



Red Knights

Mass Chapter 2 — Winter 2022

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Loyal to Our Duty

From the President's Desk

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

The end is near! No, not the end of the world, although with all the world affairs going on and crimes at an all-time high, it might seem as though it is. But the end of Winter is fast becoming another one for the record books. With temperatures this season mostly boasting record warmth, I've actually witnessed bikes out riding a few days ago. It made me happy to see these wonderfully crazy people taking advantage of those temperatures and enjoying themselves. Soon we will be out there and doing the same. Just a reminder to start checking your rides from their naps so that everything will be ready when you are.

Seems as though we have weathered the worst of the pandemic and finally getting together with larger groups and lesser mask mandates. We must still to be vigilant and maintain some precautions, and we should continue to at least keep your masks handy and remain at a bit of a distance during gatherings. We recently held our annual winter pot luck and had a great turnout with lots of good eats. Thank you all for coming out and spending the afternoon together.

Congratulations to Road Captain Jeff Hamberg on his new job as an training officer of the Southwick Fire Department. Congratulations to Charles Hamberg, as well, on his recent retirement. He can now enjoy more days of riding with the rest of the retired clan. At the rate we're getting retired members in this chapter we may become the RRRK® (Retired Red Knights).

Time to start thinking about AMERICAIDE. Yup it's back, not like we remember it as far as all being in the same compound, but many of the same activities and a few new vendors. Some of the members have already booked their week in June and I hear places are filling up quickly. If you'd like to be part of the welcome-back-from-covid party in June, get a room reserved now. I'm working on a list of where people from ours and nearby chapters are staying and hope to have that ready very soon.

Don't forget to get your calendars out, Mark it up and get ready to come out and enjoy some good old fashion riding, meals, comradery, new (and old) friends and good times.

In closing I'd just like to say thank you to everyone for keeping and eye on each other and staying safe — here's to a New, Safe Year.

Don't forget Movies and Pizza on March 5th at the Millers Woods River bend clubhouse.

President Martin

2022 Ride Schedule is posted!

Our 2022 Ride Schedule is ready — and being distributed.

Get your copy (or download it from our webpage), grab your red marker and start writing the dates on your calendar!

Put a copy on your refrigerator right by your finger paintings and come join us for a fun season with friends!

Blessing of the Bikes

We had planned a Blessing of the Bikes (and Ice Cream Social) for 2020 but COVID stopped that.

We are teaming up with Father Mateus Souza in Athol to offer that event again for 2022.

Plans are to meet at the parking lot of Our Lady Immaculate church (193 School Street) in Athol for the blessing.

The Athol FD will be joining us to lead the bikes through Athol before returning to the church for our ice cream!

Donations from the event will go to Home Base, a Boston-based organization that supports veterans and their families.

A flyer is included with this newsletter.

MA-2 Chapter statistics for 2022

For the 2022 International Board elections we will be voting for Vice-President and Secretary.

Later in the spring we will get together to discuss candidates and issues so all members will have a chance to voice their opinions before the chapter casts a ballot.

71 Total Members
Active (Firefighter) - 42, Social — 21, Associate — 3, Junior — 3, Compassionate Honorary—2
Of the above, 16 are Life Members, and 7 of those are "International" Life Members, recognized by the RKMC-I Board for past service to the International Board.

There are 14 Charter members who have been with the club since its Charter year in 1983. We appreciate their forethought and leadership to start this great club as we look ahead to our 40th anniversary in 2023!

With calendars in hand the officers worked to schedule another fun year's worth of Red Knight events. There are RKMC events for everyone to enjoy and as the year progresses we are looking forward to many of our staples — including hugs and food at sit-down restaurants!!

2022 Chapter 50/50

You too can be a winner!

We will continue the tradition of holding 50/50 drawings when we get together during the riding season. Our



Treasurer will keep track of the funds brought in, and at our annual business meeting we will decide what worthy local charity will receive the donation.

At our annual meeting we decided to send donations to several causes, including the Worcester County Food Bank, A Thanksgiving Basket Drive running in the Orange schools for families in need and the Joslin Diabetes Center for a total of \$350.

If you have a local charity that we should consider for our year-end donation, please let an officer know.

Let's Ride!



We will paraphrase this sign to get our riding season underway on the right foot and say
CURVEY ROADS NEXT 140 DAYS!

Bullets from our schedule:

Sunday, April 24. Spring Dust-Off. Shake off the winter dust with our first official ride of the year. Meet at 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 1:00 pm. It's an afternoon ride with maybe some ice cream!

Sunday, June 26. Executive's Mystery Ride. Come out for a Sunday afternoon ride and see where one of our chapter E-Board members will lead us! Meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 1:00 pm.

Sunday, July 3. 4th of July Celebration and Cookout. Come enjoy some time with friends at a holiday pot-luck. Lori and Rick will be our hosts in New Salem. Bring some food to share and something to throw on the grill. (1:00 pm).

Saturday, July 9. Bellows Falls Firefighters' Memorial. In 2021, the Bellows Falls Fire Department dedicated a park on the footprint of the Star Hotel where two BFFD Firefighters were killed in 1981. We

will ride up to visit the memorial. Plans are to stop at the Allen Brothers Farm Market to pick up sandwiches and have a picnic lunch along the canal behind the memorial. Meet at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 28. Bug Ride. We'll each have "targets" mounted on the front of our bikes. Meet at the 2/202 Shell Station at 4:00 pm and take a ride around the Quabbin. The target with the most bugs wins a free ice cream!

A number of our members were recognized with anniversary pins during our Christmas party in December. 25 Years recognition to Gerry Baldini and Fred Leblanc and 15 Years to Caitlin Barclay, Corey Feeley, and Marcia Marjomaa.



2021 Ride Statistics

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will be able to review the miles that our members put on their bikes... and in 2022 we start to keep track of the next million miles because in 2021 we passed the 2,000,000 mile mark, since starting to keep track 14 years ago!

Overall last year we averaged 13.38 people per event for our 26 held events. Our average is almost exactly the same as last year, but fortunately, we nearly doubled the events for 2021 compared to 2020. Normally we are close to 40 different events, and some with more than 40 people in attendance!

Hopefully the trend will continue — COVID will lessen, and our ride schedule will grow!

Our big events in 2021 were our July 4 and Labor Day cookouts with 31 and 26 people, respectively, and our Christmas party had 36 people. Although our mid-week hooky rides are a lot of fun, they are usually about a handful of riders. If we take them out of the statistics, our attendance for the other rides in 2021 actually jumped to an average of 16.6.

Let's look forward to 2022 with a hopeful gaze that we will be gathering together to roll on some miles and have more smiles join us!

Don't forget our Breakfast Clubs!

Every third Saturday from November through April we gather for breakfast and fellowship.

It was a joy to gather again together for our Breakfast Clubs when we met at Bob and Diona's in November. It was a long two years without one of our brunches! We still have March and April Breakfast Clubs left to go.

Breakfast Clubs:

- March 19 at Jeff and Faith's in Orange and
- April 16 at Ed and Peg's in Westminster



- November 19 we start off again! Would you like to be a host?

We were able to meet for our Breakfast Club back in November, but unfortunately, with the big uptick of COVID cases in January we decided to go virtual with our January breakfast gathering.



Membership news...

Our condolences to the Blodgett family on the passing of Dick Blodgett. Dick was a 40 year member of the Winchendon Fire Department, and a member of the chapter.

Condolences to Michelle Shepard and Armand, on the passing of Michelle's brother Mark.

Also condolences to Charlie & Pam and Jeff, Faith and Matthew Hamberg on the passing of Charlie's mom (and Jeff's Gram/Matthew's Great-gram).

Welcome to our newest Social Member, Val Smith.

Congratulations to Jeff Hamberg on his new position with the Southwick FD.

Congratulations to our resident meat cutter, Charlie Hamberg on his retirement from Food City!

CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Barclay!

Mary was recognized with **The MA Association of School Committees' Lifetime Achievement Award** for her years of tireless effort serving on the Monty Tech School Board (representing Royalston).



Her plaque reads, "...for service to the community and local school committee, exhibiting the best characteristics of public service." What an honor.

Knowing her past work with Royalston FD and EMS (and the community in general), the Boy Scouts, starting nursing as a second career, and all she does in the background to help others, we agree this is well deserved!

If you have not received your 2022 membership card, contact the Treasurer.

On the road with our friends...



Diona and I, and Linda and Ernie Lee and our family wish to thank all of you for the condolences and support you showed us at Linda and my dad's passing. Having members of the Red Knights stand with the Patriot Guard in honor of our dad was very special. Thank you all for being such an important piece of our extended family.
Bob



We played Hooky (via 4 wheels) with a mid-week breakfast at D&J's Hashhouse in Southwick... complete with a tour of the Southwick FD given by our Road Captain. We even had friends from VT2 and MA12 join us around the table!

Congratulations to our friend Joy Ellis on her election as President of Vermont-2!

Skills Day—May 1, 2022

Our skills days have been on hiatus for two years, but Road Captain Jeff Hamberg has been planning for our 2022 over the winter.

We will let you know our site location and time when that information is finalized.

Our Skills Days are NOT to point fingers at those that make mistakes, the Skills Day is for you to improve as an individual and take home some new skills, improved skills, and new knowledge at the end of the day **MAKING YOU A SAFER RIDER!**

Please come join us.

2021 Chapter Mileage

We have been keeping track of Chapter Member mileage for 14 years now, and our total of documented miles for those years is 2,038,114 with the addition of this year's 144,448 miles.

Even with the pandemic still a factor in 2021, our chapter members did respectable mileage. It is amazing that we broke the 2 million mile mark in 2021! Back in 2020 our collective mileage was 114,489 miles and over all the years keeping track, our yearly average has been just over 145,000 miles.

Thank you to our VP, Rick Oliver, for tracking the mileage.

Congratulations to Jeff Hamberg as our big mileage king in 2021, with **20,802**. I bet #2, Armand Guilmette was surprised not to top the list with his 20,800! Our top female rider was Diona Laford with **3,637** miles.

Our top ten mileage-getters for the chapter were:

Jeff Hamberg -- 20,802

Armand Guilmette -- 20,800

Rick Oliver -- 18,043

Robert Laford -- 16,334

Tim Kilhart -- 15,675

Robert Shakarian -- 9,026

Maurice Lizotte -- 8,513

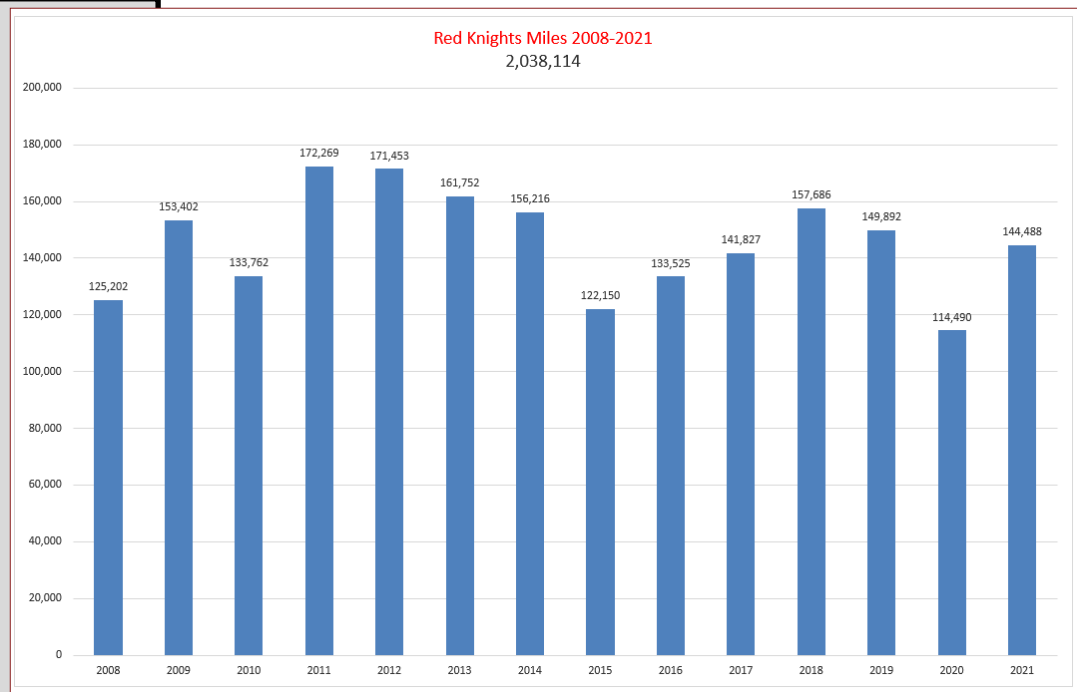
Charles Hamberg -- 4,518

Diona Laford -- 3,638

Jim Skehan -- 2,815

Please get Rick your 2022 start mileage if you did not give him your end mileage in 2021. Let's see who makes the top ten in 2022!

There are a lot of smiles and friendships in those miles. Keep riding and ride safe!



Americade is returning to the first full week in June for 2022 (June 7-11). Registration, if not open on-line by the time you see this newsletter, should be in the near future.

EVERYONE is excited to be back at Americade in June and (hopefully) putting the pandemic and all its variants at ease for at least the riding season!

A number of our members have reservations at the Country Inn and Suites, adjacent to the Great Escape in nearby Queensbury. A few of us stayed there and they have some great outside amenities that would be conducive to RK adventures and fun.

Our NY hosts will have the RKMC Open House at the Lake George FD, and will be hosting another Red Knights Founders' ride on Thursday, June 9.

The industry vendors are all excited about returning to Lake George for the June Americade as well. Along with tent-city sponsored by Americade in LG with all those vendors, Warrensburg as announced that their part of welcoming back of motorcyclists to Warren County will have vendors at their fairground from Friday, June 3rd through Sunday, June 12th.

And if you want to enjoy your time in Lake George but remain socially distant, you cannot find a better place. The Adirondack Park with its many thousands of miles of secluded roads is just waiting for you put your kickstand up and start rolling through the mountains.

I know that Americade is different without our cabins at the Bay Front Cottages, but the region is still a great place to enjoy late spring riding and make new memories with old friends & family and new friends we have not met, yet!

Americade Planning Meeting. We will be discussing some **CONVENTION** planning at our March Breakfast Club... but we can bring up Lake George (and the Yankee Rally) as well to see who, what, when and where for the beginning of June.

Along with the events planned at Americade by NY Chapter –12 (The Open House and the Founders' Ride on Thursday), NY Chapter 3 is also planning Red Knight events on Wednesday (June 8) and Saturday (June 11). Information below!



2022 merucade
RKM NY III
BBQ TICKET
\$25.00 PER PERSON
SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Pulled Pork Sandwiches w/ 3 sauces, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cornbread Muffins w/ honey cinnamon butter, Cookies and Brownies, Soda / Water

WHIPORWILL CAMPGROUND
Playin' With Fire BAND
FOOD STARTS @ 1PM
BAND PLAYS @ 6PM

Must present ticket at event.
 Ticket non-transferable/non-refundable. **TICKET # 001**

If you are interested in this BBQ, Message Larry Gates from NY3 to reserve your ticket.



2022 merucade
RKM NY III hosts the
DREAMS RIDE
"LEFTY" WRIGHT MEMORIAL RIDE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022

Whiporwill CAMPSITES 1784 Route 9
 Lake George, New York

200 MILE RIDE TO LAKE PLACID & BACK

REGISTRATION: 08:00 AM
 BIKE BLESSING: 08:30 AM
 KICK STANDS UP: 09:00 AM

BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROVIDED

"Dream with your eyes wide open..."
 Steve "Lefty" Wright 1955-2021
 Wishes - Playin' With Fire Band

RK NY 12 is again hosting the RKM Open House at the Lake George FD. They are also, once again, hosting another Red Knights Founders' ride on Thursday, June 9.



Mass-2 Junior member, Matthew Hamberg was with his mom and dad visiting with some traveling Red Knights who were staying at the memorial house in Boylston. Several members of Mass-1, including a few founding fathers were on hand as well.

Matthew approached founder Ed Wright and offered his hand and thanked him for starting the Red Knights 40 years ago. Ed spent some time telling Matthew (and others) stories about the club's beginnings and early years.

Ed made a comment about how "neat" it was that another generation, like Matthew, would be so interested and involved in the humble club he loves so much.

We love the club, too, Ed, and are pleased there are those like you and the other founders who started the club, and the next generation, like Matthew, who will carry on our love!



Don't let the winter weather get you down!

Just keep moving!

International VP Spike Ostiguy and past Region-1 Rep Matt Mattera are planning a yard-work day at the Memorial Site in Boylston on Saturday, April 2. If you are interested in joining the effort, contact our VP Rick Oliver.



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Do you proudly carry a Mass-2 coin in your pocket? Have you shared a Mass-2 coin with anyone special?

Many people collect challenge coins and a number of our members have collections of challenge coins they have collected by swapping challenge coins and sharing our love for the Red Knights with others.

Our coins also serve as special "thank-you's" for those individuals, organizations and businesses that have gone the extra mile to help chapter members, the chapter, or the Red Knights. People around the world have received our coins as a thanks from members of our chapter.

Make sure you carry a coin — as an ambassador for and to show your dedication and membership to our chapter — but also purchase a few more to have on hand to thank those people who have lent you a hand or helped the chapter. Pretty soon you will have a collection of your own — and each coin will have a story.

Our Motorcycle Registrations Expired on Dec. 31.



Don't wait until that first unexpected warm day with clear roads to realize that you have not renewed your registration! (Inspections are due by the end of May).

Thank you to Charlie Hamberg for doing the biennial audit of the chapter's finances. Charlie found the books in order and offered a few minor changes in the Treasurer's operation.



2022 YANKEE RALLY



NY 50 to host the 2022 Yankee Rally

Plattsburgh, NY will be on tap for June 1 through June 5, 2022. Take 2 in 2022 for the cancelled 2020 Yankee Rally!

Visit the "Official" Yankee Rally page on Facebook for a link to their registration.

RK NY50 tells us that the host hotel is full, but there are still rooms available in the nearby back-up hotels.

Registration costs remain the same as they were for the originally planned rally in 2020. For questions reach out to Eric at 518-569-7430 or email Yankeerally2022@gmail.com.

You've enjoyed riding in the Adirondack Park around Lake George, now is your chance to explore in the northern reaches. Nearby Lake Champlain and northern Vermont also offer many scenic rides as well. Have you ever been to the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake? Wow! Great two hour ride from Plattsburgh, and a sprawling historic site at the museum.

Along with self-guided rides, the Rally is sponsoring a ride to the Olympic Region, including possible "break-off destinations" to Whiteface Mountain, Lake Placid's Olympic Sites and Tracy Road.

The North End Harley Davidson is hosting gatherings "under the tent" on both Friday and Saturday.

RK Mass-1's Spaghetti Supper

Has returned for 2022!

Put it on your calendar — **Saturday, April 2** — and come join us for a GREAT pasta dinner hosted by RK MA-1 at the Boylston House, behind the memorial. Plan to meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 5:00 p.m. to head to Boylston for a **Superb Spaghetti Supper!** *It's one of those events you don't want to miss!*

Spring State Meeting

The 2022 spring State Meeting for Massachusetts Red Knights will be hosted by Mass-1 at the Memorial House in Boylston on April 30.

Let President Martin know if you are planning to attend.

Vermont-2's Paul's Ride. Saturday, June 18.

Vermont 2 is planning their **final Paul's Ride**. Meet at 2/202 Shell in Orange for 8:00 a.m.

Funds raised through this endeavor over the past 20(+) years have been used to buy gas cards to give to those who are undergoing cancer treatments and other medical care that have them and their families taking on travel to-and-from medical care. We have had members of our chapter as well and family members and friends who have been helped through the generosity of our Vermont-2 family. Join us in supporting this valuable effort.

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What do you do if you live in Europe, you have flight credits that expire in a few weeks, and the U.S. opened borders to Europeans on November 8? Well, if you are Rolf and Monika from Swiss-1, you buy two tickets and fly in to NYC on a Friday and drive to New Salem to have a cookout with your Mass-2 family and fly home again on Sunday!



Lori said, "Uh oh, Diona is running the grill. We know how she likes her burgers done, we better go watch her!"

Our Winter Pot Luck

It felt great to get together with our Red Knights family at our Winter Pot-luck in February. We had 23 people in attendance, and along with all the great food, everyone left with ride schedules and other info in hand!

Thanks to Charlie Hamberg for getting us use of the hall at Millers Woods.



Where might our JARs and Hooky Rides lead in 2022

There are no "JAR" Rides listed on the 2022 ride schedule, but there are plenty of empty dates that we could gather for "Just-a-Ride." Have an idea for a ride, or would you like to lead a ride along a favorite route? Don't be shy, others would like the ride too!

Our newly created "Let's Play Hooky" rides were very popular last year and we expect to keep them going in 2022. Not scheduled in stone, these rides are impromptu with a few days' notice via email. We have a number of members who are enjoying retirement and others still working shift work, where there are mid-week days available to ride. And of course some of our riders who have joined us mid-week have just decided to play hooky from work!

We have ridden on different days of the week, sometimes early for coffee, later in the morning for lunch, or in the afternoon for ice cream. We have seen anywhere from 3 to 12 riders — and even have started to see members from other chapters join us.

Keep a lookout for a "Let's Play Hooky" email and we will again be riding mid-week in 2022.



Our best-attended Hooky Ride was on November 11. (October and November gave us some great riding weather. Mid-November we were still having temperatures in the mid-fifties). Sunshine greeted us on this day as Mike Mahan from Mass-4 took the lead and we had lunch at the Vanilla Bean in Pomfret, CT.

Red Knight Help-a-Knight. 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 find help with would be if a Red Knight member can stay overnight, pitch a tent in a yard, or leave a bike at a fellow Red Knight's house.

The Red Knights Help-a-Knight Directory is available as a *downloadable file* on the International's Webpage. It is a great resource to keep on your bike for when you are traveling. (Even if you are traveling by four wheels). It is always fun to meet up with other Red Knights, but even more beneficial if getting together with them helps with any problems that you experience when on the road!

If you already list yourself as a resource for others on the HAK, you may want to check your information to make sure its current. Not listed on the directory? Consider listing yourself as a resource to travelers to our area and you make meet more of our RKMC family.

The "Application" is on the International's Webpage.



The winning design for the RKMC 40th anniversary patch was submitted by Chad Robideau of NY50. The Founding Fathers stated that it was a very difficult decision to decide on which submission would become the anniversary patch.

The patch design was chosen and announced just prior to the new year and headed off to production shortly afterwards. Red Knight products with this logo, including the patch itself, is expected to be for sale on-line and at all the rallies and at the convention.

We do not have any "New England" motorcycle shows scheduled during the winter months, like we used to enjoy pre-pandemic, but the International Motorcycle Shows, hosted by Progressive Motorcycle Insurance has released their 2022 schedule, if you want to put road trips on your itinerary, later in the year.

2022 is year #2 for the re-tooled *outdoor* shows. The outdoor venues boasted over 35,000 demo rides during the shows in 2021.

The IMS 2022 Schedule:

- COLORADO - June 17-19, 2022
- CHICAGO — June 24-26, 2022
- PENNSYLVANIA — September 16-18, 2022
- NEW YORK — September 23-25, 2022
- ATLANTA — September 30 – October 2, 2022
- NORTHERN CALIFORNIA — October 21-23, 2022
- ARIZONA — October 28-30, 2022
- SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA — November 4-6, 2022



2022 RKMC 40th Anniversary International Convention

At our March Breakfast Club on Saturday, March 19, we will be having some Convention Planning discussions. Thinking about attending the convention in Johnstown? Come have breakfast with us to talk more about who, what, when and where..

RKMC 40th Anniversary Convention
August 18-21, 2022 — Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Schedule of Events:

Wednesday, August 17th

Registration 9am to 8pm
Early Bird Ride- KSU 0900

Thursday, August 18th

Registration-9am to 8pm
Flight 93 Ride # 1- KSU 0900
Flight 93 Ride # 2- KSU 1200
Hospitality Room
Cigar Bar-Hotel Parking Lot

Friday, August 19th

Registration 9am to 7pm
Flight 93 Ride # 3- KSU 0900
National Flood Memorial Ride,
KSU 1200 (Ice Cream Stop!!)

Friday, (continued)

Picnic- PNG Park – 6pm-10pm
(with Shuttle Service)
Inaugural RKMC Convention Corn
Hole Tournament

Saturday, August 20th

Registration 9am to 2pm
Business Meeting, Grand
Ballroom- 8am-4pm
Banquet, 1st Summit Arena- 6pm-
11pm (with Shuttle Service)

Sunday, August 21st

Getaway Breakfast,
Grand Ballroom- 6am-10am

Sunday, August 21 — Non-Convention Ride. For those not headed to Pennsylvania, let's meet up for an afternoon ride. Meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 2:00 pm. We'll ride in spirit with those that will be headed home from Johnstown! Maybe our ride will be interstate as well!



Motorcycles at the Movies

Along with enjoying some pizza with our Red Knights friends on a March afternoon for some classic motorcycle flicks — plan on joining us at the

Northfield Drive-In this summer (on your bike) at a classic drive-in theater!

Saturday, August 13. Ride in to the Drive-in. Meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 6:00 pm. We'll stop for ice cream on the way to the Northfield Drive In Theater for an actual drive-in movie!

RK Mass-2 CHRISTMAS 2021

We had a great turnout for our Christmas party in December. This year we enjoyed the hospitality of the Boiler Bar and Grill along the shores of Tully Brook. This former furniture factory from the 1800's provided our 36 members with great atmosphere and good food to enjoy everyone's company, prior to the Christmas holiday.

International Vice-president Spike Ostiguy joined us and presented Rick Oliver with his long-awaited Perry Carter Award plaque. Spike also joined our own Past-International President Ed Brouillet in swearing in the chapter E-board members who were elected/re-elected to their posts for 2022 (President Kevin Martin, Secretary Jim Skehan and Sergeant-at-Arms Ian Hurley).

Congratulations to Jeff Hamberg and Diona Laford on being the top male and female mileage getters for 2021!

Along with our choice of beef, chicken or fish, we enjoyed a round of appetizers on arrival and strawberry shortcake for dessert before adjourning to the adjacent room to roll the dice to see what gift we would end up taking home.

It was a great afternoon, and we appreciated getting together to finish up our 2021 together.



*With all the gift cards we collected at the Christmas party, we sent a donation of \$410 to Sherry's House!
THANK YOU ALL for your generosity.*



Spike Ostiguy and Ed Brouillet swearing in Jim Skehan, Ian Hurley and Kevin Martin

Didja-know...

President William Howard Taft, a Republican who served as the 27th President of the U.S. AND later as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, is the only sitting president to attend a motorcycle race?



On July 4, 1911, President Taft attended a motorcycle race at the Indy Mile (in Indianapolis). The big race of the day was the "President's Race," a match between Erwin (Cannonball) Baker on an Indian and John Sink on a Merkel. Along with the President, 25,000 others attended the race in the 103 degree heat — the second hottest day on record for Indiana's capital city.

Baker took the race, but both he and Sink battled throughout the five-miles to the finish line. Both riders were summoned to the president's box after the race, where the President remarked, "I congratulate you Mr. Baker, I have never seen such a race before. I don't know if you hold your breath when you go around those corners, but I do!"



It seems like it has been forever since the club came together for an International Convention. For many years, the host chapters would ask chapters and individuals to purchase ad space in the Convention Program. During the last few convention, this tradition had dropped by the wayside, but PA22 has resurrected that tradition and is asking for members and chapters to again support the convention by purchasing an ad for the booklet. We know not everyone can attend the convention — but this is a great way to support the convention and those who are working hard to make the 40th anniversary event a memorable one. Below is the information on purchasing an ad.



“Loyal To Our Duty”



We are currently working on putting together the convention booklet and invite all to place an ad. Along with the ads, articles detailing local attractions will be scattered throughout the booklet, locations you may want to visit while in our historic region.

Below is a breakdown of ad sizes and their costs. Simply choose an ad size and complete the form provided, attaching a copy of how you want your ad to look (including artwork). Mail the form, including payment to:

Red Knights-PA 22
104 Truman Boulevard
Johnstown, PA 15902
ATTN: AD

The deadline to submit ads is May 31st. Should you have any questions, feel free to call me at 814-659-6555. Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request and any support that you may be able to provide.

With regards,
Dave Rykala
PA-22 Convention Chairperson

Please return this page with payment

Name _____ Check #

Street Address City State/Province Zip Code

Contact Person E-Mail Phone #

Quarter Page: _____ (\$30) Full Page: _____ (\$150)

Half Page: _____ (\$75)

The Red Knights Motorcycle Club — Massachusetts Chapter 2

and Rev. Mateus Souza
of the North Quabbin Catholic Community

Invite you to a Blessing of the Bikes and Ice Cream Social

Saturday, May 21, 2022, 11:00 am
At Our Lady Immaculate Church
198 School Street, Athol, MA

A free-will donation of \$5 per bike is asked, and all proceeds will be donated to Home Base, a Massachusetts-based Veterans Support Service



Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Program, is dedicated to healing the invisible wounds for Veterans of all eras, Service Members, Military Families and Families of the Fallen through world-class clinical care, wellness, education and research. Home Base operates the nation's foremost private-sector clinic devoted to treating the invisible wounds associated with military service. Since its inception, it has provided excellent complimentary care to over 24,000 veterans and family members.

For more information on Home Base visit www.homebase.org



6th Annual Yankee Rally

Hosted by New York Chapter 50

June 1-5 2022



*Please fill out form and send in with check, money order, or PayPal payment. *

Please mail registration form and payment to:

RKMC Katie Jock PO Box 156 Dannemora NY 12929

Make checks payable to: RKMC NY 50

If you have any questions, please email yankeerally2022@gmail.com or contact
Eric Jock at (518)569-7430

Registration is \$65 per adult, included in the registration fee is 1
Yankee Rally T-Shirt, 1 Yankee Rally rocker patch, Saturday
dinner, and departing breakfast on Sunday.

This is a family event, children 12 and under is \$25 registration including the
meals and a shirt.

Registration will start August 1st 2021 and will close April 1st 2022.

Host Hotel

Address: Hampton Inn & Suites

586 NY-3, Plattsburgh NY 12901

Phone: 518-324-1100

There are local campgrounds and several other hotels as well.

General Itinerary

June 1st-5th:

Friday, June 3rd:

Saturday, June 4th:

Sunday, June 5th:

Self-Guided Tours

Food at North End Motorcycle Shop

Party under the tent

Meeting – By-laws and Future Yankee Location

Olympic Region Ride – Upper Jay Fire Station – Whiteface Summit,
Lake Placid, Olympic Sites, Tracy Rd breakoffs

Dinner at North End

Party under the tent

Departing Breakfast

"Take 2 in '22"



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All registrations must be paid by CHECK, PAYPAL or MONEY ORDER & are NON-REFUNDABLE

**** There is no Cash option ****

Registration is open Aug 1 2021 - April 1 2022

Make checks payable to **RKMC NY50**

Dates: June 1,2,3,4,5 2022

Location: Hampton Inn Plattsburgh NY 12901

Registration cost per adult \$65.00 Number of adults attending (Max 2 per form)
x \$65.00
Total \$

Registration cost per child \$25.00 Number of children attending
x \$25.00
Total \$

1 Rally t-shirt is included per registration. Select 1 size per registered adult.

1st attendee:	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL	Other:
2nd attendee:	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL	Other:

Additional adult t-shirt \$20.00 per EXTRA shirt.

Size:	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL	Other:
QTY:								

x \$20.00
Total \$

Challenge Coin \$10.00 Each Number of coins
x \$10
Total \$

Extra Yankee Rally patch \$5.00 each Number of patches
x \$5.00
Total \$

Overall Total Cost \$

Checks can be made out to **RKMC NY50**

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Contact information

1st Attendee Name: _____ State/Chapter: _____

2nd Attendee Name: _____ State/Chapter: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

1st Attendee Cell: _____ 2nd Attendee Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Would you like to receive future Yankee Rally event information?

Yes	No
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Will you be attending the Saturday ride to the Olympic region?

Yes	No
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Child Registration Form

Child Name: _____	Shirt Size: _____	S	M	L	XL
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Child Name: _____	Shirt Size: _____	S	M	L	XL

A dinner Saturday is included in registration will the child(ren) attend?

Yes	No
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In Case of Emergency while at Yankee Rally 2022, please provide emergency contact information

Name of contact: _____

Phone number of contact: _____

Please send Registration Form and Payment to:

Katelyn Jock

PO Box 156

Dannemora NY 12929