



From the  
President's Desk

# Red Knights

Mass Chapter 2 — Fall '09

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*Loyal to Our Duty*



## Mass-2 Christmas Party

- Sunday,  
December 13, 2009
- 1:00 p.m.
- Apple Hill Farm, 143  
Joslin Street in  
Leominster

Come join us for a **great** catered dinner and our annual Yankee Gift Swap.

Bring a wrapped gift with a value of no more than \$15 for the gift swap.

**The cost is \$15 per person** (the chapter is picking up the remainder of the cost) and if you were with us last year you'll agree that the food is fantastic!

*...and the company is pretty good too.*

The last few years we were able to donate a couple of dozen gifts to the **Loaves and Fishes** program in Ayer because of your generosity. This program provides Christmas gifts to children that may not have a holiday without your help.

Please bring a new unwrapped children's gift to our holiday party so we can make another donation to the program.

If you are involved in a similar effort to gather toys for children in your area, please let us know and we can share what we collect with other organizations as well.

**We must have a head count by Sunday, December 6 to give to the caterer.** Please contact Bob Laford with your RSVP. (978) 724-3270 (If you tell us you're coming but then can't make it we will need to collect \$25 to cover chapter costs).

Hi everyone!

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines "coach" as a person who instructs or trains players in the fundamentals and directs team strategy. Throughout my time on the drill yard taking the Experienced Rider Course in June I watched as the day's instructor gently worked with each individual — all of us at different skill levels — to help us each improve on our riding abilities. On the ride home I was thinking that he really did not "instruct" us; he was coaching us all day long. He worked to fine-tune our physical and mental abilities with our motorcycles and helped us to improve our understanding between us, our bikes, and the world of transportation around us. I found, through his observations, that I had developed some bad habits in my riding. They were rather subtle, but by having someone who is trained to improve our fundamentals watching my execution, I was able to identify those deficiencies and work on improving them as I ride. I am grateful for having the opportunity to do so, and thank you the members, as I was the recipient of this year's ERC scholarship available to our chapter members.

Each of us have those subtle deficiencies in our skills and operation of our bikes. And each of us can improve our skills and fine-tune the operation of our motorcycles by participating in an MSF training program. In 2010 our chapter will again be sponsoring a number of Motorcycle Safety Foundation training scholarships. Over the months ahead, please help us identify candidates for the training program and share information about the training and our scholarship program with them. And whether you participate in a such training through our scholarship program or on your own, please consider taking advantage of your own personal "coach" and sign up for a ERC (or BRC) to become that better rider that is inside you waiting to get out.

Long into our riding season it was wet, and I don't think we saw 'hot' until almost August! But that is all better than snow! What the weather brings us is part of the experience. On the bikes we are in the thick of it: smelling and tasting the air, feeling the sun and wind, the cold and the hot, the wet and the not so wet. If we wanted 100% comfort 100% of the time we would be sitting in that tour bus that we passed. But then we would miss the true visceral experience of the ride. And think about this— when the tour bus stops and unloads at a rest stop where a bunch of motorcycles are parked, where do the disembarking passengers migrate towards? The bikes and riders. Because that is the true experience.

Just close your eyes and remember one of those rides in your memory bank. The smell of the lilacs or the fresh cut grass. The waving tails of the nearby dairy cows, or the aroma of baked beans as you drive through Chestnut Hill, Tennessee passed the Bush's Baked Beans factory. So plan for the wet, the cold, the hot — and enjoy the entire ride experience. There is still time and there are still rides planned to help you bank some of those ride memories this season. So dress for the weather and come join us for some miles, some fun, and some friends.

In closing I want to thank you all for your support and faith in me as your President with my re-election at the Annual Meeting. It has been another wonderful year with the club, and our success as a chapter is not because of me. We have the chapter we have because of the participation of each of you in the events we have. An especially BIG thank you go out to the members of the chapter's executive board AND their spouses. Without the continued support behind the scenes in all that these folks do, our chapter would not be the big ball of fun it is every time we get together. So next time you see a chapter officer — or their spouse — give them a big hug... because they deserve it! ...*Ride safe!*

*P.S. Just a reminder that dues are due to the Treasurer by December 1.  
Thanks for your cooperation.*

### *On the road with our friends...*

- Our June ice cream ride found us under dark and ominous clouds and a few sprinkles after a week of rain. Looking to the west we could see a sliver of sun — so we headed west. By the time we pulled into the Templeton Ice Cream Barn the half-dozen bikes and one four-wheeler found broken blue skies and were able to enjoy our ice cream outside under dry conditions! Our July ice cream was under threatening skies (par for the course for 2009) and there were some rain drops as we had 10 bikes and a four-wheeler for a total of 17 people with a stop at King Phillip's new ice cream window in Phillipston. Even our "impromptu" ice cream ride to Murdock Dairy Bar in Winchendon brought out ten people on a hot August evening (with no rain!) *Even tornado watches didn't keep people away from one ice cream event... they just traveled via four wheels!*
- Five of us headed north to Vermont to participate in VT-2's 8th Annual "Paul's Ride." They had a good turnout with about 50 bikes and all their proceeds buy gas cards that are given out in the area's Oncology Departments to families needing some help.
- After a month of rain we had paid our dues and earned that beautiful day that the 4th of July was! We had 21 Red Knights and friends from the On-Site Academy to swell our ranks to over 30 for our July 4th BBQ at the Windy Hill Farm. What a great afternoon!
- Our visit to the USS Massachusetts was edited courtesy of Mother Nature (as was the chapter ride to see Marty and Cliff in Maine, too). The forecast was not promising and the six riders that came out decided that discretion pointed them to the Cheshire Fair Grounds in nearby Keene, rather than Battleship Cove. That leaves us the seaside point for a destination point for 2010!



Bringing up the rear of the Hancock, NH Old Home Days parade with the crowds cheering and us waving. Hey, we'll do anything for a little attention!

### **Our Breakfast Clubs**

have started up again!

The riding season may be winding down, but that does not mean that the fun is going to stop.

**Every third Saturday** from October through April we will gather for breakfast and fellowship. Meet at the Westminster FD for 8:00 a.m. (October's is at 9 a.m.) and we will discover a different breakfast haunt for the month.

October 17, November 21, December 19,  
January 16, February 20, March 20, and April 17

### *Another book to read...*

I had the chance to read a book about an epic motorcycle journey. The book is titled "Lois on the Loose" by Lois Price. Lois was an English journalist working for the BBC and had enough of her cubical lifestyle. (I can understand that).

She made plans, quit her job, shipped her bike to Alaska, and rode from Alaska to the southern tip of South America — 20,000 miles.

She did it by herself, and she did it on a 250cc motorcycle!

It was definitely a fun book to read and it was not a trip that was without some misfortune for Lois.

You can pick the book up at Barnes and Noble or other online book stores.

**W**e had 13 members join us on a HOT August day for a ride into New Hampshire and Vermont for some BBQ at the Curtis BBQ in Chester, Vermont.

On the way we found a number of great roads that had been recently resurfaced making for a smooth ride among the twisty roads.

When we came through Hancock, NH we had to stop as a parade had just started. After the parade passed, the police officer that had been keeping us company waved us in behind the last piece in the parade — a fire department vehicle of course!

As we followed the parade the announcer announced that he was unsure what the group was but that the final unit in the parade was a group of motorcycles... so we waved, and the people watching the parade cheered. So we can write in the Mass-2 history that we participated in the 2009 Hancock Old Home Day Parade!

The BBQ was very good... you'll have to ask Rick about the grilled prosciutto wrapped jalapeño peppers. They were a bit warm! Then — of course— there was an ice cream stop. It happened to be at an orchard and they put fresh fruit in with the dish of ice cream. Some of us had raspberries and some of us had peaches. Mmmm!

## Red Knights Coasting through THE CORNERS at the Ride for Kids



It was a hot August Day for this year's Ride for Kids. But we had the largest turnout of Red Knights that we have seen at the ride! There were 16 members of Mass-2 and a few more joined us from Mass-13 to participate with the 150 (or so) other riders.

This year the New England Ride for Kids brought in over \$44,000 for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

Mass-2 should be very proud. We brought in over \$1,600 in donations, and were called up to the stage at the end of the ride and recognized as one of the top five fund-raising clubs for the ride this year (GREAT JOB FOLKS!)

Rick Oliver has thrown out the challenge too, that we have MORE members ride in next year's ride and bring in even more cash for the kids.

Mark it on your calendar — August 15, 2010. Next year's rallying point is Tantasqua High School In Sturbridge.

*See you then!*



## Cape Cod in the Fall!

There were eleven bikes that met up to head to the Cape in late September. Along the way those 18 Mass-2 people met up with a couple from Mass-3. Then three more from Mass-8 met us at "Turk's" along Route 6 for our annual sea-food lunch before crossing the canal.

Our ride down had some delays and surprises. We came across a T-T unit stuck crossways on Route 140, found construction here and there that delayed us, and then were entertained by one driver who passed another then turned into a driveway cutting off the person he passed! That was right in front of us! We bypassed the Sagamore because of construction, as did everyone else, and crawled across the Bourne Bridge to a traffic-packed Route 6A.

But it was a nice day so a slow paced ride along the bay side was a nice diversion from the 495 traffic.

At the Town Crier in Eastham, Les & Mayda from VT-2 and Mark & Brenda from CT-2 were already waiting for us with Bob and Rob Felt from Mass-8. A short time later another 8 members from CT-2 rolled in, filling up the motel for the weekend.

Friday evening we headed down the street to the Elk's Club for their Friday evening fish fry. We took up five of their tables! Then it was back to the motel for socializing.

Saturday morning we were treated to a buffet breakfast at the motel and then we broke into groups. Bob Felt lead one group on a back roads trip to Provincetown for sight seeing and shopping (60 mile ride) and Chris Olsen took the other group on a 130 mile ride back 6A through Bourne, Falmouth, and Woods Hole. Saturday was a perfect weather day with warm sun, little wind, and temperatures near 70 — perfect! Before the sun set a number of riders ventured out to watch the tide come in and the sun go down on a couple of the nearby beaches.

Saturday evening was more socializing, with cards, dice, liquid refreshments, and some members even enjoyed the 82 degree pool!

The rain was moving closer and closer, so the majority of the Mass-2 folks were up and out by 7:00 on Sunday to make some miles before the steady rains came. Even with a "damp" ride home it was a good weekend, with good friends. Come join us next year!

It is nearing that time that we will have to—sadly—store our bikes away for the winter. We all know the importance of storage preparation and preventative maintenance to keep our rides in tip top shape ready to roll in the spring (Oil Change, Coat of Wax, Clean & Dry, Covered & stowed away safely).

But what about winter storage for the rider? Just because the bike is away does not mean we can't continue to improve ourselves as riders. I know, I know, what are we to do, go to the arcade and put quarters in the motorcycle race ride?

Well, that may be fun —BUT— How about READING? Keep in tune with your mental skills by picking up books and articles by fellow riders like David Hough, Lee Parks, and Ken Condon.

I just finished Ken's book "Riding in the Zone." It is written for the "intermediate rider" to help us sharpen our skills by learning the reasons behind all those things that the MSF teaches and we know that we are supposed to do.

So don't let your brain go into winter storage with your bike. Keep it sharp and pick up some reading material to keep your head in the game until spring!

## 2010 Dues

Included with this mailing is your invoice for the 2010 dues. As with any organization there are expenses that we incur and your dues help us cover those costs. A portion of your dues also go to the International for our charter dues. (We must have all International dues paid in January or we incur a \$50 penalty).

Please have your dues in to Treasurer Tim Kilhart by **December 1, 2009**. Thanks.

Tim Kilhart  
56 Adams Drive – Athol, MA 01331

Whether the Weather cooperates late into the fall or not, we will still be getting together as a chapter so come join us!

### Saturday, October 17. **Breakfast Club Ride**

Our first Saturday Breakfast Club for the Fall — plans are to visit the newly renovated Springfield Museum of History and their collection of Indian Motorcycles. Meet at WFD at 9:00 a.m.

### Sunday, November 1. **Polar Bear Ride**

What will the weather bring in '09?  
Meet at WFD at 11:00.



Our final ice cream ride in September brought out 18 people on ten bikes and a four wheeler. It was a little cool (and dark) when we left Barre to head home, but it was still a great ride!

### **Public Safety Education Scholarship**

Kevin Martin is chairing a committee to investigate the feasibility of our chapter sponsoring a scholarship to assist a young person who is attending school and studying a public safety subject. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact president Laford.

## Membership News Briefs...

Our condolences go out to Armand Guilmette and Michelle Shepard on the passing of Armand's brother earlier this summer.

Congratulations to Caitlin Barclay on her completion of her Bachelor's Degree and with her turning 21 — and best wishes on her relocation to Texas. It must be that Texan blood in her from her dad that aimed her in that direction. I got a text message from her in June as she wandered through an HD dealership. She said she had no money and no intention of buying anything, it was just that she needed a two-wheeled "fix." Will it be long before she finds some motorcycle-riding firefighters in the Lone Star State? I think not!

Congratulations on Rick and Lori Oliver on the recent purchase of a 2009 Goldwing. I know it will have a happy home (and many miles) in its New Salem home!

Although she is already back in Qatar for the semester's teaching, it was great having Donna Moreau home with us for the summer. It was wonderful listening to her stories and hearing her laugh with us as she rode her bike instead of a camel! She said she laughed out loud the first time she was riding and some one said, "watch out for the sand." "Sand? Sand? This isn't sand, she thought,... the desert, now that's riding in the sand!" We all look forward to seeing her again when she is home over the holidays.

Welcome to Jim Hopkins of Athol FD as our newest member, and congratulations to Larry Robinson on his election as Commander to his American Legion Post, and on his pending retirement from his long-held post with the State's DMR at the Templeton Developmental Center!

### *What is the chapter planning for 2010??* *— It's up to you!*



In a recent column in Rider Magazine Clement Salvadori wrote that the real purpose of a motorcycle is to take us places we haven't been before and to meet people we would have never met [otherwise]. In that column he began reminiscing on

the two-dozen (or so) cross country trips he has done. He stated that the bikes he rode on those trips were not necessarily the memories he recalls, but rather what pops into his head as he recalls his travels are the people and the sights of our country that make his memories special. He also made a point to say that there are still a lot more he has yet to see — which means there are more roads to ride!

Help us plan what *you* want to do for rides and events in 2010. We always have fun with what we plan, and the only way we can make it better is to let us know your ideas.

Did you participate in a ride with us or someone else that you thought was worth repeating? Did you see a destination on TV, in the Travel Section of the newspaper, in a magazine, or on line that you think sounds like a lot of fun?

Let us know — this is how we come up with new ideas for the chapter to try!

The officers will be meeting early in the year to prepare a ride schedule for 2010. Then we will have it ready to share with you at our Winter Pot Luck gathering in February. It's your chapter, let us know how to make it better for you!

## Winter Potluck

- Saturday, January 31
- 1:00 pm
- Marcia and Maury's  
66 Brook Lane  
Gardner, MA  
(978) 410-5553

Bring some food to share and stories to tell, and we will have a grand time as always!

We will have the **ride schedule for 2010** printed and ready for distribution – so don't miss it!

We had 30 members show up to the Mickles for our Labor Day Weekend BBQ. Needless to say we had A LOT of food! One member elsewhere on that day was Caitlin because she was settling in to her new apartment in San Antonio... so we could not let that go without an acknowledgement and chipped in and bought her a "house-warming scanner!" (Oh boy, I bet her room mates will love that! Below is what Mary B. sent me in an email:

*"There's no group she loves any more than Mass 2 RKMC - I think as anxious as she is to receive the vehicle we've just shipped down, she was BEYOND delighted to hear her Red Knights vest was hidden under the back seat! Oh, and to have a scanner, too....she'll be sitting in her bedroom in her jammies, wearing her vest, listening to her scanner, grinning like a possum eating bumble bees! "*



### Chapter MSF Scholarship

The Central Mass Safety Council is a great partner with our work on motorcycle safety through our MSF Scholarship program. We will be giving out rider scholarships again in 2010 thanks to our fundraising efforts, assistance from the safety council, and the work of our scholarship committee.

Thanks go out to our Scholarship Committee; Donna Moreau, Bob Shakarian, Don Hurme, and Maury Lizotte for their continued work on the committee.

Be on the look out for the 2010 scholarship information that will be out after the new year. If you know of a new rider who would benefit from the Beginner's Rider Course, or if you would like to file for a scholarship for either the Beginner or Advanced Course, please get an application to the committee for consideration.

*No matter how long you have been riding —  
rider education will make you a better rider!*

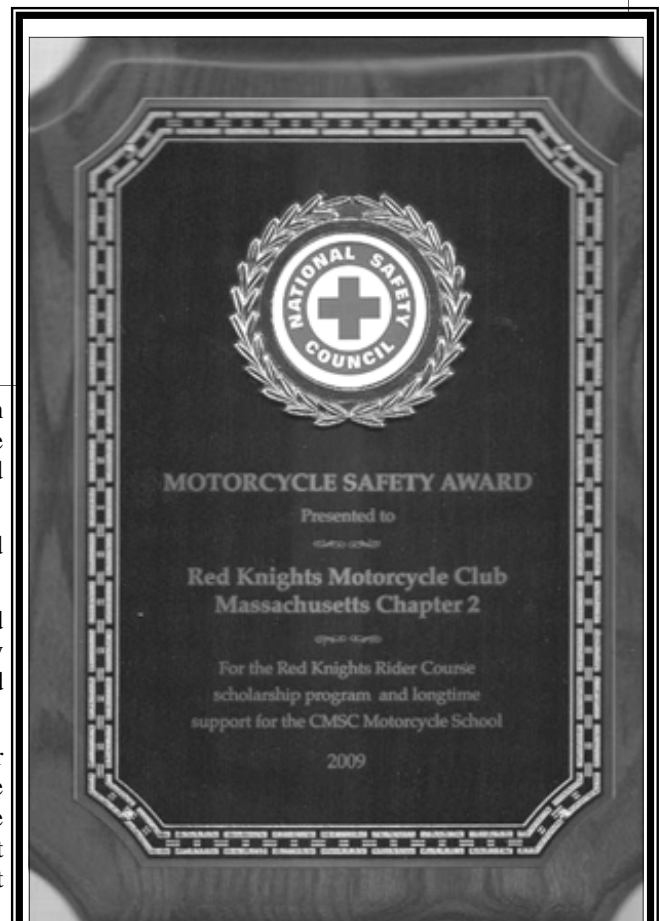
Earlier this summer when I spent a day at the Safety Council taking an Experienced Riders' Course, a Beginner's Course was going on at the same time. The ERC was filled with characters in their 30's, 40's, and 50's and the BRC was primarily high school-aged riders.

At one point in the afternoon both classes had a break at the same time and we were comparing notes next to the water cooler.

A couple of the young riders were beaming ear-to-ear and told us they had never been on a bike until that afternoon. Looking around the garage bay during our conversations it was apparent that we all had that same smile and that same enthusiasm that those young riders had on their first day.

In a book I read this summer, the author says that during the planning of her epic journey on two wheels many of her friends told her that by the end she will be so tired of riding that she would never want to ride a motorcycle again. At the end of her 20,000 mile ride she said she discovered that getting out and riding did not "cure her of the itch" she had to ride — it just "gave her an incurable disease to ride more."

Help us spread that enthusiasm and joy for riding that you have for riding. When the scholarship applications for 2010 are ready please help us get the word out by posting the scholarship info at your favorite local bike shops. That smile on your face and on mine that we see after a good ride is contagious and we need to spread that incurable disease that riding is to others!



The National Safety Council recognized our chapter with their Motorcycle Safety Award for our efforts through our scholarship program. It was presented to us at the Central Massachusetts Safety Council's annual awards banquet in June. We should all be very proud of this recognition.

## 2009 RKMC Convention!

\*\*\*IT was HOT!\*\*\* But what do you expect, we were in Ft. Lauderdale in August, with 110 of our friends (and 34 voting chapters) from all over the continent.

Even our friend Daniel was present from Switzerland and came with some hot pepper powder to share. After a little taste, Steve was dripping wet with sweat, his eyes were swollen shut, and he was left speechless! Be forewarned... Peg still has that jar in her possession!

The Mass-2 contingent decided that the best course of action was to fly to Florida and participate in secondary means of transportation instead of via two wheels. That included an airboat ride through the everglades taking in the sites. In that ride they were told if they end up in the water just dog paddle very gently and you won't draw the attention of the alligators!

Another ride was via boat up the inland waterway as they were able to see how the other half live with their multi-million dollar yachts. The tour guide even mentioned that many of these folks would take their "boat" for a short ride to the keys for an evening cocktail... and need to refuel when they return with the jaunts fuel cost nearly \$4,000!

  
**C**ongratulations to our friend Dave Emery, of VT-2 on his election to International President, to John Rucinski from NY-12 on his election as Eastern Director, and to Leo Patry of Ont-7 on his re-election as Treasurer. Best wishes to all our board members for the next year's work!

Future convention sites:

2010 — Niagara Falls, NY

Sponsored by the New York State Association ([www.rkmcny.com](http://www.rkmcny.com)). Location: The Holiday Inn Grand Island Resort and Conference Center, Grand Island, NY (Niagara Falls).

2011 — Ocean City, MD \*\*\* 2012 — Gettysburg, PA  
2013 — Vermont \*\*\* 2014 — Prince Edward Island

*Come see what all the fun is about!*

### Guy's Day out in Boston 2010

The Boston Motorcycle Show is the weekend of February 13 & 14 at the World Trade Center in Boston.

It is always a great time looking at all the bikes, vendors, and wares at this show. Come join us on **Saturday, February 13**. We will meet at the Leominster train station about 9:00 a.m. for the ride into Boston and see if we can find our way — and always with a smile and a laugh!

*Other 2010 Show dates and locations are:*

*Hartford, CT on January 9-10*

*Salem, NH on January 23-24*

*Wilmington, MA on March 13-14*

*Check out [www.kevmarv.com](http://www.kevmarv.com) for more information*

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### *Thinking about Lake George*

We always have a great time at Americade in June — but it takes PLANNING and then a REVIEW. And of course both those group events require food! We had twenty members come out to Moe and Marcia's in July to spend an evening reviewing our Lake George festivities and watching pictures... and sharing some food. Once we were done with this table of entrees the table was cleared and filled with desserts— Including Marcia's home made ice cream. Remember, you cannot plan on an empty stomach.



## ***Where in the world are we riding today?***

A Motorcyclist's Bucket List of Rides to Complete! National Geographic's Traveler Magazine posted the 50 Top Drives of a Lifetime. That sounds like a challenge! How many have you been on... and how many do you have on your "bucket list?"

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Amalfi Coast, Italy - Wind your way through the villages, beaches, and mountains of Italy's most scenic stretch of coastline.

Banff and Jasper, Canada - One of the crown jewels of western Canada, here you'll take in exhilarating vistas of forest, crag, and glacier.

Big Island, Hawaii - Warm beaches, cool highlands, active lava flows, and lush jungles await.

Black Hills, South Dakota - Let the stunning landscapes and abundant wildlife of South Dakota surprise your senses.

Blues Highway, Tennessee - Listen as the Blues Highway sings while you travel through the heart of gospel and soul country.

Borderlands, Texas - Welcome to Big Bend, one of the last true frontiers in the lower 48.

Bourbon Trail, Kentucky - White-water rapids and grazing thoroughbreds line your journey through Kentucky's distilleries.

Brandywine Valley, Mid-Atlantic - Take a road trip through the mansions and gardens of the early 20th century's New World royalty.

British Columbia - This tour has a bit of everything: first-rate museums, strait crossings, and spectacular scenery.

Cabot Trail, Canada - Get away from it all in Cape Breton, the prize of Nova Scotia.

Cape Cod, Massachusetts - Take your time hopping from one clam shack to the next around vintage Cape Cod.

Cascade Lakes, Oregon - Step back in time as the volcanic landscape of central Oregon's desert plains conjure up prehistoric visions.

Cheese Trail, Vermont - Visit the farmstead alchemists in the Green Mountain State for great food, fun, and scenery.

Cherochala Skyway, Tennessee - Follow a mile-high ridge in the Unicoi Mountains for amazing views of mountains, foliage, and waterfalls.

Cornwall, England - A hybrid of historical attractions and natural beauty, this is England at its most unique.

Creole Country, Louisiana - This is deep Creole country, with a culture as abundant as the oaks and magnolias lining the streets.

Dalton Highway, Alaska - A mostly gravel road does not do justice to the vastly dramatic scenery that lies along its winding path.

Finger Lakes, New York - The wines of this region stand alongside California's best, and the scenery is likewise first rate.

Florida Keys - The 113-mile (181-kilometer) drive from mainland Florida to Key West induces sensory overload.

Flower Route, Netherlands - Tulips, hyacinths, narcissi, and daffodils of every color stretch to the horizon along this drive through western Holland.

Forgotten Florida - Stroll along through the "real Florida" and glimpse an older, simpler Sunshine State.

Ghost Towns, Colorado - If you're not careful wandering through Colorado's ghost towns you just might catch gold fever.

Hallowed Ground, Virginia - Drive through America's rich history, visiting presidential estates, mountain vistas, battlefields, and rolling pastures.

Hana Highway, Hawaii - Maui's Hana coast delivers black-sand beaches, plunging waterfalls—and a doozy of a drive.

Hill Country, Texas - Head down south for a visit to Texas's famed hill country, quirky cowboy towns and all.

Hudson Valley, New York - Follow the trails of Indians, adventurers, George Washington, and Gilded Age millionaires.

James River, Virginia - Wind your way deep into American history and see the forces that shaped our nation.



Lighthouse Coast, North Carolina - Take in the fresh sea air along the Outer Banks, where nature still rules this tendril of barrier islands.

Low Country, Georgia - Few regions in the United States pack in as much history, culture, and natural beauty as the Low Country.

Manitoba Prairies - The region's richest farm country provides the backdrop for rolling prairie hills and river valleys.

Mississippi River, Midwest - Artistic offerings combined with small-town Americana make for the best of the Midwest.

Montreal, Canada - Brush up on your French as you cruise through Montreal's picturesque wine country.

Mount Hood, Oregon - The views here are just as spectacular today as they were when the first settlers arrived.

Navajo Lands, Arizona - Watch the serene culture of Native Americans come alive in a drive through Hopi and Navajo lands.

New Old West, Arizona - Saddle up at this bastion of true Americana where the Old West meets the new.

North Island, New Zealand - Get into the adventure with some of the most varied and rugged landscapes on Earth.

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...where are we going to ride? (continued)

Olympic Peninsula, Washington - The Olympics and their peninsula of 3,600 square miles are still surprisingly, romantically wild.

Ozarks, Arkansas - Deciduous forests create a kaleidoscopic palette of crimsons, saffrons, and ochres.

Pacific Coast Highway, California - Strap in and get ready for an exhilarating driving experience along this twisting, cliff-hugging route.

Pioneer Trail, Nebraska - Follow a trail dotted with pioneers' legacy: historical villages, preserved log cabins, and lots of memorabilia.

Pirate Route, Jamaica - Once the home of pirates galore, today's treasures of Port Royal, Jamaica, are historic and scenic delights.

Provence, France - Discover the arts, foods, crafts, and vistas that make this one of Europe's most inspiring regions.

Rocky Mountains - Drive from the snowcapped peaks of northern Colorado to the endless high plains of Wyoming.

San Luis Valley, Colorado - For a trip into history, few parts of the American Southwest can top this stretch of the Rockies' front range.

Santa Barbara Loop, California - Soak in the Mediterranean climate of this Pacific gem, complete with broad beaches and yacht harbors.

Sawtooths, Idaho - Climb more than 5,000 feet into the terrain of the Sawtooths where elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats await.

Seward Highway, Alaska - There's enough visual overload here to fill a hard drive with digital pictures.

Shipwreck Coast, Michigan - Behold the power of Lake Superior from a string of quiet roads along the upper peninsula

Southwest's Four Corners - Witness the sculpted horizons of the southwest, where manmade boundaries mean nothing to the rugged lands.

Wichita Wild West, Kansas - Revisit the Wild West with a drive through rough-and-tumble cowboy life.

**After our Polar Bear Ride in November, get your bike's mileage to Kevin Martin... then at the Christmas Party we will have some fun with the "data" and see how many miles our chapter rode this year!**



**(I bet it is more than you think!)**

**FIRST BREAKFAST CLUB RIDE OF THE FALL IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 — MEET AT WESTMINSTER FD AT 9:00 A.M. AND WE WILL HEAD OUT FOR BREAKFAST AND A RIDE**

### RK Ideas for Christmas!

Red Knights' apparel and stuff are always a great gift for the rider on your Christmas list!

For RKMC embroidered clothing (shirts, coats, hats, etc.) contact Joe Guarnera at joegua@comcast.net or his home phone at 978-455-1022.

For screened T-shirts and Golf shirts, contact Vice-president Kevin Martin (978) 827-4297

Chapter Treasurer Tim Kilhart (978) 249-2983 has a number of items too: Chapter Decals (4 inch, 8

inch, and custom size if needed), RKMC Decals, Red Knights Shoulder Patches w/ rockers, and Red Knights Back Patches & Rockers (for vests). AND the chapter motorcycle flags too!



On the International Web Page you can buy merchandise from other chapters ranging from doo-rags to collar brass and license plate frames and everything in between!

### A visit to Sherry's House on a rainy Saturday

Tropical Storm Danny was dumping wind and rain on us so we could not do our chapter "poker run ride" back in August — but we still had nine members show up on four wheels with bags of "stuff" to share with "Sherry's House" ([www.whyme.org](http://www.whyme.org)) in Worcester.

When we left, we were in awe what these people have built and do for those children and families in need of support while the children receive treatment for their cancer.

Your chapter officers are working on a plan to have a 2010 50/50 that starts at our Christmas Party and each event we have\* to combine member and chapter donations with a ride to visit them again in 2010. So start putting aside canned goods and other stuff they need and we'll stop by to offer our support to these very special people again next year! \*(The plan for the year-long 50/50 is to split the proceeds between the "Ride for Kids" and "Sherry's House").



This was one of our tour guides during our stop at Sherry's House. He said he was the "Junior Ambassador" for the building and made us feel very special. He and his mom have been guests of the support home while he has been going through cancer treatments at UMMC. The background of the picture is the ceiling in the gazebo room of the building. For those kids who cannot go outside to play, because of their condition, this room is decorated to have trees, birds, and the sky and is full of windows so those children can share the outside as well!