



## RKMC — Mass 2 — 2013 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!*

**Sunday, February 3. Winter Pot-luck and Planning for 2013 fun!** Join us at the Westminster American Legion for our Winter Pot Luck (1:00 pm). We'll have our 2013 Ride Schedule printed and ready for you to grab!

**Saturday, February 23. Monadnock Harley Chili Fest.** Meet at the Winchendon McDonalds at 11:15 and we'll head north to kick some tires and eat some chili!

**Sunday, March 10. Light the candle for some Candlepin Bowling.** Come join us at Mason's for a few strings of Chapter Bowling and fun. Even if you are not someone with bowling athleticism, you will still have a great time! Details to follow when available. (Located at 640 North Main Street in Leominster).

**Saturday, March 23. Americade Pot-luck Planning Meeting.** Are you planning on going to Americade in June? Come to Ed and Peg's (in Westminster) at 1:00 p.m. and bring some food to share too. (We'll talk about plans for the Convention in Vermont too).

**Saturday, April 6. A Trip to Boston for a visit to the Boston Fire Museum and Mother Anna's.** Meet at the Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 9:00 a.m. and we will head into "the city" via Alewife Station and the Red Line. Plans are to visit the Boston Fire Museum and then walk the mile back to the North End with a goal of lunch at our favorite Italian restaurant before heading west.

**Saturday, April 27. Spring "Dust-Off" Ride for Lou.** Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 10:00 a.m. and for a ride to *who knows where* — just because we need a ride! It will be the first chapter ride for Lou Merigard, exchange student staying with the Kilharts!

**Sunday, May 5. 2013 Red Knights Skills Day.** Meet up at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 1:00 p.m. We'll head off to the drill yard (@UMass) to sharpen our skills and have some fun and a post-practice ride and food as well. (Early dinner at UMass, cost around \$10 for meal).

**Friday-Sunday, May 17 – May 19. Spring Weekend on the Cape.** Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts at 9:00 am on Friday, **May 17** (we'll pick up more at the 140/12 intersection at 9:30). We are traveling to Hyannis for our lodging. Look for further information in the newsletter and *make your reservations soon*.

**Tuesday, May 21. RK Ladies' Americade Food Planning.** Meet at Peg's for 6:00 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!)*

**Wednesday, May 22. First Ice Cream Ride of the Season!** — Plans are made for our first monthly ice cream ride to find a nearby Fire Tower on the way so we can get our Fire Tower Quest rolling with a group "find!" Leave the Westminster Dunkin Donuts at 6:30 p.m.

**Week of June 1-9. Americade — Lake George, N.Y.** Varying departure times and staying times throughout week. The largest group is leaving Saturday, June 1. *RK Open House Thursday evening — and Red Knights will be participating in the Parade on Saturday morning (so bring your fire helmet!).*

**Sunday, June 16. Father's Day at Louis Lunch —** Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts at 8:00 am and we will head out for a ride into Connecticut for a stop at Louis Lunch, the home of the first hamburger in New Haven... and of course ice cream before we come home! [www.louislunch.com](http://www.louislunch.com)

**Saturday, June 22. 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 29. Strawberry Supper Ride.** We know that Dummerston means Apple Pie — but it also means a Strawberry Supper! (Ham and Bean Supper with Strawberry Shortcake). Meet at 2/202 Shell in Orange at 1:00 p.m. and we'll have an afternoon ride that stops in Vermont for the dinner.

**Saturday, July 6. 4th of July Celebration Pot-luck BBQ.** Come enjoy some time with friends at a holiday pot-luck. We'll be guests of Nancy and Larry Robinson in Petersham (1:00 p.m.) [*355 North Main Street—Route 32*]

### Red Knights' Breakfast Club

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

- February 16
- March 16
- April 20 (Ride??)
- November 16
- December 21

### Ice Cream Rides

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

- May 22
- June 26
- July 24
- August 28
- Sept. 25

### New England Fire Chief's Show June 21-23 In West Springfield

The RKMC will have an information booth at the Fire Chiefs Show.



### RK-Mass2 Fire Tower Quest

Join us in a search for fire towers while out riding this year.

Visit 6 fire towers (and document the visits with a picture of you and/or your bike with the fire tower) and win a cool pin at the end of the season.

Contact Bob L. for an application if you need one.

Saturday, July 20. **Dam—it's time for a Western Massachusetts Picnic Ride.** Meet at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 10:00 a.m. and we'll head west. First with a stop at the Outlook Farm along Route 66 to grab lunch-to-go and then a picnic at the Knightville Dam and a later stop at the Glendale Falls.

Friday-Sunday, July 26-28. **White Mountain Weekend — Mount Washington Sunrise.** Come enjoy a weekend in the White Mountains with a base camp at the Maple Leaf Motel in Littleton. On Sunday those who would like some adventure can ride the Auto-road at Mount Washington to be part of the **Sunrise Drive**. Details to follow in newsletter.

Friday, August 2. **Art on Wheels.** Part of the Brattleboro, Vermont monthly Gallery Walk, Augusts' "walk" is along Flat Street with all sorts of motorcycles on display near Lynde Motorsports. Meet at 2/202 Shell Station in Orange at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 10: **It's a Grand Tour for Firefighters!** Come join us for a ride into Connecticut for a visit at the Manchester Firefighters Memorial Garden, a stop at Rein's Deli for lunch, and UConn Dairy for ice cream. Along the way we will find some fire stations to earn the Red Knights Grand Tour for 2013. Meet at the Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 9:00 a.m.

Thursday-Sunday, August 15-18. **Red Knights International's Annual Convention.** Rutland, Vermont. [www.rutlandvermont.com/2013.htm](http://www.rutlandvermont.com/2013.htm). If you are not going up for the entire convention, let us know if you are interested in a day ride — or an overnight!

Sunday, August 18. **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 PBTUS. [www.pbtus.org/rideforkids](http://www.pbtus.org/rideforkids) (Meet on Petersham common at 7:30 a.m.)

Thursday-Monday, August 29-September 2. **Killington Classic in Killington, VT.** More information about lodging when we get closer. [www.killingtonclassic.com](http://www.killingtonclassic.com)

Saturday, August 31. **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 Dunkin Donuts at noon and we'll go for a ride that ends at our pot-luck.

Saturday, September 7. **The Veep's Harbor Ride!** We'll meet at the Burger King at K-Mart Plaza at 9:00 a.m. and follow the Vice-president south-east into Rhode Island for some shoreline views.

Saturday, September 21. **Mass 2's annual ride for Sherry's House.** Our chapter treasurer will take the lead with our turn to "play some cards." 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 (and we'll drop off any gift cards collected too). Meet at 2/202 Shell in Orange at 9:00 a.m. [www.whyme.org](http://www.whyme.org)

Saturday, September 28. **Americade Picture Perfect Potluck.** Bring your pictures, your videos, some food to share, and your *opera glasses* to enjoy an afternoon of laughs reminiscing about our Americade week! 4:00 p.m. at M&M's in Gardner.

Sunday, October 6: **Breakfast with Smokey Bear....** Breakfast first (to support our brethren at the Jaffrey FD)! Leave Westminster Dunkin Donuts at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 13: **Dummerston Apple Pie Festival....** It's off to the Dummerston Apple Pie Festival! Leave Westminster Dunkin Donuts at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 19. **Annual Meeting and (Lunch) Ride.** Meet at the Shell Station in Orange at 2/202 at 9:00 a.m. A short ride to Amherst where we will have our annual meeting (and election of officers and lunch) and then a *post-meeting* ride.

Sunday, November 3. **Polar Bear Ride.** What will the weather bring in '13? Meet at DD at 11:00 a.m. (*Don't forget to change your clocks!*)

Saturday, November 23. **All Christmas Party fees due.**

Sunday, December 1. **All 2014 member dues are due.** *No dues will be accepted at the Christmas party.*

Sunday, December 8. **Red Knight's Christmas Party & Yankee Swap.** Reservations at the Glen Café, details to follow in newsletters.

Do we know your birthday? If we have a ride on that day, it could mean a free ice cream on the group!

The big rallies to dream of:

Daytona Bike Week  
March 8-17, 2012

Myrtle Beach Bike Week  
May 10-19

Rolling Thunder  
May 26-29—Washington, DC  
[rollingthundermotorcyclery.com](http://rollingthundermotorcyclery.com)  
[stars-stripes-spokes.com](http://stars-stripes-spokes.com)

Laconia Motorcycle Week  
June 8-16

GWRRA Wing-Ding  
Greenville, SC. —July 3-6

Gettysburg Bike Week  
July 11-14  
[gettysburgbikeweek.com](http://gettysburgbikeweek.com)

71st Anniversary Sturgis  
Motorcycle Rally Aug. 5-11

Biketoberfest—Daytona  
October 18-21

**What is a Red Knights Grand Tour?**

Document your visits to fire stations (alone or with others). Spell out "GRAND TOUR," "FIREFIGHTER," or visit 12 separate stations and earn an International Patch for the Grand Tour.

Visit International Web Page for details (and other words that help earn *the Tour*).

**Other Motorcycle Opportunities!**

Mothers for Daughters Cancer Ride  
[www.mothersfordaughters.com](http://www.mothersfordaughters.com)  
May 17-19—Dover, Vermont

**Rotary Rib Fest—Merrimack, NH**  
June 14-16—[www.rotaryribfest.org](http://www.rotaryribfest.org)

**National Ride to Work Day**  
Monday, June 17, 2013  
[www.ridetowork.org/](http://www.ridetowork.org/)

**Cruise 4 Cancer II**  
September 7, 2013, @ Gardner PACC  
Benefiting the Relay for Life  
<http://cruise4cancer.net/>

