



RKMC — Mass 2 — 2022 Ride Schedule

Let's Play Hooky! Keep tuned to your email from the officers. Debuted in 2021 was our mid-week "Hooky" Rides. Some of our members work rotating shifts and others are retired and have week day availability for rides. (And others, on occasion, just like to play hooky from work!)

These rides are not on the schedule and may pop up on any weekday, any time of day. Sometimes for breakfast or coffee, sometimes for lunch. But the goal is to get out and ride! Usually the group is from six to ten members and friends. Come join us, it's too nice of a day to go to work! (Plans are to have a few four-wheel meet ups during the winter, as well).

Saturday, February 12. **Winter Pot Luck.** We're gathering at the Riverbend/ Millers Woods — Rec Hall in Athol, beginning at noon. The 2022 Ride Schedule is ready for your review!

Saturday, March 5. **A Day at the Movies.** We are planning on an afternoon with some classic motorcycle movies (On Any Sunday and The World's Fastest Indian for starters). We'll bring pizza too! Plans are for 1:00 pm at the Miller Woods Rec Center in Athol.

Saturday, March 19. **Convention Planning.** The 2022 International Convention is in Johnstown, PA and is the RKMC's 40th anniversary! Discussions about who is going will be brought up at the March Breakfast Club.

Saturday, April 2. **RK Mass-1 Spaghetti Dinner.** We've missed the great pasta dinner that Mass-1 has put on in recent years, but it is back on the calendar! Maybe early April will have us riding down, but four wheels or two (or 3), meet up at Westminster Dunkins for 5:00 pm and we will head to Boylston.

Sunday, April 24. **Spring Dust-Off.** Shake off the winter dust with our first official ride of the year. Meet at 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 1:00 pm. It's an afternoon ride with maybe some ice cream!

Saturday, April 30. **Massachusetts State Meeting.** The spring State Meeting for Massachusetts will be hosted by Mass-1 at the Memorial House (or Boylston Town House). Hopefully conditions will allow us to have the bikes out for the ride to the meeting! Meet at Westminster Dunkins for 9:00.

Sunday, May 1. **Mass-2 Skills Day returns!** Our Road Captain has been planning for our Skills Day for the first Sunday afternoon in May. Come join us for some fun by spending time sharpening those skills that have been dormant for the winter. More details will be coming.

Saturday, May 21. **Blessing of the Bikes and Ice Cream Social!** Open to everyone, not just Red Knights, we are partnering with Father Souza of Our Lady Immaculate Church on School Street in Athol. Event starts at 11:00 am in the church parking lot.

After the blessing and the ice cream, we will have a short ride.



Wednesday June 1 through Sunday June 5. **Yankee Rally.** This year's Region-1 Rally is in Plattsburgh, NY. Billed as "Take 2 in 2022" because of its cancellation in 2020, it sounds like a great time with many Red Knights filling three neighboring hotels!

Sunday, June 5 through Saturday June 11. **AMERICADE.** Americade returns to its June scheduling with all the vendors chomping at the bit to see us all return to Lake George. A number of members of the chapter will be staying at the Country Inn and Suites across from the Great Escape, just south of Lake George. Plan to go to the Yankee Rally and spend a few days in Lake George, too!

No details yet, but our guess is that the RKMC will have the open house at the Lake George FD, and the Red Knights ride out of the station as well, during the week.

Saturday, June 18. **Vermont-2's Paul's Ride.** Meet at 2/202 Shell in Orange for 8:00 a.m. Our sister chapter in Vermont is making plans for another Paul's Ride, if conditions allow. If their plans do not materialize, we can still use this date as a **Father's Day Weekend JAR Ride.** This may be the last Paul's Ride.

Sunday, June 26. **Executive's Mystery Ride.** Come out for a Sunday afternoon ride and see where one of our chapter E-Board members will lead us! Meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 1:00 pm.

Monday, June 20. **International Ride to Work Day.**

If you are still at the daily grind of work — take your bike to work!
If you are retired, get out and ride and smile at all those people headed to work!

Red Knights' Breakfast Club

Mark those "3rd Saturdays" in your calendar, 9:00 am.

Come join us for our Breakfast Club gatherings. Bring some food to share and keep motorcycling in your thoughts during the cold winter months!

- January 15 at Rick and Lori's in New Salem
- March 19 at Jeff and Faith's in Orange
- April 16 at Ed and Peg's in Westminster
- November 19 (No host yet, would you like to host?)

Join us on a **JAR** -
It's simple, it's
"Just a Ride."

We do not have scheduled "JARS" on the calendar this year, but there are many days in between scheduled events. If it looks like a grand day to ride, there is the chance of an impromptu JAR!"

It will be up to the ride's leader to decide where, when and how long. Do you have an idea for a ride or would like to lead a ride (you do not have to be an officer to lead), contact an officer and get the message out that you want to ride... and we will get on the road for a JAR.

Sunday, July 3. 4th of July Celebration and Cookout. Come enjoy some time with friends at a holiday pot-luck. Lori and Rick will be our hosts in New Salem. Bring some food to share and something to throw on the grill. (1:00 pm).

Saturday, July 9. Bellow Falls Firefighters' Memorial. In 2021, the Bellows Falls Fire Department dedicated a park on the footprint of the Star Hotel where two BFFD Firefighters were killed in 1981. We will ride up to visit the memorial. Plans are to stop at the Allen Brothers Farm Market to pick up sandwiches and have a picnic lunch along the canal behind the memorial. Meet at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 10:00 a.m.

Saturday/Sunday, July 30/31. Grand Tour—Thing One and Thing Two. Double days of riding (not an overnight) to do a Grand Tour around central and southern New England. If you cannot make the entire ride both days, get the stops you can with the group and you have to the end of the riding season to complete the station stops you need. Meet at the 2/202 Shell Station (both days) 8:00 am.

Saturday, August 13. Ride in to the Drive-in. Meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 6:00 pm. We'll be headed to the Northfield Drive In Theater for an actual drive-in movie! Before we get to the Drive-in we'll have an ice cream stop.

August 18-21. Red Knights International's Annual Convention. Johnstown, PA, sponsored by PA-22. It's the Red Knights' 40th anniversary!

Sunday, August 21. Non-Convention Ride. For those not headed to Pennsylvania, let's meet up for an afternoon ride. Meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 2:00 pm. We'll ride in spirit with those that will be headed home from Johnstown! Maybe our ride will be interstate as well!

Sunday, August 28. Bug Ride. We'll each have "targets" mounted on the front of our bikes. We'll meet at the 2/202 Shell Station at 4:00 pm and take a ride around the Quabbin. The target with the most bugs wins a free ice cream!

Saturday, September 3. Labor Day Cookout. Enjoy the last official weekend of summer with a chapter Cookout to celebrate the Labor Day weekend. Jeff and Faith are our hosts in Orange. Bring some food to share and something for the grill, if you wish. Starting at noon.

Saturday, September 17. Fall State Meeting. Hosted by Mass-13 at the Shirley American Legion Hall.

Weekend of September ? Cape Cod Dutch Treat Weekend. Will there be a Cape Cod weekend in 2022? At this time, no one knows, but we will keep you updated if any details arise.

Saturday, September 24. Another DAM Ride. Our Road Captain has a route in mind to have us in western Mass and NW Connecticut. We'll stop at the Granville Country Store to pick up some sandwiches for lunch and ride to the Saville Dam for a picnic.

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! Leave Westminster Dunkin Donuts at 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 22 (tentative): Annual Chapter Meeting. We will let you know details of our annual business meeting later in the year.

Sunday, November 6. Polar Bear Ride. What will the weather bring in '22? Meet at Westminster DD at 11:00 a.m.

Let an officer know if you would like to host a future Breakfast Club!

2023 is the 40th Anniversary of Massachusetts Chapter 2. We were granted our charter on October 1, 1983.

What would you like to see happen to celebrate this milestone for our chapter? Current discussions are about hosting another Pig Roast and inviting other Red Knights from around the Region to join us!

November 20 All Christmas Party fees/RSVPs due.

December 1 All 2022 member dues are due.

Sunday, December 4

Red Knight's Christmas Party & Yankee Swap

More details about location and menu when they are available.



Regional Rallies for the Red Knights

- The Dixie Rally (Region-4) for May 12-15 in Brunswick, GA.
- Yankee Rally (Region-1) for June 1-5, Plattsburgh, NY
- Western Rally (Region 5) scheduled for June 16-19 at Spirit Lake Casino on Devils Lake ND .
- Atlantic Rally for July 14-16 in Duck Pond, New Brunswick
- The Bootlegger Rally (Region 3) for September 2-5-4 in DuBoise, PA.
- EuCon 2022 in September in Oosterbeek in the Netherlands, hosted by Netherlands-1

All these events have information on-line and through the "Red Knights All Chapters and MALs" Facebook group.

Hopefully all our Red Knight events will go on as planned for 2022!