RKMC — Mass 2 — 2014 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 2. Winter Pot-luck and Planning for 2014 fun! Join us at the Templeton Fish and Game Club for our Winter Pot Luck (1:00 pm). We'll have our 2014 Ride Schedule printed and ready for you to grab!

Saturday, February 22. 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 2. A Day at the Movies. Come join us at the Lunenburg Fire Department where we will view the recently released documentary "Why We Ride." It is a feature length film about motorcyclists. (And we'll have pizza too). 1:00 p.m. at LFD (655 Massachusetts Ave—Route 2A, Lunenburg).

Saturday, March 15. Convention Planning Meeting. Are you planning on going to the Convention on Prince Edward Island? We will be having our monthly Breakfast Meeting at the Thirsty Turtle in Baldwinville followed by an informational meeting about Mass-2's plans for convention attendance. (Meet at Westminster Dunkins for 8:30... and we'll head to breakfast. Convention planning meeting probably around 10:00).

Saturday, March 29. 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. And we'll look at this year's details about our annual trek to Lake George.

Saturday, April 26. A Trip to Boston — and maybe a ride on the Duck Boats! 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 to consider are the Duck Boats for our entertainment let Kevin know what you think!

<u>Saturday, May 3</u>. **Spring "Dust-Off" Ride.** Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 10:00 a.m. for a ride to *who knows where* — just because we need a ride!

Saturday, May 10. Fire Tower Assistance Ride. Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 10:00 a.m. and we'll head out in search of a Fire Tower or two to help you add to your list for 2014!

Saturday, May 17. 2014 Red Knights' Skills Day. Meet up at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 9:00 a.m. We'll head off to the drill yard (@UMass) to sharpen our skills and have some fun. Part of our "Skills" will be a discussion on some basic motorcycle maintenance lead by President Martin.

Sunday, May 18. Massachusetts State Meeting and Newton Veteran's
 Parade. The spring State Meeting for Massachusetts will be in Newton in the morning, and Newton's Veterans' Parade kicks off at 1:00 and the Red Knights are invited to lead the parade. Let President Martin know if you are interested in either the meeting or the parade — or both!

<u>Tuesday, May 20</u>. **RK Ladies' Americade Food Planning**. Meet at Peg's for 7:00 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 Herrick's Tavern, Route 202 in Orange for our annual Burger and Fries dinner at 6:00 pm!* 

<u>Week of May 31 to June 8</u>. **Americade — Lake George, N.Y.** Varying departure times and staying times throughout week. The largest group is leaving Saturday, May 31. *RK Open House Thursday evening at the LGFD — and Red Knights will be participating in the Parade on Saturday morning (so bring your fire helmet!).* 

Sunday, June 15. 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 to celebrate Father's Day. 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

Saturday, June 21. **RK Vermont-2's Paul's Ride.** We'll be supporting a nearby chapter's efforts to help those with cancer. Meet at the 2/202 Shell in Orange at 8:00 a.m. and we will head to southern Vermont.

<u>Saturday, June 28</u>. **Dummerston Strawberry Supper** in Vermont — more details in the future about a ride to the strawberry shortcake!

<u>Saturday, July 5</u>. **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]

<u>Thursday-Sunday, July 17-20</u>. **Red Knights International's Annual Convention.** Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

### Red Knights' Breakfast Club

Join us for Breakfast on the 3rd Saturday in the cold weather months. Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts at 8:30 am

- SUNDAY February 16
- March 15
- April 19 (Ride??)
- November 15
  December 20
- December 20

## Ice Cream Rides

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

May 28June 25

• July 23

August 27Sept. 24



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 your search.

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

New England Fire Chief's Show June 20-22 In West Springfield

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

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

Document your visits to fire stations (alone or with others). Spell out "GRAND TOUR," "FIREFIGHTER," 'RED KNIGHT," 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*).

- Saturday, July 26. Fudge Factor Ride. Meet at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 10:00 a.m. and we will explore some of Franklin County's scenic roads with a stop in Shelburne Falls... where we need to find a candy store called "Mo's Fudge Factor!" With a name like that we cannot pass it by!
- Saturday-Sunday, August 9-10. Winnipesaukee Weekend. Come enjoy some roadtime in the White Mountains with a base camp near Lake Winnipesaukee . Whether you want to ride up and home on Saturday or join some of us for an overnight into Sunday, it is all good! More information will be available as the date draws closer.
- Saturday, August 23. Mass 2's annual ride for Sherry's House. It is that time again to "play some cards" and think about helping Sherry's House in Worcester at the same time. At each stop the riders will participate in some "card games" to see who ends up with the best hand. Donations of gift cards will be left off at "Sherry's House" in Worcester after our ride. Meeting time and place details will be out at a later date. Visit www.whyme.org to learn more about all that Sherry's House does to help families with children undergoing treatment for cancer. Meet at 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday-Monday, August 28-31. Killington Classic in Killington, VT. Looking for some time in Vermont? Maybe a stop at a rally with some vendors? The folks at Americade have been running the Killington Classic for a few years. Let's plan on a day trip into Central Vermont on Saturday, August 30. www.killingtonclassic.com There may be others who are making plans to spend a few days at "The Classic." Let us know if you are! More details about our day ride later.
- Sunday, August 31. Labor Day Weekend Cookout. We'll be heading to the Dunbar's in Princeton for this year's Labor Day Weekend Cookout. You can meet the group at Mark and Cynthia's for 1:00 p.m., or if you would like a short ride, meet at the Westminster Dunkin Donuts for noon and we will take in a few miles before our arrival. [244 Sterling Road—Route 62]
- Saturday, September 6. Hilltown Brewfest! Not a motorcycle ride, but for those who may enjoy sampling a selection of craft beer brewers, the New Salem General Store hosts the Hilltown Brewfest at Cooleyville Corner (Route 202 near the Shutesbury town line) on Saturday afternoon. Proceeds raised through the Brewfest are shared with the New Salem Fire Department and other neighboring departments. Come enjoy the afternoon (on four wheels). www.hilltownbrewfest.com/
- Wright's Chicken Farm. Come join us for a ride into Rhode Island where Saturday, September 13. we may see why the chicken crossed the road with lunch at Wright's Chicken Farm. Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 10:00. www.wrightsfarm.com
- Minuteman Tour. Join us for a ride east to Lexington and Concord for a Saturday, September 20. little local history on some roads that we do not get too very often. Meet at the K-Mart Plaza off the Merriam Avenue Exit, Route 2 in Fitchburg at 9:30 a.m.
- Breakfast with Smokey Bear.... Join us for Breakfast (to support our brethren at the Sunday, October 5: Jaffrey FD) to kick off Fire Prevention Week! Leave Westminster Dunkin Donuts at 8:00 a.m.
- Sunday, October 12: Free-spirit Fall Foliage Ride. Meet at the K-Mart Plaza off the Merriam Avenue Exit, Route 2 in Fitchburg at 10:00 a.m. and we will head north in search of New England Fall Foliage. We may even try to spell out some Grand Tour letters during the day!
  - Dummerston's Apple Pie Festival is also Sunday, October 12. We will not be hosting a formal chapter ride to Dummerston this year, but the pies will be there if anyone wishes to head into Vermont to scope them out and scoop them up!
- Saturday, October 18. (Breakfast) and Annual Meeting. We will meet for 8:00 a.m. to head to breakfast and then have a meeting place to conduct our annual meeting at 10:00. Details to follow.
- Sunday, November 2. Polar Bear Ride. What will the weather bring in '14? Meet at DD at 11:00 a.m. (Don't forget to change your clocks!)
- Saturday, November 8. Year-end 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 past year! Instead of just Americade pictures, let's look at them all... Rides, pot-lucks, Convention, and of course... Americade! 1:00 p.m. at Rick and Lori Oliver's, West Street in New Salem.

November 23 All Christmas Party fees/RSVPs due. — December 1 All 2014 member dues are due.

#### Sunday, December 7. 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!

## Other Motorcycle Opportunities!

Mothers for Daughters Cancer Ride

www.mothersfordaughters.com May 16-18—Dover, Vermont

Rotary Rib Fest—Merrimack, NH June 13-15—www.rotaryribfest.org

National Ride to Work Day Monday, June 16, 2014 www.ridetowork.org/

New England Ride for Kids Sunday, August 17, 2014 www.ride4kids.org

Cruise 4 Cancer II September 6, 2014, @ Gardner PACC

Benefiting the Relay for Life http://cruise4cancer.net/

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

The big rallies to dream of:

Daytona Bike Week March 7-16, 2014 Myrtle Beach Bike Week May 9-18 RKMC Dixie Rally — Virginia Beach May 16-18, 2014 Laconia Motorcycle Week June 14-22 GWRRA Wing-Ding Madison, WI - July 1-5 Gettysburg Bike Week July 10-13 gettysburgbikeweek.com

71st Anniversary Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Aug. 4-10

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