

Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club

SPRING 2011



This is just a note to say hi to all the MAL's. As I said Before, I am trying to make contact at least quarterly. This will be my first of 2011. Happy Easter to you and your family
I have been very busy with Red Knights over the last few months. As far as MAL membership goes, we have set a new high in member numbers; we are at 360+ paid for 2011. Thank you to all that have paid, you should have your 2011 ID cards by now. Congrats to the MAL's who helped form New Jersey 23. There have been some suggestions that I have gotten from some of you and I am working on some new projects, more info on those to come. My 1st quarter report to the membership included information on some improvements that I have made, including the Road Captains/Team Riders course and the Interactive Maps on the front page of the website. I have had the chance to attend 2 different chapters meetings so far, and I learned as much from it as I shared with them. I had the solemn honor of representing the Red Knights international at two member's funeral services, both in New Jersey.

As I have spoken with many of you about chapter involvement, if you are thinking about forming a chapter, please let me know and I can get you with Bill, our secretary and help get the ball rolling. Please remember that 95% of the communication that we have set up is on the International website www.redknightsmc.com, there is a huge amount of information available, as well as the international newsletter. We have heard some grumbings as to it being a bit difficult to navigate and we are working on fixing that. The forums are a great source of most current information as well.

A small group of us are going to Europe in a couple weeks to visit and meet with our Brothers across the pond. I look forward to meeting them and doing what we can to help the relationship and get better communications between us. In Australia, we have some really energetic individuals down under, who are taking great strides in forming an association and putting a heavy emphasis on brotherhood.

The Dixie Rally 2011 is in Winter haven, FL on May 13-15. The International Rally is In Ocean City, MD on Sept 8-11. The Gathering of the Knights Tournament is in Gettysburg, PA on Oct 14 and 15. This is a small sampling of events and there are many more, Remember with being an MAL there is a bit more work involved in finding other RK events to attend, but it is well worth the effort.

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**John A Ruciinski Jr,
Region 1 Director**

Thursday June 9th 2011 there will be a ride for Red Knights at Americade.

Members have expressed the want for a ride to end at the Lake George Fire Department about the time of the meal.

NY 12's Vice President Steve Kellogg is putting this ride together and will be finalized soon. Hope everyone is ready for riding after a lousy winter.

See you at Americade.

**Gil Rekken
Region 5 Director**

Email: region5@redknightsmc.com

**REGION 5 DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Spring 2011**

The Western Rally (Region 5/ 6) is coming together, The rally will be held in Mesquite, Nevada first weekend in June. I have been coordinating with the chapter and I am looking forward to a large turnout for the rally.

I hope everyone has received the updates in regards to registration for the Western.

We have completed assigning Yahoo email addresses for all the Chapter Presidents. This should ensure that all information will reach the chapters.

The beginning of the year I was still having a lot of computer problems - but with all the assistance from eboard , I am up and running.

I have been assisting members with their queries (email & telephone).

I attended our Eboard spring meeting April 7 to 10th. It was a long meeting and lots of travel time but we were able to complete our agenda and still have a few laughs.

I know that there are a lot of ceremonies regarding 911 and I'm looking forward to seeing a large number at the International Convention in Ocean City, Maryland.

Ride Safe



Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club
Region 5&6 Rally
“The WESTERN RALLY”
June 3&4, 2011

Mesquite, Nevada (80 miles north of VEGAS)

Hosted by: Nevada Chapter 2

Phone: Email:

Cost: \$25/Person – to register:

Hotel: Virgin River Hotel & Casino – 888+782+9722

Red Knight Rate - \$34/night

Scheduled Itinerary:

Friday:

3 PM – “Valley of Fire” run

Elks Lodge BBQ

Saturday:

8 AM – Breakfast

10-11 AM – Informational meeting with international board members present

11 AM – Ride to Harley Davidson dealership for lunch

1 PM – Ride to “Zion National Park”

5PM – Return

We have not planned activities for Sunday because many people would like to go to Las Vegas.

Because of the size and many things to do we did not want to attempt to hit everything so if people want to go explore Vegas you can either get a new room in Vegas or continue to use your room at the Virgin River.

**MONTHLY SUGGESTIONS FOR
CHAPTER MEETING TOPICS**

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| January | RKMC insurance and grant awareness |
| February | RMKC Memorial and Funeral notices |
| March | Recruiting of new members |
| April | TCLOCKS program and planning for Convention/rallies |
| May | Team Rider Awareness |
| June | MALs/ other chapter contacts |
| July | Grand Tour(s) |
| August | Chapter in house ride |
| September | MALs/ other chapter contacts |
| October | Fundraiser events planning |
| November | Off season events |
| December | Dues renewal and roster updates |

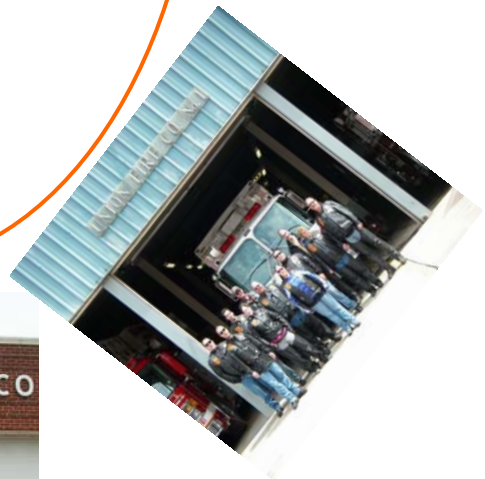


**Red Knights PA33
GRAND TOUR Ride
4/9/11.**

Members riding

President Mike Minnier
Treasurer Terrie Minnier
Secretary Steve Kintzler

Amanda Kintzler
Dave Anderson
Dave Thrower
Stacy Boyer
Daniel Valente
John Wettig
Joe Kennedy
Bob Leabhart





107 MILES 6 STOPS 1 FOUNDATION

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE AIR 1 FOUNDATION TO KEEP AIR 1 FLYING
ROUTE AROUND ONONDAGA COUNTY TO BE ANNOUNCED
\$30/PERSON, \$25 PER PERSON FOR GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE

JUNE 18, 2011

RAIN DATE JUNE 25, 2011

WWW.AIR1FOUNDATION.ORG

RED KNIGHTS

Hosted By *Maryland 3*
CONVENTION • SEPT. 8-11, 2011
On the Boardwalk in Ocean City, MD



This is a do not miss convention. Imagine 10 miles of beach, 3 miles of boardwalk, bonfires in front of your hotel, restaurants & bars galore all within walking distance of four oceanfront hotels. No matter what is in your wallet Ocean City, MD has an affordable accommodation for you. Come be part of what is certain to be a bikers dream.



CHOOSE FROM THESE OCEANFRONT BOARDWALK PROPERTIES: * 3 night minimum required.

QUALITY INN BOARDWALK 17TH ST.

(headquarter property)

\$140 per night plus tax

HARRISON HALL HOTEL 15TH ST.

\$80 per night plus tax

HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES 16TH ST.

\$250 per night plus tax

Registration Info Available Soon

YOUR REGISTRATION FEE OF \$65 INCLUDES:

THURSDAY NIGHT BBQ IN THE PENTHOUSE
BEACH FRONT BONFIRE
AWARDS DINNER AT THE OC CONVENTION CENTER
EVENT AT WORLD RENOWNED "SEACRETS JAMAICA USA"
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SUNDAY BEFORE MEMORIAL RIDE
PIN AND GOODIE BAG



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Charter Boat Fishing *
- Golfing at Championship Golf Courses *
- World Class Waterpark *
- Top 3 Boardwalk in the USA
- Best Bar Scene on the East Coast

* Additional Fees May Apply

www.redknightsmd3.com

FDNY BIKE RIDE



MILE A MAN

THIS FALL MARKS THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001.

IN ORDER TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF THE 343 THE FIREFIGHTERS THAT DIED AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER.

MEMBERS OF THE FDNY WILL RIDE BICYCLES 1 MILE FOR EACH OF THE FIREFIGHTERS LOST THAT DAY.

THE RIDE WILL BE FROM LONG ISLAND TO WALTER REED HOSPITAL AND WILL TAKE FOUR DAYS TO COMPLETE.

ANY PROCEEDS FROM THE RIDE WILL HELP SUPPORT INJURED VETERANS THAT HAVE BEEN PROTECTING THIS COUNTRY FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS. WE ARE ASKING FOR A \$1.00 PER MAN DONATION TO HELP OUR CAUSE.

CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO "FDNY 343 RIDE" AND SENT THRU THE BAG TO ENGINE 50 LADDER 19 ATTENTION COMMISSARY OR MAILED TO E50/L/19/B26 1155 WASHINGTON AVE BRONX NY

CORPORATE AND PRIVATE SPONSORS ARE STILL NEEDED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
EMAIL FDNY343RIDE@YAHOO.COM

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MIKE REESE (L19) 917-597-7937

GREGG GATTO (E50) 516-782-1177
BEN CAPO (E50) 631-379-3509

The Broken Spoke Campground is offering all Red Knight members 10% off any tent camping, rv site, or cabin booked for Sturgis 2011. Perks if 50 or more Red Knights stay at the Broken Spoke during Sturgis 2011. Including a party with food and drink or free breakfast.



The Broken Spoke is a great place to camp for the Sturgis rally. It has many amenities, great entertainment, and it is a perfect place to ride out for day trips. It is also one of the few campgrounds (possibly the only) that will allow us to wear our Red Knights jackets and vests.

Find out more about the Broken Spoke at
<http://www.brokenspokedcampground.com/>

To take advantage of this offer use the discount code "redknights" when reserving online or when you book over the phone at: 877-653-6679. Rates for camping increase on January 15th. You get the best possible price by reserving now.

We are hoping to have a large turn-out of Sturgis going Red Knights at The Broken Spoke. As the rally nears and we have an approximate number of Knights camping the MN#4 chapter would like to work with other Knights to plan get togethers, day rides, and whatever else we can come up with.

If you plan to attend let me know so we can keep you in the loop about events. It has been the aspiration of the Vice-President of MN#4 to have the opportunity to gather and get to know the Sturgis going Red Knights. He has committed to planning a day ride if we have big showing!

Thanks for considering joining the fun at The Broken Spoke. I hope this discount and the promise of good times with fellow Red Knights help make your decision easy!

Welcome to Our Australian Brothers and Sisters

**Red Knights Australia
C/O PO Box 557,
Craigieburn Vic Australia 3064
www.redknights.org.au
Loyal to our duty**

The Red Knights won Knights of the Round Table event in 2010. As a result the Red Knights are hosting the 2011 event.

The web site is now on line for the Knights of the Round Table Tournament being held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, October 14-16 2011.

**The web address is :
www.gotkt.org**

Please forward this web site to all the chapters in your region so that we can have a large turnout of Red Knights.

Flyers for this event are in the process of being readied and will be available shortly

West Virginia Red Knights

Following is a link to the Elks Grand Exalted Ruler's blog page. In August 2010 we escorted the Grand Exalted Ruler from Pittsburgh International Airport to Weirton, WV, in a driving rain storm, for his WV state convention visit. This was at the request of Weirton Lodge #1801 that was the hosting the convention and wanted to impress upon the Grand Exalted Ruler that WV Elks were community minded and working with other organizations to better their communities.

<http://elksger2010.wordpress.com/2010/08/20/west-virginia-trip-4/>

Red Knights Motorcycle Club Region 2

Read the club's newsletter

Nor'easter Newsletter

Www.Rkmcassociation6.com

McKinney Texas

Ride for Relief

The Ride for Relief on April 30th, 2011 is a 53 mile police escorted ride through the Collin County towns of McKinney, Melissa, Blue Ridge and Plano.

Detailed ride info and on-line registration - <http://www.RideForRelief.webs.com/>

The two organizations we are supporting this year are Operation Veteran Support (OVS) and Relief Nursery of Collin County.

Operation Veteran Support (OVS)(<http://www.rotaryvets.com/>) is a grass roots Rotary organization supporting our active and retired Military Veterans and their Families.

Relief Nursery of Collin County (www.ReliefNurseryCC.org) is a Texas 501c3 non-profit child abuse prevention program. RNCC works with families that are at risk of abuse and neglect, before CPS gets involved and the children are removed from the home. They help strengthen families and keep children safe.

2nd Annual Ride to Sunset Ceremony at Plano Veterans Memorial Park, Monday May 30, 2011

We'll start again at Crossroads Cycles in Plano at 5:30pm for a bike parade to the Plano Memorial Day Sunset Program. This will be our own "Sunset Parade".

This year we have sponsors for a Police escort.

We'll be stopping at the Plano VFW Post to join up with The VFW and American Legion Riders

For those not there last year, it was a simple and moving ceremony. This year, the City of Plano is not having a morning ceremony, opting to support our grass roots ceremony. We have great plans for this year. Don't miss it.

McKinney Bike Nites

Moto Oz is co-sponsoring a bike night with Buffalo Wild Wings and Family Power Sports. The bike nights will be on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.



In Memoriam



It is with deep regret we announce the passing of Gregory Alan Hamilton of Hillsboro, MD on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 as a result of a motorcycle accident.

Born March 29, 1969 in Munich, Germany, he was the son of Robert Lee and Patricia Ann Walters Hamilton. He was raised in Cape St. Clair, MD where he graduated from Broadneck High School, Class of 1987. He then attended Anne Arundel Community College where he received his paramedic certification. Mr. Hamilton worked as a firefighter-paramedic and flight paramedic in Anne Arundel and Queen Anne's counties. He taught Paramedic classes for the University of Maryland.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Mr. Hamilton is survived by two sons, Christopher Michael Hamilton of Centreville, MD and Robert Lee Hamilton of Hillsboro, MD; a daughter, Samantha Michelle Hamilton of Hillsboro, MD; his maternal grandmother, Anna Walters of Glen Burnie, MD.

It is with deep regret we announce the passing of Associate Member, Jay Donovan of NJ 22 on April 9, 2011.

Born and raised in Hamilton, Jay was a lifelong area resident and graduate of Steinert High School. He was employed with the New Jersey State Police and retired after 22 years of service. Jay was a past member of the Capital City Motorcycle Club and the Hamilton Hog Chapter. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, boating, fishing, his truck and target shooting. Son of the late John J. Jr. and Juanita Jane Coswell Donovan, Jay is survived by his wife of 23 years, Cecelia A. Donovan; his two service dogs, Tiki2 and Todd2; his cousin, Richard of California, and his extended family and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to K-9 Companions for Independence, Miller Family Campus, 286 Middle Island Rd., Medford, N.Y. 11763.

It is with deep regret that we announce the untimely passing of Greg Hamilton.

Greg answered his last alarm on April the 12th 2011. Greg was involved in an auto accident on Maryland Route 404 and Maryland Route 16 while returning home from his job as a paramedic for Delmar Fire Company.

Greg was a brother and well known through out the Fire / EMS Service. Greg not only volunteered for Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company but he also was employed with the Goodwill Fire Company and Delmar Fire Company. Greg always provided excellent patient care with pride and dignity. Greg was also an active Charter Member of the Red Knights Maryland Chapter 2, in Easton.

Greg will be greatly missed by Queen Anne-Hillsboro, as well as by his brothers in Delmar and Maryland Chapter 2.



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
(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

Summer/Fall
2010

This is a New
registration

This is a
Change to my
information

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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