



# Red Knights

Mass Chapter 2 — Summer 2022

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*Loyal to Our Duty*

## *From the Desk of the President*

Hello Red Knights,

Welcome to your summer edition of our newsletter. Thank you again to Bob Laford for keeping this going and keeping everyone up to date on local happenings.

Also congratulations to Bob on the recent arrival of his new Can Am. Very nice looking ride and we hope you get many happy miles out of it. Also congratulations to Cynthia Dunbar on her new ride as well, a very nice looking and sporty new Honda, and to Chris Williams on his new Harley Street Glide. I hope you both get a lot of happy miles out of yours, as well.

Don Hurme has decided to sell his Harley Ultra Classic and is looking for a 4-wheel convertible. Don says it's time as arthritis in his hip is making it very uncomfortable to ride for any length of time. If you know anyone interested in getting into a well maintained and nice bike give Don a call or drop him a line.

A handful of us participated in the last of the Vermont 2 "Paul's Ride" recently, and a good group of members from other chapters joined us for a beautiful ride through some Vermont and New Hampshire hills and country roads. We ended the day with a BBQ and raffles. Although the weather was a bit chilly for June we managed to get through it all and have fun. Even though this was the last ride named in memory of Paul McCaliuf, Vermont 2 assures us they will be back next year with another ride and raffles and BBQ. It may be renamed as a Memory ride where they will hold the ride in memory of someone that has gone before us. Stay tuned to your ride schedules and emails for further details.

Your Vice-president, Road Captain, Sergeant at Arms, and past Chapter Treasurer have been in Switzerland and Italy with their significant others, enjoying some great rides through the Swiss Alps and some towns. I hear they have been having the time of their lives there and we all cannot wait to hear the stories of their adventures!

I know it's almost July or will be when this newsletter is published and just a reminder to take some extra time to go over your bike. Check for any abnormal wear and tear to the tires, any debris that may have been blown into the engine area or lower plastic pieces. It's just the middle of the riding season and plenty more adventures to go in 2022. Take some time to make sure your bike is still in tip top shape and ready to give you a lot more smiles on the road.

Lastly, we will be having our annual gathering at Rick and Lori Oliver's on Sunday, July 3rd. Bring something for the grill, if you'd like, and come out to share some stories and eat some good stuff and visit with your Red Knights family. We will also be having discussions and a ballot vote for International Secretary. Two candidates are running — Colin Nelson and Michael Woods. I encourage all of you to read their bios to make an informed decision as we as a chapter will be making our vote. (See [www.redknightsmc.com](http://www.redknightsmc.com) for their profiles).

In closing I wish you all a happy 4th and plenty of miles and smiles for the remainder of the season.

Respectfully

President Martin



**Join us for our  
chapter Summer  
Cookouts!**

**Sunday, July 3  
4th of July  
Celebration**

**1:00 pm at the  
Oliver's in New Salem**



**Saturday,  
September 3.  
Labor Day  
Celebration**

**Starting at NOON at the  
Hamberg's in Orange**

Let's get together for  
some great company and  
good food!

The grills will be ready!  
Bring some food to share  
and enjoy the afternoons  
with us.

## **2023 International Convention**

After Maryland had to back out  
of the 2023 convention,  
because of the hotel closure,  
Austria 4 has been chosen to be  
the 2023 hosts.  
(September 7-10, 2023)



At the annual business meeting for our chapter, scheduled for October, the officer positions of Vice-President, Treasurer and Road Captain will be up for election/re-election.



If you are interested in running for office, please contact President Kevin Martin (by September 22rd).

**Saturday, October 22 — Annual Chapter meeting.**

*We do not have a location selected at this time. Watch your email for updates and any business that will be brought before the membership, beyond the election of officers.*

***Motorcycles at the Movies***

Gathering for an afternoon with pizza and movies, we enjoyed watching the 1971 classic "On Any Sunday" with our RK family — 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!



Just a reminder that we have iron-on applications of our chapter insignia — both small for the front of shirts and larger for backs. Contact Bob Laford if you are in need.

“By the time of the scheduled trip, I was vaccinated, in decent health, and had obtained the travel clearance from the United States, Spain, American Airlines, my doctors, and my spouse.” How did enjoying motorcycling get so complicated! *(An excerpt from Steven Davis' Article "A Pyrenees Prance" about his post-pandemic trip to Spain, in the April Addition of Backroads Magazine.*



I know that we have chapter members that have been going through this type of planning and preparations for over two years!

By the time you read this newsletter, our group of travelers from Mass-2 will be making up for lost time and a lost RK convention from 2020 and will be riding in the Alps with RK friends from Swiss 1. *(Or they may just be getting home with big smiles and many stories to tell!*

We will ask them to get some of their stories and photos into written form to put in our Fall newsletter. Prior to that, no doubt, there will be many experiences they will share with us as we gather throughout the riding season about their escapades and adventures!



It was a cool day for the **20th annual Vermont-2's Paul's Ride**, but the sun and friends who gathered with us made the day a success. The ride has been in memory of Dave Emery's brother Paul and raised funds to purchase gas cards for those traveling for treatment and healthcare challenges. They have averaged \$7,000 in gas cards each year!

This year was a "Bug Ride" with targets affixed to each of the bikes (and cages). The temperature was cool enough, however, that it was hard finding a bug!

This was the last Paul's Ride, but Vermont 2 is dedicated to continue fundraising for that cause, and hope to have a new event for next year. We were told it will be a "Remembrance Ride" because we all have family and friends to remember.



### Breakfast Clubs start up again this fall —

Third Saturdays of the month for our pot-luck breakfast starting at 9:00 am:

- November 19 — will be at Tim and Darlene Kilhart's on Adams Drive in Athol.

Would **YOU** like to host a month at your home? Let the president know which month is for you!



Thank you to Jeff and Faith for hosting our March Breakfast Club

and for Ed and Peg for hosting our April gathering.



### On the road with our friends...

In a car, you watch the scenery. Riding a bike **YOU ARE** the scenery. Come make some scenery with us this riding season!



In the April issue of rider magazine, an article written by a new rider discussed the anxiety she felt about "wrenching" on her bike. An anxiety that diminished as she took the leap of faith with some basic tools, and maintenance manual (and Youtube videos). Any of us who do some of our own care on our bikes know that feeling of accomplishment that comes with that job.

And another benefit is getting to know your bike better and know that it is ready to ride. The final statement from her article says it all:

*"Go ahead. Pick up a wrench, dive in, and enjoy getting a little dirt under your fingernails."*

- 44 degrees and showery postponed our dust-off ride. Yes, the rain would have washed off the dust, but we want wind-therapy to do it!



- Only a few members were available for Skills Day — but it was a perfect May Day... so we practiced our skills while on a ride!

**T**here is a contest for International Secretary between Colin Nelson of New Hampshire and Mike (Woody) Woods of Indiana. We will discuss the candidates at the July 3rd cookout so members will have the opportunity to decide on the chapter's vote.

International Vice-President Spike Ostiguy is running unopposed. The chapter will cast its ballot in July and results will be announced in August.

With PA's convention being the first in-person since 2019, there are a number of bylaw changes, including the vest patch issue that our chapter submitted. Our members in attendance will have their work cut out for them for the annual business meeting at the convention!

# AMERICADE 2022 - returned to June!

Americade returned to its June time-slot, but yes, it was different than prior to the pandemic. We had 17 members and friends of the chapter in Lake George. Most stayed at the Country Inn and Suites in Queensbury. And even for those who had lodging elsewhere we still got together and enjoyed each others' company. We commandeered a grill in back of the hotel and had a cookout one night, and the hotel had a fire pit on the patio that we used every evening.

WEATHER — now this was a change as well. We had GREAT weather EVERY day. Well, almost. We did have rain overnight on Tuesday, and rain overnight Wednesday that lingered into Thursday. But we had sunny skies every day. The turnout for Americaders was smaller than what we remember from the past, but bigger than last fall's pseudo Americade. That meant we had plenty of room on the roads.

And hit the roads we did. Many miles were put on in the Adirondack Park, including many staples of our motorcycle diet: Schroon River Road, Tracy Road, Sacandaga Lake, 9N to and from Ticonderoga, 9 and 9L, up and down both sides of Lake Champlain, and there were a couple trips to Addison Four Corner Store; because the first day they were out of sticky buns when our riders arrived.

The vendors were more plentiful at the tents than they were last fall. As can be expected, with all the supply chain issues wreaking havoc in our lives, you could say there was limited selection. Even Kuryakyn had a very small footprint. But, if you looked hard enough you could find most things on your list, and those vendors were glad to see you.

NY Chapter 3 held a ride on Wednesday, and NY 12 were host once again at the fire station. The Founding Fathers ride was held once again, and the founding fathers were picked up in Boyston on Thursday morning and traveled in style to the Lake George FD in a limousine bus. Unfortunately, Thursday's rain held on until just about noontime, making the turnout for the open house and ride rather slim. About 50 people stopped in the station and 10-12 bikes went on the ride. Once back from the ride, the members of NY12 had dinner ready for everyone.

Over \$11,000 was raised by riders on Saturday in the Americade Ride for Kids. Those dollars go towards research and support for Pediatric Brain Tumors.

Yes, things are different, and who knows what the future holds for Americade, but it was still fun to kick up our heels and enjoy the friends, smiles and miles that Lake George has always been.



May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.



Enjoy those rides with the Heaven-1 chapter, Walter. Tell all our friends who are there Hello for us. Our condolences go out to Karen, Lorry, and all of Walter's family and friends.

**Changes are afoot for the 2023 Americade. Because of conflicting dates with Laconia, the 2023 Americade will open a week earlier on May 29 (Memorial Day). That week is in conflict with the 2023 Yankee Rally.**

**(And the hotel has deemed that week a high-rate week at \$200 a night)**

**Ever wondered why mosquitoes make so much noise at night?**



Spring 2022  
MA State Red Knights meeting

Mass-1 was host to the Spring State meeting, held at the Boylston Town House.



There were 36 members present, representing 7 state chapters. Four founding fathers were also in attendance.

The 2022 fall MA State Red Knights meeting will be hosted by Mass-13 on Sept. 17, 2022, at the Shirley Legion Hall, 8 Church St. — Shirley 9:00 am for coffee, 10:00 am meeting

Congratulations Charlie!



After 47 years of serving Joe Grocer, Charlie Hamberg put down his meat cutting tools and punched out, heading to retirement (and more riding) on April 22.

The 2023 Yankee Rally is being hosted by RK NY Chapter 30 and will be in the Finger Lakes of New York. (Pretty close to the same distance as it was to Plattsburgh ~300 miles) June 1-4, 2023

Take 2 in 2022 — The 2022 Yankee Rally

— The 2022 Yankee Rally, held in Plattsburgh, NY was a record-breaker with 361 Red Knight in attendance. NY 43 was the top chapter with 32 members in attendance. NY50 did a great job and had us all entertained throughout the stay.

We had a pizza night together one evening, a collection of food trucks were waiting for us another night — and that evening had an ice cream social as well as a live band. The “banquet” was a BBQ with pulled pork and BBQ chicken (and all the fixings) that was just fantastic!

We had Red Knights from all over the world. Our friends Rolf and Monika from Switzerland were on hand, as were Red Knights from Italy. A number of friends from across the Canadian border joined us as well. As you can expect, our Swiss 1 friends were the “furthest traveled.” Norm Beausoleil was furthest via bike with over 1,700 miles from Florida and Mike Woods from Indiana pulled in second on his bike with just under 1,000 miles. Both the candidates for International Secretary were on hand, Colin Nelson from NH-9 and Mike “Woody” Woods. And they were both very gracious and socialized with each other — as they should!

The Region 1 coins were on hand to be sold, raising funds for the new “Mayday Fund” to help Red Knights in need. Coin number 343 was auctioned off and brought in a \$1,010 telephone bid from NJ State Rep Ken May. The rally’s charity was the Tunnels to Towers Foundation. The hosts held a cash drawing for \$500 and our friend Rolf won it — and donated his winnings to be placed against the principle of the memorial house’s mortgage. There were also 50/50 drawings each day and a rally 50/50 drawing that had the winner receiving over \$700.

On Saturday, over 180 bikes participated in a police escorted and blocked ride to the Lake Placid area and back to a local fire station for a cookout. We seldom get that far north to ride, but even venturing out with a bike or two, the roads and the vistas were great!

Consider participating next year, when the Yankee Rally will be in the Finger Lakes of NY.



## Mass-2 Cover Bike

*In this edition of our newsletter we thank Charlie Clarkson (our first State Representative and Road Captain) for sharing two-wheeled memories with us.*

As a young man, I always wanted to ride motorcycles, but family life and household finances delayed that until I was a bit older.

Nearly 40 years ago, Phil Jordan sent out fliers to area fire departments looking for firefighters who ride and would we be interested in starting up a chapter of the Red Knights. Phil had scheduled a meeting for those who were interested, and since I had recently purchased a Suzuki 400 (and gotten my endorsement) my late wife Joyce and I were 100% for joining this new club!

Wives were welcome as social members of the Red Knights and both Joyce and the other wives felt part of this “start up” organization so we could all ride together. Joyce and I put on over 150,000 miles together riding our motorcycles — and enjoyed every mile of it!

The club was starting to grow, both as a chapter and beyond our local circle of riding friends. I was elected chapter Road Captain, a position that I held for 16 years — FOLLOW ME! After about a year, the position of State Representative was discussed and I threw my hat into the discussion and was voted in as the first Massachusetts State Rep. I thoroughly enjoyed the 15 (plus) years as State Rep, visiting with other chapters with Joyce and I attending many of their functions to support the Red Knights and our growing numbers in Massachusetts and beyond, enjoying every minute in that position. When we were able to secure support of RK license plates through the RMV, as State Rep I was honored to get RK 0 (zero). A plate that is still on my bike today.

Joyce and I attended a lot of the conventions — and toured many places with our Red Knight family that we never would have gone to if it were not for our motorcycle passion and the club. We made many new friends throughout the U.S. and Canada because of the club. One thing we appreciated about riding with this organization is that we always put safety as a top priority.

That 400 Suzuki eventually turned into a Suzuki Cavalcade — my first touring bike. With that “upgrade” Joyce was glued to that pillion seat, and she loved it, for all those miles and years that she was able to ride.

As retirement approached I decided that a new riding gift to myself was in the cards and I bought a Honda Goldwing, and now a CanAm Spyder sits in my garage.

As we all know, riding days will start to diminish as we reach a certain age, and I know that my riding days are getting shorter. But whether there is a bike in the garage or not, there are no more special friends than those Joyce and I made in the Red Knights.

### Membership News Briefs...

Congratulations to Chris Williams on his new Harley Street Glide, to Bob Laford on his new Spyder and Cynthia Dunbar on her new 1100 Rebel.

Congratulations to Ernie Lee on achieving his pilot's license!

Congratulations to Valerie and Kevin on their new home at Millers Woods in Athol.

Congratulations to Chris Conrad on his appointment as Chief of the Department for the Ashburnham Police Department.



## Upcoming Chapter Rides & Events:

Sunday, June 26.

**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.



Saturday, July 9. Bellow 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 pick up sandwiches and have a picnic lunch behind the memorial. Meet at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 10:00 a.m.

Saturday/Sunday, July 30/31. Grand Tour—Thing One and Thing Two.

Double days of riding (not an overnight) to do a Grand Tour around central and southern New England. If you cannot make the entire ride both days, get the stops you can with the group and you have to the end of the riding season to complete the station stops you need. Meet at the 2/202 Shell Station (both days) 8:00 am.

Sunday, August 21. Non-Convention

**Ride.** For those not headed to Pennsylvania, 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!

Sunday, August 28. Bug Ride. We'll each have "targets" mounted on the front of our bikes. We'll 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!

Saturday, September 24. Another DAM

**Ride.** Our Road Captain has a route in mind to have us in western Mass and NW Connecticut. We'll stop at the Granville Country Store to pick up some sandwiches for lunch and ride to the Saville Dam for a picnic.

Sunday, October 9: Breakfast with Smokey Bear. Join us for Breakfast to kick off Fire Prevention Week! Leave Westminster Dunkin Donuts at 8:00.

## Let's Play Hooky



Starting last year we began an occasional (usually one or two times a month) of a mid-week ride that was dubbed our "Let's Play Hooky Ride."

We have a number of retirees and still others with shift work that give them days during the week — and occasionally, people just want to blow off work and ride!

These rides do not bring in a large group of riders, but usually between six and ten. Rides are different days of the week, different meeting times, and different destinations. Sometimes it's for a coffee, or lunch, maybe ice cream, and sometimes a specific destination. Just to get out together during the week for a ride.



Our first Hooky ride for 2022 was in mid-April. Temps to start the ride were in the 40's but by noontime it was a great spring day, with a ride around Wachusett Reservoir, a stop at the RKMC memorial and lunch at the 122 Café in Holden.



Perfect May weather greeted us for a Hooky Ride... with ice cream at UConn.

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(v.) to travel in a purposeful manner towards a vague destination.

That's what we do on our Hooky Rides!



Father Mateus receiving a Red Knight Guardian Bell from the members of MA-2, to put on his Harley Sportster.

International Motorcycle Shows  
cancel their 2022 season



Dear IMS Fans,

We have some news to share today with our IMS Family. After 40 years of producing The International Motorcycle Shows and IMS Outdoors, we have made the difficult decision to suspend the IMS Tour in 2022.

The powersports industry is at a crossroads with where and how brands promote their products amidst the continued manufacturing and sourcing delays associated with the pandemic. These current hurdles that our brand partners are facing would have made it difficult for us to produce an IMS that would meet your, and our, expectations. Therefore, we will not be moving forward with the planned 2022 events, including the Ultimate Builder Custom Bike Show.



In our early years, as a chapter, we would occasionally gather at Slattery's Backroom for a meal together.

History is repeating itself and we will be returning to the "backroom" in Fitchburg for our Christmas party on December 4.

More info and our menu survey will be made available in September. *Thank you to Ian Hurley for his legwork on the arrangements.*



What a great day we had for our **2022 Blessing of the Bikes!** Even though the forecast said temperatures in the 90's, the weather cooperated and held off the high temps and high humidity until later in the day.

We had 29 bikes (a number of cars) and over 60 people that came out to celebrate with us. A big thank you to

Father Mateus Souza and Deacon Bryan Lagimoniere for partnering with us on this program.

We had members, not only from MA-2 but also MA-1, MA-4, and MA-12.

Riders were also on hand from Rolling Thunder, Knights on Bikes, Eagle Riders, Fire and Iron, and Seed of Abraham.

We collected donations from the attendees and made a donation of \$250 to Home Base (a Veteran's Support organization).

After the event completed, we had a ride for our members and had ten bikes take a good country ride through Royalston and Fitzwilliam to cool off a bit.

A huge success and thanks to all who participated!







**7th**  
**"Yankee Rally"**

**June 1-4, 2023**  
**Finger Lakes Region, NY**

Proposal  
by...



*There are (literally) HUNDREDS of miles of scenic roadways and dozens of destinations in the Finger Lakes Area that make motorcycling here that much more AWESOME! During your stay (during Yankee Rally or any other time), check out the following locations (distance from Waterloo/Seneca Falls):*

*Geneva – 8 miles*

*Auburn – 17 miles*

*Canandaigua – 25 miles*

*Sodus Point – 30 miles*

*Naples – 40 miles*

*Watkins Glen – 40 miles*

*Ithaca – 43 miles*

*Syracuse – 45 miles*

*Oswego – 50 miles*

*Rochester – 50 miles*

*Corning – 60 miles*

*Buffalo & Niagara Falls – 115 miles*



***If you have questions or would like more information, please contact us!***

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***THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!***

RK NY Chapter 30 distributed these pamphlets at the 2022 Yankee Rally during their discussion about hosting the 2023 Yankee Rally. The proposed host hotel is in Seneca Falls.

The information is tentative. There is some discussion between this chapter and others about changing the date of the rally because of the date change announced by Americade.

Once we hear more definitive details on date, and host hotel open for reservations, we will share that information with everyone.



# Welcome to the Finger Lakes!

The Finger Lakes, NY Chapter 30 of the Red Knights® Motorcycle Club is pleased to present a proposal/bid for the 7<sup>th</sup> "Yankee Rally" for the weekend of June 1-4, 2023.



- 11 scenic Finger Lakes with more than 500+ miles of lakeshore scenic roadways
- Consistently rated in the Top 5 wine regions in the United States
- Countless options for day trips to enjoy the region!
- Opportunity for Red Knights® to visit/obtain 24 out of 26 station letters for the Grand Tour "Alphabet" patch (including the rare "X"!)
- Planned group ride on Saturday to the Glenn Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport (aviation and motorcycling pioneer)

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

### Thursday, June 1, 2023:

- Early Arrival Check-In
- Self-Guided Routes will be available
- Evening Ride to end at Mac's Drive-In Restaurant in Waterloo

### Friday, June 2, 2023:

- Self-Guided Routes will be available
- Planned lunchtime ride for your Grand Tour Alphabet "X" to Rochester
- Evening "FLX Experience" with beer/wine/spirit tastings and food trucks

### Saturday, June 3, 2023:

- Morning Business Meeting
- Organized ride to Finger Lakes waterfalls and the Glen Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport (lunch provided)
- Self-Guided Routes will be available
- Evening BBQ Dinner with Live Music

### Sunday, June 4, 2023:

- Farewell Breakfast for all attendees

**2007 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic  
(FLHTCU)**

**48,058 miles**

**Black Cherry color**

**Stage one kit**

**Vance and Hines exhaust**

**Kuryakyn oval mufflers**

**2 inch lowering kit**

**Air Shock**

**Tires good (will pass inspection)**

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