



RKMC — Mass 2 — 2023 Ride Schedule

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 21 at Ed & Peg's in Westminster
- April 15 at Jeff and Faith's in Southwick
- March 18 at Bob and Diona's in Petersham
- November 18 at Tim and Darlene's in Athol

Sunday, February 19. **Winter Pot Luck.** We're gathering at the Templeton Fish and Game Club at 1:00 pm. The 2023 Ride Schedule is ready for your review!

Saturday, March 18. **Americade/Yankee Rally/Convention Planning.** Whose going where for those large RKMC gatherings in 2023? Come to our March breakfast at the Laford's to talk about it!

Saturday, March 25. **Mondadnock Harley Chili Contest.** The chili is ready at noon. Anyone wanting to go, we can meet at the Winchendon McDonalds at 11:30 am! Last time we went, someone brought home a new bike!

Saturday, April 15. **Breakfast and Some Maintenance.** We are heading to Southwick for the April Breakfast Club, so we are saying it is a brunch that starts at 10:00. Hopefully, the weather will let us ride. Jeff will have a program on bike maintenance for us after we finish eating! Watch your email for details on meeting and riding (or car-pooling).

Saturday, April 15. **RK Mass-1 Spaghetti Dinner.** We'll meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 5:00 pm and head to Boylston for this fantastic pasta dinner! This is also the day scheduled for the memorial's spring clean-up.

Saturday, April 22. **Massachusetts State Meeting.** The spring State Meeting for Massachusetts will be hosted by Mass-15 in Norton, MA. Meet at Westminster Dunkins for 8:00 am. Hopefully the weather will be bike-friendly!

Saturday, April 29. **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!

Sunday, May 7. **Blessing of the Bikes and Ice Cream Social!** Open to everyone, not just Red Knights, we are partnering with Rev. Geoffrey Smith of the Congo Church in Petersham. Event starts at 1:00 pm on the Petersham Common.

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

Saturday, May 20. **Vermont-2's Remembrance Ride.** Meet at 2/202 Shell in Orange for 8:00 a.m. Our sister chapter in Vermont is making plans for a new ride in memory of all those we hold close who are not longer with us.

Tuesday, May 30 through Saturday June 3. **AMERICADE.** A different schedule for this year's Americade. (Moved because the 100th anniversary of Laconia June 10 -18th)

There will still be a Red Knight presence, but probably no grouping of MA-2 at one hotel for 2023. Plans are underway for the Red Knight ride hosted by NY3 on Wednesday, May 31, the RKMC open house at the LGFD on Thursday, followed by the Founders Ride, hosted by NY12 on June 1.

Wednesday June 7 through Sunday June 11. **Yankee Rally.** This year's Region-1 Rally is in the Finger Lakes Region of NY.

Sunday, June 4. **Co-Ride with RK NH-4.** We will be meeting up with our friends just over the border for ride in NH. Details still in the works, but plan to meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 10:00 am. (*Tentative Date*)

Saturday, June 24. **Co-Ride with RK NH-9.** We will be meeting up with our friends to the north for a day-ride. Details still in the works, but plan to meet at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 9:00 am.

Sunday, July 2. **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. (Noon).

Monday, June 19. **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!

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.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!



2023 marks the 40th anniversary for Mass-2. One of the mementos for this milestone is our chapter's anniversary pin.

Pins will be given to members who attend a chapter gathering throughout 2023. Make sure you come join us so you can receive your pin!

2023 Co-Rides —

We are celebrating our 40th year as a chapter in 2023, and with that you will see in the schedule that we have a number of rides we are billing as "Co-Rides." These are scheduled rides that we will be meeting up with members of neighborhood chapters, to share some time and Red Knight spirit with other nearby friends.

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).

Sunday, July 16. Co-Ride with RK MA-1. We will be Meeting MA-1 at the memorial in Boylston and joining them on a ride under their lead. Meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 9:00 am. Plans are for a brief ceremony to remember past friends at the memorial before our ride.

Saturday, July 22. Co-Ride with Mass-4. Riding with MA-4 we will having lunch at the Speedway Raceway at Thompson Speedway. Meet at Westminster Dunkins at 10:00 am.

Saturday/Sunday, July 28 and August 6. Grand Tour—Thing One and Thing Two. Double days of riding 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) 10:00 am.



RK Mass-2 40th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, August 19 1:00-4:00 pm

Templeton Fish and Game Club

Come help us celebrate 40 years as a Red Knights Chapter!
Enjoy Red Knights friendships with RKMC members from across the area.
We'll have food, fun, prizes, and comradery to make more memories!
All our welcome!

Sunday, August 27. Bug Ride. We'll each have "targets" mounted on the front of our bikes. We'll meet at the **Dunkin Donuts in East Templeton** at 4:00 pm and take a ride around that stops in Belchertown for ice cream. The target with the most bugs wins a free ice cream!

Saturday, September 2. Co-Ride with RK VT-2. We will be venturing up Route 100 for a picnic ride after we meet with VT-2. Meet at 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 9:00 am.

September 7—10. Red Knights International's Annual Convention. Fussach Austria, sponsored by Austria — 4. The first convention held outside of North America!

Sunday, September 10. Non-Convention Ride. To be in sync with those touring in the Alps, let's meet up for an afternoon ride. Meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 11:00 am. Plans are to head north into southern NH for some BBQ at the Alamo Texas BBQ in Brookline, NH!

Weekend of September ? Cape Cod Dutch Treat Weekend. Will there be a Cape Cod weekend in 2023? At this time, no one knows, but we will keep you updated if any details arise.

Saturday, September 23. Co-Ride with RK MA12. Our "**Dam Ride**" postponed from 2022 is back on the schedule as one of Co-Rides, this time with MA-12. We'll stop at the Granville Country Store to pick up some sandwiches for lunch and ride to the Saville Dam for a picnic. Meet at 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 9:00 am, and we will meet up with MA12 further south.

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

Saturday, October 14: Foliage Ride. Plans are for a ride towards the Berkshires for some foliage. We will grab some sandwiches on a stop and enjoy one of the western Mass state parks for our lunch. Meet at the 2/202 Shell Station for 10:00 am.

Saturday, in September or October. Fall State Meeting. We will let you know details about when and where the fall state meeting will be..

Saturday, October 28: Annual Chapter Meeting. We will let be meeting at the Rec Center at the Millers Woods, on Daniel Shays Highway in Athol at 10:00 am.

Sunday, November 5. Polar Bear Ride. What will the weather bring in '23? 2022 Was in the mid-70's with record-setting heat, will it be a repeat? Meet at Westminster DD at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 26. Marine Corps Toys for Tots. We will be staffing the Toys for Tots tent at the Walmart in Orange from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Come join us—all we need is a few hours each!

Saturday, December 16. Wreaths Across America. Join us and other volunteers placing wreaths at each grave at the Veterans' Cemetery in Winchendon. We will meet for at Westminster Dunkins at 8:00 am, and head to the cemetery, for the 9:00 am assignment. We will plan to have lunch together after the assignment.

Regional Rallies for the Red Knights

- The Dixie Rally (Region-4) for May 18 - 21, 2023 Pell City, AL.
- Yankee Rally (Region-1) for June 8 -11, 2023, Finger Lakes, NY.
- Western Rally (Region 5) scheduled for June 16 - 18, 2023, in Spokane, WA.
- Atlantic Rally for July 6 - 9, 2023 in Clarendville, Newfoundland
- The Bootlegger Rally (Region 3) for August 31st to September 3rd 2023 in Youngstown, OH.

All these events have information on-line and through the "Red Knights All Chapters and MALs" Facebook group, and/or on the International's Events page.

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

November 19 All Christmas Party fees/RSVPs due.

December 1 All 2024 member dues are due.

Sunday, December 3

Red Knight's Christmas Party & Yankee Swap

We will be back in Slattery's Backroom, in Fitchburg, again for 2023.

