

# Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club

## FALL 2009



October, 2009

I would like to thank Florida, for a good convention.  
I wish it would have been a better turn out for there sake.  
But with the way things these days I do understand.  
I would also like to thank those of you that voted for me for  
Central Director or at least, I think I want to thank them.

I have learned a lot in a short time.  
I have been with this organization for twenty years, some of the best years  
for me and my wife; we have made a lot of good friends a long the way,

I'm sure some enemies to.  
Everyone can't be loveable all the time.  
I will do what ever I can, when ever I can, to help any of the chapters in my  
district, all I ask is for everyone to have some patience's with me while I  
learn the computer, its going, but it's going slow.  
I am looking forward to working with all of you.

Thanks Everyone

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## **Insurance Updates**

Due to changes with our insurance carrier, the following will take effect October 1, 2009.

The Certificate of Holder on all Certificates of Insurance will be the Red Knights International firefighters Motorcycle Club, Inc. Please make sure that you advise the local government where you holding the event to this fact. We will not list any city, town, state or province as the Certificate Holder.

Please submit ALL of the insurance information (locations, addresses, date(s) and additional insurers) when you request the insurance coverage, as there will not be any additional changes allow after the certificate of insurance is issued.

We can now offer insurance to chapters for their monthly meetings. The cost is \$167.00 per year. This does not cover a ride after a meeting, only the meeting itself. I will need the address of the meeting location and the dates for the year of the meetings. Our insurance coverage is on a year-to-year basis with the insurance year starting in April. Therefore, the coverage for monthly meeting is prorated if coverage is requested after April for the remainder of the year.

## **Trademarks**

No trademark will be approved for any chapter that does not have an approved trademark for chapter business. All Chapters are required to have a chapter business trademark. This trademark allow the use of name/logo on chapter web site, business cards, letterheads, checks, address labels, newsletters, awards, chapter applications, awards and flyers (to promote the chapter only) to conduct chapter business.

## **By-Law Proposals**

All Chapters are advised to submit any by-law proposals to the International By-Law Chairperson, Steve Chappell at [by-laws@redknightsmc.com](mailto:by-laws@redknightsmc.com).

## **Passing of member**

In the event of the passing of a member, the chapter is to notify the Regional Director and the International Secretary immediately. It is the policy of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club, when requested, to send a Red Knight flag to the funeral room for the showing and the funeral. A member of the International Board will also attend the funeral as the representative of the International. A card will also be send to the family on the behalf of the International Board. The members name will be added to the Heaven One Roster and their name read at the next Convention. The member's name will also be added to the Red Knight Memo-

An interesting web site for information and dealing with 1% clubs.

Please go to: [www.rcvsmc.net](http://www.rcvsmc.net)

Bill Snodgrass

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## NEW CHAPTERS SINCE AUGUST 2008

CHAPTER NUMBER	LOACTION	STATE/PROV	COUNTRY	REGION
Washington 1	Burlington	WA	USA	Western
Indiana 8	New Carlisle	IN	USA	Central
Texas 9	Forest Hill	TX	USA	Southern
Alabama 9	Jasper	AL	USA	Southern
Nevada 3	Pahrump	NV	USA	Western
Alabama 10	Gadsden	AL	USA	Southern
Indiana 9	Evansville	IN	USA	Central
Germany 1	Sigmaringen		Germany	Treas.
North Carolina 14	Ellenboro	NC	USA	Southern
Colorado 2	Pueblo	CO	USA	Western
Alabama 11	Tuscaldosa	AL	USA	Southern
Virginia 2	Suffolk	VA	USA	Southern
North Carolina 15	Pinehurst	NC	USA	Southern
Texas 10	San Angelo	TX	USA	Southern
New Brunswick 1	Grand Bay-Westfield	NB	Cnd	Eastern Canada
Kentucky 5	Louisville	KY	USA	Southern
Tennessee 5	Nashville	TN	USA	Southern
Vermont 5	Wells River	VT	USA	Eastern
North Carolina 3	Shallotte	NC	USA	Southern
Pennsylvania 34	Berwick	ON	Canada	Eastern Canada
Massachsuetts 14	Gloucester	ON	Canada	Eastern Canada
Ontario 18	Kitchener-Waterloo	ON	Canada	Eastern Canada
Alabama 12	Killen	AL	USA	Southern
Illinois 17	Litchfield	IL	USA	Central
WV 7	Charles Town	WV	USA	Central
Texas 11	Texarkana	TX	USA	Southern
Nebraska 3	Gering	NE	USA	Western
Massachsuetts 15	Boston	MA	USA	Eastern
Ohio 14	Beaver	OH	USA	Central
Virginia 15	Charlottesville	VA	USA	Southern
Switzerland 1	Zuerich	SW	Switzerland	Oversea
Illinois 18	Johnston City	IL	USA	Central
Australia 1	Craigieburn	AU	Australia	Oversea
Germany 2	Wolfenbuettel	GR	Germany	Oversea
Pennsylvania 35	Lebanon	PA	USA	Central
Texas 12	Silsbee	TX	USA	Southern

Here are some pictures about the new RKMC chapter Germany 2 Wolfenbuettel.

Wolfenbuettel is a city in the north of Germany near to Hannover. Well-known is the Jaegermeister which is made in our town.

More information about our town and the region are shown on the website: [www.wolfenbuettel-tourismus.de/web\\_content.html](http://www.wolfenbuettel-tourismus.de/web_content.html).

The first picture shows the “Charter Member”. We started on the 10th day of July 2009 with 14 members and we have a lot of inquiries from other fire-fighters.



The second picture shows the “Chapter Officers”. From the left to right side in the background their names are: Tobias Thureau (Vice-President), Michael Emmerich (Ride Captain), Guenter Hackspiel (President). In the foreground are shown: Michael Pfoertner (Secretary) and Peter Himstedt (Treasurer).



**Tom Delboi now has his own RKMC address and it is  
europeanambassador@redknightsmc.com**

**It may take a couple days for him to get his computer set up to receive his RK mail.**





### "FIRST" Memorial Ride for Sam.

I think everyone agreed that it was a good ride. The presentation of the Sammy's Colors to the Upham Fire Department was the icing on the cake. The BBQ put on by the department went over well. Over all there were 34 or 35 Bikes with 40 people

Thanks to all. Gord.



Host: Tar Heel Volunteer Fire Department  
Type: Trips - Road trip  
Date: Saturday, October 17, 2009  
Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm  
Location: Tar Heel Fire Department  
Street: 269 Tar Heel Ferry Rd  
City/Town: Tar Heel, NC  
Phone: 9106339439  
Email: [robertob@tarheelfire.com](mailto:robertob@tarheelfire.com)

Ron was killed in the line of duty 9/22/2006. Please join us in this ride to honor his memory.

Proceeds will go to Tar Heel Volunteer Fire Department in their efforts to purchase and upgrade equipment.

The ride will begin in Tar Heel at station 57. The route will take you from Tar Heel to White Oak, then via hwy 53 to 701 and on to Bentonville Memorial Battleground, for a total of 74 miles.

On the return to Tar Heel, a plate lunch will be ready for you.

**Entry fees:**  
**\$30.00 per bike.**  
**\$5.00 per rider.**



# The Sand Trap

## News-makers

### Operation Iraqi Golf Balls Sending Sporting Supplies to Soldiers



By Andrea Shiell  
Staff Writer

One can just imagine the miles and miles of desert stretching like an ocean in Iraq, where U.S. troops are still roughing out their tours without most of the conveniences or pleasures they have at home. But a few Southern Marylanders are trying to give the troops a little more to do in their off hours.

DeeJay Gude, part owner of Southern Maryland online (www.somd.com), has launched a new campaign with partner David Noss to send golf balls to troops stationed in Iraq, a mission that has grown out of the launch of Web site's new Internet radio station (www.radiosomd.fm), which is gaining popularity with troops from the area stationed overseas.

"David had been working with some local guys stationed in Iraq to open a streaming port so they could listen to our radio station over there," wrote Gude in an e-mail. "Mike

Davis, a [Department of Defense] contractor who works with soldiers of all ranks and nationalities in Iraq and is from St. Mary's County, mentioned that several of the camps had set up a driving range for R&R and were having a hard time getting golf balls. He asked if we could round up some used balls and send them over ... so that's how Operation Iraqi Golf Balls came into being."

"The guys in Iraq contacted me directly to ask if we could help them round up the balls. I had worked with them before trying get something in place so they could listen to radiosomd.fm while in Iraq," wrote Noss in an e-mail about the collection. "They said they use somd.com all the time to stay in touch with their home. One guy actually e-mailed in a shout out to his wife on our first day of broadcasting, June 1," he added.

After Noss pitched the idea to DeeJay Gude, she said she started working with local sponsors to set up drop off locations. Gude said that the station would be collecting as many golf balls as they could get their hands on from private donors, golf clubs and other businesses through the end of July.

Gude said that the project has a personal feel for her, because her son, Sgt. Doug Gordon, is an Iraqi vet, as is his wife, Jessica.

"My son is indeed an Iraq vet and did a tour in Afghanistan as well – both as military and DoD contractor. He's done two tours in Iraq, one in Afghanistan. And his wife, my daughter-in-law, has done an Iraq tour as

well," she wrote.

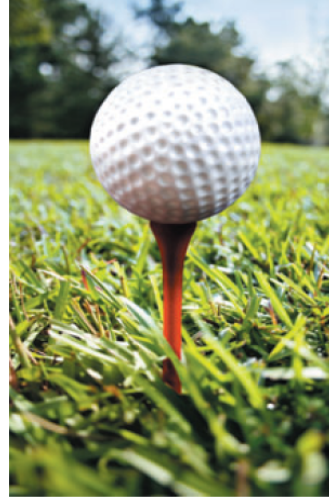
"The balls will actually be shipped to several different camps, and our intention is to send them enough balls that they won't have to worry about running out for a long time," she explained. "What started out as a few golf balls has snowballed into a much bigger project because everyone thought it was such a terrific idea, and they want to get involved."

Gude added that several local businesses have expressed interest in helping pay for shipping costs, though only one business has confirmed its pledge so far. The biggest force behind the project has been the individuals on the Web site's forums.

"People in our forums are really getting involved with this, from putting out boxes to helping with shipping ... it's really become a Southern Maryland Online community project. If you go to the Life in Southern Maryland forum at <http://forums.somd.com/life-southern-maryland/>, the top two threads are about the golf ball collection," she wrote.

In the meantime drop boxes have already been set up at Pepper's Pet Pantry in Solomons, Leonardtown Ford at both the new and used dealership locations, and all Cedar Point Federal Credit Union locations in St. Mary's including the one at Pax River. Boxes will be collected on July 31 for shipping.

For more information go to the Southern Maryland Online forums, Life In Southern Maryland Section at <http://forums.somd.com>, call 301-863-2567 or e-mail [vei@somd.com](mailto:vei@somd.com).



Where did Flat Sneaks explore this week?

Maryland 4 Iraq benefit

My name is Kat and I am the webmaster for the Red Knights Maryland 4. I wanted to drop you a line and let you know what we've been up to. Mike Davis, the Vice President of Maryland 4 is working in Iraq and did a golf ball drive for the troops there.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/08/08/AR2009080802434.html>

Maryland 4 participated in on August 8 called Operation Second chance.

<http://www.rkmcmd4.com/operation2ndchance.html>

It is with great sadness, I share this. Last Saturday morning, September 19, 2009 Darrel Johnston (Active Member, RKMC Alberta 4) was killed in an automobile accident. He and 2 others were in a van on their way to work. The road conditions were terrible and as a result all three perished.

The funeral was September 26, the family requested an honorary escort by our club.

I pass this along to all who knew Darrel, he was a great Friend, Father and Husband he will be sadly missed.

Bill Hnatiuk,  
RKMC Alberta 4

I am Dana Maddox, Anthony's widow (it hurts to even say that word). I read in your summer 2009 issue that Ron McCary had reported that Anthony had been riding his motorcycle at the time he started having chest pains. That was incorrect; he was working on our property, doing landscape work on his Bobcat, when he began having chest pains. I rushed him to the hospital, but he did not survive.

I don't know if you can correct the summer issue, or if you would add this to your fall 2009 issue. Anthony was very dedicated to the Red Knights. He proudly wore his colors, and participated in every ride and event that he could (even after a motorcycle accident in 1999 that ended his firefighting career). He was also very active in recruiting new members to the Red Knights.

His career and lifelong love of firefighting began at the age of 16, when he joined the volunteer dept. in Glencoe, AL (our hometown). In 1984 we moved to Apopka FL, where he promptly joined their volunteer dept. In 1985 he was hired as a full time firefighter at Ocoee, FL (his dream realized). Then in 1986, we wanted to return home to AL, and he was hired full time at Anniston Fire Dept., where he served for 13 years, (until he had to retire due to his injury), and volunteered at Oxford Fire Dept. We later moved back to Glencoe, where he started out, and he returned to his hometown volunteer dept. During his years in the fire service he also became a Paramedic, was a member of the Glencoe Medic Dept., served as a reserve police officer for both of the cities of Glencoe and Hokes Bluff, AL, worked at the Talladega Superspeedway in fire protection and security, worked for the ambulance service in Gadsden, AL, and was a member of Anniston's Special Response Team. And he poured concrete with his dad in his "spare" time. Oh, and he also managed to raise two sons as well.

He died very suddenly at the age of 50. He loved life, and serving his fellow man. Several people told me that I should bury him in his Red Knight's vest, because he was always wearing it. But that was something I can never part with; it was so much a part of him, that I'll treasure it forever. I guess you can tell, I loved this man dearly, and just wanted to ask if the previous post could be corrected.

Thanks for your consideration.  
Sincerely,  
Dana D. Maddox



## ***Red Knight Help-A-Knight Program***

Have you ever been traveling and thought, "Gee I don't know anyone around here. Where is the best place to eat, stay, or get my bike worked on?" That's what the Help-A-Knight program is for – to maintain a database of Red Knights who are willing to accept telephone calls and help fellow Red Knights. Some of the help may be for information, or other options you may help on is if a RK member can stay overnight, pitch a tent in your yard, or leave their bike at your house.

The Red Knights Help-a-Knight program available on line at [www.redknightsmc.com](http://www.redknightsmc.com)  
(Click on Membership and then Help A Knight)  
(You need Adobe Acrobat to read the file).

We continually update the version that is available on the web page. Below is the registration form to add or update your information in the H-A-K program. Please look over your state listing and let our editor know if there are people listed who are no longer members of your chapters.

Let us know if you use the H-A-K program on the road, and what stories you have about meeting up with your Red Knight brothers and sisters while on the road. Thank you.

### **RKMC Help-A-Knight Registration Form**

*Please Print Information and Check All Statements That Apply*

☐ This is a New  
registration

☐ This is a  
Change to my  
information

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St./Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

*To Help-A-Knight I will:*  
*(circle appropriate numbers)*

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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