



## Red Knights Motorcycle Club Massachusetts — Home of the Founders

Spring 2016

### *From the desk of the State Rep*

Greetings all Massachusetts Red Knights.

This is the tenth edition of the Massachusetts State Red Knights Newsletter. MA-2 Bob Laford has been the editor for many years and has graciously offered to maintain this task, and for that I am grateful. We all owe him a resounding "Thank you" for his tireless work and dedication to the flow of information we have for our MA State Red Knights. I can tell you all that the MA State Red Knights would not be what we are today without his assistance.

MA-15 Bob Binnall was elected as YOUR Assistant MA State Representative at the 2015 fall meeting in October. Having another "Bob" to help me is going to make my job that much easier as I will not confuse names. I have known "new Bob" for a number of years both professionally and as a friend.

The transition has been seamless and he and I are already working very well together for you. Bob Binnall and I shall continue to strive to keep Massachusetts on top of all the Red Knight state organizations.

If you have something you would like to see added or included within future newsletters feel free to send it to me for publication. If you have something you would like to discuss with either of us you should feel free to email or call.

With the retirement of Carl Graziano, I have a new Red Knight motorcycle plate contact within the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (Ms. Phyllis Burke). Unfortunately, the registry didn't change Carl's phone message so I had no idea he was gone. After spending hours on line searching for a phone number to take me directly to the special plates division, I met with success and found out he had been replaced by Ms. Burke.

That led to weeks of calling and leaving voice mail messages on her phone with no return call. I finally made contact and faxed plate papers for a MA-1 member January 20, 2016. The member contacted me March 21<sup>st</sup> stating he had heard nothing from the registry. I called Phyllis every day for four days and (believe it or not) finally received a return call. The plate was in and the member should be receiving his letter to pick it up within a few days. This is an example of just one of the things that goes on behind the scenes and I do love the work!

My past positions as Red Knights forum moderator and chairman of the International Communications Committee used to provide insight as to what was happening at the international level. Even though I am not as attuned as to what is happening as I used to be, I can assure you that my "International grapevine" is still functioning at a fairly high level.

NJ-31 Matt Mattera, our new Region-1 Director, and I maintain a very good working and personal relationship and we are both very proud of the Massachusetts Red Knights organization.

The position of State Representative of The Massachusetts State Red Knights comes up for election this fall. I was originally elected in 2010, reelected in 2012 and again in 2014. I am planning to run for the position as YOUR state representative again this fall and ask for your support.

From the beginning, I promised all of you that I would maintain a dedication to the position that you all can be proud of and to do all in my power to see to it that every member of The Red Knights in Massachusetts is kept informed. We have been called "the ideal state organization within the Red Knights" and with your help and support I plan on keeping that statement alive.

In closing, I thank you for your continued support and promise to maintain my dedication to this position, as well as all of you. I shall continue keeping you informed, to maintain the Massachusetts State Red Knights as the best state organization in the International Red Knights community and work tirelessly toward the betterment of all.

The season for bike riding is here. Be safe out there people.

Regards to all, — MA-3 George Colby



Heavy hearts met the RKMC when we turned the new year. Our long-time friend and Red Knight Founder Dave Hamilton of Mass-1 passed away. Now he is riding with Heaven-1 and all our RK family who have gone before.

Thank you to all who accompanied us to Dave's services.

Dave's family requested that if people (and chapters) wished to make donations in Dave's memory to please consider the Shriner's Hospital [www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/Donate](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/Donate)

### BIKER'S PRAYER

May the sun rise in front of me, the rain fall behind me, may the angels guard my travels for they know what is ahead of me. Keep me safe through rolling hills and swirling turns. Let the eagle guide me to the mountain tops. Let the moon's light guide me through the night. Lord, thank you for letting me a be a biker.

**Chapter email address and 2016 Voting** – The International Board has set up RKMC email addresses for each chapter under “redknightsmc.com” If you need assistance with your official chapter e-mail contact your state rep for guidance.

For 2016, the positions that we are voting for are International Vice-President and International Secretary.

Nominations will close on May 22 and that is when we will know if any contests must be decided by electronic ballot. There is an online form that nominees must complete. The nomination requires two Chapters to make the nomination. The nomination must be in writing & emailed to the Nominations Committee prior to close of nominations.

The Nominee must complete the Nomination Profile prior to close of nominations and provide a photo.

With the first electronic election that we participated in — in 2013 — there were some Mass Chapters that did not cast ballots. This is the only way we can voice our opinions on our representation. When was the last time that your chapter email account was checked for in-coming messages from the International or others?

The position of State Rep for Massachusetts will be up for election/re-election at our fall state meeting. Anyone interested in running must have their letter of intent and bio in to Assistant State Rep Bob Binnall by September 1.



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**2016 RKMC Convention Sponsorship Opportunities  
Convention Program Advertising**

Each convention attendee will be provided with a convention brochure full of information and advertising from various Wisconsin businesses.

Rates are available for a variety of ad sizes:

Convention Program Advertising		AMOUNT
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business Card	\$25.00 \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter Page	\$50.00 \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Half Page	\$75.00 \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Page (8.5"x11")	\$150.00 \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Double Page	\$250.00 \$ _____

Whether you are planning to attend this year’s convention in Wisconsin or not, consider being a part of it by supporting the planning committee by purchasing a chapter or personal sponsor ad in the Convention Program.

Having been involved in the planning and operation of several conventions in the past, Mass members know how much effort (and costs) go into a successful convention. All left over proceeds are donated on behalf of the Red Knights to a charity supported by the planning group.

Download an ad form at <http://www.rkwi5.com/2016-international-convention.html>

Other dates affiliated with the 2016 voting:

- Incumbents Intent 180 Days prior to convention by Feb. 22nd
- Nominations Closed 90 Days prior to convention by May 22nd
- Chapters Start Vote 60 Days prior to convention on June 21st
- Voting Closed 30 Days prior to convention on July 21st
- Vote Results Announced at Convention August 20th

Chapter preparation for voting:

- Chapters must be in Good Standing
  - \* Dues current
  - \* Roster up-to date
  - \* Signed TMLA Agreement
- Members at Large must be in Good Standing
  - \* Dues current
  - \* Active email address provided prior to the closing of nominations
- Notification via Chapter RKMC Email Address
  - \* One Chapter – One Vote!  
*(A simple majority of the individual MAL ballots cast will determine the candidate receiving the MAL vote to be cast with Chapter votes)*
  - \* Keep your password to RKMC email confidential – change it if necessary
  - \* MAL’s will receive individual ballot via email
- Know the timeline
  - \* Posted on International Webpage & above in this publication
- Review Nominee Profiles on line at International Webpage
- Ballot sent to Chapter email address and to individual MAL’s.
- Select Candidate
- Submit
- Print receipt confirming vote

**STEVE MICKLE**  
**“MR. RED KNIGHT” AWARD**



Do you know of a member of the Red Knights in Massachusetts who has been a dedicated and hardworking member of the club? One that is always on the front lines promoting the Red Knights and willing to step up and help to make the Red Knights better with every thing that this person does?

That is the type of person that the Steve Mickle Mr. Red Knight Award was designed for in Steve's memory.

Consider sending in a nomination to Mass-2 President Kevin Martin if you feel someone you know is deserving of this special recognition.

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Do you remember the fun and camaraderie that we all enjoyed at our **Cape Cod Dutch Treat Weekends** of years gone by?

RK Mass-8 is investigating hosting one for the weekend after Labor Day for 2016. More info to come!  
**But mark your calendar!**

**The New England Fire Chief's Show** has moved to Foxwoods Casino in CT and we were notified that there is no room at the show that can be donated for the RKMC inside the venue.

There may be some interest just to have a collection of motorcycles outside the venue so a Red Knight presence is still felt at the show. If these details work out we will share information with you so you can plan your June 24 weekend.

*Helping a Stranded Rider*

Taken from the web: by Jim Parks

In the earlier days of motorcycling, when bikes were less reliable, riders frequently became stranded by a mechanical malfunction. Back then, riders were often as handy with a wrench as they were with the throttle. If they couldn't fix their own bike, other riders invariably stopped to help out. The bonds among fellow bikers were never stronger.

Today, we're living in much different times. Modern motorcycles are less prone to breaking down. Crime is more prevalent. Many times a stopped bike along the roadside is due to something other than a mechanical malfunction. The rider may be taking a bio break in the bushes, extracting refreshments from the saddlebags, or some other plausible reason for stopping that doesn't require assistance. It's easier nowadays for other riders to rationalize not stopping to ask if help is needed.

In the event an actual mechanical problem is encountered, many, if not most, riders have roadside assistance and carry a cell phone to procure help. I recall an instance when a fellow rider simply ran out of gas. I've personally been surprised to find a nail in my rear tire on several occasions. So unexpected breakdowns still do happen out on the road!

But let's suppose a single rider is stranded. How does a passing motorist know if the rider needs help? The universal signal for a car driver needing help is a raised hood. [For motorcycle riders] place your helmet on the ground near the road" [behind your motorcycle].

One of the more common hand gestures, used in some locations, is for the passing rider to give a thumbs-up signal, to which the stranded rider would return a thumbs down gesture if help is needed or a thumbs-up if it's not needed. The stranded rider can also try to get help by waving emphatically. I remember doing this once and the passing motorist just gave a friendly wave back. Of course, most of us would simply pull over and ask if they need help—not too complicated.

What do you do if a rider is stranded? As indicated earlier, we live in a riskier world than our forefathers. Here are several questions to consider:

- Do I have the tools and expertise to help someone repair their motorcycle?
- Is it too risky to stop after dark to offer help? Should I offer it only during daylight hours?
- If a group of riders is stopped, how much can I really add to fixing any problem?
- Is it safe to stop and offer help to strangers on the road?
- Does the situation feel OK or do I sense that something isn't right?
- Should a single female rider ever stop to help a male rider(s)?

There aren't any easy, universal answers to these questions. Each rider has to assess the particular circumstances of each situation. My personal experience has shown, though, that riders are often likely to offer help to other riders because of the overarching camaraderie and goodwill among motorcyclists, even now.

Do not forget to get your annual inspection completed before your 2015 *sticker* expires the end of May.



## 2016 YANKEE RALLY

The 2016 Yankee Rally will be held May 20-22, 2016 at the Bolero Resort & Conference Center in Wildwood, NJ. All RKIFMC members from around the world are invited and encouraged to attend.

There are many opportunities for you and your chapter to help or contribute:

- Does your chapter have items to sell? Space can be reserved to use during the chapter sales day/times.
- Auction Items: If you can donate an item, please contact the hosts
- Pictures: The hosts would like to include *everyone* in their slide show. Please email pictures to [yankeerally2016@gmail.com](mailto:yankeerally2016@gmail.com).
- Help during the event: Want to help out during the event? That would be great!

To contact the NJ hosts, call 609-408-3112 or email to [babymoosfatboy@hotmail.com](mailto:babymoosfatboy@hotmail.com).

Registration is \$50 and includes:

- 2016 Yankee Rally T-Shirt
- Blessing of the bikes
- Hospitality Room at host hotel Friday and Saturday (light snacks, beer and soda)
- Bonfire on the beach Friday
- Guided ride on the boardwalk Saturday
- Biker games Saturday
- Region one business meeting Saturday
- Saturday night BBQ
- Party with the rockin' sounds of Five Hour Jones Saturday evening
- Door Prizes Saturday night
- Farewell breakfast Sunday morning

For more information go to [www.rkmcnj31.com](http://www.rkmcnj31.com).

## Whose headed to Americade? [www.americade.com](http://www.americade.com)

Red Knights have always been part of Americade, and 2016 will be no different. On any given day riding around Lake George and the surrounding Adirondack Park you are apt to ride by others sporting the RKMC crest.

Over the years the Red Knights have been involved in volunteering at Americade, for many years we hosted one of the evening dinners, there have been Red Knight sponsored seminars, and in 2002 the Red Knights were invited to participate in the Friday night ceremonies in honor of all those lost in 9-11-01.

This year, just as we have for more than 25 years there will be an RKMC open house at the Lake George FD on Thursday at 4:00 and we will be leading the Saturday morning parade.



The last several years, our New York state brothers and sisters have planned a Red Knight ride on Wednesday. I have not heard specific details, but would guess that is on the docket again this year.

Aside from "official" Red Knights plans, there are hundreds of miles of great motorcycle roads, every vendor you could think of visiting, and Americade sponsored events, rides, dinners, seminars, and more.

Whether you do a day trip up and back in the same day, or spend several days or the week, make some plans for some quality time with you and your bike to enjoy Americade this year.



Don't forget your Fire Helmet so you can be part of the RKMC team leading Saturday's parade!

## Massachusetts Riding

Out for a cruise around the Quabbin Reservoir this year? Stop at the New Salem General Store on Route 202 to say hello to Rick.

If you are sporting Red Knights regalia (vest, shirt, patches, etc.) the coffee is on Rick.



Chapters from across the Red Knights inquire about visiting the memorial. If you are contacted by outside chapters that are planning rides into our area, please forward that information to the State Rep so the information can be passed on and we all can participate in welcoming fellow Knights to Massachusetts.



**National Ride to Work Day**  
Monday, June 20, 2016  
[www.ridetowork.org/](http://www.ridetowork.org/)

Congress passes five-year highway bill,  
including big wins for motorcyclists —  
December 04, 2015

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act includes:

- Continued funding for the Recreational Trails Program, which provides funding to states for maintaining, improving and expanding off-highway recreational opportunities;
- A prohibition against using federal funds for discriminatory motorcycle-only checkpoints;
- Reestablishing a Motorcyclist Advisory Council to coordinate with and counsel the U.S. Department of Transportation administrator on specific infrastructure concerns to motorcyclists;
- Funding of highway safety grants that include programs to reduce distracted driving, including language that make it easier for states to successfully qualify for and receive the money;
- Measures to ensure privacy and security in vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure technology.

No expansion of pilot programs to place tolls on the nation's existing interstate highways under the Interstate System Reconstruction & Rehabilitation Pilot Program.

With AMA support, administration of the Recreational Trails Program moved from the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), which was eliminated, into a separate standalone fund within the Federal Highway Administration.

"The new arrangement for the Recreational Trails Program provides more certainty and stability," Allard said. "The TAP funding was a constant target for legislators who were looking for ways to cut programs that were not self-supporting. The RTP is funded by gas taxes paid into the Highway Trust Fund by off-highway-vehicle users, but was in jeopardy by being lumped in with the other TAP programs."

The ban on federal funding of motorcycle-only checkpoints comes after eight years of battling this discriminatory and ineffective law-enforcement tactic, Allard said.

"Our focus now can shift to oversight, monitoring how law enforcement agencies use their federal funding, and to efforts at the state level to convince legislatures to prohibit these checkpoints," Allard said. "But this move at the federal level means motorcyclists can once again travel our nation's highways without the constant fear of being stopped just because of their choice of vehicle."

**Touring Tip: Making Your Motorcycle Helmet Last**

*Taken from RoadRUNNER magazine on-line*

Here are some tips for having a long-term relationship with your helmet:

- **Don't Drop:** The integrity of a motorcycle helmet can be compromised with a single drop on a hard surface.
- **Don't leave it on the ground,** where it can be accidentally kicked, stumbled over, or invaded by some of nature's creatures (ants, spiders, etc.).
- **Don't leave it on the seat or any other location on the bike** where it can be easily knocked off.
- **Be careful not to strike solid objects** while carrying it.
- **If you keep your helmet safe,** it's more likely to keep you safe.
- **Store High & Dry:** When not in use, a motorcycle helmet should be allowed to dry out on the inside and then stored somewhere away from the elements. Keep yours in a safe location where it is not likely to get dropped, kicked, scratched, or otherwise damaged. Avoid storage near gasoline, cleaning fluids, exhaust fumes, or excessive heat, and do not leave items inside that may soil (e.g., sweat-soaked gloves) or compress the inner lining.
- **Keep it Clean:** Like many other accessories, keeping a helmet clean after use helps to prolong its life. Pay close attention to:
  - **Air ducts:** Be careful not to damage passageways when removing debris, and do not use a sharp object for cleaning.
  - **Exterior:** Use soap and water and a soft rag, not Windex or some other type of corrosive cleaner.
  - **Interior:** Non-scented drier sheets can be used to remove odors. Otherwise, a wet rag with a little soap applied to it will do the job.
- **Check it Regularly:** Perform a periodic inspection of the helmet's major components:
  - **Outside shell:** Look for any cracks, scratches, or dings that indicate the helmet has sustained some type of impact. Discoloration or deformities may hint at exposure to harmful chemicals, excessive heat, or aging. Make sure all air duct passages are clear of debris.
  - **Inside shell:** Remove the inside padding and inspect the Styrofoam liner for any signs of cracks, indentions, or compressed foam.
  - **Fitting pads:** Make sure there are no signs of fraying, damage, or excessive wear. Your helmet should retain its snug but comfortable fit.
  - **Buckle & strap:** Remove any salt accumulation left from perspiration and check for signs of overuse, such as loose stitching. The buckle should not be damaged.
  - **Mechanical parts:** All vents and visor mechanicals should work properly; make sure flip-up helmets still lock securely in their down position.
- **High quality motorcycle helmets** may be expensive, but what they protect is irreplaceable. Even with the best of care, though, the maximum lifespan of most is around five years. So take care of yours, inspect it regularly, and don't hesitate to replace it when circumstances or time dictate.

## Motorcycling — the next generation

I was lying in bed on Christmas Eve when I heard a gentle tap at the window. Startled, I turned with rapt attention to the soft glow of a friendly figure beckoning me forth from my slumber. Not sensing anything nefarious, I made my way to the window and cracked it open. Without any particular hint or clue, I somehow knew who had visited me. It was the ghost of Christmas future.

“Hiya. Call me Frank. It’s short for Frankincense. C’mon, I want to show you something important.”

I crawled through my window and was immediately swept upward through a dark mist. I flew with Frank into the future, 100 years from now, where he showed me the roadways of cities and countrysides throughout America. He showed me how people will get themselves from place to place. Although we still hadn’t quite mastered teleportation, I saw vast quantities of cars going to and fro in a melodic dance with one another. There were trucks, too. And some trains. But what really fascinated me were the cars.

“Autonomous cars. Self-driving!” Frank exclaimed. Incredible, I thought. But as we continued our journey it slowly dawned on me. I hadn’t seen a single motorcycle. The dire reality hit me like a Gold Wing on steroids.

“Oh no!” I cried in horror. “They’ve made motorcycles illegal in the future! Riding is going to be against the law!”

“There is no such law,” Frank replied. “Motorcycling is not illegal here. No, a law like that is not even necessary, for there are no longer any people who want to ride.”

NOOOOOOOOO! At that point, I woke up panting, with cold sweat on my forehead.

OK, so while it is highly unlikely that no one will want to ride motorcycles in the future, it’s safe to say that we motorcyclists are a small percentage of the U.S. population, and we need to be proactive about ensuring a bright future for motorcycling.

Outside of racing, motorcycling continues to be stereotyped as a “biker” culture, eliciting images for the

average American that look more like “Sons of Anarchy” and less like “Why We Ride.” However unfair or inaccurate, this translates to a widespread perception that motorcyclists in general are unsafe adrenaline junkies who need to be reined in by tight regulations and laws.

So how will we ensure the future of motorcycling? By getting the Millennials into motorcycling. As a Millennial and a rider, here’s how I think we can get more of my cohort riding.

—Making training courses accessible and affordable is a key to ensuring the future growth of motorcycling. Make it easy and affordable to learn.

First of all, we need to build motorcycle culture, especially one that is diverse. This means in part that selling the idea of motorcycling has little to do with specific bike styles, product marketing or advertising, and almost entirely to do with getting people on motorcycles, and eliminating cost barriers to riding. By far the absolute best way to build motorcycle culture and increase ridership is to get more people riding motorcycles the correct and safe way the first time they swing a leg over one. Enable people to have a safe and fun experience for their first time out on a bike and they will, at the very least, have a positive view of motorcycling and be a safer car driver.

Out-of-pocket cost for a safety course can get in the way of this. For example, in Connecticut, where the law requires you to pass a state-approved course to get the “M” endorsement on your driver’s license, the cost to an individual taking the MSF Basic RiderCourse (BRC) is \$200. That’s money that’s probably better spent on a helmet. Conversely, Illinois and Pennsylvania offer the BRC for free to individuals, the only two states to do so. Ensuring that beginner riding courses are available at a low but sustainable cost must be one of the first steps in building the culture.

—Motorcycles are transportation, not just toys.

We need to stress the fact that

motorcycles are a fun and practical way to get from point A to point B, not just a toy for those with disposable income. Millennials are probably the most well traveled generation in our country’s history, and from the northern climes of Sweden to the crowded streets of an Indian city or the remote villages of Malawi, Millennials have seen how everyone “over there” gets from place to place on a motorcycle.

—Capitalize on how motorcycles match Millennials’ values.

Millennials value global citizenship and we want to be perceived by other cultures in a positive light. That includes reducing consumption and environmental impact. When gasoline was approaching \$4 per gallon several years ago and I told my friends that my scooter got roughly 100 miles per gallon, I could almost see the wheels turning in their heads: “Hmm, maybe I should get one of these.”

Motorcycling is inherently experiential. One of the primary reasons I love riding is there’s always a new adventure, because experiencing the world on a motorcycle is wholly different and distinct from other ways of travel and exploration. And then I hook up to social media and brag about and share photos of the cool places I’ve visited and the unique stuff I’m doing, like all of my millennial peers.

—Speaking of unique, we love being unique. We want to be set apart from others in a way that brings us a positive reputation and street cred.

The message to all of us must then be: “You need to get into this motorcycling thing right now because it’s got a great little community and in a few years this scene is gonna be big, and you are going to be the one it started with. We’ve already got your ride waiting for you.”

If we want to keep motorcycling alive and well for the future, we need to encourage the next generation of riders, and we do that by catering to the values of those we are trying to reach.

**It's not just cell phones.**  
Cell phone use is just the latest distraction. For years, people have been eating, applying makeup, fiddling with the radio and even reading while behind the wheel.

Text messaging seems to be getting the most attention from government agencies and lawmakers.

According to a student by Virginia Tech, sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent of driving blind at 55-mph for the length of an entire football field.

One-fourth of teens say they respond to a text message once or more every time they drive. Twenty percent of teens and ten percentage of parents admit that they have extended, multi-message text conversations while driving, according to a University of Michigan student.

The NHTSA says that text messaging is "of heightened concern, because it combines three types of distraction — visual, manual, and cognitive." Drivers take their eyes off the road, their hands off the wheel and their minds off driving.

And matters are getting worse.

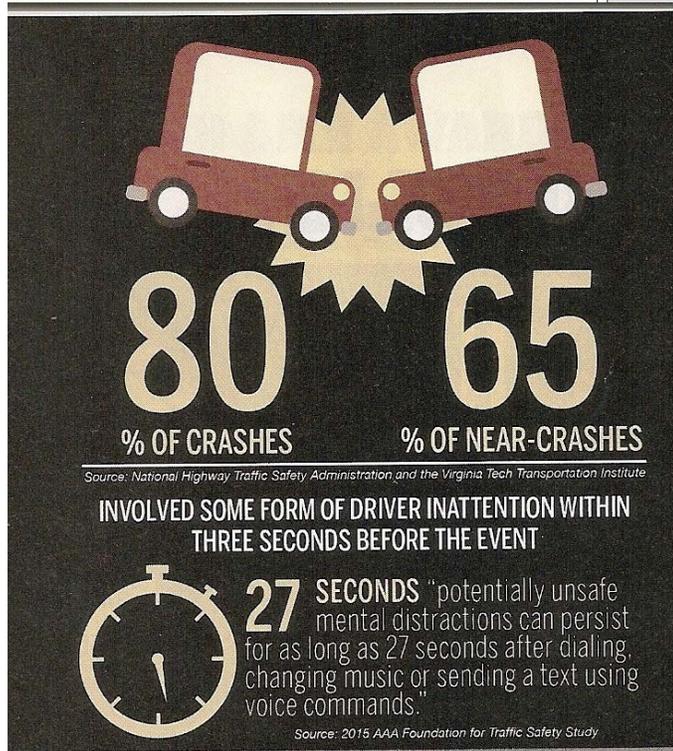
At the January Consumer Electronics Show, Ford and Fiat Chrysler announced infotainment systems that will incorporate Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. The car makers say the systems will make it easier for drivers to interact with their cell phones, apps, and services.

But such interaction is another form of distraction.

Mental distractions can persist as long as 28 seconds after dialing, changing music, or sending a text using voice commands.

Even hands-free technologies can distract drivers (or riders) even with their hands on the wheel (or handlebars).

*An excerpt from the April 2016 edition of the AMA's American Motorcyclist magazine*



At 25 mph drivers in a study drove nearly three football fields during this hands-free distraction time. Even after completing the hands-free task drivers remained "impaired" for an additional fifteen seconds.

At any given daylight moment across America, about 660,000 drivers are using cell phones or manipulating electronic devices while driving.

We all know we need to be extra vigilant while riding our motorcycles and be on the look out for distracted drivers. But, how many times are we guilty of using our phones while driving our cars? Or how many of us think that using blue tooth while on the bike, so we can answer the phone, is a good idea?

These studies show what a "safety epidemic" that simultaneous motor vehicle operation and cell phone use has become in our culture. A deadly epidemic.

Think twice before answering that call or text. And why spoil a great ride by allowing our electronics invade this part of our life!

## What's up in 2016?

What are you planning for 2016 with your chapter? Do you have some *great* ride ideas that you would like to share? Do you have a charity event that you would like other chapters to come out and support?

It's time to blow your own horn and tell us all about them.

If you have rides and events that you want other chapters to know about get the information to State Rep Colby so he can use his vast collection of email addresses to get the information out to other Red Knights or post information on the Region-1 Facebook Page!

### RK Mass-1 2nd Annual Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, April 16 at the  
Boylston Meeting House  
5:00—8:00 pm / \$10 (\$7 for kids)  
Contact any Mass-1 member  
for tickets

### RK Vermont-2's Paul's Ride

Saturday, June 18.  
This year the ride begins at the  
Putney Fire Station, registration  
opens at 9:00 a.m.  
Proceeds buy gas cards to help  
those undergoing Cancer  
treatments. The ride is in memory  
of VT State Rep Dave Emery's  
brother Paul.

**Ride of Your Life** (For suicide prevention). Sunday, August 21.  
Not going to the convention? The annual Ride for Your Life is a three hour ride through North Central Massachusetts with stops at local motorcycle shops along the way. Registration begins at 8 am in Fitchburg.  
[www.suicidepreventiontaskforce.org/](http://www.suicidepreventiontaskforce.org/)

The Fall 2016 State meeting is being hosted by RK Mass-3.  
The Spring 2017 meeting is being hosted by RK Mass-12.

*There will be no RKMC spring clean up day in Boylston this year. These duties are now being done by a local contractor.*