

# Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club

## SPRING 2010



### **MISSION STATEMENT OF THE RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB® INC.**

*The Red Knights share the common interest of motorcycling, promoting motorcycle education, safety and the Community of Firefighting. To support the Associations, Chapters and all members and assist in the welfare and growth of the International organization.*

### **RAPPORT DE MISSION DE RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB® INC.**

*Les chevaliers rouges partagent l'intérêt commun du motocyclisme, Promouvoir l'éducation de moto, la sûreté et la Communauté de la lutte contre l'incendie. Pour soutenir les associations, chapitres et tous les membres et aide dans le bien-être et la croissance de l'organisation internationale.*

[www.redknightsmc.com](http://www.redknightsmc.com)

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010**

Meeting called to order  
Roll Call  
Opening greeting from President

TOM CAISSE

1. Electronic balloting for International elections. (Votenet)
2. Region re-restructuring  
Structure/formation of state associates

PRESIDENT

4. Death of Board member's family  
PA 33 Update

VICE PRESIDENT

6. MAL's overseas.  
Mail is not getting there in all cases and issues with the time line

SECRETARY

8. Update of Secretary computer
9. Site Location Committee ( section 1:07 of by-laws states Boylston)
10. Change date of fall meeting due to KORT
11. Update on Trademark issues (Toronto RKMC, European Union, Hong Kong)
12. Chapters still using Face Book as their web site
13. New SOG for International Chaplain
14. Need for forms, by-laws, SOG manual, etc to be translated into French and German.  
All Board members need to read the By-laws, SOG manual and the motion ledger

**SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2010**

Meeting called to order  
Roll Call  
Opening greeting from President

**Continue from Friday (if needed)**

TREASURE

1. Report on cost of moving location of board meetings
2. Computer training for Board members
3. Increase funding for NJ assoc from \$500 to \$750 (SOG section 10:02)
4. Pay Pal account for International (big help with overseas chapters)
5. Memorial fund update
6. Financial/Investment report

**QUARTERMASTER**

Raffle update

**EASTERN DIRECTOR**

2. Americada report

3. 2010 Convention report

4. CT 4 report

Outstanding Award for NY 12 at Americada (SOG says Annual Convention)

**EASTERN CANADA DIRECTOR**

2014 Convention report

**CENTRAL DIRECTOR****SOUTHERN DIRECTOR**

2011 Convention report

**WESTERN DIRECTOR**

Funding for Western Rally

**EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR**

Requests a gift, a document or an award from the international board for Julius Prüger from Austria 1 founded the first European chapter in (German language part) Europe and Claus Feederle from Germany 1 founded the first German chapter

**WEB LAISON**

**Red Knights Int. Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc.  
Leo J. Patry**

**YEAR END REPORT FOR 2009**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup> till December 31, 2009**

**GENERAL ACCOUNT**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>Jan 1 2009-Mar 31</b>	<b>Apr 1-Jun 30</b>	<b>Jul 1 – Sept 30</b>	<b>Oct 1 – Dec 31</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>
\$ 60,224.16	\$121,373.45	\$ 96,951.61	\$ 75,138.11
	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Deposits</b>
\$ 111,304.98	\$ 34,664.10	\$ 25,117.17	\$ 35,751.77
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
\$ 50,155.69	\$ 59,085.60	\$ 46,930.67	\$ 32,538.11
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>
\$121,373.45	\$ 96,951.95	\$ 75,138.11	\$ 78,351.77

**INVESTMENT ACCOUNT**

December 31, 2009                      \$ 94,282.30

**MEMBERSHIP**  
**CHAPTERS IN GOOD STANDING**

<b>1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
255 of 310	292 of 323	302 of 323	313 of 330

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

<b>1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
237	272	290	303

**CHAPTERS IN ARREARS**

<b>1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
55	31	21	17

**17 CHAPTERS IN ARREARS FOR 2009**

Alabama 7, Alberta 6, Alberta 8, Arkansas 3, Georgia 11, Illinois 13,  
Indiana 7, Kentucky 4, Massachusetts 7, New Jersey 6, New Mexico 3  
Ohio 11, Oregon 1, Pennsylvania 33, Texas 6, Texas 9, Virginia 3,

### **BREAK DOWN OF EXPENDATURES**

	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
Telephone	\$ 408.68	\$ 292.22	\$ 356.36	\$ 358.14
Postage	\$ 4,486.22	\$ 1,231.56	\$ 1,328.86	\$ 1,289.89
Photo-Copies	\$ 190.01	\$ 57.11	\$ 1,315.77	\$ 60.37
Office Supplies	\$ 2,459.98	\$ 621.47	\$ 4,918.60	\$ 1,543.89
Insurance	\$ 2,795.00	\$ 1,518.00	\$ 3,180.94	\$ 0.00
Fee's	\$ 4,966.91	\$ 16,002.53	\$ 1,094.50	\$ 3,790.80
Honorariums	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Regalia	\$ 4,880.52		\$ 7,084.34	\$ 13,916.01
Donations	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 0.00
Publicity	\$ 2,743.40	\$ 1,248.40	\$ 2,205.00	\$ 200.00
Events	\$ 9,794.00	\$ 1,361.73	\$ 428.06	\$ 0.00
50-50 Draw	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Heaven 1	\$ 675.42	\$ 0.00	\$ 933.05	\$ 846.72
Travel	\$ 9,255.55	\$ 2,168.24	\$ 9,453.52	\$ 6,156.75
Investments	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,155.69</b>	<b>\$59,085.60</b>	<b>\$46,930.67</b>	<b>\$32,538.11</b>

**Year to Date Expenditures \$168,710.07 true total is 148,710.07**  
**(20,000.00 for investments taken from the 59,085.60 in the second quarter**

### **SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT** **INTERNATIONAL QUARTERMASTER**

<b><u>STOCK ON HAND</u></b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
First Quarter General	\$ 121,373.45	\$ 96,951.95	\$ 75,138.11	\$ 78,351.77
First Quarter Investments	\$ 72,155.61	\$ 93,469.61	\$ 93,469.61	\$ 94,282.30
First Quarter Quartermaster	\$ 24,576.79	\$ 23,737.59	\$ 24,319.22	\$ 21,992.66
Quartermaster Float	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
2009 Total Net worth R.K.I.F.M.C.	\$ 218,605.85	\$ 214,659.15	\$ 195,799.91	\$ 195,126.73

I wish to thank you for bestowing upon me the honor of the President Merit Award. I would also like to thank you for allowing me to gift the Apple computer to MJ for putting up with me and my RK time spent on the computer. I know that we all have put in a lot of work that we have volunteered to do and like you, I did not expect anything other than the betterment of our Club.

I am very grateful to be able to work with you and hope that I can continue to be of service to the Red Knights in my present positions and however else if some other challenges arise.

Steve Chappell

Web Liaison

RKMC

My name is Paul Ritchie, and I am a leading firefighter stationed at Windsor Fire Station, Melbourne, Australia. On August 12, 16 Australian firefighters combined with our U.S. Firefighter colleagues will be running from Los Angeles to New York covering the length and breadth of the United States finishing at the World Trade Centre Site on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2010.

This event will be called the Tour of Duty. ([www.tourofduty.com.au](http://www.tourofduty.com.au)), The American Website will be launched on April 1<sup>st</sup> [www.tourofdutyrun.com](http://www.tourofdutyrun.com)

As Australian firefighters we have committed to this arduous event in part to pay homage to the emergency workers who gave their all on that day, but also to reaffirm the innate goodness of the human spirit that such selfless acts of courage and commitment to others represent.

This run is a statement of hope for the future in a world consumed by financial gloom and terrorist alerts. This run reflects the better values of humanity, mate ship, camaraderie, and self sacrifice.

Paul Ritchie

Event Director

Tour Of Duty 2010  
0412 251 264  
[paul@tourofduty.com.au](mailto:paul@tourofduty.com.au)





**RED KNIGHTS PA.XX**  
**BIKE NITE AT DAIRY QUEEN**

*EVERY 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY*  
*BEGINNING APRIL 8<sup>th</sup> 2010*  
JUST OFF RT.80 EXIT 309 TO 209 N.  
MARSHALLS CREEK PA.

Time-6PM-9PM  
COME AND HAVE FUN AND ENJOY SOME ICE  
CREAM AND SHOW OFF YOUR BIKE  
50/50 RAFFLE TO SUPPORT FIRE VICTIMS FUND IN  
MONROE COUNTY  
VENDORS WELCOME

CONTACT GARY VAN HORN  
570-807-3726  
EMAIL [garyvanhorn1@yahoo.com](mailto:garyvanhorn1@yahoo.com)



Bring the Family

## **Locals part of poker run try**

The Temple firefighter is organizing a local motorcycle poker run that is part of an effort to get into the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest poker run.

Kraemer is a member of New Hampshire Chapter IV of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club, an organization of U.S. and Canadian riders who are connected to fire departments.

On Saturday, May 1, firefighters from 11 local towns are participating in the local run, which starts in Milford, with registration at Souhegan Valley Motorsports on Route 13 South, from 8:30-10 a.m.

The ride will end up in Jaffrey at the American Legion where there will be a barbecue, door prizes, prize for the Best Poker Hand and raffles.

In a poker run, participants visit several checkpoints and draw a playing card at each one, trying for the best poker hand at the end of the run.

The run is being organized by a Florida group, said Kraemer, a longtime motorcycle rider.

There are more than 250 groups participating in the United States and Canada, but he said there is no way to tell how many riders there could be on May 1. Membership in the Red Knights is open to all firefighters, active or retired, volunteer or industrial, who have access to a motorcycle and hold a valid motorcycle drivers license.

Their mission is to promote motorcycle safety, project a positive image of motorcycling and enjoy the fraternity of firefighters, according to the Red Knights' website.

Chapters all across the U.S. and Canada are participating and will also start their poker runs at 10 a.m. on May 1 to fulfill the Guinness requirements.

Hundreds of poker runs have been held around the world, and the record for the largest event was set in 2009 with 2,136 motorcyclists, according to Wikipedia.

This Saturday, Kraemer and some of the other local Red Knights will ride in Temple for Christopher Ernest "Ernie" Harling, 81, an avid motorcyclist who died last week.

<http://www.newschief.com/article/20100420/NEWS/4205025/1021?Title=Group-seeks-to-break-record-for-world-s-largest-poker-run&tc=ar>

May 3 & 10, 2010 Pat Janis & Luther Newton of the RKMC VA-7 completed our first Grand Tour Ride.

Stops included:

Goldvien Vol. Fire Dept.  
Remington Vol. Fire Dept.  
Ammisville Vol. Fire Dept.  
New Baltimore Vol. Fire Dept.  
Dumfries Triangle Vol. Fire Dept.  
Tappahannock Vol. Fire Dept.  
Occoquan Vol. Fire Dept.  
Upper King & Queen Vol. Fire Dept.  
Rockhill Vol. Fire Dept.

As part of the fellowship in the Red Knights Motorcycle Club we stopped to make friend, and hoped to find some members of other chapters. Even thou we did not find any members, we did make a lot of new friend.

After severing 38 years in the Fire Dept. we are hoping to starting enjoy lives by taking some rides, seeing new places and meeting new friends.

We are hoping to start our next ride (Fire House) very soon.

Patrick Janis  
Hartwood Volunteer Fire & Rescue  
Treasurer  
(703) 784-1407 Work

Red Knights Motorcycle Club  
<http://redknightsva7.com/>

**GRAND TOUR  
APPLICATION**

**DRIVER**   
 **ADDRESS**   
**PASSENGER**  **CITY**  **ST/PROV**   
**CHAPTER**  **COUNTRY**  **ZIP/PC**   
**E-MAIL**

**FIRE STATIONS VISITED**

	<b>STATION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>G</b>	<input type="text" value="Goldvien Vol. Fire Dept."/>	<input type="text" value="April 3, 2010"/>
<b>R</b>	<input type="text" value="Remington Vol. Fire Dept."/>	<input type="text" value="April 3, 2010"/>
<b>A</b>	<input type="text" value="Ammissville Vol. Fire Dept."/>	<input type="text" value="April 3, 2010"/>
<b>N</b>	<input type="text" value="New Baltimore Vol. Fire Dept."/>	<input type="text" value="April 3, 2010"/>
<b>D</b>	<input type="text" value="Dumfries Triangle Vol. Fire Dept."/>	<input type="text" value="April 3, 2010"/>
<b>T</b>	<input type="text" value="Tappahannock Vol. Fire Dept."/>	<input type="text" value="April 10, 2010"/>
<b>O</b>	<input type="text" value="Occoquan Vol. Fire Dept."/>	<input type="text" value="April 3, 2010"/>
<b>U</b>	<input type="text" value="Upper King &amp; Queen Vol. Fire Dept."/>	<input type="text" value="April 10, 2010"/>
<b>R</b>	<input type="text" value="Rockhill Vol Fire Dept."/>	<input type="text" value="April 15, 2010"/>

Mail hard copy with pictures printed out (to be placed in Grand Tour photo album) to:

**Henry Heideman, Grand Tour Chairman**  
4926 Cty. Rd. 45 PO Box 83  
Baltimore ON Canada  
K0K 1C0

If you would like a picture of your Grand Tour to appear on the Red Knights Web Page, e-mail  
a JPEG image to [editor@redknightsmc.com](mailto:editor@redknightsmc.com)





Mike Van Emmerik passed away 19 April 2010. Mike was a charter member of Cold Lake's Alberta Chapter 4 of the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club. He has been a member in good standing since the chapters inception, and will be remembered fondly. He will be missed.