



## RKMC — Mass 2 — 2026 Ride Schedule

### Sunday, January 25. Join us for a day at the movies.

We'll kick back with some popcorn and pizza and watch "Ryan@Fortnine" as he and his buddies circumnavigate the globe!

Saturday, February 7. 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 at 9:00 am (or meet at the museum for 10:00). [www.americanheritagemuseum.org](http://www.americanheritagemuseum.org) (Too big to see all of it during our 2025 visit!)

Sunday, February 15. Winter (Lunch) Potluck and Chapter Meeting. We're gathering at the Rec Center at Riverbend Woods (Daniel Shays Highway, Athol) at noon.

With its continued success, we will be holding our **3rd Annual "Gear Swap."** Do you have some riding gear that you no longer wear, but it still has life left to it? (Or any RKMC/Chapter paraphernalia that you would like to rehome). 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 7. Winter Motorcycle Expo. Shriner's Auditorium in Wilmington. Meet at the Westminster Dunkins at 9:00 am (Or meet us at the venue for 10:00).

Saturday, March 21. Breakfast at the Memorial in Boylston. We are heading to Boylston for our monthly Breakfast Club, where we will be joined by friends from MA-1. Plan to be at Memorial Hall by 9:00, just like our normal breakfast timing.

**Red Knights Go Bowling.** Watch for a "Let's Play Hookey and Go Bowling" notice! Plans are we'll visit Gardner Ten Pin, but it will be a weekday afternoon this year.

Saturday, April 18. April Breakfast in Southwick – with some shop time!

Hopefully we will be on the bikes (and four wheelers are welcome, too) to ride down to the Hamberg's for our April breakfast, and we'll talk about ride maintenance in the garage, as well.

Sunday, April 26. 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 2. 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 2. 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 17. Tri-State Firefighters Meet – Webster Lake. RKMA-IV will again be hosting a booth at the meet up in Webster. We will be heading down to see the displays and support MA-IV. Meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 9:00 am.

Wednesday, May 27 through Saturday May 30. AMERICADE. 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 4 through Sunday June 7. Yankee Rally. This year's Region-1 Rally is back in the Finger Lakes of New York. (Thursday there is the opportunity to ride around the track at Watkins Glenn!)

Saturday, June 13. Gillette Castle picnic ride. We will be heading into Connecticut to enjoy some back roads we do not see often. We will stop along the way to grab some lunch to picnic at the castle. If you want to tour the castle, there is a \$6 charge at the door. Afterwards we will head across the Connecticut River via ferry (another \$6) and continue our ride! Meet at Orange Shell station for 9:00 am.

<https://ctparks.com/parks/gillette-castle-state-park>

Wednesday, July 1. Bug Ride and Ice Cream. Who will have the most bugs on their target this year. Hopefully we'll have some bugs that cooperate this year. Meet at the Dunkin Donuts on Route 2A in East Templeton for 6:00 pm.

Saturday, June 27. 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.

MA2 and VT2 are collaborating on their ride planning for the event to include **SIX COVERED BRIDGES** so those participating can earn their **Covered Bridge Challenge Ride** patch! Come join us, earn your patch, and support our sister chapter in Vermont!

### 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 17 at Tim and Dalene Kilhart's in Athol.
- March 21 at the RKMC Memorial Hall in Boylston.
- April 18 at the Hamberg's in Southwick.
- November 21 — at Peg B's in Westminster

### Join us for ICE CREAM!

The only "scheduled" Ice Cream Ride is our "Bug Ride." But that doesn't mean no ice cream, it means we're going to plan ice cream around good weather this year! We'll keep an eye out for great riding weather during the week... that needs to include ice cream!

### Keep an eye out for emails about summer ice cream!

Wednesday, July 1, It's also our BUG RIDE! Biggest target gets free ice cream. Meet at the Dunkins on 2A in East Templeton.

Do you have a favorite ice cream spot? Let our Road Captain know!

**Saturday, July 18. Dinosaur BBQ in Troy New York.** We will be having a day ride through western Mass into New York for some barbecue. Meet at the Orange Shell station for 10:00 am. <https://dinosaurbarbecue.com/locations/troy>

**Sunday, July 26. Groton Submarine Base.** Our Assistant Road Captain will be in the lead as we head south for a stop at the Groton Sub Base, where you can tour the USS Nautilus. Meet at the Dunkins on Route 2A in East Templeton for 10:00 am. <https://ussnautilus.org/>

**August 13-14. Officers' Retreat.** Your Chapter E-Board will be heading off to find some good New England roads to spend some time together for a few days.

**August 18-23. Red Knights International's Annual Convention. Melbourne, Australia.**

**Saturday, August 22. Summer Chapter Meeting and Cookout.** Come enjoy some time with friends in Petersham, where Diona and Bob 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, August 30. Let's Go RACING!** We will be riding into western Mass, to the New England Trail Rider Association (NETRA) Hare Scrambles in Lanesboro, where Matthew Hamberg will be one of the racers. Come cheer him on! Meet at the Orange Shell station at 8:00 am.

**Saturday, September 12. President's Ride.** President Hamberg will have a route to the west to look for the start of some fall colors. Meet at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 9:00 am.

**Sunday, September 27. New Hampshire Route 123 Ride.** We'll be headed north into New Hampshire to enjoy some of the great roads up Route 123. We should see some great 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, October 3. Fall State Meeting.** (Tentative date) We will let you know details about when and where the fall state meeting will be.

**Sunday, October 4: 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.

**Friday, October 9: VT-2 Coffee Break.** 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 on what the VT-DOT offers them. Make a mental note, and we will plan a ride up into Southern Vermont (on October 9 if that is the date) for coffee and some baked goods with our Vermont family!

**Saturday, October 24: 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. **We are planning a ride after the meeting,** for anyone interested.

**Sunday, November 1. Polar Bear Ride.** What will the weather bring in '26? Meet at Westminster Dunkins at 11:00 a.m.

#### **Saturday, November 21. Breakfast Clubs start again!**

Our cold-weather monthly Breakfast Clubs kick off with our potluck brunch in November.

Join us at 9:00 am at Peg Brouillet's in Westminster.

*Would you like to host an upcoming breakfast? Contact President Hamberg!*

*(1/16/27, 2/20/27, 3/20/27 or 4/17/27)*

**Sunday, November 29. 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!

#### **Sunday, December 6**

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

We will be back at Slattery's in Fitchburg. Details will be out later in the year.

**Friday, December 11. Wreaths Across America.** Come participate with 400 other volunteers in honoring our veterans passed as we decorate each of the nearly 4,000 graves at the Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery in Winchendon.

Regional Rallies for the Red Knights

The Dixie Rally (Region-4)  
May 14-17, 2026  
Aberdeen, MD

Yankee Rally (Region-1)  
June 3-7, 2026, Geneva, NY.

Western Rally (Region 5)  
June 18-21, 2026,  
in High River Alberta

Atlantic Rally  
(Region 2)  
July 29—Aug 2, 2026 in  
Truro, NS

The Bootlegger Rally  
(Region 3)  
September 3-6. 2026 in  
Champion, PA

Scooter Stampede  
(Region 6)  
Copperas Cove, TX  
October 1-3, 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.

**Let's Play Hooky!** Keep tuned to your email from the officers. 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.

The goal is to get out and ride!

Come join us, it's too nice of a day to go to work!

**Tuesday, June 9.**

#### **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 22 All Christmas Party fees/RSVPs due.**

**December 1 All 2027 member dues are due.**