



# Red Knights

Mass Chapter 2 — Spring 2015

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*Loyal to Our Duty*

RK Mass-2 will be hosting the Spring 2015 State Meeting on Saturday, March 28, at the Westminster Legion on Main Street. Coffee is at 9:00 and meeting is at 10:00 a.m.

Any help (around 8:30) getting set up would be appreciated.

**2015 RK-Mass 2  
Ride Schedule is  
posted!**

*From the President's Desk*

Hello Riders,

Just imagine, it's only March and we have been in touch and having fun all winter long as a chapter. That's what makes this chapter truly the best and most amazing group of riders. I've talked to other chapter presidents throughout the winter and they've said the same thing over and over about their chapters, "*we get so bored during the non-riding season that it's difficult to get back in the swing of things once riding season comes.*" I tell them that we are active all year long. It's just the make up of our chapter — we all love to socialize!

It's just astounding how many chapters just put their social skills on hold for a while instead of holding breakfast clubs, pot lucks, and attending local chili cook-offs or what have you during the cold-weather months. I try to suggest that they try different things during the months and some have said it just doesn't work for them.

Well that's their loss! Aside from the riding we all do, I love the social aspect of this organization and hope we will always have that bond among us.

We have a busy schedule this year with a lot of riding time ahead of us plus all our extra curricular activities! We have two members going for their licenses along with a few new riders with the club this year. We all need to be on our game and watch out for each other. I'm counting on the seasoned riders to take at least one of the new riders under your wing and make them feel comfortable and guide them along the way with tips and pointers.

Find a riding buddy this year within the chapter and "adopt" them and let's see how that works out.

We've sent out a decal mailing again and have already received 4 email inquiries and a couple of phone calls from chapters we haven't heard from in the past. The decals are still our main source of funding for the chapter and as Treasurer Laford will attest we do a good job at selling our decals and maintaining our charitable contributions throughout the years.

We may not always be in a position to give out as many donations as we have in the past. I'd like to just set the pace that this be the year we look to limiting the number of contributions to a set number per year and have some in reserve in case a member needs a lending hand or a tragic event hits another local firefighter's family. I'm not looking to build our kitty or anything like that, I'd like to just come up with a set number of donations if that's possible. Let me know what you think.

Also starting with this year's riding season we'll start the 50/50 raffles up again. We'll use the other half of contributions for something at the end of the year we can all agree on; a charity, a donation, a party, etc. But it will be something we can all agree on. I say the end of the year because you never know what's going to come along and those little funds from our FUN time just may help someone or some good cause that we do not know of yet.

Remember to keep our fellow brothers and sisters in mind throughout the year. Doc Alveraz (MA-3) is in Rehab from a broken Tib/Fib with pins, and extensive rehab. His wife Robin having her own difficulties and now having to watch over him. Deb Mickle still struggling and going day to day without Steve, please call her once in a while and let her know you're thinking about her. Don't forget our State Rep George with the loss of his good friend and riding partner Al Holmes. Sure time heals, but we are brothers in arms and need to keep checking on our family members out there.

In closing don't forget our state meeting March 28th at the Legion in Westminster, 8:00-8:30 setup and sales of chapter events. It looks like we'll have about 50 members in attendance, and there is always hope that we'll get through the business portion fairly quickly. If you would like to bring cookies or treats for the group that is appreciated.

Take care and Stay Safe,  
Kevin



Even if it was just sitting on it and listening to the engine, it felt good! But it is no longer 3 degrees Fahrenheit and we can think about what a great riding season 2015 will be — Come join us!



*On the road with our friends...*

- Had five four-wheelers head to Monadnock Harley for their annual Chili and Pulled-pork Cook-off. Always a great time with a good variety of treats to taste and vote on! They collected over \$500 in donations that went to one of their favorite local charities.

**Breakfast and Ice Cream**



Don't forget that our **Breakfast Clubs** have another month to go! **Every third Saturday** from November through April we gather for breakfast and fellowship. Meet at the Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 8:30 a.m. and we will head to another host. April 18 is the next one, being hosted by the Brouillet's in Westminster!

Tennessee is banning trucks longer than 30 feet from using a twisty stretch of U.S. Route 129 that is known as The Dragon.

The truck ban is welcome news to motorcyclists who travel long distances to experience the mountain road famous for its 318 curves in 11 miles along the western edge of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.



While trucks have been banned from the North Carolina side of the road for a few years, Tennessee until now only posted signs warning truckers of switchback turns on the route. "They'd say, well it can't be that bad, and it's another 100 miles to go around," said Johnson—owner of Deal's Gap, who has in the past taken it upon himself to ride his motorcycle out ahead of trucks to warn oncoming traffic.

State records show 1.4 million vehicles traversed the Tennessee side of the Dragon between 2010 and 2012. Johnson said that while the Dragon draws enthusiasts from around the country and as far away as South America and the Far East to experience stretches of the road known as "The Whip," "Revenuer's Straight" and the "Gravity Cavity," the continued presence of trucks has kept some from making their trip — and spending their tourist dollars.

Would you like to be a Breakfast Club host for the next round beginning in November? Contact President Martin to be put on the schedule.

Thank you to Rick & Lori, Mark & Cynthia, and Kevin & Laura our Jan to March Breakfast hosts this year! Our April hosts are Ed & Peg in Westminster. Come join us for a fun morning (and food) with a big turnout of RK friends!

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And it will not be long before we will be gathering for our **Monthly Ice Cream Rides!** Those are planned for May 28 — June 25 — July 23 — August 27 — and September 24.

Meet at the Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 6:30 p.m. and we'll be all smiles when they hand us our first ice cream cone!



**Come for the Chili and leave with a new ride!**

Congratulations Rick and Lori





The *Red Knight Fire Tower Quest* is underway for 2015. We hope that you consider participating in this riding season adventure with us to earn your Fire Tower Pin.

**Americade Pot-luck Planning Meeting.** We had 24 people come out to New Salem for our Americade Planning Meeting... and we definitely have a full house at the cabins. It appears that over the course of the week we will see between 35 and 40 of our chapter in Lake George—WOW!

(Americade also coincides with the **Region-1 Yankee Rally** in Saratoga for 2015).

In years past the Red Knights were invited to and participated in the city of Newton parade and our State Rep has spearheaded the RK contingent's participation. After a year's hiatus the Newton's Veteran's Parade is on (for May 17th) and the Red Knights have been asked to join this year's event.

Line-up is at 1:00 at the Newton North High School (457 Walnut St. Newtonville, MA) with a 2:00 kick-off and we lead. There will be FREE cook-out and ice cream at the parade's end.

Let President Martin know if you are interested in participating so he can let George know.

#### **RED KNIGHTS MC - MASS 1 SPAGHETTI FEED!**

All-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, April 18th, 5:00-8:00 pm at the Red Knight Memorial / Boylston Meeting House

Tickets are \$10 - Senior Citizen & Children \$7

Tickets available from Mass-1 members

The menu includes Fresh Salad, Spaghetti with or without meatballs, Bread and butter, Water, Coffee, and Lemonade. Desserts available will be Chocolate cookies and Brownies.



We have received correspondence from the members of NY-44 (Cooperstown area) that they are planning on an over-night road trip to see the RK Memorial on the weekend of July 11 & 12. Put it in your calendar and Mass-2 will be part of the contingent to give them a warm welcome to Boylston!

## **Americade is like the Disneyland of motorcycle rallies!**

That is a quote from an article that appeared after last year's Americade — and for any of us who keep Americade on our annual "must do" calendar — we all agree!

There are dinner cruises, test rides, stunt shows, bike contests, rodeo's, guided, self-guided, and un-guided rides, poker runs, seminars and speakers, and vendor after vendor after vendor. Or you can just throw your leg over your motorcycle by yourself or with your favorite companions, and spend hundreds of miles in some of the most beautiful mountain and valley scenery on the eastern seaboard.

If you need ANYTHING for your bike, you can find it in Lake George. Well over 200 vendors are in the Tour-Expo ready to help fix, modify, paint, or polish what you need taken care of on you or your bike.

Just want to kick back and enjoy your week on slow speed? That is OK too. You can take up a spot on Canada Street and spend your day people watching... and watching the thousands of bikes that make up the Adirondack's annual "motorcycle-mall." Or disappear with that book or magazine that has been gathering dust at home and put your feet up at the cabins, by the lake, or somewhere down the road when you decide to take a break from your ride.

Americade offers you a bit of adrenaline too if you need some. That could come in one of their registration packages for zip-lining or a hot air balloon ride — or spin up to Lake Placid and a ride down the bobsled course. There are always the parasailing boats on Lake George as well!

Whether you are a *registered* Americader or not, the Red Knights are always on-hand throughout the week. Our New York brethren will again be holding a Wednesday ride and the Thursday RKMC open house at the Lake George Fire Station. Where else can you rub elbows with several hundred of your RK friends?

Each year the first week of June is the end and beginning of our year's count-down-clock, ticking away the time until we can return to Lake George.

When packing for Americade, remember your fire helmet and come join us in leading the parade on Saturday.



*The Red Knights Ladies will be meeting at Peg's house on **Tuesday, May 19** at 6:00 to plan for our week's supplies and related logistical needs.*

*...since the ladies will be out of the house, the guys will meet at "The Blueprint" behind the Westminster Dunkin Donuts at 6:00 for our annual burger dinner together!*

**2015 Red Knights' Skills Day.** If you are coming from the east, meet at the Westminster Dunkins for 9:00 a.m. and if you are coming from the west meet at the New Salem General Store for 9:30 a.m. (THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE SCHEDULE!). Then when we are all together we will go to this year's "drill yard" to have some Red Knight fun and sharpen our skills. Part of our "Skills" will be a discussion on some *basic motorcycle maintenance* lead by Jeff Hamburg, our own Red Knight who runs Hamberg's Motorcycle Service.



# It's time work on our skills! RED KNIGHTS SKILLS DAY 2015

## Visualization Can Save Your Life, by Ken Condon

Putting a Homo sapien on a motorcycle is just asking for trouble. You simply can't escape the fact that we are all prone to doing really dumb things. Don't bother denying it. You're human and humans are fallible.

I believe that well-developed physical skills and sharp mental skills allow you to ride with more control and increase safety. But, is it enough to simply know these skills?

Missing Skills. There has been a great expansion of motorcycle training programs in the U.S over the last 20 years. So why has the fatality and injury rates on America's roadways have actually increased?

One problem is that "well trained" riders often fail to execute the very skills they mastered in the parking lot.

It's one thing to know how to master swerving or emergency braking, but it turns out that it's quite another thing to actually apply these skills in the heat of battle, like when a car darts out in front of you at an intersection.

During MSF courses, students are asked to practice emergency stops by applying the brakes when their front tire reaches a set of cones. Once the technique is practiced a bit, instructors step in the path of travel, throwing their arms up to simulate the need for an emergency stop in an attempt to make the drill more realistic. Even though students experience more stress when the instructor is standing in the way, this trigger is not nearly stressful enough to emulate what happens when an actual two-ton vehicle suddenly appears in your path.

Train for Reality. Soldiers, pilots, police officers, firefighters, and other people exposed to high stress situations are trained using methods that emulate the real-world so they can handle the inevitable first battle,

conflict, or emergency situation. Without this part of the training process, the skills are likely to either become too delayed or go unused as the brain wastes valuable time processing what is happening.

The training includes sounds, smells, and sights that shock the ears, nose, and eyes. Explosions, live ammo, alarms, and life threatening scenarios played by actors all prepare these trainees for the worst. That doesn't happen with motorcycle training.

Nobody dares to suggest that instructors drive a Chevy onto the practice range at random times or walk unpredictably in front of unsuspecting students, or secretly drop sand or diesel fuel on the parking lot. These scenarios would help condition students for real-world situations, but liability means this method just won't fly.

The Visualization Solution. The next best thing to exposing riders to real-world scenarios is visualization. Racers use visualization to run laps in their mind before hitting the track. They can be seen closing their eyes or staring into space as they imagine every nuance of the racetrack and every braking, shifting and cornering action with great precision.

Click a stopwatch as they begin and end a visualized lap and the best racers will be remarkably close to their real lap times. This exercise is known to be almost as effective as actually riding the machine on the track without using tires or fuel, or risking a crash.

Street riders can also use visualization to train themselves to manage a car pulling out from a side street or a patch of sand appearing suddenly around a blind corner. The MSF attempts to have new riders visualize real life hazards using videos and online simulators. But, I believe visualization

can be more effective, if riders are taught how to do it.

Visualization Practice. Close your eyes and visualize yourself riding to work. As you enter a familiar intersection, imagine a car suddenly running the stoplight or stop sign. Feel the panic as your muscles tense and your eyes widen. Now, imagine yourself squeezing the brakes fully, the G-forces pushing you forward to the extreme.

Did you avoid a collision? If not, then try again. And again. You cannot do this too much.

Go back in time and plan better by slowing down and covering your brakes to reduce reaction time. Notice how much more time you gave yourself to respond. To avoid target fixation, imagine looking away from the car and toward an escape route. Good job.

Replay different outcomes and solutions. Imagine yourself swerving instead of stopping.

Next, visualize other scenarios, like rounding a blind corner and needing to avoid an animal, or realizing the the corner is tightening and your speed is too fast.

This training is not the same as having a car pull out in front of you, but it can be remarkably effective if done well...and it's safe.

Do it! Learning advanced braking and cornering skills and strategies for surviving will most assuredly increase your chances of making it home in one piece. But, it has now become apparent that this is simply not enough. Sit down and visualize yourself successfully managing some very scary hazards so you are better prepared for the inevitable conflict. It could happen tomorrow, so don't delay.



# Come out and join the fun in 2015!

Saturday, April 25. **Spring “Dust-Off” Ride.** Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 9:00 a.m. for a quick ride for a breakfast stop at the Glen Caffe and then a ride to *who knows where* — just because we need a ride!

Saturday, May 2. **A visit to the RKMC Memorial.** Not sure yet whether it will be a work party for a Spring clean-up or a ride with a visit to the memorial to begin our riding season, but we’ll meet at the Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 9:00 a.m. More details will be coming.

Sunday, May 24. **Fire Tower Assistance Ride.** Meet at Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 9:00 a.m. and we’ll head out in search of a **Fire Tower** or two to help you with earning your Fire Tower Pin. Already have your pin? Come out for the ride anyways!

Saturday, June 20. **RK Vermont-2’s Paul’s Ride.** We’ll be supporting a nearby chapter’s efforts to help those with cancer. Meet at the 2/202 Shell in Orange at 8:00 a.m. and we will head to southern Vermont.

Saturday, June 27. **Dummerston Strawberry Supper** in Vermont — Meet at Westminster DD’s for 3:00 p.m. and we’ll head out for a ride before the shortcake!

Sunday, July 5. **4th of July Celebration Pot-luck BBQ.** Come enjoy some time with friends at a holiday pot-luck. We’ll be guests of Nancy and Larry Robinson in Petersham (1:00 p.m.) [355 North Main Street—Route 32]

Saturday, July 18. **2015 Crazy Ride.** Who knows where, what route, or who is riding, but come see what a crazy ride is all about! Meet at the Westminster Dunkin Donuts for 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 25. **Red Knight Bug Ride.**  
*If you don’t have a windshield, always brush your teeth after a ride to get the bugs out of your smile!* Join us at 4:00 p.m. at the Westminster Dunkin Donuts and we will head out for an early-evening ride to see how many bugs we can collect on our “targets.” And I suspect that ice cream will be involved!

## THOUGHTS FOR THE ROAD AHEAD

In a recent *Proficient Motorcycling* column in Motorcycle Consumer News, Ken Condon categorized some random thoughts on becoming a safer rider. I won’t repeat his article verbatim, but thought event the categories will give us each an opportunity of where the road ahead may lead us.

**Be a thinker.** Thinking riders consider what they wear, where they ride, and the consequences of their behaviors.

**Accept Risk.** We all know that riding a motorcycle is risky. You owe it to yourself and your loved ones to learn survival strategies, practice your skills, and keep your behavior in check.

**Reject blame and look in the mirror.** A rider who has been involved in a mishap and who quickly blames others and refuses to share responsibility is likely to learn nothing from the event and be involved in a similar situation in the future.

**Resist Complacency.** Complacency can compromise safety by lulling you into thinking that your skills are adequate.

**Keep Learning.** One sure-fire way to fend off complacency is to keep learning. Keep learning how to be safer and more skillful and you’ll enjoy riding more.

**Inspire and Mentor Others.** Consider sharing your knowledge with fellow riders.

**Be an example.** Encourage and inspire other riders simply by being a [good] example.

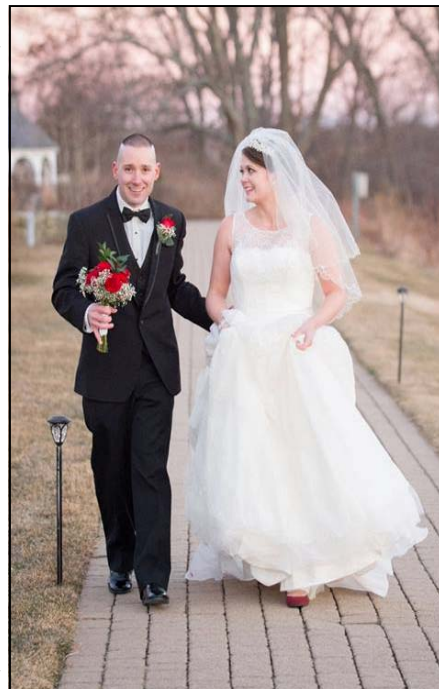
**Support Motorcycle Safety’s Future.** Keep an open mind to changes in motorcycle rider education in the years to come. Current methods of motorcycle training may not be the best approach and new ways need to be considered in the future.

### Membership news...

Congratulations to Chris and Ellen Conrad on their recent nuptials!

Congratulations to Caitlin Barclay on her promotion to Animal Care Specialist -1 at the San Antonio Sea World... I think she learned how to befriend and care for her Red Knight family from Sea World — Keep them fed to keep them happy!

Our condolences go out to Bill Curtis on the passing of his son, Bill. And best wishes to Lori Oliver as she recovers from recent shoulder surgery.



## PROGRESSIVE® INSURANCE 2014 YEAR IN CLAIMS REPORT: MOTORCYCLE

In January, Progressive Insurance issued a brief report on motorcycle claims received in 2014. Much of their data is not a surprise, like the most claims were from crashes that happened on Saturday and Sunday. But the data is interesting to look at—and may make you wonder things like, *why did more motorcycle claims come in for incidents that happened on June 7 than any other day of the week!?*

The weekend is when there are the most bikes on the road. So perhaps not surprisingly, we see the highest number of accidents on Saturday, followed by Sunday and Friday.

July was the busiest month for motorcycle claims in 2014, followed by August and June. December had the fewest claims, with more riders storing bikes and staying out of the colder temperatures.

“On one hand, the data reinforces what we already knew, which is that we see the most claims in July during the peak of the summer riding season,” said Progressive Motorcycle Product Manager Scott Hall. “But what’s really almost counterintuitive and worth calling attention to is that in 2014, Progressive saw the most motorcycle claims from single vehicle accidents—far more than rear-end, intersection, and stolen bikes combined. So the message is, even when other vehicles aren’t around, you need to be extremely vigilant on the open road.”

Detailed list of individual data below.

### Top motorcycle claims by type

- Single vehicle
- Rear-end
- Intersection
- Stolen and unrecovered
- Parked

### Top months for motorcycle claims

- July
- August
- June
- May
- September
- April
- October
- March
- November
- February
- January
- December

## Group Riding Reminders

Our riding season is again approaching (hooray!) and being on the road together as a group means we have a responsibility for everyone that is riding with us and a responsibility for ourselves.

Riding in a group does not mean you surrender any decision-making when it comes to your safety. Ride your own ride, and don't go any faster than you feel comfortable going.

If you do not have a C.B. mix within the group so that there are others around you that have communication with the ride leader and tail.

Under most circumstances, the group rides in staggered formation. The leader rides on the left side (track) of the lane, the second rider stays one second back and on the right side (track). The third rider stays one second behind the second rider and on the left side, and so on. You don't want to ride side-by-side since this will limit your maneuvering space if you need to swerve quickly. This gives you a two-second distance from the rider right in front of you.

Keep in mind that you may want to go single-file on very curvy or deteriorated roads, when entering the highway, when turning at intersections, or in bad weather.

With more three-wheeled bikes appearing in our group, how do they fit in? Trikes normally are positioned in the rear of the group, and they ride close to the center of the lane. They follow the two-second rule from each other as they cannot “stagger” as two-wheeled bikes can.

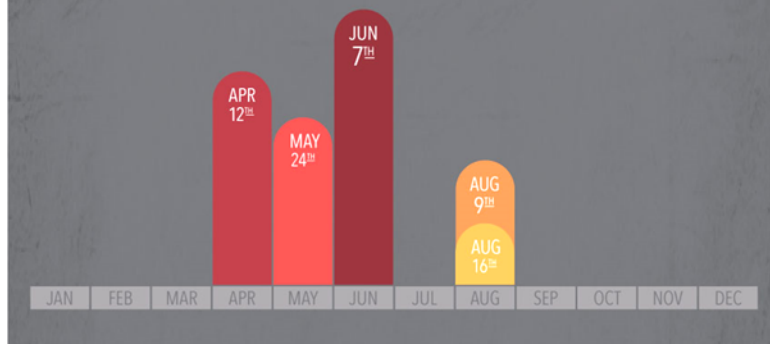
If one of our three-wheeled members is leading, that rider will also be close to the center of the lane. The second rider should take up the left track — two seconds behind the leader — and the rest of the group should assume the traditional staggered formation.

If the rider in front of you moves from track to track in the lane, stay in your track, as not to disrupt the rest of the group’s formation, but give a full two-second spacing between yourself and that rider, so there is ample time to maneuver or stop safely.

Come to the ride prepared. This includes simple things that everyone should do, like arriving with a full tank, doing your T-Clock inspection before you leave home — and having an empty bladder before the group rolls out as well!

## TOP 5 DAYS FOR MOTORCYCLE CLAIMS

DESPITE IT BEING THE HIGHEST MONTH FOR CLAIMS, NONE OF THE TOP FIVE DAYS FOR CLAIMS WERE IN JULY.





## ARE YOU HEADED TO THE 2015 CONVENTION IN SAN ANTONIO IN AUGUST

Are you one of the members heading to San Antonio? I know there is a Mass-2 member already waiting for you in Texas as well! There have been discussions and plans are underway for a small, faithful contingent of Mass-2 representatives who are planning to head down to Texas (via air) to be part of this year's activities.

Are you looking for more information on the convention? Contact President Martin if you are!

### What Can and Can't ABS Do for You?

Several studies have cited improper braking as a pre-impact factor responsible for some motorcycle crashes. Some manufacturers offer Anti-lock Braking Systems (ABS) as an option on certain models, allowing consumers to choose ABS technology to help them brake more effectively.

ABS is not guaranteed crash prevention, but in certain situations it can help riders avoid a crash.

ABS only works when the front brake lever and rear brake pedal are continuously applied during stopping, and not "pumped."

ABS can quickly respond to a change in surface friction during braking and help prevent the rider from losing control. ABS's greatest benefit may be on wet or icy roads.

ABS is most effective when the bike is completely upright and going in a straight line.

The dynamics of motorcycles, which must lean to corner, prevents the ABS from assisting the rider in every situation.

During aggressive cornering, ABS may not have the intended effect. Cornering at the limit requires very smooth braking, and the pulsing caused by ABS can upset the bike, causing it to "low-side" and slide out from under the rider. It is important to note that ABS is not a substitute for proper braking techniques and common sense. ABS is not intended to shorten stopping distances on dry roads, so riders are not free to speed or tailgate in hopes that ABS will compensate for their poor judgment.

ABS does not allow a motorcycle to violate the laws of physics.

*Taken from the GWRRA Mass-C March newsletter.*

**Congratulations** to this year's recipients of our MSF Rider Scholarships. Because of the make up of the applicants for the awards, the committee and the chapter decided to give three basic and one experienced rider course. The Basic Rider Courses went to Laura Nelson, Diona Laford, and Pam Rogers (of Athol). The Experienced Rider Course went to Norma Perrone Dube.

Thank you to our MSF Scholarship Committee, Maury Lizotte, Bob Shakarian, Marcia Marjomaa, and Don Hurme. And thank you to the Central Mass Safety Council as without them we could have never given out these 53 Scholarships over the past dozen years or so!



The wine box First Lady Laura is holding says it all...

**"You are in the company of  
great family and friends!"**

Come join us this year and you will see how true that statement is with your Red Knights family!



Have you seen the new chapter logo design? Thanks to the legwork of Secretary Rick Oliver we had a professional artist

work up a new chapter design with the Massachusetts Minuteman that is being produced as a chapter patch and T-shirts, and other "stuff" — soon to be available for you!

We have taken in an order of 8 ounce tumblers... If you are interested in getting a few for yourself, contact Treasurer Laford. For clothing orders, contact President Martin



Looking to tour the U.S.? Planning the ultimate U.S. road trip requires more than an atlas — it takes an algorithm.

When a producer at Discovery News challenged Michigan State University doctoral student Randy Olson to plot the optimum route across the continental U.S., Olson got to work charting a course within these parameters:

- There would be one stop in all 48 contiguous U.S. states, as well as Washington D.C. and two stops in California for an even 50 stops.
- Each stop would be at a national natural landmark, national historic site, national park or national monument.
- The vehicle would never leave U.S. soil.

Olson's first step was to take the list of 50 landmarks he was provided and find the shortest distance by road between each one.

Once he had this information, he approached the task as a traveling salesman would. In other words, he had to put the landmarks in such an order that the driver would backtrack as little as possible, which is especially difficult when making stops in Florida and the Northeast.

To do this, Olson used information from Google Maps API and wrote a bit of code to determine the distance and time it would take to drive to all 50 landmarks.

It would take millions of years for a computer to look at every possible solution, so he employed a genetic algorithm — the same one he used to devise the best way to find Waldo — to find a "near-perfect solution."

If you were to follow this 13,699-mile route and had the road entirely to yourself, it would take 9.33 days of nonstop driving, according to Olson's calculations.

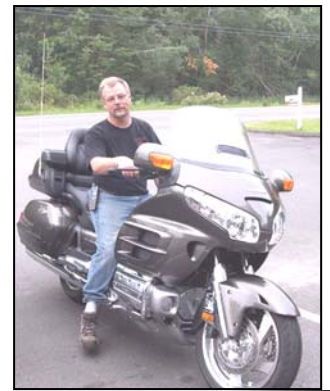
However, in reality you'd have to commit two to three months to complete the ultimate road trip.



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### Supporting the 2015 RKMC Convention

There are a few of our members heading to San Antonio to represent us at this year's convention — but WE ALL can support the convention by purchasing an ad in the convention program book.

The convention booklet helps the host chapters with planning costs and is a great way to say thank you to everyone who participates in the planning and execution of the event.

Please consider buying an ad.

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The ad may be emailed to Debbie Cutbirtha @ debbie\_cutbirth@yahoo.com.

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### DOT Motorcycle Simulator



It took three tries over the past year to get the weather to cooperate enough to get use of the Motorcycle Simulator available through the Mass DOT Motorcycle Safety program, but our March

Breakfast Club got the chance to see how our observation and concentration skills fared against the computer. It was an fun experience!

