



RKMC — Mass 2 — 2024 Ride Schedule

Sunday, January 28. Winter Pot Luck and Chapter Meeting. We're gathering at the Rec Center at Riverbend Woods (Daniel Shays Highway, Athol) at Noon. The 2024 Ride Schedule is ready for your review!

We're trying something new with a "Gear Swap." Do you have some riding gear that you no longer wear, but it still has life left to it? Bring it to the potluck and see if it will find a new home... AND you may find that piece of gear that you have been looking for, as well!

Saturday, March 16. Rally and Convention Planning. Whose going where for those large RKMC gatherings in 2024? Come to our March breakfast at the Laford's in Petersham to talk about it!

Saturday, March 23 (Tentative Date). Monadnock Harley Chili Contest and Open House. The chili is ready at noon. Anyone wanting to go, we can meet at the Citgo Station (next to Matthieu Ford) at Routes 140 and 12 in Winchendon at 11:30 am.

Saturday, April 6. New England Motorcycle Museum. Our survey said we should head down to the museum in Rockville, CT. Meet in Westminster Dunkins for 9:30. This is planned in 4-wheels, but maybe another trip on the bikes later in the season!

Saturday, April 20. 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).

Sunday, April 28. Spring Dust-Off Ride. Shake off the winter dust with our first official ride of the year. Meet at the Westminster Dunkin's for 1:00 pm. It's an afternoon ride with maybe some ice cream!

Saturday, May 4. Massachusetts State Meeting. The spring State Meeting for Massachusetts will be hosted by us and in Petersham at the Congregational Church on 21 North Main Street (Rt. 32). Meet us at the church hall.

Saturday, May 4. 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 noon on the Petersham Common (Right after the state meeting). **After the blessing** and the ice cream, we will have a short chapter ride (+/- 60 miles).

Saturday, May 18. Vermont-2's Remembrance Ride. Meet at 2/202 Shell in Orange for 8:00 a.m. Our friends in Vermont have plans for their annual ride in memory of all those we hold close who are no longer with us.

Wednesday, May 29 through Saturday June 1. AMERICADE. A shorter schedule for this year's Americade, and remaining during Memorial Day week. Similar to 2023, there will still be a Red Knight presence, but probably no grouping of MA-2 at one hotel. Plans are underway for the Red Knight ride hosted by NY3 on Wednesday, May 29 and the RKMC open house at the LGFD on Thursday, May 30 (and Founders' Ride).

Wednesday June 5 through Sunday June 9. Yankee Rally. This year's Region-1 Rally is in next door in Keene, NH - Sponsored by RK NH-9.

Saturday, June 15. Red Knight Rodeo — Safety, Skills and Smiles. Bring your motorcycle and your sense of humor. While we plan some serious parking lot practice, and to review some safety essentials, we also plan to have some fun games and enjoy a fun day together! More details to come.

Sunday, June 23. Another Dam Ride. Our "Dam Ride" was postponed in 2022 and 2023 because of weather, and it is back on the schedule for 2024. 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 10:00 am, and we will meet up with some riders further south — and maybe some RKMC family from other chapters, too.

Monday, June 10. **Ride to Work Day.**

If you are still at the daily grind of work — take your bike to work!

And, if you are retired, get out and ride and smile at all those people headed to work!

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).

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! Each month we hope to have an "Educational Discussion" to offer some information on riding, your motorcycle or your equipment.

- January 20 at Chris & Ellen Conrad's in Ashburnham.
- February 17 at Rick and Lori Oliver's in New Salem.
- March 16 at Bob and Diona Laford's in Petersham.
- April 20 at Jeff and Faith's in Southwick (Actually a 10:00 am start as we will be riding down to Southwick from Orange, more info to come on timing).
- November 16 — at Peg Brouillet's in Westminster

Join us for ICE CREAM!

We have not had monthly ice cream rides on the schedule for a few years, but we have them again for 2024!

We're moving them around both for meeting places and evenings to fit a variety of schedules. **Meeting time is 6:00 pm.**

- Wednesday, May 22, at the Dunkin Donuts on Patriot Road in East Templeton.
- Thursday, June 20, at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange.
- Tuesday, July 23, at the Westminster Dunkin's.
- Wednesday, August 21 at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange.

Have a favorite ice cream spot? Let our Road Captain know!

Saturday, July 6. 4th of July Celebration and Cookout and Chapter Meeting. 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 20. Wright's Chicken Farm. A staple ride in some earlier years, we are heading back into Rhode Island for lunch at Wright's Chicken Farm. Maybe we will have some other RKMC family join us from other chapters! Meet at the Westminster Dunkin's for 10:00 am. <https://www.wrightsfarm.com>

Saturday, August 10. Mountain Picnic Ride. We'll be headed north, then west, then south, then east — up over Hogback Mountain and eventually Mt. Greylock! We will have a stop to grab a bag lunch to enjoy on the top of Greylock. It's an all-day ride. Meet at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 9:00 am.

August 12 -18th. Red Knights International's Annual Convention. Leipzig, Germany, sponsored by Germany - 18.

Sunday, August 18. Non-Convention Ride. To be in sync with those at the convention in Germany, let's meet up for an afternoon ride. Meet at the Westminster Dunkin's for 11:00 am. Plans are to head north into southern NH for some BBQ at the Alamo Texas BBQ in Brookline, NH!

MA-4 40th Anniversary — RK MA-4 celebrates their 40th anniversary in 2024 and we are invited to join them in their festivities!

Saturday, June 1. Co-Ride with Mass-4. Ride to visit the USS Nautilus Museum at the Groton, CT submarine base. (Details TBD)

Saturday, August 24. Co-Ride with Mass-4. Riding with MA-4 we will having lunch at the Speedway Restaurant at Thompson Speedway. (Details TBD)

RK Mass-4 40th Anniversary celebration.

Sunday, August 18. Chicken BBQ. *We will share details when available!*

Sunday, September 1. Labor Day Cookout. We will be meeting at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange (with food onboard) and head southwest to Southwick for a Labor Day weekend cookout at the Hamberg's.

Saturday, September 14. Bug Ride. Having "targets" mounted on the front of our bikes and meeting at the **New Salem General Store** at 4:00 pm, we're riding to find some bugs around the Quabbin. The target with the most bugs wins a free ice cream!

Weekend of September 27-29 Weekend Away with Red Knight family. When we have details to make reservations, we will let you know!

Sunday, October 6: 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 19: President's Ride into Western Massachusetts. Plans are for a ride into the western counties for some late foliage. Meet at the 2/202 Shell Station for 9:00 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 26: Annual Chapter Meeting. We will be meeting at the Rec Center at the Millers Woods, on Daniel Shays Highway in Athol at 10:00 am.

Sunday, November 3. Polar Bear Ride. What will the weather bring in '24? 2023 Was in the 50's! Meet at Westminster DD at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 16. Breakfast Clubs start again! Our cold-weather monthly Breakfast Clubs kick off with our potluck brunch at Peg Brouillet's in Westminster. Join us at 9:00 am.

Sunday, December 1. Marine Corps League Toy Drive. We will be staffing the Toys for Kids 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!

Friday/Saturday, December 13-14. Wreaths Across America. Join us and other volunteers placing wreaths at each grave at the Veterans' Cemetery in Winchendon. Meeting time and details TBD.

Regional Rallies for the Red Knights

- The Dixie Rally (Region-4) May 15-19, 2024 Statesville, NC.
- Yankee Rally (Region-1) June 5-9, 2024, Keene, NH.
- Western Rally (Region 5) June 21-24, 2024, in Sidney, BC.
- Atlantic Rally (Region 2) July 18-21 in PEI
- The Bootlegger Rally (Region 3) September 5-8 in Columbus, IN.
- Scooter Stampede (Region 6) September 18-21, in Oklahoma City, OK

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.

Each year, RK Vermont-2 hosts a "coffee break" at the Guilford, VT rest stop on Route 91.

They always aim for the Friday of Columbus Day weekend, but it depends what the VT-DOT offers them.

Make a mental note, and we will plan a ride up into Southern Vermont (on October 11 if that is the date) for a coffee and some baked goods with our Vermont family!

November 24 All Christmas Party fees/RSVPs due.

December 1 All 2025 member dues are due.

Sunday, December 8

Red Knight's Christmas Party & Yankee Swap

Details on the Christmas party will be coming out in the future.

