



## RKMC — Mass 2 — 2016 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 14. Winter Pot-luck and 2016 Ride

**Schedule!** Join us at the Templeton Fish and Game Club for our Winter Pot Luck (1:00 pm). We'll have our 2016 Ride Schedule printed and ready for you to grab!

### Saturday, February 27. Monadnock Harley Chili Fest.

Meet at the Winchendon McDonalds at 11:15 and head north to kick some tires and eat some chili!

### Saturday, March 19. Americade Planning Meeting.

Are you planning on going to Americade in June?

Come to Rick and Lori's (in New Salem) for our monthly **Breakfast Club** for 9:00 a.m. and we'll look at this year's details about our annual trek to Lake George.

*[Rick and Lori have a new home at 148 West Street - the corner of West Street and West Main Street in New Salem — call for directions if you need them]*

Saturday, April 2. Massachusetts State Meeting. The spring State Meeting for Massachusetts will be hosted by Mass-1 in Boylston. Meet at Westminster Dunkins for 9:00. Let President Martin know if you are interested in attending so the hosts can plan.

Saturday, April 16. RK Mass-1's Spaghetti Supper. Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 5:00 p.m. to head to Boylston for a *great* Spaghetti Dinner!

Sunday, April 24. Spring Dust-off Ride. Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 10:00 a.m. and we'll head out to spin our tires and dust the cobwebs out of our ears!

Saturday, May 14. A visit to the RKMC Memorial. This is a tentative date for a work party for a Spring clean-up at the memorial (or a ride if not). Meet at the Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 9:00 a.m. More details will be coming.

May 20-22. Yankee Rally (Region-1) in Wildwood, NJ. Our hosts, the NJ Association. Are you going?

Saturday, May 21. Frogs Legs at Rein's Deli. Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 9:30 a.m. for a ride to Rein's Deli in Vernon, CT — a search for the Frog Bridge in Willamantic — and since we are that close, ICE CREAM at UConn!

Week of June 5 to June 12. Americade — Lake George, N.Y. Varying departure times and staying times throughout week. Our main group leaving on Saturday, June 4 to head to Lake George. *RK annual ride during the week, RKMC 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 18. 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. This year the ride begins at the Putney Fire Station.

Sunday, June 19. Father's Day Zip-lining at Berkshire East. Dad's are free at Berkshire East on Father's Day. Come zip-lining with us! Reservations are a **MUST**. More details will be coming.

Saturday, June 25. Looking for a Vermont Haunt before Dummerston's Strawberry Supper — Meet at Westminster DD's for 9:00.m. and we will be off for a day-ride in search of Emily's (haunted) bridge in Stowe and then south to soothe our frightened nerves with Strawberry Shortcake.

Saturday, July 2. 4th of July Celebration with BBQ and Bocce. 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]*. Bring some food to share and enjoy the afternoon.

Saturday/Sunday, July 16-17. Lake Sunapee Cruise. Join us for a ride up to Lake Sunapee. Feel like an overnight? Our cruise could include a dinner cruise on the lake. Want to keep it a day ride? That's OK too. More info to follow about lodging and times.

Sunday, July 24. New England Mill Ride. Our president will lead us in search of some of the mills that have helped our region grow. Some may be still operating and some just "the bones" and memories remain. Do you know what was made in the mills? If you know some stories and history, get Kevin's ear and maybe your mill will be on the tour! Did you know that the Indian Motorcycle Museum in Springfield is housed in an old mill? Hmmm, do you think that is a coincidence? Meet at Westminster Dunkins for 9:00 a.m.

### Red Knights' Breakfast Club

Join us for Breakfast-brunch on the 3rd Saturday in the cold weather months. Below are the hosts' locations (9:00 am).

- February 20 (Ed & Peg)
- March 19 (Rick and Lori)
- April 16 (Mark & Cynthia)
- Oct. 15 (Marcia & Maury)
- Nov. 19 (Bob & Diona)
- Dec. 17 (Kevin & Laura)

### 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 25
- June 22
- July 27
- August 24
- Sept. 28



### RK-Mass2 Fire Tower Quest

Are you still in need of your Fire Tower Pin?

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 — or for more information on earning your pin.

### 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*).

Sunday, August 7. **A Connecticut-2's Annual Picnic.** This is a *tentative date* for CT-2's summer BBQ in at the Firemans picnic grounds on Indian Hill Ave in Portland, CT. More details will be available in the summer newsletter... and the President's emails

Thursday-Sunday, August 18 - 21. **Red Knights International's Annual Convention.** Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Saturday, August 20. **Country Store Ride.** We'll head out on New England's back roads to find some country stores to peruse their wares. Then later in the afternoon we will make a stop in Dummerston, VT for their annual peach supper. Meet at the Westminster Dunkins at noon.

Sunday, August 21. **Ride of Your Life (For suicide prevention).** [*Tentative Date*]. 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 27. **Mass-2 Life Member Day.** Plans are being made for a day for all Red Knights to gather and enjoy our collective family while thanking those original members that started our group. Plans include a short ride and picnic — and hopefully we can get most of our LIFE MEMBERS to join us! More information will be available in the summer newsletter.

Saturday, August 27. **Shirley FD Charity Ride.** Potential date for the annual ride to support the Shirley Fire Dept. Hose Co. #1 .

Saturday, September 3. **Mohawk Trail Ride.** Meet at the Orange Shell Station (Routes 2/202) at 9:00 a.m. and we will head out for a ride along the Cold River and over the Mohawk Trail for a picnic stop atop Mt. Greylock.

Saturday, September 10. **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/)

Sunday, September 11. **9-11 Ride to the Red Knights Memorial.** Come join us for an afternoon ride that will include a visit to our memorial in Boylston. Meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 17. **Tri-State Scavenger Hunt.** Meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 10:00 a.m. and we will be off in search of clues and captures for this year's scavenger hunt. What may you need to have stowed on your bike to be successful in *the hunt*? No one knows!

Sunday, October 9: **Breakfast with Smokey Bear....** Join us for Breakfast (to support our brethren at the Jaffrey FD) to kick off Fire Prevention Week and a post-breakfast ride is planned to go look at the foliage! Leave Westminster Dunkin Donuts at 8:00 a.m.

Dummerston's Apple Pie Festival is also Sunday, October 9. 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 15. **Breakfast Clubs begin again!** Maury and Marcia will be hosts for the first fall Breakfast Club. But it is much more than a Red Knight family breakfast and brunch — it's also our **Picture-perfect Pot Luck and Annual Meeting.** We are combining our annual meeting with our review of the year's pictures and our October breakfast. Join us for the breakfast (9:00) followed by our annual meeting and election of officers and we will review the collection of the year's photographs!

Saturday, October 22. **Powersports and 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 investigate some of the roads in a corner we do not ride into very often.

Sunday, November 6. **Polar Bear Ride.** What will the weather bring in '16? Meet at DD at 11:00 a.m.

November 20 All Christmas Party fees/RSVPs due. — December 1 All 2017 member dues are due.

Sunday, December 4. **Red Knight's Christmas Party & Yankee Swap.** Reservations at the Glen Café, details to follow in newsletters.

We will be collecting GIFT CARDS for Sherry's House ([www.whyme.org](http://www.whyme.org)) at our Christmas Party. Consider collecting cards throughout the year so we can have a big pile to send down to this very worthy organization. We will also be doing 50/50 raffles throughout the riding season. We will be deciding at the Christmas party what non-profit will receive our raffle donations.

#### *Other Motorcycle Opportunities!*

Rotary Rib Fest—Merrimack, NH June 17-18  
[www.ribfestnh.com/](http://www.ribfestnh.com/)

National Ride to Work Day Monday, June 20, 2016  
[www.ridetowork.org/](http://www.ridetowork.org/)

New England Ride for Kids Sunday, August 21, 2016  
[www.ride4kids.org](http://www.ride4kids.org)

Killington Classic August 25-28, 2016,  
[www.killingtonclassic.com](http://www.killingtonclassic.com)

Cruise 4 Cancer II August 27, 2016, @ Gardner PACC  
Benefiting the Relay for Life <http://cruise4cancer.net/>

#### The big rallies to dream of:

Daytona Bike Week March 4-13, 2016

Myrtle Beach Bike Week May 13-22

RKMC Dixie Rally — Ocean City, MD, May 13-15

Laconia Motorcycle Week June 11-19

GWRRA Wing-Ding Billings, MT, 8/31—9/3

Gettysburg Bike Week July 7-10

76th Anniversary Sturgis Rally Aug. 5-14

Biketoberfest October 13-16, 2016

