



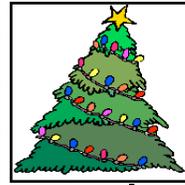
From the
President's Desk

Red Knights

Mass Chapter 2 — Fall '11

<http://www.rk-mass2.org>

Loyal to Our Duty



Mass-2 Christmas Party

- Sunday, December 11, 2011
- 1:00 p.m.
- Colonial Bed and Breakfast on Betty Spring Road in Gardner

Come join us for a our 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 \$20 per person (the chapter is picking up the remainder of the cost). A special thank you goes out to Maury Lizotte for his leg work on this year's party planning.

...hope to see you all there!

We will again be accepting donations for Sherry's House at our Christmas party.

Please consider purchasing and donating gift cards for **Wal-Mart, Target, K-Mart, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, CVS,** etc. or **Gas Cards, Phone Cards, VISA and American Express** gift cards. On www.whyme.org they also list gift ideas if you would prefer gifts over gift cards. We will be bringing all of those collected to Sherry's House in Worcester to assist them in their mission for the kids this holiday season.

As always, thank you for your generosity — the children and families at the home thank you as well.

We must have a RSVPs and pre-paid dinners by Sunday, November 27 to give to the caterer. Please contact Tim Kilhart with your meal payment as soon as you can.

There are certain movies and television shows that any red-blooded American guy should be able to quote. Monte Python, the Three Stooges, Blazing Saddles, and Airplane are probably four of these "classics" in guy knowledge;

Tower voice: L.A. departure frequency, 123 point 9'er. *Captain Oveur:* Roger! *Roger Murdock:* Huh? *Victor Basta:* Request vector, over. *Captain Oveur:* What? *Tower voice:* Flight 2-0-9'er cleared for vector 324. *Roger Murdock:* We have clearance, Clarence. *Captain Oveur:* Roger, Roger. What's our vector, Victor? *Tower voice:* Tower's radio clearance, over! *Captain Oveur:* That's Clarence Oveur. Over. *Tower voice:* Over. *Captain Oveur:* Roger. *Roger Murdock:* Huh? *Tower voice:* Roger, over! *Roger Murdock:* What? *Captain Oveur:* Huh?

The reason I bring up one of the cockpit scenes from the movie Airplane is that there is a definite formality to a pilot's pre-flight check list. They begin with their check list and go through it with a religious and disciplined routine. If they are interrupted they will begin at the top of the list again and go through their complete checklist routine from top to bottom. It is habit. It is a built-in routine. It promotes and provides a level of safety from the checklist.

And whether we realize it or not, most of us have also developed a fixed routine of our own as we prepare to ride. It is formed from repetitive actions of getting ready to ride. Coat zipped, helmet on, gloves on, communications plugged in, mount bike, start engine, wife on bike. If our routine is interrupted we should also have the discipline to stop mid-stream and begin from the top of our "pre-flight checklist." If you are thinking that our pre-ride habits are so simple that we need not think about re-starting our mental preparation, that is where mistakes happen that can lead to physical, mental, or judgment errors. "Oops, I forgot to start my I-Pod. I'll just lean over to the pocket and push play." "Oh, my jacket is not zipped," or "My vent is not open." And the maneuvering and attention to take care of those minor things may divert enough focus from our piloting the bike that we get into trouble.

I bring this up because I had a similar lapse in "pre-flight preparation" that could have been a problem earlier this year. We were in a parking lot getting ready to leave and just as I put my helmet on someone ventured by and talked to me about my bike. He finished, I fired up the bike, and I rode away with the group. When we got into traffic I realized my chin strap was not fastened! Now the group was coming up to speed and I was in the tail. I started to fidget with the strap with one hand and then told myself to pull over and fix it right — that I would catch up after I had fastened it safely from a stop.

We are late into our riding season but our focus on our skills and our riding safety is still necessary. Our challenge is that maybe some of our "bad habits" have become a bit more ingrained into our routines and we need to take some time to fine tune our mental and physical riding attributes to keep the late season a safe one.

And just because the fall weather is with us does not mean that the riding stops. We still have lots going on into the late season — and even after the bikes must be put away. So come join us.

Also, as the year draws to a close I must tip my hat to my fellow officers and their spouses and partners. We have a wonderfully dedicated group of people who do a lot of behind-the-scenes work for our chapter—and have done so for almost 30 years. Without the work of these people our chapter would not be what it is today, for each of us. So *thank you* to all the officers past and present, and each of you who take the time to make Red Knights Mass-2 a special family.

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...

- RK Vermont-2 Paul's Ride. We had six members head into the Green Mountain State for VT-2's annual Paul's Ride. (Also three RK reps participated in that day's Rolling Thunder Veteran's ride out of Orange too). It started as a dank, drizzly, and foggy morning but the further the ride took us the drier the day became! During the ride we crested Hog Back Mountain on Route 9 and we were lucky to be able to see the bikes in front or in back of us let alone the "100 mile view!" In 2010 the Mass-2 contingent brought home 15 door prizes. We slipped a little and only took home 11 this year.
- We were guests of the Oliver's in New Salem for our July 4th weekend BBQ. Even though some rain had just passed through we did have 19 members and friends come out (yes, a few on bikes) for an afternoon of friendship and food.
- Only a few people were able to make the White Mountains weekend in August, but they made up for it with extra miles on the curves throughout the weekend. The Motorcycle Friendly motel even had pop-up shelters set up next to the building so the bikes were under cover while our Red Knights were there! Along with playing cards in the evening and searching for ice cream during the day, our mountain adventurers had lunch in the Ladder-1 Grill in Barre, Vermont and a stop at Whitehorse Gear's warehouse in Conway, NH.
- We had 13 people on board for an August ride to Putnam, CT for some lunch at Granddaddy's BBQ, and then it was just a short hop over to UConn for some ice cream. There were two buses of Senior Citizens that had just pulled in for ice cream when we did. And as they made their way up the ramp we sprinted up the stairs as the line was soon to be very long! A couple of them wanted to go with us later rather than back on the bus! Can you blame them?
- We had seven members along for a Saturday ride in August and ventured up Routes 32, 10, and 123. We also stumbled across the Hancock Old Home Days again! A couple of years ago we actually appeared as we were the last entry in their parade as we made our way through the village. We missed the parade this year, but the common was full of festive people when we headed south on Route 137.
- Breakfast with Smokey and the Apple Pie Festival found summer-like weather and 18 members and friends along for the ride and the culinary delights! Those are always two of our favorite destinations!



Hmm, Pickles and ice cream in July. Is there something you are not telling us Maury?

Our monthly ice cream rides have drawn to a close—and many of the ice cream stands have closed for the season.

As always, the monthly jaunts to a local parlor of dairy delights draws a good crowd. And barring bad weather (like we had in June) it is usually a long line of riders leaving Westminster for some cool treats.

In July we had 18 riders and we made our way over Wachusett Mountain and then west to South Barre for a stop at the Barre Mill Restaurant's dairy. If you are looking for a very reasonable restaurant with good food—the Barre Mill, on Route 32 in South Barre, is always a good choice. August's ice cream was on a cool summer's evening where 12 members came out for ice cream at Calico and Cream in Hubbardston, and September's (final) ice cream in Winchendon with 16 members along for the treat.

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 9:00 a.m. and we will discover a different breakfast haunt for each month.

November 19, December 17, January 21, February 18, March 17, and April 21

"I am so grateful that all of you come here each year for my kid. You do not know how much it means to them and to their families."



That's what one of the parents of the children that have benefited from the research and support given by the PBTFUS told us after the ride. She said that her daughter was one of the 11 children that are diagnosed with brain tumors each day and that the PBTFUS and all of us have made a difference in her life.

And her daughter is also one of the 941 PBTFUS Scholarship recipients who is now attending college.

That is why we participate in the ride. Yes it is a fun day. But the ride is for the kids.

We were very pleased with all the efforts of our members as we were called to the stage again this year. For 2011 we brought in \$5,676 and were the #2 club fundraiser for the New England Ride for Kids! (*Thank you all*).

Total funds raised for the day were \$37, 626.55



Mark the third Sunday of August on your calendar for the 2012 RFK.
See you then!

A big THANK YOU goes out to the Olivers and the New Salem General Store for their donation of the Jack Daniels barrel and coordinating a Ride for Kids raffle for us.

With the help of our members and the customers of the NSGS we raised \$1,650 in the raffle to add into our donation to the Ride for Kids.

Winners were: David Schoen, Southampton, the barrel; Jim Smith, Belchertown, a select bottle of JD; Bob Clukey, New Salem, a JD welcome mat; Terri Labinem a JD lid wall-hanging; Roy Bergeron, Belchertown, a JD mirror; Larry Smith, Shutesbury, a JD blackboard, and Maury Lizotte, a JD blackboard.

A customer named Jack came in and offered to buy the blackboard from Maury and he sold it and donated the funds back to the Ride for Kids. Thanks Maury!



2011 marked the tenth year that the Red Knights hosted one of the Americade Three-course dinners!

That first year we were able to garner 60 door prizes by asking for help from Red Knight members. We have historically given out more door prizes than any other "corporate" sponsor of a dinner at Americade.

In the ten years that we have hosted the dinner that first dinner was the smallest number of door prizes brought in...

2002- 60 | 2003- 70 | 2004- 100 | 2005- 96 |
2006- 90 | 2007- 140 | 2008- 120 | 2009- 100 |
2010- 180 | 2011- 70

That means that the Red Knights have given out 926 door prizes over ten years at the Americade dinner, all thanks to the generosity of it's members!

And Mass-2 has always been "in the fray" collecting door prizes and running prizes into the crowd. Thanks for your support and making the Red Knights look so good!

RADE FOR KIDS TRIVIA!

The 500th Ride for Kids was held in September at the 20th annual RFK held in Washington, DC

A Special Visitor... We were sitting in Five-guys Burger in Lincoln Plaza in Worcester during a chapter ride. Both Bob and Tim had some clothing on that said "Ride for Kids" on it. A young girl — probably about 9 or 10 years old, came up to the table and said that she wanted to thank us. She told us that she is a brain tumor survivor and that she appreciates what the motorcyclists do for her and the other kids.

After she walked away all we could think was—

WOW!



Membership News Briefs...

2012 Dues

We have been sending out electronic reminders about your 2012 dues. If you have not paid them yet, PLEASE get your dues (still a deal at \$20 per person) to our Treasurer.

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 before **December 1, 2011**. Thanks.

Tim Kilhart
56 Adams Drive
Athol, MA 01331

Our condolences go out to Gerry and Rosanne Baldini and his family on the recent passing of Gerry's mom.

Welcome to Jim "JJ" Johnson, a retired Assistant Chief with the Amherst FD. JJ was recently voted in as a member and we look forward to seeing him along for some rides with us. And welcome to Laura Nelson, who has been on many rides with us this summer and was voted in as a social member.

Congratulations to Steve Mickle on his recent retirement from the Groton Highway Department. Steve, that now means not only do you have more riding time, but all those house-husband things like laundry, house work, and cooking need to be accomplished before Deb gets home from work!

Best wishes to Tom Lozier on his appointment as Chief in the Athol Fire Department.

Congratulations to Bob & Diona on the purchase of an '02 Midnight Venture, and to Bill Bourque in the "musical bikes" game and riding home on Bob's 1996 Goldwing to make it his own!



We had sixteen members come out for our Americade Picture-perfect Potluck to view an afternoon of pictures (and laughs) taken during Americade week. We had over 1,000 pictures scroll by on the screen!



Don't forget to take a few basic steps this fall to prep your bike for its hibernation:

- Stabilize the Fuel,
- Change the oil,
- Attach a battery tender,
- Clean and Lubricate,
- Cover your bike

Bob Shakarian was involved in a motorcycle crash as he exited a highway onto an exit ramp in Connecticut this summer.

He said what surprised him the most is how fast everything happened—and he was into the curb, on the ground, and into the guard rail.

He said there is no doubt that if his head had taken the damage that his helmet did when he contacted the guard rails it would have been a fatal crash. Remember, for your safety, ATGATT (*All the Gear All the Time*).



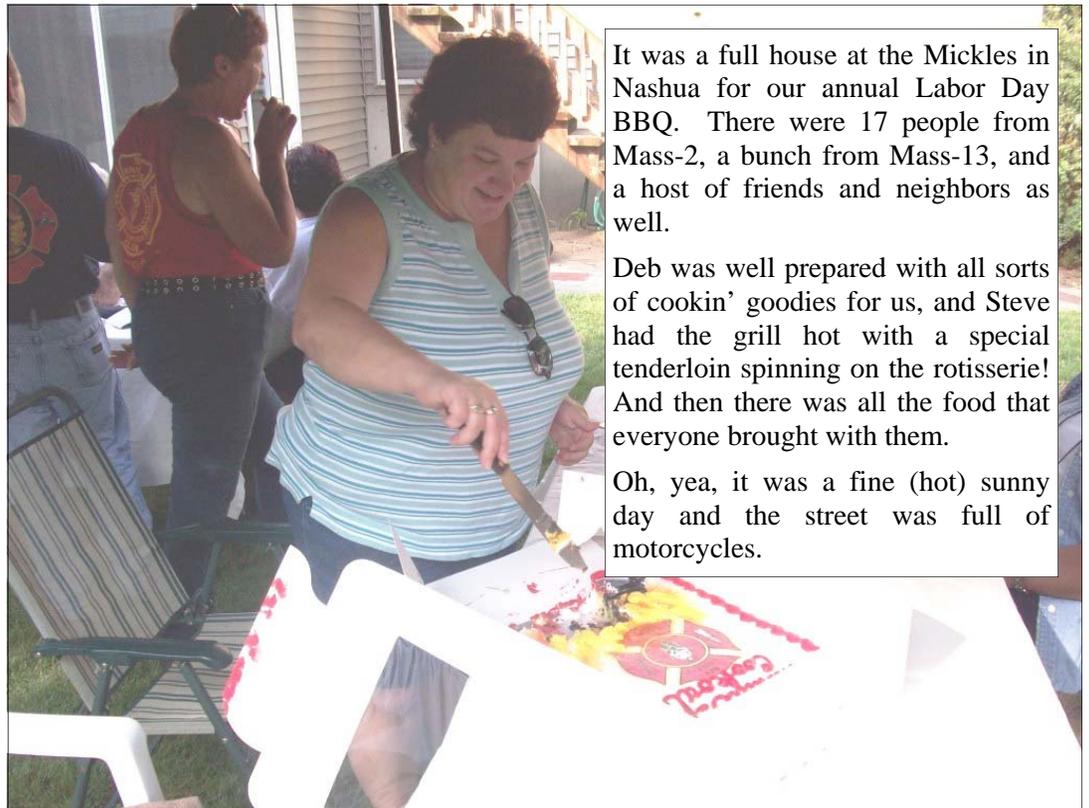
Winter Potluck

- Sunday, February 5
- Westminster American Legion
- 1:00 p.m.

Plan to 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 2012** printed and ready for distribution – so don't miss it!

The Legion is at
127 Main Street
(Route 2A)
Westminster



It was a full house at the Mickles in Nashua for our annual Labor Day BBQ. There were 17 people from Mass-2, a bunch from Mass-13, and a host of friends and neighbors as well.

Deb was well prepared with all sorts of cookin' goodies for us, and Steve had the grill hot with a special tenderloin spinning on the rotisserie! And then there was all the food that everyone brought with them.

Oh, yea, it was a fine (hot) sunny day and the street was full of motorcycles.

Chapter MSF Scholarship

The Central Mass Safety Council continues to be our partner with motorcycle safety through our MSF Scholarship program. We will be giving out rider scholarships again in 2012 thanks to our fundraising efforts, assistance from the safety council, and the work of our scholarship committee.

Be on the lookout for the 2012 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 Experienced Course, please get an application to the committee for consideration.

We can all benefit from more training and improved skills on our bikes. Consider taking an Experienced Rider course to make you a better rider — for you!

SUPPORT FOR SHERRY'S HOUSE

September 17 was a brilliant and crisp morning (about 40 degrees) when ten members met up to follow the treasurer hither and yon on a pseudo-poker run for the day. Over the past several years we have made a donation to Sherry's House in Worcester and routinely made a ride for the donation.

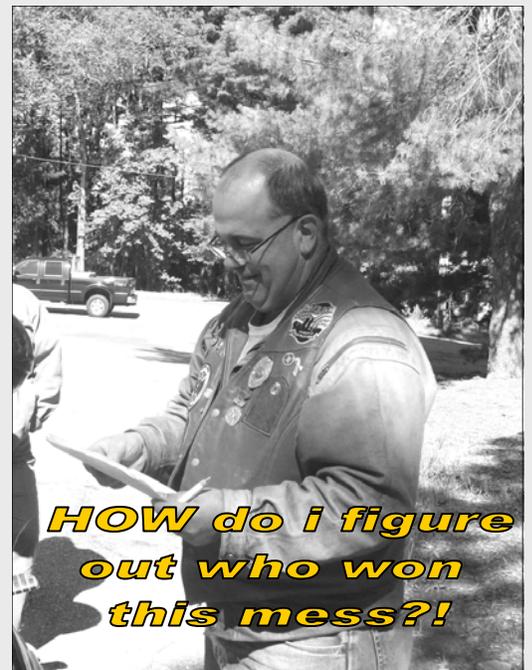
Because of staffing at the home this year, no one was going to be at the facility on the day of our ride — but we still collected needed goods and donations for Sherry's House and the "WHY ME" organization (www.whyme.org). Sherry's House provides a residential facility for families whose children are going through cancer treatments at nearby hospitals.

This year we collected six bags of groceries and other needed items as well as making a \$150 donation from our chapter. Later in the week, Tim took another ride down into Worcester to bring our donations to Sherry's for their use.

Tim had a great route laid out for us that took us into Connecticut (where we picked up his sister to ride with us), and then back into Worcester with a finishing stop at the Red Knights' memorial in Boylston.

At each stop we were drawing playing cards for a poker hand and at the end Marcia took the top prize with a flush of five clubs!

That same Saturday, Mass-2 was also represented at the Shirley FD Poker Ride with a total turn out of over 60 bikes for that event!



2011 RKMC Convention! — On the boardwalk in Ocean City

Ed & Peg B, Cliff & Marty E, Steve & Deb M, and Maury and Marcia were our representatives to this year's International Convention held in Maryland this September.

The trip down found some wet riding to get there with the help of a passing Tropical Storm Lee — and high surfs because of nearby hurricane Katia — but the beach and the boardwalk were still welcoming to the Red Knights!

The Eldridges, Mickles and Brouillets left for the convention on Wednesday, unfortunately getting a late start. Rain most of the way with fog and rush hour traffic on the Garden State Parkway. First night was spent in Atlantic City. Very expensive - \$18 for a ginger ale and a beer! It was an easy ride the next day via the Cape May Ferry. A little rough due to the hurricane at sea. Arrived in Ocean City with the fog was so thick we couldn't even see the ocean although we could hear it with huge waves crashing on the nearby shore.

The Welcome BBQ was held on the outside veranda of the 9th floor Penthouse Suite at the Quality Inn. The weather held for the BBQ which included corn bread, baked beans, barbecued chicken, pork, pulled pork and coleslaw. The main course was then followed by dessert of various pies. Attendees raved about the meal particularly the corn bread. The view from the veranda would have been tremendous except for the pea soup fog that remained in the area and resulted in the cancellation of the bonfire.

While at the BBQ, as he tossed some trash, Moe tried to rearrange an iron spiral staircase with his head thankfully there were plenty of medically skilled folks to care and monitor Moe's split head. Even though it was very minor; ice was applied and he was fine. Lucky he has a hard head.

Following the BBQ much fun and many laughs were had at the hospitality suite providing a great sample of the Red

Knights camaraderie for Guiliano and Melanie from Switzerland.

The representatives from Switzerland were there along with many old friends. It was an enjoyable social event. Friday was on your own or you could choose from three escorted rides : Historic Ride (which was well attended), Firehouse ride and a self guided ride Asateague. Friday night supper was on our own, Many great restaurants to choose from on the boardwalk and in town.

The maps in the hospitality suite showed quite a bit of traveling done by Red Knights, including from distances of Switzerland, Texas, Wisconsin, Illinois, Louisiana, Ohio, Prince Edward Island, and Winnipeg Manitoba, among many states along the eastern seaboard. I don't recall hearing of anyone who arrived (aside from Switzerland) without experiencing some rain.

Friday M&M rode with Ed and Peg to Chincoteague with a prayer for dry weather. The ponies in two 25+ pony herd are managed by the local volunteer fire dept. One of the herds was visible about a 1/2 mile in the distance. Because they are managed they don't run freely like they do in Assateague. Weather continued to be overcast and threatening. It was difficult to tell if it was raining or just the humidity that was falling on the shields. The stops were very quick due to being swarmed by very hungry mosquitoes. Apparently the State of Maryland Parks waited for healthy Red Knights on motorcycles with bare arms to feed their mosquito stock.

Saturday morning, preceding the convention meeting the group had the opportunity to observe a sun rise (without the sun) wedding on the beach. It was a great start to the events of the day.

Convention meeting:

At the meeting - several founding members from MA 1 were recognized

with 56 voting delegates were on hand. We now have 384 chapters in the US, 7 in Australia, 1 in New Zealand and 15 in Europe. The meeting went smoothly.

Leo was re-elected as treasurer Dave was re-elected as president, Don Moore took John Ruczinski's place in Region 1, Dennis Gobi in Region 2 and Jeff Peters in Region 3

Upcoming Conventions:

- 2012 – PA at the Eisenhower Hotel. Registration opens in Nov 2011. Complete with guided battlefield tours and opportunity to visit the National Fire Academy. Brick purchases (\$100) at the Academy Memorial will be available in section 30 for RK 30th anniversary. Ghost tours available.
- 2013 – VT. Rutland based at Holiday Inn
- 2014 – PEI. July 16-20 great beaches. Wine tours. University of PEI planned for the base. Country music event the week before. Lobster supper. Plenty of opportunity to discover more about Anne of Green Gables.
- 2015 – Texas. Fires have eliminated a couple of the potential sites. Down to two locations. Bring your boots :)
- 2016 – Wisconsin – complete with cheese

Other business points:

- ⇒The dates for the Memorial steel dedication in Boylston are TBA. Progress has been delayed due to Irene.
- ⇒45 members were lost since last convention and each one was recognized during the dinner with their name read and a ring of the fire bell.
- ⇒RK growth - 14 countries. Doubled overseas presence in 12 months; growth attributed by the International Board members' visit.
- ⇒Electronic Voting — E-balloting was passed by the vast majority at the meeting.

*Thanks to Marcia M. and Peg B.
for the convention notes*

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Convention tale continued...

At the Saturday dinner event town buses were used to transport the RK members to the Holiday Inn where the dinner was being hosted.

The new officers were sworn in by Ed Brouillet. There were short videos from both Australia and the European chapters to wish us well on our convention. They were holding a European convention at the same time. We are now truly an International Club. The video of the WTC steel transport was also shown.

310 attendees at the dinner started with the Procession of Officers, Switzerland Anthem, Canada Anthem, and the National Anthem.

MA-2 was seated next to the exit/food but we didn't have to wait too long. (Donny wasn't sitting with us!)

Menu included chicken, tilapia, sirloin roast, sautéed veggies, roasted potatoes, salad and of course various desserts and coffee. Very good meal. Door prizes, awards and raffles were announced. Life time memberships awarded to all of the attending surviving Founding Fathers and they were also presented with a Red Knights jacket. Also receiving Life Memberships were John Rucinski, Henry Heideman and Bill Snodgrass.

Moe fulfilled the request to buy Guiliano a drink in appreciation for loaning his bike to Rick Oliver during his time in Europe.

Ed and Peg got stuck in the elevator once we got back to the hotel. There were 3 firefighters Ed's size or bigger with their wives and a non-firefighter couple in a very small elevator. Apparently we over loaded it and it over heated stopping between the

On the way home from convention... [Those traveling a two-day route home] stopped at a light in Norwalk, Connecticut and a car drove up next to Steve. Steve told him where we were planning on staying and the man informed him he was a retired firefighter from the town and that we should follow him to a better place. When we arrived the man went inside and negotiated us a better rate since he knew the owner. He even decided to stay and have dinner. Since it was 9-11, the owner offered a free drink for the firefighters and a great rate. Great rooms, Great food and awesome friendly staff.

2-3 floors. We waited a couple of minutes for it to start again and then decided to push the alarm, which didn't work. We used the phone to get a hold of maintenance. The elevator was very small and we were squashed in it. Little did we know that the young girl in the back was claustrophobic. After about 20-25 minutes the temperature had raised to about 100 degrees and sweat was rolling down everyone's face. The door finally opened but we hadn't been saved by the maintenance man it was a Red Knight from CT-2!

Following the farewell breakfast buffet Sunday morning our members headed north in a couple of different clusters. Some coming straight home and some taking a two-day jaunt.

Thank you to those who came out for our October meeting and election of officers. Congratulations to Bob Laford and Maury Lizotte on their re-election to the chapter board. All those who serve our chapter deserve our thanks and recognition for the time and effort they each make in helping our Red Knights chapter be what it is.

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Guy's Day out in Boston 2012

The Boston Motorcycle Show is the weekend of January 28 & 29 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, January 28**. 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 2012 Show dates and locations are:

*Providence, RI on January 7-8
Hartford, CT on January 14-15
Salem, NH on February 25-26
Wilmington, MA on March 10-11*

Check out www.kevmarv.com for more information

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 29: The smallest state—the smallest covered bridge—and a small bird! Come join us for a ride into Rhode Island where we will find the smallest covered bridge in the country and have dinner at Wright's Chicken Farm. Meet at Westminster FD for 10:00. *(It's Halloween Weekend... what will you wear to be in the holiday spirit?)*

Sunday, November 6. Polar Bear Ride. What will the weather bring in '11? Meet at WFD at 11:00. *(Don't forget to change your clocks!)*

We welcome Don Moore as our new Region Rep to the International — and thank our friend John Rucinski as the outgoing Region Rep for his many years of service and friendship to the Red Knights in the North East.

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!)



"DO NOT GO WHERE THE PATH MAY LEAD, GO INSTEAD WHERE THERE IS NO PATH AND LEAVE A TRAIL."
RALPH WALDO EMERSON

What is the chapter planning for 2012?? — It's up to you!

It is time to start thinking about what, when, where and how for 2012. The officers will be meeting in January to plan for next year's ride schedule—but it is a schedule that belongs to everyone! So if you know of a place that would be a good ride (or a good food place), or if we have been somewhere in the past that you would like to go again, let an officer know and we will sort through all the ideas and come up with another fun year of rides!

OUR NEXT BREAKFAST CLUB RIDE OF THE FALL IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 — MEET AT WESTMINSTER FD AT 9:00 A.M. AND WE WILL HEAD OUT FOR BREAKFAST AND A HOPEFULLY A RIDE IF THE WEATHER IS OK

Lunch... ice cream, and a free cookbook at UMass after our annual meeting in October.



RK Ideas for Christmas!



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

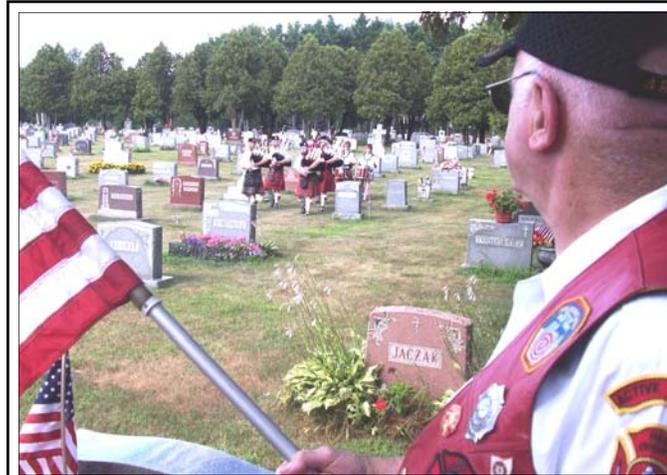
For RKMC embroidered clothing (shirts, coats, hats, etc.) contact Joe Guarnera at joegua@comcast.net or his home phone at 978-455-1022 .

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!



We had ten bikes, representing Red Knights Mass 2, 3, and 13 and New Hampshire 4, participate in a ceremony in Gardner for a Vietnam Veteran's stone dedication. We were invited to participate with other rider clubs that totaled about 150 bikes for the process to St. John's ceremony in Gardner. It was a well earned tribute to Marine Corps Lance Corporal John C. Gemborys who died in the line of duty on July 30, 1967 and we were honored that the Red Knights were asked to participate with the other MC Clubs.

Mass-2 riders in Europe (with Red Knights across the pond of course!)

Rick and Lori Oliver celebrated Rick's 50th birthday with a long-planned trip to Paris to attend a Jimmy Buffet concert. Lori even got to shake Jimmy Buffet's hand! (They have been to many of his concerts but not in other countries!)

In the planning of this grand escapade Rick made contacts with some Red Knights in Europe. And during their touring of France, Germany, and Switzerland they met up with (and were hosted by) a number of Red Knights from those distant chapter. They even stayed in the Paris Fire Headquarters that looked more like a fancy hotel!

And Red Knights are the same everywhere and welcomed our Yankee visitors with open arms and showed them a great time... even allowing Rick a spin on one of their bikes for 300 kilometers into the Swiss Alps!

He and Lori had a great time and said they cannot wait for some of their new friends to come to New England for the 2013 convention in Vermont!