

### RKMC — Mass 2 — 2011 Ride Schedule

### Other opportunities to ride?

If you hear of other rides... or just have free time and want to go for a ride — let others know there's always someone who will be able to go!

- <u>Saturday, January 29</u>. **Northeast Motorcycle Expo in Boston.** A guy's day out via train. Meet at the Leominster Train station by 9:15 a.m. Visit www.kevmarv.com for more info.
- Sunday, February 13. Winter Pot-luck and Planning for fun on two wheels!

  Join us at the Athol Congo Church for our Winter Pot Luck (1:00 pm). We'll have our 2011 Ride Schedule printed and ready for your perusal.
- <u>Saturday</u>, February 19. **Casinos and Hockey**. After our monthly breakfast club, continue on for a stop at Mohegan Sun before attending a hockey game between the Holyoke and Smithfield FDs' hockey teams (With RK members on the ice).
- Sunday, February 27. Red Knights Sleigh Ride. Put your winter woolies on and come join us for an afternoon sleigh ride! (*More info to follow*)
- Saturday, March 12. Galactic Bowling (In the dark) and Pizza. Come join us at the Gardner 10-Pins on West Broadway for a few strings of Chapter Bowling with their glow-in-the dark "Galactic Bowling (6:30 p.m.)
- <u>Sunday, March 20</u>. **Americade Pot-luck Planning Meeting.** Are you planning on going to Americade in June? Come to Ed and Peg's (in Westminster) at 2:00 p.m. and bring some food to share too.
- Saturday, April 2. A Trip to Boston for a visit to the North End and Mother Anna's (and more). We'll pick up the train at 9:25 a.m. in Leominster and provide "on the rail" entertainment inbound to Boston. The tastes of our favorite Italian restaurant, dessert at Mike's Pastries, and a visit to Quincy Market are all on the annual docket! Call Bob L. by Monday, March 28 if you plan to go so we can give John a headsup at Mother Anna's and look for you at the train stops.
- Sunday, April 10. **Motor-officer Blessing and Rodeo.** Meet at WFD for 9:00 a.m. and we will head south to Uxbridge to watch the Motor-Officer Rodeo. Come watch the bike games, motorcycle rodeo, food, music, a raffle and more. www.motorofficerblessing.com
- Saturday, April 30. **RK Massachusetts State Officers Meeting**. Hosted by MA-3 at Berkley Fire Station #1. Contact a Chapter Officer if you would like to attend.
- Friday-Sunday, May 6 May 8. **Weekend Away with a** *Ride to the Home.* Meet at Shell Station at Route 2/202 in Orange (Exit 16) at 10:00 am on Friday, May 6. We'll be staying in the Berkshires with plans to participate in NY-29 with a chicken BBQ, raffles, games, prizes, & more. *More info to come in the newsletter.*
- Sunday, May 15. Swansea (Mass) Car and Bike Show. Leave WFD at 9:00 a.m. and we will spin our wheels south-east for a look at the classics on display.
- Saturday, May 21. **2011 Red Knights Skills Day.** Meet up at the Westminster FD at 9:00 a.m. We'll head off to the drill yard to dust off our skills and have some fun and food as well.
- Monday, May 23. **RK Ladies' Americade Planning**. Meet at Peg's for 6:30 p.m. and bring ideas for the supplies needed to cover our week at Lake George. ...since the ladies will be out of the house, the guys will meet at 2/202 in Orange (at 6:00) and fend for ourselves at some local eating establishment (with a ride of course!)
- <u>Week of June 5-12</u>. **Americade Lake George, N.Y.** Varying departure times and staying times throughout week. The largest group is leaving Sunday, June 5. *The Red Knights are hosting the Wednesday evening three-course Dinner (we need door prizes), RK meeting Thursday evening* and are participating in the Parade on Saturday morning.
- Sunday, June 19. Celebrate Father's Day with Horse Shoes, Bocce, and Ice
   Cream! Meet at WFD at 1:00 pm and we will head out for a ride that will end at the Laford's in Petersham for an afternoon of "lawn sports" and Ice Cream. Bring your favorite toppings to share for the ice cream!
- <u>Saturday</u>, <u>June 25</u>. **RK Vermont-2's Paul's Ride.** Let's support a nearby chapter's efforts to help those with cancer. Meet at the 2/202 Shell in Orange at 8:00 a.m.
- Saturday, June 25. Fitzy's Ride for Alzheimer's. Ashby FD's annual charity ride. Ride registration at 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Ashby Elementary School.
- Sunday, July 3. 4th of July Weekend Pot-luck BBQ. Come enjoy some time with friends at a holiday pot-luck. We'll be guests of the Oliver's in New Salem (1:00 p.m.)

## Red Knights' Breakfast Club

Join us for Breakfast on the 3rd Saturday in the cold weather months. Meet at WFD at 9:00 am

- January 15
- February 19
- March 19
- April 16 (Ride??)
- October 15
- November 19
- December 17

#### Ice Cream Rides

Ice cream is always popular so we will meet on the 4th Wednesdays during the ice cream months & leave WFD at 6:30 p.m.

- Wed., May 25
- Wed., June 22
- Wed., July 27
- Wed., August 24
- Wed., Sept. 28

### New England Fire Chief's Show

June 24-26 In West Springfield

The RKMC will have an information booth at the Fire Chief's Show.

## The big rallies to dream of:

Daytona Bike Week March 4-13, 2011

Myrtle Beach Bike Week May 13-22

Rolling Thunder
May 29—Washington, DC
rollingthundermotorcyclerally.com
stars-stripes-spokes.com

Laconia Motorcycle Week June 11-19

GWRRA Wing-Ding Knoxville, TN—July 6-9

Gettysburg Bike Week July 7-10 gettysburgbikeweek.com

71st Anniversary Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Aug. 8-14

Biketoberfest—Daytona October 14 - 17

Looking for more ice cream and more motorcycles? Each Tuesday evening from May - September you can head to Lowell for the Motorcycle Night at Heritage Farm. Visit www.motorcyclenight.com for more info

- Saturday, July 16. **Deli-delicious at Rien's in Vernon.** We'll take a ride down to Vernon, Connecticut for lunch at Rein's Deli and explore some of Connecticut's roads. Meet at 2/202 at 10.
- <u>Saturday, July 23.</u> **Americade Picture Perfect Potluck.** We'll be at Kevin Martin's in Ashburnham (3:00 p.m.) to look at all the pictures from Americade!
- <u>Friday-Sunday, July 29-31</u>. **White Mountain Weekend.** Save the date and we will share info on our weekend away when it gets closer.
- Saturday, August 13. **BBQ and Ice Cream!** True southern BBQ in Connecticut? We'll find out with a ride to Gran'daddy's in Putnam and then it's only a short distance for dessert at the UConn Dairy Bar. Meet at Westminster FD at 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, August 20. The Path of Life crossing the river. It's a ride north along both sides of the Connecticut River with our route over the Cornish Covered Bridge and a stop at the Path of Life Park in Windsor, VT. Meet at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 9:00. www.pathoflifegarden.com/
- Sunday, August 21. New England Ride for Kids. Come join us for the Ride for Kids it's a ride that you'll never forget! This year's starting point is Tantasqua High School. If you cannot join us, consider sending a donation along with Bob for the PBTFUS. www.pbtfus.org/rideforkids
- <u>Saturday, September 3</u>. **Labor Day Weekend Cookout.** We'll be joining up with the Mickle's in Nashua for this year's Labor Day Cookout. Meet at Westminster FD at noon and we'll go for a ride that ends at our pot-luck.
- <u>Thursday-Sunday, September 8-11</u>. **Red Knights International's Annual Convention.** Ocean City, Maryland is the host for 2011.
- <u>Thursday-Sunday, September 8-11</u>. **Killington Classic in Killington, VT.** More information about lodging when we get closer. www.killingtonclassic.com
- Saturday, September 17. Mass 2's annual ride to Sherry's House.

  Our chapter treasurer will flip a coin and lead us where he wants.

  At each stop the riders will participate in some "card games" to see who ends up with the best hand. Donations and proceeds of the gambling will be left off at "Sherry's House" in Worcester during the ride (and we'll drop off our care packages too). Meet at Westminster FD at 9:00 a.m. More info to come in the newsletter. www.whyme.org
- Saturday, September 24. **To the Cape and Back!** We'll meet at WFD for 8:00 a.m. and follow the Vice-president hither-and-yon on back roads down towards the Borne Bridge and back. (If you think you want to make a weekend of it... go for it!)
- Sunday, October 9: Breakfast (and Apple Pie) with Smokey
  Bear.... Breakfast first (to support our brethren at the Jaffrey
  FD) and then off to Dumerston Apple Pie Festival! Leave WFD
  at 8:00 a.m.
- Saturday, October 15. Annual Meeting and Breakfast (Brunch)

  Club Ride. Our first Saturday Breakfast Club for the Fall. But first we must have our annual meeting. 9:00 a.m. meeting (and election of officers) and then a brunch-time meal.
- <u>Saturday, October 22</u>. **RK Massachusetts State Officers Meeting**. Fall meeting hosted by Mass-4 at the Charlton F.D.
- Saturday, October 29: The smallest state—the smallest covered bridge—and a small bird! Come join us for a ride into Rhode Island where we will find the smallest covered bridge in the country and have dinner at Wright's Chicken Farm. Meet at Westminster FD for 10:00. (It's Halloween Weekend... what will you wear to be in the holiday spirit?)
- <u>Sunday, November 6</u>. **Polar Bear Ride.** What will the weather bring in '11? Meet at WFD at 11:00. (Don't forget to change your clocks!)
- Sunday, December 11. Red Knight's Christmas Party & Yankee Swap. Details on location and menu in a later newsletter.

#### Other Motorcycle Opportunities!

**Chili Day** at Tibby's Harley Davidson of Springfield Saturday, February 26

Leominster H.O.G. Chili Cook-off Saturday, March 19, 2011 American Harley-Davidson

### **Headstone Motorcycle Run**

Sunday, May 7 — Holbrook, MA www.newenglandwarrior.org To benefit Wreaths Across America

Mothers for Daughters Cancer Ride www.mothersfordaughters.com May 13-15—Dover, Vermont

Rotary Rib Fest—Merrimack, NH June 18-19—www.rotaryribfest.org

### National Ride to Work Day

Monday, June 20, 2011 www.ridetowork.org/

Ride for Molly - Sunday, June 26
Molly Bish Foundation
www.rideformolly.org/

### RK Quebec Regional RK Rally

Weekend of July 9 in Tembblant, Quebec rally.redknightsquebec.com

Fire and Iron Memorial Ride Groton, Mass — Sunday, July 10

#### RK Mass-3 Bill Hodge Mem. Ride

Sunday, July 17 Beginning in Halifax, MA www.rkma3.org

## GWRRA New England District Rally

July 28 – 30, 2011—Lewiston, Maine

### Mass-RI HOG Rally

Warwick, RI — Aug 11 - 13, 2011

#### **Cruise 4 Cancer II**

Saturday, August 27, @ Gardner PACC Benefiting the Relay for Life http://cruise4cancer.net/

### Smith & Wesson Takes Aim at Cancer Poker Run

Sunday, August 28—Starting at Tibby's HD www.smithandwessontakesaimatcancer.com

### GWRRA Chapter NH-E's Famous Hobo Stew

Sunday, September 11th

### W.Mass Marine Toys for Tots

Sunday, September 18th www.mclwrv141.com

### Watch for updated information on:

# Amherst Firefighters MDA Poker Run (August)

www.amherstfirefighters.org

## The Moving Wall's visit to Natick

www.movingwallnatick.org (Summer 2011)

### **The Highland Games**

Loon Mountain, NH—Northampton, MA— Quechee, Vermont—Scotland, CT

www.rk-mass2.org — Bob Laford, President (978-724-3270) — Kevin Martin, VP (978-827-4297) — Maury Lizotte, Sec. (978-410-5553) – Tim Kilhart, Treas. (978-249-2983) — Bob Shakarian, Road Captain (978-665-9805) — Terry Atwood, Assistant Road Captain (978-772-3414) — Larry Robinson, Assistant Road Captain (978-724-3321)

