



Red Knights Mass Chapter 2 — January 2007

Loyal to Our Duty

<http://www.rk-mass2.org>

Last call for ride ideas for the '07 ride schedule...
the officers will be meeting to make the schedule later this month!

Mass Chapter 2 Motorcycle Safety Foundation Rider Education Scholarship

The chapter is again providing MSF Rider Scholarships for 2007. We will be giving out two basic rider course scholarships that are available to anyone and two experienced rider course scholarships that are available to our members.

Deadline for submission is March 1, 2007 and the scholarships will be awarded in April. An application for the scholarship is enclosed and they are also available on the webpage.

Please share the scholarship information with someone who would benefit from the training program.

Just a short informational mailing to start the New Year and get some important data out to you. Take a look at the info on the rider scholarship, the promotional materials for the club, our weekend in Vermont, and our upcoming pot-luck in February!

Local promotion of the Red Knights

Enclosed with this newsletter is a flyer, Scholarship Application, and Chapter Tri-fold to share with your fellow firefighters.

We ask that everyone take these fliers and post them at a local fire station. It can be your station or another nearby station. There are

still fire departments that have no Red Knight members from them. We are especially trying to target these stations to let their riding members know about our club.

There is also an extra copy of the tri-fold enclosed in the newsletter for you. Keep this on your bike and when others ask you about the Red Knights you can share the information with them.

If you need more tri-folds they are available for download on our webpage or you can contact Bob Laford for more copies.

Thanks for your support!

Winter Potluck

- Sunday, February 11
- 1:00 pm in Ashby

We'll be meeting at the Farm in Ashby, on Bennett Road again this year, thanks to the hospitality of our hosts Wayne and Linda Stacy.

Bring a dish to share and something to wet your whistle and we will share stories from the past and look ahead to the new riding year.

We will have the ride schedule for 2007 printed and ready for distribution – so don't miss it!

Give Linda a call to let her know that you will be coming, and to ask for directions if you are unfamiliar with where the farm is. 978-386-7915

Congratulations to Kevin Martin, Tim Kilhart, and Bob Shakarian on their re-election to the chapter's board of officers.

Thank you also to Donna Moreau, Bob Shakarian, and Don Hurme for continuing on as members of the Scholarship Committee for 2007.

If you have paid your dues for 2007 (Thank You) and have not received your membership card yet it should be enclosed with this mailing.

If you have not paid your dues yet for 2007 (oops) there is second notice is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact Treasurer Tim Kilhart.

Congratulations to Moe and Marcia on moving into their new home and best wishes to Kevin and Lori as they make plans to break ground on their new place!

Sounds like two new places for a pot-luck will be coming soon!

Come enjoy Route 100 and the Green Mountains at the Swiss Farm Inn

We have booked a Vermont B&B for the weekend of July 6-8. We will be the only guests and the roads around central Vermont will be all ours for the weekend!

The catch is that there are only 15 rooms. So the first fifteen people to make reservations get to enjoy the weekend in the Mountains with us.

The cost is \$55 per night (Friday and Saturday) and that includes a great breakfast. We will also be having dinner at the B&B on Friday night and that is an extra \$15 per person.

Then we will spend Saturday lost in the Mountains of Vermont!

Come join us. Please make your reservation (**NOW**) by contacting the Swiss Farm Inn at 800-245-5126 and mention you are with the Red Knights. Also let Bob Laford know so he can keep track of who is going. If by chance there are still rooms open by May 1 we will open those spaces to friends and members from other chapters.

On the road with our friends...

- Our late fall riding was in cool weather. It was frosty the day of the Apple Pie Ride and was barely 40 degrees later in October when we met for breakfast and headed off to Salem to visit the "Witch City." For that ride we had 11 bikes, one four-wheeler totaling 18 members! Maybe we should forecast cool temperatures for every ride if that's the turn out we'll see!



During our time in Salem we enjoyed the rich history of the city and even had a chance to view street actors portraying the beginning of the period when the citizens were embroiled in the witch frenzy. The town crier, with warrant in hand, was looking for the accused – a woman wearing a red bodice. Standing nearby was Diona, with her Red Knights vest, and one of the actresses asked if she was *one of them!*

- Another cold morning greeted us when it was Polar Bear Ride time. But that did not stop everyone from coming out for some great fall weather riding. We had ten bikes and a handful of cars (24 people) for the meeting and almost everyone headed down the road for brunch and then a stop at the Cider Day Festival in New Salem.

Wintertime in Lake George...

Did you know that Lake George hosts a Winter Festival each weekend throughout the month of February? Whose up for a weekend away at our favorite home away from home!?!

Look on line at www.lakegeorgewintercarnival.com to see if any of the planned events pique your interest and maybe a few of us will head up to LG for a mid-winter break!

If you're interested and have a weekend in mind, give Bob a call.

Our **Breakfast Clubs** have started up again! The riding season may be winding down, but that does not mean that the fun is going to stop.

In November we had 14 people (7 still on bikes!) and we had a great breakfast before a few of us continued into Connecticut to pay annual taxes to the Native Americans.

Every third Saturday from October through April we will gather for breakfast and fellowship. Meet at the Westminster FD for 8:00 a.m. and we will discover a different breakfast haunt for the month.

January 20, February 17, March 17, and April 21

Guy's Day out in Boston 2007

The Boston Motorcycle Show is the weekend of February 3-4, 2007 at the Bayside Expo in Boston (A new location).

It is always a great time looking at all the bikes, vendors, and wares at this show. Come join us on **Saturday, February 3**. We will meet at the Leominster train station about 9:00 a.m. for the ride into Boston and see if we can get lost — and always with a smile and a laugh! (*And no, it's not just limited to the guys!*)

Then there are the cultural stops like Wings at our favorite restaurant... or is it the legs!

Other 2007 Show dates and locations are:

*Hartford, CT on January 6-7
Wilmington, MA on Jan. 13-14
Salem, NH on January 27-28*

Check out www.kevmarv.com for more information

Another Dirt Road...



Just how many dirt roads did the president lead us down during the last riding season?

And the bigger question is how many will he find in 2007!

...a snapshot from our Polar Bear Ride in November with a stop at the Cider Day Festival.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas Party such a success. A special thank you, as always, to Donna Moreau and her sister for such fine faire and wonderful atmosphere at the Farm. It was a fantastic meal! We'll be back there on Sunday, December 9, 2007.

It's hard to imagine that we had 38 people at the party, (even with 2 couples on two wheels!) – WOW!

And thank you to all that gave gifts for the Fishes and Loaves program that Deb works with. We gave 41 gifts that went to families that need an extra

