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*Make your plans today for the 2017
Convention in Syracuse, NY!*

From the desk of the International President...

Wow, 2016 is already over? Where did it go? So much has happened in the RKMC this year; I hope I can remember it all. If I miss something, I am sure I will get it in on the next report.

Wisconsin convention was incredible. For years I saw Cheese heads on TV on Sunday afternoons. I never realized how much fun they know how to have. It was a great time had by all, if you missed it, you missed a great time. As normal, 3 days of riding in the rain was in the forecast for the ride, but it was well worth it. A special thanks goes out to all those involved in the planning and execution, especially Monty Timm and W15.

Your International Board has been hard at work in 2016 as usual handling everyday business and new projects alike. We as officers have attended many local, state, provincial, regional and international events. This year I had the chance to attend many RK events, I was able to get to 3 regional rallies; the European, the Dixie, and the Yankee. I was also able to enjoy the NJ after Christmas party, Americade (for the first time) and many State picnics. Thanks to all the invites and thank you to all the hosts of all the events for providing such a great time for all to enjoy the fellowship of each other.

This past year we did have many members who passed on and joined Heavens 1 chapter. If you did not know, the International Board sends a flag to the chapter and the International Chaplain sends an Angel coin. Whenever possible, a Board member attends the services to help the chapter during the difficult times in any way. Many believe this is

singularly one of the most important missions we take on.

In the fall of 2016, George Colby (MA3 and MA rep) was appointed as the new communications committee chairman. He is replacing the outgoing chair Tom Delboi (Swiss 4). Thank you Tom Tom for your service. If you are having any email troubles, need a password reset or just have an RK event you would like to add, a small problem or navigational issue with the new site, please send an email detailing your event or concern to communications@redknightsmc.com while coping your regional director. They will ensure this situation is handled.

On behalf of the entire membership, I thank those behind the scenes at Boylston for all your work building and maintaining the one place that any Red Knight can go to reflect and remember those who have gone before us. You have brought an amazing place to all Red Knights.

I would like to thank each of the officers of the International Board, the International Committees and especially those who left their positions over the past year. I can honestly say I have NEVER worked with a finer group of men and women. As of this November, your new International Chaplain is Dennis Hewett (NY22); Dennis has already stepped into the new position with grace, humility and honor in serving the members of the Red Knights.

The founder and sole administrator of the Grand Tour program, Henry Heideman (ON7) has decided to step down. I am sure there have been many thousands of Grand Tours completed and recognized while Henry was at the Wheel. The

CALLING ALL PIO's!

In an effort to help our newsletter editor with gathering news and articles about what is going on throughout the Red Knights, our editor, Stephanie Fowle, and Communications Chair, George Colby, are looking for a "reporter" from each region. (Region-7 and 8 are in place)

If you are interested in being a Red Knights Newsletter reporter please send your letter of intent and a short biography to Newsletter Editor Stephanie Fowle. Her email address is: editor@redknightsmc.com (and please "CC" our Communications Chair in the email).

Your job would entail canvassing your regional chapters for news using their Red Knights email address so you will need time and patience. You would then "batch" the news and sent it all to Stephanie by her established deadline.

Please consider being a piece of this important communications tool and help develop future newsletters.

entire membership owes Henry a huge thank you for your decade plus of service. As the torch is passed to Perry Lewin (AB3)

Your new By-Law chairman is Chuck Weikel (MAL-NJ); he has hit the ground running with his fellow committee members working on the very labor intensive project of a By-Law rewrite that will be presented to you, the members very soon.

As 2016 has come to an end and we look forward to 2017, I am honored and humbled as I look forward to continuing my work for you as I will be seeking an additional term as your International President.

"Loyal to Our Duty"
Chris Gadway
International President

*Spring 2017 — Newsletter of the
Red Knights International Motorcycle Club
Celebrating 35 Years! 1982-2017*

Vote

Chapter preparation for voting:

Chapters must be in Good Standing

- Dues current
- Roster up-to date
- Signed TMLA Agreement

Members at Large must be in Good Standing

- Dues current
- Active email address provided prior to the closing of nominations

Notification via Chapter RKMC Email Address

- One Chapter – One Vote!
(A simple majority of the individual MAL ballots cast will determine the candidate receiving the MAL vote to be cast with Chapter votes)
- Keep your password to RKMC email confidential – change it if necessary
- MAL's will receive individual ballot via email

Know the timeline

- Posted on International Webpage & above in this publication

Review Nominee Profiles on line at International Webpage

Ballot sent to Chapter email address and to individual MAL's.

Select Candidate

Submit

Print receipt confirming vote

Chapter email address and 2017 Voting

The International Board has set up RKMC email addresses for each chapter under "redknightsmc.com" If you need assistance with your official chapter e-mail contact your Regional Director for guidance.

For 2017, the positions that we are voting for are International President, International Treasurer, and Regional Reps for Region 1, 3, 5, and 7.

Nominations will close on May 21 and that is when we will know if any contests must be decided by electronic ballot. There is an online form that nominees must complete. The nomination requires two Chapters to make the nomination. The nomination must be in writing & emailed to the Nominations Committee prior to close of nominations.

The Nominee must complete the Nomination Profile prior to close of nominations and provide a photo.

Other dates affiliated with the 2017 voting:

- Incumbents Intent — 180 Days prior to convention by Feb. 20th
- Nominations Closed — 90 Days prior to convention by May 21st
- Chapters Start Vote — 60 Days prior to convention on June 2th
- Voting Closed — 30 Days prior to convention on July 20th
- Vote Results Announced at Convention — August 19th



Red Knights Connecticut State Picnic

Close to 100 RKMC family met up in Connecticut for a fun summer's afternoon along the shores of the Connecticut River for the RK-CT annual state picnic.

Members from CT and their neighboring states ventured to the Constitution State to enjoy, an escorted ride through the area and their annual BBQ.

We know that there were chapters that did not cast ballots in the most recent election that was held. Voting is the only way members can voice their opinions on our representation. When was the last time that your chapter email account was checked for in-coming messages from the International or others?



A Red Knight visit to the Pierce manufacturing plant during the 2016 RKMC Convention

Future Conventions:

2018 — Pittsburg, PA
2019 — New Hampshire | 2020 — France!



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 Events Webpage: <http://www.redknightsmc.org/redknightevents.htm> To add an event, your requests must be sent to the Communications Chair 30 days prior to the date of the event. PLEASE NOTE: 1. This page is for Red Knights sponsored events only, no other events need apply. 2. Any attachments to your announcements must be less than 200KB in size. 3. Include the following, Who, What, Where, Why, When and Cost. Mail all notices, in the proper time frame, to Red Knights Communications Chair at communications@redknightsmc.com.

GOT NEWS? Send in news about your Red Knight happenings to our editor (editor@redknightsmc.com), the Communications Chair, or the Regional Reporters:
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Region-8 Australia reporter Dave Freeman - region8ausreporter@redknightsmc.com
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May 18-21 — Raleigh, North Carolina

DIXIE RALLY 2017 - HOSTED BY NORTH CAROLINA 12

Red Knights International Fire Fighters Motorcycle Club Region 4 stretches from Delaware south to Florida, and west to Louisiana. For the past nine years a chapter from one of these states has hosted the Dixie Rally. In 2004, some friends from several Region 4 chapters met in Alabama for a good time and came up with an idea to get all Red Knight Chapters throughout the Region to come together for fun and fellowship by hosting annual rallies.

This year's rally is May 18-21 in Raleigh, North Carolina

One of the highlights of the meeting will be a dinner and auction on Saturday night. The event and the auction serve to raise money for Charity. NC-12 has chosen the NC Burn Center and Shriners's Hospital as the two charities we will support.

Tentative plans include a ride to Mount Airy. Mayberry RFD icon Andy Griffith grew up in Mount Airy, North Carolina, and it's no coincidence that a stroll down Mount Airy's Main Street reminds people of the town of Mayberry from The Andy Griffith Show.

In addition to Mayberry RFD and Andy Griffith, visitors find that Mount Airy, North Carolina is a great jumping off point for exploring the Yadkin Valley wine region, the breathtaking Blue Ridge Parkway, the stunning pinnacle of Pilot Mountain, or the twangy sound of bluegrass and old-time music. Whatever your passion, all Red Knights are invited step back to a simpler time when you visit Andy Griffith's hometown of Mount Airy, North Carolina—affectionately known as Mayberry RFD.

Host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn, 3912 Arrow Drive, Raleigh, NC — Phone:(919) 703-2525

Visit the NC-12 webpage at <http://nc12redknights.com/> for more information.

NY29 Annual Ride to the Home — Members of Red Knights NY-29 have an annual event to benefit the New York State Firemen's Retirement Home in Hudson, NY. Always a well attended and fun ride and event, the gathering has several dozen Red Knights from New York and surrounding states each year.



2016 was billed as "Shoot and Scoot" with a ride and games to contribute to the day's fun and comradery. And of course, good food too!

The 2017 Ride to the Home is scheduled for Saturday, May 6. Visit <http://rkmcny29.com> for more information and to see what is up for this year's event!

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?



Earlier this year Kevin B Williams (NJ XI), your international Quartermaster for the past 3+ years transferred his office to Alan Billings (MD 4). A huge thanks goes out to Kevin for all his diligent work. Alan agreed to fulfill this position on an interim basis until Dec 31-2017.

Alan has already started applying his organization and analytical skills to his work. As he comes up to speed, please understand with any transition like this, there might be a slight delay in processing your orders. Also, during the transition the Quartermaster email has been changed to **qm@redknightsmc.com**.

Even though the old email address rkrquartermaster@redknightsregalia.com will auto-forward, please start using the new address.

Insurance Rules for Red Knight Sponsored Events This is a requirement from our insurance company. All chapters and associations requesting RKMC INSURANCE coverage for their event **MUST SUBMIT AN ACCURATE, DETAILED ROUTE** of the ride with the request for insurance coverage. Any rider involved in an accident while not on the listed route will not be covered. Check the website for more details on obtaining that insurance

From the office of the Region 4 Director

Excerpts from the Region-4 year-end report

This year I am taking a hard look at what I think our club needs for the future. I have come to the realization we need to get back to the basics of why the club was formed and to recruit younger members. In order to get the younger members, we must identify what they see in a club and address the items. It is time we, as the older generation, start grooming the younger members to be loyal, open minded and do what is good for the club, even if we may not agree on everything. I have asked in my chapter for the younger members to let us know what they like so we can make them feel more welcome and engaged in the club.

My goal this year will be to work on a program that we can introduce to all chapters to help them attract younger members. However, I cannot do this alone...therefore for 2017, I challenge every chapter to add four new members! In addition, I challenge every chapter to add two new members of the age 30 or younger. If we take a hard look at our chapters most members are at the age of fifty or older. We need to build for the future now!

I would like to encourage each member if you have any topics that you think the board should address please send it to your Regional Director so that it can be discussed. Remember this is your club.

WE ARE A FAMILY OF ONE, THE RED KNIGHTS.....

Hope everyone has a great and safe year of riding.

Joey Powell
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From the office of the Region 5 Director

Hello All,

I attended the International Convention in the Wisconsin Dells, there was a great turnout of members and a fantastic time.

The fall executive meetings in Nov. were productive and we were able to complete our agenda with a few items carried over to the spring for more study.

The riding season in the Great White North has come to an end and the bike put away for another season.

The Western Rally is scheduled for the end of June on Vancouver Island and as I receive more details I will pass them on to the membership.

This will be a chance for a lot of people to check out the beautiful scenery of the West coast of Canada and get to meet the Western Chapters.

I would like to Wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year and 2017 riding season.

Loyal to the Order
Gil Rekken
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From the office of the Region 3 Director

This past quarter has me logging 8 hours per week talking with Chapter and Association Officers. The biggest problem seems to be member retention and involvement of members. In some cases it is a matter of the economy and members working different shifts, more jobs and things of that nature. Involvement of members in Chapter events again has many different reasons. The problem is there does not seem to be a day when a lot of members are available for meetings and events. There is no easy answer to most of these issues. My opinion is if someone wants to maintain their membership and the Chapter knows wants to be involved then you know that expectations of involvement would be lower. Each Chapter and Association needs to decide what is right for their membership.

As you know the International Board requested members apply for the International Chaplin, By-Laws Chair, Grand Tour and Communications Chairs. If you expressed a desire to serve I want to thank you. The organization needs these positions to serve our membership and if you were successful, congratulations. If you expressed a desire and didn't receive the appointment, know that it was a tough call and everyone that wanted the positions were great people and it wasn't an easy call. So thank you also.

The International Secretary has passed word on to me that there is interest in 4 areas for the establishment of new Chapters. I have reached out to the listed contact to offer help and will watch the development and if needed will ask the State Associations for their help. I hope that this will enlarge our chances for fun, cooperation and comradery.

Also, remember that members wanting to become MALs. If there is a personal problem than we need to make every effort to work through the issues. If the issue is too big to get around then the individual must abide by By-Law 2:01 II b as voted by the membership at the ABM in Texas 2015.

This year I have had the honor of making the flag and Angel coin presentation at 6 funerals in Region 3. It is right to honor our Brothers and Sisters of the RKIFMC and I willing go to represent the nearly 10,000 members world wide.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Reinard
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Region 3 State Reps

WI - Scott Wuerch
IL - Larry Nardoni
OH - Jeff White
PA - Peter Acati
WV - Doug Douglas

Region 6 Membership Report

Arizona – 7 MALs	New Mexico – 2 Chapters & 1 MAL
California – 1 Chapter and 14 MALs	Oklahoma – 8 Chapters & 10 MALs
Kansas – 1 Chapter	Texas – 12 Chapters and 24 MALs
Nevada – 1 Chapter and 4 MALs	Utah – 4 MALs

Oklahoma State Association President:
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Texas State Association President:
Frank Weido - assoc5@redknightsmc.com

From the office of the Region 2 Director

I have continued to maintain email contact files for all chapters and MAL's within the region introducing myself to new chapters and MAL's as well as putting forth requests that they contact me with any concerns or questions they may have.

I have created a time log of time spent as the regional Director along with some updates to a procedures manual for the position that outlines the duties and responsibilities of the Region 2 Director.

From August 1st 2016 till the writing of this revised report November 29, 2016 I have spent a total of 108.75 Hrs. averaging 7-8 Hrs. per week on Red Knights business.

During the period of this report I have had numerous Email and phone conversations with chapters in all parts of Region 2 to provide them with advice and assistance with questions and problems they have experienced.

I have attended several fund raisers and events held by the Region 2 chapters also have represented the Red Knights organization at events held by other motorcycle clubs such as the Blue Knights, HOG, Cav, Legion Riders and GWRA.

This has made this part of the duties of being a Regional director very rewarding by being able to make new friends while helping to grow the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club brand and membership.

I have attended the scheduled meetings of the International Board as well as the Ontario Association Executive meetings which were held as follows,

International Convention and meetings in Wisconsin Dells, August 16 – 21 2016

The Ontario Association Executive meeting in Cobourg Ontario September 16, 2016 and again on November 25th 2016

I also attended the International Board meetings on November 5 – 9, 2016 in Baltimore Maryland. .

Respectfully submitted by,
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No Provincial Representative

From the office of the Region 7 Director

Region 7 Director's duties

- Participation at « Ride for Forgotten Heroes » (4200 km - 2625 miles) (June-July 2016),
- Visit of Germany 2 Chapter for their annual Chapter event (July 2016)
- First visit to Austria 2 Chapter (July 2016),
- First visit to Croatia 1 Chapter (July 2016),
- Visit to Germany 3 Summer meeting (July 2016)
- Visit and participation to the European Knights Of Round Table 2016. The Red Knights have won the challenge.

Next European KORT will be organized in Thun (Switzerland city) from August 4 to August 6, 2017.

- Participation to the Annual Meeting in Wisconsin Dell (August 2016)
- Visit of France 3 Chapter for the charity chapter ride (August 2016).
- Participation at the European Annual Meeting in Belgium (September 2016)
- Organization of Charity Ride with Belgium 1 for a Day House for Handicapped adults (October 2016)
- Participation to the Belgium VI charity Ride (October 2016)
- Experienced a Fall down during the last charity ride (October 2016)
- Answer to all request from European Red Knights.

Region 7 Director's new projects

- I have proposed a change (following the article 3:09-B EUROPE : By-law committee - Article 8 - Amendment) concerning the EUROPE article 3:10
- Vacancy (if a position of the European Board is open). My proposal is to follow the International article 3:05 Vacancy.
- Visit Norway 1 : this chapter is far away from the other chapters. My last experience with Croatia 1 proved it's important to have a face to face contact with isolated chapter to motivated them to visit other chapters and join the group during European event. I want to take contact and visit this chapter during 2017.

General Information from Region 7

- Eight European Red Knights participated at European Knights of Round Table. Four of us participated to the games.
- Eight European Red Knights from three countries participated to the Annual Convention in Wisconsin Dell.

There are requests to open Chapters from three new countries; Slovenia, Poland, and Czech Republic, and additional chapters in Switzerland and France.

Fraternally,
Pierre Halleux
Regional Director - Region 7
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New Chapters

- Austria 4
- Germany 4
- Germany 14

New Countries

- Denmark
- Finland

10 New Members-at-Large

Region 7

87 MAL
749 Chapter members
19 Countries
15 languages
41 Chapters

Blessing of the Bikes (and riders)

A number of chapters organize or run annual "Blessing of the bikes. One such chapter is Vermont-4 and their event is coming up shortly



Chaplain Bill Elwell blessing a bike on last year's ride

Vermont's annual Blessing of the Bikes is held each year in May, to mark the start of the riding season. This is an open event to any riders, and is a bigger success each year. The event includes a ride that is approximately 2 hours. Their Chaplain, Bill Elwell, presides over the blessing and it is followed by a BBQ with friends — old and new.

This year's ride will leave the Jiffy Mart/McDonald's in Ferrisburgh, VT on May 13th at 10:00 AM. Follow on Facebook at 'redknightsvt4' for more details.

FRANCE 4 was busy in December and made the newspapers after taking part in events aimed at providing children who are in the Children's Hospital, Nimes with Christmas presents. They took part in a group ride with dozens of riders to deliver their gifts to the children. The bikers met at Dafy Moto, Nimes where they were given refreshments. It was a great occasion where the children, their parents and bikers, who were dressed up as Father and Mother Christmas, all joined together in a festive atmosphere.

From the office of the Region 1 Director Excerpts from the Region-1 year-end report

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The past year has been a very eventful year in the world of the Red Knights. We've had some amazing times and our fair share of sadness, including the loss of 13 Red Knights in Region 1, who we shall all fondly remember.

Numerous events were held within Region 1 during 2016. I got to see many of your smiling faces at Americade, and had so much fun on my second trip, that I'm going back again for 2017! Keep your eyes open for some upcoming special Red Knights offers for those attending the 2017 Americade, including discounts and the Red Knights only boat cruise.

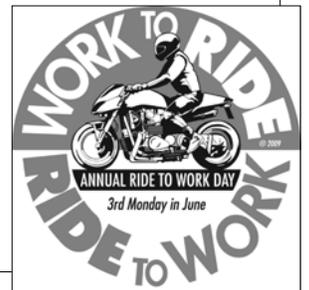
The 2016 Yankee Rally was held in Wildwood, NJ and a great time was had by all. Despite the some rain, rides took place, games were won and music was played. We only had one casualty, a plastic garbage can destroyed by the helmet clad head of WV 8 member Casey Fields during Human Bowling. The very First Yankee Rally had an attendance of 323 and 2016 had 320. The 2017 Yankee Rally is being held in Rutland, VT. Anyone care to guess how many will be in attendance? Knowing the Vermont State Association, this event will be beyond compare and you won't want to miss it!

The International Board's summer meeting for 2016 was held at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells, WI during the International Convention. Your International Executive Board works very hard during these meetings to ensure our organization runs the best it can. Of course, we are always open to ideas from our membership. Feel free to send your ideas or suggestions up the chain of command.

I also had the opportunity to attend the NY State Association meeting in July and heard all the amazing plans they have in place for the 2017 International Convention to be held in Syracuse, NY. There will be rides, tours (including the baseball Hall of Fame), whitewater rafting and lots, lots more!

I hope you all have a very Happy New Year and I look forward to serving you in 2017

Matthew J. Mattera
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Many Red Knights stand with the Patriot Guard to honor those that have given the supreme sacrifice.

Pictured here are members of GA-26 during one of those solemn occasions when the flag line was in honor of fallen police officers on their way to their final resting place.



Thank you to everyone who contributed information to our newsletter! If you have submissions for future newsletters, please send them to communications @redknightsmc.com

Letter from the Region 8 Director

Excerpts from the Region 8 Year-end report

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Well what a year 2016 was, moments of adventure, good times and unfortunately some sad times. Region 8 lost 3 members to Heaven 1 all will be remembered and missed.

April the International Board appointed me as the Australian Ambassador. As the Ambassador, discussions took place in regards to the future for our Region and what could be achieved together.

August I travelled to the USA and attended the International Convention in Wisconsin, where I spoke on behalf of the Australian and New Zealand membership at the Annual Business Meeting on the vote for a Regional Director. The vote was passed unanimously and the process started. Each Chapter received an email with the notification, nomination, and election process of which took us to November when I was elected as the first Region 8 Director a very proud moment.

My focus has been communication and trying to engage our Chapters within the South Pacific, some of the difficulties have been access to the Club email which we seem to be finding the underlying cause of the communication trail. Being part of the club, New Zealand for over 15 years and Australia for over 7, the distance from the rest of the world has created some disconnect. Having a Director located in the Region is a positive step but also will take some time for change to be accepted.

To achieve anything we need to surround ourselves with a team. I've been fortunate to have a supportive team including New Zealand Ambassador Russell Rawiri whom has always been available for a call or email contact with quick responses. Our Grand Tour Representative Roger van Kollenburg has been kept busy with the program. In the absence of a Regional Association New Zealand have Gary Stitt and Mark Godwin to help with Membership etc. and Motorcycle Safety respectively. In

Australia Janine Nolan, Arran Foy, Mick Doedee and Andrew Young took care of Membership, Major Events, Motorcycle Safety and Sales respectively. A big thank you to all of you for your help in this ground-breaking time.

The year has been busy for many Chapters as they continue to meet the Red Knights Mission Statement promoting motorcycle safety, projecting a positive image of motorcycling, enjoying the community of Firefighters and engaging in social, charitable and educational activities.

To the volunteer organizers of [our many rides] and their helpers I say: thank you for your effort in planning and running these fantastic community events. Without the support of so many people in the motorcycle community, these events would not be the success they are each year.

My wife and I have had the pleasure of hosting a number of International visitors throughout the year and attending a number of events. The biggest event for the year was Australia's first KoRT. The event was attended by the 4 Knights groups here in Australia Red, Blue, White (Medical) and Orange (State Emergency Service). New Zealand was also represented which gave the event an International feel. We also learned a huge amount what it takes to run such an event and captured this in a feedback session held at a round table all very Knightly! I look forward to attending the New Zealand.

For the members of Region 8 I look forward to continuing to serve you and wish you all the best for 2017.

I would like to acknowledge and thank my wife Karina, forever supportive of my commitment to the Red Knights, love you baby!

Jason Collins
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TMLA system to get overhaul

Starting in 2017, the TMLA system is getting an overhaul. We are going to digitize and file ALL 2500+ TMLA's to make them more secure and easier to work with. This will secure all the documents we have now and will make filing the new documents much easier. This system will also make searching through the old documents much easier so we do not have duplicate TMLA's. This process will take me about two to three months to complete, but will be worth every minute in the end. Marie will be happy because I am getting rid of 40 three ring binders that are taking up an entire wall in my office!

That was step one. Step two is also a huge improvement in time and cost for the Red Knights. We are moving to electronic signatures for the TMLA program. There will be no more ten week waits for our brothers and sisters in Europe and Australia. The only document that will be mailed is the final draft to the Chapter for their records. All approvals will be completed electronically before that goes out and the Chapter will have an electronic copy as soon as it is approved so they can begin producing their wares.

I am happy to say that improving the way the TMLA program worked has been my number one goal and it is all moving into place. Hopefully by mid spring at the latest, all the kinks will be worked out and we will be on our way to a much easier and friendly system for everyone.

Jack Jarvis
International Secretary
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The Knights converge on Kryal Castle for KoRT 2016

The Red Knights of Australia hosted the inaugural Knights of the Round Table (KoRT) at Kryal Castle promoting Motorcycle Road Safety. Red, Blue, White and Orange Knights and their families travelled from near and far for a weekend of medieval adventure and comradeship. Some travelled from as far as Perth and New Zealand to participate!

Friday night saw the coming together of the Knights Clubs for an informal meet and greet, with BBQ and



Pizza Buffet for all. Kryal Castle's own Champion Knights (of the horseback variety) provided a private show of

jousting and horsemanship on the main arena and mingled with the participants for lots of questions and photo opportunities.

Saturday morning 88 motorbikes mustered up and participated in the Shannon's Pack Ride for the Shannon's Bridge Foundation. Knights Clubs were joined by members of other social motorcycle clubs for this extra special ride. The ride also allowed participants to have a tour through SEM Fire and Rescue, which is a local Ballarat business that manufacture various emergency vehicles in Australia. Participants even had a seek peak of a new prototype fire truck currently being developed. For our bike-less long distance travelers and the families

of the riders, Wendouree CFA provided a bus so they didn't have to be left behind! (A check for \$1,057 was presented to the foundation on behalf of the event).

The Community Motorcycle Road Safety Expo was in full swing when the riders returned to Kryal Castle. Ambulance Victoria, Geelong Harley Davidson, Spokes.com (Traffic Accident Commission - TAC), Country Fire Authority (CFA), State Emergency Service (SES), Victoria Police were joined by our other sponsors, supporters and local businesses.

The KoRT Tournament Event took place on the main arena with competitions showcasing motorcycle riding and handling



skills. MC'd by Red Knights Australia 15's Ross Skillbeck, Senior Motorcycle Instructor for Stay Upright Motorcycle Rider Training, participants were joined by members of the Military Brotherhood Melbourne Motorcycle Club.



Participants were once again shown the amazing skills of Kryal Castle Knights on the main arena



which was followed by Ambulance Victoria, Victoria Police, CFA and SES Rescue units conducting a live display of how they rescue people from road accidents.

Participants arrived at the banquet dinner as Knights, Kings, Queens, Wenches and Monks! One of our Junior Red Knights who is 18 months old came as a baby dragon!

Once the formalities were completed an evening of frivolity and debauchery began! Kryal Castle's performers made for great entertainment, and Paul, the local fire breather was a favorite!

The following morning, leaders from all the Knights Clubs Chapters met in the Knights Tower and sat at the round table. All present thought the weekend was a massive success, with many saying it was the best event ever held in their time in their respective Clubs.

Coordinators would like to thank all the businesses and organizations that supported our event, including those that came to our Community Motorcycle Road Safety Expo. Lastly, but by far the least, we would love to thank everyone who came to KoRT — we are truly a family.



Annual European Meeting of the Red Knights

180 Red Knights (23% of the total of European members) from 25 chapters (62,5% of total of Chapters) participated to the European Annual Meeting in September 2016.

Scott Ryan represented the International Board and a member of Ontario 21 joins us for the meeting.

The meeting was conducted by the Regional Director as the Europe Association President Tom « Sparks » Hoedjes was deployed in Afghanistan.

- We had the time to talk with him directly from Afghanistan with Skype session.

This year, the Europe association elected the President and the Secretary.

- We had only one candidate per position. Tom « Sparks » Hoedjes has been elected as President for two years and Stefan « Sergent » Streif as Secretary.
- The step down of the Europe Association Vice President Harris Puisais left a free place inside the European Board. Following the SOG of Europe Association, the board elected Jan Van Herck as Vice President for the rest of mandate.

During the meeting we have had the time to talk with the presidents about the insurance, the importance of the official email address

From the Communications Committee Chairman

Your Newsletter editor, Stephanie Fowle ran into some personal difficulties this past winter and was unable to maintain as your Newsletter Editor. I am happy to report that things are now much better and she is able to move forward with your next issue.

With her permission, I went on a search for a helper that could pick up the reins and keep your 2017 spring newsletter on track. I found one in a long time Red Knight friend who has done so much, for so long, for so many. The kind of Red Knight we all should look up to and aspire to be. The kind of person who is always there to help.

This "temporary editor" does not want the limelight. The Red Knights needed help, and as is his way, he stepped up. This "Ghost Writer" has a great talent and I sincerely appreciate his dedication, friendship and willingness to come forward when needed. Thank you "Ghost Writer". Thank you for being you. Thank you for being there when the Red Knights needed help.



I was appointed as YOUR Communications Committee Chairman after the 2016 convention. I actually started doing things November 25, 2016. Since that date I have put in over 150 hours in service to you, the membership.

The position of Communications Chairman has changed considerably from 2015 when I was appointed as your first Communications Chair. I have a lot more to do.

In the past, if a chapter or state organization wished to have something posted on the International Red Knights website, it was sent directly to the webmaster. Forms, photos, articles, email problems, you name it. If the "issue" was something that was part of the website, or on the web server, the webmaster took care of it.

Under the new rules, anything for posting on the website is to be sent directly to me. I will then send it to the webmaster. The thought for this process is to make things easier for the webmaster. Simplifying things and making things easier to find on the web site is also part of my job and I have been working tirelessly on it.

It is going to take a while to get things all set up and flowing easily, but please know I am working on it.

One thing that I have been tasked with is pushing the use of Red Knight assigned email addresses. Every chapter, all over the globe, has an email address. Every BOD member has an RK email address; every support group member has an RK email address.

If you, as chapter president, BOD member or support group member are not checking that address regularly you are missing messages. If you have your Red Knights email forwarded from your Red Knights account and do not regularly go into your Red Knights account to clean it out it will crash. You MUST go to your Red Knights email box regularly and clean it out.

If you need assistance please contact me. I will fix you up. That is another thing I am responsible for.

There are two areas of the Red Knights web site that are not being used. We need to change that.

There is a "News and Events" page. Send me postings of your scheduled rides so I can get them on the web. I need AT LEAST a 30 day notice. Make sure, along with your flyer, that you send the "name" of your event. That is what goes on the calendar date. Then your flyer is linked to that.

Another page that is not being used is the "Event Galleries" page. That is the place to post your chapter event photos and articles. Did you raise money? Send a description of the event, how much money was raised and a photo or two. Rallies, Fund raisers, Picnic's, all these things can go on the events page.

The newsletter can't handle all the events our chapters do. It would be huge. By posting on these web pages the editor can keep the newsletter under control much easier.

I am always available for questions so feel free to contact me. Let's COMMUNICATE!!

Be safe out there.

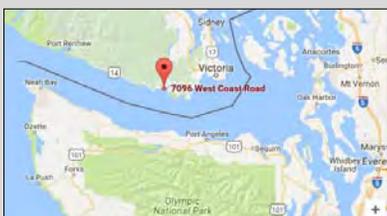
Regards, George Colby — Communications@redknightsmc.com

2017 Western Regional Rally

— The 2017 Western Regional Rally is in Sooke, B.C.— June 23 -25, '17

Free rustic camping (no hook-ups) at the Rally Site (Darrell's place). Portable toilets will be on site. There are also 2 Campgrounds within 2 kms (1 mile). www.sunnyshoresresort.com

Visit <http://redknightsbc3.com/2017-western-rally/> for more information.



Meet us in Lake George for Americade!

LG — is that for Life is



www.lifeisgood.com

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 2017 both Americade and the Red Knights celebrate their 35th 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!

Red Knights Dinner Cruise Friday, June 9, 2017



The Dutcher's have extended an offer to the Red Knights for a club-specific boat cruise on Lake George for the Friday evening of Americade week. A minimum of 120 members would have to commit to the cruise. This special Red Knights boat does not appear on the Americade schedule because they don't want anyone to buy tickets for that boat other than the Red Knights. If you are interested in going on the boat contact the Americade office directly at 518-798-7888 to register for Americade and the cruise.

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



Have you ever considered being an Americade Volunteer?

Americade is the fun and the success it is because motorcycle enthusiasts like yourselves are willing to volunteer time to make it a great week. However, the Americade Staff is always looking for "new blood" to help keep the Americade machine a vibrant functioning group of people.

Some volunteers are busy all week long, while others have specific events and times that they are willing to lend a hand. Any contribution of time is appreciated. Duties can be tailored to fit in with other activities. From check-in to the traffic guides, to ride escorts, and a gazillion other tasks, the Americade volunteers are everywhere.

Let's show them that the Red Knights appreciate the Americade Spirit, and lend a hand. If you have an interest in helping out as a volunteer at Americade, send an email to sue@tamericade.com or drop a note to **Sue Brooks** at Americade, P.O. Box 2205, Glens Falls, NY 12801.

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

- **Wednesday Red Knight ride** hosted by our New York hosts. These hometown Red Knights will lead the way for another day of fun winding through the hills and valleys—twists and turns of the Adirondacks.
- **Wednesday morning seminar on "Planning for a long distance trip"** presented by Mass-2 member Bob Laford, at the Fort William Henry Conference Center.
- **RKMC Open House and Meeting—Thursday, June 8.** This year's get-together will again be at the LG Fire House on Thursday afternoon. The RKMC Open House will be from 3pm-6pm on Americade Thursday. The Come join several hundred of your Red Knights family courtesy of our NY hosts.
- **Friday evening is a Red Knight Dinner Cruise.** Americade has set aside one of their dinner cruises to say recognize the years of participation of the Red Knights at Americade. You must be a registered "Americader" to sign up for this cruise. Call the Americade office at 518-798-7888 to register for Americade and sign up for this special event.
- **Saturday's parade usually boasts nearly 100 Red Knights.** Join us this year in a fun motorcycle-only parade as the Red Knights lead the roar of bikes that winds through Lake George Village.



We need your help! At this year's convention we will be displaying the pictures of our fallen Brothers and Sisters during the memorial portion of the banquet. If you have a Picture of a member who joined our Heavens 1 chapter since August 2015, please save the picture with the members name as the file name and send to secretary@redknightsmc.com. As of early February we have lost nearly 70 members during this time frame and we only have pictures of about 20. Please help!



A stop at the Harley Davidson Museum during a 2016 Convention ride.



**YES
WE
DO!**

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.

Find out more about the Help-A-Knight program at:
<http://www.redknightsmc.org/helpaknight.htm>

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 HAK Coordinator know if there are people listed who are no longer members of your chapters. Thank you.

The Help-A-Knight program is a great resource if you are on the road and having trouble. The listing of Red Knights available around the globe may be one of those pieces of information that helps you through a tough jam.

But have you ever thought of using your HAK list to help you PLAN your trip?

I started contacting members in the list when I was beginning to plan some motorcycle vacations. Since I started doing that I have found members who have invited me to stay with them, a number of times I have gotten together as I pass through their areas for a shared a meal or a coffee with them. One chapter had much of its Executive Board come along for a dinner at a local restaurant while I was in the area. Another chapter had a group of members meet up with me and we all rode on my route together for a while.

One member I called had recently retired and relocated from the area I was to visit. He called me back after making arrangements with his old FD giving me the chance to bunk down with the on-duty crews at fire house with my bike safely tucked away in the apparatus bay for the night.

What a great way to make friends and meet more Red Knights.

Think about if someone from another part of the country (or the world) called you and said they were passing through your back yard. Wouldn't it be cool to meet up with them for a coffee, meal, a ride along, or a handshake.

The HAK program is there for you to use — Use it to your best advantage and to help make your next road trip even more memorable through the people you meet.

RED KNIGHTS ON THE WEB! A great way to keep in touch with other Red Knights from around your area and around the world is through the Internet and Social Media. Are you on Facebook? Look up "*Red Knights — All Chapters and MALs*" to keep tabs on what's happening around the club! Looking for some RKMCM Merchandise? Along with searching through those chapters that have wares listed on the International Webpage (www.redknightsmc.com), search FB for the "*Red Knights Motorcycle Club Trading Post*." "**Like**" them all to see them on your News Feed, and make sure you "**Like**" the International's FB page and this year's convention page too!

There are a lot of chapters with info available electronically as well. Take advantage of one of those days when the weather is not good for riding and see who you can find on-line!

Protection from SMIDSY (Sorry Mate, I didn't see you)

Just over one third of all motorcycle crashes are single vehicle crashes where you can only blame yourself or road conditions. But if you are in a crash with another vehicle, the chances are high that it will be the fault of the other driver. Research into motorcycle crashes shows that the other driver is at fault in about 70% of motorcycle crashes with other vehicles.

In many of these crashes the driver will say they simply didn't see the motorcycle until it was too late. (Sorry Mate I Didn't See You - SMIDSY).

The situation may be getting worse. In the past, the driving landscape was made up of 95% cars and station wagons. The increasing proportion of taller vehicles has changed the landscape so it is harder to see and be seen across traffic. This is particularly a problem for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists.

What can you do to protect yourself?

In a recent survey of drivers, 55% reported having at least one experience of having seen a motorcyclist only at the last minute when they were changing lanes.

Other research has found that drivers who are unfamiliar with motorcycles are significantly more likely to have a crash with a motorcycle. This means that people who do not ride, or know someone else who rides, are more likely to crash into a motorcycle.

Motorcycle awareness programs for drivers are essential, but it is also up to you to "stack the deck" in your favor. Do what ever you can to draw their attention.

What you wear can make a difference some of the time. You need to be within the other driver's line of vision and your clothing must stand out against the background.

In one recent study, riders wearing any reflective or fluorescent clothing had a 37% lower risk than other riders. Riders wearing white helmets had a 24% lower risk than those wearing black helmets. The study was conducted in mainly urban areas. Day time headlights may also help but again, only if they make you stand out against the rest of the traffic.

Size does appear to make a difference. Small motorcycles have a smaller profile and are even less visible from the front or rear. You need all the help you can get to stand out.

- Do not ever assume they have seen you.
- Do not weave between lanes in moving heavy traffic.
- Learn to recognize each vehicle's blind spot and stay out of them.
- Try to stay long enough in each driver's rear vision mirror to make sure they have seen you before you move on.
- Use your horn or rev your engine to draw attention if you think you haven't been seen.
- Move within your lane to improve your chance of being seen.
- When riding in traffic and your lane is moving freely but the lane beside you has slowed or stopped, watch out for impatient drivers suddenly moving into your lane.

Reprinted from the Motorcycle Council of NSW Webpage

Have you ever heard of Madawaska, Maine or the Four-Corners Memorial?

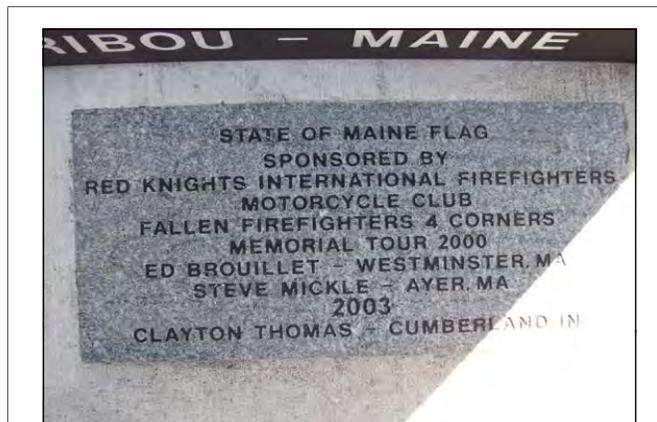
www.madawaskafourcorners.org

The Four-Corners Park is significant to motorcyclists because Madawaska and the park is the furthest most northeast community in the United States and one of the stops for the Southern California Motorcycle Association's "Four-Corners Tour" (www.usa4corners.org).

The other three corners are Key West, Florida, San Ysidro, California, and Blaine, Washington. Riders who want to complete the challenge must hit each of those spots within a 21 day timeframe. The people of Madawaska built the park as a thank you to the motorcycle community. The community is the only one of the four corners to have such a park and memorial for the riders.

There have been several Red Knights that have completed the Four Corners Ride. But even if this is the only corner you visit, park creator Joe LaChance says it is a park for all motorcyclists!

It is a wonderful spot to visit as it is filled with the memories of tour completers and other motorcyclists in all the granite stones that have been purchased and dedicated by other riders, families, and members of the community.



You can find several stones within the park with familiar Red Knight names engraved on the markers lining the park's pathways. One very prominent stone, and the foot of the flag line, list the Four-Corners Tour's accomplishments by Past International President Ed Brouillet, Past Board Member Clayton Thomas, and Past Mass State Rep Steve Mickle.



Riders from multiple states participated in Vermont 2's annual Paul's Ride to raise money for gas cards to help families struggling with cancer. Join us for the 2017 Paul's Ride on June 17.

RED KNIGHT GRAND TOUR

When the club was young, the easiest way to tell others about it was by word of mouth. This meant that the members had to get out to visit other firefighters, and one of the best ways to do that was to visit Fire Stations. That was the birth of the RKMC Grand Tour!

In order to earn a Grand Tour Certificate, Patch and Rocker you must, during the course of one (1) riding season, or for those of you lucky enough to be able to ride all year, one (1) calendar year, visit nine (9) fire Stations whose names begin with the letters GRAND TOUR, RED KNIGHT, or FIRE HOUSE or TWELVE STATIONS beginning with any letter of the alphabet.

You must have a picture of you and your motorcycle taken at each station, with the name sign visible.

Co-riders may also earn a Certificate, Patch and Rocker and a rider and co-rider may have their picture taken together. Group photos are welcomed as well if you are doing the Tour as a chapter (please ensure that at least some of your motorcycles are in each picture).

You must then complete and submit the on line application form and send your photos and application to the Grand Tour Chairperson at grandtour@redknightsmc.com.



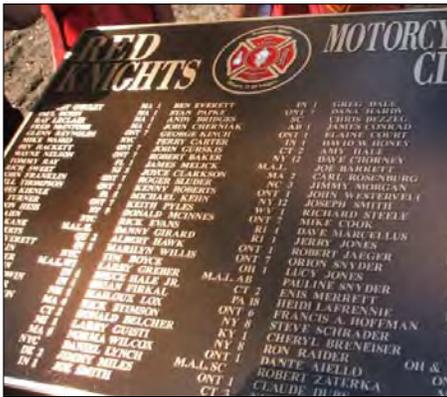
Members of RK Mass-15 during their Grand Tour "Alphabet Tour" at the Xerox FD.

Visit <http://www.redknightsmc.com/grandtour.htm> for more details.



There's always time when a "Biker Chick" wants to look at your motorcycle!

Kudo's to Daniel Waldspurger and Pierre Halleux for being great ambassadors for the Red Knights and taking the time to spend with this youngster!



RED KNIGHTS MEMORIAL

A very special memorial park rests along Route 70 in Boylston, Massachusetts. This is our park, your park, it is the Red Knights' Memorial.

Dedicated in 2007 at during the RKMC 25th anniversary year, the park is a place to visit, think about old friends, and enjoy the peace.

It is constructed to welcome motorcycles into the center. There is a list of past members, as well as a sacred piece of steel from the World Trade Center.

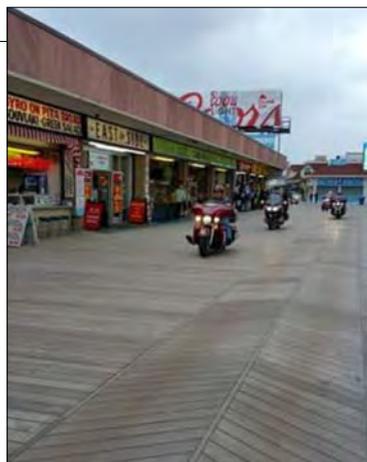
All Red Knight members are welcome to make a visit to the memorial. If you do plan to travel to Massachusetts, please let Mass State Rep George Colby know of your plans so that some of your Mass RK family can welcome you home — to where is all began.
(MArep@redknightsmc.com)

The 2016 Yankee Rally, held in Wildwood, NJ had Red Knights from Region-1 and beyond enjoying the hospitality of "the other country" (New Jersey) with events ranging from a ride on the boardwalk to human bowling!

From arrival and registration through the four days of fun until the farewell breakfast, our New Jersey hosts made a fun time for all.

There were many opportunities to get together with other Red Knights, whether it be just a few old friends catching up, the boisterous crowd in the hospitality suite, or the activities on the boardwalk and the beach, including a bon fire!

Plan your calendar for 2017 as Vermont is the hosts in Rutland for June 2, 3, and 4.





Why helmet fit matters

Before we get into fitting your lid, let's consider why correct fitment is important. Your helmet is first and foremost a safety device. In fact, it is one of the most tightly regulated safety devices related to your motorcycle. DOT FMVSS 218 outlines requirements for helmet retention (staying on your head), helmet penetration (stopping things from going through your head), and helmet impact protection (absorbing energy so you don't get brain damage). All good stuff, right?

Now here's the kicker: The DOT also regulates helmet size and it makes clear in FMVSS 218 that the above testing is *only valid for a properly sized helmet*. You read that correctly. If your helmet is out of the size range for your matching head-form, all bets are off. Just like an airbag in a car can save the life of an adult passenger, but can be

deadly to a small child riding in the front seat, your helmet can only work if it fits properly.

In addition to safety, many of the features designed into your helmet are based around a specific helmet size. Venting, sound insulation and even your viewport design are all based on the expectation that certain parts of your head and face will be in certain places. If the fit is off, you may be disappointed with your helmet.

Steps for fitting a new helmet

So how do we determine a proper helmet fit? Below are the rules for fitting your lid. These rules are geared towards full-face helmets, but the principles can be applied to modular and open-face helmets, as well.

- Start by measuring your head and then select the corresponding helmet size from the manufacturer's size chart. These sizes are based on DOT-regulated head-forms and are the best place to start when fitting your lid.
- The helmet should fit snugly in the "baseball cap area." A new helmet should be snug around any part of your head that would be covered by a baseball cap. This area should be about as firm as a tight knitted winter hat — slightly compressed, but not painful or squeezing.
- There should be no "hot spots" or specific points in the baseball cap area where you feel pressure or pinching. This includes the forehead, back of the head and temples.
- In a new helmet, the sides of your face should be tightly compressed, particularly around your cheeks. The pressure may feel awkward or slightly uncomfortable, but should not be painful. You should not be able to chew gum, and you may not be able to speak clearly.

If your helmet is not snug around that baseball cap area, the shell and EPS liner are too big for you. You are a candidate for a smaller helmet. If the helmet is squeezing tightly enough to cause you pain *in an even distribution* around the baseball cap area, the shell and EPS liner are too small. It's time to go up one size.

If your helmet is causing pain or pressure that is focused on your forehead, the helmet shape is too round for you. Look for a helmet with a narrower head shape, either intermediate or long oval. If the pain or pressure is in your temples or the sides of your head, or if you feel "pinching" in the back of your skull, this helmet shape is too narrow for you. Find a lid with a rounder head shape.

If your cheeks are not compressed at all (but the helmet passes the first two tests), you will need to order thicker replacement cheek pads. If your cheeks are compressed to the point that you are in pain, remove the pads and squish them under something heavy over several nights. This will compress the pad batting and speed up the break-in process. As a last resort, you can usually order thinner cheek pads, but make sure you have tried and failed to break them in before you do this.

That is it. If your new helmet meets all of the above rules, your helmet fits you. Simple, isn't it? If it fails any of these tests, it may be because the helmet is the wrong size or it may be the wrong shape for your head.

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.

Missing: 9200 Red Knights from the International Convention 2016

Hosted by the Wisconsin Association of Red Knights (representing WI 4, 5, and 6) and Illinois 9, the 2016 Red Knights International Convention is in the books and marked as a success.

With just under 400 Knights in attendance we feel that we only failed in one thing...we were missing 9200 of you.

For those of you who are in the 9200 [who missed all the fun] let me recap. Riding, hospitality room, raffles won, waterpark fun, evacuation. Riding, hospitality, raffles won, ski show, delivering a donut to Matt Matera's room and Walmartians (you all KNOW who you are). Meeting, banquet, fire-truck, wedding party, auction, Walmartians (again), evening hijinks, MN 4 all getting into one taxi (it was a BIG taxi).

You missed meeting Knights from 5 countries, and many states. You missed a full-sized fire truck in the banquet hall (Thanks Delton Fire for providing the "wheels" for the meeting).

For those that arrived early (like Wednesday) we took a little excursion about 2 hours east to a place that many have been on, but few have been to. About 50 bikes went to the Harley Davidson Museum in Milwaukee. There we were given a guided tour of the museum and granted access to the archive room at the museum. Not just staring at it from behind a fence as most visitors to the museum get to, we were actually inside the archives and up-close and personal with some of the coolest motorcycles in their collection.

That evening the hotel was evacuated due to a burst sprinkler pipe that set off the fire alarm. (Imagine several hundred of America's bravest standing outside in the early morning heat, waiting for the fire trucks to arrive).

On Thursday about 40 bikes and 50 Knights took a ride 2 hours to the northeast of Wisconsin Dells to a

place where they make the things that many of our Knights arrive to their calls on. Pierce Manufacturing (thanks, Dean Smith!! wish you could have been there) in Appleton, WI.



We were escorted onto the property and parked between three Pierce trucks and had our picture taken with them. We were then taken on a tour of their entire facility. We saw trucks that some of you will be riding on shortly, and several that were getting ready to be shipped out to their final destination. Don't be surprised if you find many of our fingerprints and perhaps even a little Knight-drool on that new Pierce you ordered earlier this year.

The back entry to the banquet/meeting facility became the meeting place for many in the evenings. Those gathering began to greet those arriving and leaving and became affectionately known as Walmartians in honor of the greeters at America's largest box store.

On Friday, a ride to the Wisconsin State Firefighter's Memorial brought 118 motorcycles and over 200 Knights to Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Our ride was pretty impressive as we went 80 miles without having to stop once (Thanks MN 4 for a GREAT job

providing blockers and the Wisconsin Dells based Blue Knights chapter for getting us through the Dells). As near as we can estimate the line of bikes stretched out over 1.5 miles of beautiful WI backroads. By the way, MN4 not only provided us with blockers but also was the chapter with the most members present (about 40). They also "owned" the KOA campground in Wisconsin Dells each evening as they returned to their accommodations there.

Of course during all of this the hospitality room was open and the raffle items filled several tables. All the members of the host groups were amazed at the generosity of our Red Knight sisters and brothers as they bought arm-length after arm-length of tickets and stuffed the raffle boxes to overflowing with tickets.

Saturday morning brought our business meeting and we accomplished all that was on the agenda (welcome Region 8). I'll leave the business meeting results to someone else's report.

The Banquet on Saturday night was great with 380 in attendance for the fantastic food put out by the Kalahari. During the afternoon we had discovered that the banquet room next to us was being used for the wedding of a firefighter from Milwaukee and his bride. They paid us a visit, had some pictures taken with our engine and stayed for bit to talk and relax. A tribute to David Hamilton was given and our Brothers and Sisters who have joined the Heaven 1 chapter during this last year were memorialized.

All this fun ended with a great breakfast on Sunday morning as many hugs were exchanged between parting friends and new brothers and sisters.

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(Missing Red Knights at the convention, continued from previous page)

This author believes that Monty Timm summed up all of the host members feelings when he turned the ceremonial scepter over to the Syracuse, NY team at the end of the banquet and ended with this statement "Wisconsin. Out!" (mic drop)

All of us from the Wisconsin Association and Illinois 9 want to thank the nearly 400 of you that attended and made this convention the huge success that it was for our charities and for everyone that attended. We'll see you all in Syracuse (yeah, that means you...the missing 9200. Ya better be there).

Red Knights Forever!



Americade 2016



Those Red Knights that head to Americade each year go for many reasons. The rally itself, the vendors, the miles and miles of great roads, and of course, to see other Red Knights.

2016 was special because our friend and founder Dave Hamilton was remembered as his photo led the Americade parade on Saturday courtesy of Massachusetts Assistant State Rep Bob Binnall. Riding along with Bob was Mass-1 President Peter Stone with Dave's fire engine trailer and the Red Knight contingent of members.

Convention Quilt — Family, Brothers, and Sisters; it is time to start collecting chapter shirts, and chapter patches for the 2017 Convention in Syracuse NY! We could even use pins once the quilt is done! The quilt will be hand made locally here in the Adirondacks of New York! It will be auctioned off during the banquet dinner at convention!!!



If you or your chapter is interested in donating items for the quilt please contact me for more information! The more shirts and patches, the better the quilt will be! We will need all donations by June 1st 2017. Additional reminders will come out as time goes on.

You can simply mail your donation to:

Eric Jock
99 Rabideau Street
Cadyville, New York 12918

GA Chapter 26 came to the aid of a local youngster diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. The chapter sponsored a carnival at the local high school that would become known as Aid for Aidyn. The day-long event held with the assistance of local businesses raised more than \$7100 for Aidyn and his family.



Members of RKMC GA-26 and Aidyn

**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.

RKMC 2017 CONVENTION PROGRAM

Support our brothers and sisters in RK New York and purchase ad space in the convention booklet!



For any Red Knight that has been part of hosting one of the annual conventions you know that our members in New York have been working hard planning for our arrival. Preparing for our arrival to Syracuse this August has been in-process for several years.

If you run a business or know of a business that would like to advertise in the booklet OR if you or your chapter would like to take out an ad to support our NY hosts OR for those of you who cannot make the convention and would like to support our hosts with an ad in their book — please consider becoming a sponsor!

Ad prices are: \$250 full page, \$125 half page and \$75 business card/quarter page size. Artwork should be forwarded to julesldy1@aol.com. Payment can be by check to RKMC NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION, c/o Julie Carlson, 7303 Chanick Drive, Adams, NY 13605. PayPal to rkmcnysa@gmail.com.

2017 — Syracuse

The next convention (August 16-20, 2017) with the main host hotel at the Holiday Inn in Syracuse (Liverpool), NY. The northeast is the most densely populated region of the Red Knights and this will be a large gathering.

Rooms at the all the area hotels are filling up fast, so make sure that you get your reservations made soon so you can come enjoy the hospitality of our RKMC family in the New York Association!

At the turn of the New Year in January there were already members registered from NJ16, MA1, VT1, MA3, Belgium 1, Germany MAL, Austria 2, Belgium 7, NH 1, PA 18, IL 19, CT 2, NY 29, Oh1, NY 43, NH 9 NY MAL, NY 21, NY 29, PA18, OH 1, MA2, NJ 4, MI 5, MA 13, ONT 2, PA 39, and N J 31 and NY 38. And that was with 200 days to convention. Imagine all the great memories that are waiting to get made once we all converge on NY!

Your registration includes: Participant Bag, Convention Program, Pin, Hospitality room, Friday Evening BBQ, Saturday Banquet, and Sunday Farewell Breakfast. Also each registration receives a Challenge Coin and Tee Shirt.

Aside from the many miles of great New York roads to explore as you wish with the Finger Lakes, Thousand Island, and Lake Ontario within riding distance to help your wonder-lust. There is also an optional guided ride to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown on Friday, and a special White Water Rafting trip for those who choose that option.

Other special places to investigate in the area include a nearby zoo, museums, Destiny USA, hiking trails and covered bridges to discover, the Wild Walk above the trees, and even a large hidden beach not too far from Syracuse.

But if you want to stick close, there is always people watching — and Red Knight people watching can be the most fun, whether it's watching competitive games for fun, motorcycle skills games, or just participating in the exchange of all the different personalities that make up the Red Knights.

Along with the great fun and entertainment on hand at the convention, there is a serious side too. This is the opportunity for members to participate in the "business of the Red Knights" and be part of important decision-making at the annual business meeting.

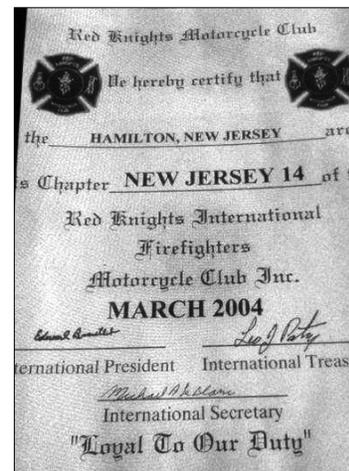
Come be a piece of this gathering of the RKMC!

**DON'T BE THAT RED KNIGHT
THAT IS LOOKING FOR YOUR
RIDING BUDDIES AT HOME
AND THEY'RE ALL AT THE
CONVENTION!**



Members of Vermont-5 held a Poker Run to raise funds for Jazzy's Children's Fund in 2016. The Jazzy's Children Fund's mission is to fulfill Jasmine's dream by raising money for families with children who have cancer or other life threatening illnesses or injuries

VT-5 continues this tradition of support with their 2017 Poker Run to benefit Jazzy's Children's Fund on July 8, 2017. Starting point is at the Little Grille in Woodsville, NH. Registration open at 8AM, Kickstands up at 10AM. BBQ & Prizes to follow. All are welcome.



2017 marks NJ-14's thirteenth anniversary as a Red Knights chapter. What is your history with the Red Knights?

Each year we should be celebrating our membership to the Red Knights among our RKMC family and share those milestones and the stories along the way.

We are proud of all our Red Knights — those with 3 months, 3 years, 13 years, 33 years or beyond! It is you the members and you the chapters that are

the heart and soul of our organization. Give yourselves a pat on the back and a toast to the next year as Red Knights!

Help be an **RKMC Ambassador** and sign up for some time in the **Red Knight Information Booth at Americade**.

Contact Bob Hollner, our Americade liaison to give a hand and spread the word about the Red

Knights! Email Bob at Americade@redknightsmc.com



**FRANCE 1
CONTINUES THE
GOOD WORK BY
RUNNING
FIRST AID COURSES**

For the second consecutive year Red Knights France 1 conducted an initiation in first aid for the CASIM 78 (Chain of Friendship for Security and Information Bikers). This day was Sunday, January 10 2016, and was conducted in an informal and friendly atmosphere.

Five workshops were conducted: Protect, Alert, Assist; Recovery Position; Helmet Removal; Stop bleeding; External Cardiac Massage and use external defibrillator.

Ten RKF1 were present. A sale of goodies was also organized during coffee/lunch breaks.

The day began with a presentation of the organization and Red Knights France 1, with a word from the Vice-President, in welcoming participants over a coffee. After the distribution of



Group photograph from the 2016 European Convention's visit to Charleroi Airport



The Red Knights

continue to grow in Europe with 8 new chapters being formed in 2016 by 95 members. We have also had 18 new Members at Large join including in two new countries, Denmark and Finland. There are now more than 40 chapters in Europe.

There are Red Knights in no fewer than 19 European Countries. (Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and Wales).



trainees, workshops were launched through to the lunch break. Following lunch the workshops continued until early evening and the day ended with a debriefing of the day's activities.

Following the success of the January event, 8 members from Red Knights France 1 were involved in delivering a first aid awareness day to a motorcycle club of Vincennes (Town near Paris) on the March 12.

Again the workshops covered: Protect, Alert, Assist; Recovery Position; Helmet Removal; Stop bleeding and Emergency release; External Cardiac Massage and use external defibrillator.

In parallel, a member of the FFM (French Motorcycle Federation) presented items of rider's safety equipment including motorcycle airbag systems. Then, a session on how to « manage disaster » was organised and presented by an Insurance Company.

As always, the welcome was warm and friendly.



Ireland / UK Meeting 2016

This year's meeting was hosted by Ireland 1 and took place at the Glendalough Hotel, County Wicklow, Ireland. Those attending were treated to some stunning scenery around the hotel grounds, and in the wider area during their stay.

There was an old monastery a few



minutes' walk away from the hotel and a little further away was a lake, it has to be said that the scenery was fantastic. All-in-all this was a superb location to hold a meeting.

Members from Ireland, Belgium, Switzerland and England as well as members from the Blue Knights and EMS White Knights Motorcycle Clubs attended the weekend and members of the Green Knights (Armed Forces), and Blue Daos (Police) joined us on Saturday for the well organised ride out through Ireland's country roads to Johnnie Fox's Bar, said to be the highest bar in Ireland, where we enjoyed some nice food before setting off on the second part of the ride. We all know how changeable the Irish weather can be and after arriving at Johnnie Fox's in pleasant weather we were informed that it had started snowing shortly before we were due to set off back to Glendalough to get ready for the evenings partying, fortunately this soon passed and we rode back (most of the way) without the snow.

After meeting in the bar to drink some of the world famous Guinness we were

formally welcomed to the gathering by Barry O'Mahony, Ireland 1's Vice President and Tom `Sparks' Hoedjes, the RKM European President said a few words on behalf of our Regional Director, Pierre Halleux who was in USA at the International Board meeting, after

which we were treated to a sit down three course dinner...followed by more drinking and of course the European Red Knights official drinking game, LOOPING LOUIE, made an appearance.

Thanks and goodbyes were exchanged after breakfast on Sunday morning before all Knights made their way back home by airplane, boat and motorcycle. CONGRATULATIONS Ireland 1 on a very well organized and enjoyable weekend...See you all for 2017's UK/Ireland meeting which will be organized by Wales 1.



Sadly Region-VII Director Pierre Halleux and Patricia were involved in a motorcycle accident at the beginning of October along with some members of Belgium V. Patricia has had to undergo surgery to fix her broken shoulder. We wish everybody involved a speedy recovery from their injuries.

Germany 4 made their first official Chapter appearance on 30th October 2016 when they met up with Germany 2 and 12 at the "Bike Inn" in Magdeburg. A big thanks you goes to Germany 2 and 12, despite the cold weather at the end of October they came to Magdeburg to welcome our new Chapter to the Red Knights family. We were able get to know each other and exchange experiences and ideas.



A special "Thank You" goes to Michael Pfortner, who helped with the founding of the chapter. Michael was there to support us at any time with help and advice.

The "Bike Inn" is a special place for motorcyclists in the Magdeburg area where many tours start and end. There is the possibility for camping AND parties with up to 1000 participants.





England 2 President presents the cheque for £250

England 2 at Sheffield Children's Hospital

England 2's chosen charity is the Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity which we have supported since the chapter was founded in 2011. The Children's Hospital is one of the most skilled hospitals in England when it comes to treating children and children come from all over the country to get treatment.

England 2 have raised money through the sale of their chapter patches and pin badges and we would like to thank all those who have bought them because you have contributed to the donation of £250 that we recently presented to the charity. In 2017 we will be raising more funds for the hospital by undertaking a sponsored ride around all 21 fire stations in the County of South Yorkshire in one day. It will be a long day's ride but will raise much needed funds.

www.redknightsmcengland2.jigsy.com



England 2 Members at the Charity's Offices

2017 EUROPEAN CONVENTION PREPARATIONS

Preparations for the 2017 European Convention are well underway and Germany seven and ten are jointly organizing the event and have been to visit the neighborhood of Querxenland in Seifhennersdorf, Upper Lusatia which is where the EuroCon 2017 will take place between the 08-10.09.2017.

The event promises to be lots of fun in a

not all about work the two chapters got together on the evening of the 05.05.2016 to have even more fun of a special kind when Vanessa and Sophie joined Germany X as Social Members and drank shots of champagne from a fire hose nozzle to celebrate and they also had large glasses of Looping Louie water as can be seen in the pictures below



The 2017 EuroCon venue



Vanessa and Sophie join Germany X



The Querx

beautiful location so make to make a note of the date and venue.

The beautiful landscape is a fantastic location for those attending to go on some beautiful motorbike tours and The Querx, a mountain spirit from the Lusatian mythology awaits you.

So that the organizational meetings were

On 07.05.2016 Germany X visited the residence "Tannenhof" of Germany VII in Upper Lusatia. In addition to organizational discussions and planning for their joint event and the great motorcycle tours that there are in the beautiful areas of Upper Lusatia, Waltersdorf, Oybin and Seifhennersdorf.

GERMANY 3 presents cheque for 1,000 Euro's to help ill children

815 Euro was donated and then we rounded up to 1000 Euro and donated to a facility for sick children. Germany III has donated to this facility since the founding of the chapter and are also helping with the summer festival of this facility.

They have a close friendship with the affected children, their parents and the care givers. The Red Knights Germany III Chapter in Gießen / Hessen, Germany hosts a summer and a winter party every year. The next dates will be on 18th February 2017 and in the summer from 28th to 30th July 2017 on the club grounds.

Check out our website for more info about us. www.red-knights-germany3.de



Members from Germany 3 hand over their cheque

UK MAL GOES ON HIS TRAVELS TO SPREAD THE WORD

Bob and Tina Verrinder (MAL from the UK) have again been on their travels, they are regular visitors to the Belgium 2 party in June and have visited Poland and the Czech Republic to spread the word about the Red Knights, this year they attended the Netherland 1's 5th Anniversary party in May and here is Bob's version of events;

"We had an uneventful ferry crossing from Harwich to the Hook of Holland & then about an hours ride up to our hotel near the venue. Tina & I went by taxi to the party in the evening as we were intending to drink & make merry!

When we arrived we were given a great welcome by the Dutch crew & met some familiar faces from Belgium 2. Everyone we spoke to were glad we had made the trip & we presented the President, Peter, with a small commemorative trophy on behalf of the United Kingdom. It was well received & then the drinking started! A 'cook it yourself' barbecue was provided which everybody enjoyed & there was plenty of it to go round.

The party came to an end all too soon & we headed back to our hotel for a few hours sleep as due to commitments at home, we had to get the ferry back the next morning.

We would just like to say a big thank you to Netherlands 1 for a great time & for making us so welcome.

After our trip to Poland last year and to the Netherlands' party in May, Tina & I decided to explore some more of Eastern Europe & decided on the Czech Republic, Prague in particular. We arrived at our hotel right in the centre of Prague & took a guided tour of the old medieval town, recommended or you don't really know what you're looking at.

The castle, palace and cathedral are spectacular, and if architecture & fabulous interiors are your thing, this is the place for you, the solid silver Saints Tomb that



weighs 8 tons has got to be seen.

The next night we took a tour of the city at night with a local guy that really knew his stuff and fascinated us with personal tales of his family history. Prague at night from high up overlooking the city is a sight to behold.

The next day we took a river trip & explored different parts of the old town that you don't see walking around, & you can only get to by boat.

We met a couple of Firefighters on their bikes that had come across the border from Hungary and so after chatting to them, I gave them some of the multi lingual RKMC leaflets that Pierre kindly sent to me last year for our Polish trip.

They seemed very interested, so you never know, a few new members perhaps?

We also stopped in at the local Fire station, but as luck would have it, they were in the middle of training so we left some leaflets with the front office who said they'd give them out for us.

So all in all, a great holiday & a highly recommended destination, especially if you like history, fantastic sausages & beer!

Take care & stay safe.

Bob & Tina Verrinder,
MAL United Kingdom



Bob and Tina taking time out at the Netherlands 1 party

After a while, some of the Dutch members thought it would be a good idea to teach us some words in their native language, we were game & now know the Dutch for "please", "thank you" & "candle". The latter had us pronouncing everything like pirates, much to the amusement of our new teachers.



BELGIUM 2 donates to "The Kade" — On 18 and 19 June the 6th charity ride and the gathering of the Knights took place at the fire station of Oostkamp. For charity this year RKB2 chose the organization "The Kade," a home for adults with severe multiple disabilities. Belgium 2 members got to know the people at the annual evacuation / fire drills in their environment.

They started our weekend on Friday evening with a social gathering in our clubhouse where we welcomed various members of domestic and foreign chapters for an introduction to our Belgian beers. During the weekend the riders had the chance to get to know the beauty of our country in two loops of 80 kilometers, there was also a route on gps of 260 kilometers that led to the north of France for those wanting a longer ride. During the weekend they welcomed nearly 400 motorcyclists to participate in any of the rides.

One of the finest moments was when the inhabitants of "The Kade" visited the event and were allowed to proudly sit on several bikes. A moment to never forget! On Saturday evening the already famous "Gathering of Knights" took place.

With nearly 100 Red Knights from Belgium and abroad, they enjoyed a delicious BBQ with a dessert of a splendid performance from the band "dirty laundry."

After a taste of what Belgium has to offer culinary, most of the guests retired to their hotels for a much needed sleep. There was a definite afterglow from a brilliant weekend. On the last Sunday of August the chapter was also proud to hand over our cheque for 1,350 euro to the management of "The Kade." Hopefully we welcome you all again on the weekend of 17th and June 18th, 2017 for our 7th charity ride and gathering.



Belgium 2 members present their cheque



The Kade visitors



Friday night's party

Ride For Forgotten Heroes (June 2016)

June 25, 2016 to July 2, 2016 the Ride for Forgotten Heroes was held and motorcycle riders met and rode together in various European countries. The firefighters, police or military (or their families) rode to remember and show support for those who have died in service or were seriously injured. There were a dozen regular riders who rode through Belgium, Luxemburg, Germany, Czech Republic and Slovakia and these regulars were joined from time to time by fellow Red Knights from Belgium 1, 4, 6 and 7 – Luxemburg MAL, Germany 2, 7 and 10 and also by Blue Knights, Dispatch Riders (Slovakia) and Iron Cavalry (Czech Republic). We drove 4200 km with one common goal: respect, brotherhood, recognition.

Red Knights Germany 2 and 10 drove with us in Germany and Germany 7 hosted us for the night, we were also the guests of the Czech army and were able to make a beautiful visit of the Sedlec ossuary in Kutna Hora. The organization of this ride was initiated done by the Dispatch Riders, a Slovakian motorcycle club composed of military and police and it was an honor for us to be a part of this memorable event during which we encountered two unsung heroes in Belgium and Czech Republic.

3-Day Stampede for the Cure for Cystic Fibrosis

Vermont Chapter 4 is proud to lead the motorcycle ride for the 3 Day Stampede for Cure for Cystic Fibrosis.



A pit-stop on last year's Stampede

The 2017 Stampede is tentatively scheduled for July 28-30. (The ride is on the 29th, Registration at 10 am. Kickstands up at 12 noon). Check in for more information on Facebook at redknightsvt4 or Follow the Stampede website at

<http://threedaystampede.org/weekend.html>



Pierre on the road — Meeting the Red Knights Austria 2 (11 July 2016) and Croatia 1 (12 July 2016)

On Monday July 11 and Tuesday July 12 the Region 7 Director, Pierre Halleux, was lucky to meet some members of Chapters Austria 2 and Croatia 1 on his way to his annual vacation. On Monday, July 11, returning from Germany 2 meeting, Martin (President), Ruth (First Lady) and their companions welcomed us into their clubhouse for a BBQ and few beers. The evening finished in the small hours of the next morning.

On Tuesday, July 12, Pierre had the chance to meet Maki, the president of Croatia 1 and his companions in the Rijeka region. They were invited to a BBQ and after a descent from the hills, visited the city of Rijeka and the fire rescue center. A few drinks of beer in town before being hosted by Croatia 1 for the night.



European Knights of the Round Table (August 2016)

On 5th, 6th and 7th August the European Knight of the Round Table challenge took place, this year's event was organized by the Green Knights Chapter 23 of Spangdhalem Germany and participants came from America, Germany, Belgium, Italy and Mexico, and were mainly from Red Knights, Blue Knights, Green Knights and LAMA chapters.

The competition on Saturday afternoon was reserved for Red, Blue and Green Knights and some 20 competitors took part in a jousting competition.



The winner of the 2016 European KORT

competition was Wauzi, Red Knights member of France 2, Founder of Red Knights Switzerland 2 and the oldest European Red Knight.

It is tradition that whoever wins the competition is given the

opportunity to organize the following year's KORT challenge and Red Knights France 2 have stepped up to do just that and will be hosting the next edition of the

European KORT near Bern in Switzerland on 4th, 5th and 6th August 2017.



Committee appointments for 2017

Hello to all Red Knights,

In September, the board put out the call for anyone interested in helping out the membership by working on a committee to reach out to us, and reach out they did!

We saw something we have never seen before. Across all the committee positions, nearly forty members had expressed interest in being part of the team.

On behalf of the International Board, I would like to thank those who made themselves available to serve the membership on the International Committees.

Congratulations to your new Committee Chairs and Members.

By-Laws Chair: Chuck Weikel - NJ MAL

By-Laws Committee: Mark Green - VT2, Dennis Hewett - NY22, Donald Poirier - NS2, Norm Beausoleil - MA1

Communications Chair: George Colby - MA3

Grand Tour: Perry Lewin - AB3

GT Assistant Europe: Tom Hoedges - CH1

GT Assistant South Pacific: Roger van Kollenburg - AUS5

Chaplain: Dennis Hewett - NY22

Please join me in wishing them the best.

Thank You,
Loyal to our duty —
Chris Gadway, International President



RKMC France 2 member, Wauzi, with his KORT Challenge Trophy

Running of the Wall to Wall Ride for Remembrance

On 16th September, members of Red Knights headed for Australia's National Capital, Canberra to participate in the 6th Annual Running of the Wall to Wall Ride for Remembrance.



This ride, supported by the Police Forces of each Australian State and Territory, see's riders depart from all State Capitals and meets up at the New South Wales Police Academy in Goulburn for a massed ride to the National Police Memorial in Canberra where a service is held to commemorate the Line of Duty deaths of Police Members Australia Wide.

Members of chapters Australia 1, 3, 6, and 15 departed from Sale, Melbourne and Bairnsdale to ride up to our overnight accommodation in Canberra.

On the Friday night, we all celebrated the raising of Australia's newest Red Knights Chapter, Australia 18, in Canberra.

Saturday 17th of September

After various activities during the morning, all riders massed up at Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC) for the big run to the Police Memorial. The total number of riders and pillions was over 2000. We were joined on the ride by member of Australia 16 from New South Wales.

After a service to honour fallen police

members, members of the 4 Knights Clubs in Australia – Red, Blue, Orange* and White, attended our now Annual Knights Banquet.

A number of auctions, raffles and general fundraising through the evening raised a total of \$4500 which will be donated to Police Legacy to assist the families of fallen police officers.

(Orange Knights are members of Australia's State Emergency Service, who assist with Flood and Natural Disasters, Road and other Rescue operations.)

Our return journey started on Sunday with a very wet ride to our overnight stop in



Mallacoota. The trip was cold, wet but basically uneventful. Overnight accommodation at the Mallacoota hotel and a welcome warm fire, cold beers and great company.

The last day of our journey took a scenic ride from Mallacoota to Sale and for some participants, further travel to Melbourne and points beyond.



For further information regarding **Australia's Wall to Wall Ride for Remembrance** please go to www.walltowallride.com



RK Vermont-5 is planning a ride to the World Trade Center Memorial in NYC on July 28th to 30th, 2017.

The ride begins leaves Wells River, VT at noon on the 28th and travels through the Green Mountains of Vermont, Southern New England and New York on the way to the memorial. All are welcome

Contact Chapter President Jeff "Raisin" Morin for more information.

www.facebook.com/RedKnightsMotorcycleClubVermontChapter5/

Greetings All:

As we continue our countdown to the "603" convention here in NH, I would like to say thank you all whom have been dedicating themselves in putting together what we like to think is a great convention for you all.

We look forward to all of you occupying our state and getting a chance to be a part of it. You will not be sorry — unless you decide to pass it by.

2019 is approaching rapidly as we all have jobs, family, and projects to juggle. Add in the amount of time it takes to pull off an event like this and it's just simply amazing how much many hands make the workload much more acceptable!

Our team is working on pulling together some of the items that we had budgeted for and are now diligently working with more confirmed numbers so we can make sure we have enough capital to cover our dreams here. At this timeline, I would like to say, with all assumptions in place, we are looking pretty good, so hitting this point of the project alone helps us all sleep a whole lot better.

We will continue to press forward to iron out some of these smaller ripples, and are looking forward to showing off our great state for this 2019 event.

Thank you,
Your 2019 Convention
Committee.

How to talk like an Upstate New Yorker: 17 terms you need to know

Are you headed to Syracuse for the convention in August? You might need some help with the local dialect so you can communicate properly!

Pop - Pop (noun): Much of Upstate New York calls the sweet fizzy drink "soda", but in Rochester and points west, it's "pop".

Fire Barn - Fire-barn (noun): Before there were modern fire stations, there were fire barns. And while most barns have been replaced with modern facilities, the old term lives on.

Coney - KO-nee (noun): What we call a Michigan in Upstate New York is known as a Coney in Michigan. In Upstate NY, a Coney is a white hot dog, also known as a white hot or Snappy Griller, that's made of uncured beef, pork and veal.

Dish-to-pass dinner - Dish-to-pass-din-er (noun): In Oneonta and the northern Catskills, the communal meals aren't called potluck dinners, they're dish-to-pass dinners. Jell-O mold salads aren't welcome at either one.

Fish Fry - Fish-fry (noun): Fridays during Lent means fish fry in Upstate New York. It's so popular that restaurants are open year-round, serving fried fish, coleslaw, French fries, chowders and more. And in Upstate New York, haddock is the fish of choice.

The City - THE-city (noun): Upstate New Yorkers headed to "The City" for the weekend are heading to New York City.

Bomber - Ba-mer (noun): Most of the country calls these long sandwiches "subs", but in Buffalo, you're apt to hear them called "bombers." You'll also hear "hero" on occasion, but that's more common in New York City and Long Island. In Westchester, they're called "wedges".

Halfmoon cookies - Haf-mun-kook-ee (noun): First thing's first, they're not black-and-white cookies. Though similar, the halfmoon's New York City brethren are covered with firm fondant, not the lighter buttercream found Upstate. Hemstrought's Bakery in Utica is generally considered to be the birthplace of the halfmoon.

Downstate - Down-state (noun): Where does Upstate end and Downstate begin? Some say Upstate is anywhere north of New York City, others say Orange County and Poughkeepsie are the approximate borders. Others say Upstate doesn't start until you hit Albany.

In line - In-line (adjective): In Upstate New York, we wait in line, not on line, like they do in New York City.

Rachacha - Ra-cha-cha (noun): From B-Lo to Smallbany, just about every town and city across Upstate New York has a nickname.

Blue Light - Blu-lite (noun): When you're looking for a bottle of Western New York's favorite Canadian beer at a bar, there's no need to order a Labatt. Just ask the bartender for a Blue or Blue Light.

A-Bay - A-bay (noun): We Upstate New Yorkers love to go camping and the Thousand Islands has the most campsites of any region in the state. Alexandria Bay, or A-Bay, is one of the most popular locales and home to the historic Boldt Castle.

Routes 5 and 20 - Roots-(or rawts) five-and-twenty (noun): Sure, the Thruway is quicker, but Upstate New Yorkers like to take the scenic route. Routes 5 and 20 span from the Pennsylvania border to Albany and pass through Buffalo, Syracuse and Utica.

Steamed Hams - STEEmd-ham (noun): It's an Albany term. If you're not familiar, you must be from Utica, like Superintendent Chalmers.

Uncle Charlie - Un-kl Char-lee (noun): Otherwise known as Utica Club. The lager edged out Genny Screammers (Genny Cream) and other Genesee offerings as the best cheap beer in Upstate New York.

Wings - Wings (noun): If you live in New York City, you wouldn't specify that you want a New York-style cheese pizza when you order a cheese pie. It's the same in Buffalo. The only thing you need to do is let them know how hot you want them.

(Taken from <http://www.newyorkupstate.com>)



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June 2 – 4, 2017

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- The hospitality room Friday night,
- Excellent self guided rides
- Biker games for Saturday
- The BBQ Saturday evening

Our guest speaker is NASCAR Hall of Famer, Ken Squier!

And last but not least, the "Farewell" Breakfast on Sunday morning

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Hi everyone,
Sorry for the delay in the newsletter. Due to some serious issues that needed my attention, I was unable to complete this issue. I want to thank our "ghost writer" for picking up the pieces and making this newsletter happen!



Stephanie Fowle
International Editor



2017 International Convention Registration Packet



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Dates: Thursday, August 17, 2017 through Sunday, August 20, 2017
Location: Holiday Inn, Liverpool New York

There is a separate registration form for children age 12 and under. (See Page 2 of Registration form)

Registration cost per adult (plus children age 13+): \$65.00 Number of Adults Attending: X \$65
 Registration cost per child: \$30.00 Number of Children Attending: X \$30
Child is age 12 and under (see second page of form)

Total
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(\$20/\$22, please choose size)

PRE-ORDER ONLY -- NOT Available at Event

SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	XLARGE	XXLARGE	XXXLARGE
X \$20	X \$22				
					\$

EXTRA Rally Youth Tee Shirt

(One shirt is included for each child registered - see page 2) Infant sizes 6 mos./12 mos./18 mos. - note in last column **PRE-ORDER ONLY -- NOT Available at Event**

XS 2-4	SM 6-8	M 10-12	LG 14-16	XL 18-20	
X \$10	X \$10	X \$10	X \$10	X \$10	X \$10
					\$

ONE Challenge Coin will be included in ADULT registration fee. Additional coin(s) -PRE-ORDER ONLY! - \$10 each. Total

Additional Challenge Coin(s) ordering:

<input type="text"/>	X \$10 each coin	\$
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Optional FRIDAY Ride to The Baseball Hall of Fame Cooperstown NY – Ride Pre-Registration Fee \$10.00 - Total Person(s)

Going on Ride:

<input type="text"/>	X \$10 each person	\$
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Optional Activity White Water Rafting (must be 18 years and over)

Please indicate the which session you will like to participate in, first and second choices. Pre-Pay and Non-Refundable Fee.

<input type="text"/>	X \$50 per person	\$
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AM	Thursday, August 17 th	PM
AM	Friday, August 18 th	PM
AM	Saturday, August 19 th	PM



Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club

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BBQ (included in Registration fee) will be held on Friday evening. Will you attend?

Yes	No
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Farewell Breakfast (included in Registration fee) will be on Sunday. Will you attend?

Yes	No
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Total Registration Costs:

\$

CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO: RKMC NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION

Driver Information Name:

Chapter:

Passenger Information Name:

Chapter:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone:

primary #

secondary #

Email Address:



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CHILD REGISTRATION FORM

**** 12 and under ****

International Convention Tee Shirt (ONE included in registration-previous page)

Please CIRCLE size (YOUTH SIZES) for each CHILD listed below.

Infant sizes available in 6 mos. / 12 mos. / 18 mos. Special Size

(Note infant size in 'special size' column)

Child 1

Child 2

Child 3

XS 2-4	SM 6-8	M 10-12	LG 14-15	XL 18-20	
XS 2-4	SM 6-8	M 10-12	LG 14-15	XL 18-20	
XS 2-4	SM 6-8	M 10-12	LG 14-15	XL 18-20	

BBQ (included in Registration fee) will be on Saturday evening. Will the children attend?

Yes	No
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Farewell Breakfast (included in Registration fee) will be on Sunday. Will the children attend?

Yes	No
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Driver Information Name: _____ **Chapter** _____

Passenger Information Name: _____ **Chapter** _____

Child No. 1 Name: _____ **Age** _____

Child No. 2 Name: _____ **Age** _____

Child No. 3 Name: _____ **Age** _____

Street Address: _____

City, State Zip _____

In case of emergency on-site numbers(s): _____