

# **Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club**



**December 2020 Newsletter**

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## WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

2020, the year that promised so much but in the end delivered very little.. Many events had to be cancelled, including the first ever overseas International Convention which should have been held in France.

ZOOM meetings, not face to face meetings became the new norm, with chapter and Board meetings being conducted this way for the first time, the Board's Annual Business Meeting was even conducted live via Zoom so that members across the world could take part.

Jason Collins stepped down as Region 8 Director to be replaced by Ken Mahon, THANK YOU Jason for your service to the Red Knights and particularly for your involvement in the development of Region 8.

Unfortunately it's not only our activities that have suffered as a result of Covid-19, many of the charities that we support have suffered because of the lost events. Having said that, some Chapters have raised money for needy causes as you will read in the Newsletter.

I want to finish on a brighter note and look forward to better 2021 with hopefully a return to more normal times where we can once again meet with our brothers and sister. Already Chapters are advertising their 2021 events and I have included the ones that have been sent to me in this Newsletter.. Including the International Convention page information.

Stay safe and healthy and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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## COVER PHOTO

**Red Knights flying their flags with pride!!**

**The next Newsletter will be published in June 2021... Send your articles to me or your Regional Reporter by:-**

**31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.**

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## Merry Christmas

### MESSAGES SENT BY BOARD MEMBERS



**VICE PRESIDENT - Spike Ostiguy**

I hope this message finds you and your families well and safe during these trying times.

Two (2) items that I have for this winter's newsletter, both of which are Member-At-Large (M.A.L.) membership related.

- 1.) A friendly reminder that your 2021 Member-At-Large renewals are due on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.  
<https://www.redknightsmc.com/membership>  
Active Membership = \$19.00 U.S.      Social Membership = \$14.00 U.S.  
Junior Membership is free, up to the age of 16.
  
- 2.) On Saturday Morning December 19, 2020 at 6:30am U.S. Eastern Standard Time (U.S. / Canada)  
**I will Host / Moderate the very first WORLDWIDE Member-At-Large (M.A.L.) Zoom session.** I have supplied the link below.  
As a result of the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, your International Board have held monthly Zoom Meetings for the better part of 2020.  
With this scheduled M.A.L. Zoom session, we will be crossing nearly all 24 time zones, the early morning U.S. time slot has seemed to work best for our Region 7 and Region 8 brethren.  
This will be a fairly large undertaking, so I/we ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate thru this endeavor.  
Prior to... You will need to download the "Zoom App" to whatever it is device you are using. This will be both informational and social.  
While in session, please be mindful and respectful.  
We have no timeline. So, come and go as you please.  
I will remain on the platform until the last good-bye is conveyed.  
When signing in, please post with your Name, (abbreviate, State/Country/Province).  
We have found that utilizing a laptop or desktop is the best option.  
You can use a cell phone but your gallery view is extremely limited.

**Please M.A.L.'s only !** Thank you.

I look forward to seeing and talking with you on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **R.K.I.F.M.C. Host is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom Session.**

Topic: RKIFMC Host's Zoom Session

Time: December 19, 2020 06:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98629247400>

Meeting ID: 986 2924 7400



**\*\*Please ensure you connect to both audio and video.  
You can test this while in the waiting room before entry.  
The room should open five minutes prior to start time.  
It may take a moment for your entry to be accepted by a moderator:**

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Spike Ostiguy  
International Vice President



## **SECRETARY - Jack Jarvis**

Hello to all my brother and sister Red Knights!

Well, it is an unfortunate turn of events that we are not all celebrating together as much as we would like to this year. I am looking forward to continuing working with our International Board and Chapters to keep our great organization moving forward.

Your International Secretary has been very busy since the last time we were all together. The new procedures in place for the insurance and the TMLA's are working wonderfully! I attended the Fall Board Meeting in Boylston and spoke with quite a few Chapters and Members during the past year. Zoom has become the tool that has kept us all together this year! I have spent an average of 25+ hours a week on my Secretary duties. These include email, reports, conference calls, meetings, TMLA's, insurance, new Chapter, and all the smaller behind the scene work that is always done just to keep things organized. I can tell you that not riding as much has led to some very creative items for sale from our Chapters.

Since the inception of the digital signature TMLA process, we have successfully approved over 700 TMLA's with an average turnaround time of just over two hours! That is right, I said two (2) hours! The times of waiting weeks before you could start producing an idea for your Chapter is over. I am still having the pleasure of approving items for Australia and Europe in a matter of minutes! This has been a great move for all of us.

We have added seventeen (17) new Chapters this year. If the current Chapters need Membership Cards, please contact your Regional Director and they will be able to get them to you. We are phasing out the old cards so when these are gone, we are done with cards until we can come up with a better fit for all of us. We are looking to a better-quality card that may not need to be replaced every year.

We have insured only fifteen (15) Chapter events this year and have had seven (7) cancel due to COVID. The season is winding down here in North America, so I do not see a lot more events being insured. Please take advantage of this great program we have. It is a good piece of mind for the Chapter for a very low cost. If you have any questions about the insurance, please call or email me.

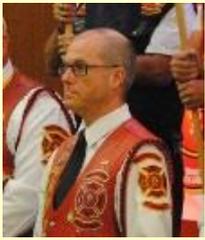
The advertising in our low membership areas has hit its stride and I am looking forward to getting the calls and emails asking for more information soon. Our MAL's are doing a great job in forming new Chapters this past year!

I am happy to say that improving the TMLA program is working wonderfully. Please remember that the application and the artwork must be submitted together, electronically. All applications and artwork are now saved electronically and if you mail me bad artwork, I cannot accept it as it will not scan properly. Please also remember that ANY design that you create with our name or logo **MUST** have the required ®. If the registered trademark is not plainly visible when I receive the application, it will be returned with a quick reminder! Please do not make items that have not been approved or does not contain the ®.

Just as a reminder for ALL Chapters. Make sure your email is up and running and being checked by someone because ALL official documentation coming from this office will ONLY go to the Chapter email address assigned by the RKIFMC.

As always, keep the shiny side up and your knees in the wind!

Loyal to Our Duty  
Jack Jarvis  
International Secretary



**TREASURER - Scott Ryan**

December, the end of the year already. Wait! The end of the year?! That must mean dues are due!!

Yes, dues are due January 1. Each chapter was sent the roster as it stood in October along with the dues owing for the chapter. If there are members to add to the roster, please note the date they joined and check the "dues" tab on the roster to confirm how much their dues would be.

Please also take this opportunity to ensure the roster is accurate for address etc. and that the sponsor of all Social and Junior Members are correctly recorded. The email that went along with the roster also included a reminder of some of the more common errors when selecting the category of membership for new members. Please check the bylaws to ensure the category listed is the correct one to use.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to send a note off to [treasurer@redknightsmc.com](mailto:treasurer@redknightsmc.com)

Chapter Officers who are paying the dues, you can mail a cheque payable to Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club to the address below or you can pay by paypal through our website: select Membership – Membership & Renewal – Chapter or MAL Name and change the quantity to the amount you want to pay.

Thank you in advance

Scott

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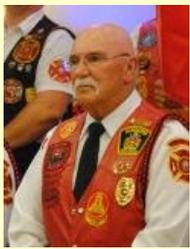


**REGION 1 DIRECTOR - Matt Mattera**

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all my fellow brothers and sisters. We've almost made it through this crazy year of 2020! I hope that you all are safe and healthy. Please keep in mind, some of us struggle during this time of year, and the craziness of Covid-19 has only amplified things. If you haven't heard from your fellow chapter member or an MAL that lives nearby, reach out to them. I know they would appreciate the small effort. Communications is key to a successful club. That includes me, I'm always here to help in any way that I can. I'm only an email, text or phone call away, as are our amazing State Reps in Region 1.

Once again, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year. Stay safe and Red Knights Forever!

Matt Mattera  
Red Knights International Executive Board  
Region 1 Director



## **REGION 2 DIRECTOR - Leo Patry**

My fellow knights I am afraid that I have very little to report from Region 2.

What with almost a 100% of rides, conventions and rallies being cancelled to date and with us now at the end of our riding season here in Region 2 there is not much to talk about or report.

I know from the experiences of my home chapter and with the three different Fire Department meeting rooms where we hold our monthly meeting being locked down and the Health Boards guidelines on social distancing, the wearing of face masks, and the numbers being allowed to attend an indoor meeting.

We have only been able to hold three meeting in 2020 and were restricted in size to no more than 10 people for two of those meetings it's been disappointing to say the least. From what I have learned from the other chapters in the region they have had the same experiences as us.

We are trying hard to stay positive and to look to 2021 for a resumption of events.

One event that I really am encouraging members to give serious thought to is the early registration for the 2021 International Convention hosted by New Brunswick 1 in Saint John, New Brunswick

Information on hotel accommodations and registration is now available on Face Book and the International Web site.

The host chapter has worked hard for over the last three years to put this event together and it will be an event that members will talk about as one of the best conventions ever.

For those that have never had the chance to experience the down home hospitality of the Eastern provinces you are in for a treat and the spectacular scenery to be enjoyed on the rides planned in the area is second to none.

So register early which and make it easier for the host to put numbers to the events so that all can have an enjoyable event.

Fraternally

Region 2 Director

Leo Patry



## **REGION 3 DIRECTOR - Trey Anderson**

2020 was a very difficult year for all of us! It was especially a difficult year to have as my first full calendar year as Regional Director. Many of us have been negatively affected by this pandemic, wither it be emotionally, financially, or both! However here we are, the strong individuals we are that make up this amazing club made it! I heard someone say not long ago that this pandemic caused a lot of cancelations for our club with social gatherings, but it made our chapters grow stronger by having to stay local most of the time. I have seen a lot of chapters doing things together this year. Everyone sticking around home most of the time, I believe may have given many of our chapters a "revival," if you will.

It is sad to say that our Regional Rally, The Bootlegger Rally, was in fact the only rally that was able to take place this year. Although, that is a sad statement I think Illinois State Association did a fantastic job! The only thing I think they should have changed was the rain on Sunday while we all were headed home! Thursday, they had a small Welcome Pizza Party for everyone.. Friday, they had a nice afternoon ride with a dinner to end the evening in the banquet hall. Saturday, we had a beautiful scenic ride to Wallace FD.

Cont:

The members of Wallace fed us a nice lunch, then we headed over to Jammie's Outpost in Utica, IL. That little town was a true biker destination with lots of leather shops, sweet shops, and just about anything a biker destination would need. Jammies Outpost was having an outdoor concert series and the IL State Association provided every one of us with VIP wristbands so we could enjoy the afternoon with multiple bands and entertainment. Once we all got back to the hotel and treated our sun burns! We enjoyed a great evening dinner with a few raffles and of course the tradition of passing of the "Keg".

### **2020 Bootlegger Event Totals**

- **Four Regions**  
1,3,4,5
- **21 States**  
AL, CT, GA, VA, IA, IL, IN, MA, MD, MN, NC, ND, NJ, NY, OH, PA, SC, TN, VA, WI, WV
- **43 Chapters**  
AL 14, CT 14, GA 20, VA 13, IA 2, IL 14-16-19, IN 2-3-4-6, MA 4-13, MD 4-7 MN 4-7, NC 11, ND 2, NJ 4-5-16-31-33, NY 5, OH 1-16, PA 8-11-18-22-24-34, SC 1, TN 7, VA 8, WI 2-6, WV 8-9
- **4 MAL'S**  
3 – Indiana, 1 - New Jersey
- **Attendees**  
146 Adults, 7 Children

Indiana State Association stepped up to the plate and will be hosting the 2021 Bootlegger! I'm very excited to see what Indiana brings to this wonderful event! I know that Woody, and his state committee will introduce an interesting twist to our beloved event!

As the cold winds come rushing in to Region 3 this marks for a lot of us the end of the 2020 riding season. This however, does not mean that we hang our vests up and wait to see each other next year. We need to make sure we all stay in touch, keep our chapters thriving, and accelerate through the seasonal changes instead of slowing down! I personally challenge each chapter in Region 3 to have at least two "chapter hangouts" just something small at someone's home where everyone can still feel connected to the chapter. This can be as extravagant as you want it to be or as small as you want it to be. Order some pizzas, have some good conversation, and most of all have fun!

I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Fraternally,  
Trey Anderson,  
Region 3 Director



### **REGION 4 DIRECTOR - Steve Guillot**

Well it has been a little over a year as Region 4 Director. I have been talking to several Chapters and members as well as meeting some.

I would like to take the time to welcome all new Chapters, members and MAL's to our Red Knights MC Brotherhood.

Under these trying times with Corvid 19, I hope all is well and everyone is doing fine. And it is nice to see that so many areas were able to get out and ride and enjoy each other's company.

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Years.  
God Bless us all and grant us a better New Year.

Steven Guillot  
Region 4 Director



### **REGION 6 DIRECTOR - Allen Aurich**

Hello fellow Red Knights, 2020 has been a very frustrating year to say the least. In Region 6 most of our events and get togethers had to be cancelled due to COVID 19. In the last month or so our chapters were able to get out and raise money and collect toys for families and children for the holidays. On the International Board side, we have been holding monthly zoom meetings to help keep our club running smoothly. Seven members of the board were able to meet in person at the Memorial Hall in Boylston, Mass. and the other 5 were on zoom the first week of November. Hopefully 2021 will be a better year. I look forward to seeing everyone at the 2021 convention. Stay safe and be careful until we meet again.

Respectfully submitted by,

Allen Aurich

Region 6 Director



### **REGION 7 DIRECTOR - Pierre Halleux**

Hello every Red Knights,

This year 2020 will have been incredibly special for all of us.

Sick person, grieved family, social confinement, and cancelled events will have been our daily lot.

Fortunately, we were able to hear each other, see us (by video), correspond via social networks and, for some of us, participate in EuCon Rally 2020 in France.

This event was our breath of fresh air and I thank the organizers again for whom it was a challenge. I would also like to thank all those who, both near and far, participated in this event.

I would like to take this letter to congratulate Aurélie Meunier (Belgium 4) and Patrick Weiss (Germany 14) for their appointment by vote to the respective posts of President and Vice-President. I wish them well and wish them every success in this endeavour, which is the Europe Association.

As you all know, 2021 will also be the year of the election of The Director of Region 7. As I pledged when I registered in 2015, I will not renew my candidacy because I remain convinced that new blood is always beneficial to any organization.

You can find all the information about the Post of Director Region 7 on the international website. Be prepared: if you apply, consider joining the 2021 International Convention in Saint John, NB.

I will of course remain at your disposal, regardless of your function or your origin, to help you achieve a dream, a trip, or the accession to a position within the Red Knights.

Finally, do not hesitate to share, already, your forecast of organization so that everyone can organize its year 2021.

2021 will be the 20th anniversary of the World Trade Centre tragedy.

In this context, after the unforgettable future EuCon Rally 2021 in Oostkamp, on Sunday, September 12 at 11:00 am, we propose to meet at the foot of the Statue of Mannekin-Pis in Brussels which will be dressed in its Red Knights colours as every year since 2011. It will therefore be the tenth anniversary of this commemoration. We hope to see many of you there.

I wish you, anticipation, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year 2021.

Drive safely and take care of yourself and others.

Pierre Halleux, Region 7 Director



## **REGION 8 DIRECTOR - Ken Mahon**

Kia ora and greetings Brothers and Sisters.

Well what a crazy year this has been, enough said about that Dam Covid!!

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones all safe and in good health

As the newbie On the International Board, I have been welcomed with open arms by all the other members of the Board and I wish to thank them all for assistance and guidance they have provided me so far.

Big thanks to Jason Collins who puts up with me calling him for his advice and thoughts, also Andy Young President of Australia 6 for his huge efforts in helping me settle into the Region 8 Directors Role The support I have received from all the members in Region 8 is humbling thank you all so much.

In my new Role as Region 8 Director I felt the need to have a contact person in Australia that I could call upon to give me assistance and guidance to ensure that we continue to have a smooth operating Region. So I have set up a new position in Region 8 for an Australian Representative Andy Young and Rodger Kollenburg are both nominee's for this Position and voting has started so early in December Results will be announced.

In the interim I have asked Andy Young to fill the role, which he kindly agreed to help me out until the results of the Election

The big talking point in NEW ZEALAND at the moment is the March 2021 NZ Gathering.

It is being hosted by RKMC NZ1 which was the first Chapter to be formed outside of America and will incorporate the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of RKMC New Zealand Chapter1

The Gathering is being held in Paihia in the beautiful Bay of Islands East Coast of the North Island. A big ride up for the South Island Chapters meeting up with North Island Chapters on the way up to the Gathering . Let the good times roll

Don't forget to update your rosters and get your Dues in on time and correctly people, its real simple to do and it's a privilege to be a Red Knight and easy to keep your Chapters in Good Standing

***DON'T ASK WHAT YOU CAN GET OUT OF THE CLUB***

***BUT THINK WHAT YOU CAN PUT INTO***

***THE BROTHERHOOD***

Ride safe look after yourselves and loved ones

Cheers

Ken Mahon

Region 8 Director

**AS THE SAYING GOES ....**

**“DRESS FOR THE SLIDE, NOT THE RIDE!!”**

**SPOT THE DIFFERENCE**

**Elbow  
shredded**

**Palm missing  
skin**

**Knee ground  
to the bone**

**Ankle broken,  
bone ground  
away**

**Kevlar lined top  
ruined, heavy  
bruising**

**Riding gloves  
grazed**

**Armoured  
trousers  
scuffed,  
grazed knee**

**Ankle twisted,  
boots scraped**

**QUALITY KIT CAN SAVE YOUR SKIN**

# CONGRATULATIONS

It is tradition at the Annual International Convention to reward those members who have contributed greatly to the Red Knights throughout the year, 2020 was a little different from previous years in that there were fewer awards due to the Convention being cancelled because of the world's Covid-19 crisis, but the two members below were honoured this year for their outstanding service.

The **PERRY CARTER AWARD** for the **Red Knight of the Year** was awarded to **ANDY**

**YOUNG** who is a member of Australia 6 for his outstanding work and contribution to the Red Knights.



**JASON COLLINS**, also of Australia 6 was honoured with the Life Membership Award as he stepped down from his position as Region 8's Director.

**After hearing that he was the recipient of the Perry Carter Award Andy had this to say;**

"COVID 19 ruined the International Convention, along with so many other events worldwide. While I hadn't planned to be in Paris for the event, it was a let-down that it had to be cancelled, our European brothers had spent so much time and effort organising the event, only to be cut off at the last moment. Upside was the ABM was going to be webcast, so I could still see what happens "live" rather than read about it in the following days.



*Andy receiving his award from Past Region 8 Director, Jason Collins*

As Jason Collins read out the Perry Carter Award recipient, it took me a couple of seconds to realise that I had just won it. Stunned Disbelief would be the first thought..... I mean WOW this is the highest award a Red Knight can be given, and they just gave it to me. I had never entertained the idea that I would even be considered for this award.



Now, as it has sunk in, I am very proud to have been given this honour, and to be the first recipient outside of North America to win it, and would like to thank the members of the International Board, Perry Carter Committee and my fellow members for this honour."

# ITEMS FOR SALE?

Do you have any motorcycle related items that you no longer want?  
Turn them into cash by selling them on the Red Knights  
International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Trading Post  
Facebook Page.

It is free to advertise your items on this page and they can be  
viewed and hopefully bought by Red Knights brothers and sisters.

The Facebook page link is;

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/432682693604721/?ref=group\\_header](https://www.facebook.com/groups/432682693604721/?ref=group_header)

Copy and paste this link to go to the Trading Post page and start  
selling those unwanted items.

## \*\*\*\* ATTENTION ALL RED KNIGHTS \*\*\*\*

The Red Knights Memorial in Boylston,  
is **NOT** maintained in the winter months.

If you visit the Memorial and the logo is  
covered with leaves, snow, ice, **PLEASE**  
**DO NOT** sweep, scrape or use any other  
means to clear it off. The logo is fragile  
and does not tolerate scraping.

Your attention to this very important matter is appreciated.



# COFFEE BREAK QUIZ TIME!

Can you find the names of the different makes of motorcycles from around the world?

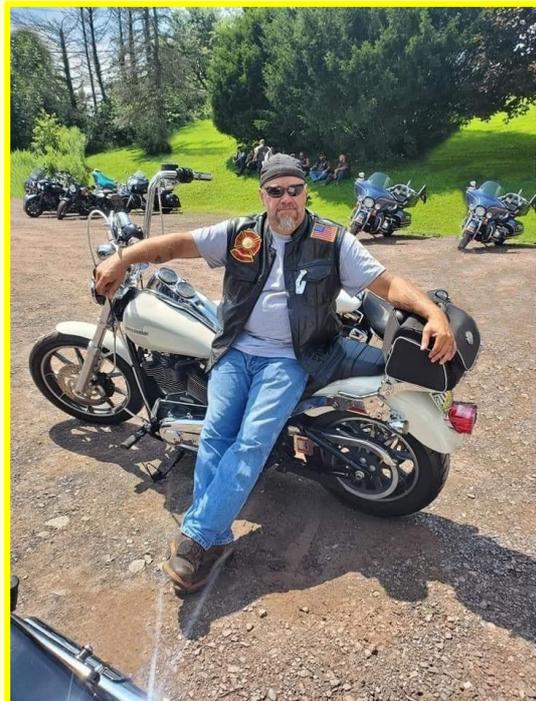
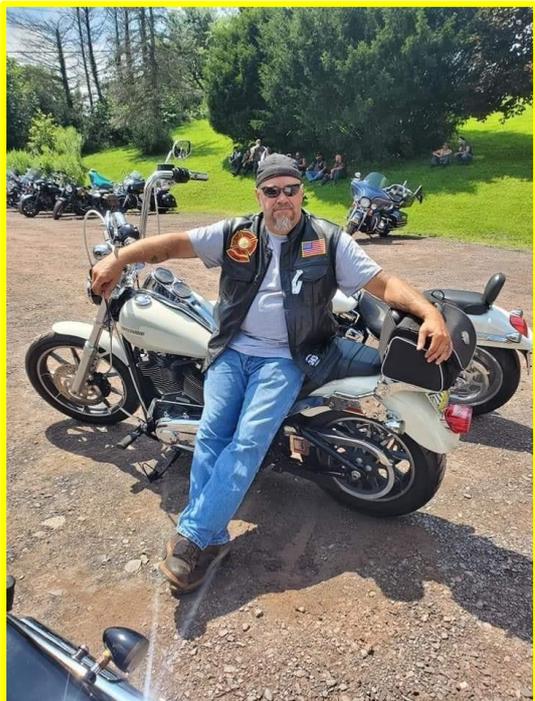
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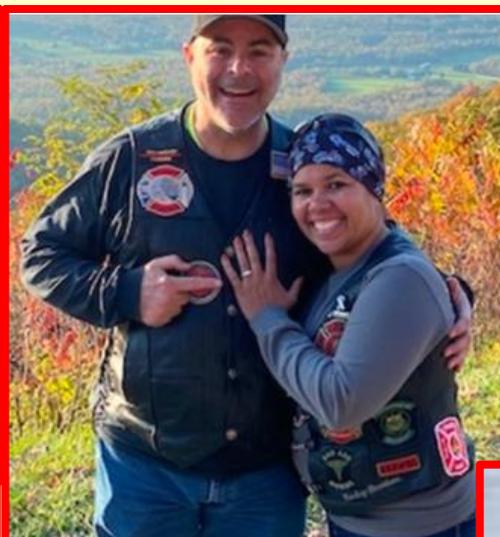
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- KAWASAKI
- APRILIA
- BENELLI
- MOTO MORINI
- YAMAHA
- INDIAN
- MV AGUSTA
- SUZUKI
- BUELL
- MOTO GUZZI
- LAVERDA
- ARIEL
- BULTACO
- MONTESA
- BMW
- JAWA

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot 10 differences between the two photographs below?



ANSWERS ARE AFTER THE REGIONAL ARTICLES



**YOUR  
SPECIAL  
DAYS**



## LANGUAGE PROBLEMS

In 1982, some firefighters got together in Boylston and realized that they were riding motorcycles in addition to the fire department. This resulted in the Red Knights MC. Quickly the club spread over the North American continent and became bigger and bigger. Even if not all could communicate so problem-free despite common native language always all, the Knights had up to this time however the advantage that everything written could be read and understood by each member.

This began to change slowly in 2000, when the first Knight from Europe joined. Today about eleven years ago the first European chapters were founded in Germany and Switzerland and since then the Red Knights have spread more and more across Europe. As a result, a number of different languages are now spoken within the club. It can no longer be assumed that each of the over 1'000 members in Europe speaks English so well that they can understand all the information of the International Executive Board.

The fact that the language of the club is and will remain English is not questioned in any way. It should also be clearly stated here that nobody can demand that the Club or the International Executive Board translate its letters, e-mails and messages into a dozen different languages. However, since I myself do not understand enough English to read or write complex texts, I looked for a solution to this problem and found it. With the translation software DEEPL-Translator ([www.deepl.com](http://www.deepl.com)) I am able to translate my own and other people's texts by copy-paste into almost any language. In contrast to many common translation programs of large providers, the translations usually make sense in the end. Only with complicated legal texts does this program also have trouble outputting a meaningful text. So until today I have not been able to translate the ByLaws of the Red Knights into a readable and meaningful German with this program. 😊

The free version of the program allows me to mark texts up to 5'000 characters in any document and translate them into any language by simply copying them. The translated text can be revised directly in the program, and one of the translators will also provide appropriate suggestions for words with different meanings. Afterwards, the revised text can either be copied and pasted back into a document or the original text can be replaced by the translation.

In the meantime, I write all my minutes or the articles for this newsletter in my mother tongue and then have them translated into English. This is also how the original of this article was written in German. As an example for the function of the translation program, this article will, if the size of the newsletter allows it, be published in the German original as well as in the languages French, Dutch and Italian in addition to the English translation.

Finally, a word about the rules within our club. In principle, only the English originals are valid for all official documents of the Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club® Inc. Translations must be marked as such and contain a reference to the English original.

Stefan "Sergeant" Streif President Chapter Switzerland 1 Secretary Europe Association

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### **Sprachprobleme (Original)**

1982 fanden in Boylston einige Feuerwehrleute zusammen und stellten fest, dass sie neben der Feuerwehr auch noch Motorrad fahren. Daraus entstand der Red Knights MC. Schnell breitete sich der Club über den Nordamerikanischen Kontinent aus und wurde immer grösser. Auch wenn sich trotz gemeinsamer Muttersprache nicht immer alle so problemlos verständigen konnten, hatten die Knights bis zu diesem Zeitpunkt aber den Vorteil, dass alles Geschriebene von jedem Member gelesen und verstanden werden konnte.

Dies begann sich 2000 langsam zu ändern, als der erste Knight aus Europa dazu kam. Heute vor etwa elf Jahren entstanden in Deutschland und in der Schweiz die ersten Europäischen Chapter und seither breiten sich die Red Knights immer mehr über Europa aus. Dies hat zur Folge, dass innerhalb des Clubs inzwischen eine ganze Anzahl verschiedener Sprachen gesprochen werden. Es kann heute daher auch nicht mehr davon ausgegangen werden, dass jedes der über 1'000 Member in Europa so gut Englisch spricht, dass es alle Informationen des International Executive Board auch wirklich versteht.

Dass die Sprache des Clubs Englisch ist und auch bleiben wird, möchte ich hier in keiner Weise in Frage stellen. Auch soll hier eindeutig festgehalten werden, dass niemand verlangen kann, dass der Club oder das International Executive Board seine Briefe, E-Mails und Mitteilungen in ein Dutzend verschiedene Sprachen übersetzt.

Da aber auch ich selbst nicht genügend Englisch verstehe, um komplexe Texte lesen oder schreiben zu können, habe ich nach einer Lösung für dieses Problem gesucht und bin fündig geworden. Mit der Übersetzungssoftware DEEPL-Translator ([www.deepl.com](http://www.deepl.com)) gelingt es mir, eigene und fremde Texte per Copy-Paste in fast jede beliebige Sprache zu übersetzen. Im Gegensatz zu vielen gängigen Übersetzungsprogrammen grosser Anbieter ergeben die Übersetzungen in den meisten Fällen am Schluss auch einen Sinn. Lediglich bei komplizierten juristischen Texten hat auch dieses Programm Mühe, einen sinnvollen Text auszugeben. So ist es mir bis heute auch mit diesem Programm nicht gelungen, die ByLaws der Red Knights in ein lesbares und sinnvolles Deutsch zu übersetzen. ☹️

Die kostenlose Version des Programmes erlaubt es mir, Texte bis 5'000 Zeichen in einem beliebigen Dokument zu markieren und durch einfaches Kopieren in eine beliebige Sprache zu übersetzen. Der übersetzte Text kann direkt im Programm überarbeitet werden, wobei einem der Übersetzer für Worte mit verschiedenen Bedeutungen auch entsprechende Vorschläge liefert. Anschliessend kann der überarbeitete Text entweder wieder kopiert und in einem Dokument eingefügt oder gleich der ursprüngliche Text durch die Übersetzung ersetzt werden.

Ich schreibe inzwischen alle meine Protokolle oder auch die Artikel für diesen Newsletter in meiner Muttersprache und lasse sie anschliessend ins Englische übersetzen. So ist auch das Original dieses Artikels in deutscher Sprache entstanden. Als Beispiel für die Funktion des Übersetzungsprogrammes wird dieser Artikel, sofern der Umfang des Newsletters es zulässt, neben der englischen Übersetzung auch im deutschen Original sowie in den Sprachen Französisch, Niederländisch und Italienisch erscheinen.

Zum Schluss noch ein Wort zu den Regeln innerhalb unseres Clubs. Grundsätzlich haben immer bei allen offiziellen Schriftstücken der Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club® Inc. ausschliesslich die englischen Originale Gültigkeit. Übersetzungen müssen als solche gekennzeichnet sein und einen Hinweis auf das englische Original enthalten.

Stefan "Sergeant"Streif President Chapter Switzerland 1 Secretary Europe Association

### **Problèmes linguistiques**

En 1982, des pompiers se sont réunis à Boylston et ont réalisé qu'ils conduisaient des motos en plus des pompiers. C'est ainsi qu'est né le MC Red Knights. Rapidement, le club s'étend sur le continent nord-américain et devient de plus en plus grand. Même si tous ne pouvaient pas communiquer aussi facilement malgré leur langue maternelle commune, les Knights avaient l'avantage que tout ce qui était écrit pouvait être lu et compris par chaque membre.

Cela a commencé à changer lentement en 2000, lorsque le premier Knight d'Europe a rejoint l'organisation. Aujourd'hui, il y a environ onze ans, les premiers chapitres européens ont été fondés en Allemagne et en Suisse et depuis lors, les Red Knights se répandent de plus en plus en Europe. De ce fait, un certain nombre de langues différentes sont désormais parlées au sein du club. Par conséquent, on ne peut plus supposer que chacun des plus de 1 000 membres en Europe parle si bien l'anglais qu'il comprend vraiment toutes les informations du Bureau exécutif international.

Le fait que la langue du club est et restera l'anglais n'est en aucun cas remis en question ici. Il convient également de préciser clairement que personne ne peut exiger que le Club ou le Bureau exécutif international traduise ses lettres, ses courriels et ses messages dans une douzaine de langues différentes. Cependant, comme je ne comprends pas moi-même suffisamment l'anglais pour lire ou écrire des textes complexes, j'ai cherché une solution à ce problème et je l'ai trouvée. Grâce au logiciel de traduction DEEPL-Translator ([www.deepl.com](http://www.deepl.com)), je suis capable de traduire mes propres textes et ceux d'autres personnes par copier-coller dans presque toutes les langues. Contrairement à de nombreux programmes de traduction courants des grands fournisseurs, les traductions ont généralement un sens en fin de compte. Ce n'est qu'avec des textes juridiques compliqués que ce programme a également du mal à produire un texte significatif. Jusqu'à aujourd'hui, je n'ai donc pas été en mesure de traduire les statuts des Red Knights en un allemand lisible et significatif avec ce programme. ☹️

La version gratuite du programme me permet de marquer des textes jusqu'à 5'000 caractères dans n'importe quel document et de les traduire dans n'importe quelle langue en les copiant simplement. Le texte traduit peut être révisé directement dans le programme, et l'un des traducteurs fournira également des suggestions appropriées pour les mots ayant des significations différentes. Ensuite, le texte révisé peut être soit copié et collé à nouveau dans un document, soit le texte original peut être remplacé par la traduction.

En attendant, je rédige tous mes comptes rendus ou même les articles de ce bulletin dans ma langue maternelle et je les fais traduire en anglais. C'est également ainsi que l'original de cet article a été écrit en allemand. À titre d'exemple pour la fonction du programme de traduction, cet article sera publié, si la taille du bulletin le permet, non seulement dans la traduction anglaise mais aussi dans l'original allemand ainsi qu'en français, néerlandais et italien.

Enfin, un mot sur les règles au sein de notre club. En principe, seuls les originaux anglais sont valables pour tous les documents officiels du Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club® Inc. Les traductions doivent être marquées comme telles et contenir une référence à l'original anglais.

Stefan "Sergent" Streif Président Chapitre Suisse 1 Secrétaire de l'Association Europe

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## Taalproblemen

In 1982 kwamen enkele brandweerlieden samen in Boylston en realiseerden zich dat ze naast de brandweer ook op de motor reden. Dit resulteerde in de Red Knights MC. De club verspreidde zich snel over het Noord-Amerikaanse continent en werd steeds groter. Zelfs als ze niet allemaal zo gemakkelijk konden communiceren ondanks hun gemeenschappelijke moedertaal, hadden de Knights het voordeel dat alles wat geschreven was door elk lid kon worden gelezen en begrepen.

Dit begon langzaam te veranderen in 2000, toen de eerste Knight uit Europa toetrad. Vandaag de dag, zo'n elf jaar geleden, werden de eerste Europese kapittels in Duitsland en Zwitserland gesticht en sindsdien verspreiden de Red Knights zich steeds meer over Europa. Als gevolg daarvan worden er nu een aantal verschillende talen gesproken binnen de club. Daarom kan niet langer worden aangenomen dat elk van de meer dan 1.000 leden in Europa zo goed Engels spreekt dat ze alle informatie van de Internationale Raad van Bestuur echt begrijpen.

Het feit dat de taal van de club Engels is en blijft wordt hier op geen enkele manier in twijfel getrokken. Ook moet hier duidelijk worden gesteld dat niemand kan eisen dat de Club of de Internationale Raad van Bestuur zijn brieven, e-mails en berichten in een twaalftal verschillende talen vertaalt. Omdat ik zelf echter niet genoeg Engels versta om complexe teksten te lezen of te schrijven, heb ik een oplossing voor dit probleem gezocht en gevonden. Met de vertaalsoftware DEEPL-Translator ([www.deepl.com](http://www.deepl.com)) ben ik in staat om mijn eigen teksten en die van anderen te vertalen door middel van copy-paste in bijna elke taal. In tegenstelling tot veel gangbare vertaalprogramma's van grote aanbieders hebben de vertalingen uiteindelijk meestal wel zin. Alleen bij gecompliceerde wetteksten heeft dit programma ook moeite om een zinvolle tekst uit te voeren. Dus tot op heden heb ik met dit programma de ByLaws of the Red Knights niet kunnen vertalen in een leesbaar en betekenisvol Duits. 😊

De gratis versie van het programma stelt me in staat om teksten tot 5.000 karakters in elk document te markeren en te vertalen in elke taal door ze simpelweg te kopiëren. De vertaalde tekst kan direct in het programma worden gereviseerd, en een van de vertalers zal ook passende suggesties doen voor woorden met verschillende betekenissen. Daarna kan de herziene tekst opnieuw worden gekopieerd en in een document worden geplakt of kan de oorspronkelijke tekst worden vervangen door de vertaling.

In de tussentijd schrijf ik al mijn notulen of zelfs de artikelen voor deze nieuwsbrief in mijn moedertaal en laat ze vervolgens vertalen naar het Engels. Zo is ook het origineel van dit artikel in het Duits geschreven. Als voorbeeld voor de functie van het vertaalprogramma zal dit artikel, als de omvang van de nieuwsbrief het toelaat, niet alleen in de Engelse vertaling worden gepubliceerd, maar ook in het Duitse origineel en in het Frans, Nederlands en Italiaans.

Tot slot nog iets over de regels binnen onze club. In principe zijn alleen de Engelse originelen geldig voor alle officiële documenten van de Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club® Inc. Vertalingen moeten als zodanig worden gemarkeerd en een verwijzing naar het Engelse origineel bevatten.

Stefan "Sergeant" Streif Voorzitter Kapittel Zwitserland 1 Secretaris-generaal van de Europese Unie of the Red Knights

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## Problemi linguistici

Nel 1982, alcuni vigili del fuoco si riunirono a Boylston e si resero conto che oltre ai vigili del fuoco stavano guidando delle moto. Il risultato è stato il Red Knights MC. Rapidamente il club si è diffuso nel continente nordamericano ed è diventato sempre più grande. Anche se non tutti potevano comunicare così facilmente nonostante la loro lingua madre comune, i Knights avevano il vantaggio che tutto ciò che veniva scritto poteva essere letto e compreso da ogni membro.

La situazione ha cominciato a cambiare lentamente nel 2000, quando è arrivato il primo Knight dall'Europa. Oggi, circa undici anni fa, sono stati fondati i primi capitoli europei in Germania e in Svizzera e da allora i Red Knights si stanno diffondendo sempre di più in Europa. Di conseguenza, all'interno del club si parlano diverse lingue. Pertanto, non si può più presumere che ognuno degli oltre 1'000 membri in Europa parli così bene l'inglese da comprendere realmente tutte le informazioni del Comitato Esecutivo Internazionale.

Il fatto che la lingua del club sia e rimarrà l'inglese non è in alcun modo messo in discussione in questa sede. Va anche detto chiaramente che nessuno può pretendere che il Club o il Consiglio Esecutivo Internazionale traducano le sue lettere, e-mail e messaggi in una dozzina di lingue diverse. Tuttavia, poiché io stesso non capisco abbastanza l'inglese per leggere o scrivere testi complessi, ho cercato una soluzione a questo problema e l'ho trovata. Con il software di traduzione DEEPL-Translator ([www.deepl.com](http://www.deepl.com)) sono in grado di tradurre i miei testi e quelli degli altri in quasi tutte le lingue. A differenza di molti programmi di traduzione comuni dei grandi fornitori, le traduzioni hanno di solito un senso alla fine. Solo in caso di testi giuridici complicati, questo programma ha difficoltà a produrre un testo significativo. Quindi fino ad oggi non sono stato in grado di tradurre il Regolamento dei Red Knights in un tedesco leggibile e significativo con questo programma. 😊

La versione gratuita del programma mi permette di contrassegnare testi fino a 5'000 caratteri in qualsiasi documento e di tradurli in qualsiasi lingua semplicemente copiandoli. Il testo tradotto può essere rivisto direttamente nel programma, e uno dei traduttori fornirà anche suggerimenti appropriati per parole con diversi significati. In seguito, il testo revisionato può essere copiato di nuovo e incollato in un documento oppure il testo originale può essere sostituito dalla traduzione.

Nel frattempo, scrivo tutti i miei verbali o anche gli articoli per questa newsletter nella mia lingua madre e poi li faccio tradurre in inglese. Questo è anche il modo in cui l'originale di questo articolo è stato scritto in tedesco. A titolo di esempio per la funzione del programma di traduzione, questo articolo sarà pubblicato, se le dimensioni della newsletter lo consentono, non solo nella traduzione inglese ma anche nell'originale tedesco oltre che in francese, olandese e italiano.

Infine, una parola sulle regole all'interno del nostro club. In linea di principio, solo gli originali in inglese sono validi per tutti i documenti ufficiali del Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club® Inc. Le traduzioni devono essere contrassegnate come tali e contenere un riferimento all'originale inglese.

Stefan "Sergente" Streif Presidente Capitolo Svizzera 1 Associazione Segretario Europa

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## Editor's Footnote

*I realise that many members reading this article will only be able to read and understand the passage written in English but I have included the complete article as sent to me by Stefan to highlight the language issues faced in Europe. There are also members in Europe with native languages of Spanish, Danish, Norwegian, Polish and Slovene.*

# 2021 EVENTS

Below are some events that I have been made aware of that have already been planned for 2021.



New Brunswick 1

RED KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB

## International Convention

August 16th - 22nd, 2021

Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada

GO TO [www.rkmci2021.com](http://www.rkmci2021.com) for information and registration.

## WELCOME RIDERS!

Welcome to the 2021 Red Knights International Convention being held in beautiful Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada.

We encourage you to explore this beautiful city and take in its unique scenery, one of a kind dining and various waterfront communities.

Hello Everyone,

The 2021 Red Knight International Convention registration is now open. We can't wait to see everyone In August. The sites in New Brunswick Canada are beautiful, and when it is filled with Brothers and Sisters from all over the globe it will be an even more spectacular event. The website Link to view and purchase all the events is:

WebSite - [www.rkmci2021.com](http://www.rkmci2021.com)

The Facebook page to link to the website and post pictures and stay in touch with everyone is:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/Red-Knight-2021-International-Convention-2426974934020642>

From all of us at The Red Knights New Brunswick 1 Chapter in Saint John Canada we will see you all in August 2021

Stay Safe everyone and take care. Leo Region 2 Director



*Red Knights Belgium 2's  
European Convention in Bruges  
10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
[www.redknightsbelgiumii.be/eucon2021](http://www.redknightsbelgiumii.be/eucon2021)*





**FREITAG**  
ANREISE AB 16.00 UHR  
ANFEIERN

**SAMSTAG**  
FRÜHSTÜCK  
AUSFAHRT  
TOMBOLA

**FOODTRUCK**  
*Wolfs Burger*

**SONNTAG**  
FRÜHSTÜCK  
ABREISE

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**28.-30. MAI 2021**  
**ZELTLAGERPLATZ STOLLE**

ZELTLAGER STOLLE  
AUF DER STOLLE 1  
37124 ROSDORF

Anmeldung unter:  
<http://www.red-knights-germany13.jimdofree.com>

# BACK TO THE FIFTH YEAR ANNIVERSARY




**25, 26, 27 JUNE 2021**

FRIDAY 25.06	SATURDAY 26.06	SUNDAY 27.06
GATHERING FOOD TRUCKS MUSIC	BREAKFAST POKER RUN LIVE MUSIC BBQ	BREAKFAST

WHERE:  
GÛTE "LE MONT PELÉ"  
MON DES PINS 100  
6941 DURBUY (BOMAL-SUR-OURTHE)  
BELGIUM

"BED & BREAKFAST"  
REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY  
BEFORE 30.04.2021 BY MAIL AT  
BELGIUM7@REDKNIGHTSMC.COM




**April 17, 2021**  
First bike out at 10:00 AM  
Last bike in at 4:00 PM

Live Band  
Food at every stop

## THE DEPARTMENT 155 DICE RUN

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**DIAMONDBACK HARLEY-DAVIDSON**  
LAWTON HARLEY-DAVIDSON OKLAHOMA

301 SE Interstate Drive  
Lawton, OK

Bike Games  
50/50 Drawing  
Raffle Tickets for local businesses

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
Altus • Lawton • Duncan • Chikasha  
**CANCER CENTERS**  
of Southwest Oklahoma  
and  
**LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS**



**\$10 per Rider**

## Party with the vikings



# Founding Party Opstarts fest Gründungsparty

Red Knights and specially invited guests only!

**04.06.2021 - 6.06.2021**

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# 2021 Dixie Rally Registration



## REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONTACT PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 T-SHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_ Challenge Coin \_\_\_\_\_

MAY 14-16-2021

Registration Fee: \$65.00 per person BEFORE April 15, 2021

\$75.00 per person AFTER April 15, 2021

Registration Fee includes Rally registration, Banquet, T-Shirt

**\*\*Note\*\*** A registration form must be sent in for EACH person.

We are offering a challenge coin for those interested, add an additional \$10.00

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: RED KNIGHTS VA 5 AND MAIL TO:

RED KNIGHTS VA 5

629 KINGS GRANT ROAD, CULPEPER, VIRGINIA 22701 ATTN: Dixie Rally 2021

Registration is also available through PAYPAL @ [www.redknightsva5.com](http://www.redknightsva5.com)

NOTE- If you do not live in the United States, please send a Money Order. Checks drawn on banks outside the U.S. are hard to cash. Thank you.

# THE RED KNIGHTS WELCOME NEW ARRIVALS TO THE FAMILY.

Marcel Behrens of Germany 16  
welcomes his son Bennett, and  
Tyson Croniser of Ohio 3  
welcomes his daughter  
Sophia Mae into the  
world and to the  
Red Knights



**Congratulations** to you both  
and to your families!

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
FROM THE TEAM OF  
REPORTERS



# CONSIDERATIONS WHEN RIDING IN THE RAIN



## **Wear the Proper Riding Gear**

Before you leave on your ride, protect yourself from the elements with proper riding gear and attire. Note that there are two different types of water prevention clothing, waterproof and water-resistant.

Waterproof clothing/gear will not allow water penetration unless under more extreme circumstances, like being submerged in water. Water-resistant gear will shed water from the surface but tend to allow water penetration after a certain period of time when hit with water continuously. When looking for new riding gear for more adverse riding conditions, take note of the type of water prevention the gear is supposed to have.

**Water-resistant/waterproof clothing**, including jackets, pants, and/or one-piece suits, are a must when riding in the rain. For riding gear to have good water protection, the key is overlapping seams that don't align. Zippers should have a flap (or two) that covers the zipper completely and the edge of the flap shouldn't align directly with the zipper. Cuffs on the jacket should be long enough to cover over your riding gloves and have a cinching mechanism like a hook-and-loop section that can be tightened around the cuff of the glove.

**Waterproof riding boots and gloves** is effective at deterring water penetration. Each need to fit tight to you to prevent exposed areas for water to find a path through. It's recommended that they fit tight enough to be tucked into a jacket or rain suit.

If you have a tank bag fitted to your motorcycle or prefer to ride with a small backpack or saddlebag, consider carrying additional dry clothing.

For helmets, a full-faced helmet will offer the best protection from water. For those who ride with a ½ or ¾ face helmet pack a set of goggles that can be used in place of normal eye protection. For an added layer of protection on your face, use a balaclava.

Plastic bags are resourceful when you need to keep your valuables dry during a downpour.

## **Prepare Before You Ride**

Beyond having the right riding gear for cold or wet weather, there are some other considerations to have in your riding plan.

**Plan Your Route:** If the rain develops into a downpour and becomes a hazard to continue riding in, have an alternate path or a rest stop to take shelter in for a brief period or until conditions are safer. Mark some favourite restaurants, rest stops, or alternate locations on your GPS or paper map so that you can easily get to if needed.

**Anti-Fogging Treatments:** Fogging is also a concern when rain or wet weather conditions are prominent. Before you depart, wipe the surfaces with an anti-fogging treatment. While wearing your helmet, consider keeping your visor open for ventilation and to prevent it from fogging up. If you encounter a situation where fogging is inevitable, pull over until conditions are safer.

## **Beware of Wet Riding Conditions**

Wet roads can create dangerous situations for any motorcycle rider. Though it can appear perfectly clean, oftentimes wet roads consist of oils and other slippery residuals on the surface. Be wary and alert of the hazards that heavy rainfall can have on the road in order for you to navigate to your destination safely.

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## Reduced Traction



Rain unveils oils that create slippery, wet surfaces that reduces the traction on your tires. The first hour of a heavy rainstorm is the most dangerous time to ride, when the oils are raised to the surfaces of the road and has not yet been washed away. If it's possible to stop for a quick break, now is the time. Wait the storm out or until the rain has thoroughly washed the road surface clean of oils and anything else that has been left behind prior to getting back on your bike. Once the rain has eased up, ride behind the vehicle's tire tracks, as they have already propelled some of the water away and allow you the gain better traction.

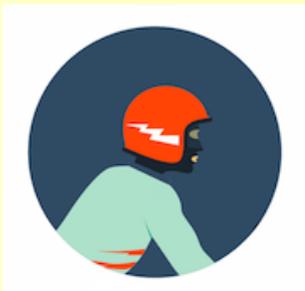
## Hydroplaning



A heavy volume of water can also cause you to hydroplane, despite how good or new your tire tread is. Hydroplaning occurs when a layer of water prevents direct contact between the tires and the road. To reduce your chances of hydroplaning, try to avoid riding on painted lines, manhole covers, tar snakes, rainbow-hued puddles, and metal crossings, as they contribute to reduced tire grip.

While riding, slow down as much as possible, squeeze your clutch, and coast through the puddle. At higher speed conditions, try to maintain your speed and avoid abrupt changes as it can reduce the traction of your motorcycle. Also take into consideration the type of tires you have on your motorcycle. All-weather tires are designed to handle water whereas summer sport tires may not be as resourceful.

## Decreased Visibility



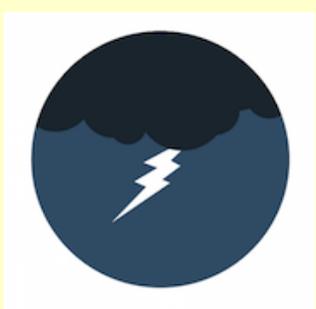
The surface presents many challenges, but sometimes what you can't see in the distance is the biggest obstacle. Visibility of the road and on the road is a big concern. Reflective and/or bright-colored high visibility gear should always be worn while riding in the rain. In dismal conditions, they could be the discerning feature that keeps you visible to other vehicles as their wipers beat across the windshield. It is also advisable to have you lights on.

## Braking Distance



Braking opportunity will be reduced in wet weather conditions in comparison to a dry riding condition. Braking distance should be increased on the wet road and cornering needs to be slow and steady. It's best to ride as vertical as possible so your tires have the best contact patch and can whisk away the most water through the treads in your tires. While braking, apply a lighter application to the front brakes. The reduced application of the front brake should be compensated by adding more stopping distance.

## Lightning



If there is lightning accompanying the rain, get off the road immediately. Lightning may only seek out tall objects, but that electricity has to go somewhere in the ground. If everything is wet, including yourself, your tires aren't absolutely going to insulate you from electricity traveling along the ground. Don't take the chance.

# Region 1

(Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey and New York)

## Red Knights Maine 6 donate a check to a young boy with rare condition

Red Knights Maine 6 were giving back again this weekend, and this time it was for a young boy with a rare disorder.

Harper has Moebius Syndrome, which prohibits the use of his facial muscles, leaving him unable to frown or smile.

When the Red Knights got word of Harper's condition they wanted to help him as they have helped so many others and they organized a bike ride called "miles for smiles" in June that was unfortunately cancelled due to COVID-19.

Not to be deterred, they made t-shirts and did a bottle drive to raise money instead and raised an amazing \$2,400 which they presented to Harper and his family at Johnstone Supply in Bangor.

"It's what we do, you know, we see people in need, if we can help them out we're going to, that's just what the Red Knights are all about."

Harper has been through a number of surgeries already and the money raised by the Red Knights will go to support medical expenses that will hopefully allow him to smile one day.



## Introducing the NEWEST NH Chapter 3

A few of us had been discussing forming a chapter in the northern part of New Hampshire for some time. Last November we held an informational meeting at one of our local establishments and from there we decided to go forward to start a chapter. We worked to get all the proper information we needed, completed the paperwork and this past July our chapter was accepted as New Hampshire Chapter 3. Members in our chapter come from three local fire departments: Pittsburg NH, Beecher Falls VT and Colebrook NH. Pittsburg Fire house is the Chapter 3 home base. The President is Pittsburg Fire Chief Kevin Lassonde; Douglas Burns is Assistant Fire Chief with Beecher Falls fire department and is the Chapter 3 Vice President; The Secretary and Treasurer is Fire Captain Todd Nichols of the Beecher Falls Fire department. We currently have a roster of around 25 members. We are very excited!

Kevin Lassonde, Pres NH 3

## **NY50 heads to NH Seacoast**

Several NY50 chapter members' contacted NH chapters to tell them they would be in the area of Hampton NH Thursday afternoon through Sunday 3rd-6th of September. On Thursday evening several members of NH5 met with NY50 for a fabulous meet, greet and eat at Logan's Run, across the street from their Hotel. Great comradery. (Blue Kelloway)

On Friday the 4th, NH9 invited NY50 for a tour and ride around Lake Winnepesaukee, and stopped for a great BBQ lunch. The riding continued back through Laconia, NH and wrapped up at the NH shoreline for some ice cream! It was a great day. Sam Sherrill, NH9

## **Red Knight receives Red Cross Hero award**

In November 2018 NH5 Active member Daryl Lyons was on her way home from work and stopped to assist at a motorcycle accident. On scene she applied a makeshift tourniquet to a compound fracture of the upper leg, performed a rapid trauma assessment, assisted with c-spine, helmet removal and prep for transport. The patient had several additional broken bones, and a dislocated elbow. She directed a person to stay until help arrived. Her actions saved the MC driver's life. Daryl was awarded American Red Cross Hero award in the Good Samaritan category for her life saving actions. Daryl is a valued member of the club and reflects great credit upon herself, NH Chapter 5 and the Red Knights International Firefighter's Motorcycle Club.

Jim Voss, Secretary, NH5

## **NJ31 would like to recognize Linwood Chatten and Scooter Marriner**

for quickly jumping into action when they witnessed multiple bikes go down during a group ride hosted by another Motorcycle Club. The incident occurred in late May 2020 when one of the bikes drifted off the road, hit a guardrail, bounced and came back onto the road hitting three other bikes. Linwood & Scooter, both firefighters and EMTs and members of Chapter 31 New Jersey Red Knights, immediately took control of the situation and began providing medical care. One patient was transported to the area trauma center for a concussion and broken ribs. Others involved were treated for minor injuries. While this was not a Red Knights event, Linwood and Scooter dutifully represented what it means to be Loyal to Our Duty.

Julie Rogers, VP NJ 31

# NEW HAMPSHIRE MEMORIAL – ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

New Hampshire Chapters 5, 1, and 9 along with; Blue Knights Chapter IV, visited the NH Veterans cemetery in Boscawen. It is at that cemetery where not only is the NH Red Knights memorial that was dedicated during the 2019 Convention located, but it is the resting place of one of NH5's beloved charter members, and a Fire Department LODD Harold Frey. It is a tradition that they solemnly visit and pay tribute to Brother Harold each year. A great turnout of 25 bikes of NH Red knights and NH Blue Knights. A heart felt poem written by Mark Green a former member of Chapter 9 was read for a fallen soldier's gravesite. Truly humbling. After a takeout lunch members of Chapter 5 continued to Steadfast Spirits Distillery where the owner and NH5 Charter member was presented with a shadow box of Red Knights patch and rockers to display along with his 15 year membership pin.



# NH IV PRESENTS CONVENTION FIREWORKS APPRECIATION

NH IV had a great time at the International Convention in Lincoln, NH in August of 2019 but admits it was a lot of hard work and many hours spent beginning 2 years earlier and beyond until final IRS forms were submitted. Well worth the effort. A special thanks goes out to Diane Kraemer, Chapter IV Treasurer, for her time, talent, and efforts in keeping track of this and getting everything done in a timely manner.

Our Chapter contributed for the Gift Bag and numerous donations on the Raffle table. The best donation however, was from Atlas Fireworks and that made the wonderful Fireworks show on the last night of the Convention. Chapter IV members traveled to Jaffrey NH and presented a plaque to Steve Pelkey, the owner of Atlas Pyrotechnics, to thank him for his generosity, The plaque is shaped like the State of New Hampshire had a Convention pin & patch attached.



Left to right: David Stone, Road Captain; Don Kraemer, former President; Richard Trempe, Vice President; Steve Pelkey; owner of Atlas Fireworks; Tim Fiske, Quartermaster; Bob Trudelle; President; Kathy Fiske, Chapter Secretary; and Roger Trempe. *Kathy Fiske, Secretary NHIV*

# NH9 leads twelfth Annual New Hampshire Police, Fire, EMS, Foundation ride

A huge thank you to all for the support on our 2020 NH Police, Fire & EMS Foundation benefit ride. Big Thank you to Laconia Harley Davidson, and the Directors of the NHPFEF and the many that braved the morning rain as it turned out to be perfect day for riding. The NH State Police led the ride ahead of the following riding and MC clubs: the Christian Motorcycle club, the Chrome Angelz, Patriot Syndicates, Black Sheep, Blue Knights, Red Knights chapters: VT-2, VT-5, NJ-31, NJ-33, NH-2, NH-4, NH-5, NH-6, NH-9, and a bunch of our civilian guests. Even in these days of COVID-19 the event went off without a hitch, function was a successful and safe one, and some good monies were generated back to the foundation. We look forward to seeing you all for the next (13th) annual event to be held on the 2nd Saturday of August. Thank you again. Colin Nelson, NHPFEF Director, and NH9 President.

**FOOTNOTE:** On Sept 2, 2020 the young wife of Exeter NH Police officer passed away unexpectedly. The couple had 2 children ages 6 and 2. NHPFEF were immediately on their doorstep to help.



Riders at the 2020 NH Police, Fire & EMS Foundation benefit ride, August 2020 (Colin Nelson)

## THIS JUST IN:

Not only is he the NHPFEF Director and NH9 President, at the Fall NH Chapter Presidents meeting, Colin Nelson was elected as the NH State Representative replacing Dave Weymouth, who was well respected and held that position for many years. Thank you to Dave and Good Luck to Colin!

**Loyal to our duty**

**THERE'S MORE:** NY50 Chapter President Eric Jock is now the President of the New York Association! Congratulations, Eric! And Good Luck!



Eric Jock far left and his NY50 crew display their colors with members of NH5 for a great meet up and good night of food and drinks at Logan's Run and mostly the brotherhood /sisterhood that is unique to this great organization. Blue Kelloway, VP NH5

## A MAN AND HIS CHAPTER

January, 1984, Norton, Massachusetts, a chapter is born.

In 2021 MA chapter 3 celebrates its 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Massachusetts chapter 3 was born only two years after the Red Knights came to fruition.

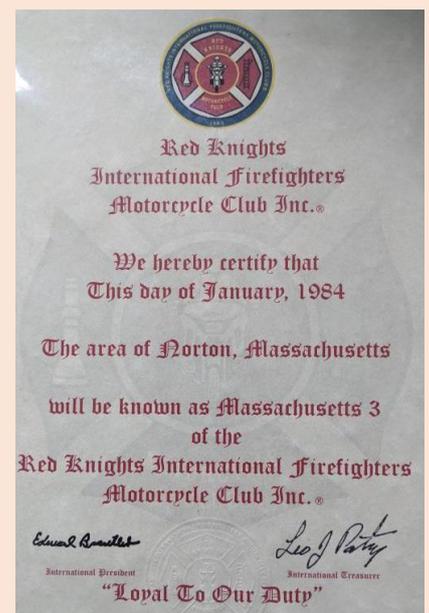
Of the 32 original, charter, members, only two remain.

The current chapter president George Colby and current vice president Paul Schleicher.



Pictured here with their wives; from left to right; Sandra Colby, George Colby, Paul Schleicher and Linda Schleicher.

Paul is not only one of the two last charter members of MA-3. He is the only member that has maintained his membership, uninterrupted, for all 37 years. Wishing to congratulate Paul for his years of uninterrupted service, the chapter voted to award him a Chapter Life Membership in 2019.



# Region 2

(Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario)

Nothing received from Region 2, if you have anything for the June Newsletter please send it to your Regional Reporter at: [region2reporter@redknightsmc.com](mailto:region2reporter@redknightsmc.com)

# Region 3

(Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Wisconsin)

Nothing received from Region 3, if you have anything for the June Newsletter please send it to your Regional Reporter at: [region3reporter@redknightsmc.com](mailto:region3reporter@redknightsmc.com)

# Region 4

(Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Dist of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia)

## Red Knights Georgia 26 Raise Money for Ronald McDonald House

Several weeks ago Georgia 26 held a successful and enjoyable `Dice Run` to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Georgia to help with the local families that are served by the house.

In October they rode to the Ronald McDonald House in Macon Georgia to present them with a check \$2,300..



# IREDELL RED KNIGHTS CHAPTER NC 13 HELP THEIR OWN THROUGH DONATIONS FROM FUNDRAISER

Despite the challenging times during 2020 NC13 still managed to raise funds to help others and the beneficiaries of the funds raised by NC 13 comprised of first responders, individuals and groups.

These included Statesville firefighter Isaac McCurdy, Jessica Pope who is studying to become a paramedic, The Davidson County Honor Guard who helped with NC 13's 911 ceremony, The Burned Children's Fund which provides non-medical financial assistance to child burn victims and the 911 Memorial and Museum in New York which remembers those who died in the 2001 terrorist attacks.

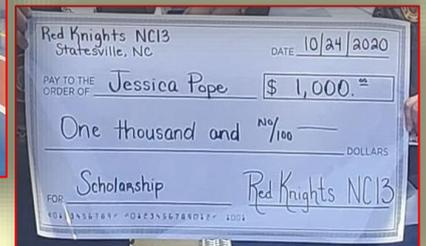
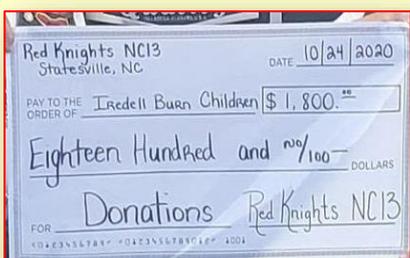


Isaac McCurdy, a Firefighter with the Statesville Fire Department and a volunteer firefighter as well, is fighting cancer, and NC 13 wanted to help him with some expenses so presented his fellow firefighters from SFD with a check for \$2,500 to pass on to Isaac who is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatment was not able to attend.

The Burned Children's Fund received \$1,800 and the 911 Memorial and Museum got a check for \$500.

Jessica Pope, a firefighter with Central Fire Department and an employee of Iredell EMS was the beneficiary of a \$1,000 scholarship to aid her studies to become a paramedic.

Prior to joining Central Jessica served with Sherrills Fors-Terrile Fire Rescue. They also gave \$200 to the Davidson County Honor Guard who helped with their 911 Ceremony for free.



At the check presentation, Jason Mullins, President of NC 13 said, “We organize fundraisers throughout the year for one reason – to help others who serve their communities, it’s what we do.”

NC 13 also had another fundraiser on the 7<sup>th</sup> November by way of a sponsored 12 station food drive to benefit the Iredell Christian Ministries and Matthew 25, a food and clothing pantry in Harmony.

The free motorcycle ride will began at Tilley Harley Davidson, visiting 12 fire stations in Iredell and Rowen Counties. Non-perishable food and cash donations were able to be dropped off in advance of the ride at all four Statesville Fire Department stations and at various other fire departments. The donations made to the Iredell fire departments would be distributed to Matthew 25 and the remainder will go to ICM.

Jason Mullins said that the goal was to stock the pantries at the two organizations with the Thanksgiving holidays on the horizon.

Those taking part in the ride received a gift of a 12 station patch and they were able to buy a plate of food at the Harmony Fire department’s chicken BBQ.



Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November NC13 put on their 12 stations food drive. “60 participants and 30 bikes took part and we would like to thank everyone that came out and supported our ride which raised a fantastic 350lbs of food and \$730.00 for Iredell Christian Ministry and 300lbs of food for Matthew 25 in Harmony. We had NC 13, 20,21,22,24 NJ33, NJ4 from the Red Knights.

Thanks also went to the motorcycle community from the surrounding area which included Rolling Thunder NC6 and other friends from Roxboro, Sherrill Ford, Albemarle, New Jersey, Lenoir and Winston Salem All came to help Iredell County for

their support.

A big shout out went to Iredell County Sherriff's Office for the Escort all day and for helping to keep people safe during our ride.



Thanks were given to all the departments that took barrels and were food drop off locations including Troutman Fire and Rescue, West Iredell Fire, Monticello, Trinity Fire and Rescue, Central School Fire, Union Grove Fire and Rescue, Statesville Fire Department, Cool Springs Fire, Woodleaf Fire Department, Cleveland Community Fire Department and Harmony Fire Department. Thank you Harmony for giving us a place to eat during the BBQ fund raiser. Thank to Tilley's HD for allowing us to host our ride at your location and making us feel at home.

NC13 have raised 5,000 lbs of food for the year and made almost \$10,000 in donations to different charities, a fantastic achievement.



## **Red Knights® Four Corners Fundraiser Ride**

It all started with a phone call: “We haven’t heard from you in a long time!”, followed by a social media post – “Jack is alive and well...” and the Red Knights® Four Corners Fundraiser Ride was launched!

Bob called Norm, Norm called Ge®ge, someone tagged Ken and Deb had no commitments so the planning commenced. CoVid 19 had its stranglehold on all of the RKMC functions for the year and so it played a major role in this event. Some of us were retired, some layed off and some simply needed a long get the heck outta here. In the end, George couldn’t go as he had to care for his wife Sandy so he became our official “Social Media” or better, “Communications” officer, lol.

After 1-1/2 weeks of unbelievably detailed planning Bob Binnall and Deb Mickel left Newton, Massachusetts, on May 22, 2020, headed for Hazlet, NJ, Bob with his Goldwing and Deb in her pickup with George’s trailer as the team “Chase”, after being up until 02:00 putting his bike back together. A fine rib-eye steak, prepared by Ken May – we’ll call him “Moonshine” (that’s a whole other story) - was a grand and welcome treat on arrival. The trip had begun!

“It was the worst rain I’ve ever ridden in” is all I heard from the two of them – 40 miles of downpours and lightning. If they only knew what was in store! The dark clouds of Jersey eventually led them to clear skies and (much) warmer weather and after another 460 miles they arrived in Kenly, NC.

Sunday, May 24 was a beautiful, sunny day, but the gang from Region 1 discovered the scorch of the Dixie sun. Another 450 miles down and they arrived in Jacksonville, FL, but they were worn out. The heat the last 2 days was oppressive. Moving wasn’t too bad, but 45 minutes stopped on interstate asphalt waiting at a CoVid checkpoint literally cooked them. We’re not too sure what the officials were looking for – perhaps hot spot dwellers from the “other country” – but when Captain Bob said “We’re from Massachusetts” they were waived through!

Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day, USA – was my day to travel north to meet up with the crew and a day off for Moonshine’s brand new Harley as it hit 1,000 miles and was in need of warranty work. Although it rained all day for my 250 mile ride north from St. Petersburg, and for the 200 mile round trip drive to Daytona to meet up with friends we were truly entertained. It was a McGyver day for brother Binnall. He invented his 2 wheel air conditioning system – a 2-1/2 gallon garden sprayer strapped in riding b\*\*\*h and an armrest nozzle holder has Bob ready for anything!

After two 500 mile days, the boys from the north decided that 500 miles a day was too much, so the scheduled stop in Baton Rouge, LA, (a mere 613 miles away) was scrapped and Mobile, AL, was pencilled in, as rain was expected again! After 420 miles and MORE RAIN we were blessed with arriving safely in Mobile, and we had the pleasure of seeing the Battleship Alabama as we came into town.

Wednesday, May 27: We met Region 4 Director Steve Guillot and 2 others from LA 1, Buck and Roland just outside New Orleans and the boys escorted us to Baton Rouge. From there we continued to Beaumont, Texas, where we met up with Daryll LaBove, Butch Chapman and Dean Smith, Texas 1, and we enjoyed a fine dinner with them. The next morning TX 13 member Danny “Scout” Borel met us at the gas station and escorted us back to the highway with our sights set on Fredericksburg, TX, and the fine hospitality of Mark and Emmy Green. We rode in perfect weather until we were 20 miles from the Greens, and then waited over 2 hours for one of the craziest lightning storms we’d ever seen to pass, but the burritos, and drinks made the wait well worth it!



Friday, May 29 we rode in 100% sunshine as we headed towards Van Horn, TX. At a fuel stop in Fort Stockton a Texas State Trooper was so taken with Bob’s bike, trailer and light show that he called ahead so that no troopers in Texas would bother us as we passed through the Lone Star State. We had an early night as big plans were in the air for tomorrow.



Saturday May 30, is the day that the trip was planned around. Silver City, New Mexico, was our target for a reunion with Founder Jack Pierce. Our 2 hour delay in Fredericksburg several days before offered the opportunity for us to meet a man that has written a book about riding 1,000,000 in America, with some of the best rides to be had. Sadly, I misplaced my notes with his name and the book title, but one road he recommended was NM 152, from Caballo, NM, at the east end of 152 at I-25, to Hillsboro where New Mexico’s Dragon begins, over Emory Pass and down to Hanover,

the west end of the best twisty-windy we road to Santa Clara and NM 180. Then north on 180 to Silver City.

Our pre-arranged meeting point with Jack was at the WalMart parking lot, at noon, just as we entered Silver City. We arrived at about 11:45 and got off the bikes and got comfortable. Suddenly from behind I hear “You’re early!” from a most familiar voice. I turned around to see Jack walking up to us, huge smile and all.



As I greet him he says "I'm impressed with how you guys ride!" and I asked "How so?" His response was that he liked how we slowed and pulled right to allow traffic to pass on the highway. And things got real clear! As we passed through Hanover there were several autos that had pulled up behind us, and we had slowed and allowed them to pass, but one refused to go by. Come to find out it was Jack, he actually headed out watch for us and, I believe, to "size us up". I laughed as I told him that when he refused to go by us after close to a half mile at 30 mph, I thought "screw the guy, he can wait now" as I accelerated and pulled back into the main driving lane. I then wished him a very happy birthday.



After introductions we asked Jack where a good place to give him his "gifts" would be and he said "right here" meaning in the parking lot. I told him about all the things that had been going on with the Club and MA 1 and his fellow Founders, and then proceeded to give him his bottle of Jack Daniel's, the stand that was made by Bob Bourassa on very short notice, and his own set of Founders' coins, filling him in on the history of each item and the purpose of the fund raiser. Then Bob and Deb presented him with all the goodies of Yankee Rally #5, the Founder's Rally, so to speak, the Rally coin, Founders' Patch, his boxed numbered coin and the Rally photo, all the while filling in the back story to everything. With a tear in his eye, for the third or fourth time, he looked at all of us and turned to Bob and said "This is what we started this Club for".

He was so taken that he asked us where we were staying that night and suggested we stay at the hotel he lives at. We took him up on his offer, and he led us there. He said that he would be very happy to show us around Silver City, so we piled into his SUV, went out for a wonderful birthday lunch and were treated to a four hour tour of where Jack lives and what he lives, yes lives, to do.

Sunday, May 31, we are gathered at the bikes at 06:30 preparing to leave and Jack came out with his camera in hand and we took some final pictures before we headed out. We rode to the 4 Corners National Monument in Navajo Nation and hit a little rain but experienced great roads for motorcycling. Although the monument was closed we did have the opportunity to ride in all 4 states that meet there. From there we headed to Kayenta, AZ, and experienced one hell of a dust storm, with tumbleweeds and strong winds wreaking havoc for nearly an hour. A curfew had been put in place in Navajo Nation and all gas stations were closed, sort of. No one was working but they "left the pumps on", lol.



Monday, June 1 and Las Vegas was our target city. Strong winds and a strong sun gave way to beautiful riding. As we snaked in and out of Utah and Arizona we found the roads and riding to be spectacular.



The scenery was great, but then came Nevada and oppressive heat. We arrived in Vegas to be greeted by 104°F temps and deserted desert streets. It was eerily quiet on the strip and at our hotel. Every casino was closed and the one armed bandits were hooded. The sign on the door of the restaurant said maximum 10 people, and with the 4 of us and the staff, there really wasn't room for anyone else.

Tuesday, June 2 was NV 95 all the way to Fernley. Beautiful roads and scenery, from deserts to snow-capped mountains to lakes where they didn't seem to belong, some empty, some full, some fresh and some salty Temps stayed in the 80's all day. Arrived at the hotel in Fernly just after someone put about 10 bullets into the building and windows, and then watched a high speed chase ensue when the suspect fled.

Wednesday we left Fernley heading for California and Oregon with spectacular scenery and riding on 95 and 395. Fuel was elusive, but with cattle roaming the middle of the roads, a storm of locusts and the scenery of the lower, middle and upper Alkali Lakes and Lake Abert, a very salty lake, we were rarely concerned. The trip was worth every penny. We did have to tap into our "Fuel Reserves" once (a gas can in the pickup) but we arrived in Hines, OR, no worse for the wear.

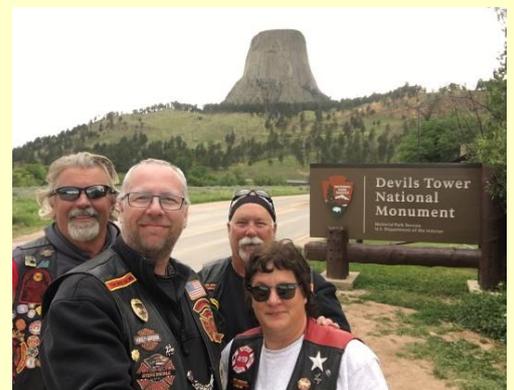
As we left Hines the temperature was 46°F and we were met downtown by 4 deer, in the crosswalk, crossing the street. Less than 2 miles in we were met by another deer in the road and temps that had dropped to 36°F. The riding and the roads just kept getting better. Although it was cold until nearly noon the sights were well worth it. We crossed into Washington and rode along Lake Wallula on the Columbia River. We met up with Randy Bean of WA 2 in Spokane and got our bikes in or ready for service. As tomorrow was a day off for oil changes, service and Club fun.



After we serviced Bob's and my bike, and we picked up Ken's from the HD dealer, we got ready for a BBQ at the Bean's home. Joining us were Randy and Brandon Bean, Don Gardner, Forest and Kristi Nagel, Luke Swift, Jon Strickland, Kevin Morcom and Erin Fletcher. It was a great evening.

Saturday, June 6, the weather has been near perfect since the day we arrived in Fredericksburg, TX, but things were about to change. We left Spokane with temps in the 50's and about 25 miles out the icy cold rain met us and stayed with us for all but about 50 miles of our ride to Livingston, MT. This is the first time since we left Texas that we were back on the interstate. I 90 was a beautiful ride, despite the rain, all the way through Idaho and Montana. We had on slowdown for a truck wreck in the mountains and Bob lost a highway peg along the way. Sign of things to come?

Sunday and Monday were great travel days as we ventured through Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota. Had we travelled 2 miles further east we would have claimed North Dakota, but alas, Devils Tower, WY, and arrival in Rapid City, SD, a day early to allow for an early trip to Mt Rushmore won our hearts and minds. Once we exited I-94 most 2 lanes were great riding with deer, pronghorn and other sights, including 2 elk calves. However, we did find that New England isn't the only place with



potholes. MT 323 was the worst road we rode, so far, from Ekalaka to Rte 112.

Devils Tower was as awesome as ever. We dodged the rain, for the most part, from Wyoming to Rapid City.



Our trip to Mount Rushmore Monday morning was quite enjoyable, and then we took the big turn east to start heading towards our next planned stop, Sioux Falls, SD. The I-90 scenery was spectacular. Lunch in the Town of Wall and a quick visit to Wall Drug was followed by a beautiful rain free ride to Sioux Falls, but it was also a ride where caution abounded as there was quite a bit of road kill along the way.



Our Tuesday leg was cut to only 200 miles as we were forced to call it quits in Avoca, IA, in order to avoid the heavy rains from the remnants of TS Cristobal. Wednesday was a washout as we only made 90 miles before being drowned, blown around and threatened with lightning. Des Moines, IA was a day drinking kind of place, lol.



SO, Thursday, June 11 showed to be a big day as we planned 613 miles (about 1,000 km) to Xenia, OH for our "X". At the half way point, Bob blew out his rear tire. After 2 – 3 hours of trailering and getting the tire replaced at a Honda dealer, we continued our quest, arriving in Xenia 14 hours after we started. We were met at the Ohio line by Alfred Sollenberger II and he escorted us the last 45 or so miles to the Xenia where we met Darrell Perkins and together they escorted us to the fire house for

pictures.

We left Xenia Friday morning with final destination unknown, but Albany was a hopeful location. That hope was dashed when, about 20 mile west of Utica, the Honda showed signs of her age again by blowing a fork seal, and an early end to our day followed. As depressed as Bob was we decided to continue the tour and set our sights on Boylston for Saturday's destination and the end of the four corners ride for Bob and Deb. Side note, Bob rode that final route when he headed home from the Bootlegger so he did ride the ride!

Saturday, June 13, we arrived in Kittery, Maine, the fourth corner, at 13:30. Covid rules made it impossible to get a table for lunch so we fuelled up and made it to the final required stop for the Founders' Ride, the Red Knights Memorial in Boylston.



For the 4 of us, the Tour requirements were met –

4 corner states (Maine, Florida, California and Washington)

4 chapters met (TX, LA1, WA2, OH6)

1 Four Corners Monument

1 Mount Rushmore & 1 RKMC Memorial, for a total of 11 points, 1 for each Founder.

However, Ken still has 250 miles to complete his "loop" and Norm has about 1,200 miles to complete his. Norm and Ken left Sunday morning and spent the night at Ken's. Norm was escorted by Ken and 2 others out of the other country on Monday morning. I made it home Tuesday night after lots of rain and a stop at Bill and Syd Coles'.

Keep your eyes peeled for more information on the upcoming "Challenge" ride, likely named "The Founders' Four Corners" or something like that. Cheers to all, and may 2021 be well received!

# Region 5

(Alaska, Alberta, , British Columbia, Idaho, Iowa, Manitoba, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Northwest Territory, Oregon, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, Washington, Wyoming and Yukon)

Brothers and Sisters,

First off I hope you are doing well, considering that this year is gone completely bonkers. There is been a few quarantines where members have been exposed. Enough of that.

Region 5 has been relatively quiet regarding chapter activities. Our director Lance Coit would know better.

Some stuff has been cancelled. My own chapter ND2 opted to do a fall gun raffle instead, happily tickets are going well.

I don't have much to offer but I can wish you all a safe and wonderful holiday season.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

May the roads be dry and wind gentle in your travels. I hopefully will see you soon.

Sincerely, Lance Solberg, Region 5 Reporter, ND 2 President

## **15 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**



MN4 celebrated their 15<sup>th</sup> year, July 17-19, with a celebration at Big Sandy Resort in McGregor, MN. The weekend celebration included bonfire, lake time, Saturday night dinner, and a scenic ride to Brainerd International Raceway. Guests included charter members, MN7, MN8, regional director, local fire department and local dignitaries. A special presentation of an appreciation plaque was made to Big Sandy Resort for their continued support and hospitality to the Red Knights!



## ***FIREFIGHTERS FIGHTING CANCER®***

MN4 has continued to remain active in the face of cancellations and challenges from COVID-19!

MN4 held their 10<sup>th</sup> annual Firefighters Fighting Cancer® Benefit on August 29, 2020 with appropriate safety measures in place. The benefit includes a scenic ride through the country, a silent & live auction, raffles and food. The proceeds from the benefit go to a local firefighter and/or their family

battling cancer. This year we had four beneficiaries and raised more than double what we did the year before! We had a record turnout of bikes and riders with over 160 motorcycles and over 210 registered participants. We were blessed with beautiful weather and were able to work with our host venue to spread out the events all around the property.



## ***OUR BIG FAT COVID WEDDING***

MN4 celebrated the wedding of Adam “Flash” Gordon, Road Captain, and Melissa “Fireball” Johansen, Social Member, on Saturday, October 10, 2020 in beautiful Stillwater, MN. COVID prevented a lot of out of state family and friends from attending, but we were blessed to have our Red Knights family in attendance!



Respectfully submitted,  
Adam “Flash” Gordon  
Road Captain MN4

On April 25th, **RKMC MN 4 organized a blood drive** at Memorial Blood Center in Plymouth, MN, knowing the need for blood is in high demand to the COVID-19 pandemic; and one of our own brothers in the ICU with COVID who needed 8 units of blood himself. We felt the need to help during these uncertain times. We had 14 members show up to donate

## Region 6

(Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah)

Well Brothers and Sisters it is again time for the December Newsletter, since June at the last newsletter release there has been a lot of things going on in Region 6 even with the Covid19 restrictions causing so many events to be cancelled.

The Red Knights of Oklahoma were able to hold their state meeting June 13, 2020, near Eufaula Lake in eastern Oklahoma. I was in Oklahoma visiting family so I rode out to see the Oklahoma Brothers and Sister and to attend the Oklahoma State Meeting. The meeting was held at Eufala Lake on the property of Robert and Sheila Moose M.A.L. mom and dads, these folks are some of the most gracious of families to host the State meeting on such short notice.

Chapters present were OK 1, OK 3, Ok 7, OK 8, OK 9, Ok 10 and myself (TX 10 TX State VP region 6 Reporter), all together there we 35 members present, and they honored two fallen brothers that had passed in the last year, with a memorial table and memorial presentation.



## Heaven 1 gained the following Oklahoma Red Knights

*Nov. 12, 2019 Allen (Jingles) Dewayne King OK 7*



*Feb 11, 2020 Tommy Powell Calverley Jr OK 8*



## Officers Elections were held during the Oklahoma State Meeting

President JD McCullah

Vice President Western Carl Billey

Vice President Central Richard Sprague

Vice President Eastern Robert Moose

Secretary Margaret Davis

Intern treasure Willette King



*Oklahoma State Officers  
back row L-R President JD McCullah Eastern VP Robert Moose  
Middle row L-R Western VP Carl Billey, Secretary Margaret Davis,  
Treasurer Willette King  
Front row Central VP Richard Sprague*



Oklahoma has given new life to OK Chapter 2 August 2020, out of the ashes a phoenix has begun to rise. This chapter is growing at a very rapid rate. The below article was sent in by OK 2  
In September we started the "New" Oklahoma Chapter 2, Lawton, OK. Currently we are at 13 Active Members. We have had our Chapter Trademarks approved. I attached a picture of the awesome Chapter 2 patch.

At our October meeting the Membership was "Patched in" by Carl Bliley, Western Oklahoma Vice President, OK Chapter 8 and Oklahoma State Secretary Margaret McGowan, OK Chapter 10 President Buddy Meyers and several OK Chapter 10 members were in attendance.

Oklahoma Chapter 2 is planning a DICE RUN on the 17th of April 2021. It will start and stop at Diamond Back Harley-Davidson in Lawton, OK. We are planning on having five stops all of which will be at Fire Departments. Two of which will have "Bike games" at them. The route is approximately 155 miles. I will get you more information about the DICE RUN when we iron out more of the details.

Dale L. Saul, Secretary/Treasurer, RKMC OK CH2, Loyal To Our Duty

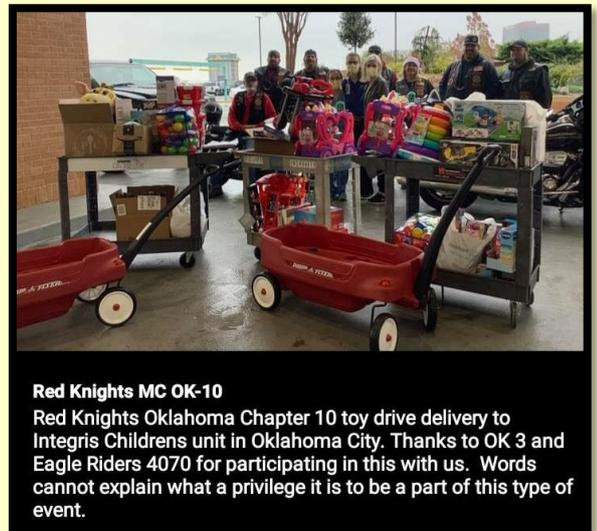
***Foot note since I received this email I believe they have added three more members in November.***

**Oklahoma Chapter 10** has teamed up with the Oklahoma burn center doing an amazon wish list, The Amazon wish list is what they are mainly needing but we can get other things to help them we are also working on some money events for next year to help with other needs thank you have a blessed day and stay warm and safe, and also they are doing a toy drop off on November 24th.

## News in Texas

The Texas Association, Held a virtual State Meeting on August 15, 2020 at which time the main business was to do the officers elections. The President, Secretary positions were up for election this year. The election results took almost a month as the office of Vice President was vacated as Chuck Matthews was elected as the State President, we had a state wide election using survey monkey to elect the new Vice president, and The State Secretary was unopposed and remained in the position.

The Texas State Association Election Results for 2020  
President Chuck Matthews TX X VP, Region 6 Reporter  
Vice President Brian Singleton TX VII President  
Secretary Daryll Labove TX 1 Secretary  
Treasurer Josh TX 8 President  
State Road Captain Dean Smith TX 4 Road Captain, Dean Resigned Nov. 10, 2020 for health and personal reasons leaving a vacancy. We wish Dean best wishes in his future endeavors, he did an outstanding job as the Texas State Road Captain.



**Red Knights MC OK-10**  
Red Knights Oklahoma Chapter 10 toy drive delivery to Integris Childrens unit in Oklahoma City. Thanks to OK 3 and Eagle Riders 4070 for participating in this with us. Words cannot explain what a privilege it is to be a part of this type of event.

Jimmy Vance TX 4 Vice President was appointed as the new State Road Captain

In September Members from TX 1, TX VII, TX X and TX 12, made their way up to Oklahoma to participate in the Oklahoma Ride to Remember for Oklahoma first responders, normally held in April. We were able to fellowship with our Oklahoma Brothers, Sisters and junior members in attendance.

The Texas Association is a T-shirt Sponsor for the Beaumont Blue Santa Ride being held November 28<sup>th</sup> 2020, TX 1, TX 12 and TX 13 are actively involved with the planning and receiving donations to support this ride as they do yearly. We are currently working on getting together a Region 6 area rally or picnic organized so that Region 6 can have as much fun as we see the other regions with their rallies.



### ***I received this from TX 4 President Oscar Deleon,***

“Howdy Fellow Red Knights

The Red Knights, Texas Chapter 4 are planning an adventurous ride from Texas City, Texas to Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada.

We will be attending the 2021 Red Knights International Convention being held in Saint John. This will be our first goal

The Convention will be held from Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, with activities and rides being held all week starting Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

For 3 weeks we will cover over 5500 miles and over 96 hours on the road. This averages about 365 miles a day and 6 ½ hours a day on the bike.

During our ride we will also stop at over 65 different fire stations/departments so that we can participate in the Red Knights Grand Tour Ride program. Of course these picture stops adds time to the totals and averages of miles and hours per day on the motorcycle. The Grand Tour ride Program includes spelling out GRAND TOUR, RED KNIGHT and FIRE HOUSE, as well as getting 12 different stations for the 12 STATIONS and getting stations A through Z for the ALPHABET patch. With all 5 rides together we will acquire the GRAND TOUR MASTER PATCH. This will be our second goal.

We will travel through 24 different US states and Washington DC as well as 3 different regions of Canada. Besides our individual pictures we will be taking a group picture in at least one Fire Station/Department in each state we travel through.

So, why are you getting this notice? Because this is an INVITE for you and yours to ride along...tag along...come along with us on this Motorcycle riding adventure. Maybe you can make it a day along with us...maybe half the country...or maybe the whole trip.

The following is a short day by day travel itinerary so that you can clear your schedule and see if you can come along with us and hit the open road.

- Wednesday, August 11, 2021 we will travel from Texas City, Texas to Biloxi, Mississippi. About 436 miles. Our first stop will be a Beaumont, Texas Fire Station.
- Thursday, August 12, 2021 we will travel from Biloxi, Mississippi to Yulee, Florida. Yulee is just a few miles north of Jacksonville. This will be about 500 miles and there will be plenty of miles between pictures while going through Florida.
- Friday, August 13, 2021 we will travel from Yulee, Florida to Benson, North Carolina. Fun fact here is that our scheduled 12 stations for our 12 STATIONS patch are all fire departments that start with the letter B...Benson being one of them. This stretch will be about 418 miles.
- Saturday, August 14, 2021 we will travel from Benson, North Carolina to Newark, Delaware. This is only about a 397 mile leg. We will be using Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder in Newark, for our A in our ALPHABET patch.
- Sunday, August 15, 2021 we will travel from Newark, Delaware to Springfield, Massachusetts. At about 294 miles, this is our shortest leg so far...but we travel through Newark, New Jersey and New York, New York. So, we go through some very congested areas on this leg.
- Monday, August 16, 2021 we will travel from Springfield, Massachusetts to Boylston, Massachusetts. This is only an 86 mile trip but we will not start till late in the afternoon because we will be visiting the National Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield before we leave. To this point, in Boylston (where it all began), I have reserved the Red Knight Memorial House for Monday night. Bad news is that as of now, we are full for the stay with fellow Texas 4 Red Knights. Good news is that I will take a first come first serve wait list, for those of you who want to stay at the Memorial House, in case there any drops from our chapter.
- Tuesday, August 17, 2021 we will travel from Boylston, Massachusetts to St. John New Brunswick, Canada. This leg is 454 miles and has us rolling into the convention town, of St. John in the early evening.

Between Wednesday, August 18 and Sunday morning, August 22, 2021 we will participate, have fun, explore, ride, and enjoy the convention alongside the best people in the world...fellow Red Knights.

- Sunday, August 22, 2021 we will be eating breakfast at 6am with KSU at 7:00 am. Why, because we will travel from Saint John, New Brunswick Canada to Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, while staying in Canada. This is a 718 mile long leg. The longest on the schedule. So, we will need all the daylight we have for this part of the trip.
- Monday, August 23, 2021 takes us from Ottawa to Sault Saint Marie, Michigan. This is a 498 mile leg and takes us back into the United States.
- Tuesday, August 24, 2021 we ride from Sault Saint Marie to Kalamazoo, Michigan. This is just a 351 mile leg and should get us into Kalamazoo in the late afternoon. While in Kalamazoo, we will take a tour of the Flowserve pump facility...if you are up to it.
- Wednesday, August 25, 2021 we ride from Kalamazoo to Dayton, Ohio. This leg, at 301 miles, goes through Dayton to Xenia, Ohio and after stopping at all 4 Xenia stations, takes us back to Dayton for the night.

- Thursday, August 26, 2021 will take us from Dayton, Ohio to Effingham, Illinois. This ride goes through Indianapolis and is only 311 miles.
- Friday, August 27, 2021 we ride from Effingham to Joplin, Missouri. This leg is 389 miles.
- Saturday, August 28, 2021 takes us from Joplin, Missouri to Dallas, Texas. This leg is 405 miles and includes 3 different stops in Oklahoma.
- Sunday, August 29, 2021 get us home from Dallas, Texas (where we have our last picture taken) back to Texas City, Texas. A simple 4 hour, 284 mile ride straight down I-45.

That is the simple-basic plan that we will take to get our Grand Tour Patches. I have not quite finalized the detailed plan, but I am willing to share the list to those of you who might plan on riding along with us...no matter what leg or distance. At the bottom of this note you will find my personal email address, so drop me a line.

Realize that these stops are not set in stone. In my final list I have a total of 81 different stops at Fire Stations/Departments across the country and in Canada. However,

If you do the right stops, only 65 are needed to get all 5 patches, so, it is necessary to plan out those 65 for sure.

Speaking of stops, my list of Fire station/department stops are distanced from station to station. So, there is no miles or stated times for such things as Bathroom breaks, Gas up breaks, even lunch breaks. All these stops will be done on the run, and as needed and will, of course, add more time to that day's ride. And we will have no problems taking and making these stops

After saying that, we are only making reservations in Biloxi, MS (our first stop), St. John, NB Canada (Host of the International Convention), Boylston, MA and Kalamazoo, MI. The rest of our overnight stops are being done as we get there, since we may a little further...or not far enough on a per day basis.

Finally, after talking about Canada, that is 6 nights in Canadian Hotels. So, don't forget you will need your updated passport to cross into Canada.

Open our schedule...get your motorcycle ready. Let's hit the open road for some riding, camaraderie, adventure and FUN (our final goal).

Thanks,

Oscar De Leon, President, Red Knights Texas Chapter 4"

[Obadmoon13@gmail.com](mailto:Obadmoon13@gmail.com)

# Happy Holidays from Arizona-2.

We are happy to announce that our Executive Board for 2021 has not changed and the following members will continue in their positions.

President: Charles (Chuck) Prince

Vice-President: Roger Aguiler

Secretary: Tim Franz

Treasurer: Edward (Ed) Lyons

Ride Captain: Jerry Randolph

In January we held our first meeting of the New Year at the Hall of Flame Firefighters Museum located in Phoenix, and were given an escorted tour of the facility. If you ever have a chance to visit Phoenix or the Valley, You should make this a stop during the trip.



Throughout the year several rides took place including trips North to Jerome and a stop at the Haunted Hamburger. Other Rides included Prescott, Sedona, Flagstaff, The Oatman-Havasupai Run and Tombstone where members encountered a little snow and The Figure 8 Ride.



In addition we had members who rode through and visited several other States including Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri. And three members also completed the 12 Station Tour Ride.

A Great Riding year for a New Chapter and with so many obstacles in 2020.

We are looking forward to even more rides in 2021 and participating in other events throughout the State.



Hopefully in the future we will be able to support and offer a Red Knights Event within the Valley

On September 28, 2020 we celebrated our 1 Year Anniversary as an Official Chapter of the Red Knights International Firefighters MC and we look forward to many more.

# Oklahoma 4 members pull together to help Oklahoma 3's VP



Four members of Oklahoma Chapter 4 along with a few friend helped out one of their own. Kevin Evans chapter 3 VP had to have some toes amputated due to a bone infection making him have to use a wheelchair and or a walker for a while. His current porch was not made for this so we all got together and with donations from



different people from Community we were able to rebuild his deck and build a ramp for him. Chapter members Margaret Davis, Robert Fry, Blaine Eagan Avonlea were there.



In Closing, writing this newsletter is a great opportunity to boast about what your Chapter is doing, in your State and local communities, and as I always do I reach out to the Chapters via email for information and I will continue as you know better than I do to keep up with everything that is going on in your chapters.

**Best Wishes and Merry Christmas looking forward to a better 2021.**

Chuck (Roadrunner) Matthews

Region 6 Reporter. [Region6reporter@redknightsmc.com](mailto:Region6reporter@redknightsmc.com)

# Region 7

(European Chapters)

## European Convention 2020

Following the cancellation of the International Convention, the organisers France III decided not to let their 3 years of hard work go to waste and changed the event into the annual European Convention instead.



The EuCon was held at the same venue and had 170 attendees from 30 chapters coming from Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands and Switzerland but unfortunately due to travel restrictions imposed by their governments and ferry cancellations, members from Ireland and England were unable to attend.

### **7 France 3's President, Julian Plancq had the following to say;**



“Thank you for your participation in this event despite the situation, without you and your involvement nothing could have been done, a special mention to Pierre, Patricia and Sandrine my wife who "suffered" from all her upheavals during this event, which for this year would have been the only time when the RED KNIGHTS family would have met, and would have allowed us for a weekend to strengthen the ties that unite us

a convention that would remain a never-before-seen collector's convention since the creation of RED KNIGHTS. But ultimately a memorable EUCON 2020 that's why I'm proud to be part of this big family.

I still want to congratulate Aurélie Meunier on her election as President of the European Association, and I want to thank all the people who were involved in the organization, the International Board, the European Board, volunteers, members of RKF3. We will meet again in 2021 Take care and pay attention `Loyal to our duty`

Julian P  
President of RKF3”



## European Association Board

Congratulations to our new Europe Association Board :

President : Aurélie Meunier, Belgium 4

VP : Patrick "Withie" White, Germany 14

Secretary : Stefan Streif, Switzerland 1

Treasurer : Tom Van Der Kley, MAL

Road Captain : Michael Pfortner, Germany 2.

Thank you to Tom `Sparks` Hoedjes for his years of service as President of the European Association.



*L to R - Tom V Der K, Micha P, Aurelie M, Stefan S.*



## **THIS IS WHAT IS MEANS TO BE A RED KNIGHT FOR EUROPEAN MEMBER, ARCO HARMANS**

The Red Knights MC, what does it mean to me to be a member?

First of all I can say that I am a proud member. Proud to be a part of a group of people all over the world. A lot of new friends. Some became even very good friends. And we call each other brother or sister. So sometimes it feels like a new family.

There are a lot of you, I haven't met yet. But we did learn to know each other by mail and Facebook. Some of you (quite a lot) I've met in person. At a European convention (I've been to two conventions now) or I invited you to my house or village when I knew you were visiting the Netherlands.

I have to say, it feels good to be a member of the Red Knights MC. I had to sell my Harley, but one day.... Until that day I will probably not be at ride outs, but I'll hope that I can stay a member forever.

Normally we should have had the Paris (France) International Convention this year. I was looking forward meeting some brothers from Australia AU and the USA us. Well maybe next year?

My thoughts, just sharing with you. Arco Harmans

# A review of 2020 from Switzerland 3



2020 was very complicated at the start because we didn't quite know how to deal with the Covid-19 Corona Virus, but for us it turned out to be a very special Motorcycle Season. We were able to achieve about 5 to 6 chapter ride



outs, we visited our friends from Austria and some of our Chapter also went on a trip in Süd Tirol for about one week.

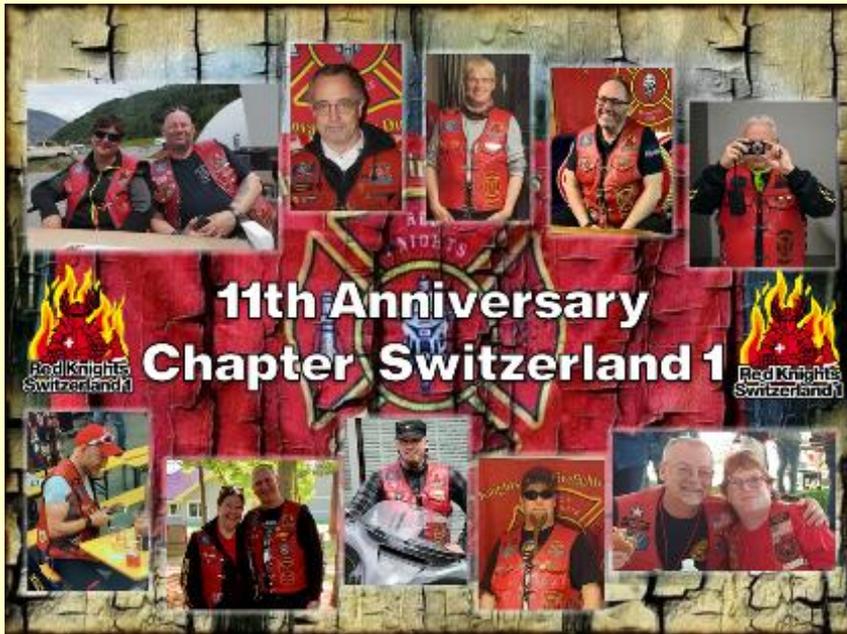
During the virus Lockdown we didn't meet together for a long time because the restaurants were closed, when we were able to meet together in this long time we had a Barbecue Party.

We tried to make this year special and we held a motorcycle wash, the mood was very cool and we forgot about the Corona Virus for a while. All the things we did this year were very enjoyable despite the Virus. Every time we sat on our Motorcycle we forgot the about Virus and enjoyed the view and the time that we spent with our friends.



**Stay healthy and greetings from RKMC  
Switzerland III**

# Switzerland 1, life in a state of emergency



COVID-19, lockdown, distance, contact tracing... Keywords that have shaped the year 2020 and thus also the annual program of the Chapter Switzerland 1.

Events such as our traditional Annual Party on the first weekend in May had to be cancelled, other events were simply postponed indefinitely. Nevertheless the board of our chapter did not want to just stand idly by and mope. We

were looking for possibilities to organize interesting events for our members despite all the restrictions. So the idea was born to hold a Grand Tour event on the Whitsun weekend instead of the usual three-day tour.



For this purpose, our Vice-President Imperial had previously collected about seventy different fire stations throughout Switzerland, which contained the letters required for almost all tours of the Grand Tour Masters. He stored the corresponding addresses in our navigation program and saved them as destinations. The chapter met in small groups that weekend to discuss and plan the tours in order to win one or more Grand Tour Awards.

Afterwards these small groups drove independently all over Switzerland and visited fire stations. Of course, the culinary aspect of the tour was not neglected and on the third evening, all participants met in the spacious garden of one of our members



for sausages and drinks, keeping the prescribed distance.



The success of this event can be seen in the fact that now more than half of our members have received the Grand Tour Master Award and the rest are well on their way.

Cont:

As is well known, the International Convention in Laon also had to be cancelled. But what do you do with booked accommodations where the owner does not want to give up his income? The Chapter decided to go to France and enjoy a week of vacations together. So seven members of Switzerland 1 and two guests of Chapter France 2 went to Chateau Fourdrain with seven motorcycles and an escort vehicle. There we moved into the "House of Switzerland 1". Later two MAL joined us and kept us company. Although



the week was overshadowed by an accident, fortunately without personal injury, and various breakdowns, we were able to enjoy various excursions. One group visited the invasion coast in Normandy, while another group had the production of champagne explained to them and of course had to taste it extensively. On the final weekend we visited the EuCon-Rally, which was organized by Chapter France 3 instead of the International

Convention.

In autumn we did 2 more driver safety trainings and courses. But now the 2020 season is slowly coming to an end. We will continue to organize our Chapter events over the winter as far as the further course of the pandemic allows. If we are allowed, we intend to visit different events all over Europe with bigger or smaller delegations during the winter. For next year we are already planning again and so are the preparations for our annual meeting at the training center in Andelfingen on May 1st/2nd 2021. We are looking forward to many meetings with old and new friends from the Red Knights family.



Stefan "Sergeant" Streif  
Chapter Switzerland 1  
President

# KNIGHTHOOD SUPPORT FOR A SERIOUSLY ILL BROTHER

In 2018 our brother, and Germany XIV Charter member and road captain "Daniel Grosse" got the diagnosis *Ataxia*. A nervous disease. Step by step he will not only lose his movement coordination, but much worse is, he will lose the ability to ride his Lady, a beautiful Harley Davidson night rod special.

This summer he realized, that judgement day is near but there was one thing left to do ...

He decided to ask his chapter members, if there were some knights who wanted to ride his favorite (and last) tour – from Berlin to Glinde (near Hamburg). It's about 280 km / 175 miles ... one way. He has ridden this tour many times, to meet a friend in Glinde, to join the *Hamburg Harley Days* with him. A long part of the tour leads along the "Bundesstraße 195" (route 195).



There was just one big thing he forgot... All of us knew, what this day and the tour to Glinde meant to him and so we decided that this day will be a very special day for our brother ...

On July the 25<sup>th</sup> nearly all Berlin Knights met at 9 o'clock near the city limits of Berlin to start this day. Daniel was a little surprised when he realized that our friend *Boots* was also part of the tour, to take some pictures and movies ... But this was only the beginning!

After 2 hours and about 130 km our President Patrick "Whitie" Weiß gave a sign to stop on the town hall square of Wittenberge. Daniel stopped and saw some members from *RKMC Germany IV*. At that moment he knew that this day was out of his control ... We took some pictures and had a cup of coffee. With about 25 bikes and a least one big smile we continued the tour.

About 50 km ahead of Glinde we had to take a little fuel stop. Next stop – next surprise!



More than 30 members of 3 different Chapters from Germany were waiting for us ... Now we got him. He can't hold back his tears ... a beautiful moment!!!

On the last 50 km Daniel was the leader of more than 50 bikes and Knights. Amazing!!!

But we were not done yet. At the arrival in

Glinde another 25 knights from 2 Chapters were waiting for us. A little buffet included.

The last highlight for Daniel was the little patch we prepared for him, so that in 20 years each brother and sister will remember this beautiful and unique day ...

All in all more than 70 bikes and Knights from 7 chapters – for one brother

Thank you so much to *RKMC Germany 2, 4, 10, 14, 21, 25, 26* and the volunteer firefighters from Boizenburg / Glinde



## Red Knights Poland

**1** was established in July this year meaning that yet another country has now got a Red Knights chapter in residence and since then they have been trying to get out and about riding as much as possible visiting a few of their neighbouring friendly clubs.

Another important event for Poland 1 in 2020 was the wedding of their Treasurer,

President of RK Poland 1, Mariusz Strózik, hopes that they will continue to grow in the future and increase on the 23 members they had at the time of this article being written.



## ONE EUROPEAN MEMBER'S STORY OF HOW HE BECAME A RED KNIGHT

I had flown to New York with my girlfriend at the time in April 2006, and proudly in a habit (different patches on it) I trotted up 7th Avenue. In front of me was a biker with a three-part patch. "Red Knights"

Curiously, I asked what kind of MC that was. He explained it to me and sent me to a nearby fire station, where there was a member who would be able to answer all my questions. We arrived there but there was no one there!! We waited for a good hour! Nothing!

Ok, I'll be back at home, and immediately via the Internet website of the "Red Knights" wanted and I was a Member at Large!!!

At some point in the year I had contact with another Red Knight who was at home in Switzerland; Wauzi!! And although we had thought about meeting, we lost sight of each other!

With the new Vest "Red Knights" I ran and drove proudly through the area!! Sometimes I was ridiculed!

Nevertheless, in 2008 I succeeded with forming the first (not quite correct; there was already one in Ireland and one in Austria, but they were not particularly active (Austria 1 was dissolved during that time)) officially active chapters in Europe!

Soon three other chapters were founded and I met "Wauzi". Today we are both in the same chapter as members.

Greetings Claus "Colonel"



Claus "Colonel's" first encounter with a Red Knight in New York

# ENGLAND'S NEWLY FORMERED CHAPTER 4 FORGE LINKS WITH THEIR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MC's and PAY THEIR RESPECTS TO A FALLEN POLICE OFFICER



On Sunday 18th October 2020, the newly formed England 4 Chapter of the Red Knights (based in North Essex, England) met with Brothers from Copperheads LE/MC and several other LE/MCs to pay tribute to Police Sergeant Matiu Ratana.



Metropolitan Police Sergeant Matt Ratana died from a gunshot wound to the chest while on duty, an inquest into his death has heard.

The veteran officer, 54, passed away in hospital in the early hours of Friday 25 September after being shot by a handcuffed suspect at Croydon Custody Centre in south London as he prepared to search him.



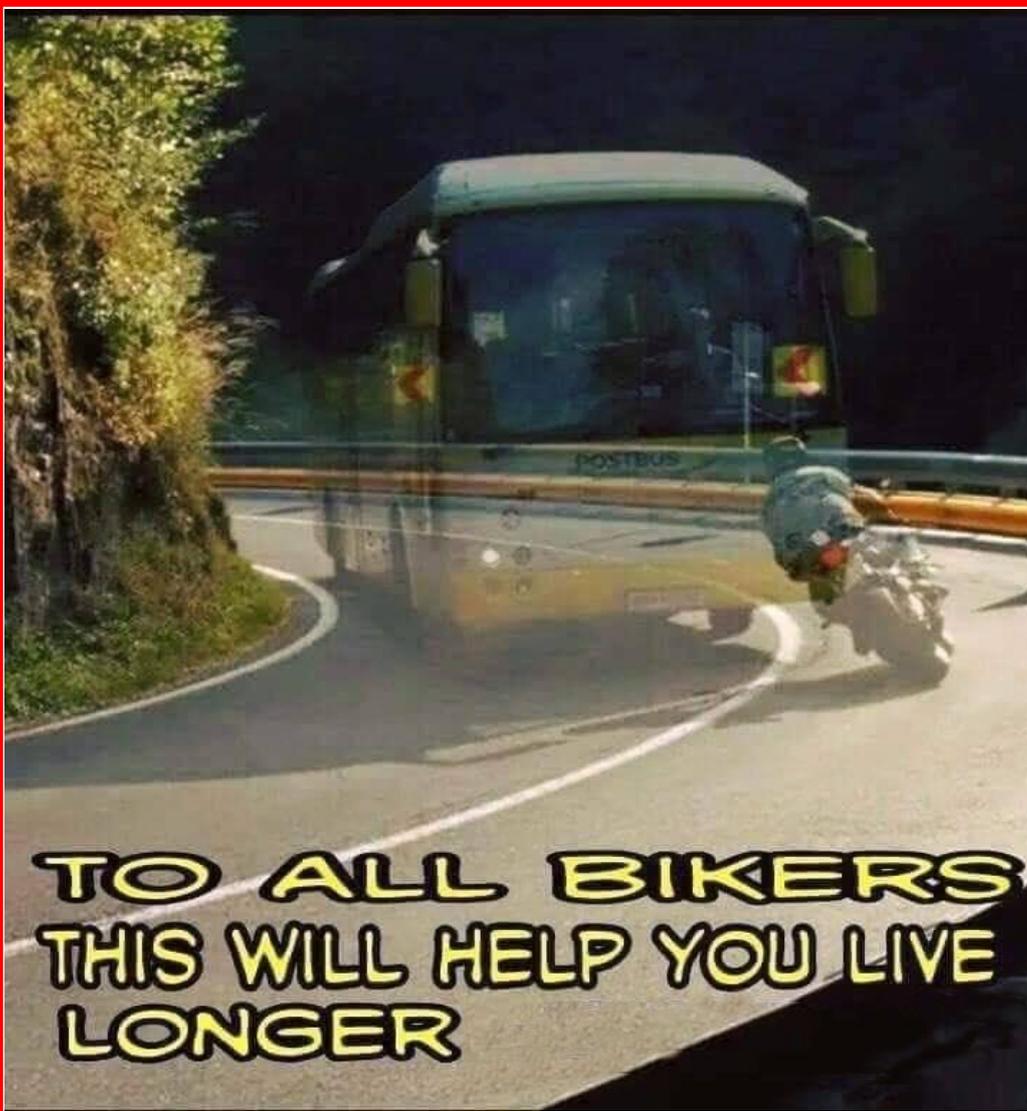
The memorial ride took us to the National Police Memorial in central London where each of the MC's placed wreaths at the foot of the memorial and shared a few moments silence in memory of our fallen Brother from the emergency services.

England 4 are looking forward to meeting fellow Red Knights but due to Covid-19 situation in the UK they have not the opportunity to do so. We, in the UK and in Europe, all look forward to 2021 when we will be free from our Covid-19 restrictions and will be able to meet our new brothers.

## Region 8

(Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific)

Nothing received from Region 8, if you have anything for the June Newsletter please send it to your Regional Reporter at: [region8nzreporter@redknightsmc.com](mailto:region8nzreporter@redknightsmc.com) or [region8ausreporter@redknightsmc.com](mailto:region8ausreporter@redknightsmc.com)



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