



## RKMC — Mass 2 — 2017 Ride Schedule

**WHAT IS a JAR?** In the 2017 Ride Schedule you will see “RK JAR.”  
It’s simple... it means “**Just a Ride.**”

JARs have been put throughout the riding calendar. Some on Saturdays and some on Sundays. The ride may be just that, a time to spin some wheels, with no particular destination in mind — or there may be a specific mission for the JAR.

In the schedule most do not have detail. It will be up to the ride’s leader to decide. If the ride is going to be longer than a 2-3 hour, ~100 mile ride, we will share that information as the date approaches. But we had feedback from members — let’s just get out and ride! **Come join us... for Red Knights JARs all through the 2017 season.**

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

### OFFICERS

Sunday, April 30 —Skills Day planning workshop. 2:00 pm.

Officers meeting to be held during Americade — State Picnic Planning discussions.

### 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 ).

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| • January 21 (Cyn and Mark) | • Oct. 21 (Ed and Peg) |
| • February 18 (Judy Perla)  | • Nov. 18 (Host TBD)   |
| • March 18 (Jeff and Faith) | • Dec. 16 (Host TBD)   |
| • April 15 (Rick and Lori)  |                        |

**Sunday, January 29. Winter Pot-luck and 2017 Ride Schedule!** Join us at the Artisan Lodge in Winchendon for our Winter Pot Luck (1:00 pm). We’ll have our 2017 Ride Schedule printed and ready for you to grab!

**Saturday, February 25. Monadnock Harley Chili Fest.** Meet at the Winchendon McDonalds at 11:15 and head north to support the local Harley Owner’s Group, window-shop and eat some chili!

**Sunday, February 26. Northeast Motorcycle Expo.** This year’s motorcycle show has moved from Boston to Marlborough! Meet at Westminster Dunkins for 9:30 and we will carpool to the show.

**Sunday, March 5. Red Knight Bowling.** Meet at the Gardner Ten Pins on West Broadway at 2:00 and we’ll see how straight we can shoot down the alleys!

**Saturday, March 18. Americade Planning Meeting.** Are you planning on going to Americade in June? Come to Jeff and Faith Hamberg’s (in Orange) 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.

**Saturday, April 29. Red Knight JAR.** 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 6. A visit to the RKMC Memorial.** Meet at the Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, May 21. Red Knights Skills Day!** Meet at the Route 2/202 Shell Station for 1:00 pm. Our skills day will be at Orange Station 2.

**Sunday, May 28. Red Knight JAR.** Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 1 pm

**Week of June 4 to June 11. Americade — Lake George, N.Y.** Most of our group will be in Rutland for the Yankee Rally and will arrive in Lake George from there on Sunday. *The Red Knight Cabins will be booked for Sunday to Sunday. 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.*

**Saturday, June 24. Red Knight JAR.** Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 1:00 p.m. This ride will have a dinner stop for Strawberry Shortcake in Dummerston, VT for those that are interested!

**Sunday, 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, July 8. Grand Tour Ride.** We’ll have a day ride to find fire stations for a sanctioned **Red Knight Grand Tour** ride. Meet at the Rt. 2/202 Shell Station in Orange at 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday, July 15-16. White Mountain Overnight.** We’re are looking into a weekend overnight to enjoy some White and Green Mountain riding. Look for more information via email and the newsletters.

Events hosted outside the chapter but we’ll probably be there!

**Saturday, April 22. Massachusetts State Meeting.**

The spring State Meeting for Massachusetts will be hosted by Mass-12 at the Big-E grounds (West Springfield). Meet at Rt2/202 Shell station in Orange for 8:00. Let President Martin know if you are interested in attending so the hosts can plan.

**Saturday, April 22. 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!

**June 2-4. Yankee Rally (Region-1) in Rutland, Vermont.** Are you going?

**Saturday, June 17. 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.

**Sunday, August 6. A Connecticut-2’s Annual Picnic.** This is a *tentative date* for CT-2’s summer BBQ in at the Fireman’s picnic grounds on in Portland, CT. More details will be available in the summer newsletter... and the President’s emails.

**Saturday, August 19. Shirley FD Charity Ride.** Annual ride to support the Shirley FD Hose Co. #1 .

**Sunday, August 20. Ride of Your Life (For suicide prevention).** [Tentative Date]. Registration begins at 8 am at Monty Tech.

Sunday, July 23. **Red Knight JAR.** Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 12. **Red Knight JAR.** Meet at Route 2/202 Shell Station in Orange at 9:00 a.m. Planned route into western Mass and southern Vermont over Hogback Mountain.

August 16 - 20. **Red Knights International's Annual Convention.** Syracuse, NY.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

#### FIRST ANNUAL RKMC MASSACHUSETTS STATE PICNIC

Hosted by our Chapter, Mass-2. The first ever Mass-State Red Knights' picnic is Saturday, August 26, at the Templeton Fish and Game Club.

Plans are still being put together but it looks like we will have a ride out of the club and back with a BBQ prepared by our friends at the TF&G. We will need some help on the day... and maybe some baking of desserts. But the most important part of the day is to come out and join us for a day of fun with Red Knights from around the state!

More info will be coming out over the next few months. WE NEED EVERYONE'S PARTICIPATION to make this a success!

September 15-17. **Chapter Cape Cod Weekend.** It's been a number of years since we ventured to the Cape, but we are looking to go there again! Watch for more details later in the year.

Sunday, September 24. **Red Knight JAR.** Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 8: **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.

Saturday, October 21. **Breakfast Clubs begin again!** Ed and Peg 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!

Sunday, October 29. **Red Knight JAR.** Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 5. **Polar Bear Ride.** What will the weather bring in '17? Meet at DD at 11:00 a.m.

November 19 All Christmas Party fees/RSVPs due.

December 1 All 2018 member dues are due.



Sunday, December 3.

#### Red Knight's Christmas Party & Yankee Swap

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

#### 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. You can also earn an "Alphabet Grand Tour" by visiting stations that begin with each letter of the alphabet. We as a chapter are going to do a day-ride for A RK-GT, but you can also work on your own as long as the stations are all visited during a single riding season.

Visit International Web Page for details

Other event ideas you may be interested in:

Saturday, September 9. **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. After a year's hiatus Rick and Lori are again throwing New Salem's biggest party. Come enjoy the afternoon (on four wheels).  
[www.hilltownbrewfest.com/](http://www.hilltownbrewfest.com/)

Sunday, October 8: **Dummerston's Apple Pie Festival.** Thousands of pieces of Apple Pie and hundreds of motorcycles converge on the little Vermont hamlet of Dummerston for some Apple Pie!

#### Other Motorcycle Opportunities

Rotary Rib Fest  
Merrimack, NH  
June 16-18 [www.ribfestnh.com/](http://www.ribfestnh.com/)

National Ride to Work Day  
Monday, June 19, 2017  
[www.ridetowork.org/](http://www.ridetowork.org/)

New England Ride for Kids  
Sunday, August 27, 2017  
[www.ride4kids.org](http://www.ride4kids.org)

Cruise 4 Cancer II August 26, 2016, @ Gardner PACC  
Benefiting the Relay for Life  
<http://cruise4cancer.net/>

#### The big rallies to dream of:

Daytona Bike Week  
March 10-19, 2017

Myrtle Beach Spring Rally  
May 12 - 21, 2017

RKMC Dixie Rally  
Raleigh, North Carolina,  
May 18-21

Laconia Motorcycle Week  
June 10-18

GWRRR Wing-Ding  
Grapevine, TX,  
8/29-9/2

Gettysburg Bike Week  
July 6-9

76th Anniversary Sturgis Rally  
Aug. 4-13

Biketoberfest  
October 19-22, 2017

