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July 2021 Newsletter

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WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

Oh well!! Here we are again, the effects of Covid-19 continue to have an impact on our activities and the health of some members, with events still having to be cancelled including the International Convention yet again, and some members are still suffering from the virus and unfortunately some have succumbed to the virus and I send my sincere condolences to those that have lost loved ones.

Looking on the bright side there does seem to be light at the end of the tunnel with vaccinations taking place, hopefully this will see the world open up again in some form or other in the near future.

NEW PUBLISHING DATES;

So that we can include the Board of Directors' Reports in future Newsletters we will be changing the publication dates to February and July of each year.

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The next Newsletter will be published in February 2022... Send your articles to me or your Regional Reporter by 31st January 2022.

COVER PHOTO

Two members at the Illinois Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Springfield

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MESSAGES/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD



PRESIDENT - Joey Powell

2021 President Convention Report

Hello fellow Red Knights,

This year has started out hard for us all. Canceling rides then the convention and other events has been tough on all of us for the past year. Some areas are still closed and are not able to do anything. Here in the States, it has opened, and we were able to hold the Dixie Rally. I was able to attend and let me say what a great event it was. Just to see everyone and to get out was great for everyone. Again, I ask if you were planning to go to the convention, please still plan a ride with your fellow Red Knights and have that time together. We all need the break. The board continues to hold zoom meetings since we all cannot be together yet. We did hold our spring meeting this year with the ones that were able to be there and the ones that could not joined us via zoom. We will be having the (ABM) via zoom again this year. Please be looking for an email in your (chapter email account) for more information on this. We will be announcing the Region 1 and Region 7 director winners on the zoom meeting. Again, you will be able to sign in only with your chapter email account. I would like to again thank all the chapters' members for stepping up and keeping this GREAT club together during all of this. You the members are what hold this club together. You are the ones that keep the members, get new ones. As I have always said this is the member's organization. As we look into the future let's all take a step back to see why we all joined. I know I joined to meet other firefighters that love to RIDE and just be together telling old stories. I have not just gained new friends I have learned a lot also. I had never really talk to anyone from any other country. Now I have learned new cultures and other items I never knew. Let us remember why this club was formed. I look forward to serving you as your president. I will do my best to keep this ship moving forward in the right direction. I hope that we all can come together soon and share our time together.

Loyal to Our Duty

Joey Powell, RKIFMC International President

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VICE PRESIDENT - Spike Ostiguy

2021 VP Convention Report

Fraternal greetings everyone,

As the world heads in a positive direction to some semblance of normalcy, so do the Red Knights.

Just know that Karen and I miss our entire Red Knights family and friends, aka "**Framily.**" We look forward to seeing many of you on the road and or at Red Knights functions real soon.

The next two (2) paragraphs (below) are worth re-visiting from my last year's convention report.

As this year we have had a slight uptick in chapter members leaving or wanting to leave their chapters, and applying for Member-At-Large Membership.

Without sugar coating it... This is not how the M.A.L. program works.

Or how it was conceived by our Founding Fathers.

(from 2020) As most know, I oversee the Member-At-Large (M.A.L.) membership worldwide.

This classification of membership was conceived by our Founding Fathers.

The premise being... firefighters out there wanting to join the Red Knights family, but did not live near an already established R.K. chapter. This classification of membership afforded those firefighters the opportunity to join.

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Convention Financial Statement

Expense	2018	2019	2020	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual
Americade	-	-	-	-
Audit	-	-	-	-
Board International Travel	2,607	-	-	-
Board Meetings	36,890	26,030	42,500	7,923
CLP	-	439	500	-
Computers	1,600	186	2,000	1,743
Convention Grant	9,433	9,401	9,900	-
Convention Reg	650	630	675	-
CPA Consultant	-	-	-	-
Domain Names	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-
Electronic Vote	-	3,000	1,900	1,532
Events - Assoc	3,304	3,932	8,558	1,319
Fees Bank	(70)	735	500	68
Fees Legal	5,936	8,311	2,000	777
Fees Misc	15	19	-	-
Grand Tour	880	897	1,000	4,018
Grants - Promotion	60	252	1,200	439
Grants - Startup	-	-	500	-
Heaven 1 Trav	3,011	6,499	6,000	3,502
Honorarium	22,480	22,500	22,500	22,500
Insure Board	1,664	-	1,700	6,585
Insure Chap Evt	2,113	(494)	1,000	(831)
Insure Int Evt	3,162	(310)	-	-
Insure Retainer	(334)	1,416	3,000	-
International Sponsored Event	2,900	1,575	2,000	-
Investments	-	-	-	-
KORT	1,719	-	-	-
Misc Travel	6,797	9,503	6,500	605
Office	1,391	315	1,300	1,828
PayPal	2,851	4,981	3,000	5,374
Phone	446	67	200	-
Postage	5,375	1,244	1,200	547
Printing	769	1,135	1,000	21
Publicity	3,913	3,191	7,000	1,988
Rebate	-	-	-	-
Regalia Brd	2,722	415	1,000	3,923
Regalia QM	2,270	38	-	-
Repairs Eqpt	-	-	100	-
RK Memorial	20,519	45,337	10,000	16,109
RKR	(950)	-	(425)	(2,000)
Support Eqpt	-	-	-	-
Webpage	5,746	19,321	1,000	2,961
TOTAL	149,870	170,564	139,308	80,929

Financial Statement continued below

DUES	166,205	158,127	165,000	152,697
Memorial Donations	1,297	11,022		141
Available For Reserve	17,632	(1,415)	25,692	71,909
RK Memorial Reserve	1,202	5,162		-
Grants	-	-		-
Professional Fees	-	-		-
Office	-	-		-
Miscellaneous	950	-		2,000
	149,870	-		2,000
ASSETS				
Cash	121,420	100,180		199,592
Receivables	14,395	10,287		27,300
Prepays	1,672	10,415		10,415
Investments				
Cash & Investments	137,487	120,883		237,307
Property	378,643	365,587		352,530
Loan RKR	<u>24,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>		<u>14,000</u>
Total Assets	540,130	505,469		603,837
LIABILITIES				
Mortgage	287,261	244,761		236,474
Payables	12,508	12,018		43,547
Prepaid dues	<u>46,862</u>	<u>56,607</u>		<u>59,824</u>
Total Liabilities	346,632	313,386		339,845
Net Assets	193,498	192,084		263,992
Opening Retained	175,866	193,498		192,084
Operating Income	<u>17,632</u>	<u>(1,415)</u>		<u>71,909</u>
	193,498	192,084		263,992
Closing Retained	540,130	505,469		603,837

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REGION 1 DIRECTOR - Matt Mattera

Region 1 Director Convention Report

I don't know about you, but 2021 is flying by! We're already over halfway through. Unfortunately, this year wasn't quite as great as we hoped it to be. The 2021 Yankee Rally was cancelled, as was the 2021 International Convention in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada. My fingers are crossed, as I'm sure yours are as well, that these are the last cancellations. Big plans are in motion for the 2022 Yankee Rally in Plattsburgh, NY. I'm sure NY 50 will hit it out of the Adirondack Park!

Just like every year, as there is no stopping time, we've lost several members within Region 1. Please keep our Heaven One members' families in our prayers, as well as involved in our Red Knights family. Also, be sure to make time to visit the Red Knights Memorial and Memorial Hall in Boylston, MA. If you've never been, it is an emotional experience, to say the least. While you're there, check out the brand-new seal at the Red Knights Memorial. Thanks to the hard work of Peter Stone and the rest of MA 1, the seal has been replaced by the same company who installed the original. The original seal survived for 14 years but was showing its age with cracks and fading. The new seal is bright, new, and we all hope it will last another 14 years or more. The Red Knights Memorial and Memorial Hall would not exist without the donations you all make to the Red Knights Memorial Foundation. Just a thought, please consider the Red Knights Memorial Foundation as the charity of choice for your Chapter's next benefit event.

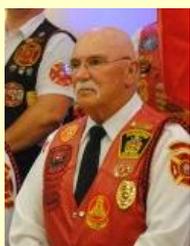
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There have been some events held this year. Although not in Region 1, the Region 4 Dixie Rally was held in Culpeper, VA. This was the largest attended Dixie Rally ever! This was also possibly the largest attended Dixie Rally by Region 1 members ever! The hosts did a great job and all in attendance had a blast. Speaking of Rallies, have you ever been to one? If not, you owe it to yourself to go! I don't know of anyone who has ever attended a Rally and said, "Yeah, that wasn't any fun." In fact, I finally met in person, NJ Chapter 19 President Ernie Berthold this past September. He had been a Red Knight for 15 years but had never attended any Red Knights events outside of his chapter. A few of us spoke about the various events and how much fun they were. This year, Ernie attended his first event, the Dixie Rally. I can say, with confidence, you will see Ernie at every future event he can manage to attend. He's become a regular on the weekly Sunday Night Zoom and has seen the bigger picture of this amazing organization. Step outside of your comfort zone and you will learn how vast this organization is and how much it can be enjoyed. You don't have to go far; you can start out by attending another Chapter's benefit ride/event or go to your state picnic. There is so much out there for you to enjoy!

This year has been a bit busier than last, and I've averaged approximately 10 hours per week managing Red Knights business. Most of the International Executive Board was able to attend the Spring Board Meeting in Baltimore, MD from April 14th to April 17th, 2021. Those unable to attend due to travel restrictions attended via Zoom. The minutes from this meeting are on the Red Knights International website. Just click "About", then "Board", and finally "Meeting Minutes". Our next scheduled meeting is August 19th to August 21st, 2021. In between, we have met regularly via Zoom to improve communications within the International Executive Board.

As you all should know, this year there is a contested election for Region 1 Director. As voting is ongoing, we won't know the results until August 21st, 2021. Therefore, as no one knows the future, this may be my last report to you all. If so, I would like to express to you it has truly been an honor to be your Region 1 Director. The past 6 years have been challenging, but extremely rewarding. Life has thrown plenty of curveballs, but through it all, my Red Knights family has been with me. I've met some amazing Red Knights along the way, and I greatly appreciate all the input you have given, regardless of it being praise or criticism. No matter the outcome, you will continue to see me at many events, as you have over the past 6 years. Just like Ernie Berthold, I'm hooked! Please ride safe, and as always, Red Knights Forever!

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REGION 2 DIRECTOR - Leo Patry

Region 2 Director Convention Report

Well, Covid 19 sure has continued to play havoc with all our plans and events right from March 2020 to date.

With the cancellation for the second year in a row of the International Convention this year we lost the convention slated for Saint John New Brunswick which is a shame as the members of New Brunswick 1 with support from the chapter in the Atlantic region spent five years in putting together a convention that would have had a wow factor hard to beat.

The Pandemic has also led to the cancellation of both regional rallies slated for Region 2 the one in Ontario and the other in Nova Scotia.

Most chapters in the region have not been able to hold a chapter meeting or events due to the closure of all meeting areas and the restrictions on group sizes.

Some have been able to hold zoom meetings to keep in touch with the members and check on the welfare of their members.

I have held several zoom meetings with some of the chapters and both Associations in the region.

I have also been able to take part in the International Zoom meetings and was able to attend by way of zoom the last board meetings on April 14 – 18, 2021

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Since my last report region 2 has lost four members.

- Doug Coutts of Ontario 11
- Brian Webb of Ontario 12
- David Sleeman of Ontario 13
- Marie –Claude Yannonie of Quebec 3

Things are starting to look a little more promising with the possibility of things getting back to less restrictive by mid to late summer, and hopefully we will be able to be able to hold some chapter rides and events then and into the fall.

I am glad to see that the pandemic is starting to really slow down in Europe, Australia, New Zealand and the USA, hopefully once we get delivery of more vaccine Canada will also start to show progress. So please follow the directions given by your regional health units wear a mask, social distance, stay away from large gatherings and be safe

Fraternally yours, Region 2 Director Leo Patry

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REGION 3 DIRECTOR - Trey Anderson

Region 3 Director Convention Report

Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are again not able to meet for a convention. Even though restrictions are easing up around the United States we are still faced with the travel restrictions around the world. I know the decision to cancel the 2021 Convention was very hard for New Brunswick and hopefully we see them come around to host a future event! I know we were all excited to go spend a week with them and explore the area!

As our region has been reopening, I have seen a lot of activity within Region 3. Poker Runs, Benefit Rides, and just everyone getting together to fellowship with our MC Brothers and Sisters. It seems like everyone is having a great year riding. This summer has provided great weather for riding with limited rain, and warm, sun filled days.

I had the pleasure of making a last-minute trip to the 2021 Dixie Rally in Culpeper, Va. Bob Beebe and his crew at VA5 did a fantastic job! I do not have the numbers however I do remember someone saying this was the largest Dixie Rally ever had by Region 4. The scenery and fellowship were unbelievable! Personally, this was my first Dixie Rally, and I can tell you for certain it will not be my last!

As The 3rd Annual Bootlegger Rally is just around the corner, I’m excited to see what Indiana has to offer with their personal twist “The Hosedown”. If you have not made your room or sent in a registration, please do so ASAP! You don’t want to miss out! If you’re following the Facebook Page “Bootleggers Rally 2021” you can surely see all the hype they are putting into this event! With a full list of evens from Thursday to Sunday I believe this is going to be epic!

Again, I truly wish we were meeting in New Brunswick and breaking bread together. Hopefully, we will see you at another upcoming event before the 2022 Convention Hosted by PA22 in Johnstown,PA. Until we meet again, I wish you all the very best, stay safe and healthy!

Trey Anderson
Region 3 Director

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REGION 4 DIRECTOR - Steve Guillot

Region 4 Director Convention Report

As I look back at 2021 as a Regional 4 Director and a member of this great organization it has been a great year. I like to take the time to welcome all new chapters in Region 4 as well as new members and MAL'S.

I have been answering emails and phone calls concerning many chapter questions and concerns and all board zoom meetings.

This past year I have attended the International Convention meeting Concerning 2023 in Baltimore, Maryland. This meeting was with the host hotel. Which at that time it went very well. They are willing to meeting all the criteria for a successful convention. In April I attended the Spring Board Meeting in Maryland. Recently, in May, I attended the Dixie Rally in Culpeper, Virginia. I am honored to say Virginia 5 Dixie 2021 has broken the record for attendance. Registration was 294 people with 21 states. Currently, it is unknow how many chapters had attended.

Under these trying times with covid 19 many people are back to normal lifestyles. It is nice to see everyone is now doing rides and events back to normal.

To all Red Knights Brothers and Sisters that have passed lately May they Rest In Peace and may God Bless Everyone.

Steven Guillot
Regional 4 Director

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REGION 5 DIRECTOR - Lance Coit

Region 5 Director Convention Report

Brothers and Sisters,

This summer I will be finishing up my fourth year as the Region 5 director. I am running for the director spot again for one more term. It has been an honor to serve on the board representing the members of Region 5. As always, I am just a phone call, text, or email away if you have any questions, concerns or advice.

As everybody knows our region is split in half by the U.S.-Canadian border. With that our region has not been able to get together regionally for two years. The Western has been cancelled the last two years because of Covid. We have stayed in touch with our regional monthly Zoom meetings. We have suspended those for the summer due to lack of participation once the weather got nice. That is completely understandable, everybody wants to get out and do something. This fall we will start them back up when weather turns cold.

This fall we will start making plans to get the Western scheduled for next year. Cold Lake, Alberta will host it if nobody else wants to step up and take it next year. Hopefully, everything opens up as people get vaccinated and we can get back to normal.

We lost an incredibly special member this spring. Bill Norgard from Alberta 4 passed away earlier this year. Bill was very active in the Alberta Red Knights. I met Bill at the first Western Gathering I attended.

He was the first Red Knight outside my chapter I met. He always made everybody feel welcome at events I attended, and always had a great story to tell. Bill will be greatly missed in the core group of Region 5 Red Knights. My condolences to Barb and the rest of Bill's family.

I see that everybody in the region are starting to get out and travel around the United States, which is great to see. Canada seems to be sticking pretty close to home. It is going to be great once the restrictions get lifted and we can get back to normal. Everybody stay safe and healthy and hope to see you all soon.

Lance Coit

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REGION 6 DIRECTOR - Allen Aurich

Region 6 Director Convention Report

I have spent up to 10 hours each week working on Red Knights business.

On April 14-17, 2021, I attended the Spring, Board Meeting.

On May 14-16, 2021, I attended the Oklahoma State Association meeting.

The new Oklahoma State Association Officers are:

Pres. – JD McCullah – OK 7

Central VP - Richard Sprague - OK 9

Western VP - Carl Billey - OK 8

Eastern VP – Robert Moose - MAL

Sec. – Margaret McGowan – OK – OK 3

Treas. – Willett King – OK 7

Congratulations to all the officers.

On June 18-20, 2021, I attended the Texas State Association Meeting.

The new Texas State Association Officers are:

Pres. – Chuck Mathews – TX 10

V. Pres. – Brian Singleton – TX 7

Sec. – Daryll LaBove - TX 1

Treas. – Chuck Buchman – TX 10

Road Capt. – Jimmy Vance – TX 3

Congratulations to all the officers.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Aurich

Region 6 Director

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REGION 7 DIRECTOR - Pierre Halleux

Region 7 Director Convention Report

First January 2021 - June 30, 2021

Hello Red Knights,

*** Covid-19**

As we can see, the Covid lockdown period appears to be coming to an end. Already events are taking shape such as the Austria 4 meeting which will take place on July 17th and 18th. We look forward to being able to meet again.

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*** International Convention 2020**

Major consequences of this situation and that the 2021 international meeting has been canceled. A business meeting will be held to validate the annual elections. You must pay attention to this because we will vote for the attribution of the International Meeting 2024, 2025 and 2026. One of our chapters has applied and we are counting on you to support them.

*** European News**

The EuCon 2021 in Bruges should be a huge success. 400 Red Knights have registered for this meeting which will be the most important of our young adventure. On Sunday September 12, we will organize a visit for all those who want to celebrate the memory of the firefighters who died in the 2001 attacks as well as all the firefighters who gave their lives. We will remember this around Manneken Pis, dressed for the 10th time in Red Knights, around the Friendship Glass.

As you will have noticed, I applied for the position of Director Region 7 for the third time. The end of this mandat is August 2021. It will be the last one, as I was committed to when I applied in 2015. I remain convinced that fresh blood is often needed, and that experience can be shared even without staying in the job.

We are in the process of voting to elect one of the two candidates for this post. We wish them good luck.

I will of course remain at the disposal of the European Red Knights and will place my experience, my availability and my fraternity at the service of all.

Fraternally

Pierre Halleux
Regional Director Region 7
Red Knights International Motorcycle Club®

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REGION 8 DIRECTOR - Ken Mahon

Region 8 Director Convention Report

Kia Ora and G'day from the lands down under,
Well, it has certainly been a busy year so far with the effects of Covid still impacting on the Chapters in Region 8. Unfortunately, this has had a bigger effect on the Australian Chapters with ongoing lockdowns.

Once again, I cannot thank the Australian Representative Andy Young enough for the help and advice he gives me, we make a great team.

Between Andy and I we have managed to get all but one Chapter in Region 8 up to date with their Dues, and educating the Chapters on how to use their emails correctly plus getting dues and Rosters in on time and correctly filled in.

It has been great that the Chapters are reaching out more now for advice and assistance with any issues they have. Our work with AUS 7 and NZ 10 saved these Chapters from extinction.

We have trialed Zoom meetings with every Chapters executives in Australia including all MALs. While the response was low, we are hopeful that the next round will get a few more attending and it will grow NZ will be next although we all tend to use Facebook over here to communicate between Chapter Executives as well as Chapters

I have attended all the Boards zoom meetings (now I have got the hang of time differences)
And the enthusiasm and devotion shown by all the board members is amazing.
The work and debates that take place to ensure the smooth running of the Red Knights MC and protection of the members shows to me that the term “Loyal to Our Duty” is very very true.

Region 8 Chapters =29 total
MALS = 17 with 2 not renewing membership due health

AUSTRALIA

19 Chapters currently paid-up dues with Chapters 13 and 19 no longer in existence
Of the 19 chapters only 10 are in good standing with roster details up to date

NEW ZEALAND

10 Chapters all up to date with due
9 chapters good standing with only Chapter 10 needing to update roster

NZ Activities

March 2021 Gathering in Paihia A total of 85 Red Knights registered for the event with the furthest travelling from Bluff in the South Island approx. 1170miles not counting the scenic route taken to get there. All but two Chapters were represented. Full report sent to Board

NZ4, NZ5 held Ride of Respect or Ride of Remembrance events with other chapters supporting rides throughout NZ with all proceeds going to RSA Veterans.

Chapters NZ9, NZ5, NZ4 have also attended the Black Dog events and Rescue helicopter fund raising events held throughout NZ have been well represented by the Chapters

NZ 5 also had their inaugural Charity Ride for the Te Omanga Hospice raising \$1500

Many Chapter members have been completing their 12 station rides and looking at Grand Tour Rides.

NZ 3 is busy organizing 2022 Gathering in Rotorua

Australia Activity

Australia 1

18th July 2021 - Combined fundraiser with the Orange Knights for a young fella with cancer
(Facebook - The Teale Times)

Australia 2

Participated in and supported the Black Dog ride in Seymour Victoria on 21/3/21

Australia 3

Members participated in the Stand Tall for PTSD ride in Ballarat on 8/5

Australia 6

Donated a combined \$2500 to Birralee Park Neighbourhood House, Newry Fire Brigade, Briagolong Fire Brigade and the Red Knights Memorial foundation as part of their 10th Anniversary celebrations.
Starting preparations for this year toy run in Sale

Australia 8

AUS 8, with help from AUS 3 and AUS 6 donated a new bicycle to a young bloke that had his bike stolen in April

Australia 19

Working on building support for their annual toy run in Latrobe Valley. I most probably have missed some of the great work all Chapters and MALs are doing in Region 8 and apologies if I have.

Yours sincerely,
Ken Mahon
Loyal to our Duty



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

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

2021 International Convention Cancelled

The Members of Red Knights NB Chapter 1 wish to thank you and the International for the trust you put in us to host the 2021 International Rally. We have worked very hard over the last 5 years getting ready for the Rally and the hard work of our Rally Chair Jim Bedford and the Committee Chairs and members have laid out a fantastic agenda we know would have been a fantastic week of Friendship and Fellowship. I would like to thank you and the RKMC International Executive for allowing me to address your spring meeting to give you all an overview of our efforts and disappointments with regards to the 2021 International Rally.

To the Members of RKMC NB1, I want to thank you for your hard work and commitment to all the fund raising and planning for the 2021 Rally, you have all been exemplary in your commitment to this cause and I know your disappointment with this announcement, however it is totally out of our control.

To all Red Knights around our Beautiful World, ***I am announcing the Cancellation of the Red Knight International Rally for 2021 in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada.*** The on-going Pandemic has put restrictions on everything we have been working so hard to accomplish. The Province of New Brunswick and the Government of Canada have limited access to people traveling in and out of our Country and the pandemic has taken another deadly turn for the worst. I know we were all looking forward to this Rally but it is totally out of our control and the decision to cancel was not made lightly but necessary. As First Responders we are acutely aware of the dangers of Covid and there is no way RKMC NB 1 or any Red Knight would promote a Rally of this size knowing how it could impact our World.

If you have preregistered your Monies will be reimbursed directly back to you. If you have made Reservations, Rental or Flights, It will be your responsibility to cancel and request a refund.

I apologize again for the any inconvenience and look forward to seeing everyone at the 2022 International Rally.

David Gallant cfi, OFM – Regional Fire Marshal – Retired, President NB1 & President Atlantic Association.

COFFEE BREAK QUIZ TIME!

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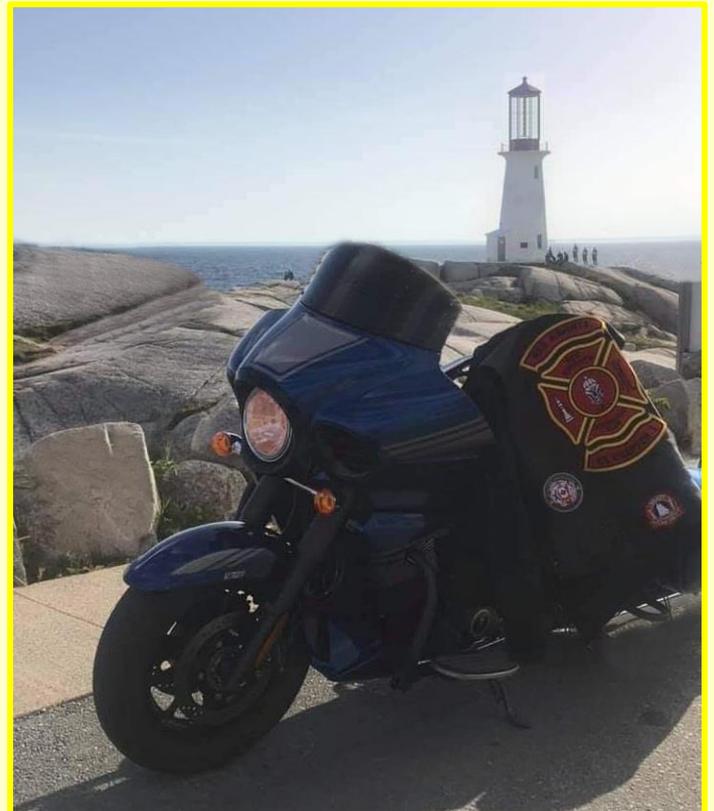
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Find the names of motorcycle parts from the list below. The words hidden in the grid can run across, backwards, forwards, up or down.

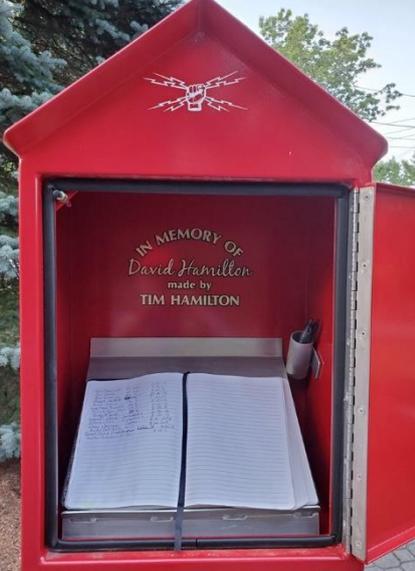
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- SEAT. CLOCKS. WHEEL.
- TYRES. HORN. EXHAUST PIPES.
- FENDER. FOOTPEG. GAS TANK.
- LEVERS. PANNIERS. HEADLIGHTS.
- INDICATORS. TAIL LIGHT. GEARS.
- SHAFTDRIVE. KICKSTAND. DRIVE BELT.
- GEAR CHANGE. FUEL GUAGE.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot 10 differences between the two photographs below?

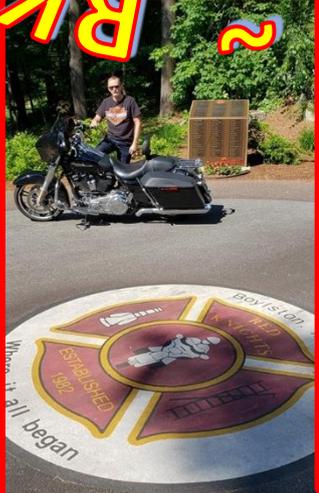


ANSWERS ARE AFTER THE REGIONAL ARTICLES



MEMORIAL VISITS GALLERY

~ RKNMC ~



How to Safely Ride a Motorcycle in Windy Conditions

Riding on windy days can add an extra challenge to stay safe and arrive to your destination on time. The type of motorcycle you ride will have along with how you position your body will both have an effect on your ability to ride in the wind. We'll cover how to adjust your body position for optimal safety, and outline factors to be aware of that can affect your ride.



Motorcycle Riding Techniques for Windy Conditions

Wind can come from all directions, and your motorcycle can help alleviate the effects of the wind pushing your motorcycle around the road. Another significant advantage you have while riding is your body positioning. It can counteract the wind's force on you and your motorcycle, which can make it less hazardous on a gusty day.

Riding in Crosswind (wind comes from either side pushing your left or right)

Crosswinds will have a dramatic effect on your riding as it can easily push you off the road or into another lane of traffic with a strong gust. Your frontal area can make a difference in how much the wind is able to push you. Think of yourself as a sail, and the larger area you have for the wind to contact, the more you will feel its effect.

The best way to handle crosswinds is to ride at a slower speed, loosen your body up (think about relaxing your grip, knees, etc.), and don't panic when you feel the wind moving your body. Ride behind the windscreen as best as possible. You can also stick a knee out in the direction the crosswind comes from to catch oncoming wind flowing around the motorcycle. If the crosswinds come from the left, stick your left knee out. It produces a sail that will pull your body (and motorcycle) to the left and counteracts the effect of the crosswinds. The same can be said for a crosswind coming from the right. Over time you will learn to judge how far to stick your knee out to counteract the crosswinds.

Beyond sticking your knee out, you can lean the motorcycle in the direction of the crosswind to counteract the effects. It will require a slight pressure on the handlebars in the direction of the crosswind, but it will have a similar effect to sticking your knee out.

Riding in Headwind (wind coming from in front of the motorcycle)

Headwinds are a little easier to deal with on a motorcycle than a crosswind and can be less dangerous when riding a motorcycle. The key to minimizing the risk of a headwind is to reduce your frontal area that the wind can push against. It's best to ride low behind the windscreen and front fairing and tuck your arms and legs in close to the motorcycle. Be as streamlined as possible and reduce the friction of the wind against your body. A headwind will slow you down, so be cautious that it doesn't compromise your safety. If it slows your riding down enough to inhibit smooth traffic flow, you may want to take a break or choose a different route to avoid impeding traffic.

Riding in Tailwind (wind comes from behind the motorcycle)

Tailwinds may be the easiest of the three to ride in as it doesn't usually push you around like a crosswind or slow you down as a headwind does. Tailwinds will come from behind the motorcycle and cause you to ride a little faster than you intend. They are great for gas mileage, but will require a little extra stopping distance since they push you forward. You will want to ride in a similar position to a headwind, low and tucked in. Be careful that they don't cause you to ride too fast for traffic or road conditions, and be sure to stay within your comfort zone.

6 Tips for Riding Your Motorcycle in the Wind

The wind isn't the only thing to keep in mind concerning safety while riding. There are other factors that can aid in your ability to ride in the wind or also make it more dangerous to ride on a windy day. These are other considerations to be cognizant of:

Tank and saddle bags can add drag – Tank and saddle bags can add frontal area that wind can catch on. Saddle bags add extra area with a headwind or tailwind and can cause extra drag as air moves around the motorcycle. It can have the same effect with a crosswind as it hits you from either sides. Be cautious of adding larger bags on windy days.

Be aware of wind blocks – Large trucks, buildings, hills, and mountains, etc. will shield you from the wind temporarily, but can create wind tunnels when you ride out from behind them. Be cautious that trucks can push a lot of wind around them that can either suck you in toward them or push you away and into another lane. Buildings and landmarks won't suck you in, but they can definitely give you a rush of air as you ride out from behind them. Be prepared.

Choose the safest lane – Is there a best or safest lane to ride in? There isn't going to be one-size fits all answer with lane choice because it is going to depend on the road, other traffic, and weather conditions. You may choose to bias to one side of the lane to counteract crosswinds and traffic, so there isn't a perfect section to stay in. On a multi-lane section of road, traffic may dictate that you need to bias to one side of the lane or ride in a particular lane to stay away from big trucks, counteract crosswinds, or stay safe around other traffic.

Check the weather – Before you leave on a ride, be sure to check the weather forecast. If it is projected to be a windy day, pick a route that will be less likely to have the wind. If there isn't a best route to avoid the wind, perhaps choose to stay home. It may not be worth the risk to ride in hazardous conditions.

Combat wind fatigue – One side effect of windy conditions that most riders don't think about is fatigue. Fighting to stay in your lane, counteracting crosswinds, riding slower than expected, and continually adjusting your riding position can wear you out quickly. If you're on a longer ride, stop after a period of time to relax and allow your muscles to take a break. It will help mentally and physically to relax your mind and body.

Protect your eyes – You are hopefully following ATGATT (all the gear, all the time) and already wearing eye protection, but windy days are especially hard on the eyes. Winds carry small debris like sand and small rocks that can be blinding at speed. These are the days that a full face helmet or wrap around motorcycle eyewear can really pay for themselves in safety and security.





Red Knights Founding Fathers' Challenge Ride



Fellow Brothers and Sisters. As you may have seen last year Founding Father Norm Beausoleil MA-1, Deb Mickle MA-2/13, Robert Binnall MA-15 and Ken May NJ-4/31 did a ride throughout the U.S.

It was a GREAT time for all four of us. We had some great riding, met up with some amazing Red Knights on our way and had plenty of laughs along the way. We now would like to "Challenge" anyone who Loves to ride, Loves to hang out with fellow Red Knights and has some spare time on their hands .

We are OFFICIALLY releasing the registration form for the "Red Knights Founding Father Challenge Ride" Please read through the registration form and if you have any questions please feel free to email me at rkfoundingfathersride@gmail.com as with the Founding Fathers Patches, all profit from the registration fee will be donated to Red Knights Memorial Hall to help pay off the principal on the mortgage "Good Luck" to anyone Brother or Sister that accepts this Challenge, we look forward to seeing your pictures and following you on line, If you post.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE FOUNDING FATHERS' CHALLENGE

Fellow Brothers and Sisters, in 1982 the Red Knights was started by your 11 Founding Fathers: Ed Wright, Roger Wentzell, Jon Tripp, Don Parker, Norm Beausoleil, Bob Bourassa, Dave Hunt, Jack Pierce, Dave Hamilton, Colin Mackey and Bob Goulet These men were interested in promoting the positive image of motorcycling while enjoying the camaraderie of other firefighters. It was decided then that this group would be known as the Red Knights Motorcycle Club.

With that being said, Founding Father Norm Beausoleil MA-1, Deb Mickle MA-2/MA-13, Bob Binnall MA-15 and Ken May NJ-4/NJ-31 would like to introduce you to a ride that we completed last year and that we have affectionately named "The Red Knights Founding Fathers Challenge Ride".

There will be an entrance fee for this "Challenge" and if you complete this ride within one (1) calendar year, not one riding season but one calendar year, you will receive a patch and challenge coin. The first 100 patches will be numbered, and the first available patch is number 5, as 1 through 4 are taken by the four original people that did this ride. All proceeds from registration fees, after paying for the coin and patch, will go directly to Memorial Hall to help pay off the principal on the loan.

There are 11 founding fathers so you must complete 11 challenges on this ride:

- Challenge 1-4: You MUST enter Florida, California, Washington, and Maine. You do not need to go to the furthest points of these states, but you MUST go over the border of these states. A gas receipt from these states or a photo "Entering X" is required.
- Challenge 5-8: You MUST meet up with four different Red Knight chapters on your ride and take a picture with them, this can be one member from that chapter or the entire chapter. That does not matter. What does matter is that it MUST be one chapter from four different states. You are not allowed to enter California and meet up with four different California chapters, It Must be four separate chapters from four different states. You CAN NOT include members of any state chapter in your ride.
- Challenge 9: You MUST stop by Mt. Rushmore and take a picture.
- Challenge 10: You MUST stop at the "Four Corners Monument" and take a picture. The Four Corners Monument marks the quadripoint in the Southwestern United States where the states of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico (where Founding Father Jack Pierce now lives), and Utah meet. It is the only point in the United States shared by four states.
- Challenge 11: You MUST stop at the Red Knights Memorial in Boylston and take a picture. The following three pages will explain all rules and includes your registration form. "Good luck" to all those that dare to accept this Challenge. It is not easy BUT, we hope you have as much fun as we did.

Loyal to Our Duty, Red Knights Forever, Founding Father Norm Beausoleil MA-1, Deb Mickle MA-2/MA-13, Bob Binnall MA-15 and Ken May NJ-4/NJ-31

Red Knights Founding Fathers Challenge Ride Rules and Entry Fee

The Entry Fee is seventy-five dollars (\$75) and all challenges must be completed in one (1) year. Not one riding season but one calendar year. If you complete this challenge in one (1) year you will receive a patch and challenge coin. The first 100 patches will be numbered, and the first available patch number is 5, as 1 through 4 are taken by the four original people that did this ride.

All proceeds from registration fees, after paying for the coin and patch will go directly to Memorial Hall to help pay off the principal on the loan. (The patch and coin are currently being designed but we wanted to get this out now as the riding season is upon us.)

All individuals that are trying to accomplish this challenge must pay their entrance fee before they start the ride, for the ride to be valid. One entrance fee covers one (1) person.

You are allowed to have a chase vehicle with two people in it, as long as that chase vehicle is towing a trailer that a bike can be loaded onto/into, if needed. The bike can be on the trailer for NO MORE than a total of 450 miles on the trip. This is a ride with your motorcycle, NOT trailer your bike to the state line and then pull it off so you can take a picture. The 450 miles allowed on the trailer is for breakdowns ONLY and for the integrity of the ride should only be used for breakdowns. If you exceed this amount, the ride is not valid.

The two people in the chase vehicle are eligible for the ride and to receive the patch and challenge coin if both individuals have a valid driver license. This does not need to be a motorcycle license, just a valid driver's license. Both individuals must pay a registration fee AND both individual MUST drive the chase vehicle during the ride. . If you are the operator of a motorcycle with a passenger and the operator and passenger both pay an entrance fee then both individuals are eligible for this challenge. The passenger MUST accompany the motorcycle operator, at all times. The only time the passenger is allowed in the chase vehicle is if the operator's motorcycle needs to be trailered, due to a breakdown.

Any pictures or gas receipts associated for proof of your ride must be mailed into the address on your registration form or can be emailed to: rkfoundingfatherschallengeride@gmail.com within the one-year time period YOU specified on your registration form, when you filled it out. All registrants will be issued a registration number. If you mail in your receipts or pictures, please make sure to write your registration number on the picture or receipt. If you email your receipt or picture in, please make sure you put your registration number in the subject line of your email. This will help us to put your paperwork with your registration form so we can make sure you meet all criteria for completing this challenge. If you mail in receipts or pictures please mail in copies, NOT your originals. That way if they get lost in the mail you will still have your original for proof of completing this challenge.

Any proof of the ride that shows up after the one-year time period YOU specify on your registration will not be valid or count towards proof of completing the challenge. If you do finish this challenge on your last day of your specified year, please make sure to email your proof of completion to the email provided, before midnight of that day.

If you are unable to complete your ride within the one-year time frame your entire registration fee of \$75 will go directly to Memorial Hall to help pay off the principal on the loan.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Binnall MA-15 at: rkfoundingfatherschallengeride@gmail.com

Again, "Good Luck"

Region 1

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

Vermont 4 Reflect on 2020

I would like to start by saying, WOW!!! What a hell of a year! Red Knights VT 4 did the best we could to do with what we could this season. No benefit rides. No bike blessings.

How does a country chapter connect with people so they know you are there?? How do you make sure there's money in the account so when there's a need?? Easy!! You do what country folk do! You have a gun or cash raffle. You get sponsored for a 3D Archery shoot.

These events do not interfere with the need for social distancing. For example.... Selling tickets is one on one and archery shooting is walking through the woods or trail. These both worked well for us. We had a few members join chapter 1 in support of a fundraiser for a young man's family who was killed in a bad vehicle accident.

November came and members during one of our new norms, "The Zoom Meeting!!", mentioned we should donate as many thanksgiving meals that we can. So, an amount was set and in a week of notice they made it happen!!

We have voted officers: Quarter Master--Rayne Plante, Treasure--Dave Grippen, and voted on and accepted: our new Vice President, Shane Coyle. After many years, George Roy has chosen to step down from Vice President.

I would like to say thank you so much George for your support, drive, and the voice to keep me in line and always, I mean always, has the club at his best discretion when making decisions. I know he will continue to support as always. He is showing proof as he continues to be our association Vice President t to date.

From all our chapter members we wish all a safe and merry holiday season.

See you all on the other side.

President,

Michael Coyle

VT 4

NY 26 Red Knight ` Veteran ` is gifted a Motorcycle

6th December 2020 was a very good day...

When my friend Kenny Wirth died in April my world got turned upside down. He was like a father to me and died suddenly. He was also like a grandfather to Jack. His widow Karen Wirth who is like a mom to me gifted me Kenny's bike. She said he would have wanted you to ride it. It was at that point I decided I'd sell my bike and donate the money to ABATE, an organization that was close to Kenny's heart in his honor.



Enter Deborah Bonacasa who bought the bike and we gave the money to ABATE. That money got quadrupled and helped ABATE support Veterans organizations here on Long Island. Debs husband USAF SSGT Louis Bonacasa was KIA in Afghanistan in Dec 2015.

She then donated the bike back to ABATE with one request that it go to a Veteran who would ride it in her late husband's honor. ABATE had been searching since June for a Veteran to gift it to and then one of my Red Knight Brothers Matthew Scriven let it slip he served in Afghanistan.

Matt's bike had just died and he was in need of a new ride. There is actually a chance Matt and Lou Bonacasa served their tours in the sand box at the same time.

I came home and asked Rob Wrenn did I hear him right? Can you find out if he's a Veteran? Rob did and confirmed Matt's service in the Army. It was then that I submitted Matt's bio to ABATE for consideration.

The board voted unanimously to gift the bike to Matt. Thank you to Chris Beckhans and the board of ABATE. Which brought us to today.

ABATE presented Matt with a certificate thanking him for his service. That's what Matt thought he was there for.

Then he was asked to walk around to the back of the truck and the door opened and the motorcycle was inside. Matt will be riding with a guardian angel over his shoulder from this day forward.

By John Fenech



New York 50 present GMC Pumper to The Guardians

In early January Red Knights MC members of New York 50, in conjunction with the Niagara Hose Company of Champlain New York, were able to present to The Guardians of the Ribbon - Northern New York chapter a 1984 GMC



pumper, at no cost to the group! The Guardians now have a new to them fire truck they can paint PINK and continue the incredible work they do within our community for cancer awareness and people in need.

The officers of RKMC NY50 and members alike worked very hard to pull this off over many months. This would not be possible without the commissioners, members, and officers of the Niagara Hose Company and their donation. Your kind act will NEVER be forgotten and speaking on behalf of New York Chapter 50 of the RKMC I thank you for the assistance and facilitation of the acquisition of this fire truck to the Guardians.

It is a very personal project that I am so proud of. Being Chapter President of NY50 it's been months in the making, legal this and that, phone calls, texts, emails, etc. but today was the day it all came together. A little back story, this very truck "old 135" was purchased originally by the Cadyville Fire dept. in 1983 by members and as fire chief - my Grandfather, Lavern Carroll. For its years in Cadyville Fire dept. his name was affixed on a plaque on the pump panel of this truck - along with the other officers at that time.

I was always so very proud of that! This is also the very truck I learned how to drive and pump with many years later as an 18-year-old fireman in 2008. The truck to this day was a full in-service fire truck, donated as is, fully equipped.

Yes it's now retired as a pumper truck, but it's now onto its next life bringing joy to those who need it. Tonight I am beyond proud to see this happen, I have a great group of people behind me. Acts like this are what it is to be a Red Knight.

Eric Jock. New York State Association President, NY50 President



NEW YORK 25 FINALLY HOLD THEIR CHRISTMAS PARTY & HAND OVER A CHECK.

So we finally got to see each other tonight for our postponed Christmas party. It was great seeing everyone who came out. Our guests included Jim Brown & Brian O'Reilly (President & VP) from Chapter 26, Ron Monteleone from Fire News and NYS Rep Secretary Dave Fernandez.

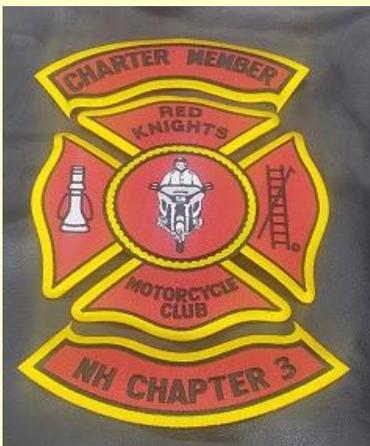
We also got to present the \$8,500 check from last year's fundraiser, to President Dawn Meyer & VP Francis Fragola of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Burn Centre.

A good time was had by all. Thanks to owner John of Edgewater and his crew for a great meal.

With this donation, Red Knights NY Chapter XXV has donated well over \$155,000 to the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Burn Centre in 15 years of doing our Bike Blessing event. Thank you to everyone throughout the years who have helped us.



NEWEST New Hampshire Chapter 3 getting started!



Great productive monthly meeting tonight. Our club patches have arrived and we all are looking forward to getting them sewn on our vests. Also, our club has adopted NH RT. 145 from Pittsburg village south to the Stewartstown line. Signs will be posted along the road for appx. 6 miles that we as Red Knights intend to keep clean. The First roadside trash clean-up is scheduled for Monday May 3!

New Hampshire 5 Red Knight of the Year

When in 2020, the Headquarters for NH5, Epping Fire and Rescue was closed for meetings due to COVID, Ruth Kelloway hosted pot luck dinner meetings, and thought of a theme for each meeting to make it fun.



“...Ruth distinguished herself by the exceptional support of the goals, values and dedication of service to our chapter by opening her home to accommodate our monthly meetings due to



COVID 19 restrictions at the firehouse.”

President Doug Butland presented the award.

For the tenth consecutive year, NH5 has sponsored the POW/MIA Chair at Applebee’s Restaurant, Epping, NH. Prominently displayed in the foyer, Vice President Blue Kelloway, a Navy veteran, said: “ We are proud to remember those who have served.”



Loyal to our duty: 2021 Transition of NH9 officers



Now that NH9 President Colin Nelson has accepted the nomination to serve as the New Hampshire State Representative, there has been a peaceful transition of leadership from Colin Nelson to Eric Harding.



RKMC CT Chapter 2 Summer Ride & BBQ

Invitation open to all RKMC REGION 1 MEMBERS/CHAPTERS

NEW LOCATION

CHURCH HILL PARK

1995 MAIN ST, NEWINGTON, CT 06071

Pool/Softball Field Rotary Pavilion

Along Pond Roadway

SUNDAY August 22, 2021

11AM - Meet at Picnic Grounds **12 Noon** – One hour Scenic Ride

1PM – Picnic/BBQ \$10.00 Donation

RKMC Chapters: Please get a total headcount for your chapter and have one representative call in the total number to Tom Gill by August 14th.

CONTACT: TOM GILL, CT Chapter 2 President 860-883-7721

Email: tomgill52@gmail.com



NOTE the different time this year

Thanks for your loyal service.

When two NH5 members stepped down as officers in 2020, they were presented with a dedication award. Member Doug Butland received his award for his 8 years of service as Vice President and President; Member Jim Voss for 9 years as Vice President and Secretary.

Making the presentations was President Blue Kelloway.



AND FINALLY

Sharing this photo from a friend to give you an idea of just how large a Bald Eagles nest is. Bald eagle nests are generally 5 feet wide and 3 feet deep. The largest recorded bald eagle nest was 9.5 feet in diameter, 20 feet deep and weighed almost 6,000 pounds! Check out this right to scale nest, at Hueston Woods, Ohio.



REGION 1 REPORTER

James Voss

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POKER RUN

to support
RED KNIGHTS

N.J. CHAPTER 13

Sunday, August 8th, 2021

Rain Date
Sunday, August 15th, 2021

\$20.00 for rider (\$15.00 if pre-registered)
\$10.00 for passenger and non-riders

Registration Link:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpOLSecoC1rZy1ho0saBGrPTN7YjO1ODNAQ84LhNNpxmUjEXAHO/viewform>

Starting Location:
Newton Moose Lodge #432
214 Co Rd 622, Fredon

Registration: 9am-11am

Hampton Township Fire & Rescue
189 Halsey Rd, Newton

Good Will Fire Company
689 Water St, Belvidere

The Log Cabin Inn
47 Rt 46, Knowlton

Final Location:
Stillwater Fire Department
929 Stillwater Rd, Stillwater

Festivities begin at 12pm
Prizes drawn at 2pm

approximate 55 mile loop

Continental Breakfast
Prizes
Food

BUCKET BRIGADE POKER RUN

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

RED KNIGHTS NY 42 LOYAL TO OUR DUTY

SATURDAY JULY 24, 2021

SIGN IN IS FROM 8:00 - 9:30AM / RIDE BEGINS AT 10AM

\$15 PER PERSON

ALL DONATIONS BENEFIT THE WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

SPONSORED BY RED KNIGHTS NY 42

NEW RIDE ROUTE IS APPROXIMATELY 100 MILES

STARTS AT THE BATH VOL. FIRE DEPT. BATH NY

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
Jason at 607-684-4703 or Dan at 607-346-7498

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE AT: WWW.REDKNIGHTSNY42.ORG/BUCKETBRIGADE

Lottery Board Raffle

50/50

Region 2

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

As things start to get back to "normal" and the weather starts to improve, many of us begin to get out to enjoy the riding season.

Remember, we have been absent from the roads for a while and the general public haven't had to share the highways for months. BE SAFE OUT THERE.

THE REASON WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

On Saturday, February 6 2021, members of the Boot Shrine Club were waiting for members of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club Newfoundland 2 to arrive and make a presentation to the Boot Shrine Club to be used for the Shriner's Montreal Hospital for Sick Children. We were treated to a MIRACLE , thanks to the doctors and medical staff of the Montreal hospital.

For a child that was recommended to the mother by medical personal that he will not live, let alone walk or run, we were treated to the sight of Benjamin running around the room at Daytona speeds! This was indeed an awe inspiring moment for Shriners and Red Knights. We all have moments that we can reflect upon to remind us of the work we do and the reason behind our actions, this is truly one. Denika gave a brief history of Benjamin's medical history and provided an overview of the work done by Montreal Shriner's Hospital after



Left to right: Sir Wayne Mayo and Benjamin Stewart, Noble Shane Foote, Denika Stewart and Noble Harold Matthews III.



Left to right: Holly Giles, Noble Harold Matthews, III. Sir Wayne Mayo, Benjamin Stewart with Red Knight President Glenn Giles, Noble Shane Foote, Red Knight Vice President Wayde Clarke and Peggy Clarke.

he came under our care.

Red Knights president Glenn Giles presented Boot Shrine Club president Noble Shane Foote with a cheque for \$500 to be used to help children at the Montreal Shriner's Hospital. Afterwards, we had a great time sharing stories about children and how we can work together to accomplish our goals. Denika's mother Maude Paul was present and gave her perspective into Benjamin's journey.

LONG MAY YOUR BIG JIB DRAW

Glenn Giles - REGION 2 REPORTER

Region 3

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

Hello my brothers and sisters,

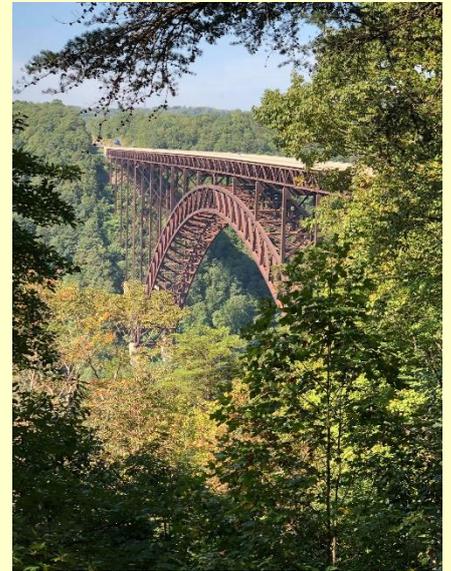
Finally the world is slowly opening up from lock down! Rallies are resuming, restaurants are returning and people are getting out and about! Sorry, I missed the last newsletter I was a little under the weather at the time.

Region 3 has been hosting a region wide rally called the “Bootlegger” It received its name due to the entire region was where “Moonshine and Whiskey”, fast cars, outlaw driver began to run their product during prohibition, Also Nascar came from these same drivers and many of the drivers grew up running the mountain ridges with moonshine.

Now that I have your attention!

Region #3

For those of you I am sure you have at least heard of the Bootlegger Rally, well just some things for you to discuss with your chapter. The Bootlegger Rally has been a must do for our region, we are going into our 3rd year of this rally and each one has set new and different themes as well as set and raised the bar with each location. The first was held on Labor day weekend 2019 in the mountains of wonderful, wild, West Virginia and was centered around Point Pleasant.. (ya know home of the infamous Moth Man mystery).



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Thursday – August 28th

3:00pm – 6:00pm.....Open Registrations
6:00pm – 12:00am.....Pool Party / Cook Out

Friday – August 29th

8:00am – 4:00pm.....Open Registrations
8:00am – 7:00pm.....Self Guided Tours
4:00pm – 7:00pm.....Biker Games
5:00pm – 12:00am.....Hospitality Beer Bar
7:00pm – 8:30pm.....Dinner
8:00pm – 11:00pm.....Live Band

Saturday – August 30th

8:00am – 6:00pm.....Open Registrations
8:00am – 4:00pm.....Ride to the New River Gorge
5:00pm – 12:00am.....Hospitality Beer Bar
6:00pm – 7:00pm.....Region 3 Meeting
7:00pm – 8:30pm.....Dinner w/ Live DJ Following

Sunday – September 1st

7:30am – 9:00am.....Farewell Breakfast

The second Rally was Labor Day weekend 2020 in beautiful downtown Peoria, Illinois (birthplace of Richard Pryor, Dan Fogelberg.) Are you starting to see the date pattern?



The third rally, yes you guessed it and no you have not missed it will be in Southern Indiana. This rally will be huge, amazing and why yes there is more than corn in Indiana! Keep watching the Red Knights/ MAL Facebook page and look for the Bootlegger rally 2021 Facebook page for teasers. You can also find information in Red Knights web page.



Now the next rally for 2022 will be back going back to the beginning in Wild, Wonderful West Virginia again seeing it was so much fun the first time.

Now Brothers and sisters let me tell you, if you haven't experienced how strong the "family" or bonding is you need to attend! Maybe even bring it to your area for 2023, 24, 25.....etc you get the picture! Region 3 covers 7 states and over 70+ chapters which are all in beautiful areas Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri. Let us see your beautiful state. If you want more information on attending or better yet hosting please contact me at: region3reporter@redknightsmc.com and I will get you to the right people.

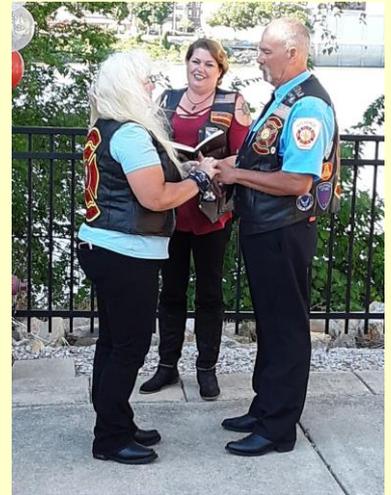


Can't wait to see your city!

You never know what could happen at the Bootlegger it is always a welcome surprise. Just a small recap as well as Congratulations. During the 2020 rally we even had a Red Knight



wedding so a (Late) But big congrats and wonderful wishes for the New Mr and Mrs Meade (Bob and Mary) so if you attend make sure you wish them a happy anniversary! Bob and Mary were also married by another Red Knight who we all know and deserves many kudos, Scarlett Mullikin who also holds many hats as well as being a member of Illinois Ch 14.



Due to Covid restrictions the annual ride in 2020 to the Burn Camp ride was cancelled, a ride was held for donations and hosted by Red Knights Indiana Ch XI which was a success.

The ride for 2021 has been restricted at this time but will happen as of this article. It is always the Wednesday after Memorial Day.

Indiana Ch X

Now Region 3 travelled into Region 2 for the Dixie Rally and was represented by Indiana 2, 3 and IV as well as the Indiana State Association officers. Big Kudos to Virginia Ch 5 for throwing a great rally. They knocked it out of the park Great Job! A few of my personal favs.

It is just a great time to join “Family” if you want to enjoy the entire Red Knights experience you should plan to attend a rally or convention if you haven’t already. Just some of how our “Family” works during the 2020 Bootlegger we were sad to announce the passing of Bob Hollner just days before the Bootlegger on September 1, Bob was member of NY12 and a very well loved and respected man. Bob Binnall during the banquet asked for a moment of silence and if anyone would like to contribute to the family. In less than 20 minutes he had a very sizeable donation for the family due to the generosity of the club! I have witnessed this in various other forms during other events. Thank you for your donations!

So once you go to an event you will be hooked and understand the brother / sisterhood we share and will want more!

Registration is open for Bootlegger 2021 in Southern Indiana hope to see you there!

Let’s look at some of our chapter submissions some new and some old! Thanks for the contributions to show your Chapter

From PA 34

Many PA 34 members participated in an Easter Parade including the Easter Bunny who is Alvin Kishbaugh our Road Captain.



Memorial Day Weekend was a busy time for PA 34.

Saturday we lead a Benefit Ride for Patriots Cove. The Ride was sponsored by two local Churches with 100% of the proceeds going to Patriots Cove. They specialize in helping with both Veteran & First Responders that have been injured both physically as well as mentally. You can check them out on the web at patriotscove.org

Monday we attended a Veterans Parade and Grave Service in Shickshinny, PA.

Monday afternoon we attended the Sweet Valley VFC Memorial Day Parade and lead all the local fire departments through the Parade.

Great to be a part of supporting our Veterans and First Responders.

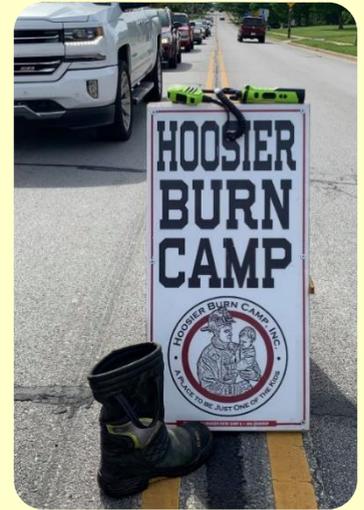


Doug Thomas, PA34 President.

INDIANA XI SPONSOR HOOSIER BURN CAMP

Another successful ride to Hoosier Burn Camp, it only rained for a few minutes when we arrived and not a drop home, but it always rains on us on this ride, nevertheless it was good to see the kids and staff.

The Carmel FD and Monticello FD hosted everything quite well and we were able to meet some new friends. Thank you to R. Patrick from Crown Point PD for the escort to HBC and keeping us safe. Also shout out to Erik Nathan (Schmitt) for organizing everything. Last but not least to Bill, Cathi, Kristan, Terry and family and George for making sure we were fed and hydrated. See you all on the 12th for our ride to benefit HBC at Michels Sports Eatery in St John.



MORE ABOUT THE BOOT DRIVE AND THE HOOSIER BURN CAMP

On Thursday, May 20th from 2pm to 6pm members of Crown Point Fire Rescue held an Annual Boot Drive for the Hoosier Burn Camp. We would just like to say thank you to all the people that either drove their cars or rode their bikes through Crown Point and donated. All of the proceeds will be given to the Hoosier Burn Camp which this year's total was \$8,641.10.

The boot drive for the Hoosier Burn Camp is a combined effort from NWI Fire Departments and 1-800-Boardup. Other area fire departments will be having similar boot drive fundraisers for the Hoosier Burn Camp this summer until August 28th.



The goal is to make another large, combined donation to the Hoosier Burn Camp on the late Jack Eskridge's birthday who started this annual boot drive fundraiser many years ago.

Hoosier Burn Camp is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to providing life-changing experiences for young people who have suffered the physical and emotional trauma associated with a severe burn injury.

The annual summer camp and monthly events create experiences for burn survivors where they can be just one of the kids in a safe and supportive environment.

Other ways to help support the camp is to view a wish list or make an online donation by checking out Hooiserburncamp.org or on Facebook at [@HoosierBurnCamp](https://www.facebook.com/HoosierBurnCamp).

Keep the submissions coming! Send them to region3reporter@redknightsmc.com

Hope you enjoyed!

Maverick

Wellsburg's Resident & WV6's Road Captain Don Baker Has Passion For Fire Trucks

Some little boys grow up wanting a toy fire truck.

Don Baker's wish, even back then, was for a real one.

Little did he know then, several decades later, after a near 50-year career as a firefighter serving his community, he would go on to be the owner of the second-largest collection of fire trucks from past eras in the state of West Virginia.



"I always wanted my own fire truck, even when I was a kid," Baker said. "I don't mean a model, I mean a real one."

He accomplished that feat a few years ago when his collection of trucks grew to 18, many of which he proudly showed off numerous times a year in shows, parades and events in the Ohio Valley and away from home.

Now, his collection has shrunk a bit to seven trucks, though he's still proud of each and every one of them. Many of the events in the past year were cancelled due to the pandemic.

One of his recent projects is a 1976 Dodge Power Wagon converted into a rescue truck by 4 Guys Fire Trucks. He has spent the past five years in the process of outfitting with period-correct equipment and hopes to show it off again this year.

“The guys at the fire house joke I have more stuff on this truck than they do on theirs,” Baker said with a chuckle. “When you go to a show, it has to be presentable. When you go out (on a call), there are a lot of different situations that have different tools. You have to kind of represent all of that.

“A lot of guys don’t have these because 4 Guys built a lot of bigger trucks and tankers. I always wanted a smaller truck.”

The truck, which even features a period-correct two-cycle Hurst tool from the 1970s, saw its days in service in North Braddock, Pa., before it found its way into private hands, and eventually in Baker’s garages on Scenery Hill.

Also in his collection are local trucks from Bethany, a 1984, and Wheeling, a 1982, a ladder truck from Prince George County, Md., a 1986, and a 1936 LaFrance that is in the process of being restored.

He started collecting the trucks back in 1990 with a 1948 LaFrance, which he sold to a member of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation who had used it in the past and tracked it down to Baker.

He belongs to three fire truck clubs, one in each state.

As for his service as a fireman, one could say the urge to don the turnout gear runs in the family and Baker gets it naturally, with 43 family members past and present having served as firefighters across Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Everyone from Baker and his wife’s grandfathers to, currently, his ambitious granddaughter have donned the uniform.

“If you added up everybody’s years in the fire service, it would probably be 1,000,” he said.

A couple of those family members have tragically lost their lives fighting fires. Hearing him tell their stories would be enough to bring anyone, including Baker, a big, strong man with as manly of a mustache as one will see, to tears.

He speaks fondly of the annual service the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial has for fallen firefighters in Emmitsburg, Md., which he attended with his wife when a fallen relative was honored and has since gone back to.

“It’s very humbling,” he said of the service.

His own career began a short drive down Washington Pike from his home, as he started at the Franklin Community Fire Department as a volunteer in 1972, eight years after the department’s founding and shortly after it was chartered.

“The department needed us,” Baker said, noting some of his friends also joined. “We went and joined up and have been there ever since.

“I really didn’t (think he would stay 50 years), but here we are. I moved away a couple times for the winter and said I was never coming back, but I was back within six months.”

He also has been a member of the Bethany Fire Department for 10 years, and served as Franklin’s chief for six years.

The greater Wellsburg area, though, has always been a home he could not stay away from for too long.

In addition to his career as a fireman, Don is a retired coal miner.

“I was born in Weirton, but we only lived there until I was five,” he said. “This has been my home for almost 60 years.”

He said, while detailing the old equipment on the Power Wagon, that he has seen a lot of changes in the industry in the last five decades.

Restoring and preserving the trucks of the past are his way of keeping a connection to the past, of the industry in general, his own personal career and the family legacy.



7th Annual Ride For Burn Camp Sunday, August 15, 2021

Starting at Heritage Harley Davidson
2595 Ogden Avenue, Lisle, IL 60532

Registration: 8:30am - 10:00am	Food included at final stop.
Kickstands Up: 10:30am	Drinks available for purchase.
Rider Only: \$25 Two Up: \$40	Raffle, 50/50 and more!
After Party Only: \$15	All bikes welcome!

Rain or Shine After Party & Fundraiser @ 2:30pm Jameson's Pub
2755 Black Road, Joliet, IL 60435

Proceeds Donated To:
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It's not easy for young boys worldwide



For more information and to register visit:
www.rkmc23.com

Region 4

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

5th Annual Red Knights 9/11 Ride September 12, 2021

Join the Red Knights Chapter 8 for 80+ scenic miles while remembering those we lost on 9/11.

Registration starts at 7:30am at Prince George FD Company 1

Blessing of the Bikes & Safety Brief prior to Kick Stands up at 9:11am
Ends at Namozine VFD.

Registration before the event is encouraged at www.RedKnightsVA8.com

Driver is \$20
Passenger is \$10
prior to 9/4/21

After or on-site \$25 for Driver & Passenger \$15
Part of the proceeds will be going to help those in our community.
See our website for more information & to register.



Red Knights NC2 & The Pilot Fire Department

On November 11, 1885 the Baptist Children's Home was founded by John Mills in Thomasville, North Carolina

The Red Knights and Firefighters are hosting a ride for the Baptist Children's Home of Thomasville on
July 31, 2021

This ride starts at Cox's HD 2795 NC Highway 134 Asheboro, NC and ends at the Pilot Fire Department in Thomasville.

Registration starts at 9:00 with KSU at 10:30.

There is a \$20 per bike donation (no rider fee)

Food provided at the end of the ride.

There will be a raffle, door prizes and a 50/50.



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Red Knights® GA Chapter 20 Presents

15th Annual Dixie Rally 2022

May 12 - 15, 2022



REGISTRATION

\$70.00 per adult, \$35.00 per child

Early registration ends March 1, 2022.

Registration includes:

- ◊ Friday banquet
- ◊ Nightly hospitality
- ◊ T-shirts & More...

Also available:

- ◊ Chapter merchandise sales + vendors
- ◊ Door prizes + 50/50 drawings
- ◊ Raffles + live auction

Visit our website for the following:

- ◊ Register online or download mail-in form
- ◊ Host hotel group rate info
- ◊ Contact and general information
- ◊ Donation / Sponsorship opportunities

LODGING

Group rate, all 3 locations, \$ 104.00/night + taxes.

PRIMARY HOST HOTEL

Holiday Inn Brunswick I-95

138 Glenco Parkway, Brunswick, GA 31525

+19122643300

SECONDARY HOST (OVERFLOW) HOTELS

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Brunswick

107 Gateway Circle, Brunswick, GA 31525

+19122642060

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Brunswick

236 Gateway Ctr Blvd, Brunswick, GA 31525

+19122679999

CAMPING

RV Sites and Camping is available approximately 8.5 miles from the host hotel at Blythe Island Regional Park and Southern Retreat RV Park.

RALLY AND CHAPTER MERCHANDISE

Rally Merchandise will be available at the on-site registration table in the Holiday Inn and include;

- ◊ T-shirts
- ◊ Challenge Coins
- ◊ Tumblers

Chapter Merchandise Tables & chairs will be available at several locations for the weekend duration.

Hospitality Room will be open in the Holiday Inn Express each evening.

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY (5/12) > Early-bird rides

> On-site Registration

> Welcome Reception

FRIDAY (5/13) > On-site Registration

> Guided & Self-Guided Rides

> Banquet & Live Auction

SATURDAY (5/14) > Business Session

> On-site Registration

> Guided & Self-Guided Rides

> Dinner

SUNDAY (5/15) > Bike Blessing and Farewell

CHARITIES BENEFITTING

501(c)(3) Charities benefiting from this event include the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation in Atlanta, Georgia, Safe Harbor Children's Center in Brunswick, Georgia, and the Red Knights GA Chapter 20's Educational and Relief Programs.

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For more info please visit our website
www.redknightsmc-ga20.org



North Carolina 13 work hard to raise money for charity

This is NC 13's flyer for their 6th Annual 9/11 Ride and folks have until August 1st to pre-register after which they will still be able to come but may not be guaranteed a T- Shirt.

The host Hotel is at the Hilton Garden Inn in Statesville and participants should remember to ask for special pricing by using the code (9/11 ride).

If you have any questions about the ride you should contact NC13 via Facebook or 704-902-7239.

Chris Roger from NJ33 will be doing a 9/11 Loop, he will attend our ride and then he will go to VA 8's 9/11 ride.

If you have any questions contact him at 856-220-0644. He is also thinking of doing a patch for doing the loop.

In addition to the 9/11 ride NJ 13 will also be raising money by running a BOTTLES RAFFLE. Tickets are \$5.00 each and they can be purchased via PayPal and you should put in the notes your name, phone number and which bottles when buying your tickets. For example if you buy \$45.00 in tickets put in the notes Jon Doe, 123-456-7890, 3-NY, 3-Penn, 3-DC.

The draw will take place on 9/11/21 at the 9/11 ride.

Red Knights' NC Chapter 13
6th Annual 9/11 Ride
September 11, 2021

We will be remembering the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. There will be memorial presentations before and after the ride, along with food, door prizes and auction items.

REGISTRATION BEGINS 8:30 AM
Cleveland Community Station 45
11170 Statesville Blvd, Cleveland

Escorted Ride

Memorial Presentations Before and After the Ride

Rider Meeting at Noon
KSU 12:30 PM

\$25 per bike
Motorcycles and Cars are Welcome!

Proudly Sponsored by:

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- Atlantic Emergency Solutions
- Blue Collar Cycle Company
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- Lindy Blanchard Realtor
- Randy Marion Automotive
- Tom McGrath Law Group
- D&D Performance
- Ice Cream Shoppe
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- UNB Customs
- Network for Goods





NC 13 teamed up with NC 20, 21, 24 and 25 to organise a poker run for the North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Foundation. We had around 110 bikes and 160 people.

NC 13 handled the start of the ride at Tilley's HD and then riders set off to the Catawba Firefighters Museum in Hickory that NC 21 had organised.

From the Museum the riders set off to Lenior to meet NC 20 at Fyreside Grill where the rider's had lunch and then took off to Crossroads HD where NC 24 were there to make sure everything was in order.

The ride ended at Bethlehem Fire and Rescue where NC 25 were in charge of the end the ride and where food, drinks and dessert were served.

We had an American Idol Contestant entertain us and we had wonderful door prizes and great auction items.

Our biggest 3 items was the 2 bottles with special engraving and the shield (above).

Thanks to all who came out and thanks to NC 2, 12 and AL 4 from the Red Knights and to Creeping Death, Law Dogs, Fire and Irons, Blue Knights, Combat Vets, Twisted Covenant and to those that are not part of the group.

Thanks to Tilley's HD for hosting the start and Bethlehem Fire and Rescue for the end. An extra shout goes out to the NCCFF for doing what you do to help departments and families during their time of loss.



We raised over \$8,600 for the Foundation to help them with their operations.

Also thanks go to the Jacksonville Fire Department for allowing Kevin to help us with your apparatus to pull the trailer to these events.



Region 5

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

Greetings Knights:

Not much to report due to a certain world thing that hit close to home for me. Not me personally but those I care about.

Minnesota 4 had a few items this year thankfully, I admit interesting stuff too.

Back in January one of Main 4's members was awarded a `FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR` Award but unfortunately the article was misplaced in my files.

Minnesota 4 is doing their annual cancer benefit in August and you can contact Joel Nelson for more information.

Minnesota 7 is involved in a fund raising ride on August 14th which I hope to attend.

ND 1 should be doing their annual 911 memorial ride in September ...Date TBD.

ND 2 is celebrating 2 years on June 16th with a small party... My how time flies.

As I have said on the All Members and MAL FB page regarding the International Board members elections, GOOD LUCK TO EACH OF YOU! I have no doubt that each of you is worthy of that position and bring you A Game. Something that makes the Red Knights unique is that `as much as you put in, you get more back` I think.

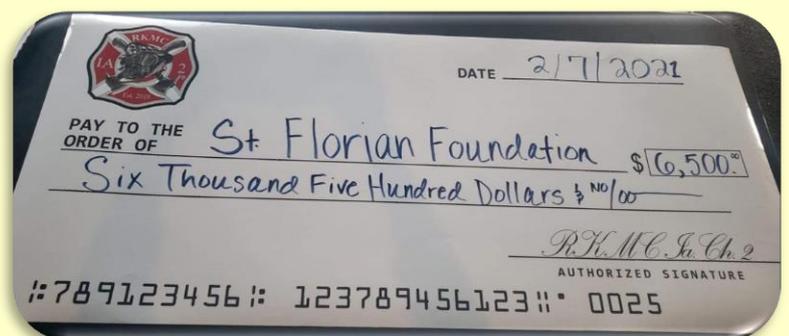
So I come near to my 5 year mark having started with ND 1 then eventually building ND 2 and I can say that I love this club.

Sincerely Lance R. Solberg

IOWA 2 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SAINT FLORIAN FOUNDATION

RKMC IA 2 raises \$6500 to send paediatric burn survivors to Summer Camp!

On February 7th members of the Red Knights MC IA 2 presented a check for \$6500 to the St. Florian Fire and Burn Foundation to be used towards their flagship program, Miracle Burn Camp. The Miracle Burn Camp experience helps build self-esteem and supports emotional healing, encouraging burn campers to live beyond the scars and to be themselves.



Since we were unable to host our traditional benefit ride due to restrictions placed on businesses as a result of Covid-19, we had to get creative to accomplish our fundraising goals. We came up with a stamp book idea which we called Wheelin for Healin.



We obtained sponsorship from local businesses. We sold the books for \$15, requiring patrons to make purchases from the supporting businesses to receive a stamp on their page in the book.

Additionally, every stamped page was ticket for entry to win \$1000. Along with achieving our fundraising goal for St. Florian

from the stamp book sales alone, the winner of the \$1000 donated all the money back!

We were also able to support our local businesses and community during extremely challenging times. We are looking to increase the number of businesses in the book and fundraising goals in the coming year, if you would like more information email us at rkmcia2events@gmail.com

Hello fellow Red Knights from Minnesota Chapter 4 in the Minneapolis metro area.

We have been busy for the past two years or so developing some new positions to our chapter hierarchy. MNCH4 is one of the largest chapters in the entire Red Knight world so we decided to expand our span of control by adding "LIEUTENANTS". These are non-voting members that are not on the executive board, reporting to the Road Captain. Individuals apply for the position for a two year term and the executive board chooses who will be put into the position. We have more or less aligned them geographically (North, East, South, and West) and assigned them roughly an equal amount of members to have under their sector. The LT.'s primary focus is personal outreach. In a chapter with 125+ members, spanning several hundred miles, it has been difficult for the executive board to give the attention to each member that we feel they deserve.

As a part of their SOG's, the Lt.'s reach out to all new members with a phone call to welcome them. They explain our chapter events and flow, they offer to meet up with them to ride to our weekly "diner rides" (30-45 ride from a local FD to restaurant of their choosing), personally introduce them to the executive board and other members and just generally help to make them feel a part of our expanding family!

Lt.'s are also set up to be the first point of contact for any questions, concerns or suggestions from the membership.

Much like a fire station they then follow the chain of command through their Road Captain at regular meetings then the Road Captain can bring what he/she feels necessary to the monthly executive board meetings. Generally, we invite the LT.'s to attend all or some of the board meetings as observers so that they have some idea of how the chapter is run and what each of us do in our positions. We feel that this not only prepares a potential next generation of officers, but also helps to spread the word to the rest of our membership about how and why the board comes to make some of the decisions for the chapter. Our goal for picking LT.'s is to pick members who have already shown to go above and beyond within the chapter. We pick the most active members knowing that we can rely on them to be there to assist when needed for our bigger rides and events. These positions are still evolving and as with everything COVID has put a little damper on our progress, however, they have already become an integral part of our organization! If you have any questions about implementing this position into your chapter, please feel free to reach out to me or any of our board members. We'd be happy to share our growing pains and what we have learned. Contact info at: www.RedKnightsMN4.org. HAPPY SPRING and RIDE SAFE!

-Bunz, VP, MNCH4

Minnesota Chapter 4 will be holding their 11th annual Firefighters Fighting Cancer benefit on August 28, 2021. The benefit has helped over 15 firefighters and their families from all over Minnesota. The benefit activities include a scenic motorcycle ride, live & silent auctions, raffles, food and more. The event is held at the Hamel VFW, 19020 Hamel Rd., Plymouth, MN 55446. At last year's event, we had over 160 motorcycles and over 210 registrants. The silent auction had over 125 items and there were 6 "big prize" live auction items. This year we have four beneficiaries who will be recipients of the cause. We encourage all those interested in attending to mark your calendars and visit our website, <https://redknights.org>, and our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/FirefightersFightingCancer>, for more details. Not able to attend, but want to make a monetary donation or donate to the silent auction, please go to our website <https://redknights.org/donations>.



Region 6

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

Hello Brothers and Sisters of the Red knights MC Family; Here in Region 6 a few things are starting to get back to normal with the exception of the weather seems mother nature is confused. The State of Texas had a state-wide freeze with snow and ice that impacted several of the Members with frozen and broken pipes, it seems that most of them have recovered finally as the local plumbers were overwhelmed with so many calls. In Texas we had two Brothers join the Heaven One Chapter.

James Michael Dean of TX Chapter 1, on Jan. 3rd, 2021

Tommy Woodside of TX Chapter 13, Feb 10th, 2021.

The Texas and Oklahoma Chapters have been busy getting out and enjoying the companionship and brother hood of the Red Knights by doing rides, Bike Nights and charitable events.

Jan. 30th 2020 TX Chapter 13 had a Fundraiser to help their member Tommy Woodside with medical expenses. After Tommy Passed on Fe 10th 2021, For Tommy's last request there was not a formal ceremony, So TX Chapter 13 had a memorial Ride with his ashes to the Port in Port Neches.

March 27th, 2021 TX Chapter 4 Member Kent Silks owner of the Texas Side Car Company has moved from Houston to Donie TX and Had a Grand Opening at the New Location. Members of TX 3 and TX X rode up to Support Kent and Anna enjoying food and drinks, I rode down and joined them and continued back to Houston with the group as it was Our Chapter X meeting weekend.

April 8, 2021 OK Chapter 8 grilled hamburgers for some of our area Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, Regional Medical Response, Health Department and observers who worked a full scale scenario exercise with Air Evac and the MERC SET (Surgical Extraction Team) in real time. D several members First Responders took time out of their personal schedules to gain valuable training, and we were happy to provide their meal as a way to say 'Thank you' for all they do!



April 9-11th TX Chapter 3 and members of TX Chapter X enjoyed the Chapters annual Spring Hill Country weekend Ride, Visiting Lukenbach TX, hanging out and riding the Three Sisters. Returning back to Houston on Sunday April 11th.



April 10, 2021 the 14th annual Oklahoma Ride to Remember 2021, Several Oklahoma Chapters and one TX Chapter X member. Participated in the Poker run that is organized by Wind and Fire Heartland with assistance from OK Chapter 9. Proceeds from this run benefit The Fallen & Living Firefighters Memorial & the Emergency Responders Assistance Program. Ok Chapter 9 mans the registration table and staging area at the Church half a block away from the start of the ride from Papa's Leather in Bethany Okla. Where the Wind and Fire are setup registering participants and lining up participants. At noon the group of bikers proceed to Stop # 1 the Oklahoma City Bombing memorial, the site of the OKC Bombing April 19, 1995. Members of the Wind and Fire Heartland are OKC Firefighters that had responded that morning to the destruction and began the task of search, rescue and recovery over the upcoming days. We have Several Ok Red knights that also responded that day and the days to come to help our fellow Oklahomans affected by this disaster. After the placing of a wreath a prayer and a group photo of more than 1000 participants, the Riders proceeded stop #2 to the Oklahoma Fallen and Living Firefighters Memorial at the Oklahoma Firefighters Museum, where we pulled our first poker card. After a cold refreshment a walk through the memorial, we loaded up and proceeded across OKC to the Port Hole Bar to pull our Second Card. From there we proceeded to Stop # 3 the One 52 Bar where Ok Chapter 9 was manning the poker stop with fresh hot off the grill Hamburgers and the fixins. From there Stop # 4 was Cole Creek Vineyard and Winery in Tuttle. Stop # 5 was at JR's Pub and Grill on S.W. 149th on the driving range of the 9 hole Par three golf course, where we drew our final card and turned in our sheets. Ok MAL Daniel McClain won 8th place and gave his winnings to the cause. We received word that an independent single Rider participating in the event had had an accident and had succumbed to his injuries DOA, Hats were passed amongst the participants which raised in excess of \$2,000 to be given to his next of kin to help with expenses.

April 17, 2021 OK Chapter 2 held a Dice Run Leaving from the Diamond Back Harley Davidson in Lawton OK, Participants of the ride rode around the Lawton Fort Sill area traversing the area to each stop to roll dice to see who would have the high and low combined scores for Prices at the end of the ride. The Route took participants to area Fire Departments around Lawton Ft Sill, First Stop was Cox City VFD, Then Hulen VFD, to the Frederick VFD through the Wichita Wildlife Refuge to American Legends Tattoo Shop in Medicine Park and then to the Wichita Estates VFD where they held a slow roll contest returning to Diamondback Harley Davidson.



After the Event was over all Red Knights in attendance were invited to the Chapter 2 Clubhouse to have Tacos and beer.



Chuck Matthews & Chapter 2 President

During the event after Party, Ok Chapter 2 also welcomed three of their newest Red Knights!! Eric Watson, Brad Mietchen and Guy French received their patches. All three guys have spent a lot of time with the chapter, and we are truly honored to have these guys become a part of our dysfunctional family. We were also honored to have some special guests- members from Ok 9, Ok10, Ok State Secretary Margaret McGowan and Texas State President Chuck Matthews. On April 11th they also welcomed New Member Katie Magnum to the chapter. They were able to raise \$1,000 dollars for the Cancer Centers of Southwest Oklahoma.



Brad Mietchen



Eric Watson



Guy French



Katie Magnum

Events in Region 6

Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club State Association of Oklahoma, will be holding their 2021 State meeting.

Oklahoma State Meeting 2021

May 14- 16 2021

Homewood Suites

6920 W Reno Av

Oklahoma City Okla.

May 14: Meet & Greet 5:30

May 15th: State Officers Meeting and Chapter Presidents meeting 11:00 am

State Meeting 11:30- 2:00

May 16: Return Home

Finger foods will be available at the meeting. There will be a 50/50 drawing at the end of the meeting along with a silent auction. After the meeting we will have a group ride for all those that would like to participate, this will be a 12 Station ride.

All even number chapters are asked to bring a meat and cheese platter.

All odd number chapters are asked to bring a veggie and fruit platter.

MALs are asked to bring plates napkins forks.

All chapters are asked to bring an item for the silent auction.

All money raised will go back to the State fund account.

We will be voting on the State Vice Presidents offices. Currently Carl Billey is Western VP, Richard Sprague is Central VP, and Robert Moose is Eastern VP. Also be voting on State Treasure.

OK Chapter held a Poker Run fundraiser for their Vice President Kevin Evens on May 22, 2021 in Clinton OK. Kevin is a member of the Arapaho VFD for 25 years currently the undersheriff at Custer County. The money being raised is to help with his medical expenses for the health issues he is currently going through.

(Flyer attached)

On June 18-20 2021 TX Chapter 3 and TX Chapter X are combining forces to host the Annual Texas State meeting in Katy TX, Our Host hotel will be the Holiday Inn and Suites in Katy TX, with the Meeting being held Saturday at the Pattison TX VFD. Hospitality room will be Friday night during meeting Registration at the Holiday Inn. There will be a group ride Saturday morning to the Kenney Store for lunch, and ending at the Pattison VFD. A few agenda Items will be the ratification and vote on updated SOG converted from the original By-Laws. Election will be held for the State Vice President and State Treasurer.



MAY 22, 2021 KEVIN EVANS POKER RUN

This poker run is to help Kevin Evans. Kevin retired as a firefighter at Arapaho Fire Dept after 25 years and currently is an Undersheriff at Custer County. Kevin is the Vice President of Red Knights MC OK Chapter 3. He is recovering from complications with his diabetes and heart and kidney issues.

HIGH HAND/LOW HAND/AUCTION

50/50 POT

FIRST BIKE OUT @ 10 AM

LAST BIKE IN @ 4PM

\$20.00 PER RIDER/\$5.00 FOR
EXTRA HAND

ALL VEHICLES WELCOMED

RIDE STARTS AT THE FIRST
RESPONDERS PARK ON NOWAHY
AND 10TH IN CLINTON
OKLAHOMA



Red Knights M.C. Oklahoma

Chapter 3

Region 7

(European Chapters)

With much of Europe still under Covid-19 restrictions there has not been much happening in Europe, hopefully things will pick-up as the year progresses.

France 1 carry on the good work despite the pandemic *(this article was submitted and published in several languages)*



Déjà un an que cette foutue COVID-19 bouleverse nos vies et nos activités. Notre assemblée générale s'est tenue par visioconférence, nous avons été obligé d'annuler la galette des rois et nous ne voyons pas le bout de ces restrictions.

Toutefois, nous avons voulu maintenir l'opération « don du sang au profit des forces armées » prévue le samedi 27 mars 2021.

Malgré le couvre-feu et les limitations de nos déplacements, nous avons pu, avec

l'aide de nos partenaires, faire venir des motocyclistes au centre de transfusion sanguine des armées (CTSA) situé l'hôpital des armées Percy à Clamart en région parisienne.

Malgré la fermeture des frontières et les restrictions de déplacement qui ont empêché les plus proches et les plus fidèles chapitres de se déplacer, ce sont une quinzaine de donneurs qui ont permis de combler en partie les faibles réserves de sang disponibles.

Parmi ces donneurs, il y avait les frères et sœurs de France 1, d'autres donneurs civils ainsi que des membres de moto-club de l'île de France.

Un tirage au sort a permis d'offrir aux participants :

- Un blouson offert par Triumph Diagonale (Louveciennes)
- Un bon d'achat de 50 euros offert par BMW Moto Loft (Gennevilliers)
- Un kit de nettoyage offert par ADN Moto (Nanterre)
- Différents lots offerts par Team-Axe (Paris)

Notre projet est de renouveler cette opération l'année prochaine, avec l'aide de nos indispensables partenaires. Nous avons un défi à relever : faire venir encore plus de donneurs.

Prenez soins de vous.

L.T.O.D.

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English :

A year ago, this bloody COVID-19 is upsetting our lives and activities. Our general meeting was held by videoconference, we were forced to cancel the kings' cake and we do not see the end of these restrictions.

However, we wanted to maintain the operation "blood donation to the armed forces" planned for Saturday, March 27, 2021.

Despite the curfew and the limitations of our travel, we were able, with the help of our partners, to bring motorcyclists to the Center de transfusion sanguine des armées (CTSA) located at the Hospital des armées Percy in Clamart in the Paris region.

Despite the border closures and travel restrictions that prevented the closest and most loyal chapters from moving, about fifteen donors have made it possible to fill some of the scarce blood available.

Among these donors were the brothers and sisters of France 1, other civilian donors and members of the motorcycle club of the Île de France.

A random draw offered participants:

- A jacket offered by Triumph Diagonale (Louveciennes)
- A €50 voucher offered by BMW Moto Loft (Gennevilliers)
- A cleaning kit offered by DNA Moto (Nanterre)
- Different lots offered by Team-Axe (Paris)

Our plan is to renew this operation next year, with the help of our indispensable partners. We have a challenge: bring in more donors.

Take care of yourself.

German :

Schon ein Jahr, seit diese verdammte COVID-19 unser Leben und unsere Aktivitäten erschüttert. Unsere Generalversammlung hat eine Videokonferenz abgehalten, wir waren gezwungen, die Königsgalette abzusagen, und wir sehen nicht, wie diese Einschränkungen enden.

Wir wollten jedoch die für Samstag, den 27. März 2021 vorgesehene Operation "Blutspende an die Streitkräfte" beibehalten.

Trotz der Ausgangssperre und der Reisebeschränkungen konnten wir mithilfe unserer Partner Motorradfahrer in das Blutspendezentrum der Armee (CTSA) im Armeehaus Percy in Clamart in der Region Paris bringen.

Trotz der Schließung der Grenzen und der Reisebeschränkungen, die die nächsten und die treuesten Kapitel daran gehindert haben, sich zu bewegen, konnten die wenigen verfügbaren Blutvorräte teilweise durch etwa 15 Spender gedeckt werden.

Zu diesen Spendern gehörten die Brüder und Schwestern von Frankreich 1, weitere zivile Spender sowie Mitglieder des Motorradclubs.

Eine Auslosung bot den Teilnehmenden:

- Eine Jacke von Triumph Diagonale (Louveciennes)
- Ein von BMW Moto Loft (Gennevilliers) angebotener 50-Euro-Gutschein
- Ein Reinigungsset von Motorrad-DNA (Nanterre)
- Verschiedene Lose von Team-Axe (Paris)

Unser Plan ist, diese Operation im nächsten Jahr mit Unterstützung unserer unerlässlichen Partner zu erneuern. Wir stehen vor einer Herausforderung: noch mehr Spender herbringen.

Kümmern Sie sich um sich.

Polish :

Rok temu ta cholerna COVID-19 denerwuje nasze życie i działalność. Nasze walne zgromadzenie odbyło się w drodze wideokonferencji, musieliśmy odwołać tort królów i nie widzimy końca tych ograniczeń.

Chciliśmy jednak utrzymać operację "krwiodawstwa dla sił zbrojnych" zaplanowaną na sobotę, 27 marca 2021 roku.

Pomimo godziny policyjnej i ograniczeń naszej podróży, udało nam się, z pomocą naszych partnerów, sprowadzić motocyklistów do Centrum Transfuzji Armii (CTSA), znajdującego się w szpitalu Armii Wojskowych Percy w Clamart w regionie Paryżu.

Pomimo zamknięć granic i ograniczeń w podróżowaniu, które uniemożliwiły przenoszenie się najbliższych i najbardziej lojalnych rozdziałów, około piętnastu dawców umożliwiło wypełnienie niektórych z rzadkich dostępnych krwinek.

Wśród tych darczyńców byli bracia i siostry z Francji 1, inni darczyńcy cywilni oraz członkowie klubu motocyklowego.

Uczestnicy losowego losowania:

- kurtka oferowana przez Triumph Diagonale (Louveciennes)
- BMW Moto Loft (Gennevilliers) w wysokości 50 euro
- Zestaw do czyszczenia oferowany przez DNA Moto (Nanterre)
- Różne partie oferowane przez Team-Ax (Paryż)

Naszym planem jest wznowienie tej operacji w przyszłym roku, z pomocą naszych niezbędnych partnerów. Mamy wyzwanie: sprowadzić więcej dawców.

Uważaj na siebie.

Italian :

Già da un anno questa dannata COVID-19 sconvolge le nostre vite e le nostre attività. La nostra Assemblea generale si è tenuta in videoconferenza, siamo stati costretti a cancellare la galera dei re e non vediamo la fine di queste restrizioni.

Tuttavia, abbiamo voluto mantenere l'operazione "donazione di sangue a favore delle forze armate" prevista sabato 27 marzo 2021.

Nonostante il coprifuoco e le limitazioni dei nostri spostamenti, con l'aiuto dei nostri partner, siamo riusciti a far arrivare motociclisti al centro di trasfusione sanguigna delle forze armate (CTSA) situato presso l'ospedale delle Forze armate Percy a Clamart, regione parigina.

Nonostante la chiusura delle frontiere e le restrizioni di viaggio che hanno impedito ai più vicini e ai più fedeli capitoli di spostarsi, sono state 150 i donatori che hanno contribuito a colmare in parte le scarse riserve di sangue disponibili.

Tra questi donatori vi erano i fratelli e le sorelle di Francia 1, altri donatori civili e membri della moto-club.

Un sorteggio ha offerto ai partecipanti:

- Un giubbotto offerto da Triumph Diagonale (Louvecie)
- Un buono d'acquisto di 50 euro offerto da BMW Moto Loft (Gennevilliers)
- Un kit per la pulizia offerto da DNA Moto (Nanterre)
- Vari lotti offerti da Team-Axe (Parigi)

Il nostro progetto è di rinnovare questa operazione l'anno prossimo, con l'aiuto dei nostri indispensabili. Abbiamo una sfida: portare ancora più donatori.

Prenditi cura di te.

Dutch :

Al een jaar lang is deze COVID-19-doorzoeking een doorbraak in ons leven en onze activiteiten. Onze algemene vergadering heeft een videoconferentie gehouden, wij zijn gedwongen geweest de agenda van de koningen te annuleren en wij zien niet hoe deze beperkingen tot stand komen.

We hebben echter geprobeerd de operatie bloeddonatie aan de strijdkrachten, die gepland is voor zaterdag 27 maart 2021, voort te zetten.

Ondanks de avondklok en de reisbeperkingen hebben we met de hulp van onze partners motorrijders kunnen laten komen naar het centrum voor bloedtransfusie van de strijdkrachten (CTSA) in het Percy Army Hospital in Clamart in de regio Parijs.

Ondanks de sluiting van de grenzen en de reisbeperkingen waardoor de dichtstbijzijnde en meest trouwe hoofdstukken niet konden bewegen, hebben ongeveer 15 donoren een deel van de geringe beschikbare bloedvoorraden kunnen opvullen.

Tot deze donoren behoorden de broers en zussen van France 1, andere civiele donoren en leden van de motorclub.

Een loting heeft de deelnemers de volgende mogelijkheden geboden:

- Een blouson van Triumph Diagonale (Louveciennes)
- Een coupon van 50 euro aangeboden door BMW Moto Loft (Gennevilliers)
- Een reinigingskit van DNA Motor (Nanterre)
- Verschillende partijen aangeboden door Team-Axe (Parijs)

Ons plan is om deze operatie volgend jaar te vernieuwen, met de hulp van onze onontbeerlijke partners. We staan voor een uitdaging: nog meer donoren naar het ziekenhuis brengen.

Zorg voor jezelf.

L.T.O.D.



BECOME A `VIKING MASTER` WITH DENMARK 1

Since many brothers and sisters have already reached the Grand Tour Master, the Danes now offer the Viking Master.

Based on the International Tours, Chapter Danmark 1 has designed various tasks to support the Danish Fire Cancer Organization.

Just like the Grand Tour, every participant will get to know a lot of Denmark, but also many Danish fire stations.

For example, the Compass Tour you have to visit the northernmost, southernmost, easternmost and westernmost fire station in Denmark.

The 5 regions tour includes 5 fire stations in all 5 regions of Denmark.

The Viking Master Patch is given to each participant in person at one of the RK Danmark 1 parties when all other tours have been run.

More information and registration can be found on the page www.rkmcdk1.eu

All proceeds will be donated to The Firefighters Cancerunion. www.brandcancer.dk



**A new
Red
Knight is
born in
Poland**

Poland 1

Region 8

(Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific)

NZ5's Inaugural Fundraiser for Te Omanga Hospice

A great turn out of riders on a bit of a cool start to the morning for our chapters inaugural charity ride.

32 bikes of all shapes, makes and sizes, including Suzie the Sidecar, attended the Te Omanga Hospice Charity ride hosted by the Red Knights Fire Fighters Motorcycle Club Wellington Chapter NZ5.



A terrific group of riders attended and ate some bacon butties, sausages and warmed up with tea and coffee, prepared by the enthusiastic volunteers from Te Omanga.

Amongst the riders where many stories of how the Hospice has supported them and their families, including Donna who's Dad was cared for by the Hospice, and attended in spirit with her on the ride.

After a nice gentle loop of the Blue Mountains road and surrounds, we all returned safely to Bellevue Gardens Hotel for a bite to eat and socialise.

We're pleased to announce for our inaugural charity ride, we were able to hand over a cheque of \$1500 to Matt McCracken from Te Omanga Hospice.

We look forward to hosting this event next year for this very worthwhile charity, and are pleased that even the modest amount this year, allows the payment of 1 full days care for patients that need residential care.



Thank you to all riders, and non-riders who attended, registered, donated, and purchased food items, and hope you will all spread the word for a bigger event next year.

NZ1 Celebrates their 20th Anniversary

1st Chapter to charter outside of the United States.

This year was a huge milestone for NZ1, New Zealand's first Red Knights Chapter and in fact the first Red Knights Chapter to charter outside of the United States.

NZ1 Chapter President Russell Rawiri was one of the 7 Charter members that began the chapter in 2001 and is still a driving force within the chapter, with 5 members (Russell and Dianne Rawiri, Kelvin Murray, Keith Doel and 'Snow' Buckton) from the original 7 still active in the chapter and still going strong.

Located in the beautiful far north of the North Island this peninsula of land is a motorcycling paradise boasting 3,200km of stunning coastline and harbours with no part of Northland more than 40km from the coast, ancient Kauri forests you can ride through and with the spiritual Cape Reinga lighthouse at the tip of the North Island overlooking the clashing of the Tasman Sea and the South Pacific Ocean as they converge.

This was a perfect opportunity to hold our annual Red Knights Gathering in Northland, so the other 9 Chapters from around New Zealand jumped at the chance to ride north to celebrate NZ1's 20th Anniversary. The furthest travelled came from NZ8 at the bottom of the South Island, a 2100km (1300 mile) one way ride just to get there.



was able to support Hikurangi, Russell and Paihia Volunteer Fire Stations through fundraising, giving back to all 3 communities.



With over 65 bikes from the North and South Island joining in the celebrations, the idyllic harbour town of Paihia and the Paihia Volunteer Fire Station welcomed the Red Knights into their community.

In fact, this Red Knights Gathering

Unfortunately due to Covid our Australian friends weren't able to pop over the 'Ditch' to celebrate with us, but NZ1 received plenty of congratulations from different Chapters around the world for reaching this milestone.



During the awards dinner we had a Live feed with Red Knights International President Joey Powell (NC12) to congratulate NZ1 on their achievement and Joey actually did well understanding our Kiwi lingo at 3am his time!

Special mention goes out to NZ1 Road Captain Patrick Scelly and Vanessa Hyslop for spearheading the organising committee to celebrate the fantastic achievement of 20 years for NZ1.

All Chapter members and friends that attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were thrilled to be a part of the celebrations!

Congratulations NZ1, looking forward to your 25th 'Silver' anniversary! Could be a Challenge coin in the making!



L to R NZ1 Road Captain Patrick Scelly, Region 8 Director Ken Mahon, NZ1 President and Charter member Russell Rawiri and NZ1 Charter member Kelvin Murray



Welcome to our South Pacific Region 8 First Female Vice President!

At the recent AGM for NZ4 Debbie Stevens was elected into the Executive role of Vice President. This occasion marks Debbie as the first female to be elected into the role of Vice President in New Zealand and Australia!



We took the opportunity to ask Debbie a few questions:

- How long have you been riding and what's your current steed?

I've been riding on and off for about 7 years. I'd been riding for about 4 years, then had a bike accident in the Coromandel which shook me up and kept me off bikes for about 12 years. But I got back into it about 3 years ago and you can't stop me now! My current ride is a Triumph Daytona.

- Where are you currently serving and how long have you been a Red Knight?

I'm a volunteer firefighter in Patea, Taranaki and have been involved with the Red Knights for the last 3 years.

- How did you find out about the Red Knights?

There are a number of Red Knights in the Patea brigade

- What do you enjoy about your Red Knights Chapter?

I enjoy the feeling of having an extended family that it gives you, the socialising and laughs we have, along with the enjoyment of being able to ride together.

- What made you put your hand up for an Executive role in your Chapter, and how do you feel about the position now that you're in the role?

When my name was put forward for consideration as VP in our Chapter, I was a bit nervous at first. However, I knew that I was capable and would be able to bring and action ideas within our Chapter and Executive Committee.

Now that I'm in the VP position I feel confident and have so much support and backing of not only the NZ4 Chapter and past Executives, but also from the other Chapters around New Zealand. So it's been pretty damn good so far, I'm enjoying it!

- Being a Vice President, what would you like to see happen within NZ4 or New Zealand's Chapters that could make us better?

Ideally I would like to see more of our Chapters come together outside of their own regions, supporting each other in rides, fundraising and socialising in general. Our national gatherings are once a year (See story about NZ1's 20th Anniversary) so I think we would all benefit from having more time together, more interaction. This helps to get to know each other better and to promote Red Knights around New Zealand.



L-R NZ4 members Jason, Wade and Nick have new VP Debbie's back

-Would you encourage others to take on an Executive role?

I would definitely encourage others in Chapters to put their hand up and take on an Executive role. New Execs bring fresh drive, fresh ideas and fresh input. It is what helps to build momentum and motivation in Chapters, allowing them to keep going forward.

Congratulations Debbie! We know you're going to do an awesome job in the Vice President role. Look forward to hearing more from you and seeing you on the road!

Te kaha i roto i te Kotahitanga / Strength in Unity

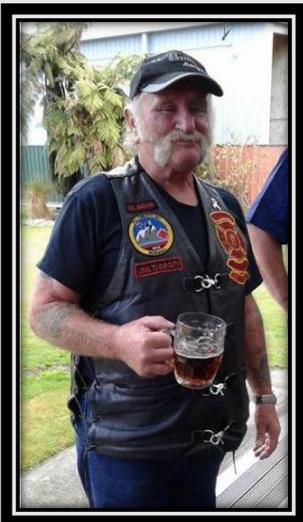
NZ6 and NZ7 Remembrance Ride for Sel and Doug

Friday, January 8th 2021 saw NZ6 and NZ7 Chapter members converge at the Reefton Hotel, on the West coast of the South Island of New Zealand for the first annual Remembrance ride for NZ6 and NZ7 members Dougie and Sel, who we tragically lost within days of each other a year ago.

NZ7 member Leighton rode Sel's Fat Boy over from the East Coast for the weekend, so it felt like Sel was there. Many stories were retold and escapades remembered in honour of the two legends that night.

Saturday dawned with a roadie to Ross to meet up with Doug's widow Roni, and to pay our respects at Doug's panoramic resting place, looking out over the rugged west coast.

A great weekend of riding and remembering those that will forever be our Brothers and Sisters on the road.



Miss you Doug and Sel. We'll ride again with you at next year's Remembrance Ride.

Words by Ken Mahon, NZ6 Chapter President, Region 8 Director

Three Chapters Meet in the Middle

After the NZ9 AGM, with all the celebrations following our leadership restructure and welcoming of new members, we decided that we wanted to celebrate in style and also introduce our newest member to some other members of our RKNZ family.

Invitations were sent to our adjoining chapters of NZ4 in Taranaki covering the West of the North Island, NZ5 in Wellington covering the South of the North Island, and NZ3 in the Centre of the North Island.

As it turned out our Newest member Kylie was unable to get released from work and a certain amount of our senior management were unable to attend, but the guys from the west coast and the south were there in abundance. Sadly the guys from NZ3 were unable to attend but were sadly missed.



It was great to see NZ5 Vice President Tony Kerr leading from the front, following his accident last year and dragging the guys up from the South. Also from NZ4 Jason and Debbie coming across for some good ol' Hawkes Bay hospitality.

On June 12th we all descended on the Black Dog pub in Makotuku just North of Dannevirke, which is a much loved destination of motorcyclists. Helen, the proprietor, was a long suffering, yet humble host and ensured we all had a great time, until Sunday Morning arrived far too soon.

We discussed many things and totally put the world right but amongst other things discussed repeating the event on a regular basis with our surrounding Chapters.



Words by NZ9 Chapter President 'Rossco' Arthur

Red Knights Australia 6's first 10 Years.

On the 15th May 2021 Red Knights Australia 6 turned 10 years old and on the 16th May they celebrated their anniversary at the Jack Ryan's Irish Bar.

Their success as a chapter can be seen by their milestones below:-

- Currently and has been for a number of years the largest chapter in Region 8
- Still has 4 of the original 10 members, and 2 still hold the same position from day 1 (Mike Coen as RC1, and myself as President
- Successfully ran, in conjunction with Aus 5, Charlies Ride for 4 years and raised upwards of \$40 thousand dollars for a family in Warragul.
- Ran the local Black Dog ride here in Gippsland for 2 years.
- Has attended EVERY Sale and District Toy Run in the last 9 years and starting with a \$250 Dollar donation in the first year has increased that to last year's donations of \$15500 to the Toy Runs here and in Bairnsdale.
- Have played a major role in the local Toy Runs for the last 5 years and have run the Event for the 2 years.
- Donated funds to – Central Gippsland Hospital, Ashleigh House Elderly Citizens Village, Sale Fire Brigade and a host of other worthwhile causes and charitable organizations in our local area.
- Our members have been awarded the 2X Outstanding Contribution Awards, 1X Perry Carter Award and 1 x International Life membership.
- We had the First Region 8 Director appointed, and then Elected from our ranks.
- Successfully ran the 2019 Red Knight Gathering here in Sale.
- Participated in 10 out of 11 Wall to Wall rides and donated considerable funds to the event via the Knights Banquet.
- And with the final donations authorized by the membership at our Anniversary Lunch, we have achieved our goal of raising and donating over \$100,000 in our first ten years with the actual total being - \$100,173.99.

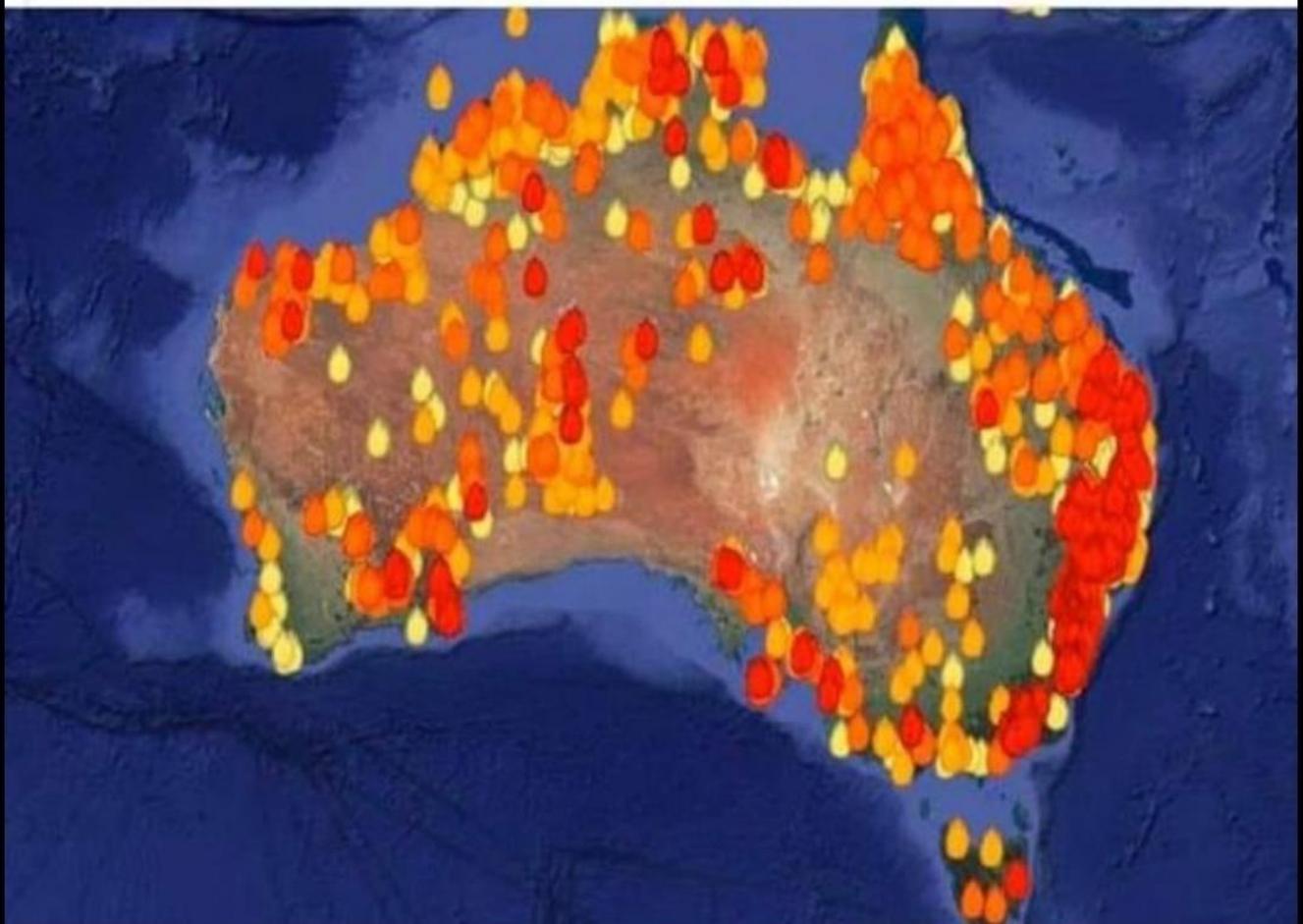


Red Knights Aussie Fires Benefit

During the middle of the 2019 / 20 Fire Season in Australia (now known as the Black Summer) Red Knights Australia Latrobe Valley 19, with the assistance of the Red Knights All chapters and MAL Facebook page Admins launched a fundraising benefit to assist members that may be affected in the fires.

Firstly, during the 2019/2020 Black Summer bushfires there was a total of 186000 Sq kilometres (72000 Sq Miles or 46 million acres burned). 34 people were killed and there were 5900 buildings destroyed in fires that burned across the Australian Continent. Numerous communities in several states were under direct attack, and smoke plumes blanketed much of the country.

COUNTRY BURNS: This map shows the number of active bushfires burning across Australia in real time. Fires in the west have forced the closure of the Eyre Highway between SA and WA, while crews in NSW are still battling over 100 fires under catastrophic conditions.
Map: <https://myfirewatch.landgate.wa.gov.au/>



The theory for our fundraiser was simple, we would donate any funds raised from the RK community to RK members that were affected by the bushfires. If there were no affected RK members, we would donate the funds to frontline organisation that were directly involved in fire suppression or recovery activities. The process was overseen by Regional Director Jason Collins and several committee members of Aus LV 19.

Thanks to the generosity of the worldwide RK community there was a total of \$9900.00

That was divided in donations of \$2000 and \$1900 that were directed to Chapters in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia and South Australia.

The Victorian donation fund, was doubled by Red Knights Australia 6 to a grand total of \$4000
These funds were split into \$1000 donations to:
Sarsfield, Ensay and Buchan Fire brigades and the Mallacoota wildlife shelter



The three fire brigades were heavily involved in fighting fires in East Gippsland (Victoria) and the Mallacoota Wildlife shelter worked very hard after the fires around Mallacoota on NYE 2019 rescuing and tending to injured native animals.

In Western Australia, funds were donated to:

Native Animal Rescue: Native Animal Rescue is a not-for-profit and non-government incorporated group. Located in Perth - South West of Australia and have a regional branch in Broome - North West of Australia.

In December, a fire that started in Yanchep burnt through over 14,000ha across Two Rocks and into the Shire of Gingin over several days, during which homes and property were lost.

Native Animal Rescue were tasked with rescuing Australian native wildlife affected during the Australian bushfire season of 19/20 including the Two Rocks area.

Many animals had to be destroyed due to the nature of their injuries a task that all volunteers across all disciplines find difficult to do.

However after much care many of the animals were able to be released back in the area. Native Animal Rescue are still a couple of times a week visiting the area ensuring the progress of the rehabilitated continues.

Image attached is of Australia 9 Treasurer Kelvin Portland OAM and Kelli Ellemor from Native Animal Rescue.



In South Australia donated funds were directed to SAVEM (South Australia Veterinary Emergency Management) an organisation that deploys into *all* hazards & emergencies in South Australia. Their Mission is to assess, rescue, triage, treat, shelter and return to owners, habitat or suitable long-term care, animals of all species.

In Queensland Donations were directed to:

Adelaide Park, Burgundian, Maryvale Rural Fire Service brigades.

On behalf of the Red Knight community in Australia, I would like to thank the members worldwide that donated to this fundraiser, your donations have all gone on to make a difference in many and varied organisations across our country. Unfortunately due to Covid19 we have been unable to get out and about and do handovers in person, but as our restrictions and lockdowns are starting to ease, we will be able to visit and get pictures with the beneficiaries of these donations. These will be posted Red Knights All chapters and MAL Facebook page. Once again thank you for your wonderful support from all the Australian Red knight family.

Brian Soall M.A.I.E.S
President
Red Knights Australia
Latrobe Valley 19

Bailey gets a new bike

On the Labour Day weekend, Bailey had his bike stolen from outside his house. Bailey's neighbour, Bob Wood who is the secretary of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club Chapter 3, along with Andy Young president of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club Chapter 6 and Scott Hamilton Red Knights Motorcycle Club Chapter 8 stepped into action to locate a suitable bike that they could donate to Bailey to replace his stolen bike.

Bailey's new bike was presented to him at the Phillip Island Fire Brigade with Red Knights Motorcycle club.



Red Knights Australia 6 doing what they do best.

Back in February members of Australia 6 participated in an enjoyable community spirited activity, taking the residents of Ashleigh House for a spin on their motorcycle.

As you can see by the smiles on the residents faces that it brought them joy and happiness and they had a fantastic time.



FULL GEAR VS FOOL'S GEAR

HELMET

Most important piece of protective gear a rider can use. Protects against head injury, windblast, cold and flying objects. Full faced helmet recommended.

FACE SHIELD

Saves face! Any rider who's been hit in the face by stones, insects or debris can tell you the benefits.

GLOVES

Keep hands comfortable, functional and protected. Come in infinite variety for all seasons.

JACKET & PANTS

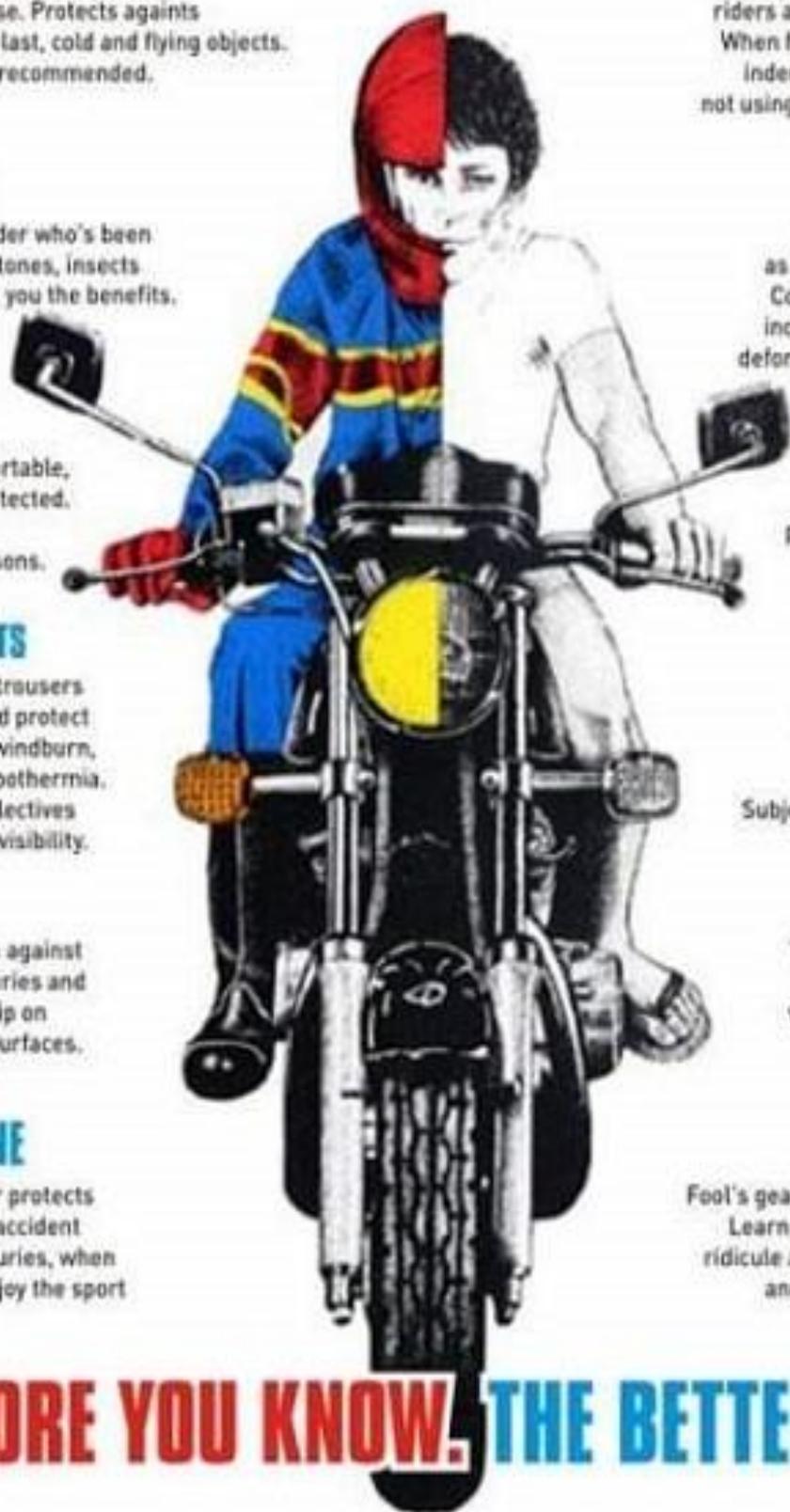
Long sleeves and trousers resist abrasion and protect against sunburn, windburn, dehydration or hypothermia. Light colors or reflectives increase a rider's visibility.

BOOTS

Provide protection against foot and ankle injuries and give you a good grip on footpegs or road surfaces.

BOTTOM LINE

Proper riding gear protects in the event of an accident and minimized injuries, when allowing you to enjoy the sport in comfort.



HEAD

Considered precious by knowledgeable riders and never exposed by the pros. When fully in view, allows immediate identification of untrained person not using his. Hand out rider education info on site!

EYES, EARS & FACE

Known to experienced riders as "bug and garbage collectors." Common "bare-face" symptoms include windblast-deafening and deformed, narrow-sit, watery eyes.

HANDS

au naturale (not for long). Known to seize into curled position when exposed to cold; not genetically evolved to withstand abrasion.

BARE LIMBS

A phenomenon seen only on riders deemed impervious to any unavoidable accident or inclement weather. Subject to ridicule in riding circles.

FLIP FLOPS

Terminology for what sandals, toes and feet do upon contact with road surfaces, shift lever, brake pedal, footpegs, or windblasts.

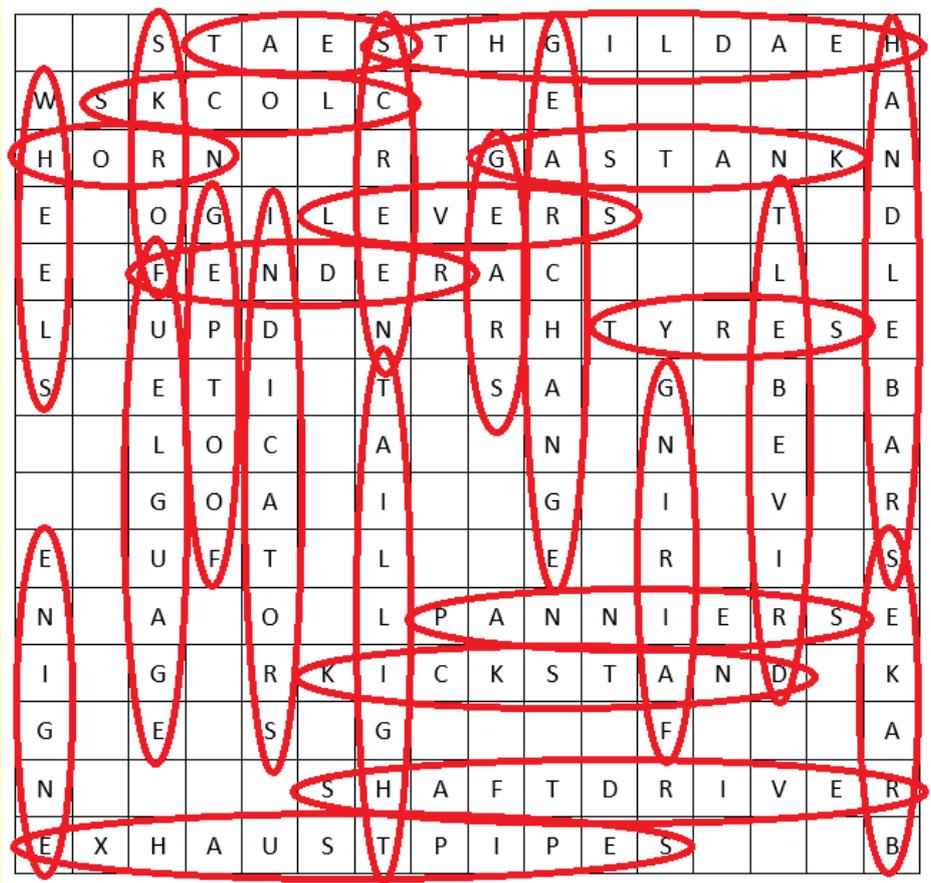
BOTTOM LINE

Fool's gear identifies an untrained rider. Learn how to avoid embarrassment, ridicule and injury, while gaining skills and knowledge by contacting the Rider Course nearest you.

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