



Red Knights

Mass Chapter 2 — Winter-Spring 2019

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Loyal to Our Duty

From the President's Desk

Hello Red Knights,

How about them Pats!! I'd like to think of Mass-2 as the Champions of the Red Knights. I think we keep winning every year because we are all still together and we all play well together. Being consistent and forward thinking makes us the Champions!

As I sit here writing this article for our spring newsletter I look back and reflect on our accomplishments and goals since the last newsletter.

- Enjoyed our annual Polar Bear Ride in great weather;
- We have the ride schedule completed and handed out;
- Our annual Christmas party is behind us;
- We helped the Marine Corps League with their Toys for Tots;
- Our annual winter brunch and meeting is done;
- Introduced/met 3 potential new members;
- Made a charitable contribution to Sherry's House;
- Started the process of getting our chapter challenge coin in the works;
- Swore in a new chapter secretary;
- Held our Fall Skills Day...

I'm sure there are others, but I just want to show how things are always on the roll with this chapter, and I wouldn't want to have it any other way. Thank you all for your help and participation in working together to keep this chapter on course.

We have a number of events coming over the next months and now its time to start making your plans to attend your Red Knights events. Look at your schedules and get ready to have some fun.

Our Breakfast Clubs are still in full swing and for the most part I think they have been a big hit. Thank you to those that have (and will be) opening their homes to the chapter to share some good food and stories of rides that were and rides to come.

I am looking ahead to many fun filled riding adventures and many group gatherings and looking forward to new challenges that continue to build us and make us strong — as I know you are as well.

Stay safe and keep an eye on each other

President Martin

Ride Schedule is posted!

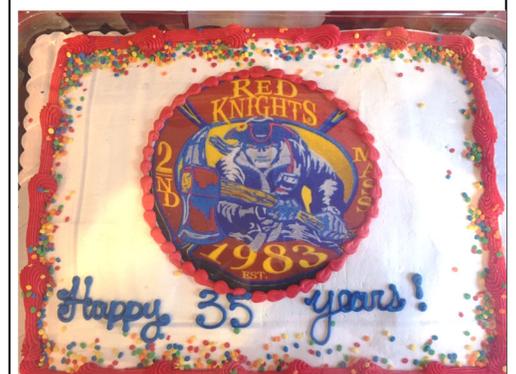
There are a lot of potential miles waiting for you if you take a look at the 2019 Mass-2 ride schedule. Whether you want a short ride, one with specific destinations, overnight rides, or something with "Flavor" we can tempt your taste buds with Red Knight fun! Come and join us.



I have passed this business sign (as you may have as well) — and I have always thought that it is calling out to us to put on more miles! Help make 2019 that year for our chapter with record-breaking turn out of ALL our members. It would be great if we could boast that we saw 100% of our members participate..

For the 2019 International Board elections we will be voting for President, Treasurer and Region-1 Rep.

Later in the spring we will get together to discuss candidates and issues so all members will have a chance to voice their opinions before the chapter casts a ballot.



Thank you to Peg B for arranging this cake for our Christmas party to round out the end of our anniversary year!

With calendars in hand the officers worked to schedule another fun year's worth of Red Knight events. There are RKMC events for everyone to enjoy! Thank you to our planners.

Sunday, March 3. Red Knight Bowling. Meet at the Harvard Lanes for some Candlepins at 1:00 and we'll see how straight we can shoot down the alleys!

Saturday, July 27. Ladies Ride and Lunch. Our Ladies of the Knights who ride have a day of their own! Those interested, meet at the Westminster Dunkins at 11:00 am for a ride and some lunch.

Saturday, August 3. Motorcycles of History. A ride to the newly renovated New England Motorcycle Museum in Rockport (Vernon), CT and lunch at nearby Rein's Deli. Meet at 2/202 Shell station in Orange for 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 11. President's Ride. Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts at 11:00 a.m. The President will have some of his favorite roads ready to tour.

September 13-15. Mass-State Cape Cod Weekend (Tentative date). Keep an eye out for information as it becomes available from the State Rep.

Saturday, September 21. September Ice Cream. Our final scheduled, monthly ice cream ride of the season will be during daylight hours on a Saturday, to try and enjoy higher temperatures and light rather than the cold and dark on last Thursday evening! Meet at the **Westminster Dunkins for 2:00 pm.**

Overnight at the at the Swiss Farm Inn

Saturday, July 20, will be an overnight in Central VT at the Swiss Farm Inn in Pittsfield, VT after a day's riding in western Mass and the Vermont Green Mountains. Roger at the Inn will have one of his fabulous dinners ready for our end-of-day arrival and Sunday morning will begin with "the World's Greatest Breakfast."

Lodging and meals are \$90 single occupancy and \$150 double occupancy. Call Roger or Joyce at the Inn at (802) 746-8341 before June 20 to reserve your room.

We'll meet in Orange to begin our adventure at 9:00 am and will be back home in the early afternoon on Sunday. The Steven's have grown to be great friends of the Red Knights and Joyce got her EMT and Roger his motorcycle license — we'd like to think we were part of both those milestones!

Did you ever hear how we found the Swiss Farm? Bob was out riding during the Killington Classic one year and got caught in a terrible thunderstorm. He pulled under the large trees at the Swiss Farm for some shelter and after a few minutes a boy ran out and said, "My mom said to come inside."

While dripping all over their floor, Bob grabbed a flyer and now the Swiss Farm is one of those places that is special to many of us when riding in Vermont — or looking for a 100 mile breakfast ride!

That boy is now post-college age and he cornered Bob at a summer's breakfast stop and said that earlier last summer he looked outside to see a motorcyclist taking shelter under the tree during a storm and thought, "I hope it's not the same guy, he should know enough to come in!"

4th of July Celebration with BBQ and Bocce — Sunday, July 7

Come enjoy some time with friends at a holiday pot-luck. We'll be guests of Nancy and Larry Robinson in Petersham (1:00 p.m.) [355 North Main Street—Route 32]. Bring some food to share and enjoy the day.

2019 Chapter 50/50



You too can be a winner!

We will continue the tradition of holding 50/50 drawings when we get together during the riding season. Our Treasurer will keep track of the funds brought in, and at our annual business meeting we will decide what worthy local charity will receive the donation.

For 2018 we were able to send a donation of \$250 to the On-site Academy in Westminster. On-site provides assistance for first responders, the military, and corrections officers. They do good work for our peers — and some of our members too!

Do you have a favorite local charity you would like to have considered next fall? Get the information to President Martin.

Mass-2 2019 SKILLS Day

Red Knights Skills Day will be the afternoon of Saturday, May 11!

Meet at the Route 2/202 Shell Station for 1:00 pm. Our skills day will be back at Orange Station 2. Let's see how our individual skills are compared to the fall escapades on the course.



This is always a fun time filled with laughter AND some education. What you don't know can hurt you! What are the limits of your bike and your skills. Without routine practice and skills improvement you can be a liability to yourself and the people you ride with during the season.

Come practice with us — and we all improve as riders. And we have a good time doing it!

TOYS FOR TOTS

Thank you to all who helped with our Toys for Tots mission as we stood with the Marine Corps League. Our turn out was great, the collection and support received from the community of shoppers was fantastic and we've already been asked us to return next year.

My guess is that it will be December 15, the Sunday after our Christmas party, but keep an ear open for more details!



Breaking into two-hour shifts made light work for everyone — and we are all very proud to say ALL our Junior members came out to help!

Congratulations to Bill Bourque on his retirement as Lieutenant with the Waltham FD — after 35 years of service!



We had a contingent from the chapter that met up and carpoled down to Waltham to celebrate with Bill and his family at Bill's retirement party.

It's Two-wheeled (or 3) Heaven!



That was a quote from one of the 2018 Americade attendees that appeared in this year's Americade Times magazine. Each year many of us kick off the official riding season with a week in Lake George. By the end of that first week in June, we are penciling in the next year's dates in our calendars because Americade is part of our riding hearts and we look forward to that trek year after year.

Whether you are an official "Americader" who registers for the event or not, the Adirondacks beckon us back to the mountains, the twisties, the vendors, the fun — and our friends and Red Knight family.

2019 will be no different. Mass-2 will be back at our cabins (Red Knight Central) and there will be plenty of laughs, fun, food, miles and smiles. You can spin your wheels for hundreds of miles a day, spend time within the Americade events, walk Canada Street and people watch from Red Knight corner, or just kick back at the cabins or at the waterfront of Bayfront Cottages and relax.

On the Americade side, plans are in the works for the 2nd annual Americade Ride for Kids ride/parade on Saturday morning. In 2018 the ride brought in \$15,000 for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. The Americade Block Party is again on the docket, in a new location with new bands and entertainment. They are even working on an Americade App for those smartphone-savvy people to help you locate what, where and when those special events are for the rally.

"Dirt Daze," Americade's co-conspirator for Adventure Bike enthusiasts will also return in 2019 with it's secondary site with vendors and bikes for all attendees to see.

The tried and true pieces of Americade will also be in place, like the vendors in Tent City, "Americade University" with all the seminars and speakers, Guided and Unguided rides, special events like Breakfast by the Lake, Boat Crusies on the lake (and parasailing), Vintage and Show Bikes on display, and demo rides with over a dozen different manufacturers.

For the RKMC's part we have our open house and chapter "wares" at the Lake George FD, the annual RK ride, and everywhere you look are the red patches and vests of our Red Knight family.

If you are planning on heading to Lake George this year, make sure our house mother, Peg, knows so that she can do her majic and find places for people to sleep!

See you in Lake George!

We will share details when we learn what our NY Red Knight hosts in Lake George are planning for the group ride for us at Americade this year.

| **Americade Planning** |
 | **Meeting.** Come to Jeff and |
 | Faith Hamberg's (in Orange) |
 | for our monthly **Breakfast** |
 | **Club** in March and we'll look |
 | at this year's details about our |
 | annual trek to Lake George. |

Don't forget that our **Breakfast Clubs** have another two months to go!

Every third Saturday from November through April we gather for breakfast and fellowship. Pot-Luck Breakfasts begin at 9:00 a.m. February 16 is scheduled at the Brouillet's in Westminster, March 16 is being hosted by Jeff and Faith (and Matthew) Hamberg in Orange, and April 20 by Nancy and Larry Robinson in Petersham.

Would you like to be a Breakfast Club host for the next round beginning in the fall? Contact President Martin to be put on the schedule.

Thank you to Bob & Diona, Rick and Lori, and Kevin & Laura for being hosts so far this season! Come join us for a fun morning (and food) with a big turnout of RK friends.

November brought out a houseful of Red Knights to Petersham for breakfast just before Thanksgiving and we had a great turnout at the December breakfast club (18) at Rick and Lori's. Our January breakfast at Kevin and Laura's new place was hours before we were to see our first major snow (and sleet and ice) storm for the season—confirming the bikes are away for sure!



On the road with our friends...

- Our 2018 Polar Bear Ride was a perfect day. We were greeted with sunshine and temperatures in the 40's. The president took lead and we had a wonderful lunch at the Flight Deck at the Keene Airport. (Try their Shephard's Pie!).



- We had some plans to head to the Big-E for the Springfield bike show on January 20, but alas, the snow, sleet, and ice that Mother Nature sent us had some of our members in the cab of plow trucks and others of us hunkered down and shoveling snow instead.

And it will not be long before we will be gathering for our **Monthly Ice Cream Rides!** Those are planned for May 23 — June 27 — July 25 — August 29 (August is the 5th Thursday) — and September will be a Saturday afternoon to finish in the daylight hours!

Meet at the Westminster Dunkin' Donuts for 6:30 p.m. on the **fourth Thursday** and we'll be all smiles when they hand us our first ice cream cone!



Backroads magazine did a (favorable) review of a Glens Falls, NY restaurant that is an ice cream shop, brewery, and brew pub eatery. I think we may have to scope... or scoop out Cooper's Cave Ale Company and Ice Cream while we are in Lake George!

Monadnock HD is again hosting a chili cook-off with the \$5 tasting fee benefiting a local family whose house was destroyed after being hit by a truck.

CAN YOU TAKE THE HEAT?
3/16/19
2019 CHILI COOK-OFF

The cook-off is not on our schedule, but it will be the place to be on 3/16 (after our monthly Breakfast Club.)

WHAT IS A JAR?

It's simple... it means "Just a Ride."

The morning of our final JAR on the 2018 calendar was greeted with sleet, temperatures in the 30's, and the arrival of the season's first Nor'easter with pouring rains and strong winds all day! But, that seems to be what 2018 gave us. RAIN! So let's look ahead and hope for a sunny and blue-skied 2019!

2019 riding has "RK JAR" throughout the calendar. Some on Saturdays and some on Sundays. The ride may be just that, a time to spin some wheels, with no particular destination in mind — or there may be a specific mission for the JAR.

In the schedule most do not have detail. It will be up to the ride's leader to decide. If the ride is going to be longer than a 2-3 hour, ~100 mile ride, we will share that information as the date approaches. But we had feedback from members — let's just get out and ride!

Come join us... for a **Red Knights JAR** all through the 2019 season.

Saturday, April 28. Red Knight JAR. Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 1:00 pm

Saturday, September 28. Red Knight JAR. Meet at Westminster Dunkins for 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 25. Red Knight JAR. Meet at 2/20 Shell in Orange for 10:00 am

Sunday, October 27. Red Knight JAR. Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 30. Red Knight JAR. Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 10:00 a.m.

THAT OUR RIDES AND EVENTS CREATE THIS YEAR?

WILL YOUR BIKE BE PART OF THE SYMPHONY

Just the other day I was out riding. Coming towards me on a small backroad were a clowder of bikes. As they closer I could see a fine mix of machines. A Gold Wing, a few cruisers, a nice new R1 sport bike followed by a not so nice new sport bike. A full dress Harley backed up by the new KTM and behind them two guys on very old machines of questionable DNA.

The all waved, I waved back.

It was heartening to see... all these riders just out for a ride.

These days, as bikes pass by [my office], I can tell the groups from their sound. Sport machines all have that same tone, unless there is that wonderful Ducati baritone in their midst. Harleys sound alike, though the decibel level varies with some groups. Some riders come by in silence, like hushed two-wheeled phantoms along the road. They all have their own tune.

But this kennel of riders I rode past this day had a most wonderful sound — it was like a motorized symphony.

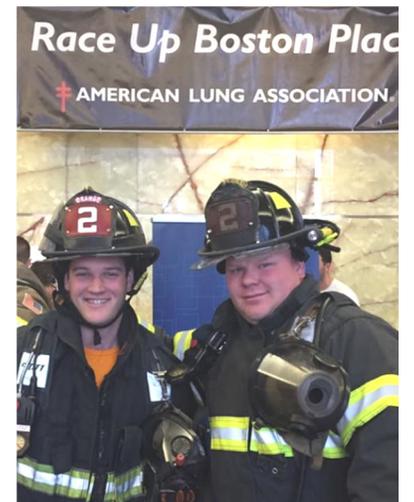
*Brian Rathjen
Editor, Backroads Magazine*

COME JOIN US TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE

MUSIC WE MAKE ON THE ROAD IN 2019

Here's a T-CLOCK pre-ride check list that you can print out and keep handy.

Bike	
Front tire condition	<input type="checkbox"/>
Air pressure (PSI)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rear tire condition	<input type="checkbox"/>
Air pressure (PSI)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Front rim (Check spokes, dents, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rear rim (Check spokes, dents, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Throttle operation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clutch operation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Front brake	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rear brake	<input type="checkbox"/>
High beam	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low beam	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taillight	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brake light	<input type="checkbox"/>
Left and right turn signal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horn	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fuel	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oil	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suspension condition	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suspension-Solo setting	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suspension-Passenger/Luggage setting	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kickstand	<input type="checkbox"/>



Our chapter secretary, Jeff Hamberg is again climbing 80+ flights of stairs (in full gear) to raise funds for the American Lung Association.

Wish him well with a donation for he and his partner Ben!



Our Motorcycle Registrations Expired on Dec. 31.

Don't wait until that first unexpected warm day with clear roads to realize that you have not renewed your registration! (Inspections are due by the end of May).

2019 YANKEE RALLY

Plans for the Region-1 Rally are coming together, including a escorted ride to the NE Motorcycle Museum, a parking lot skills program (hosted by Mass-2), and all those events that have become tradition at the rallies like a BBQ, Hospitality Room, Banquet, and much more.

All in nearby Marlborough, MA. Search for the event on Facebook for more information.



There are many chances to join the motorcycle community — beyond Mass-2 events — in 2019. Come out and have some fun!

RK VT-2's Paul's Ride Saturday, June 22.

We'll be supporting a nearby chapter's efforts to help those with cancer. Meet at the 2/202 Shell in Orange at 8:00 a.m. and we will head to southern Vermont.

Sunday, August 4. (Tentative)

Connecticut-2's Annual Picnic. This year is not an "official" Mass-2 ride, but shout out if you are going.

Sunday, August 18. **Ride of Your Life (For suicide prevention).** [Tentative Date]. Registration begins at 8 am at Monty Tech.

RK Mass-1's Spaghetti Supper — Saturday, April 27.

Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 5:00 p.m. to head to Boylston for a *Superb Spaghetti Supper!*



Sunday, August 25: **New England Ride for Kids.** BOSE plant, Framingham.

Sunday, October 13: **Dummerston's Apple Pie Festival.**

Spring State Meeting.

Saturday, March 30, will be the spring state meeting at Boylston. The meeting will be at 11:00 am (with chapter wares and coffee at 10:00). This is a later start than normal, because the Mass DOT will be present after noon with their motorcycle simulator and some info on motorcycle safety.

Let President Martin know if you are planning to attend.

1st Annual Red Knights Vermont State Picnic
June 29, 2019 at 1:00pm

Button Bay State Park in Vergennes, Vermont

This will be a catered event. VT RK has reserved a very large picnic pavilion and event will happen rain or shine
Park is open for day use from 10am until Sunset so come early and stay late! Swimming pool also available

Cost will be \$20 per person (plus \$4 park fee to be paid individually upon entry to park) Pre-registration is required with registration closing June 1, 2019

Registration information will be coming soon!!!!

Membership news...

If you have not received your 2019 membership card or a copy of our chapter 2019 Ride Schedule, please contact Treasurer Laford. If you would like an updated copy of our roster/member contact info and you have not yet received one, also contact Bob.

Congratulations to Kellie Shakarian (and Cameron) on the special celebration back on National Adoption Day in November!

Welcome Juniors! With the allowance through the International Bylaws, we welcomed three new "Junior" members to our chapter at the Christmas party; Matthew Hamberg, Cameron Shakarian, and Aaliyah Gover (Rick & Lori's granddaughter).



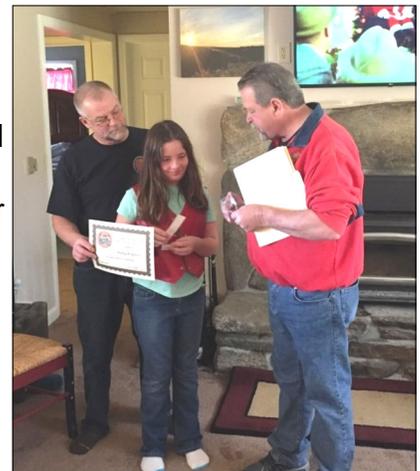
Congrats to Charlie Hamberg on his new BMW GTL that came home just before Thanksgiving!

Jeff said it was pretty cool

having 3 new 2018s stored warm and cozy in the shop for the winter. Matthew's Honda, Jeff's Grand America and Charlie's GTL.

Congratulations to Marcia and Maury (and Marcia's daughter) on the birth of their granddaughter Gabriella.

Welcome Aaliyah! Our third new Junior Member received her membership packet during our December Breakfast in New Salem.



Did you see the December issue of the International's newsletter? Mass-2 was prominent with a mention from Region-1 Direct Matt Mattera about his stay at the "cabins" with us at Lake George, and also an article about our 35th year as a chapter!

**NEXT YEAR MAY NEVER COME.
DO WHAT YOU NEED TO DO, NOW.**

Another day down, another week gone
You're always just talkin' about tomorrow
You can't beg, steal, borrow
Or make time
So you make plans and hope for the best
Life moves on so damn fast
Another twelve months flies on by, you're still here
But it's never quite next year

My brother and me
Used to climb this tree
We were gonna build a little clubhouse 'bout ten
feet off the ground
We drew the whole thing up
Needed wood and our dad's truck
But he was out of work that summer
The truck only had one gear
He said, "We'll do it next year"

My buddies and me
We have this dream
We were gonna rent this cabin way up in Montana
We were gonna fish
We had the date all picked
My old man got sick and the plan kinda
disappeared
But we'll do it next year

My little boy and me
We were out to eat
And he said "I can't wait 'til next year"
When I asked him why he said "Cause we're goin'
campin'
"We're goin' to the ballgame
"And we'll do all them other things you said we'd
do next year"
So when is it next year?

My old man
He was fadin' fast
He said "I think I'd like to go see that Grand
Canyon"
So we just left
Packed up the car and went
I called in sick to work, we drove 'til three a.m
There ain't no next year

Another day down, another week gone
You're always just talkin' about tomorrow
You can't beg, steal, borrow
Or make time
So you make plans and hope for the best
Life moves on so damn fast
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But it's never quite next year

Next Year by Donovan Woods

We had nearly 30 turn out for our winter brunch at the Glen Caffe. As we did last year, we *invaded* the restaurant and enjoyed a couple hours of social time and great food (from their Sunday brunch line)!

We had several people who are interested in the club come out at our President's invitation. Hopefully we have sunk the hook and we will see some new registrations appear soon! Don Bransfield, CT's state rep was also on hand as he had just stopped in the area to pick up his bottle of "RK Founders' Jack Daniels."

Our 2019 ride schedules were printed and waiting for us as well. Now we just wait for spring to arrive!



2019 RKMC International Convention in the White Mountains

Being so close to this year's convention central of Lincoln, NH, we all know what great riding the White Mountains have — and now we get to share that realization with other Red Knights from around the world!

Our NH hosts have been putting plans in place for several years. Aside from staple events at the conventions like a welcome BBQ, annual meeting, convention banquet, goodie bag, convention booklet, hospitality room, pin & patch, and Sunday's farewell breakfast, there are a number of special events that could only happen in New Hampshire.

Whether you're climbing high in the Aerial Forest Adventure Park, taking self-guided motorcycle rides through the White Mountains, zip lining over the Pemigewasset River, or riding above it all in a scenic gondola skyride, you'll find your summer adventure during the convention.

Special programs for Red Knights include; a ride and tour to the Globe/MSA factory, Mt. Washington Cog Railway, NH Veteran's Cemetery dedication charity ride, live band on site Friday evening and a fireworks display!

The convention registration is included with this newsletter.



Consider purchasing an ad in the Convention Booklet to help support the host chapters' efforts. Support from around the club helps the hosts in presenting the best event they can for all the Red Knights.

When details about the sponsor information for the program booklet are made public, we will share that information with you.

RK Christmas

Our annual Christmas gathering in December was a great time with 42 members in attendance. As always, we were greeted with great food from Sally and her staff with appetizers to start the day and strawberry shortcake to round out the wonderful meal at the end of the day.



Always "a few" memories to look over during the festivities.

During the "business" part of the day special recognitions were given to Sally and her crew for their support of the chapter, to Rick Oliver as



Welcome to two of our new Junior members.

Thank you to all who brought gas cards and gift cards to our Christmas party in December.

We collected over \$350 in cards to share with Sherry's House! What a wonderful testament of the generosity of our members.

outgoing secretary, and to President Martin and Treasurer Laford for their 25 year and 30 year memberships, respectively. We also welcomed three new Junior members to the club.



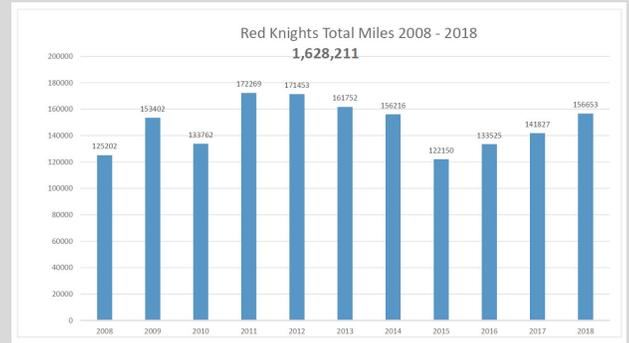
Outgoing Secretary Rick Oliver receives recognition for his time in office.

The Glen Caffe's Christmas tree was surrounded by Red Knight gifts, and there were many "unique" gifts that made their way member-to-member during the Yankee Gift Swap, including a steak and shrimp gift from our resident butcher.



A presentation to the Glen Caffe for years of support and friendship to the RKMC

2018 Chapter Mileage



It was hot this summer and wet this fall! Mother Nature did not cooperate with "ideal" riding weather as we had a number of chapter events that were either canceled or wet!

With that in mind, we still spun 156,653 miles, collectively for the year! That brings our totals to over 1.6 million miles since 2008.

For 2018 we modified our prize categories and recognized the #1 Male and Female riders who made it to at least two chapter events. Those top leaders were Cynthia Dunbar with 2,480 and Jeff Hamberg with 15,306 miles (on 4 different bikes). Jeff did 6,000 miles in June alone, with two "Iron Butt" rides during the summer. See what you can do if you take a month off from work!

Single bike numbers that were at the top were Tim K with 13,394 on his new Venture and Armand with 13,010 on his Wing.

Congratulations to everyone who got out and rode! It does not matter if it is 100 or 10,000 miles, we're all part of that riding community.

Our 2018 season had 34 different chapter events, rides, and gatherings with an average of 17.68 people that attended each event. (There were more events on our calendar, but since 2018 was a very wet year and the summer was a very hot summer, we had some plans that got derailed!) Our Christmas party and our 35th anniversary party topped the list for attendance with 42 and 38 members and friends, respectively. Actually the Pig Roast had over 70 people total! Our breakfast gatherings and our "JARs" also continue to have good turnouts.

There are still members that we do not see, or hear from during the year. What's up? It does not matter if you still have a bike or not — come join us for a breakfast or a cookout, or join us on a ride on four wheels.

For 2019 ask yourself a question:

How can I make MY Red Knights club better?

We hope that at the end of 2019 we can say all our members came out to have fun with us during the year, and we find everyone's smiling face on our year-end collection of photos!



Vermont Overnight at the Swiss Farm Inn Saturday, July 20-21.

We're off for a weekend overnight to enjoy some Green Mountain riding.

It's been over ten years since we visited our friends Joyce and Roger at the Swiss Farm, as a group — and with the business on the market and the Stevens' thinking of retirement — it's time that we stop by and wish them well!

We'll meet up at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 9:00 am (7/20) and we will spend our day in the twisties and mountain tops of Vermont (and probably some western Mass too). (~225 miles +/- 6 hours)

As the day wanes, we'll check in at the Swiss Farm in Pittsfield, VT. Roger will be preparing a great dinner for us so we can kick back and lounge around and enjoy the Inn's hospitality and our Red Knight company for the evening. www.swissfarminn.com/



(Can you name everyone in the 2007 photo? It was Rick and Lori's first trip with the chapter!)

On Sunday we will partake in the world's greatest breakfast (*that is what their sign says and it is truth in advertising!*). Then we will continue on some central VT and NH roads before heading home. (Another 125-150 miles).

Contact the Swiss Farm at (802) 746-8341 to make your reservation. We have some rooms blocked but you need to make your reservation by June 20. Double occupancy is \$150, Single is \$90 (includes dinner and breakfast).