Saturday, August 23

ROEDER Sponsors
 Business Wireless
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 Matthews Ford

Register

\$100.00 per ticket...Tickets with numbers 0000, 1111, 2222, 3333, or 4444 are automatic winner of \$1000!

At the Sandusky Bay Pavilion by the
 Meigs St. Pier at Battery Park Marina.
 \$100 per ticket...Only 5,000 tickets will be sold.
 For further information or to order online visit:
www.bigsplashraffle.com
 or call 1-800-255-3743

Tickets Available At:
 In Sandusky: Maritime Museum, Erie County
 Visitors Bureau, Businet Wireless,
 Scarlett O'Hairs, & Roeder Harley Davidson
 In Huron: Artino Ford
 In Bellevue: Hunters Needs

Information on Chapter Bylaws

In the fall 2007 newsletter, the By-Laws Committee announced that the Board is starting over with Chapter By-Laws and is now keeping them on computer instead of in a paper form. All Chapter By-Laws that have not been examined and accepted by the By-Laws committee since August of 2007 should be resubmitted for review and acceptance.

All chapters are asked to resubmit any previous Chapter By-Laws or download the generic Chapter By-Laws from the web page and adjust them for their own use and send them to the By-Laws committee for acceptance. Chapters have the option of creating their own By-Laws, for specific local concerns, as long as those By-Laws do not undermine or subvert the International By-Laws. Local By-Laws may not be more stringent than International By-Laws. Any chapter that wishes to forgo Chapter By-Laws and simply run under the International By-Laws is asked to contact the By-Laws Committee and say as much. A simple e-mail will suffice.

We have between two and three hundred chapters. At this time, there have been only twenty-seven chapters who have submitted their proposed bylaws. In addition, five chapters have notified the Committee that they are using the International By-Laws. I examined all the proposed bylaws that were submitted, made the suggestions of corrections needed to be acceptable to International and sent them back to the chapters. Of all the bylaws sets that I sent back to the chapter to change, seven chapters have not returned the corrected version.

There is a disturbing resemblance in the proposed By-Laws sets that were sent back to the chapters for change, including those that have not been returned. There are three procedural items with which these by-laws sets have in common.

1. *Chapters are requiring new members to purchase the patch set as a condition of joining the Red Knights. They are either charging a ridiculously large initiation fee to cover the cost or telling the new member they must just come up with the money. Either way, they are requiring that a new member buy patches in order to join.*

The Red Knights Club does NOT require our new members to purchase the patches, nor does the Board look kindly on exorbitant initiation fees or other burdens placed on new members. Simply stated, the local chapter has no right to place additional requirements on membership that are not specified in the International By-Laws.

2. *A retiring member must give their patches back to the Chapter.*

Along with the patch purchase requirement, many of these Chapters are also requiring that the member relinquish their patches upon leaving the Club. Once again, we discussed this at the Board level and reaffirmed that the patches belong to the member and the Chapter has no right to demand them back. We did discuss that the Chapter could ask for the patches to be sold to them or another member.

3. *The mantra of the 1% motorcycle club is being followed by a few chapters.*

The Red Knights International Motorcycle Club® is NOT a 1% club. How much more plainly can this be stated?

- We do not prospect members.
- We do not place any new member (other than an Associate member) on any type of probation.

The patches are the property of the individual, not the club and are earned by being voted into the chapter when they apply for membership. They earned the right to wear the patches because of present or former service on a fire department not by any form of servitude or gauntlet placed upon them by a local chapter. If you feel that you must follow the rules of a 1% club, you might consider joining a 1% club.

It is the opinion of the By-Laws Committee and the International Board that if your chapter is conducting business with the use of any of these three procedural items, you contact your State Rep or Regional Rep immediately so that the International Board can investigate the situation.

Steve Chappell, By-Laws Chairperson (Approved by the International Board)

I have been a proud member of the Red Knights since 1998 when I had the honor to be one of the founding members of NY-12. I have served as that chapter's president since that time and have also been an active member of the Red Knights International attending conventions, the Dixie Convention, and other gatherings getting to know many of you.

Since 2005 I have served as the Eastern Regional Director representing those members to the International's Executive Board.

I would like to continue my service to the Red Knights and you the members and am planning on running for the position of International Vice-president.

I would appreciate your support at this year's convention in Ohio. If I, or any of the other members of the International Board can be of service to you, the members, please contact any of us.

Thank you

John Rucinski,
 Eastern Regional Director

Chapter Business Trademark License

Any chapter who has a web page must now obtain a Chapter Business Trademark License.

The Chapter Business Trademark License is for use of our name/logo and will include use on a Chapter web site, business cards, letterhead, checks, address labels, newsletters, flyers (to promote your chapter only), and chapter application. Every Chapter who uses any of the listed items must apply for this license.

Use the Trademark License Application and under question 3 (What are you planning to produce) write "Chapter Business Trademark License."

RKMC 2008 CONVENTION PROGRAM

Support our brothers and sisters in RK Ohio Association and purchase ad space in the convention booklet!

For any Chapter that has hosted one of the annual conventions you know that our members in Ohio have been working hard planning for our arrival. This work began long before last year's convention even began in preparation for the arrival of the Red Knights in Sandusky this August.

If you run a business or know of a business that would like to advertise in the booklet OR if your chapter would like to take out an ad to support the Ohio Association OR for those of you who cannot make the convention and would like to support our hosts with an ad in their book.

Your ad needs to be camera-ready artwork. 95 Line Screen, 300 dpi. If you cannot prepare the ad yourself, we can prepare the ad for you at a nominal cost to you.

Call for cost of ad preparation. Phone: 614/866-4363 or e-mail: JRWhorse@aol.com

Advertising rates for Souvenir Journal

Full page	\$100	Quarter page	\$ 25
Half page	\$ 50	Business Card	\$ 20

Payment must accompany every advertisement or it will not be printed. Rates apply for Black & White Ads.

Advertiser's Name and Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Size of Ad Requested: _____

Due to the banking system in Ohio placing a 45 day hold on all checks coming from outside the U.S., we are hereby requesting that **all registration funds and ads for the convention book from outside the United States be paid with a money order.** Please make sure that the money order is payable in U.S. funds. **PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO RKMC OHIO Association**

SEND AD PAYMENTS & CAMERA READY AD
ARTWORK TO:

James R. Wells, Red Knights OH5
373 Doverwood Drive

Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-1177

Phone: 614/866-4363 E-mail: JRWhorse@aol.com

Payment must accompany every advertisement or it will not be printed.

The Ohio Association thanks any and all supporters (businesses, chapters, and individuals) for help promoting the Red Knights and the 2008 Convention.



Kalahari Resorts & Nia Center
Reservation for Red Knights Annual
Conference

The Kalahari Welcomes You!

All (hotel) reservations must be received by July 21, 2008. Please specify your group code **"RED KNIGHTS"** or Booking ID **#2019** when making your reservation to receive your special Red Knights room rate. Any reservation request received after this date will be subject to hotel availability. If the rate you requested is no longer available, the next available rate category will be confirmed.

To make reservations, please fill out the form below and mail to the address listed or fax back to the Kalahari Resort at 608-254-6116. To make reservations by phone, call 877-525-2427, dial "2" for Sandusky, and specify group **"RED KNIGHTS"** or Booking ID **#2019**

Name: _____

Names of extra guests in room: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure date: _____

Type of room: ☐ Hut ☐ Lodge _____ # of People in Room

☐ 2 RM family suite

☐ Accessible Room for Disabilities

Please see "Listing of Room Types for Group" for Room Descriptions

To guarantee your reservation, please enclose a cashier's check or money order for the first night's room and tax or credit card number in the space provided. All credit cards used will be charged immediately for the first night's room and tax. A \$25 fee applies to all cancellations. Cancellations made 72 hours or less before the day of arrival will forfeit the entire first night's room and tax deposit.

Credit Card: ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Credit Card Number: _____

Card Holder: _____

Signature: _____

MAIL FORM TO:

Reservations Department
Kalahari Resorts—Sandusky
c/o 1305 Kalahari Drive
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

**Reservations:
877-525-2427**

You may also fax your
reservation to 608-254-6116

Kalahari Website:
www.kalahariresorts.com

Guest Room Rates:

Hut Room:	\$124
Lodge Suite:	\$144
2 RM Family Suite:	\$154
(Tax 11.5%)	

Listings of Room Types for Group

Hut Room: 2 Queen Beds

Lodge Suite: 1 Room Suite

*King Bedded Room & Queen Sofa Sleeper

*Full Size Kitchen—Fully Equipped

*Living Room with Fireplace & Dining Area

2 RM Family Suite: 2 Connected Rooms

*King Bedded Room

*2nd Room with 2 Queen Beds

*2nd Room has Sofa Sleeper & Fireplace

Check-in Time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out: 11:00 a.m.

Reservations Must Be Made By July 21, 2008



RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB 2008 CONVENTION REGISTRATION



"KALAHARI RESORTS, SANDUSKY, OHIO — AUGUST 20-24, 2008

Rider _____ Passenger _____ Children _____

Address _____ State/Prov _____ Zip Code _____

Phone No. _____ E-mail _____

Chapter/MAL _____ Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Discounted Registration of **\$65.00** (U.S. Funds) per person includes; Registration, Convention Program, Convention Pins, Goody Bag, Discount Coupons, Hospitality Room, Thursday Evening Free BBQ, Friday's Street Fair in downtown Sandusky, Bike Show, Saturday Evening Banquet Dinner with Entertainment, Sunday Morning Sendoff Buffet Breakfast—PLUS!

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Join us for a fantastic *Motorcycle Guided Side Trip* to the **Rock and Roll Hall of Fame** and Boat Trip in Cleveland on Lake Erie with lunch included. Choose to take the ride on either Thursday or Friday for only \$57 per person!

Registration; U.S. Funds \$65.00 per Adult x ( ) people \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration; U.S. Funds \$35.00 per Child (12 years old and younger) x ( ) children \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame & Boat Trip Thursday [ ] or Friday [ ] \$57.00 per person x ( ) people \$ \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirts \$14.00 each (circle) S M L XL XXL XXXL x ( ) shirts \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Polo/Golf Shirts \$25.00 each (circle) S M L XL XXL XXXL x ( ) shirts \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Sleeveless Vest with zipper \$25.00 Color Choices (circle) RED NAVY GREEN  
(circle) S M L XL XXL XXXL x ( ) shirts \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Convention Pins \$3.00 each x ( ) pins \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mode of Transportation \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL (U.S. Funds) \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Due to the banking system in Ohio placing a 45 day hold on all checks coming from outside the U.S., we are hereby requesting that **all registration funds and ads for the convention book from outside the United States be paid with a money order**. Please make sure that the money order is payable in U.S. funds.

Mail completed registrations to: R/K Convention, 653 Madison Avenue  
Painesville, Ohio 44077-5410

Make Checks payable to: RKMC Ohio Association — Deadline for Convention Registration is August 1, 2008

**T**his year's convention offers several activities during your stay at Kalahari. A guided motorcycle trip to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame followed by a lunch cruise on Lake Erie is one option you may chose to help make your visit one full of special memories. Other potential stops during your stay include discounted tickets to the world-famous Cedar Point\*, a guided trip to the Islands of Lake Erie\*, and a Friday evening Street Fair in downtown Sandusky hosted by the Red Knights. Convention highpoints also include a free BBQ, with Brats and Chicken on Thursday evening, the Saturday evening awards banquet dinner in the main ball room with presentations and awards to follow — plus other surprises!

You may also choose to relax and enjoy the many activities that the Kalahari Resort offers its guests such as visiting the indoor water park for coasting, surfing, and splashing. There are many other amenities and incentives that are offered by the Kalahari — spas, Pottery Pazzaz, Arcades, indoor Miniature Golf, outdoor pool, Candy Shops, and several restaurants (from pizza shops to cuisine dining).

The Red Knight Hospitality Room will be open to all in the Nia Center to serve your refreshments and fellowship. Chapters will be able to set up their merchandise For Sale on Friday and Saturday afternoons in the Hospitality Room. There will also be a vendor area in the Nia parking lot. PLUS and out-of sight Bike Show!

Send in this registration form soon! We are looking for another great RKMC Convention and the FRIENDSHIPS and FELLOWSHIP that exists in the RED KNIGHTS. See you in August.

\*Denotes *pay as you go*, on your own scheduling.

For up-to-date information on the 2008 RKMC Convention visit [www.redknightsoh5.com/page14/page14.html](http://www.redknightsoh5.com/page14/page14.html)

**The RKMCMC will have 50 balcony cabins available along with 5 Ocean view cabins and 5 Interior cabins to give us a possible total of 120 Red Knights.**



## CARNIVAL VALOR<sup>SM</sup>

Don't just take a vacation. Take the vacation that's just more fun.

7 day Western Caribbean cruises from Miami, FL

This cruise offers a dazzling week of tropical sightseeing. It begins in Grand Cayman, where the pleasures of the island include water sports on Seven Mile Beach and sea life encounters. Next, you're off to the unspoiled paradise that is Isla Roatan. Off the coast of Honduras, it is an island dedicated to fun in the sun. In beautiful Belize, venture off through its renowned animal sanctuaries and pristine beaches. On your last destination, take your choice of adventures on the island of Cozumel, the jewel of Mexico's Yucatan. On this cruise, you'll enjoy one fun experience after another.

**COME CRUISING FOR OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL  
RED KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE GROUP  
SUNDAY, MARCH 01, 2009**

from

|          |           |         |
|----------|-----------|---------|
| INTERIOR | OCEANVIEW | BALCONY |
| \$751    | \$871     | \$1041  |

Fuel supplement of US\$5 per guest, per day is included.

Cruise rates are capacity controlled in U.S. dollars, per guest and based on double occupancy. Government taxes/fees are included. Air transportation is additional for all guests. Rates are available on select sailing only. Some restrictions (including stateroom category availability) apply. Rates are subject to change without prior notice. \*Fuel supplement of \$5 per guest, per day based on double occupancy. The total fuel supplement for cruises of 14 days or longer is \$70 per guest. \*Ship's Registry: The Bahamas and Panama.

Contact Hugh McNaught for details:  
**1-877-470-7417**

Visit [www.CruiseShipCenters.ca/HughMcNaught](http://www.CruiseShipCenters.ca/HughMcNaught)  
Or Email: [hmcnaught@cruiseshipcenters.com](mailto:hmcnaught@cruiseshipcenters.com)

Your price includes:

US\$70 per person prepaid gratuities  
US\$50 per cabin onboard credit  
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Meals, shipboard activities and entertainment



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Red Knights Motorcycle Club

International Secretary

1677 Jackson Road

Columbus, OH U.S.A. 43223

USA

[www.redknightsmc.com](http://www.redknightsmc.com)

Look inside for information on this years RKMCMC Convention in Sandusky, Ohio, Americade, International Business, Chapter happenings, and much, much more!

## Second Annual Red Knights Cruise!

### 7 Day Exotic Western Caribbean Itinerary

| DAY    | PORT             | ARRIVE     | DEPART    |
|--------|------------------|------------|-----------|
| Sun.   | Miami            |            | 4:00 P.M. |
| Mon.   | "Fun Day" at Sea |            |           |
| Tues.  | Grand Cayman     | 7:00 A.M.  | 4:00 P.M. |
| Wed.   | Isla Roatan      | 11:00 A.M. | 6:00 P.M. |
| Thurs. | Belize           | 8:00 A.M.  | 5:00 P.M. |
| Fri.   | Cozumel          | 8:00 A.M.  | 5:00 P.M. |
| Sat.   | "Fun Day" at Sea |            |           |
| Sun.   | Miami            | 8:00 A.M.  |           |



**BOOK EARLY & SAVE!**  
First 32 cabins booked receive  
onboard coupon book valued at  
\$240!