



Red Knights Motorcycle Club

Massachusetts Chapter 2 – January '05

Hello everyone,

Just a quick note to wish you all a Happy New Year and to let you know about some upcoming events for our chapter.

It's been quite an odd winter this year with wide temperature swings, some snow, some ice, and some rain. I hear that there have been some members tempting Mother Nature and taking the bikes out for short spins around town during the warmer days.

Here in Petersham, once the first bad weather hits and the sand and salt is on the roads our street holds a pretty heavy coat of sand until the weather breaks. So our bike is hibernating until the good weather returns for good.

I want to reiterate what was said at our Christmas party in December; our chapter is a lot of fun and the reason for that is all our members. Thank you to everyone who has helped make my first year as president a fun and successful one. I am looking forward to 2005 for another great year with some wonderful people here at Mass Chapter 2.

The officers will be meeting later in January to plan the rides for 2005. If you have any thoughts about riding places and events, please let one of us know. We try to have a variety of events, different lengths of rides, places to go, and things to do.

We'll have the details in the March newsletter, but State Rep Steve Mickle is having a State Rep's meeting on January 29. One of the topics discussed will be the Cape Cod weekend. It will be the weekend of May 6, 7, and 8 this year and we will be back at the Heritage House in Hyannis.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our chapter gatherings all year long. Be careful throughout the winter and it will not be too long before we are back on two wheels!

It's WINTER so that must mean it's time to have a **Red Knights PARTY** and EAT!

Come join us for our Winter Pot-Luck Dinner. I'm not sure if we will have snow for sliding like we did last year, but I know we'll have a lot of food to eat, a lot of stories to tell, and we should have the 2005 Ride Schedule done and printed by then!

That means we'll have even more riding stuff to talk about!

WHEN: Sunday, February 6
1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Same place as last year's sliding party...

149 Bennett Road in Ashby

The Stacy's are our hosts at the large home they look after during the winter, just beyond their house. Near the Ashburnham/Ashby line on Route 119 take Pillsbury Road (no sign) to Bennett Road.

Our hostess is making a big pot of spaghetti and meatballs/sausage to share. Please bring a dish to share, something to drink, and if there's snow, bring your clothes to play outside!

Chapter Merchandise

One of our members was asking me about Red Knights Merchandise and it had me thinking that there are several different resources for patches, pins, stickers, shirts/sweatshirts, and the like. In an attempt to pull that together into one page, there is an insert in this letter that has Chapter merchandise listed and where you can find it.

If you can think of more that I have missed, let me know (Bob L.) and I will add it to the list.

As always, you can search what is listed in the International's Catalog online at www.redknightsmc.com/CATALOG.HTM. That page lists what the International has for sale as well as what different chapters have for sale.

A boys' day out in Boston

The North-east Motorcycle Expo is scheduled for February 4 – 5 – 6 at the World Trade Center in Boston. Last year a group of us took the train into North Station and had a great time drooling over the bikes and all the bike stuff.

We're doing it again this year. The first group will board the train in Fitchburg shortly after 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 5 and then we'll pick up interested parties along the route to Boston.

I am told that this year the after show coffee stop will not be a McDonalds because now we know where the appropriate restaurant for us to have lunch is located. If you need more details on the restaurant, ask Steve!

If you have not sent your dues into Cliff, please do so to ensure that your name is not dropped from our roster. We must get our amended roster and Chapter Dues into the International soon.

Enclosed is a Chapter Emergency Information Form.

[Excerpt from "Stayin' Safe" in the December issue of Rider Magazine].

Some guys I know were out touring in the mountains where they happened across a fellow I'll call Bill S. He seemed like a likable chap, so they invited him to join their ride.

Well, it came to pass that Bill, while an amiable fellow, wasn't much of a rider. Assembled at the hospital an hour later, the group members agreed that they really should notify Bill's family... but of course they didn't know a thing about this man who was already under anesthesia. Then one of them struck upon an idea that must have seemed brilliant at the moment.

"Let's check his cell phone!"

"Nancy" was the name at the top of the speed dial list – Bill's wife probably, or maybe his sister. A man's voice answered. No, Nancy wasn't home. Who wanted to know? I never claimed to be an expert on the subject of group riding, but I would say one of the first rules would be make sure that your girlfriend's husband is *not* your emergency contact!

The moral of the story is to let us know who to call ahead of time! Please use the enclosed form to help provide us with information in case an emergency arises while you are with the club and some sort of assistance is needed or we need to contact family for you. Each of the officers carries a database of this information. Many people have already sent in their information over the past few years. We've enclosed a form for those of you who have not yet submitted one, and also in case information needs to be updated for those who have already filled out an emergency form.

Thank you for participating in this chapter program.