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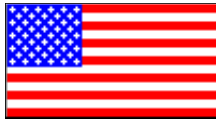
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Spring 2001

*Manitoba #1 invites you to the
18th Annual RKMC
International Convention
August 16 – 19, 2001
In Winnipeg - Manitoba - Canada*

The executive board and members of Manitoba #1 extend an invitation to all members of the Red Knights to attend and participate in this years convention. Our chapter members have arranged a program of interest and variety, including some free time to take advantage of the many attractions Winnipeg has to offer.

The proposed schedule of events includes:

- A parade on Thursday led by antique fire apparatus through downtown Winnipeg.
- The parade terminates at The Firefighters Museum where a supper of Ukrainian flavor will be served.
- A post dinner Ice Cream Run to historic Lockport for those interested (Approx. 20 miles each way).
- Friday morning ride to the Icelandic community of Gimli, located 1 hour north, on the shores of Lake Winnipeg. (This area supports some of the finest beaches, boutiques, restaurants, and a harbor for fishing and pleasure boats).
- Friday evening via transport by English double decker buses to and from the boat docks we will cruise the Red River on a paddlewheel river boat.
- A Show & Shine competition will be held on Saturday afternoon with a trophy awarded to the winner in each category.
- Saturday evening there is a formal banquet, awards presentation and dance.
- Sunday our Convention winds up with a *Come and Go* buffet breakfast.

Please accept this as your official invitation to come and spend some time with us this summer. I am sure that through the activities and program planned, you will form new friendships, create fond memories, and leave with a desire to visit Manitoba again.

Come to the Convention in Winnipeg and allow the members of Manitoba #1 to show why our province is known as " Friendly Manitoba"

Norm Baumler
Secretary/Treasurer
Manitoba-1



**Red Knights
International Firefighters
Motorcycle Club, Inc.**

From Boylston, MA., to the Future...

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

It seems to be a long winter — or is it just that I am getting up in years. All I know is that I am tired of the snow and the cold and I envy those who live in the sunny south and can ride their bikes whenever they feel like it! But that is enough of me pouting.

We have finally made it to the West Coast with our first Chapter in British Columbia, Canada. Now if only we can get the Firefighters in St. Johns Newfoundland signed up, we will be Coast to Coast in Canada.

Again, it is with our deepest condolences to our families and friends, that we must announce that a few more of our members have gone for that ride into Heaven. In one instance, a firefighter who was in the process of starting a Chapter in Virginia, was on that fateful ride. I will be requesting to the Red Knights body at the Convention that as a gesture of acknowledgement to Andy, we have his name included on the Club Cenotaph. Even though he had not yet sent the application for their charter, his work towards forming a chapter, and his death while serving his country in the National Guard, is deserving of recognition from the Red Knights.

The convention is coming and Winnipeg is gearing up to ensure we will have a memorable time. I am looking forward to the convention, even though Barb will not be able to attend with me. I have been asked if I will be running for another term as your President. I most certainly will! I find it a most enjoyable position, and my duties as your President take away the daily pressures of Fire Prevention. I wish to thank you for your encouragement in the past. If someone else who would like to challenge me for that position — please, by all means, go for it. I believe that although I may be doing a fine job, there maybe someone with new ideas that will be an asset to the Club. That person may be the one to elect, and I would support him/her to the best of my ability, if that is the membership's decision.

I would like to express my thanks and best wishes to Bill Hollick who has been our Chairman for the 'Help – a – Knight' program since its inception. Bill has done a great job and is now hanging up his riding boots. I assured him that his name would remain in the Help-a-Knight directory and again thank Bill for his contributions to the Club as one of its earliest members.

Well its time to get my bike back together. Still a lot of wiring to do before riding season begins. I hope to see each of you at Americade or at the Convention. Ride safe and be courteous.

Respectfully Yours:

Gary Nelson,
International President

*Check inside for info on
the 2001 International
Convention in Manitoba!*

Look inside for information on:

- * The Convention in Winnipeg,
- * The RKMC at Americade
- * News from the Chapters

- * RK Help-a-Knight
- * The 50/50 Raffle
- ...and much, much more!

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Take a personal survey on what *sounds familiar*:

- Candy cigarettes
- Wax Coke Bottles with colored sugar water inside
- Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles
- Coffee shops with tableside juke boxes
- "Blackjack" chewing gum
- Home milk delivery in glass bottles, with cardboard stoppers
- Party lines
- Newsreels before the movie.
- P.F. Flyers
- Butch wax
- Telephone numbers with a word prefix
- Peashooters
- Howdy Doody
- 45-RPM records
- S&H Green stamps
- Hi-fi's (not stereos)
- Metal ice-cube trays, with levers
- Mimeograph paper
- Blue flashbulbs
- Beanie and Cecil
- Roller Skate keys
- Cork pop guns
- Drive-in movie theaters
- Studebakers
- Wash tub wringers

If you remembered 0-5, you're still young. 6-12, getting older, 12-18 you're old enough to be a mom or dad. If you counted off 18-24 you are old enough to be a grandma or grandpa — and if you remembered all 25, you're older than dirt!
(Thanks to Indiana-1 for sharing that with us.)



On Saturday, March 3, 2001, twenty-one National Guard members were killed when their twin-engine C-23 Sherpa crashed in a field in heavy rain in Georgia. On board when the transport plane went down, were three Florida Army National Guard personnel and 18 Virginia Air National Guard members .

One of the guardsmen killed, Andy Bridges, was a firefighter with the Chesapeake, Virginia Fire Department. Andy was recently spearheading a membership drive to begin a new chapter of the Red Knights in his home area. His friends remember Andy as a good father and husband, a good firefighter, a good motorcyclist, a good brother.

Andy leaves behind his wife and two small children, ages one and two years. Our prayers are with his family and friends.

THE CRACKED WATER POT

A water bearer in India had two large pots hung on each end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made.

But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you." "Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?" "I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said. The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion he said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path."


Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it

The annual nationwide **Ride to Work Day** is the third Wednesday in July (every year). *Riding your motorcycle to work* on this day will demonstrate:

- The number of motorcyclists to the general public and to politicians.
- That motorcyclists are from all occupations and all walks of life.
- That motorcyclists can reduce traffic congestion in large cities.
- That motorcycles are for transportation as well as recreation.

We can change public attitudes about motorcycling in ways that will *benefit everyone*. Please tell your friends. Visit the Ride to Work foundation at www.ridetowork.org

Reminder...

Anyone who intends  **OTE** to run for International Office at the convention in August should announce their intentions at the Red Knights meeting held at Americade in Lake George.

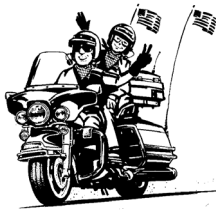
Anyone planning to run for office that will not be at Americade should forward relevant information to a member of the International Executive Board or the

some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again it apologized to the bearer for its failure. The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pot's side?"

That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."

Moral: Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are, and look for the good in them. There is a lot of good out there. There is a lot of good in us! Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.

Remember to appreciate all the different people in your life! Just think -- if it hadn't been for the crackpots in our lives, it would have been pretty boring and not so interesting... Thank you all my crackpot friends.



COPS join Bikers in Support of Motorcycle Safety

(Amesbury, MA)
Members of over 90 Massachusetts city and town police departments

announced it's support, joining with bikers, for the passage "Nelly's Bill," to put motorcycle safety and awareness in the Driver's Education Programs.

"This is a welcomed endorsement," said Paul W. Cote of Amesbury, a motorcycle activist involved in promoting safety and awareness. "Nelly's Bill," will bring a motorcycle awareness component into the driver's education programs in high schools and commercial driving schools. It was filed by State Representative Bradford Hill (R-Ipswich), a member of the Joint Committee on Public Safety. Several other Senators and Representatives have signed on as co-sponsors of the Bill.

The Bill was filed in memory of Nelson Selig, Sr., of Essex, who was killed last April when a 19-year old operator crossed into his lane. Area motorcyclists, including Cote, banded together and put on a "run" of motorcycles, raising over \$15,000 for a scholarship fund for the children of Selig. Cote reports they expect to do similar runs each year until his kids are out of college.

"We wanted something good to come out of this tragedy," said Cote. He claims over 177,000 people between the ages of 16-19 are driving in Massachusetts with little to no 'awareness' of motorcycles on the road.

Conte predicts that Nelly's Bill would begin a process of making new drivers aware. A similar program is underway in Virginia. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation developed an 8-minute video and course instruction module that could be implemented immediately.

"I appreciate Mass COP's coming out front and joining with the motorcycle community for passage of Nelly's Bill," Cote concluded.

Massachusetts RKMC Officers support "Nellie's Bill"

February 3 in Westminster, Massachusetts brought together chapter officers from Mass 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, and 11 with State Rep Steve Mickle for their Winter meeting. One point of business was throwing their support behind "Nelly's Bill." This bill currently in the Massachusetts State House would add a motorcycle awareness component to the driver education programs throughout the state.

Red Knights play Santa!

A note from Steve Morgan in Illinois-II tells of a ride back on December 3, 2000 that they participate in each year. On the first Sunday of December each year there is a Toys For Tots Motorcycle Parade that runs 18 miles in and around Chicago... rain, shine, cold, warm no matter what.

This is done in conjunction with the USMC Toys for Tots campaign. The objective is to collect toys for children who might not otherwise have a Christmas. The year 2000 was the 23rd year that this ride has taken place. Steve said that this was his 20th year participating but his first year participating as a Red Knight.

It was the biggest and best Toys For Tots Motorcycle Parade in history with 25,000 (yes that's thousand) bikes in the parade! What a tremendous turnout. It was a little cold before the sun came up, but it was so nice to see all the stars overhead, a sure sign that there would be no rain this year. The beautiful morning sunshine encouraged bikers to show up in droves. Santa made a dramatic entrance on his highly decorated, white Harley-Davidson, accompanied by more elves this year than ever before.

Our members make us proud where ever they are. All the charities, fund drives, a help given by our members are an inspiration to each of us. Keep up the good work everyone!

Here I sit in central Massachusetts, it's April 1, and we should be enjoying the beginning of the riding season. BUT — in the last 36 hours we have been blessed with another six inches of fresh snow, slush, and ice — AND they are forecasting more snow tonight! Boy am I ready for warm weather.

I guess there is a lot of truth to the clipping that was in the Indiana-1 newsletter:

"The weather we gets is the weather we got, so we're gonna have weather, whether or not!"

RKMC Connecticut-II

held its Second Annual Bus Trip to NYC to attend the International Motorcycle Expo on Sunday 2/25/01. There were forty-three attend including six members from Mass-2.

After touring the expo at the Javitts Center, CT-II had reservations for the entire bus at the Harley Davidson Cafe on 6th Avenue. Despite inclement weather all had a great time. Looks like this will continue as an annual event! All members are welcome to join us next year!

CT-II is also planning their Second Annual New Hampshire Ride & Stay Weekend this summer. The dates are July 27, 28 & 29th. (We had 6 members from NJ join us last year and, despite the torrential rains, they plan on joining us again — hopefully with better weather!)

Best regards,
Diane O'Hagan
RKMC CTII

Myrtle Beach for Bikes

Mark Watkins, President of Virginia-1 has made arrangements for a Red Knights tent at Bike Week in Myrtle Beach, SC. The RKMC tent is reserved for May 18th from 1600 until 1800 hours. The meeting tent is located in Murrels Inlet. If you are looking for more specific information you can contact Sonny at (336) 643-1367 or visit <http://MyrtleBeachBikeWeek.com> on-line.

Bike week in Myrtle Beach is May 14th through May 20th 2001. Mark says he is looking forward to meeting any and all fellow Red Knights that may come to this annual event.

Red Knights E-mail list

The Red Knights keep a master list of its members' e-mail addresses. When your chapter files its membership report with the International, one of the categories is email.

John O'Hagen of Connecticut -II is the keeper of the email data base.

So when you see messages from John going out to the members — it's not some unsolicited junk email — it's a membership update from John and the club.

This is another way for us to keep in touch with each other and let our members know what's happening with the Red Knights.

I am told that Ohio 5 has a mascot that tends to pass from member to member. This piece of Chapter tradition is named *Rekindle* and to obtain ownership a member must be caught in some embarrassing venture... (the note I received called it a "screw-up"). Hmmm. I wonder if anyone would be willing to share some Rekindle stories with us!

4-Corners Update

In the last newsletter it was mentioned that on behalf of the Red Knights, Ed Brouillet and Steve Mickle presented the Worcester (MA) Firefighters with \$8800 to help with the memorial fund for those brothers lost on December 3, 1999.

Since our last newsletter, donations have still been coming in for the fund. To date, on behalf of the Red Knights, through the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Tour, over \$11,000 has been donated to the Worcester Firefighters Memorial Fund.

Support Manitoba!

For any Chapter that has hosted one of the annual conventions you know that Manitoba has been working hard. This work began before last year's convention ended in preparation for the arrival of the Red Knights in Winnipeg this August.

Along with the work are some costs to the club. The primary way for them to raise funds to pay for the club's convention expenses is through their convention program and ad book.

If you run a business or know of a business that would like to advertise in the booklet OR if your chapter would like to take out an ad to support Indiana-1 OR for those of us who cannot make the convention and would like to support Indiana-1 with an ad in their books...

Make money orders or checks payable in Canadian funds to RKMC Manitoba 1, attach ad copy and/or artwork as it is to be published and forward by **July 1st** to :

RKMC c/o MDAC
1 Morley Ave.
Winnipeg, MB R3L 2P4

Manitoba-1 thanks any and all supporters (businesses, chapters, and individuals) for help promoting the Red Knights and the 2001 Convention.

Advertising rates (in Canadian funds) for Souvenir Journal

Business card ads can be used for those who wish to be personal sponsors and have their name and message included in the book.

Camera ready art work necessary. Manitoba-1 accepts no responsibility for poor quality reproduction artwork.

Information needed includes:

Advertiser's Name, Address, Phone Number, and Signature.

Full page	\$ 90
Half page	\$ 50
Quarter Page	\$ 30
Business card size	\$ 10

Help-a-Knight

Do you know what the Help-A-Knight Program is?

This program is a data base of members throughout our organization that can offer assistance, a tow, information, or whatever other help can be offered to a traveling Red Knight passing through your area.

If you have availability of offering assistance, if you spot an error in the current directory, if you need to change some of your currently listed information, if you are listed but no longer are able to offer assistance, or if you are not listed and would like to offer assistance — please use this form (*left*) to make changes to the next edition of the directory. Chapter Presidents should have a copy of the directory to make copies to share them with interested members. If you can accept an MSWord electronic copy, email Newsletter editor Bob Laford at rflaford@tiac.net for an e-copy.

A big **thank you** to Bill Hollick of Massachusetts-1 for all work coordinating the Help-A-Knight program over past years. Bill recently had to give up his stewardship of the program — but we know he is not far away and can offer guidance to the newest “keeper of the records,” editor Bob Laford.

RKMC Help-A-Knight Registration Form

Please Print Information and Check All Statements That Apply

Name _____ Chapter _____

Street _____

City _____

St./Prov. _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____

*This is a **New** registration*

*This is a **Change** to my information*

To Help-A-Knight I will:

- 1. Take calls for information about my area. No Collect Calls.
- 2. Allow a Red Knight to stay overnight in my home
- 3. Allow a Red Knight to put up a tent on my property
- 4. Allow a Red Knight to leave a bike on my property
- 5. Bring my SAE tools to a Help-A-Knight who has broken down
- 6. Pick up a Red Knight's bike with my pick-up truck or trailer
- 7. Bring my Metric tools to Help-A-Knight who has broken down
- 8. Someone in my home speaks French

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Spring Fling is a big success!

Congratulations to Rhode Island Chapter-1. On Saturday, April 7, they held their second annual Spring Fling Dance. The program was a great success with over 150 tickets sold.

Proceeds from the dance, totaling \$1500, was presented to the Tomorrow Fund. This charitable organization provides support for families with children suffering from cancer. A big round of applause go out to our brothers from Rhode Island!

Joe Conroy and Mike Leblanc presenting the check for \$1500 to the Tomorrow Fund

TAME THE RAGE

As we sat here counting the days until we see some better weather, we began thinking about what we could write about as our new riding season approaches. I think frustration began to surface as we wished we were riding right now. Then we started thinking about the mental preparation we need to take once we get on the road again. One thing we've learned over the years is you're only as good as you are prepared. With the idea of being prepared we need to recognize the type of people around us on the road.

With life's demands and problems today, many people are rushing around in a fury and not very concerned about the welfare and well being of others. How many of us when driving have been cut off, seen someone using excessive speed, tailgating, switching lanes without signaling, running red lights, or preventing someone from passing them. If you've seen this then you have seen what is now referred to as the "Aggressive Driver." This person is very dangerous to you and anyone around you. Approximately two thirds of crashes nationwide involve an "Aggressive Driver".

So what can we do when confronted by an "Aggressive Driver"? First of all you must attempt to get out of his or her way. Do not challenge this individual. You have no idea of the potential for aggression this driver could take against you. Avoid eye contact and certainly avoid any obscene gestures. A gesture may be all that is needed to make this person snap and cause harm to you. You're no match on two wheels against a four-wheeler, that out weighs ten to one. You need to remain in control and not let the situation escalate. If you have the ability to pull off the road you can use a cellular phone to dial *77 which will connect you to the State Police in most states. Many law enforcement agencies are targeting aggressive drivers. The plate number and type of vehicle will be information you'll need to relay to them. Put yourself above them and let it go. In other words "Tame the Rage". We all need to show Road Respect. Don't let someone else rattle your cage.

*We now have an M-A-L from across the pond!
Welcome to Steven Drawater of Canterbury,
England. Now that would be the ultimate ice
cream ride!*

Have you visited the Red Knights Web page lately?

Take a look what's going on at the International, planning for the Convention, and happenings with chapters around the club as well!

There is even a message board where you can communicate with other Red Knights.

www.redknightsmc.org

Thanks to M.A.L. Michael Dickenson and our on-line sponsor, the California Public Safety Academy, for supporting our internet page.

**From your International V.P.
Ed Brouillet**

Greetings to all of our Chapter & M.A.L. members. I hope you are ready for another year of fun. Remember to always think safety. Begin this Spring by thinking about taking a rider education course and always look out for each other.

Some of our members that did not have to put up with the winter got to take their bikes out in January. I was really jealous. For those of us up in the Northeast it has been a long hard winter with a lot of snow and cold. As the days get longer, we are trying to look for some good weather to get our bikes out and do some riding. Hopefully, that time will be here soon.

Remember that Americade, in Lake George, N.Y is coming up soon and I understand a lot of the tours are already booked. So it looks like another big year! We hope to see all our old friends and make some new ones at the Thursday night open house. We also hope to see you all at the parade on Saturday morning. We would like to make it four years in a row that we have had the largest club in the parade. (Rumors abound that other clubs have been planning all year to beat us out of the largest uniformed contingent award!)

As we continue to see the Red Knights grow, your International Board is faced with the challenge of trying to keep up with the pace and expectations of our members, and to plan for the future. We are fast approaching our 20th anniversary as an organization. It is hard to believe that the Red Knights have been around for that long. This summer will be looking to elect an International President and Treasurer at this year's convention. As we continue to grow we are seeing more people show interest in being on the International Board. It is that interest that will continue to be the spark that will drive us for the years to come. We have to make sure that each and every member who is elected to that board is going to give it their all to promote the social and fraternal brotherhood of the Red Knights in the future. We are seeing new members from over the pond in England, to Calgary, Alberta and British Columbia in Canada, and all corners of the U.S. A lot of interest is still coming via the Internet and our web page. I hope that each and every member will try to pass the word and do what he or she can to promote the Red Knights. Until we meet again...

...Ride Safe and take care of each other.

Ed Brouillet, International V.P.

M.A.N.Y.s Produce Emergency Medical Services Video

The Motorcycle Association of New York State (M.A.N.Y.S.) (the provider of the Rider Education Program for New York State DMV) has recently completed a training video showing the proper techniques for removing helmets from accident victims, whether they be motorcycle riders or other sport riders.

The video is meant to be used as an adjunct for training emergency care providers (CFR's EMTs, Paramedics, Ski Patrollers, ER Docs and Nurses, etc.) in helmet removal. M.A.N.Y.S. can also provide a seminar on helmet removal techniques for any emergency care organization that desiring such training.

The video was presented for the first time on March 2, 2001 in Orlando, Florida to the International Motorcycle Safety Conference. The attendees, who make up a wide variety of members of the international motorcycling safety community, responded enthusiastically.

The video sells for \$35. plus S/H. M.A.N.Y.S. will also provide the seminar for a modest honorarium covering costs and time. For further information about either the video or the seminar, contact Paramedic/Lieutenant Ric Remz, 89-02 250 Street, Bellerose, NY 11426. Telephone: 718-347-2968 or E-Mail at: HWYMEDIC@aol.com. Ric is a M.A.L. with the Red Knights and is a Paramedic/with the NYC Fire Department's Emergency Medical Service Command.

Look for Ric at Americade. Each year he conducts safety seminars on several different topics. Look him up if you are at Lake George — and hopefully he can drop by the RKMC meeting at the Lake George FD on Thursday.

50/50 Raffle

The 50/50 Raffle needs your support! Each year the Red Knights run a 50/50 raffle with a drawing at the convention. The raffle supports publicity of the Red Knights, including newsletter publishing and mailing costs. Fifty percent of the proceeds go to the club and fifty percent to the winner!

Each member has two books of tickets to sell and each chapter is asked to buy five books. Tickets are being sent to each member with this mailing. With over 1500 members the potential to help the Red Knights through this drawing is BIG! Think of the 50/50 prize that will be drawn at the convention if everyone sells two books (10 tickets).

Actually, each book contains 6 tickets. As a thank you for selling tickets, for every five tickets you sell, one is a freebie for the seller! That's a chance to win some big money on a free ticket!

The 50/50 raffle is a fund raising event which subsidizes postage for the newsletter, ads in magazines & bike related news papers, and the International's web page.

Without a successful 50/50 raffle the per-capita dues would increase to pay for these things.

Please help keep your dues down in price. Buy and sell the 50/50 tickets enclosed, two books per member plus five books per chapter. If you have any questions, or would like more tickets, contact Peg Brouillet of Mass-2. Sold tickets and money (checks only to RKMC-International, please don't mail cash) should also be sent to Peg by **August 5** (or brought to the convention)

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RKMA2@net1plus.com

Thanks to your support, last year's raffle was a huge success with over \$4,000 raised. Keep up the good work. Forward ticket sales and stubs to Peg prior to August 5 so the Club can track Chapter activity in this effort. ...Thanks for your help and see you in Manitoba!

(P.S. You don't have to be present in Winnipeg to win)

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Greetings Fellow Knights

I sit here at my computer, in April no less, looking out the window at a vast expanse of snow. SNOW, a nasty four-letter word to a biker, but I guess there's nothing we can do about it but wait for it to melt. I sure do envy you southerners that never have to put your bikes away and as soon as I win the lottery I'm coming down to join you.

This winter has been busier than most as far as inquiries about the Red Knights are concerned. I personally have received almost twice the usual number of requests for info and I know that the other members of the executive have been getting a lot more too. This trend is sure to lead to continued growth in the club.

While I have enjoyed my two terms as Vice-chair of the Board of Directors, it is with some regret that I am announcing that I will not be seeking re-election this year. I have some other commitments that need more of my time and I don't feel that I could give enough time to this position. So if there any State Reps that would like to run for this position I would suggest that you submit your name to the Nominations officer, Steve Mickle of Mass 2, some time before the next executive meeting at Lake George on June 7th.

I hope to see a lot of you at Americade or the Convention this summer. Americade is always a lot of fun and it sounds like Winnipeg will be too. In the mean time RIDE SAFE.....

Henry Heideman
Vice-chairman
Board of Directors

THE TEN BEST TOOLS OF ALL TIME

synonymous with the user's maiming.

Ontario-7 obtains Fire Engine

The newspaper article about this story begins, "his wife still thinks he's nuts." Firefighter and Red Knights member Carson Cross brought home a 1971 C1000 Dodge Fire Engine when the city of Belleville, Ontario retired the pumper. His wife was thankful that the pumper did not fit in their garage!

Carson stored the vehicle at one of the community's fire stations as he worked on it. He has since donated the truck to Ontario-Chapter 7 of the Red Knights.

With the help of club members Cross has tracked down gear — SCBA, protective equipment, hose, etc. — that will be placed on the engine when it is restored.

In February the apparatus was sent off to Warkworth penitentiary where it will receive some body work. Inmates at the correctional facility are donating their labor to fully restore the fire engine, while the Co-operators Insurance Company has pledged to cover the costs of parts for the refurbish job.

Carson, and the Red Knights, hope to see the restored engine used as a Fire Prevention Education tool around their area of Ontario.

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover. Mark Twain

I think that Mark Twain would have ridden a motorcycle if he were around today. Enjoy the time you have with you friends, family, and your bike. See you on the road.

Forget the Snap-On Tools truck; it's never there when you need it. Besides, there are only ten things in this world you need to fix any car, any place, any time.

1. Duct Tape: Not just a tool, a veritable Swiss Army knife in stickum and plastic. It's safety wire, body material, radiator hose, upholstery, insulation, tow rope, and more in one easy-to-carry package. Sure, there's a prejudice surrounding duct tape in concourse competitions, but in the real world everything from LeMans - winning Porsches to Atlas rockets - uses it by the yard. The only thing that can get you out of more scrapes is a quarter and a phone booth.

2. Vice-Grips: Equally adept as a wrench, hammer, pliers, baling wire twister, breaker-off of frozen bolts, and wiggle-it-till-it-falls-off tool. The heavy artillery of your toolbox, Vice Grips are the only tool designed expressly to fix things screwed up beyond repair.

3. Spray Lubricants: A considerably cheaper alternative to new doors, alternators, and other squeaky items. Slicker than pig phlegm. Repeated soakings of WD-40 will allow the main hull bolts of the Andrea Dora to be removed by hand. Strangely enough, an integral part of these sprays is the infamous little red tube that flies out of the nozzle if you look at it cross-eyed, one of the ten worst tools of all time.

4. Margarine Tubs With Clear Lids: If you spend all your time under the hood looking for a frendle pin that caromed off the peedle valve when you knocked both off the air cleaner, it's because you eat butter. Real mechanics consume pounds of tasteless vegetable oil replicas, just so they can use the empty tubs for parts containers afterward. (Some, of course, chuck the butter-colored goo altogether or use it to repack wheel bearings.) Unlike air cleaners and radiator lips, margarine tubs aren't connected by a time/space wormhole to the Parallel Universe of Lost Frendle Pins.

5. Big Rock At The Side Of The Road: Block up a tire. Smack corroded battery terminals. Pound out a dent. Bop nosy know-it-all types on the noodle. Scientists have yet to develop a hammer that packs the raw banging power of granite or limestone. This is the only tool with which a "made in India" emblem is not

6. Plastic Zip Ties: After twenty years of lashing down stray hoses and wired with old bread ties, some genius brought a slightly slicked up version to the auto parts market. Fifteen zip ties can transform a hulking mass of amateur-quality rewiring from a working model of the Brazilian rain forest into something remotely resembling a wiring harness. Of course, it works both ways. When buying used cars, subtract \$100.00 for each zip tie under the hood.

7. Ridiculously Large Standard Screwdriver With Lifetime Guarantee: Let's admit it. There's nothing better for prying, chiseling, lifting, breaking, splitting, or mutilating than a huge flat-bladed screwdriver, particularly when wielded with gusto and a big hammer. This is also the tool of choice for oil filters so insanely located they can only be removed by driving a stake in one side and out the other. If you break the screwdriver — and you will, just like Dad or your shop teacher said — who cares? It's guaranteed.

8. Bailing Wire: Commonly known as MG muffler brackets, bailing wire holds anything that's too hot for tape or ties. Like duct tape, it's not recommended for concourse contenders since it works so well you'll never replace it with the right thing again. Bailing wire is a sentimental favorite in some circles, particularly with MG, Triumph, and flathead Ford set. It is not generally common knowledge that bailing wire may be purchased at many hardware and auto stores under the heading "mechanics wire." However, this commercial reproduction is generally considered not as reliable as the original rusty and bent version.

9. Bonking Stick: This monstrous tuning fork with devilishly pointy ends is technically known as a tie-rod-end separator, but how often do you separate tie-ends? Once every decade, if you're lucky. Other than medieval combat, its real use is the all purpose application of undue force, not unlike that of the huge flat-bladed screwdriver. Nature doesn't know the bent metal panel or frozen exhaust pipe that can stand up to a good bonking stick. (Can also be used to separate tie-rod ends in a pinch, of course, but does a lousy job of it).

10. A Quarter and a Phone Booth. (See #1 above.)

You only need two tools — WD40 and Duct Tape — If it doesn't move and it should, use WD40. If it moves and it shouldn't, use the tape!

Thank you to all those people who helped with this newsletter. Those that submitted articles and information, my proofreader, Wendy from UMass, and to all the envelope stuffers and sealers!

What many members probably do not realize is that by the time the newsletter reaches you it has in excess of 100 hours in production — this includes the writing, editing, proofreading, collating, and prepping it for the mail.

Bob

Join us at Americade — June 4-10, 2001 Lake George, NY

Join us at Americade! Each year many Red Knights gather at Americade to enjoy the rally. On Thursday evening of the week (June 4-10) there will be an open house for the Red Knights (and friends) at the Lake George Fire Station (5 PM). The RKMC has a history of success at the parade on Saturday, winning largest uniformed group three years running. Think about joining us in 2001 — you will have a great time.

Excerpt from the November 2000 Motorcycle Tour and Cruiser Magazine:
by Laura Brengelman,

There's something indomitable in the spirit of Americade that can't be drowned out. Throughout the event, rain came and went. Even when the temperatures climbed up into the even more uncomfortable, humid 90s later in the week, everyone I met was having a good time. After all, what could be better than a gathering of 45,000 motorcyclists? We're talking about the kind of potluck where everyone brings something to the party: a friendly handshake, a ride worth showing off, another great story.

While riding the twisties of the Adirondacks is an attraction in itself, I heard over and over that there's so much to do at this event it's hard to choose. For those who felt like riding, there were guided and independent mini-tours. One day, the MT&C team joined Honda, Dunlop, and other sponsors in running a popular Ride For Kids poker run.

Many folks come to Americade not to ride new motorcycles, but to show off their own. In fact, the Americade bike shows are legendary and set the standard for many other events throughout the country. The judges define meticulous and take their jobs very seriously. Classes were broken into such categories as sidecars, trikes, trailers, sport touring, vintage, and various brands and displacements of cruisers and touring bikes. The more fun and frivolous classes included looney license plates, stuffed animals, and decorative lighting.

And then, of course, there's TourExpo, one of the most impressive gatherings of motorcycle vendors anywhere. The waiting list to get into this event is a mile long, and Patti Garrand and her team of magicians carefully selects as diverse a mix as possible of quality vendors. During this year's monsoon, there was as much as a foot of water in parts of the main tent. One vendor even posted a sign reading "No Wake Zone." After the floods finally subsided, you could more comfortably try on gloves, boots, riding suits, heated apparel, and helmets.

Friday night, threats of lightning on Prospect Mountain moved the fireworks down to the lake. In the park across the street, awards were presented and prizes were given to lucky rally-goers by Bill Dutcher, newly crowned Americade King Gary Mandak and Queen Vickie Watts, and representatives of the companies that had donated prizes.

So, what was different about this year's Americade? While this touring-oriented event continues to grow steadily year after year, the bikes and, to some degree, the crowd that attends is changing. Gold Wings, Voyagers, Ventures, other big tourers, and sport/tourers were still prevalent, particularly at Roaring Brook Ranch, but many more riders came on stock or custom cruisers. More cruisers mean a flashier show of handsome bikes, as these are more likely to be customized to the max.

Still, one thing about Americade hasn't changed. Those who come to ride, test, learn, see, be seen, and relish all this event has to offer are fellow motorcyclists. And what better folks to spend a week with at one

RKMC NY 12, our hosts for the Lake George meeting on Thursday evening at the local fire station, has designed and produced special T-shirts for us to sport during our visit to Americade.

Sporting the Red Knights logo in the front and the 2001 Americade Logo on the back, these one-of-a-kind shirts will help identify the pride we have in the Red Knights — and the fun we have at Americade.

of the best-run and most enjoyable rallies in the world?

The Red Knights have a memorial to our members who have passed away. If you know members who passed away, please notify an International Officer so our memorial can be updated with their name.

Convention Details from Manitoba-1!

August 16-19, 2001

Thursday, August 16:

12:00 to 20:00 Registration Desk
12:00 to 24:00 * Hospitality Suite
17:30 Ride to B.B.Q. at
Museum

Friday, August 17:

08:00 to 18:00 Registration Desk
08:00 to 24:00 * Hospitality Suite
09:00 Ride to Gimli
15:00 Board of Directors
Meeting
18:30 River Boat Ride

Saturday, August 18:

09:00 to 13:00 Registration Desk
09:00 to 12:00 General Meeting
12:00 to 16:00 Hospitality Suite
13:00 Show & Shine
18:00 Cocktails
19:00 Banquet & Dance

Sunday, August 19:

07:00 to 10:00 Send-Off Breakfast

*Hospitality Suite may be closed during scheduled events Thursday and Friday.

Friday night is an evening of dining and dancing aboard one of Winnipeg's Paddlewheel River Boats.

For further information on anything related to the 2001 RKMC Convention, contact Bob Hunter by phone: (204) 757-2245/or e-mail at bobjudy@mb.sympatico.ca

See the Red Knights at the New England Fire/Rescue/EMS Show

sponsored by the New England Fire Chief's Assoc.

The RKMC will be at the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) in West Springfield, Mass. on Saturday, June 23, 2001 through Monday, June 25, 2001 during the New England Fire/Rescue/EMS Show.

The RKMC has been offered booth space to promote our organization. If you have some free time, contact Mass State Rep Steve Mickle at 978-772-6224 or email him at rknight54@net1plus.com for info on manning the booth.

Thousands of firefighters from throughout the Northeast visit this show each year. This is a great opportunity to share information about our organization with other firefighters and the public.

RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE CLUB
2001 CONVENTION - AUGUST 16, 17, 18 & 19
INTERNATIONAL INN
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA

REGISTRATION

Member _____ Chapter/MAL _____

Address _____ Phone () _____

Member _____ Chapter/MAL _____

Address _____ Phone () _____

Registration includes: Hospitality Suite, Thursday Bar-B-Q, Program Journal, Souvenir Pin, Saturday Banquet and Dance, Sunday Send-off Breakfast.

Registrations @ \$ 80.00 CDN ea. \$ _____

Please advise of any special dietary requirements _____

Souvenir Golf Shirts @ \$ 30.00 CDN Size ___S___M___L___XL \$ _____
XXL and XXXL available at \$5 extra

River Boat Ride Friday Evening @ \$ 30.00 CDN \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Kindly advise if you are plan on attending: Thursday BBQ Sunday Send-off Breakfast

Please make money orders or cheques payable in Canadian funds to: **Red Knights Manitoba 1**

Mail registration form and fees by July 1st. to:

Room Reservations: International Inn 1808
Wellington Ave., Winnipeg, MB. R3H 0G3.

The International Inn has blocked rooms at a rate of
single or double. Reservations can be made by
phoning 1-800-928-4067 or by email at
reservations@internationalinn.mb.ca., you can
www.internationalinn.mb.ca.

RKMC c/o MDAC
1 Morley Ave.
Winnipeg, MB
R3L 2P4

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also visit their website at [http//](http://www.internationalinn.mb.ca)

REMEMBER – ALL AMOUNTS ARE IN CANADIAN DOLLARS.

(Make copies of this form as necessary)

Red Knights Int. Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc.
 Report from Leo J. Patry, International Treasurer
 Email leo.patry@sympatico.ca

This report is the fourth of four quarterly reports that I will be presenting to the board for the year 2000.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

1/1/00-3/31/00	4/1/00-6/30/00	7/1/00-9/30/00	10/1/00-12/31/00
Opening Balance \$ 4,905.98	Opening Balance \$ 6,539.03	Opening Balance \$ 8,831.38	Opening Balance \$ 7,399.31
Deposits \$ 3,539.53	Deposits \$ 3,461.00	Deposits \$ 798.63	Deposits \$ 725.66
Expenditures \$ 1,906.48	Expenditures \$ 1,168.65	Expenditures \$ 2,230.70	Expenditures \$ 2,816.58
Closing Balance \$ 6,539.03	Closing Balance \$ 8,831.38	Closing Balance \$ 7,399.31	Closing Balance \$ 5,308.39

PUBLICITY ACCOUNT

1/1/00-3/31/00	4/1/00-6/30/00	7/1/00-9/30/00	10/1/00-12/31/00
Opening Balance \$ 1,972.44	Opening Balance \$ 677.44	Opening Balance \$ 507.33	Opening Balance \$ 1,829.07
Deposits \$ 1,050.00	Deposits \$ 525.62	Deposits \$ 3,988.57	Deposits \$ 89.26
Expenditures \$ 2,345.00	Expenditures \$ 695.73	Expenditures \$ 2,666.83	Expenditures \$ 376.00
Closing Balance \$ 677.44	Closing Balance \$ 507.33	Closing Balance \$ 1,829.07	Closing Balance \$ 1,542.33

**BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURES
FOR 2000**

	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
Telephone	\$ 89.71	\$ 52.54	\$ 118.20	\$ 170.38
Postage	\$1024.82	\$ 145.26	\$ 76.38	\$ 981.07
Photo-copies	\$ 776.88	\$ 495.65	\$ 290.26	\$1,069.36
Office Supplies	\$ 42.52	\$ 58.33	\$ 50.00	\$ 77.10
Insurance	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 0.00
Fee's	\$ 85.10	\$ 45.75	\$ 216.75	\$ 67.67
Regalia	\$ 107.80	\$ 426.85	\$ 737.44	\$ 0.00
Donations	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 0.00
Publicity	\$1600.00	\$ 282.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 376.00
50-50 Draw	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$2,509.50	\$ 0.00
Rebates	\$ 56.00	\$ 358.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 0.00
Per Deim	\$ 468.65	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
Total	\$4,251.48	\$1,864.38	\$4,848.53	\$3,241.58
Year to date Expenditures	\$ 14,205.97			

**MEMBERSHIP
CHAPTERS IN GOOD STANDING**

69 paid up Chapters as of December 31, 2000 giving a total of 1609 members in good standing

**M.A.L.'s
IN GOOD STANDING**

137 paid up M.A.L's as of December 31, 2000 giving us a total of 1746 members in good standing.

CHAPTERS IN ARREARS

3 Chapters in arrears for the year 2000

**LIST OF CHAPTERS IN ARREARS
FOR 2000**

- #1. Florida 5 (22 Members)
- # 2 Maryland 2 (8 Members)
- # 3 Michigan 3 (8 Members)

Total number of members not considered in good standing 38

**SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR
INTERNATIONAL QUARTERMASTER**

Quartermasters bank balance
as of December 31, 2000: \$1,340.79

STOCK ON HAND

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	
Decals	0	@\$ 3.00	\$ 0.00
Flags	11	@\$45.00	\$ 495.00
Shoulder			
Patches R/W	7	@\$ 5.00	\$ 35.00
Shoulder			
Patches G/W	46	@\$ 5.00	\$ 230.00
M.A.L. Rockers	34	@\$ 2.50	\$ 85.00
Active Member			
Rockers	76	@\$ 2.50	\$ 190.00
Charter Member			
Rockers	68	@\$ 2.50	\$ 170.00
Social Member			
Rockers	22	@\$ 2.50	\$ 55.00
			<u>\$1260.00</u>

Quebec Rockers
 Removed from inventory: 24 @\$6.00 \$ 144.00
 Michigan Rockers
 Removed from inventory: 15 @\$6.00 \$ 90.00
 Penn Rockers
 Removed from inventory: 4 @\$6.00 \$ 24.00
 Conn. Rockers
 Removed from inventory: 6 @\$6.00 \$ 36.00
 Chapter 5 Rockers
 Removed from inventory: 15 @\$6.00 \$ 90.00
 Chapter 111 Rockers
 Removed from inventory: 25 @\$6.00 \$ 150.00

**Total Summary of Quartermaster accounts at
December 31, 2000 \$2,600.79**

SUMMARY OF TOTAL WORTH

General Account	\$ 5,308.39
Publicity Account	\$ 1,542.33
Quartermaster (cash)	\$ 1,340.79
Quartermaster (stock)	\$ 1,260.00

**TOTAL WORTH
December 31, 2000 \$9,451.51**

NOTE: Stock was removed at the end of the first quarter of 2000 as unsellable stock. \$534.00 (old retail value) in stock removed from the Quartermaster account will be discounted and sold in the spring of 2001 and the funds redeposit in the Quartermaster cash balance for 2001.

**PROPOSED CHANGES
TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
(to be voted on at the 2001
CONVENTION)**

**Section: 2:01 Membership classifications
and Tenure 3rd Paragraph**

Per approval of the membership in attendance at the 2001 convention in Winnipeg, Manitoba. This Board moves to raise all Active and Associate member dues to seven dollars (\$7.00) per member. All Social Member (spouse, offspring, boy or girl friend) and special Honorary member dues to \$4.00 per member.

**Section: 2:01 Membership Classification
and Tenure 5th Paragraph**

New Chapter Dues shall remain at \$25.00 Application fee and eight dollars (\$8.00) per member. All dues are due on January 1 and must be paid by March 31st of each year. The membership dues will be pro-rated for applications received after August 1st at the rate of 25% reduction for the third quarter and 50% reduction for the fourth quarter of the year. All dollar amounts stated herein shall be in U.S. Currency.

Section 2:01 (7) Life Membership NEW

Life Membership may be granted by the International Board or the Executive of a Chapter to a member in good standing that has been a continuous member for 25 or more years. Or to a member that due to a disability, declining health or age no longer has a motorcycle license or the ability to ride a motorcycle. Such membership cost shall be paid annual by the organizational level proposing the member for life membership.

**Section: 313A Per Diem for attendance at
Executive Meetings:**

The executive shall have the discretionary ability to expend up to one Hundred dollars (\$100.00) per Executive member in attendance at up to two meetings per year, This includes any committee members that are required to conduct the business at hand. As long as the financial resources are adequate.



A police officer was in an elementary school taking a routine vandalism report, when he was interrupted by a little girl about six years old. Looking up and down at his uniform, she asked, "are you a Cop?" "Yes," he replied," and continued writing his report.

My mother said if I ever needed help, I should ask the police. Is that right?" "Yes, that's right," the police officer told her. "Well, then," she said as she extended her foot towards the patrolman, "would you please tie my shoe?"

**RKMC Connecticut-II
2nd Annual Summer Ride and Stay
Weekend**

When: July 27-29, 2001

Where: The Valley Inn at Waterville Valley, NH

- Kancamagus Highway Ride For RKMC Discount
- Clarks Trading Post (\$9) call by 6/1/2001
- Delux Accomodations
- Indoor/Outdoor Pool Reservations
- RKMC Poolside BBQ (\$11) 1-800-343-0969
- Lounge with Entertainment Rooms are limited
- Free Continental Breakfast
- MC Cleaning Kit
- MC Washing Stations

Economy Rooms at \$61.20 Parlor Suites at \$88.20

Townhouse Suites at \$106.20 (sleeps four)

Ride with RKMC-CT-II or meet them there...

- Depart 9:00 am North T'ville FD, Route 5, Enfield, CT
- 1st Stop — I91 MA/VT Boarder Rest Area
- 2nd Stop — Route 9, Keene, NH
- 3rd Stop — Weirs Beach — Lunch
- 4th Stop — Meredith Harley Davidson

For more information contact John O'Hagan of Connecticut-II at 860-749-0222 or email at jgohagan@home.com.

What If You Drag A Peg?

By James R. Davis

Most of us do not need to test limits, but it still happens that you might someday find yourself leaning too far into a curve and hearing/feeling your peg start to drag. What should you do about it?

Well, let me start by telling you what most people, I believe, instinctively try and what is dead wrong! They immediately roll off the accelerator and lean away from the dragging peg. These are BOTH wrong things to do because each action either lowers the bike (rolling off the accelerator) or increases the lean angle and as a result the peg will no longer be gently scraping the asphalt but will try to gouge a trough into it.

There are three things that can be done as soon as you hear/feel a peg scrape:

- Increase throttle - (but note that you are already close to sliding and ANY increase in speed can be all she wrote.)
- Counter-steer away from the dragging peg (widen the turn)
- Shift body weight towards the dragging peg

Each of these actions tends to straighten the bike up. Any one of them will 'cure' the problem and is sufficient by itself. You can, of course, do two or all three of these things at the same time.

Note, however, that doing the wrong things, it seems to me, is instinctive and that you need to mentally prepare to do the right things in advance. But that is exactly why you are reading this tip - to determine what experience has shown others is the right thing to do without having to 'discover' by trial and potentially fatal error for yourself.

Elsewhere in the newsletter is an article about "Helmet Removal Techniques" video that one of our members produced for emergency response personnel.

As a twenty year veteran of the Fire and EMS services I want to say that Ric Remz and his friends from the Motorcycle Association of New York have done an exceptional job for us as emergency responders, and as fellow motorcycle enthusiasts.

Look up Ric at Americade where he is teaching some safety courses — take a look at the video he produced when it is featured at the convention in Manitoba — AND support his excellent work by purchasing a copy of his tape for your chapter, your fire department, and your local ambulance. **You** may be the motorcyclist that benefits from the knowledge that the local rescue people gain by training with this film.

Information from your International Secretary

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Anytime your chapter sponsors an event you should purchase insurance. Insurance not only to protect your chapter and it's members, but to also protect the Red Knights International from a law suit brought on by accident or injury at or enroute to your function.

Any chapter who has purchased insurance for an event in the past already knows the cost and time involved in obtaining coverage. As your secretary I can assume the duties of getting your event covered with \$1,000,000 participant legal liability insurance.

The International has purchased a bank type insurance policy. Let me try to explain this in terms we as firefighters can understand.

The International has purchased \$1,143.00 worth of insurance. Think of this as a bank account. As each event is insured the amount of the coverage is deducted from this amount.

For example if the convention coverage cost \$400.00 it would leave us with \$743.00 of buy-able coverage. Each event would be covered for the entirety of the event for one fee. For example if you held a three day weekend or a one night dance they both would be the same fee. This fee is stepped up by the number of expected for attendance.

Below is the current fee schedule for events and the basic attendance ranges.

Any and all questions a should be forwarded to the International Secretary. I will handle all moneys and forms. Each policy will be written to cover the host chapter and the International.

Here is a fee schedule for a non ride event (dance, bike show, parade etc.)

1-250 people \$130.00
251-500 people \$160.00

Here is the fee schedule for rides or combination events.(two or three day events)

1-250 people 251-500 people

51-100 miles	\$145.00	\$175.00
101-200 miles	\$150.00	\$185.00
201-300 miles	\$160.00	\$190.00
301-500 miles	\$170.00	\$200.00

These fees include postage and printing fees.

Thank you and safe riding,
Michael (CUE) LeBlanc
Secretary Red Knights International
President Red Knights Rhode Island 1
Red Knights Rhode Island State Rep.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.

2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.

3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.

4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize.

5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.

6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.



How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten.

Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.

2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.

3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.

4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.

5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

6. Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier? The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards.

They are the ones that care.

I have been reading a lot of E-Mail that talks about snow the height of four-foot fences. Down here in Florida it is very hard to relate to that kind of talk. I wanted to reply to the E-Mail at the time but thought nobody would believe the weather here so I turned off the computer and took the grandkids to the beach.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Lake George. Judy and I went last year for the first time and we had a great time. When I saw our group in the Americade magazine just recently I had such a feeling of pride. I hope we have a good turn out for this event. This time I hope to bring some Florida Chapter members with me to ride the beautiful area in an around Lake George.

The Convention in August is also coming up on the calendar quickly. You should have received your information about the convention by now. President Hunter and his members have been working very hard putting this event together for us. Don't forget to take an ad out the Winnipeg's Convention Journal if possible. It would be nice to see a representative from every Chapter at the International the convention. We have several important issues coming up this year such as elections and dues increase. You may have received your 50/50 raffle tickets to sell. This is the only fundraiser the International has every year. Please sell as many tickets as possible to show your support. Peggy Brouillet is the person to contact if you need more tickets.

The Help-A-Knight directory is a very good publication. Anyone who has published his or her name in the directory should check to see if the information is correct. If the information is incorrect or if you are interested in submitting your name to be published please contact Bob Laford.

I was not happy to see Florida pass the no helmet law. Of those I have seen on the road about 60% of the riders are still wearing helmets in South Florida. We have all seen too many cases were helmets DO save lives and reduce injury. So now it is freedom of choice in Florida. I'll still wear mine thank you.

I hope to see you soon and whatever your journey, ride safe.

Jack C. Downs
Secretary of the Board