



## RKMC — Mass 2 — 2015 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 8. Winter Pot-luck and 2015 Ride Schedule!** Join us at the Lunenburg FD for our Winter Pot Luck (1:00 pm). We'll have our 2015 Ride Schedule printed and ready for you to grab!

**Saturday, February 28. Monadnock Harley Chili Fest.** Meet at the Winchendon McDonalds at 11:15 and head north to kick some tires and eat some chili!

**Sunday, March 15. Americade Pot-luck Planning Meeting.** Are you planning on going to Americade in June? Come to Rick and Lori's (in New Salem) 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. (That also coincide with the **Region-1 Yankee Rally**).

**Saturday, March 28. Massachusetts State Meeting.** The spring State Meeting for Massachusetts will be at the Westminster Legion on Main Street, hosted by MA-2. Coffee at 9:00, meeting at 10:00. Let President Martin know if you are interested in attending and/or lending a hand!

**Saturday, April 25. Spring "Dust-Off" Ride.** Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 9:00 a.m. for a quick ride for a breakfast stop at the Glen Caffe and then a ride to *who knows where* — just because we need a ride!

**Saturday, May 2. A visit to the RKMC Memorial.** Not sure yet whether it will be a work party for a Spring clean-up or a ride with a visit to the memorial to begin our riding season, but we'll meet at the Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 9:00 a.m. More details will be coming.

**Saturday, May 16. 2015 Red Knights' Skills Day.** If you are coming from the east, meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 9:00 and if you are coming from the west meet at the New Salem General Store for 9:30. Then when we are all together we will go to this year's "drill yard" to have some Red Knight fun and sharpen our skills. Part of our "Skills" will be a discussion on some **basic motorcycle maintenance** lead by Jeff Hamburg, our own Red Knight who runs Hamberg's Motorcycle Service.

**Tuesday, May 19. 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 the Blueprint Restaurant (in back of Westminster Dunkin Donuts) for our annual Burger and Fries dinner at 6:00 pm!*

**Sunday, May 24. Fire Tower Assistance Ride.** Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 9:00 a.m. and we'll head out in search of a **Fire Tower** or two to help you with earning your Fire Tower Pin. Already have your pin? Come out for the ride anyways!

**May 29 - 31. Yankee Rally** (Region-1) in Saratoga, NY. Our hosts, NY Chapter 12 are working hard to make the first ever Region-1 Red Knight Rally an event to remember, and they are looking forward to seeing many members and chapters in attendance on May 29-31.

**Week of May 30 to June 7. Americade — Lake George, N.Y.** Varying departure times and staying times throughout week. One group is leaving on Friday to attend the Yankee Rally and one group leaving on Saturday, May 30 to head right to Lake George. *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!).*

**Saturday, June 20. 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.

**Saturday, June 27. Dummerston Strawberry Supper** in Vermont — Meet at Westminster DD's for 3:00 p.m. and we'll head out for a ride before the shortcake!

**Sunday, July 5. 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]*

**Saturday, July 18. 2015 Crazy Ride.** Who knows where, what route, or who is riding, but come see what a crazy ride is all about! Meet at the Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday, July 25. Red Knight Bug Ride.** *If you don't have a windshield, always brush your teeth after a ride to get the bugs out of your smile!* Join us at 4:00 p.m. at the Westminster Dunkin Donuts and we will head out for an early-evening ride to see how many bugs we can collect on our "targets." And I suspect that ice cream will be involved!

### Red Knights' Breakfast Club

2015 brought in a new idea for our monthly breakfast clubs by enjoying the hospitality of one of our member home. Our pot lucks are always possible so this is a Brunch Pot Luck! Would you like to be the host for one of our breakfast clubs? - Let President Martin know and we'll put you on the schedule!

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

- February 21 (Dunbar's)
- March 21 (Kev & Laura's)
- April 18 (Brouillet's)
- October 17 (Dupell's)
- November 21
- December 19

### Ice Cream Rides

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

- May 28
- June 25
- July 23
- August 27
- Sept. 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 19-21 In West Springfield

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

### What is a Red Knight 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 / Sunday, August 1 - 2. A weekend in neighboring Connecticut. It's an overnight plan to the south of us to participate in some fun motorcycle events throughout the weekend. Cannot make the entire overnight? Either day, Saturday or Sunday, can also be a day trip into the Constitution State. More info on accommodations will come out in future newsletters and emails.

- Saturday, August 1. Antique Motorcycle Show. The Yankee Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America is hosting an Antique Motorcycle Show in Hebron, CT from 9 to 4. Whether headed out for the weekend or just Saturday's ride, meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 9:00 a.m. [www.yankeechapter.org](http://www.yankeechapter.org)
- Sunday, August 2. RK-CT-2 Summer Picnic. CT-2 has invited all Red Knights to their summer BBQ in Portland, CT. Their celebration begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Firemans picnic grounds on Indian Hill Ave in Portland.

Thursday-Sunday, August 13 - 16. Red Knights International's Annual Convention. San Antonio, Texas.

Sunday, August 16. Ride of Your Life (For suicide prevention). Not going to the convention? The annual Ride for Your Life is a three hour ride through North Central Massachusetts with stops at local motorcycle shops along the way. Registration begins at 8 am at Monty Tech. [www.suicidepreventiontaskforce.org/](http://www.suicidepreventiontaskforce.org/)

Saturday, August 22. 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](http://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 27-30. 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. [www.killingtonclassic.com](http://www.killingtonclassic.com)

Saturday, August 29. Steve's Day. Plans are being made for a day for all Red Knights to gather and enjoy our collective family while remembering our friend Steve Mickle. More details will be coming out in future communications.

Saturday, September 12. 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/](http://www.hilltownbrewfest.com/)

Saturday, September 19. Shirley FD Charity Ride. Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts at 9:00 a.m. and we will participate in the annual ride to support the Shirley Fire Dept. Hose Co. #1 .

Saturday, September 26. Ipswich Caste Ride—Picnic. Meet Lunenburg Walmart at 9:00 a.m. and the route will take us to Ipswich for a picnic stop.

Sunday, October 4: Breakfast with Smokey Bear.... Join us for Breakfast (to support our brethren at the Jaffrey FD) to kick off Fire Prevention Week! Leave Westminster Dunkin Donuts at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 11: Mystery Foliage Ride. Meet at the Westminster Dunkin Donuts at 9:00 a.m. and we will head out in search of New England Fall Foliage.

Dummerston's Apple Pie Festival is also Sunday, October 11. 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 17. Breakfast Clubs begin again! Meet at the Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 8:30.

Saturday, October 24. Picture-perfect Pot Luck and Annual Meeting. We are combining our annual meeting with our review of the year's pictures. The hall is reserved at the Petersham Congregational Church. 1:00 p.m. — join us for the pot luck lunch followed by our annual meeting and election of officers and we will review the collection of the year's photographs!

Saturday, October 31. Haunted Chili. Meet at Lunenburg Walmart for 10:00. First stop will be at the Souhegan Motorsports in Milford, NH for their Chili Fest. Then we'll celebrate Halloween with some *haunted stops* along our route. What does that mean? Join us and find out!

Sunday, November 8. Polar Bear Ride. What will the weather bring in '15? Meet at DD at 11:00 a.m.

November 22 All Christmas Party fees/RSVPs due. — December 1 All 2016 member dues are due.

Sunday, December 6. Red Knight's Christmas Party & Yankee Swap.

Reservations at the Glen Café, details to follow in newsletters.

#### *Other Motorcycle Opportunities!*

Rotary Rib Fest—Merrimack, NH June 19-21—[www.ribfestnh.com/](http://www.ribfestnh.com/)  
National Ride to Work Day Monday, June 15, 2015 [www.ridetowork.org/](http://www.ridetowork.org/)  
New England Ride for Kids Sunday, August 23, 2015 [www.ride4kids.org](http://www.ride4kids.org)  
Cruise 4 Cancer II August 29, 2015, @ Gardner PACC  
Benefiting the Relay for Life <http://cruise4cancer.net/>

#### The big rallies to dream of:

Daytona Bike Week March 6-15, 2015  
Myrtle Beach Bike Week May 8-17  
RKMC Dixie Rally — New Orleans, May 15-16  
Laconia Motorcycle Week June 13-21  
GWRRA Wing-Ding Huntsville, AL, Sept. 3-6  
Gettysburg Bike Week July 9-12  
75th Anniversary Sturgis Rally Aug. 3-9  
Biketoberfest October 15-18, 2015

