

# Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club

## Spring 2009



Please go to the Red Knights Home page for important information on the proposed bylaw changes. [These](#) proposed changes will be voted upon at the 2009 Annual Business Meeting at the Convention.



From the President,

During the year I like to step back and look at what we have done as a club and where we are going as a club. As we grow we have to make adjustments and changes to keep up with the growth, so this is a never ending battle, more commonly known as work in progress. I am glad we made the move to include Regional Directors into our structure of the International Executive Board. As you know we have four Regions now and a need to have a fifth. The biggest reason is because out West the Western Director has a difficult time servicing the entire Region, especially the southern part. His area covers part of Canada and all of the Western United States as far South as New Mexico. The Director lives in Canada. The land miles he has to cover in his Region makes it difficult for one person to handle. We need additional help to service this large area. This is something we will have to talk about at convention.

We have two Regions hosting a rally each year. The Regional rallies I have attended are very much like a mini International Convention. It would be nice if we had all four (and soon five) of the Regions host a rally. It is sometimes easier for members to attend a Regional Rally because of the distance you have to travel. If you don't have Regional Rallies and you start talking about one I'm sure your Regional Director could possibly organize one within a reasonable length of time. This is a good way to get together and talk about the Red Knights with other chapters. A lot of good ideas have come out of Regional meetings.

Of course the Convention is where we finalize everything we talk about all year. The attendance of the Chapter President or his/her representative from your chapter is important. If a representative is attending the convention your chapter dues must be up to date and you have to have a letter from the President stating you are the chapter representative. As it stands now the International Executive Board has long term goals and short goals that you need to hear about. I know the members must have some goals they would like to talk about at convention also.

I thank the Executive Board members for all their help this past year. The past six months has been challenging to say the least. Some chapters require more guidance than others. It takes more time than you would believe to run the International. All of the board members are very dedicated to their jobs and put in a lot of time every month.

I am running for President again this year. I have made some personal adjustments so nothing should interfere with the time needed to do my job as President. I have learned a lot since I was elected in 2007. I have enjoyed working with the Executive Board and youthe members. I feel I still have some good ideas for the Red Knights Club. I hope I can count on your support. I look forward to seeing you at convention. Ride Safe!

Sincerely and Fraternaly

*Jack C. Downs*

Bill Snodgrass  
Secretary

Leo Patry  
Treasurer

Jack Downs  
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**Red Knights International Firefighters**  
**Motorcycle Club® Inc.**  
**Office of the Executive Treasurer**  
**Leo J. Patry**



January 19, 2009

**2008 Year End Report from the International Treasurer**

Listed is my year-end report for January 1 2008 till December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008

As International treasurer I submitted to the board a quarterly report for all quarters of the 2008-year including an end of year report. I also provided the board with up to date financial records and a report for all three Executive meetings held in 2008. In January of 2009 I mailed to the International Secretary a CD with a copy of all the Treasurers records as stored on the treasurers Lap Top Computer along with paper copies of my year end reports.

I made hotel arrangements for all Executive board meetings held during the year as well as arrangements for air flights for those members required to fly in to attend.

Meetings where held: April 4, 5, 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 in Syracuse New York

August 20, 22, 23<sup>rd</sup> 2008 in Sandusky, Ohio

October 23, 24, 25<sup>th</sup> 2008 in Syracuse New York

Set up and maintained a tracking databases for funds donated by the chapters for the Red Knight Memorial. All promotional and events grants given to the Chapters and Associations of the Red Knights Organization along with all grant funding provided to the Chapters and Associations for multi-chapter events for the Red Knights Membership.

Maintained and tracked the Organizations investment account and made reports to the Executive board on a quarterly base the state of that account.

On July 15<sup>th</sup> we completed the trade marking process for the name "Red Knights and RKMC then on November the 4<sup>th</sup> we completed the trademark for Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club we are now just waiting for the completion of the same trade mark applications in Canada which should be completed early in 2009.

We also changed legal firms in 2008 as the lawyer who has handled our trade mark application since the beginning of the application process in 2004 Joseph Englander left the firm of Christopher & Weisberg P.A. and became a partner in the firm of Shutts & Bowen

We now own the names and logo design (which is the crest on the back of our vests):

Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club  
Red Knights  
RKMC

We currently own the Canadian rights to the logo and name Red Knights and are awaiting the finalization of the application process for the remaining names as owned in the United States.

On January 18, 2008 I filled with the IRS the required 1096 form dealing with our 1099 Misc. form reporting honorariums paid and interest earned on our investment account then on February 1, 2008 I filed the Red Knights corporate tax return with the I.R.S

On August 28<sup>th</sup> 2008 I filed the annual report with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in regards to our articles of incorporation.

Unfortunately because of the personal commitments of our quartermaster he was unable to keep up with the demands of the quartermaster's office and stepped down. The Board in turn appointed Kent Armstrong as Quartermaster and Joy Ellis as his assistant. There have been several procedural changes made that have greatly sped up the time requirements for the chapters to receive the orders they have placed.

With the appointment of a new Quartermaster the International treasurer took over the complete control of all monies and accounts for that office, which did increase the amount of work required by the treasurer but made the system and accountability of the cash receivables and liabilities considerably more accurate.

Spent 1679 hours (35 hours per week) during the period of Jan 1 – Dec 31 2008 dealing with Emails, phone calls, and correspondence related to the duties of International treasurer with approximately 2 hours per week spent on Internationals Banking requirements. Averaging out to 34.98 hours per week an increase of 4 hours per week from 2007 and 14 hours per week from 2005

The above mentioned times are also above the time required to attend Executive meetings and the business conducted at the Internationals business meeting held each August. I also attended two funerals in 2008 for Red Knights members that had passed away as the representative of the International Board.

At this time I would like very much to thank all the members of the International Executive for all the help and encouragement they have provided me in a very hard and trying year.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new members of the executive board for all their efforts on behalf of the membership and the team building that has continued over the past couple of years to bring the board to the level it is now at, without that drive and devotion the organization would not be able to survive.

At the completion of my fifth term (10 years) I would also like to at this time to state my intention to run for one more term of office as International treasurer and am requesting the support of the chapters and membership for my candidacy in the elections to be held at the 2009 convention in Fort Lauderdale Florida in August.

Leo Patry  
International treasurer

**YEAR END REPORT FOR 2008**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup> till December 31, 2008**

January 19, 2009

**GENERAL ACCOUNT**

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**INVESTMENT ACCOUNT**

December 31, 2008                      \$72,155.61

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**CHAPTERS IN GOOD STANDING**

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

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**4 CHAPTERS ARE IN ARREARS FOR THE YEAR OF 2008**

Florida 12,      Illinois 15,      New York 28,      Wisconsin 1



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## **Red Knights International Firefighters Memorial Site Report for 2008**



**Leo Patry—Treasurer**

As most members are aware we dedicated our Memorial Site in Boylston Massachusetts in August of 2007 this was a very proud moment for our organization in that we were able to dedicate this site to those that were members of the Red Knights when they passed away.

This site was built as a result of the vision and hard work put forth by the members of the Massachusetts chapter 1 with the support of the general membership and chapters.

Three members of the Red Knights that have gone beyond the norm in volunteering time and Labor to this cause and need to be recognized by the membership for their hard work and dedication to the memorial site are Don Parker, Peter Coskie and Roger Wentzell

The total cost for this project was \$128,152.94 this was done through donations of services and goods from various companies and members along with donations of \$22,141.85 from members and chapters. The International also advanced as an interest free loan the amount of \$23,108.00 to be paid back by continuous fund raising from the chapters. The balance still outstanding in balance of that loan is \$15,641.00 so we still have a long way to go to retire the loan amount.

On top of the loan repayment we need to have a funding project to ensure the continuous care and maintenance of the site. The International Quartermaster has for sale a Red Knights memorial patch which can be viewed on our web site in the quartermaster catalog all profits from the sale of this patch goes to the maintenance account for the memorial site.

For the 2008 year we had set aside in the maintenance fund \$627.00 from the 2007 convention 50-50 draw as well as the \$725.00 raised by the raffling off at the 2007 convention of the beautiful hook rug made by Peggy Brouillet and her mother.

That \$1,352.00 along with \$6,500.00 that was put forth by the International allowed us to take care of this year's upkeep and the erection of an addition name plaque for the members that had passed on since the 2007 convention.

We currently have 121 members who have passed on and whose name is currently inscribed on the memorial plaques. This will be an ongoing process where every spring we will update the plaques with the names of those members that have passed on since the previous spring update.



To date this year we have only raised \$155.00 from the 2008 Convention 50-50 draw and \$690.00 from the sale of Heavens one-memorial patches for a total of \$2,860.62 a far cry from what is required to maintain the site.



So once again I am asking the chapters to make a donation to the Memorial. Below is a list of those chapters and individuals that have made pass donations, as you will note there are several that have made the donation to the site any annual gift. The recommended amount is a donation of \$100.00 for every member from the chapter that is on the memorial list, but again that is just a suggestion the chapters will have to decide what they can afford to donate some will be able to afford more and others less. All donations will help to keep this site as something we are all proud of and a show of respect for those of our members that are no longer with us.

### **Donations to the Red Knights Memorial Fund**

#### **2003**

Mass 1                      Florida 1                      Ed Brouillet MA 2 International  
 Clayton Thomas IN 1      New York 12                      Anonymous

#### **2004**

Paul Jeffers NY 10 Ontario 1                      Ontario Anonymous                      Ontario 1  
 Memory Ken Roberts Ont 1                      Alberta 1

#### **2005**

James Cody New York, Ontario 1                      International                      New Jersey 5

#### **2006**

New York 10                      International                      Ontario 1                      Lynn Komandt OH 1  
 International                      Ontario 15                      Mark Gehri                      International  
 Boylston Garden Club      Massachusetts 4

#### **2007**

Ohio 1                      Ray & Pat Gurard Ontario 7                      NYC Red Knights  
 Steven Bermuper NYC      Leo Patry Ont 7                      Mass 1                      Vermont 2  
 Massachusetts 5                      Ontario 9                      North Carolina 7      Mass 2  
 Bill Snodgrass Ohio 5      Ohio 5                      Ontario 12                      New Hampshire 4  
 Ontario 1                      Alberta 3                      Ontario 11

#### **2008**

Illinois 5                      Massachusetts 3                      New York 21                      Connecticut 3  
 Maryland 7                      New York 8                      North Dakota 1                      Massachusetts 2  
 New Hampshire 4      Ontario 9

Members at Large      David Shapp - PA      Joseph Demilia - NY      Edward Faequhar \_ NY      Thomas Zullo - NJ      Richard Jackson - GA      Bob Price - NY  
 Jane Rizzo - NY      Michael Ennis - NJ      Patrick Reynolds - KY      Leigh Smith HI      Daniel Lorenz - WI

## Americade Week

One of the big reasons the Red Knights sponsored dinner is always first and the most popular is that we usual give out over 100 door prizes each year so that it works out that every 1 in 4 people attending get a prize.

This has brought us a lot of good publicity and popularity with those attending the Americade rally as well as the rally organizing staff. How we get all these prizes is that we ask each of our chapters to donate a door prize, the chapters can either bring the prize to Americade and give it to us just prior to the opening of the doors for the dinner or they can mail it to the event host coordinator John Rucinski. John can be reached at:

John Rucinski  
50 Ernst Road  
Gansevoort, NY 12831  
1-518- 580-1013  
rkmcny12@verizon.net

In addition, we will hold Open House on the **Thursday** of Americade week from **4 PM till 6PM** at the **Lake George Fire Hall** where we serve a meal and have soft drinks and water for all Red Knights, Firefighters and friends that are attending Americade and want to drop by and say hello, this usually attracts 300 plus Red Knights.

**Bob Laford(Mass-2) will be giving a seminar 'Planning for a Long Distance Ride' at Roaring Brook Ranch, Wednesday, 3 PM**

**Remember to bring your fire helmet and join us as the Red Knights lead the Americade Parade on Saturday morning.**

### **IN MEMORIAM Red Knights Chapter 4 Georgia.**

**Tommy McTee passed away at his home from a massive heart attack on February 12th 2009  
Tommy had a full Fire Dept funeral on Sunday February 15th 2006**

**Brother McTee will deeply missed by us all .**

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHAPTERS

Germany 1 Sigmaringen 10-Sep-08
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Washington 1 Burlington 05-Aug-08	Texas 9 Forest Hill 26-Aug-08	Indiana 8 New Carlisle 26-Aug-08	Alabama 9 Jasper 29-Aug-08
Nevada 3 Pahrump 03-Sep-08	Alabama 10 Gadsden 04-Sep-08	Indiana 9 Evansville 09-Sep-08	North Carolina 14 Ellenboro 30-Sep-08
Colorado 2 Pueblo 08-Oct-08	Alabama 11 Tuscaldosa 27-Oct-08	Virginia 2 Suffolk 12-Nov-08	North Carolina 15 Pinehurst 16-Nov-08
Texas 10 San Angelo 18-Nov-08	New Brunswick 1 Fairfield 07-Dec-08	Kentucky 5 Louisville 14-Jan-09	Tennessee 5 Smyrna 04-Feb-09

Vermont 5 Wells River	North Carolina 3 Shallotte.	Pensylvania 34 Berwick	Massachusetts Gloucester
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Ontario 18 Krtchener-Waterloo
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Alaska 1 Fairbanks
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# Chapter News

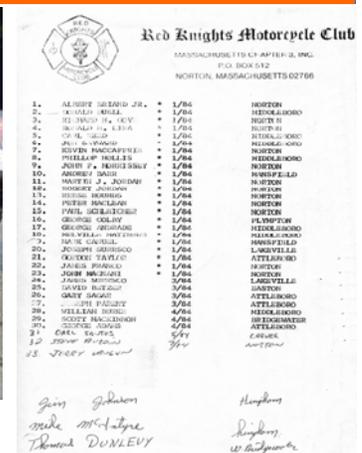
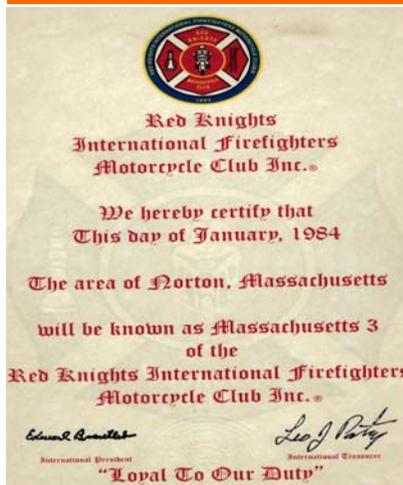
Hello from Red Knights Vermont Chapter 4 which is Vermont's newest chapter. Our Chapter held its first meeting in January 2008. We managed to get fairly organized and got a few rides in this summer, including A&W root beer floats on a hot summer night. Our Chapter rode in the annual ride to honor the memory of Retired Deputy Chief Ray Davison. This Chapter along with Vermont Chapter 3 in Rutland raised over a thousand dollars for the Ray E Davison foundation. In addition, three of us attended a benefit dance for a family who lost their home in a fire. The family was given a cash donation to buy clothes, food or whatever they needed. Most recently, in 4 weeks, we held a raffle to raise money for the Addison County "Meals on Wheels" Program which is an organization that delivers food to elderly and needy people. We held our drawing on December 4th and presented the check to this Organization on the night. As president of RKMVC 4 I am very proud of my officers for their help, support and the "yes we can" attitude of each and every member--be it charter, social, or associate -- thank you!!! Who knows what 2009 holds for us. Be safe and Happy Holidays and from all of us to all of you. May the wind be at your back and the sun shine brightly upon you.

President RKMVC 4 VT. Michael Coyle

The Dixie Conference is being held in Wilmington, NC from May 15-17 2009. On Friday evening there is a meet and greet scheduled for all Red Knights coming in from out of town. On Saturday morning we will host our annual Dixie business meeting where we will discuss upcoming events as well as the business of the International as it pertains specifically to our region.

For more information see; [www.rkmcdixie.com](http://www.rkmcdixie.com)

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Notice



# Chapter News



Members of Ireland 1 , Billy Crowley and Anthony O'Donoghue, with Anthony's son Tony at Bandon Fire Station, Co. Cork, during their 12 station tour. July 2008.

<http://www.redknightsireland.com/>



22 Members of Massachusetts Chapter 2 traded in their two wheels for ice with a day of Curling at the Petersham Curling Club in January.



Being an ex-fireman I am a member at large of the Red Knights. In my retirement I have gone on what we call—The Grand Tours—for every 12 Fire Stations visited and a picture of me and my bike taken with the station in the background, I receive a certificate and pin. I have just received my 10th certificate which means I have been to over 120 stations, possibly the most in Ontario, maybe in Canada.

My ride is a Honda Rune 1832 cc. A lot of my friends also ride and quite often one is along with me as the photographer.

I've been on and off many different bikes for 50 years, enclosed is a picture of a Francis Barnett when I was 14 years old. There was a 1945 Harley, 500 English Panther, 650 Yamaha, Goldwing, VTX 1800, now the Rune.

*Submitted by Bill MacKenzie*

## RED KNIGHTS PA. CHAPTER XX.

WEEKLY BIKE NIGHT AT THE DQ  
MARSHALLS CREEK PA.

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING FROM 6:00 -  
9:30 PM BEGINING APRIL 16, 2009  
MARSHALLS CREEK DAIRY QUEEN  
MARSHALLS CREEK PA. EXIT 309 OFF  
RT.80 TO 209 NORTH 1/2 MILE ON RIGHT.

ONE OF A KIND DJ ,  
50/50 ONCE A MONTH  
PEOPLES CHOICE TROPHY FOR BEST BIKE  
GOOD FOOD AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE  
FAMILY.

VENDORS WELCOME.  
CONTACT GARY @570-807-3726 OR  
garyvanhorn1@ yahoo.com

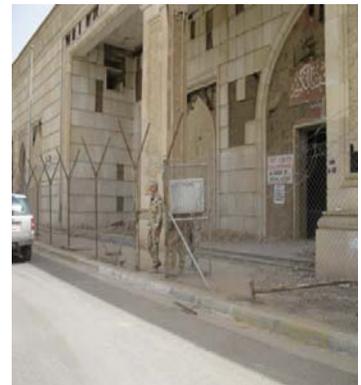


## Red Knights Caribbean Cruise

The members in the picture are from the following chapters Ontario 6 & 7-  
New York 4, Ohio 5, New Jersey 20 and Vermont 4



I am Mike Davis from RKMCM4, I am currently in IRAQ taking care of business and had a chance to fly the Red Knights Flag up in several places, and one such place was the Baath Party's House which was taken out by a Tomahawk missile.



**MEMBERS - AT - LARGE .**

The Executive Board and the Members would like to welcome the new Members to the Red Knights and also thank all the Members who renewed for 2009. The Member at Large program has over 400 Members on the roster and represents the largest grouping of Members in the Red Knights. Dues notices were sent out shortly after Thanksgiving last year to all our MAL's and if for some strange reason, you didn't receive one, please contact us as soon as possible so we can rectify the situation. There are several members who still have not responded so if you wish to continue your membership, just E-Mail me and I will see that you are not suspended for being in arrears. There were several notices returned for bad address, We tried to contact these members with no success. So again, if you did not receive a dues notice, let us know.

We hope you will check out the Annual Convention information and plan on attending this year in Florida. It's a great place to meet other Red Knights. The more MAL members that attend, the greater the voice you have in the decisions of the operations of the Club. MAL's only have one vote as each Chapter only has one vote but that one vote could change the completion of any particular By-Law change or the election of an International Officer. You will elect a Representative the evening prior to the Annual Meeting to vote your choices.

Check out the International Web-Site often for upcoming information, By-Laws, Elections and events.

Ride Safe.

Dick Morse, International Vice President.  
[vicepresident@redknightsmc.com](mailto:vicepresident@redknightsmc.com)



On September 12<sup>th</sup> 2009, the New York City Fireriders will leave from Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn N.Y. to begin a historic journey. We will begin thousand plus mile ride , escorting a fourteen foot section of a steel girder from the World Trade Center. The Steel will find its final resting place at Fort Benning, Ga. This run will also serve as a fund raiser to support the Fire Family Transport Foundation, and the Wounded Warriors. Both are excellent causes. Any all riders are welcome. Please visit the website...<http://ironandsteelnycftorbenning.com> or <http://ironandsteelnycftorbenning.ORG> for additional information. You will be able to see the route that is planned and stops along the way where you can join, even if it's for just a few miles of the trip. The cost for registration is \$40.00 for a rider and \$20.00 for a passenger. Hotels are also listed on the website. “

## **ATTENTION RED KNIGHTS**

Pa. chapter 12 is proud to announce that we are hosting the Red Knights at Gettysburg (Bike week July 9-12). We have held the cost to a minimum.

We will have motorcycle guided battle field tours with a licensed guide from the park service, who has written 2 books about the war in Gettysburg.

We will have our police escorted ride to the National Fallen firefighter memorial with a BBQ lunch to follow. Friday night we will have a buffet dinner at the Eisenhower hotel. The Eisenhower will be the host hotel and is right next door to the bike week events. There is a block of rooms being held just call the Eisenhower during the day from 8-4 and ask for Mary Lou (717-334-8121) tell her you want a room under the Red Knights Pa.12 block.

Self guided tours will be available. You must pre register for these events.

For a registration form go to [www.redknightspa12.org](http://www.redknightspa12.org) and any questions contact Brian: [President@redknightspa12.org](mailto:President@redknightspa12.org) .

## **Dixie Confederation of Southern Chapters**

May 15-17, 2009 in Wilmington NC.

Registration is online at [rkmcduxie.com](http://rkmcduxie.com) and includes Friday meet and greet, DIXIE T-shirt,

Saturday Business meeting, Saturday evening dinner and social with entertainment.

Lunch onboard the Battleship North Carolina on the Mess Deck with tours included, only \$10 per person.

If you have any questions email me at [southernusa@redknightsmc.com](mailto:southernusa@redknightsmc.com) or call at 910-297-7932.

## **Ride for Relief Nursery, April 25, 2009**

· Live music after the ride provided by Classic Delusion <http://classicdelusion.com/>

First 250 to pre-register and pre-pay receive a free patch or pin.

Don't want to do it over the internet? Come to the Pre-Registration party at Bullwinkle's Thursday night, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and pre-register there.

There will be live music, raffles, the Dallas Derby Devils roller derby team <http://derbydevils.com>

· Early registration ends Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

# Charity Ride Notices

These schedules were submitted by the local sponsors please contact them for more details



## **Indiana Ride for Kids**

**12 July 2009**

**Pinhook Park  
2801 Riverside Dr  
South Bend, In**



Join us for an escorted charity motorcycle ride through the beautiful Northern Indiana Countryside and support the **Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation**.

After the ride stay for a light lunch and the Celebration of Life and meet the Stars (young brain tumor survivors) who will join us for this ride.

### **Indiana Contacts**

Bobby Newman  
219-324-0706 H  
219-363-6071 C  
[bear.kitten@verizon.net](mailto:bear.kitten@verizon.net)

Ej Ford  
219-324-3459  
[EjFord@verizon.net](mailto:EjFord@verizon.net)

The national web site for other dates and rides for the kids is:



## **Fallen Firefighter Survivors Foundation**

We at the Fallen Firefighter Survivors Foundation would like to extend a heart felt welcome to you and thank you for your participation in this upcoming extraordinary event. We invite you to visit our website at [www.ffsfusa.org](http://www.ffsfusa.org)



### **Event Date/Time**

Saturday April 18, 2009  
10 AM EST

[www.ffsfusa.org/events.htm](http://www.ffsfusa.org/events.htm)





To All Members

I'm Dale Smith, NC State President and the President of NC Chapter VIII.

In September of 2005, my wife was diagnosed with Cancerous Cells in her Cervix. In October she had her first surgery. We were reassured by her Doctor that the surgery will take care of all the cancer. Well that was not to be and she was diagnosed with Stage One Cervical Cancer. In November 2005, my wife had her second surgery. We spent Thanksgiving Day of 2005 in the hospital, but it was all worth it when the doctor came in and said those magic words, "We removed all the Cancer".

In March 2006, we started the Red Knights Chapter in our city. We began volunteering at the UNC Burn Camp for kids 6-16 yrs. old and have begun working with kids 0-6 yrs old. We are truly blessed, but since we started our chapter we have had two members that have been affected by Cancer. Upon looking harder we have found that over half of our 24 members have been touched by this ugly disease. So we started a team up for **Relay for Life**.

We started a team called "Knights of Summer" and we are raising money this year. We are trying to get at least one Red Knight from each state to donate \$10 to our efforts.

Checks can be made to:

Red Knights NC VIII (with the memo - **Relay for Life**.)

Dale Smith,

113 Southport Ct, Hertford NC 27944.

Please include your address and e-mail address as I want to make sure everyone that helps is recognized. [redknightsnc8@yahoo.com](mailto:redknightsnc8@yahoo.com)

# THE FLYING HORSE RIDE 'ROUND LAKE ERIE!

## JUNE 26-27-28, 2009

600+ Miles for a GREAT Cause –  
The Paul Newman-inspired Flying Horse Farms!

### THE PLAN ...

#### Friday, June 26 –

- Evening – Party & Overnight Stay in Toledo, Ohio!

#### Saturday, June 27 –

- Morning – Breakfast, ride East along South shore of Lake Erie!
- Afternoon – Lunch on South shore of Lake Erie!
- Evening – Niagara Falls! Gamble! Motorcycle Museum!

#### Sunday, June 28 –

- Morning – Pancake breakfast, ride West along North shore of Lake Erie!
- Afternoon – Lunch on North shore of Lake Erie!
- Evening – Home after a fantastic journey!



Where camp is good medicine.

### THE COMMITMENT ...

- Pay \$50 per bike, pay own hotel\* and other costs, or ...
- Raise \$250 per bike through donations, receive FREE ride entry, breakfasts and lunches for two both days (pay own hotel\* and other costs), or ...
- Raise \$500, receive FREE ride entry, breakfasts and lunches for two both days, first night's hotel for two (pay own hotel\* second night), or ...
- Raise \$1,000, receive FREE ride entry, breakfasts and lunches for two both days, two night's hotel for two, & \$50 gas card!

\* Those paying own hotel costs must make own reservations. Host hotel information is available from Darris Blackford @ 740-965-9900. Those collecting donations must inform organizers they are doing so by May 31, 2009. Funds must be submitted by June 15, 2009. Send checks payable to Flying Horse Farms, (memo line, your name/Lake Erie Ride) to:

Darris Blackford  
A.D. Farrow Co.  
7754 St. Rt. 37 E  
Sunbury, Ohio 43074

### THE CHARITY ...

- Flying Horse Farms is a Paul Newman-inspired camp for sick and disabled children being built in Mt. Gilead, Ohio, south of Mansfield.
- It will include a planned swimming pool built in the shape of Lake Erie. The 2009 Flying Horse Ride will raise funds to create an endowment to construct and support the pool and other camp projects.

[WWW.FLYINGHORSE RIDE.COM](http://WWW.FLYINGHORSE RIDE.COM)

**Ride for Life benefiting the Yellow Ribbon  
Suicide Prevention Poker Run**

9 AM - July 11th, 2009,  
Mile High Harley Davidson,

\$20 per person

Live music, free food, dancing, raffle, auction, and much more  
Any donation helps. (T SHIRTS, gifts, money, fire memorabilia, etc.)

For more info please call, Brandee Voit at, 303-279-8884 or  
google: *Brandee Voit* for information.

## Grand Tour

Great News!!!!

A change has been made to the Grand Tour program.

At the 2009 Spring Executive Board Meeting in Syracuse NY it was decided to make some changes to the program. After numerous inquiries as to why we did not have a separate pin for each of the four rides available, it was decided that we would offer a three inch patch (of the same design as the pin) with a rocker for each of the rides. A data base will be kept to track who has completed the rides and when a member has completed all four rides he will also be awarded a pin.

This program will begin as soon as the patches are available in the spring of 2009 Grand Tour can be a great ride (or rides) for your chapter.

Please check the web site for details, instructions and application forms.

Fraternally

Henry Heideman  
Chairperson  
Grand Tour Committee

A man is stranded on a desert island, all alone for ten years. One day, he sees a speck in the horizon. He thinks to himself, "It's not a ship." The speck gets a little closer and he thinks, "It's not a boat." The speck gets even closer and he thinks, "It's not a raft." Then, out of the surf comes this gorgeous blonde woman, wearing a wet suit and scuba gear. She comes up to the guy and she says, "How long has it been since you've had a cigarette?"

"Ten years!" he says.

She reaches over, unzips a waterproof pocket on her left sleeve and pulls out a pack of fresh cigarettes. He takes one, lights it, takes a long drag and says, "Man, oh man! Is that good!"

Then she asks, "How long has it been since you've had a drink of whiskey?"

He replies, "Ten years!"

She reaches over, unzips her waterproof pocket on the right, pulls out a flask and gives it to him. He takes a long swig and says, "Wow, that's fantastic!"

Then she starts unzipping this long zipper that runs down the front of her wet suit and she says to him, "And how long has it been since you've had some real fun?"

And the man replies, "My God! Don't tell me you've got a motorcycle in there!"



A mechanic was removing a cylinder-head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop.

The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his bike when the mechanic shouted across the garage "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and said, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, and then put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new.

So how come I make \$39,675 a year, a pretty small salary and you get the really big bucks (\$1,695,759) when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

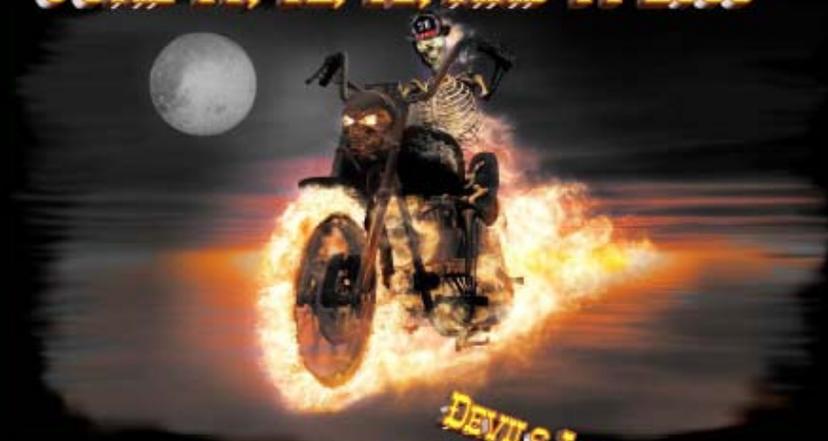
The cardiologist paused, smiled and leaned over, then whispered to the mechanic...

"Try doing it with the engine running."

**NORTH DAKOTA RED KNIGHTS**  
**WELCOMES YOU TO**  
**DAKOTA THUNDER**

**WESTERN BIKER RALLY**

**JUNE 11, 12, 13, AND 14 2009**



**LIVE BAND 2 NIGHTS**

**DEVILS LAKE CASINO RUN**

**OLD WESTERN VILLAGE RUN**

**BON FIRE AND SOCIAL ALL 3 NIGHTS**



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