

# Red Knights

## Mass Chapter 2 — Summer '03#

<http://www.redknightsmc.org/mass2/>

*Loyal to Our Duty*

From the  
President's Desk

Hi All,

**Wow!! I'm not sure where to start.** We have a lot of things going on this year, from ice cream rides to weekend get-a-ways, to our International convention in Quebec this summer, and much more. I hope everyone will join in from time to time and see old friends and meet new ones while enjoying the plans scheduled for this season.

Every chapter has a core of people that are very active and our chapter is no different. As one of your chapter officers I have always tried to let people know they are all welcome to just come, join in and have fun! Whenever you get a diverse group of people together you will have differing viewpoints and ideas. But the differences between all of us help make our organization exciting and fun. Even through all our differences the personal friendships that are made in the Red Knights are relationships that will last a life time.

There were 28 members from Ma-2 that went to Americade this year and what a week we had! That first week in June is a vacation for most of us. For me it is both business and vacation with my duties on the International Board. The Red Knights are very well received and respected by the staff of Americade. Every year we do a lot of different things and this year was no different. On **Tuesday** the club did a seminar on the history of the Red Knights at Roaring Brook Ranch. **Wednesday** the Red Knights International sponsored a dinner with over 300 people in attendance. **Thursday** was our open house for all Red Knights members and friends at the Lake George Fire Department, and **Saturday** was the Americade parade with 65 bikes and over 100 Red Knights members participating in the parade.

As a part of the dinner on Wednesday evening, the International requested that each chapter donate gifts to be given as door prizes. Last year we gave out 60 door prizes and this year we gave away 72 individual prizes! That is really amazing if you think that at a similar dinner the same evening, a major bike manufacturer was the dinner host and they gave away 18 prizes! Over ninety percent of all the door prizes that were donated came from Mass Chapter 2. There were a few donations from other chapters, but once again this chapter is the one that came through to save the day! As your chapter president I have come to believe that there is nothing that this chapter cannot accomplish. You are the most amazing and resourceful bunch of friends that I have had the pleasure of working with as a chapter officer. I would like to thank all the members and friends from Ma-2, who went to Americade this year for all your help and support. We had another great year – all because of the participation of members like each of you.

As my ten years as Chapter President comes to a close this October, I feel we have the best officers and members around and that will keep this chapter very active for the years to come. When you put in many years into something, it is one of the best feelings just to be able look back and say, "I remember when we started in 1982 with 3 chapters (2 in Mass and 1 in Conn) with 35 members." Now twenty years later we have 138 chapters and over 3,500 members worldwide.

Ride safe and Thanks! — Eddie B.

There was an editorial in a recent issue of "Wing World" that said, "As I get my bike ready for another season, I realize how fortunate I am to get the opportunity to see the countryside from the seat of a motorcycle."

No truer words can be spoken. We are all lucky to be able to enjoy our bikes and that special bond of friendship with each other!

### Join us for our Summer Pot luck BBQ

Kevin and Lori have invited us to their new home in Gardner to have one of our infamous Red Knights gatherings!

Come join us and bring some food to share with your friends and we'll have a great time as always.

- When: Sunday, July 13 at 2:00 p.m.
- Where: Kevin and Lori's, 982 Pearl Street (Route 101) in Gardner. (It sits right on the Gardner/Ashburnham town line next to the water tower)
- RSVP: Kevin & Lori's new number is (978) 632-2677



### Mass-2 Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who bought and sold 120 Club Raffle Tickets this year and to our raffle chair person Marty Eldridge! This raffle was a success for our Club again this year because of everyone's help. The drawing was held on June 21

*Congratulations to all our winners:*

Bob Laford (MA-2), Richard Vinciguerra, Gregg Normandin, Dana Robertson (CT-2), Michael Gifford, Patricia Vinciguerra, Jim Peacy (MA-12), Elaine Clement (MA-2), Phil Jordan (MA-2), Rosie Baldini (MA-2), Jeff Kimmel, J.T. Sunick, Rose Albee, Jim Haggerty (MA-5), Don Preville, Donna Moreau (MA-2), Diane O'Hagen (CT-2), Maureen Murray, Linda Mancini, Paul Fillebrown, David Grunell, Dick Clements (MA-2), Darlene Kilhart (MA-2), and Gail Beauregard.

### September 2003 marks the 20th anniversary of our chapter!

Looking back over the past two decades we can see many miles, many friends, and a lot of fun.

Glancing at our current roster, a thank you is owed to those members that were there in 1983-1984 to start Red Knights Mass-2, and are still active with us today.

Phil and Bea Jordan (Phil served as president for the first ten years), Joseph Bergeron, Ed Brouillet, Tom Chaplin, Charlie Clarkson, John Collins, Cliff and Marty Eldridge, Robert Feeley, Wayne Stacy, and Richard Wheeler

At the October business meeting of our chapter, the officer positions of President and Secretary will be up for election/re-election. Any active member interested in running for the posts should contact President Brouillet.

Our condolences go out to Wayne and Linda Stacy and their family on the passing of Wayne's Dad in March, and to Ed Mathews and his family on the passing of Ed's dad, also in March.

## Together with our Friends!

- Our first gathering of the *Red Knights Breakfast Club* was on Saturday, February 15. Nine of our members braved the below zero weather (remember we had a lot of days like that last winter). The first breakfast was at "Eggs-cetera" in Baldwinville center. Great breakfast! We met in February, March, and April at a different breakfast spot each month. The breakfast club will start meeting again in October.
- Our ice cream rides have started up again. Our first one in May was cool and overcast. A few four-wheelers and one bike arrived... and it was Krystal Kilhart's 6th birthday so we had cake too!

Some true friendships are always renewed with our sister chapter to the north, when we head to Ontario for the Annual Winter Frolic hosted by Ontario 7.



Three couples enjoyed sunny skies (an unusual occurrence for this past winter) for our ride up to the north country in February. But the ride home was something different with snow and ice the order of the day for the first half of the ride home!

The guys spent some time at the Trenton Air Base with our host Stan Rolsky and visited the "Halifax" restoration project. We have been watching the work on this aircraft progress since it was pulled from a lake in Norway in the 1990's where it laid since crashing during WWII.

The aircraft is really starting to look like she should, and the history we learn each time we visit is amazing.

The girls, with their host Lise Rolsky, had planned a picnic and some shopping for Saturday but the weather started to turn sour. So their picnic ended up in the basement at the Rolsky's as the guys competed in darts (and beers) for the afternoon.

Even though the weather had turned to freezing rain and then heavy snow, there were still about 100 people attending the Winter Dance, helping Ontario-7 raise over \$1,300 for the local burn center.

Congratulations go out to Lori Hembrow and Donna Morreau.

Lori completed her undergraduate work at Fitchburg State College and Donna her graduate degree at Columbia in NYC.

Congratulations goes out to both for their hard work in completing these milestones.



More than 16,000 motorcyclists participated in 22 Ride for Kids events last year, raising a record \$3.1 million for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. "More kids lose their lives to brain tumors than any other cancer," says Mike Traynor, foundation president. "The motorcycle community is responsible for making the foundation the world's largest non-governmental source of childhood brain tumor research and family support." The New England Ride for Kids is one of 26 events planned for 2003.

We hope that you can join us for this year's New England Ride for Kids on Sunday, August 17. We will meet on the Petersham Common at 7:30 a.m. and head off to Oxford for the start of the ride.

Included in this mailing is a flyer for this year's Ride for Kids. Consider being a part of the ride and help raise some funds for the Brain Tumor Research. And if you cannot make the ride this year, would you consider making a donation to one of our members who is making the ride? If you have any questions, contact Tim Kilhart.

Have you ever considered joining the Massachusetts Motorcyclist Association (MMA)?

The MMA is a politically active group of motorcyclists in the state and has recently worked on such issues as Nelly's Bill for better driver education, driver awareness campaigns, veteran's and HP license plates for motorcyclists, and provide roadside service for members. They have also been strongly involved with some educational efforts in regards to specific communities that have police officers that target bikes for violations. I personally don't agree with their position on every issue; but I support their lobbying efforts as a united front of people who enjoy motorcycling.

This spring a bill was filed in the legislature to make it illegal for anyone under 16 to ride a motorcycle (even if the parent is the driver). The MMA watch dogs let everyone know and many of you wrote and called the Statehouse to voice your concern.

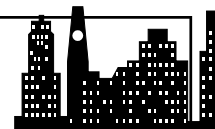
I received a letter from Senator Steve Brewer after the committee hearing, that in part said, "As a member of the Joint Committee on Public Safety, I requested that the Committee consider the thoughts expressed in the multitude of letters that I received expressing opposition to this legislation." Remember it is the power of our voices together that keep our right to ride intact.

<http://www.mma-of-ma.com> or MMA at P.O. Box 378, Brimfield, MA 01010.



One of our chapter members, Francis Wada, recently "appeared" in the nationally syndicated comic strip "The Big Picture." *Fame* has reached the Red Knights through Francis! (Francis is the conductor of the Thayer Symphony Orchestra in Fitchburg).

Another great meal at Mother Anna's was just one highlight on our adventure in Boston back in March.



Good friends, good weather, and a fun time – what more could you ask for when we get together! We had fourteen members and friends join us for our train ride into Boston on March 22.

Mother Nature had finally changed her tune from winter to spring on the day of our ride. The weather was in the 40's and 50's, some fog, some clouds, and some sun. Just about perfect for walking around the city.

Once in Boston we journeyed over the Storrow Drive foot bridge to spend some time at the Museum of Science. It was a busy day there with lots of people. We were not able to get into the Egyptian Exhibit because they were already sold out for the day. We did elicit some help of a young family to take our group picture and then we reciprocated and took their picture too!

By the time we left the Museum of Science it was almost 1:00 p.m. and we were all thinking of some great Italian food in the North-end. Steve Mickle had a morning commitment and had taken a later train so our entourage picked him up on the way by the Fleet Center while enroute to Mother Anna's. Up until this point Walter Roach and Bob Shakarian had been acting as our goodwill ambassadors, making friends with the train conductor and any other folks within our vicinity! (So with Steve in tow we had three members working on comic relief).

Quebec-3 is the host chapter for our 2003 **Red Knights Convention** (August 7-10, 2003).

Consider heading up north for the twentieth annual convention of the International. If you have never gone, here is an opportunity that is not too far from home!

Check out the International Web page for more information or contact one of the officers. (You should have received info with your International Newsletter in the Spring).

The wonderful people at Mother Anna's were ready with *our* table when we arrived – and as always we had some fantastic food and great hospitality. Shaky wanted to have Corned Beef and Cabbage but the waitress said he would have to go elsewhere for that! Afterward we stopped at "Mike's Pastry" for desserts before we headed over to Quincy Market. Poor Peg, when she got on the train home and went to eat her Cannoli, it was all squished. I bet it still tasted good, though!

Quincy Market was bustling with people and of course we had to use our time wisely and eat (again). There was ice cream and baked sweets, and Bob & Bob found Jalapino Pretzels. We also got to enjoy the street performers. One of them was even juggling lawn chairs.

By the time 5 p.m. rolled around, the sun was going behind the buildings and the temperatures started to cool off so we knew it was time to head back to North Station for our ride home. We knew everyone had a good time because by the time we were in our seats it was obvious that everyone was tired from such a great day. Hope you can join us next year!

If you have time on your hands for a ride... or want to go out to breakfast... or ice cream... or lunch... or whatever/where ever — there are always other members looking to take a mid-week or weekend jaunt around the area.

Drop an email or make a few telephone calls, and your non-scheduled ride (and eat) idea will be on the minds of other Red Knights

As you have read elsewhere in the newsletter, elections for our chapter president and secretary will be held at a meeting prior to our Apple Pie Ride in October.

After serving as a chapter officer for fifteen years, our current President, Ed Brouillet, has decided not to seek re-election. I fully support his decision, knowing the time and commitment that he puts in as International President every day.

Our chapter has only had two presidents; Phil Jordan for the first ten years and Ed Brouillet for ten years after that. Both of these men deserve a big thank you for the work they have done for the chapter and for the Red Knights.

I have told President Brouillet that I am stepping down as your chapter Vice-president effective with the October meeting so I can run for president of our chapter.

This means that the Vice-president's position will also need to be filled at the October meeting. If you are interested in running for Vice-president (or either of the other positions up for vote that day), please contact Ed Brouillet to let your intentions be known.

Bob Laford,  
Vice-president

Just a reminder that Cliff has patches and rockers if anyone needs them. He has (in stock), large Rocker and Patch sets for the back of your red vests, and he also has the shoulder patches for your uniform shirts.



**Just a reminder:** Your chapter officers will be running a 50/50 raffle at each event when the chapter gathers. At the end of the 2003 season the monies raised from these raffles will be donated to the Red Knights Memorial Fund.



## Motorcycle Insurance in Massachusetts

If you haven't already, you should review your motorcycle insurance coverage with your Insurance Agent. Beginning in 2003 there have been some changes in what is available for coverage to you, your riding partner, and your bike. I found that even my agent was not 100% up on the new changes.

So thanks go out to the Mass. Motorcycle Association and Betty Lister of Lister Insurance Agency (and a rider herself) for getting this information to us:

Motorcycle insurance is written on a standard Mass auto policy, but please know this; it differs, and works differently than the auto policy.

Before I embark upon coverages, please let me remind you to include guest coverage on your policy. If you haven't opted for this, your passenger could have no coverage in the event of a loss.

Coverage #1 is compulsory with limits of \$20000 per person and \$40000 per accident. This coverage does not cover you on private ways or on roads out of Massachusetts or include your passengers. (These coverages can be bought under optional bodily injury part #5)

Coverage 2, personal injury protection, hereafter known as pip; note that there is no pip coverage while you are on your bike. Meaning that, yes, even while you're stopped and not moving; you are not covered under the pip portion of the policy. You are however, covered if you are standing beside your bike and someone knocks the bike over on you. You'll note that the premium charged for this coverage is minimal, unlike the one charged for your auto insurance.

Coverage #3 is liability coverage for underinsured automobilists, and I recommend you buy as much as you can afford, and the state will allow with limits of at least \$100000 per person \$300000 per accident. This coverage will cover you in the event of a loss where bodily injury is involved. If the other party has statutory limits of \$20000 per person \$40000 per accident, and you carry the same, you will have no where to go to recuperate your loss; as there is no stacking of coverage in Massachusetts.

With regard to property damage coverage #4; the statutory limit mandated by the state is \$5000. I recommend that you purchase at least \$100000, and more if you can afford it, and get it. This coverage will pay for damages you cause to other people's property; their house, their car, their bike, etc. If you are the last bike in a pileup, you could be held responsible for the damage to all the other vehicles; which could mount up rather quickly. The cost to increase is minimal and well worth the expense.

Coverage #5 is optional bodily injury and will cover bodily injury you incur to others. As in #3, buy as much as you can afford, and the state will allow as this coverage is the part that responds in the event of a suit. Protect your assets and make sure you don't have to liquidate them to satisfy a claim. Limits of \$250000 per person \$500000 per accident is a nice place to start these days.

Medical payments, coverage #6 is changing this year effective January 1st, and you'll be able to purchase more coverage in increments of \$5000 up to \$25000; and that premium will be approximately \$210.00 annually. That will help pay for medical expenses in the event of bodily injury. Please remember these limits will be shared with your passenger.

Collision will cover your bike in the event of a "crash" or collision. To keep the cost down, I suggest entertaining a higher deductible of \$1000 as it will save you some money. If cost is not a concern, buy a lower deductible and make sure you also include the waiver of deductible so if the accident is not your fault, you can get back to the first dollar. Be sure to insure your bike for its proper value. Failure to do so will result in a lesser payment in the event of a claim.

Comprehensive is fire and theft, vandalism, and glass coverage. This coverage is sold with a deductible and be reminded that unlike

cost to elect a higher deductible is not as money saving as collision.

Previously collision and comprehensive coverages were written on an actual cash basis; which resulted in many insureds not receiving payment for the correct value of their bikes when a loss occurred. This year; after much prodding from the MMA, the commissioner changed this ruling. It is now possible to write the coverage at "stated value"; which means you will be able to recuperate the funds you've spent on upgrades to your bike.

There is no rental or towing allowed for motorcycles unlike autos in Massachusetts.

Also, this year, we are able to get a discount for anti-theft devices that are permanently installed in our bikes; that meet state requirements. If you have purchased one, please be sure to get documentation to your agent for the discount, which could be up to 15% of the cost of the comprehensive coverage.

Off season: after December 31st, it is possible if you let your plate remain dormant and not renew it right away; to strip coverage. If you elect to do this, you may be able to remove the liability coverages and leave the comprehensive only. If you have a bank loan on the bike, check with your lien holder and your carrier, as they may not allow this.

When you renew your plate in the spring, let your agent know to re-add the coverage to the policy; so that you are properly covered.

Remember; protect your ass and your assets!!

There will be changes made on next year's motorcycle insurance also; and the Mass Motorcycle Association will keep you abreast of those changes as they occur.

Information like this is another reason that joining the  
Mass Motorcycle Association  
([www.mma-of-ma.com](http://www.mma-of-ma.com)) is a good idea!

### 4th Annual Ride for Molly – Sunday, June 29, 2003

The Ride for Molly Bish is a non-stop, fully police escorted charitable motorcycle ride through central MA to raise funds for the Molly Bish Foundation, a foundation set up to promote family safety with child ID programs. The foundation also assist in child abduction investigations by providing posters, flyers, buttons, Internet information and links.

Sixteen Year old Molly Bish was abducted from her Lifeguard post on June 27th, 2000 in Warren, MA. Molly's remains were recently found and identified, but may other children still are missing.

Last year's ride helped us raise over \$35,000 for the Molly Bish Foundation with over 1500 motorcycles.

This year's ride will start at the North Brookfield Elementary School, #8 Oakham Road (Rte 148), North Brookfield. Admission is \$20 Cash per motorcycle. It will travel in a 60 mile circle, then end at Chooch's Lounge on East Brookfield Road in North Brookfield.

## *Annual Red Knights New England Regional Cape Cod Weekend*

For the week leading up to our weekend on the Cape, the weathermen were all giving Apocalyptic forecasts predicting rain, rain, and more rain. But as sun broke on Friday morning the roads were dry and the temperatures were pleasant!

Those forecasters kept our numbers down from around New England, but Mass-2 was well represented with 18 members and friends heading down from central Massachusetts. The weather cooperated throughout the weekend with a great day to ride down, a few sprinkles overnight and then sunshine for the rest of the weekend.

Saturday was a bit windy but it didn't keep nineteen bikes from following members of RK Mass-8 around the sea shore visiting light houses — a few we had been to before and also some new ones. We met up with some members of the local Valk-riders Club for the Saturday tour as well. The ride ended at the drill yard of the Barnstable Fire Training grounds for a BBQ hosted by the local chapter. Chris Olsen and his members are always great hosts.

We gathered in the hallway and in the parking lot for socializing whenever we happened back to the hotel. One of this year's topics was the new Hooters that was opening on the Main Street of Hyannis. Although it was to open the week **after** we were there, there were still many smiles because the tryouts for the new Hooters girls were being held at our hotel. (You need to ask Steve Mickle about his early morning coffee on Saturday morning).

On Sunday morning some of the crew left to head home but about a dozen members decided to extend their weekend into Monday. There were a number of different destinations during Sunday for those who stayed — a few rode to Provincetown, some participated in a Poker Run being put on for the local DARE program, and others searched out some of the beautiful beaches around Hyannis and Yarmouth. Sunday night the group gathered to break bread together at the Hypert Microbrewery at the end of Main Street. A fine ending to a great weekend.

There are already plans underway to make the Saturday ride next year a Red Knights Grand Tour Ride on the Cape.

**So come join us for the Cape Grand Tour in '04!**

### *With our friends at Americade!*

Have you ever noticed that you mention Americade to anyone and it brings a smile to their face? Our chapter gets together a few times during the year just to discuss Americade plans and travel times to Lake George and we're all grinning from ear to ear, and that's before our week in June even arrives!

Mother Nature might not be the greatest in late May and early June, but Americade always makes up for the rain drops. We had rain drops to travel under on our way up, during our Poker Run on Thursday (where we did our official U-turn), and again on parade day during Americade week, but it was still a lot of fun. The other days of the week we did see some fantastic weather with sunshine and temperatures in the 70's and 80's.

Mass-2 had 28 members that visited Lake George during the week. Plus we 'adopted' Clayton Thomas from Indiana-1 as he had just finished his Four-corner Ride and used Americade as a resting stop before heading home.

On Sunday we had travelers on two wheels and on four. Ed, Steve M., and Tim K. had all taken off to Madawaska, Maine to meet Clayton. So the girls took the truck and trailer and followed the other bikes to Lake George. The Maine travelers pulled in shortly after the group arrived at the cabins. As we dried out and settled in Marty Eldridge provided us with Spaghetti, sausages and meatballs for a group supper. YUM!

Monday was an "enjoy the sun" kind of day as we waited with other Americaders for our registrations. Tuesday and Wednesday we seemed to go in many different directions while enjoying more great weather.

### April Pot-luck and Chapter Meeting

Twenty-two members and friends ventured all the way into the far western reaches of Petersham for a great get-together at Bob and Diona's.

The afternoon turned out to be a beautiful sunny and warm day and one couple even came on their bike! It was such a long cold winter that we all thought about doing that — but there was still some snow on the edge of the roads and still lots of sand!

We had more food than anyone could eat and enough camaraderie that we were spread out from the Laford's front porch through the house and more members on the back deck.

We were very happy to see a number of new members including Jason Godin, John Loiselle and his wife Nancy, and Bill Curtis and his wife Pricilla. Welcome to everyone — we hope you join us often.

During our business meeting we sent our support to several endeavors including the Memorial Fund through Clayton Thomas' 2003 Fallen Firefighters Memorial Tour, the Leominster Canteen unit, and Quebec 3's convention program.

After a lengthy discussion about the bylaw change regarding the color of vests for our chapter, we were not able to come to a 2/3 majority vote to alter the bylaws. As a chapter we will be revisiting this issue to see if there is a clear voice from the members on what the chapter should do. Please let the officers know your opinions on this issue.

Some went to the tents, some on a self-guided ride or to test ride new bikes, and a couple of our members were Americade volunteers helping park Tuesday's registration traffic for a few hours. Of course we had several games of bocce on the lawn back at the cabins too.

Wednesday was the Red Knights three-course dinner at Roaring Brook. Over 70 door prizes were given out — thanks to all those who donated the prizes! Thursday a number of the members went on a poker ride where we got a little wet. But we still had a good time. Thursday evening over 200 Red Knights met at the Lake George FD for an open house hosted by New York-12.

One of our newer members, Bill Curtis, has a summer place on Lake Champlain, in Ferrisburg, VT. He invited us out for a ride. And what a great ride it was. Rolling hills with picturesque New York and Vermont farms, fantastic weather, and wonderful roads for bikes. We ate at the Red Mill restaurant in Ferrisburg, then toured through Vergennes, Vermont before riding down the Vermont side of Lake Champlain. It was a fun day — and special thanks go out to Bill for being a gracious host and sharing his camp (and the view of Lake Champlain and the area) with us. It was a fine ending to a week that we always hate to see draw to a close.

## Local Charity Poker Run

The "F Troop Foundation" ( a local non-profit charity MC organization in central Mass) is holding it's 4th annual Summerfest, Saturday, June 28th in memory of Craig Carrescia. Proceeds will go to benefit an area Boys & Girls Club, Battered Women's Shelter, and Simon Sinon Cancer Center.

Poker Run starts and finishes at the Eight Point Sportsmen's Club, Beaman Road in Sterling. Sign up is between 9 and 11 a.m. Tickets are \$20 and that includes food, (burgers, dogs, sausage, potato & macaroni salads, etc).

May 18, 2002 we had to cancel our ride because of snow, but May 18 this year was a picture perfect spring day and 19 people made it out for our ride to Wright's Chicken Farm in Rhode Island.

We put on about 125 miles or so and we saw many other

Have you bought or sold the 50/50 tickets you received with the International Newsletter?

Please support the RKMC International. The 50/50 tickets help cover the costs of "doing business" as an organization and help keep the International dues down.

By the time you receive this letter, a number of our members will be packing (or on their way) to the back woods of Maine for a White Water Rafting weekend!

Sounds like fun, and I bet we'll here the stories ad see the pictures when they return... but I bet that water is going to be c

Are you in need of more Red Knights T-shirts and Golf Shirts?

A number of chapters sell RK merchandise that can be viewed on the Red Knights page at [www.redknightsmc.org/CATALOG.HTM](http://www.redknightsmc.org/CATALOG.HTM)

But our own Kevin Martin has made arrangements for T's and Golf Shirts here at home as well. Contact Kevin for more info on what he has available for our chapter members. (978) 632-2677

**Looking for a new Red Vest?** Vermont-2 (Brattleboro) has been working through a vendor in Southern Vermont to provide us with another option. Now along with C&H Leathers in Peabody there is another *local* dealer available in Chester, Vermont.

Mountain Leather Design  
On the Green — P.O. Box 497  
Chester, VT 05143  
(802) 875-4003 — Contact: Tisha

Another reason to ride those great roads in Vermont!

## Upcoming Chapter Rides:

**July 13. Pot-luck BBQ** at Kevin and Lori's new home on the Gardner-Ashburnham town line. Join us around 2:00 pm and we'll enjoy some summer fun with our friends!

**July 25-27. Connecticut 2's Ride and Stay Weekend.** Spend some time in the White and Green Mountains with our friends from Connecticut for their annual weekend up north. 2003 destination is Mount Snow, Vermont. More information at [www.rkmct2.org](http://www.rkmct2.org)

**July 26. RK Breakfast Ride.** If you are not headed north into Vermont for the RK CT-2 weekend, let's meet at the Westminster FD at 8:00 a.m. and we'll go out for breakfast and a ride.

**August 7-10. RED KNIGHTS CONVENTION in Laval, Quebec**

**August 17. Ride for Kids Charity Ride**

**September 5-7. Annual Trip to Wells, Maine —** Hosted by the Eldridge's. Leave Walmart at Routes 2A & 13 in Lunenburg at 9:00 am Friday, Sept. 5. Let Cliff know your plans so he can make housing (tent and sleeping bag) arrangements.

**Sept. 14. RK Mass-4 Scavenger Hunt.** Help support another Massachusetts Chapter in their charity ride.

**October 5. Breakfast at the Jaffrey FD**  
A great buffet to kick off Fire Prevention Week. Meet in Westminster at 8:00 a.m.

**October 12. Apple Pie Ride — Dummerston, VT**  
Chapter Meeting (election of officers) at 9:00 a.m.

**October 18. Our monthly Breakfast Club gathering with a hitch... it's October (and almost Halloween) so let's ride to Salem!**  
Meet at WFD for 8:00 a.m.

**Nov. 2. Polar Bear Ride** Leave Westminster FD at 11:00 am

**Dec. 14. Pot-luck Party & Yankee-gift Swap — 1:00 pm**

The next **Ice Cream Ride** is Thursday, July 10.  
Meet at the Westminster FD by 6:30.

Did you know that when the International sent out its spring mailing (to some 2,700 Red Knights households and 3,400 members) that Mass-2 were 72 of those members... and only two other chapters out of 132 (NYC with 101 and Delaware-1 with 85 members) had more members than we did!

There is an updated member list for our chapter included with this newsletter. Unfortunately it was printed before we voted Richard Cormier in as a new member so his information is not included there. (He will be on the next list).