



From the President's Desk

Fraternal Greetings MA2,

As we shovel out from another snowstorm today, I find myself fantasizing about another upcoming riding season as the spring of 2026 approaches. It has been a winter to remember with arctic cold temps; new records set on the south shore for snow fall totals and long winter naps for our motorcycles. Matthew and I have been able to sneak out for a couple short rides on some of our warmer days, but it is just a tease for the upcoming season and the memories we will create together this riding season. Not only as father and son, but also with the rest of our favorite riding friends and family members of MA2.



I want to thank everyone for the continued support and patience as I balance the busy schedule I live. My weeks are filled with long shifts, forced overtime and mandatory trainings as I lead my shift at the firehouse. I also find many of my weekends filled with traveling as my son and I will be racing our dirt bikes in the NETRA series again this year.

Thankfully we have so many great opportunities to get together as a chapter that we still find time to enjoy our RK family, too. I'm very proud to be here and I am grateful for our leadership and all our membership and our activity level as a chapter, despite our vast distance from one another and the varying levels of riding (or not riding) we all take on. Throughout the year we still find ways to congregate and enjoy each other's company, and that is great!

We continue to find new adventures and activities to keep us riding including a covered bridge challenge this year that I am very excited about. Continue to find reasons to ride as long as you can and even if you find yourself in 4 wheels, we still want to see you at events, so please join us!!!

Fraternally,

President Jeff Hamberg

2026 Ride Schedule is Posted!

Our 2026 Ride Schedule is ready — and has been distributed.

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

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

MA-2 Chapter statistics for 2026

- 69 Total Members
- Active (Firefighter) - 40,
- Social — 22,
- Associate – 4,
- Junior – 1,
- Compassionate Honorary—2

Of the above, 19 are Life Members, and 8 of those are "International" Life Members, recognized by the International Board for past service to the International.

There are 13 Charter members who were with the club when it was Chartered in 1983. We appreciate their forethought and leadership to start this great club as we continue to grow in our future as a club and as friends!

A note from your "editor."

Where do the years go?! When I was "drafted" onto the chapter E-board as VP in 1997, then President Ed Brouillet asked me to take on the chapter newsletter.

As I work through my 30th year on the board, I present to you my 150th Red Knights newsletter! Many of them are still online for you to enjoy — and there is a lot of chapter history (and smiles) in those documents. Miles and smiles because each of you have been members and have made our club what it is!

Membership news...

Congratulations to Fred LeBlanc on his new Indian.



Welcome back as members to Paul

Woodcome and Olivia Roberts. AND congratulations to them on their new 2024 Tri-Glide! We are looking forward to seeing you out riding with us again!



Congratulations to Matt Regnier for completing the full time Police Academy for his position with the Leverett Police Department.

2026 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 for 2025 we decided to split the donation to a \$200 donation to the Worcester County Food Bank and \$200 for the Toys for Kids drive.

If you have a local charity that we should consider for our year-end donation at our annual meeting in the fall, please let an officer know.

Bullets from our schedule:

Sunday, April 26. Spring Dust-Off Ride.

Shake off the winter dust with our first official ride of the year. Meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 1:00 pm.

Sunday, May 17. Tri-State Firefighters Meet – Webster Lake. RKMA-IV will again be hosting a booth at the meet up in Webster. We will be heading down to see the displays and support MA-IV. Meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 9:00 am.

Saturday, June 13. Gillette Castle picnic ride. We will be heading into Connecticut to enjoy some back roads we do not see often. We will stop along the way to grab some lunch to picnic at the castle. If you want to tour the castle, there is a \$6 charge at the door. Afterwards we will head across the Connecticut River via ferry and continue our ride!

Join us for ICE CREAM!

The only “scheduled” Ice Cream Ride is our “Bug Ride” on July 1. But that doesn’t mean no ice cream, it means we’re going to plan ice cream around good weather this year!

Keep an eye out for emails about summer ice cream! We know there will be some weather during weekdays that will be needing an ice cream ride!

Wednesday, July 1, It’s also our BUG RIDE! Buggiest target gets free ice cream. Meet at the Dunkins on 2A in East Templeton.

2026 Ride Statistics

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will be able to review the miles that our members put on their bikes... and in 2026 we continue to chart more miles and memories together!

Overall last year we averaged 15 people per event for our 35 official events. Some events with larger attendance included our Blessing of the Bikes with 29 members on hand, the Spring State Meeting, our Winter Potluck and Gear Swap, RK Bowling, the Toys for Kids tent and our annual cookouts (all over 20 people), and our Christmas party with 41 members. Our Hooky rides (there were 6 of them), are not included in the above numbers, had between 6 and 14 riders each!

For **2026 statistics**, our calendar has 36 chapter rides and events, with 10 meeting in the east, 13 meeting in the west, two meeting in the middle and the remainder elsewhere or undetermined as of yet!

Congratulations Matthew Hamberg. First year racing in the NETRA series and placed 4th in his class.

We put one of Matthew’s western Mass races on our calendar later in the summer – so we can all ride out and cheer him on!



Vermont-2’s Memory Ride. Saturday, June 27.

Saturday, June 27. Vermont-2’s Remembrance Ride. Meet at 2/202 Shell in Orange for 8:00 a.m. Our friends in Vermont have plans for their annual ride in memory of all those we hold close who are no longer with us.

Instead of building their June ride around covered bridges, like originally thought, VT-2 is going to schedule a separate **Covered Bridge Challenge Ride**, because their members would be too busy on the Remembrance Ride day to ride the route. They will let us know when they have that ride scheduled!

Don't forget our Breakfast Clubs!

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



Our monthly breakfast club kicked off for the season at the Scott's in Petersham with a great turnout, a lot of food, and even a visit from the local police department (whom we fed)!

Thank you to the Kilhart's for welcoming us and our snowy boots to their home for January's Breakfast Club. We even had all those MA-2 members who were warmer in the Carolinas join us via zoom, while they were having breakfast together!



Upcoming Breakfast Clubs:

- Saturday, March 21, at the Red Knight's Memorial House in Boylston – where we will have some shop talk in the garage as well as food in the kitchen!
- Saturday, April 18, Will be hosted by the Scott's in Petersham (a change from the printed schedule). Hopefully we'll be riding!
- Saturday, November 21, will be hosted by Peg B in Westminster

RKMC Massachusetts Chapter 2

Covered Bridge



Challenge Ride!

Visit 6 covered bridges during the riding season and take a photo with you and your bike to receive a "Searching for Covered Bridges" patch!

www.rk-mass2.org/Covered-Bridge-Challenge-Ride.2026.pdf

(A form is available (link above) to document your visits so you can submit your information to receive your challenge patch!)

Would you like a **Covered Bridge Challenge Ride T-shirt to wear?**
(They will look sharp, with the challenge ride logo on the front and the chapter logo on the back.)

We will be placing the order on April 1st. Cost of the shirts is \$20 (+\$2 if 2X or 3X). Contact Bob to place your order.



Where might our weekday Hooky Rides lead in 2026

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!

I guess everyone was sick of winter when we called a "Hooky" lunch in January. We had 17 people on hand together!



2025 Chapter Mileage

2025 started as a wet season for riding, with 13 consecutive weekends that were wet! But once the summer arrived in earnest, another year with drought worries set in (although that is not a bad thing for riding!)

A member said to me that the Red Knights inspires him to ride more. My guess is that we all could say that at some point during our membership — even those that are not able to ride any longer.

Over the past 18 years of records there have been a variety of riders near the top of our list: Armand, Bob L, Terry Atwood, Tim, Maury, Ed B, Jim Barclay, Jay Veasie, Rick O, Shaky, Steve M. and Jeff.

I bet, if we kept track since the beginning of the club, Phil, Charlie C, Cliff, and Wayne would be on that list, too!

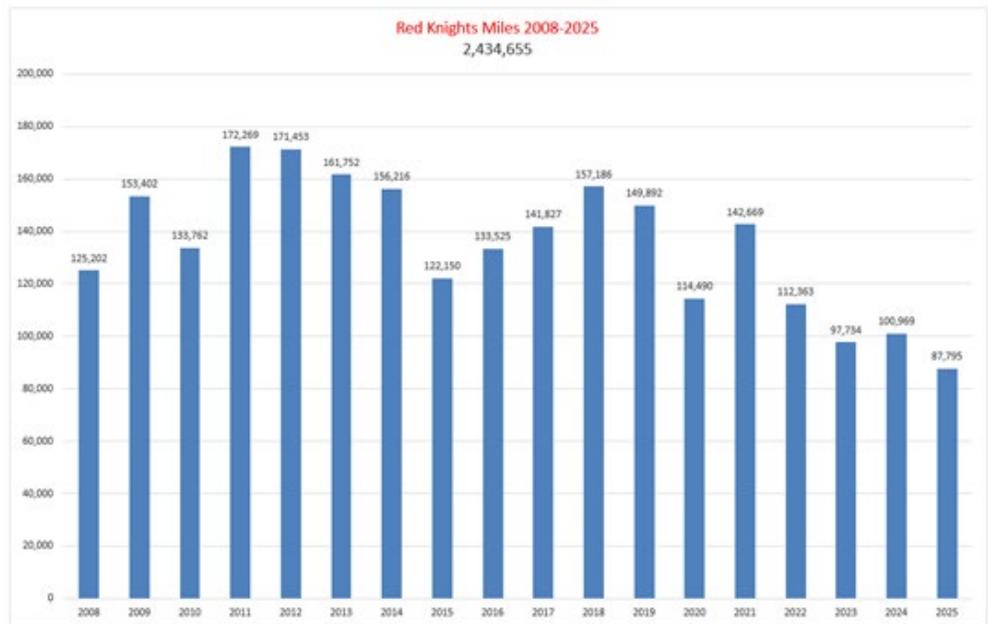
From the lady side, we have recognized Michelle S, Diona, and Cynthia with mileage awards.

Get out and ride in 2026 and add your name to the list, too!

Congratulations to Tim Kilhart as our top mileage rider in 2025, with **11,734** and our #2 rider, Bob Laford with **11,544** miles (only 190 miles behind Tim).

Seems everyone's mileage was down in 2025, compared to years past. Here are our top ten mileage-getters for the chapter in 2025:

- Tim Kilhart — 11,734
- Bob Laford — 11,544
- Jeff Hamberg — 10,647
- Rick Oliver — 10,349
- Charlie Hamberg — 7,876
- Joe Hopkins — 6,853
- Armand Guilmette — 5,917
- Diona Laford — 3,852
- Maurice Lizotte — 3,642
- Joe Cardone — 2,477



Thank you to our VP, John Loiselle, for tracking the mileage this year.

On our original 2025 schedule there were 37 events, and at the end of the year we had 32 official rides and events that took place, plus an additional 6 "Hooky" rides.

We had members at a number of regional rallies and at the International convention in Illinois. Our picture board showed a lot of smiles in the nearly 100 pictures that greeted us at the Christmas party.

We have been keeping track of Chapter Member mileage for 18 years now, and our total of documented miles for those years is 2,434,695 with the addition of this year's 87,795 miles.

With over 2.4 million miles (collectively) in those years, our yearly average is over 135,089 miles. A bit less than average this year, but still a lot of miles our tires have rolled!



Please get John your 2026 start mileage if you did not give him your end mileage in 2025. Let's see who makes the list in 2026! A number of our "regulars" who normally turn in mileage did not for 2025. Even if you just ride a few miles a year, please participate in our mileage total and help keep our numbers growing!

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



Americade again returns to Lake George, and for 2026, during the latter part of Memorial Day week and runs from Wednesday, May 27 to Saturday, May 30. The vendor area opens on Wednesday, May 27.

Americade still provides a large number of motorcycle manufacturers to peruse as well as seminars and shows that help round out the week.

No matter if you come up for a day ride, a few days, or for all the days, besides the rally events sponsored by Americade, the Adirondack region still gives us all reason to smile with the miles of great roads to ride, and the friends that we do see when visiting Lake George.

The Red Knights have been part of Americade since the beginning and 2026 will be no different. We will keep you informed of RK happenings when we hear of them.

On the road with our friends...

At daybreak, the temperature for our Polar Bear Ride was 25 degrees. With the bright blue sky and warming sun, it had risen to just over 40 degrees when we met!



On our ride to the King Phillip in Phillipston for their buffet, our Road Captain stopped at the Barre Common to spend a few minutes at their recently dedicated 9-11 memorial. The memorial is very well done with two granite towers, along with a section in remembrance of the Pentagon and the crash site in Shanksville, PA, along with rails from the subway that were under the Twin Towers.



Having turned 16, Matthew Hamberg was voted in as a Social Member, and at the Christmas party was presented his vest patches from his dad and grandfather. It will be cool to have 3 generations of Hamberg's spinning wheels with us on rides this year!



If you have not received your 2026 membership card, contact the Treasurer.

We were back at the American Heritage Museum (during a snowstorm) in February. What a remarkable place to visit.



Back in December, Lake George lost one of its cruise boats, the Adirondack, to fire.

The 115-foot-long boat was decorated with Christmas lights and was being used for holiday and New Year's cruises.

The fire was discovered at 6:45 am by a passer-by. With the hull still intact, plans are to rebuild!

Plenty of food and a big turnout of Red Knights for our pizza and movie day, recently, watching the movie Yalla Habibi – as 3 riders rode around the world in under 17 days!

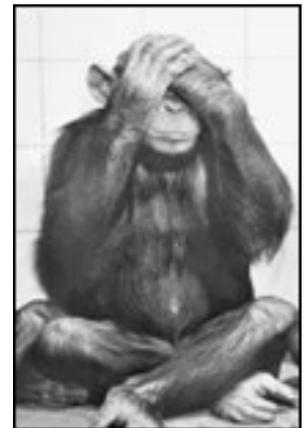


Don't share your ChapStick! General health guidelines say that you should not share ChapStick or other "personal cosmetics" with others because it is a means of transmitting a virus or other unpleasantries between users. But in a recent edition of American Motorcyclist magazine, one story took that recommendation to another level!

Seems that legendary motorcycle racer, the late **Neil Fergus** was racing across a desert, where he and one other racer were far ahead of the rest of the crowd. They both pulled off together for a quick break, and as they took off their helmets, Neil realized the other racer was the late **Steve McQueen**.

As they were discussing the race, Steve asked Neil if he had any ChapStick. Of course, Neil handed over his stick to his fellow racer. McQueen proceed to drop his drawers and apply the ChapStick to his chaffing Monkey Butt!

Being the generous guy that Neil was, he told McQueen that he could keep the ChapStick!





2026 Yankee Rally

The New York 30 Chapter of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club welcome you again to the Finger Lakes Region as the hosts of the 10th "Yankee Rally" from June 3-7, 2026.

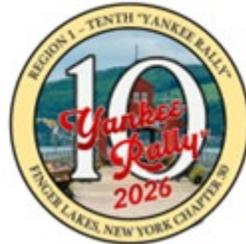
The host hotel will be at the 41 Lakefront Hotel in Geneva, on the north shore of Seneca Lake, with the secondary hotel (Hampton Inn) only steps away. Get ready for another fun weekend of riding and camaraderie!

As expected, registration includes the buffet dinner on Saturday and farewell breakfast on Sunday.

Commemorative challenge coins are available as are rally T-Shirts.

One planned excursion, on Saturday, is to the Corning Museum of Glass, which is billed as the world's largest display of contemporary art and design in glass.

For continued updates, "Like" NY30's rally Facebook page at Red Knights "Yankee Rally 2026." FYI, they **are not** accepting electronic payments for rally registration — you'll have to mail them a check with your paper registration. Ah, old school!



This is such a popular rally, that when the host hotel's info was released, the onslaught of calls crashed the hotel's phone system!

COOL HAPPENINGS IN THE WORKS! Collaboration with the management of Watkins Glen International will offer an **EXCLUSIVE** chance for attendees of "YR '26" to "Ride the Glen"! WGI has not allowed motorcycles to ride on the track in many years, but the Red Knights are being given this once-in-a-lifetime chance to take a lap (or 2 or 3) on the WGI racetrack. The laps will be a special add-on to Thursday's activities!

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).

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Spring State Meeting

We (RK MA-2) will be hosting the Spring State Meeting, on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at the Petersham Congregational Church on Route 32 (21 North Main Street).

Coffee at 9:00 am and the meeting will be at 10:00.

As we have done the last two years, our chapter's Blessing of the Bikes and Ice Cream Social will be on the Petersham Common at 1:00 pm (after the meeting).



Deb Mickle was presented with her 30-year membership certificate and pin at the Christmas party, and Peg Brouillet was presented with her 40-year anniversary pin and certificate!

For the 2026 International Board elections we, as a Region-1 chapter, will be voting for Vice-President and Secretary. We will only cast a ballot if there are contested positions.

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



3rd Annual Gear Swap

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Gear Swap. We saw gear coming in and going home with new owners!



At our Christmas party, Vice-President John Loiselle swore in those chapter officers who had been elected/re-elected/appointed to the chapter executive board. Jeff Hamberg, President, Charlie Hamberg, Secretary, and Joe Hopkins, Assistant Road Captain. Ian Hurley, our Sergeant-at-Arms was missing from this photo.

Also serving you on the E-board for 2026 are Vice-President John Loiselle, Treasurer Bob Laford, and Road Captain Tim Kilhart.

Thank you to John Loiselle for auditing our chapter books earlier in the winter. John told our executive that “[The books] were found to be in order with no issues or concerns.”

Our Winter Pot Luck and Meeting

Eighteen members were on hand for our Winter Potluck and Business Meeting. With the snowbanks and reduced parking, we were a bit concerned when an Athol FD engine pulled into the Cul-De-Sac – but we were actually helping them out as they were having some driver training with a new firefighter as he worked his way through the neighborhood!

Vice-president Loiselle chaired our meeting, as President Hamberg was on duty for the day.

Those present briefly discussed the upcoming International election cycle. Norm Beausoleil has announced he would not be a candidate for re-election for International VP.

A donation was made to the HOA of Millers Woods as a thank you for their support in MA2 using the Rec Center facilities so often.

Under “Good and Welfare” we all offered member Matthew Hamberg congratulations on receiving his learner's permit and for being one of the first chapter members out on the road in Massachusetts on his bike – with his dad! What a very special milestone to share with multiple generations!

Minutes were shared via email after the meeting.

Here's a T-CLOCK pre-ride check list that you can print out and keep handy.

Bike	
Front tire condition Air pressure (PSI) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rear tire condition Air pressure (PSI) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Front rim (Check spokes, dents, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rear rim (Check spokes, dents, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Throttle operation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clutch operation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Front brake	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rear brake	<input type="checkbox"/>
High beam	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low beam	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taillight	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brake light	<input type="checkbox"/>
Left and right turn signal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horn	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fuel	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oil	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suspension condition	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suspension-Solo setting	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suspension-Passenger/Luggage setting	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kickstand	<input type="checkbox"/>

RKMC — MA2
and Rev. Geoffrey Smith
of the Petersham Congregational Church

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

Saturday, May 2, 2026, 1:00 pm
Following the Mass State Meeting
 At the Petersham Common — Route 32



A free-will donation of \$10 per bike is asked, and all proceeds will be donated to



Home Base, a Massachusetts-based Veterans Support Service

The 2025 blessing saw over 35 people and 28 bikes. (21 from MA2)

We had RK from MA, CT and NY, and also others from the Spyder Ryders, CMA, Veteran's groups, and one of our friends from the 3 amigos (remember them from Americade?)

Because of the generosity of those who attended and those who made donations, we were able to send a donation of \$275 to Home Base!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sponsored by Rolling Thunder MA3
 Orange American Legion
 40 Daniel Shays Highway Orange, MA

SUNDAY - MARCH 22ND, 2026



8:00 - 11:00 AM
 \$8.00 per person
 \$6.00 child (4-12 years)
 Kids 3 and under - (fre.e)

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, Tea and Juice

"ALL YOU CAN EAT"

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

RK Mass-2 CHRISTMAS 2025

We had a big turnout for our Christmas party back in December. The staff at Slattery's was super and were on their toes all day to make sure that our event was top notch — and it was!

We were greeted by our picture board with many memories from the past year, ready for our review and reminiscing. There were nearly 100 photos that were collected throughout the year.

As the room filled with Red Knights so did the laughter and the conversations. Appetizer plates of cheese, crackers, and pepperoni were available and seemed to be always refilled when we went to get more! The staff made sure that everyone was set for soft drinks, coffee, and any adult beverages that were needed.

When the salads were brought out and we made it to our places, Jeff Hamberg welcomed everyone, and Tim Kilhart led us in a moment of prayer and thanksgiving.

The food was great and kept getting refilled so that everyone got what they needed. During planning for our parties over the years, Judy Bellivieu let us know that her husband is a retired firefighter and she knows how to feed firefighters, so they do not go hungry!

As tradition holds, those officers elected/re-elected/appointed at the fall meeting were sworn in during the afternoon. Awards for the day included anniversary citations, top mileage recognition, and a door prize from Viking Bags.

Matthew Hamberg was presented with his vest patches as he transitioned from a Junior member to Social member and will be riding with us on his own bike this year!

Jim Skehan was recognized and thanked for his time on the executive board with a presentation.

All in attendance will tell you that they had a great time. There is always room for more. We'd love to see everyone come out to our Christmas party and revisit past memories, whether you were on rides with us during the year or not!

Put December 6, 2026 on your calendar!



Chris Conrad took home this year's door prize from Viking Bags!



*With all the gift cards we collected at the Christmas party, we sent a donation of \$415 to Sherry's House!
THANK YOU ALL for your generosity.*



Thank you to everyone who came out in November to support the **Marine Corps League Toys for Kids**. We staffed the Toys for Kids tent at the Walmart in Orange on the Sunday after Thanksgiving and once again were in awe of all the generosity shown to the program by all the shoppers and our members. Our chapter made a generous contribution, as well, that allowed a few of our members to go toy shopping in the store while we were “on post.” (Mark your calendars for the Sunday after Thanksgiving 2026 and we will be back!)



It was an honor to have some MA-2 members participate in the 2025 **Wreaths Across America**. We joined about 400 hundred other volunteers in placing wreaths at each of the over 3,850 graves at the Veterans’ Cemetery in Winchendon.

We know there are other Red Knights around the country who participate in these events at over 4,200 different Veteran’s Cemeteries, and each of us knows how important it is to give this well-deserved respect to our Veterans passed.



Please consider joining us in December 2026.



Jim Skehan was presented with a plaque, recognizing him for his years of service to the Executive Board. Most recently, Jim served as chapter secretary and chose not to run for re-election.

Vice-President John Loisel recognized Tim Kilhart as the top mileage rider for 2025, with Bob Laford as the runner up.

John remarked that the difference between the two was less than 200 miles.

Tim was quick to point out that one day at the convention in Peoria, he asked Bob if he wanted to ride up over the border into Wisconsin, and Bob said no, he was going to go on the shorter ride planned with attendees.

That 300-mile day for Tim made the difference!



Ian was unable to be with us at the Christmas party in December, but we caught up to him “in the field” in January to swear him in as the 2026 Sergeant-at-Arms.



Do you have some travel plans on your bike this riding season? Remember to travel with your **Help-a-Knight** program.

<https://www.redknightsmc.com/help-a-knight-program>

The Help-A-Knight program is designed to assist bikers in finding the best places to eat, stay, or get their bike repaired.

The Help-A-Knight Directory includes a list of fellow Red Knight Brothers & Sisters who have signed up to assist such as telephone calls, a place to stay for the night, a secure space to leave your bike, tools for repairs, and more.

The directory is regularly updated and if you would like to be included or update your information. You can access a copy of the program's database via the link above. **ALSO**, the HAK program now as a Facebook group, where you can get real-time answers, feedback, and communication from fellow Red Knights. (RKMC Help A Knight).

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.

Consider contacting members on the list when beginning to plan your motorcycle vacations. Others have found members who have invited us to stay with them or get together as you pass through their areas for a shared a meal or a coffee.

Anecdotally, 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.

Another time, one member contacted had recently retired and relocated from the area that was on the planned route. He called back after making arrangements with his old FD giving us the chance to bunk down with the on-duty crews at fire house with bikes safely tucked away in the apparatus bay for the night.

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

2026 RKMC International Convention Melbourne Australia

We know that for most of us, traveling "down under" will just have to be done via the stories told by our friends that have the good fortune to be heading to this year's convention!



But we can still all take in what is going on at this year's convention via social media and by following what the hosts in Region 8 have planned for our greater Red Knight family!

Pullman Melbourne On The Park is the host hotel and is located in the heart of East Melbourne within the city's main sports and entertainment district.

Aside from the staples you would expect at our conventions, August 18-23 will afford Red Knights a variety of entertainment possibilities:

- Eagle Rider Australia has bikes ready to rent and ride (on the other side of the road) during your trip.
- Healesville Sanctuary tour, where you could enjoy a tranquil day among our Australian native animals.
- Phillip Island tour, where visitors will enjoy the MotoGP circuit experience, a Koala experience as well as the Penguin parade in their native setting.
- The Melbourne Fire Services Museum is one stop Red Knights will enjoy.
- And if you can extend your stay, on August 19-20, there will be an Australia Ride, with an Eaglerider bike, the tour will head off to Rosebud, Sorrento and the ferry to cross the bay.

Enjoy the flowing country roads before joining the traffic and returning to the hotel. Imagine completing a RK Grand Tour on Australian roads!

Locations to remember for future conventions:

- 2027 to be hosted by Ontario-1 as a cruise out of Florida!
- 2028 to be hosted in St. Johns, New Brunswick
- 2029 to be hosted in the Cherokee area of North Carolina



Members of our chapter Honor Guard had the chance to meet during the winter to review our Honor Guard program and to discuss procedures and ceremonial protocols.

As part of the Honor Guard program, Vice-president John Loiselle, our chapter's "Officer of the Guard," encourages all our members to consider reviewing our **Family Assistance form** with your family.

<https://www.rk-mass2.org/honorguard.htm>

The Honor Guard and our chapter members are available to assist our families during final arrangements and services for our members. The club's participation in this role is exclusively at the request of the member's family. The Family Assistance Form is not intended to capture all means by which the Red Knights can assist a family and honor our fallen member but rather serve as a guide for communication between the family and the Red Knights.



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Will be family representative to RKMC Will serve as RKMA2 Liaison to family
 Phone: _____ Phone: _____
 Email: _____ Email: _____

For consideration by the family:

We would like the Red Knights to be present as a uniformed contingent at the services for our family member.

We would prefer that Red Knights attend services individually with / without uniforms for our family member.

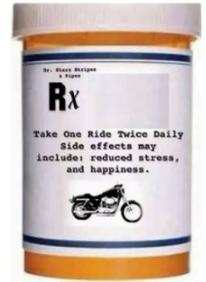
We would like the Red Knights to provide pall bearers for our family member.

Red Knights Motorcycle Club - Massachusetts Chapter 2 - P.O. Box 221 - Petersham, MA 01366
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Of course our Bowling afternoon was snowed out in February!
 But we will be trying again (SOON) in March.
 Keep an eye out in your email.

With the winter we have experienced, we all need to visit our physician and get a prescription to get out and ride...



It will improve our mental, emotional, and physical health!



It has been quite a few years since there was a winter motorcycle show in our area. Join us on March 7 in Wilmington!

Give your old helmets new life! In an article in the January edition of Rider Magazine, the author talked about bringing old motorcycle helmets to local Fire Departments and EMS agencies to use with training.



I know that we, as a chapter, did some training on helmet removal after we received a video that was made by NYC Red Knight Rick Remz about proper helmet removal. (That was a while ago!)

We brought the idea up at our Winter meeting about collecting helmets from members and visiting fire stations to gift them for training (With a copy of the video on a thumb drive).

Do you have any retired helmets buried in your basement or garage that you would like to contribute to the cause? Let an officer know, and we will make some stops along the way this riding season to help out keeping our fellow first responders informed.



Those present at our winter meeting thought this was a great idea – and Charlie Clarkson was the first to donate a helmet to the cause!

WHO, WHO, WHO... WHO ARE YOU?

In this edition of the newsletter, we thank Paul Woodcome and Olivia Roberts for sharing information about themselves with us, so we can learn more about them! A number of our Red Knights already knew Paul before he joined the Red Knights, from his time with Ashby Fire, and as a Paramedic in the area... but here are some of their words!



Paul's fire service history was with the Ashby Fire Department where he was assigned to Engine 2, as well as being the AFD EMS Director and communications manager for the town's Fire/EMS/Police and dispatch departments. Wearing many hats, as many of us have done, Paul also served as Ashby's Civil Defense Director, for a time.

He was a Nationally certified EMT-Paramedic and worked as an EMT and Paramedic supervisor for Montachusett Ambulance Service in Fitchburg and worked with Worcester Himmer Ambulance as a Paramedic, as well.

Paul and Olivia joined the Red Knights in 2023 and then took a year's hiatus in 2025 after Paul's election as Post Commander at the Harold N. Keith American Legion Post 204 in West Boylston, where he is also their Chaplain.

Paul and Olivia reached out to the chapter to return as members with MA-2, he says, because of the genuine love and respect for each other and the close fellowship. He also stated that there are several brothers and sisters who he has worked with in years past and he cherishes those relationships as well as the new friends they have made over the past few years.

Paul is a U.S. Air Force veteran and also belongs to the Patriot Guard Riders, and the American Legion Riders, Chapter 204. His favorite ride is his Harley Trike that he and Olivia enjoy riding together.

Olivia says that her favorite memories associated with Red Knights are the friendships developed with numerous members that she was graced to have met. (She also told us she missed not riding with and participating in chapter events).

Olivia worked for the West Boylston school department for 13 years, primarily as the Volunteer Coordinator, having developed the program for the entire school system. She also was a tutor, substitute teacher, and secretary to the elementary school principal when needed. She became head of the "It Takes A Village" program for West Boylston and was very active in her community. She was a member of MAPE, the Massachusetts Association for Partners in Education, and helped develop their newsletter.

Olivia went on to become a licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor working at The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center in Worcester and then for Spectrum in Westboro. She worked in this field for almost 30 years.

She is a member of the American Legion Riders Post 204 in West Boylston, where she is the secretary for the chapter. Olivia is also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, where she also serves as chaplain.

Olivia tells us that she currently has 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren!

We'd like to learn more about you?

We know that you are a Red Knight and a member of our chapter — but what makes you tick, or rather makes your wheels spin? Just drop an email to our treasurer to answer a few questions about yourself!

- Name?
- Fire Department/Public Safety history?
- Joined the Red Knights in?
- Still a member of the Red Knights because (or a favorite memory)?
- Do you have other vocations or avocations ... if not a career firefighter what did you do/do you do?
- Favorite bike over the years, and/or favorite bike vacation or ride?
- Anything else about you that might surprise us that you would like to share?

We thank each of you who have shared information with us over the past several newsletters!



EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

June 3-7, 2026 – Geneva/Finger Lakes, NY

*** PLEASE SUBMIT ONE FORM PER ATTENDEE ***
*** Please PRINT clearly!! ***

NAME _____ CHAPTER (State & Number) _____

FULL MAILING ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____ E-MAIL _____

ADULT REGISTRATION PACKAGE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday Night Buffet Dinner* and Sunday Morning Farewell Breakfast • 1 Rocker Patch • 1 Tote Bag • 1 “Yankee Rally” Microfiber Cleaning Towel 	\$ 85.00	
YOUTH REGISTRATION PACKAGE (12 and under): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday Night Buffet Dinner* and Sunday Morning Farewell Breakfast • 1 Rocker Patch • 1 Tote Bag • 1 “Yankee Rally” T-Shirt (Please indicate size: _____) 	\$ 50.00	

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“Yankee Rally 2026” Commemorative Coin		\$ 10.00	
“Yankee Rally 2026” T-Shirt (Please indicate size(s): _____)		\$ 15.00	
Pre-Sale Ticket to Corning Museum of Glass (Saturday)		\$ 22.00	
Extra “Yankee Rally 2026” Rocker Patch		\$ 5.00	
TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT:			

HOST HOTEL; 41 Lakefront Hotel, 41 Lakefront Drive (Routes 5 & 20), Geneva, NY – (315) 789-0400

SECONDARY HOTEL: Hampton Inn, 43 Lake Street, Geneva, NY – (315) 781-2035

Reservations must be called in to both hotels, need to mention/request the Red Knights block

NIGHTLY RATE: \$189.00 (plus taxes and fees) per night for all nights of “Yankee Rally”

