



From the President's Desk

Red Knights

Mass Chapter 2 — Summer '07

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Loyal to Our Duty

I still find each day too short for all the thoughts I want to think, all the walks I want to take, all the books I want to read and all the friends I want to see.

~John Burroughs

Early in the spring we first heard of the passing of Heidi Lafrennie. Heidi was one of our members from Winchendon and she left us unexpectedly. Our sincere condolences go to all of her friends and family and especially to her friend Dean Bednar who had been at some RKMC events with Heidi over the winter.

How did it get so late so soon?

It's night before it's afternoon.

December is here before it's June.

My goodness how the time has flown.

How did it get so late so soon?

~Dr. Seuss

Whenever we lose a friend or family member from our lives it usually causes us each to weigh our own mortality and how we spend the time we have been given on this earth.

Too often we each get lost in the days' details and our busy lives.

Unfortunately it sometimes takes the loss of friends and family to help us realize what and who is truly important in our lives. Our Red

Knights Chapter is very much a family. One that revels in each others' company and friendship – and yes one that also has quarrels and misunderstandings. As the person who currently has the honor of serving you as the chapter's executive officer I wish to tell each of you that I appreciate your friendship and all that you do for our chapter to help make it that special group of people that it has become. I was very proud of the showing that our chapter had at several family services this year to show support for our members that were going through tough times with the loss of loved ones.

As we move full-speed ahead in our daily lives remember to take the time to do the things that bring you the most enjoyment with those that mean the most to you. The words of Abraham Lincoln may say it the best, "And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

Please join us on some of our chapter events this summer and let our Red Knights family be a part of the "life in your years."

I would also like to thank you all – and especially the chapter officers – for your support and efforts during my past two terms as your president. It is my intention to run for reelection this fall. But by no means do I want to discourage anyone who would like to run for that office or any other within our chapter. It is always important to have a continuing supply of new ideas and insights to keep our chapter alive and vibrant.

Ride safe.

Red Knights Crazy Ride. Were you a Boy Scout or Girl Scout? How prepared are you for our **Crazy Ride?**

Bring your maps, GPS Units, compass, sense of direction, and "sixth sense" and enjoy our unorthodox ride. Are you confused? Wondering what we have planned? GOOD! We'll meet in Templeton at the Canteen (Community Store) at the Fernald School at 9:00 a.m. on July 21 (0.9 miles from 2A) (Templeton Developmental Center – go up the main entrance at Routes 2A and 202) **KEEP YOUR SPEED SLOW!** The canteen building is on the left before the main administration building. It's a different starting point than normal... just to throw everyone off kilter and then be on our way... somewhere!

POST-Americade Pot-luck

It's time for another Red Knights pot-luck get-together!



When: Saturday, July 28

2:00 pm for socializing with food ready at 4:00

Where: Moe and Marcia's, 66 Brook Lane in Gardner

Moe and Marcia will bake off a turkey to share – but bring your favorite dish along to go with it.

Bring your pictures, videos, and tall tales from Americade and we'll enjoy the afternoon full of stories and laughs.

Please RSVP to the hosts so they can figure out how big of a bird to hunt down in the wilds of the chair city: 978-410-5553

Betty Spring Road (from either 101 or 140) to Willis Road to Brook Lane

At our annual business meeting for our chapter, scheduled for November, the officer positions of President and Secretary will be up for election/re-election. Any active member interested in running for the posts should contact this year's nomination chairman Steve Mickle.



"It's not raining, Mommy. It's just drizzlin' a bit harder."



Come join us for the New England Ride for Kids on Sunday, August 19.



We'll meet at the Petersham Common at 7:30 am and head to Oxford for the beginning of the RFK. If you cannot come with us, please consider making a donation that the riders will bring on behalf of the Red Knights.

A Ride for Kids flyer is included with this mailing.

Membership News Briefs...

Our condolences go out to the Lafrennie family and Dean Bednar on the passing of Heidi Lafrennie, to the Barclay family on the passing of Mary's mom, and to Peg and Ed on the passing of Peg's step dad and Ed's aunt.

Congratulations to Brian Fedderson and his girlfriend on the birth of their daughter, Sedona Lynn and to Caitlin Barclay, Donna Moreau, and Don Hurme on their new rides... and welcome to Kelly Boulay, social member to Dean Attwood and to Jonathan Kinney from the Pepperell Fire Department.

This year's convention has a lot of proposed bylaw changes to be discussed and voted on at the business meeting on Saturday morning. Please review the topics of the proposed changes that are listed here. You can download more detailed information on the International Web page and please let the officers of the chapter know your views so they can represent the consensus of our chapter at the meeting.

Section 1:04 E. The Red Knight International Firefighters Motorcycle Club's 3 piece patch or any part of it cannot be worn on anything but the back of the vest.

Section 2:01 II. Any Member-At-Large wishing to transfer membership to a designated chapter may do so upon the written request to the International Secretary from the Chapter President that the M.A.L. wishes to join.

Section 2:01 Article III & IV. All annual dues will be set by the majority vote at the Annual Business Meeting. Chapter renewals that are received after February 15th will be assessed a late payment fee.

Section 2:05. QUORUM FOR MEETING. At any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting the presence of fifty-one percent (51%) of the Officers of the International Executive Board and the presence of five percent (5%) of the Chartered Chapters shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3:01. Number on International Executive Board. The number of members (Officers) of the International Executive Board shall be Ten (10) [Adding Eastern Canadian Director].

SECTION 3:02. QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION. An Active Member-at-Large may run for election as a State or Provincial Representative

Section 3:12 COMPENSATION. Section 3:12 A. The positions of Secretary, Quartermaster and International treasurer shall be paid a yearly honorarium as determined by the Executive board.

Section 3:06 A. Executive Board Meetings. The International Board will hold a minimum of three meetings a year at dates and locations chosen by the Board.

Section 3:12 A. Executive Board Expenses. The International Executive Board shall have the discretionary ability to expend the necessary funds required to conduct the business of the

On the road with our friends...

- Our monthly "Breakfast Clubs" might be over until cold weather returns — but they were a popular destination even if they were on four wheels! February's was a bright blue cold winter's day with the Valentine's snow still fresh in our minds when 16 members met up and headed off to a great breakfast at Glen Caffé in Winchendon. We'll have to head back there for a two-wheeled ride sometime!
- About fifteen Red Knights met up (wearing Red of course) at the movie theater at Searstown for a viewing of Wild Hogs. Did you see it? We all had a great time and enjoyed the company we were in while watching the show.



Thank you to the members of the chapter who joined Ed B. and other riders from area chapters in meeting the Fallen Firefighters' Bus on it's final cross-country "Whistle-stop" in Framingham. It was a beautiful day to honor the memory of all our lost brothers and sisters.

• The weather finally broke and on April 21 we had just a superb day to meet up for breakfast. We had thirteen bikes and a couple of four-wheelers totaling twenty members. We had a great breakfast at Nancy's Airfield Café at the Stow Airport!

• Father's Day was a glorious June day. We had nine bikes (a dozen members) who headed down Connecticut's Route 169 for a leisurely ride. We had a stop at Excalibur Power Sports... where Maury came close to a new GL1800, and lunch at nearby O'Connor's Pub. There was a brief shower on the way home, but it was a great day to be on the bikes!

• We had a great ride to Wells, Maine to see Marty and Cliff. It was perfect weather... lot's of food... and lot's of stop lights on the way home through Derry and Nashua!

International Corporation.

Article 3. [Add wording into paragraph] In special circumstances with the vote of a majority of the Board the President or treasurer may enter into a financial contract such as opening an account or the purchase of investments that only have provisions for one signature from the Corporation.

Section 3:21. Regional Directors, International Executive Board. There shall be five (5) International Regional Directors, each representing a designated geographical region, and they shall reside in and be an Active member of a Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club® Inc.

Section 5:05 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP. [Add into paragraph] Once a member has been accepted as an Associate member and for various reasons no longer is able to ride a motorcycle they may, at the pleasure of the chapter majority retain his/her membership as an Associate member.

Section 5:06. SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP. [Add], Brother or Sister of an Active Member, Associate Member or a Member-at-Large.

Section 5:10. Grievance Procedure at Chapter Level. The Chapter Board has the right to suspend any member for cause. That member has the right to appeal that suspension to the Chapter Board or to the Chapter membership. [Lengthy grievance procedure including wording about 2/3 membership needed at special meeting]

Section 7:03. [Add] Members-at-Large will be considered one chapter and will have one (1) vote on each motion presented on the floor at the annual meeting. The vote will be cased by the MAL representative.

Any Board Member may vote on behalf of his chapter if there is no other chapter member signed in as the chapter voting member

Rider Education Scholarships

Thank you to everyone who applied for our MSF Scholarships and congratulations to our 2007 winners. For the beginner course our recipients for this year are Alex Bergeron and Sara Mickle, and for the experienced riders course the recipients are Moe Lizotte and Caitin Barclay. Because of the generosity of several of our members we were able to offer a third Beginner's Course Scholarship to a young man from Gardner, Bob Winter.

We hope you each get as much out of the training that those of us who have taken the programs in the past did.

If you applied for the scholarship but did not win one this year, please consider applying again in the future.

The Barclay family is donating Caitlin's old motorcycle to "Monty-Tech" to be refurbished by the students as an educational project for the next school year. At the conclusion of the project the bike will be raffled off to the eligible students at the school. The Barclays have made the stipulation that the winner MUST take the MSF beginner's course. At our April meeting, our chapter voted to support this effort by funding that Beginner's Rider Course.



It was a bright and beautiful spring day when we took the train into Boston and visited Quincy Market (before heading over to Mother Anna's and then Mike's Pastry in the North End). It was a super time with 26 Red Knights family and friends, some

Ice Cream! It's that time of year again. Come join us for our monthly ice cream rides. This year we are meeting on the third Tuesday of the month (through September) and will ride for ice cream.



Meet us at the Westminster FD for 6:30 pm on July 17, August 21, and September 18.

Cape Cod...

Sun, fun, surf, and sand. What a glorious weekend we had for our early May journey to Cape Cod. On our Friday excursion beyond the canal to Eastham we had warm temperatures, a tail wind and a group of friends ready to ride! We had 8 bikes originally meet up from the chapter and four more met us on Cape Cod before the weekend was through. Enroute to the Cape, Cliff was a tour master. After picking up four bikes from Mass-3 in Middleboro we had a relaxing trip through his old stomping grounds along routes 105 and 6.

We were welcomed at the Town Crier motel on Route 6 in Eastham where members from Mass-1, 2, 3, 8, and Connecticut 2 all joined up for the fun. At the motel it did not take long to take over the pool house and the rec rooms where we could easily find card games, dice, Yatzee, ping-pong, or a game of pool... as well as a dip in the pool.

Friday evening we were patrons to the nearby Elks Club for their weekly fish fry – and it was very good! After filling our bellies it was a stop along the Cape Cod National Sea Shore before retiring back to the motel for some camaraderie. We had thought of going to the nearby Drive-in Movie theater to see "Wild Hogs" on the bikes, but thought that by the time it appeared as the second movie it would have been down in the 30's (Brrr).

Our Saturday ride out to Provincetown had 22 bikes in tow as we made our way down Route 6. We took advantage of Bob Felt's lead and the side roads that curved us back and forth from the main route to the nearby coastline. A stroll around P-town is always entertaining, before we meandered back towards the motel with a stop at the Truro Winery along the way, where we met up with three more bikes that had come down from Mass-2.

During the ride we drove past the Marconi Beach BBQ with its smoker going bright and early on Saturday morning. That was all we needed to tempt us back to that restaurant for our evening meal of ribs.

Cliff's magic bag of tricks was ready to support us throughout the weekend. First to rescue the State Rep who had a dead battery and on Monday morning to complete a wiring project with the President when he found he had been dragging his trailer's wiring harness and lost his trailer lights. (Glad to see the Eldridge's back from FLA!)

Sunday saw much of the group head home amidst the cooler temperatures of the day. Several couples stayed behind to venture to other nearby dunes for a visit to Marconi Beach. The Monday morning travelers were greeted with warm sunshine and a superb day for traveling with stops at Marion's town dock and Fort Phoenix in nearby Fairhaven before taking Route 140 north and back home again. It was a great weekend to start our riding season.

If it's Lake George it must be Americade

It was a perfect week in Lake George! Yes, we had some rain, yes it was in the 30's one morning – but we were at Americade with our Red Knights family and it was a great time! We had people that came up Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Friday – and if you count all the Mass-2 people (that we know of) that went to Lake George we had around 35 people. WOW!

Saturday was the end of the Elvis festival and the Tow Truck Convention so the village was busy even for the early arrivals. The Elvis Festival even had Saturday evening fireworks on the beach – that were clearly visible from the Bay Front cabins.

We laughed, and ate, we played Bocci, and ate, we drank some of Marty's punch (WHAT WAS IN THAT!), and ate, we played cards, and ate, we had fires by the lake, and ate -- oh yea, and we rode – then we ate some more. You get the picture. One day a group headed for Forestport, NY, several hundred miles away in search of pie. They found it too, and they said it was worth every mile.

Both weekend groups ran into passing showers before they were settled in the cabins. And yes, you can get very wet in a passing shower. Monday was a lazy day with rains off and on throughout the day, but it was not a total wash out as we had time to puruse the vendors at Warrensburg. Tuesday was a good weather day except for a very hard rain shower that passed through late afternoon.

The new block of stores was rebuilt from last year's fire and Bob's Ice Cream was open for business at the Red Knights Corner. We had quite the crowd of red strolling Canada Street on multiple nights.

It was not the Goldwings that required service this year. As Bill Curtis and Larry Robinson proved that HD does not necessarily mean a Hundred Dollars. One rider had a repair many times more than that and the other was grateful that his service at the HD dealership in Ft. Anne was under the standard "HD."

Americade Founder Bill Dutcher made an appearance at the RKMC Sponsored Dinner at Roaring Brook to speak with Bob and Ed. With 140 door prizes and a crowd of 320 people Bill was all smiles because of his Red Knight friends. There were so many door prizes that Moe had to step up to the microphone when Ed began to lose his voice. The Thursday night RK reception at the Fire Station was well attended

Did we eat well?

*BBQ with Dogs and Burgers
(Cajun of Course)*

*Stoney Creek saw Red Knights
no less than four times during the
week. They must be out of Cajun
seasoning or jalepeno poppers
by now!*

BBQ steaks

*Spaghetti with meatballs and
sausage AND salad dressing
from Mother Anna's (special
delivery!)*

RKMC 3-course Dinner

*Deli sandwiches, baked beans,
and salad at the fire station*

*For breakfast there was always
sausages and bacon, home
baked breads, omelets, cereals,
french toast, pancakes, and one
trip to Grandma's Restaurant.*

*Lot's of home made desserts
including cup cakes, date
squares, AND Mary Barclay's
(wonderful) chocolate chip cookie
squares with ice cream!*

*And of course there are always
munchies and snacks all week
long... it's more like grazing for
eight days rather than meals!*

as the host chapter fed 275 members and friends. (It will be the last time we are there as the building is being razed for a new station soon).

Bev and Tom Roche of Bay Front Cottages were our guest for one of our evening meals. After we all broke bread together the chapter presented them with a plaque recognizing their many years of hospitality to our group. They were very pleased and by the next morning the plaque was hung in Bev's office!

Thursday and Friday were perfect weather days. Most attendees helped the local economy at some time during the week by visiting the vendors at the Tour Expo or Lake George Forum. Early on Friday a number of members went to Fred Rau's "Coffee Club" and then about a dozen bikes went to Lake Placid and White Face Mountain and a smaller group went to Saratoga for the Car Museum's special display of motorcycles.

The Saturday parade had over 105 Red Knights bikes in line with many sporting flags as we led the parade up Canada Street. Once the parade was rolling it took more than 30 minutes for all the bikes to pass and head to Prospect Mountain for the living logo.

Thanks especially to our housemother, Peg, for all her prep work and planning. It was a great week... is it time to go again?!?





Congratulations goes out to Steve Mickle for his successes at the bike shows throughout the North East during the past winter.

I had the opportunity to go with Steve to the bike show in March on Long Island and helped him for the weekend at the show. It was a lot of work!

What impressed me – and the people showing bikes around us – was Steve’s enthusiasm about the entire event. Not just about his bike either – he was there to have a good time and worked hard to see that everyone else did as well.

More than one person noted that Steve took the time and effort to spend time with every single kid that stopped at our area. He would talk to them personally and show them the bike and the firefighter equipment that we had on display.

There was no doubt that the promoters and the others who made the circuit of shows throughout the year think a lot of Steve and what he brings to their shows in personality! I was very proud and pleased to be associated with him at the show — even if it was with an HD!

Killington Classic September 5-9

The Inn at Six Mountains, Killington, Vermont is again the hotel of choice for the Red Knights headed to the Killington Classic. The hotel has a block of roomed set aside for the RKMC.

To RSVP, Call 1-800-228-4676 tell them you are with the Red Knights!
(\$79 room rate { plus tax })

*Beware the bathtub —
and any other hazard around the next
corner!*

Cyclist Hurt After Hitting Tub in Road.
COVINGTON, La. (AP) - A boxed bathtub fell from the bed of a pickup truck and slid into a motorcycle's path, critically injuring the 72-year-old cyclist, state police said.

Charles S. Warren was traveling on Interstate 12 on Saturday when he was thrown from his motorcycle after hitting the bathtub, according to Trooper Louis Calato. Warren was being treated at St. Tammany Parish Hospital, he said.

Calato said the motorcycle, the box and the bathtub all ended up in the grass median. The pickup's driver, 32-year-old Shain Autumn Springfield, was booked with negligent injury and driving with an unsecured load, he said.

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This can happen to any of us. That's why it's better to get around certain traffic in front of you than to follow behind. Unsecured loads in pickup trucks aren't the only hazards out there. Rooftop racks and cargo boxes that you sometimes see along the roadside... came off somebody's vehicle. They don't usually land off to the side of the road, but square in the middle. Usually, somebody drags (or hits) them off to the side.

Be wary and minimize your risk. Those vehicles are frequently going slower anyway... get around them at your first SAFE opportunity!



The chapter has ordered bumper stickers with this public service message on it (and our web page address). If you would like one or more of these, contact a chapter officer.

Many towns and media outlets throughout the state have been involved with the placards and newspaper articles around the state promoting Motorcycle Safety this year. Be a part of it by putting a RKMC Motorcycle Awareness decal on your car!

The above picture appeared in one local paper with an article about the Motorcycle safety and Awareness program being run around the state. (Does anyone recognize the bike?)

Unfortunately the article appeared in the paper along with the details about a crash where a Royalston Police Officer was seriously hurt when a woman turned left in front of him on his bike. Guess what she said to the investigating officers? "I didn't see him!"



**Thanks...**

...to the host of this year's 4th of July BBQ – Don Hurme. We had 25 people enjoy the afternoon with friends, food, fun, and Bocci!

## Upcoming Chapter Rides and Events:

The next **Ice Cream Rides** are Tuesday July 17

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a twist of the wrist! Actually it begins with an idea. Sometimes those ideas were born during the cold and snowy days of the and nights of the past winter looking at maps and magazine articles of rides – but other times our most favorite rides are spur of the moment. Below are some of those planned events – but if you have other ride ideas – or that ‘spur of the moment ride – let us know!

Saturday, August 4. **New England’s Stonehenge & UNH’s Ice Cream.** Meet at WFD at 9:00 a.m. and we’ll head north for history... and then ice cream.

Sunday, August 19. **New England Ride for Kids.** If you are going to be committed at the convention, consider sending a donation in your place to help the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation’s annual New England Ride.

Saturday, August 25. **Let’s Scavenge for some good Deli!** Where will the Vice-president and Road Captain lead us for this year’s Scavenger Hunt... and what doodads should you bring for the scavenger hunt? Meet at Westminster FD at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, September 3. **Labor Day Weekend Cookout at the Mickle’s in Nashua.** Meet at WFD at 10:00 a.m. and we’ll have a ride into southern New Hampshire and enjoy Steve and Deb’s hospitality. Bring a dish to share but don’t bring any meat to grill this year... the Mickle’s have a surprise for us.

Saturday, September 22. **Let’s go on a Pickle Ride!** Meet at the Westminster FD at 9:00 a.m. and we’ll hit some curvy roads into Cheshire County for the Pickle Festival in Winchester, NH.

Sunday, October 7: **Breakfast and Apple Pie**  
This year the Jaffrey Breakfast and the Apple Pie Ride are on the same day. So it’s breakfast first (to support our brethren at the Jaffrey FD) and then off to Vermont for dessert! Leave WFD at 8:00 am

Saturday, October 20. **Breakfast Club & Mystery Ride.** Our first Saturday Breakfast Club for the Fall — where will the road lead us? Meet at WFD at 9 am

Sunday, October 28. **Halloween Costume Party & Pot Luck.** Who will be the winner of this year’s best costume? Bring some food, and we’ll have a great time at Kevin and Lori’s in Ashburnham, 4 pm

Saturday, July 21. **Red Knights Crazy Ride.** What does that mean?? Come join us and find out. Look elsewhere in this newsletter to find out more details because when we meet (at 9:00 a.m.) it will not be at WFD for this one!

### *Wright’s Chicken Farm is rescheduled...*

Join us on Sunday, August 12th at 10:30 a.m. (in Westminster) and we will head into Rhode Island for a Chicken Dinner at Wright’s.

...May’s ride was rained out!

### Red Knights 25th Anniversary Convention

Time is ticking down towards the convention next month. There are more than 300 RKMC Members with rooms reserved in Worcester from all over the world! Are you one of them!

Mass-2 is in charge of the Registration table and Tim in chairing that activity and has the schedule listing workers and work times. Please see Tim if you would like to help.

*The Petersham Lions Club annual Old Home Day is Sunday, August 26. They have asked Diona and I if there are any bikes that would like to be on display for the “kids” to see. I know a few are interested – and everyone is welcome. Bring your flags and parade attire and we can give them a good showing on the town common for the afternoon! Let Diona know if you are interested.*

We’re looking to vary from our “Breakfast Club” schedule in November a bit to offer a new opportunity for our participating members...

Instead of breakfast on November 17 we are going to plan on an afternoon pot-luck at the Petersham Curling Club. *Part of the afternoon includes “ice time” and lessons on how to Curl!* More info will be coming out before then, but put it on your calendar.

Several people in the chapter asked Diona and Bob about their "volunteer time" at Americade. It is a little work and a lot of fun. You get to meet even more great people and you are able to put back into an event that has been going on for over 25 years because of the three hundred volunteers that man the streets, parking lots, rides, and events. Below is some information that appeared in a Red Knights International Newsletter a few years back about being a volunteer. If you are interested, please contact Margie.

Like the success of the Red Knights, Americade is an organization we love but it takes effort and commitment from many people to make it a 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. Without these people, and new ones each year, Americade would cease to exist.

From check-in to the traffic guides, to ride escorts, and a gazillion other tasks, the Americade volunteers are everywhere.

If you are interested in looking into being an Americade Volunteer, contact Margie Connelly at [Volunteers@tourexpo.com](mailto:Volunteers@tourexpo.com) or drop a note to her at the Americade Office, P.O. Box 2205, Glens Falls, NY 12801.



**Thank you** to Mary Barclay and the staff of the On Site Academy for their hospitality in welcoming us to the Gardner facility for our April meeting. The On Site facility does commendable work for emergency responders in need of stress management assistance. The chapter voted to make a donation to the academy to express our thanks to our hosts for their time and for the work they do.



The chapter also voted to recognize Mary as a Special Honorary member of the Red Knights. Each chapter is allowed one S.H. member who has "promoted the Red Knights in a special way." Aside from feeding us well, Mary is always a vocal supporter and promoter of our chapter through her work as a newspaper reporter. Someone said that the shirt we presented her should have said "Den Mother" on it. There is more truth to that than you know as I first met Mary through the Boy Scout program!

### Lady of the Knights T-Shirts

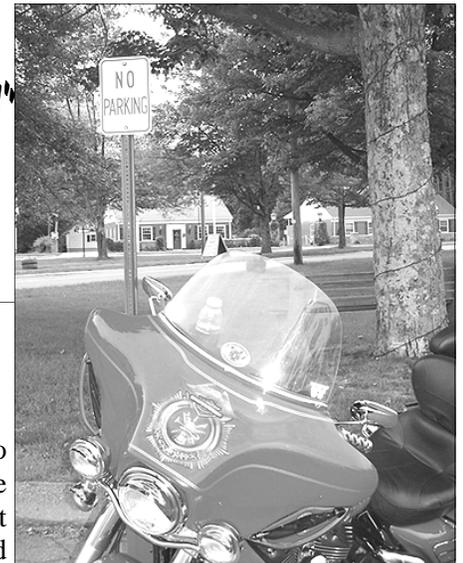
Caitlin Barclay designed a new shirt for the RK Ladies... called the "Lady of the Knights" shirts. They look sharp and are a lot of fun! The few that were printed up to look at came out so good that we decided to buy a bunch to sell at the convention (with an approved trademark agreement of course!). It looks like they will be priced right around \$15 when they are done — and at this time we are trying to get them in multiple sizes for both T-shirts and Tank-top shirts.



The shirts are the Red Knights logo with Betty Boop in the center of the crest. Around the outside of the crest it says "Lady of the Knights."

If you would like one – or would like to buy one for your RK Lady, give Tim a call as he will be selling them at the convention and would probably be happy to sell one to you before then!

*WHAT  
"No Parking"  
Sign  
Officer?*



### Mass-2 Fund- Raiser

Thank you to everyone who bought and sold 2007 raffle

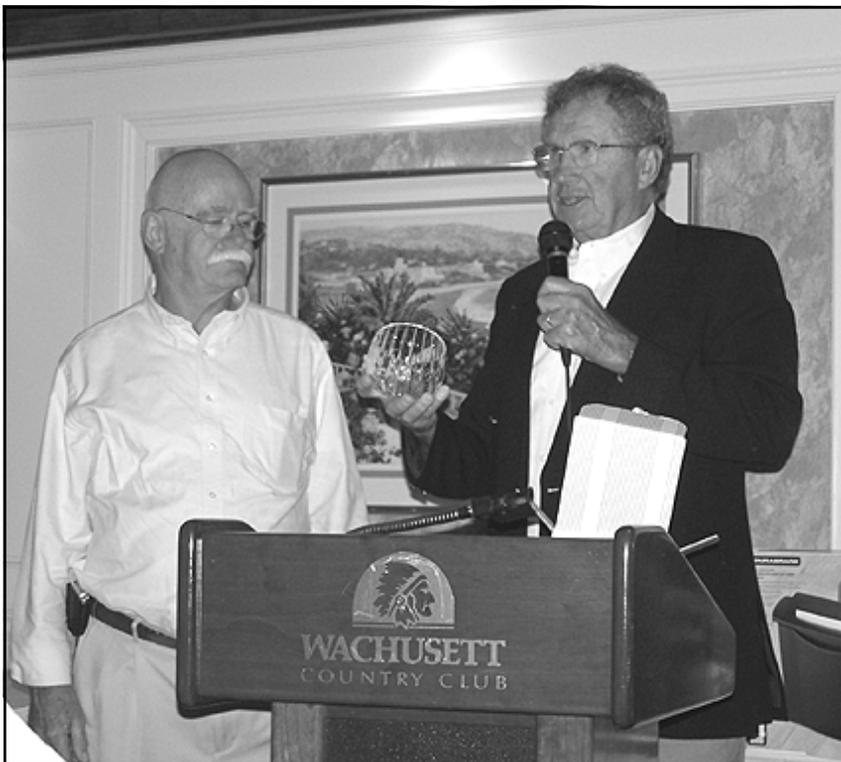
tickets. Our drawing was at our Ice Cream Ride on June 19. The funds raised will help our chapter to provide continued support to area charities and others needing a hand.

Our winners were: Valerie Duggan (of the On-site Academy), Bob Escott of the Turners Falls FD, David Hastings, and Priscilla Curtis.

We had 22 people out for ice cream that night... it was a perfect June night to be on the bikes!

We are currently working on a couple other fund-raiser ideas to take away the need to run a raffle next year. One is the Lady of the Knights shirts mentioned on this page, and the second is more marketing of the RKMC decals that we offer to other chapters.

As you may or may not know, the yearly dues we each pay does not cover all the fees, donations, events, scholarships, mailings, and bills & "incidentals" needed to run the chapter throughout the year. The officers are grateful to each of you for the efforts that you give to support the chapter in all the ways you do.



The Red Knights were on hand at the Central Mass Safety Council's annual dinner to give them a recognition and thank you for their assistance and support with our MSF Rider Scholarships.

It was a pleasant surprise for us to find out that our own Walter Roach was to be recognized and receive an award from the Safety Council for his work with them in their driver education programs.

*Congratulations Walter!*

**The Barclay** family is extending an invitation to all their Red Knights family and friends to join them in celebrating Caitlin's graduation from Mt. Wachusett Community College (and her birthday too).

Sunday, August 12, from noon to ??? at Bemis Pond at Otter River State park (Off Route 202 in Winchendon). It is an open house gathering and it is a "no gift" affair. Some of us will be returning from our dinner at Wright's Chicken Farm and will head to the party from Rhode Island.

Caitlin is hoping to continue college at UMass Dartmouth and major in Psychology. Do you suppose the Red Knights will become a psychological study??