



## RKMC — Mass 2 — 2025 Ride Schedule

Saturday, February 15. **Winter (Breakfast) Pot Luck and Chapter Meeting.** We're gathering at the Rec Center at Riverbend Woods (Daniel Shays Highway, Athol) at 9:00 a.m. The 2025 Ride Schedule is ready for your review!

We will be using our gathering to talk about who is going where for those large RKMC gatherings in 2025, as well!

After it's success last year, we will be holding our **2nd Annual "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!

Sunday, February 23. **Red Knights Go Bowling.** We'll be meeting at the Gardner Ten Pins at 1:00 pm to see who can keep their balls in the alley!

Saturday, March 29. **American Heritage WW-2 Museum.** We will be headed to Hudson to visit the military museum (Cost is \$23, \$20 for Vets and Seniors, and \$2 cheaper if you buy them online). Meet at Westminster Dunkins for 9:00 am. [www.americanheritagemuseum.org](http://www.americanheritagemuseum.org)

Tuesday, April 1. **APRIL FOOLS! Let's visit King Bill.** Who is interested in a mid-week day trip to Martha's Vineyard to visit our friend Bill Smith, past Americade King and founder of RK MA-7?

Saturday, April 19. **Breakfast at the Memorial in Boylston.** We are heading to Boylston for our monthly Breakfast Club, where will be joined by friends from MA-1 (and some Founding Fathers). Our president will also prepare a brief program to talk about spring maintenance tips for you and your ride. If you want to ride together, Kick Stands Up at 8:15 at the Westminster Dunkins so we are at Memorial Hall by 9:00.

Sunday, April 27. **Spring Dust-Off Ride.** Shake off the winter dust with our first official ride of the year. Meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 1:00 pm.

Saturday, May 3. **Massachusetts State Meeting.** The spring State Meeting for Massachusetts will be hosted by us (MA-2) in Petersham at the Congregational Church on 21 North Main Street (Rt. 32). Meet us at the church hall at 9:00 am for coffee and 10:00 for the meeting.

Saturday, May 3. **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 (Right after the state meeting). **After the blessing** and the ice cream, we will have a short chapter ride (+/- 60 miles).

Sunday, May 18. **Ride to Review our Road Skills and Safety (and Ice Cream).** We will come together to think about how to improve our riding and our safety together. It's a ride, it's a few minutes in a parking lot, and then it's some ice cream! Meet at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for noon and with a parking lot stop in Southwick around 1:30.

Tuesday, May 27 through Saturday May 31. **AMERICAIDE.** We'll keep you up to date on NY State Chapters' planning for the week with rides and the RKMC open house when we hear! (Vendors open on Wednesday)

Thursday June 5 through Sunday June 8. **Yankee Rally.** This year's Region-1 Rally is in Bangor, Maine.

Saturday, June 14. **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.

Saturday, June 28: **Vermont Connecticut River Ride.** Plans are for a ride north into Vermont along the Connecticut River with stops at the Vermont Country Store and the Bellows Falls Firefighter Memorial. (We'll grab some lunch along the way). Meet at the 2/202 Shell Station for 10:00 am.

Sunday, July 6. **4th of July Celebration and Cookout and Chapter Meeting.** Come enjoy some time with friends at a holiday pot-luck. We will be at the On-Site Academy in Westminster. (More details to follow).

Bring some food to share and something to throw on the grill. (1:00 pm).

**\*\*This gathering will also be our Summer Business Meeting\*\***

### 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 18 at Amanda and Lynn Scott's in Petersham.
- February 15 is at Millers Woods in Athol see main listing for details.
- March 15 at Tim and Dalene Kilhart's in Athol.
- April 19 at the RK Memorial Hall in Boylston with our friends from MA-1.
- November 15 — **Do YOU** want to host a Breakfast Club?

### Join us for ICE CREAM!

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

- Tuesday, June 17, **It's also our BUG RIDE!** Buggiest target gets a free ice cream. Meet Westminster Dunkins.
  - Thursday, July 17, at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange.
  - Wednesday, August 27 at the Dunkins in East Templeton on Route 2A.
  - Thursday, September 11 at the Dunkins in East Templeton on Route 2A.
- Have a favorite ice cream spot? Let our Road Captain know!

**Let's Play Hooky!** Keep tuned to your email from the officers. 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, and some with a special destination planned. 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!

**July 9 –11 Mid-week Overnight Away with Red Knight family.**

Prices for lodging in the White and Green Mountains are cheaper during the week, so your officers are planning something different with some time in the mountains mid-week.

Let President Hamberg know if you are interested and we will start making plans for those who wish to join us!

**Saturday, July 26. New York Firefighters Museum.** It's a day ride to Hudson, New York to visit what is billed as the world's largest firefighting museum. We will be meeting at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange at 8:00 am. It is about 100 miles from Orange. <https://fasnyfiremuseum.com/>

**Sunday, August 10. Wright's Chicken Farm.** We are heading into Rhode Island for a late lunch at Wright's Chicken Farm. Maybe we will have some other RKMC family join us from other chapters! Meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 1:00 pm. <https://www.wrightsfarm.com>

**August 21-24th. Red Knights International's Annual Convention. Peoria, Illinois,** sponsored by the Illinois State Association.

**Sunday, August 31. Labor Day Weekend Celebration and Cookout .**

(Yes, August 31 really is Labor Day weekend!) Come enjoy some time with friends in Petersham, where Jason Scott will be our host.

The grills will be hot, so bring some food to share and something to cook up on the grill. (1:00 pm).

**Sunday, September 7. New Hampshire Route 123 Ride.** We'll be headed north into New Hampshire to enjoy some of the great roads up Route 123. We may see the beginning of some New England's autumn colors as we take this great secondary road that meanders through forests and small NH villages. Meet at Westminster Dunkins for 9:00 am.

**Saturday, September 20. Vermont Mountain Ride.** Looking for more foliage we will be heading into Vermont over Hogback Mountain and up Mt. Equinox's Skyline Drive to the summit. <https://equinoxmountain.com/> Meet at the 2/202 Shell Station for 9:00 am.

**Sunday, October 5: 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 11. Another Dam President's Ride.** The weather has not cooperated for our President to host this ride in the past! The officers were joking as we scheduled this that it will be the weekend of a hurricane in 2025! 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 maybe some RKMC family from other chapters will join us, too.

**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 25: 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 2. Polar Bear Ride.** What will the weather bring in '25? As it has many times, the Smokey Bear Breakfast is October was colder than the 2024 Polar Bear Ride! Meet at Westminster Dunkins at 11:00 a.m.

**Saturday, November 15. Breakfast Clubs start again!**

Our cold-weather monthly Breakfast Clubs kick off with our potluck brunch for November. Join us at 9:00 am.

*Would you like to host an upcoming breakfast? Contact President Hamberg!  
(11/15/25, 1/17/26, 2/21/26, 3/21/26 or 4/18/26)*

**Sunday, November 30. 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!

**Regional Rallies for the Red Knights**

- The Dixie Rally (Region-4) May 16-18, 2025 New Orleans, LA
- Yankee Rally (Region-1) June 5-8, 2025, Bangor, ME.
- Western Rally (Region 5) June 27-29, 2025, in Deadwood, SD
- Atlantic Rally (Region 2) July 10-13, 2025 in Bouctouche, NB
- The Bootlegger Rally (Region 3) Labor Day weekend in Oconomowoc, WI
- Scooter Stampede (Region 6) Kerrville, TX October 2-5, 2025

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 10 if that is the date) for a coffee and some baked goods with our Vermont family!

**Tuesday, 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!*

**November 23 All Christmas Party fees/RSVPs due.**

**December 1 All 2026 member dues are due.**

**Sunday, December 7**

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

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

