



Red Knights Motorcycle Club  
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*From the President*

This is not your next newsletter but it has been such a busy riding season that we needed an "addendum" to the last newsletter to let you all know of things that are going on with the chapter!

I hear that there are a group of Red Knights who took control of the Kennebec River back in June. I say "took control" because I understand that it would have been appropriate for one of our boats to be flying the "Jolly Roger" as colors instead of the Red Knights red and gold! With 17 people the club sported two cabins and two boats. One boat had all the ladies under the watchful eye of Walter R. and the other boat was full of our mischievous members. Hmm... now who was the smart one on this trip... all right Walter! We'll have the entire story when the fall newsletter comes out.

We had a nice turn out and great weather for our summer BBQ. Thanks go out to Donna and Bob as our hosts. Our next hosts are the Eldridges at their camper in Maine the weekend of September 17-19. If you think you're headed down East, make sure to make arrangements with Marty.

Thank you to the members of our MSF Scholarship Committee. Enclosed with this mailing is information on our scholarship for the rider courses. The committee presented their recommendations at the July BBQ and the membership accepted them. Any application for the rider scholarships must be into the committee by November 1. This is for both non-members (who are eligible for the beginner course) and to our members.

Also in this letter is information on the Killington Classic. This is a four-day motorcycle event held in Killington, VT on September 8-12. It is the second year for this event and this year the organizers have asked the Red Knights to lead their Friday evening parade and participate in closing ceremonies on 9-11.

We still have an ice cream ride scheduled (September 8) and still a number of other rides. Even when the riding season draws to a close, we still have plans – and most of them involve food! We hope that you join us during any of these events.

As with everything we do, our members' participation is what makes our chapter thrive. We had the second most people in attendance for the convention in Alberta and always boast strong numbers at all our events. With that in mind, I encourage anyone interested in running for chapter office this fall to contact Chapter Secretary Steve Mickle. The offices up for election and re-election are Vice-president, Treasurer, and Road Captain.

Ride safe!

**Red Knights' MSF Scholarship**

One of our *new* things our chapter is doing for 2004 is our MSF scholarship. At our July BBQ we voted on the specifics of the scholarship program presented by the committee. Thanks go out to Donna Moreau, Bob Shakarian, and Don Hurme for their work on this program.

Thanks also go out to the Central Mass Safety Council who offered us the certificates for the Rider Courses at a 50% discount. Because of this the RK Mass-2 MSF Scholarship is offering two beginner course certificates and two experienced rider courses. The beginner courses are open to anyone inside or outside our club. If you know of a new rider who would benefit from this training, work with him or her to apply for the scholarship.

The Experienced Rider Course Scholarships are specifically for the members of Mass-2. If you have never taken one of these courses, consider it! It does not matter how long you have been riding – **YOU WILL LEARN (new) VALUABLE SKILLS** that will improve your riding, your safety, and the safety of the group.

Included with this mailing is a sheet that explains the program and contains an application. Let's make this new program a success and help four people become better riders!

We will be voting on some minor bylaw changes at our annual meeting in October.

These recommended changes include:

**Compassionate Member.** Adding the wording from the International Bylaws to Article 2 of the chapter bylaws to include a membership classification called *Compassionate Member*. A Compassionate member is the widowed spouse of an active member and is allowed to keep their membership for life.

**Sunshine Fund.** Add wording to Article 3, Executive Board, to give the board the authorization to expend up to \$50 for routine business (like postage) and for "good of the chapter" expenses (like flowers, cards, etc.) when appropriate. Approval would allow these expenditures with a telephone or email vote of the members of the board.

**Change in Dues.**

It was voted at the July meeting that the chapter dues (beginning with the invoice that will be sent in the fall) will be \$20 per member.

## RK New Hampshire-4 Poker Run & BBQ

Sunday, August 29

Registration 8-9 a.m. at the Marlborough FD (Route 101)

\$25 per bike – \$15 per passenger

If anyone is interested in the ride we will meet at the Westminster FD for 7:30 (yes I know it's early!)

Let's support one of the newest Red Knights Chapters!

The Red Knights are invited to lead the award ceremony parade at the Killington Classic Motorcycle Weekend on Friday, Sept. 10.

*Kick-off is 5:00 p.m. at the Killington Grand Resort*

Registration is underway for the popular Killington Classic Motorcycle Touring Rally to be held on the weekend after Labor Day. This annual event, which was launched last year, has garnered raves from motorcyclists and the press alike. Show promoters Marvin Getman and Kevin Clement, of Kev-Marv Productions, expect crowds to swell this year.

The event, always held on the weekend after Labor Day, falls on September 8 through 12 in 2004. The rally will kick off with an opening party featuring a concert by the 3 Kings of Rock and Roll. Then the weekend will get underway with guided tours through covered bridge the scenic routes that make Vermont's mountains legendary. The high-point of the weekend will take be a six-mile parade and a live concert by Charles Thomas' Drifters, only to be topped off by a fireworks show.

Registration for this four-day motorcycle touring rally includes a special edition collectors pin, an official Killington Classic T-shirt, and free admission to the Charles Thomas' Drifters concert, the fireworks show, a vendor marketplace, the Killington Classic Bike Show, a rodeo, a trike pull, the Grand Opening Party, the Grand Parade to Rutland, the State Fair, and an exciting Casino Night.

Also on the agenda is a Hawaiian Luau and pig roast and pancake breakfast and the chance to meet old and new friends. "It is a fun event. It pulls a lot of different elements together," said Getman. "Vermont is very motorcycle-friendly. Last year we had an amazing amount of local support."

Part of that support came in the form of a full police escort and a parade through town led by Governor Jim Douglas, Rutland Mayor John Cassarino, and House Speaker Walt Freed. And riders were given an enthusiastic reception in Rutland.

"People still talk about the parade," Clement added. "People lined the street and cheered us on." The Killington Classic was named one of Vermont's Top Ten Fall Events last year by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, which is more evidence that motorcyclists are welcome in Vermont, Getman said.

Last year, there were a total of 4,000 participants. That number is expected to more than double this September, even though this is only its second year. "We started off ahead of some of the major rallies," Clement said. "We started big and have mushroomed." For more information visit them online at [www.killingtonclassic.com](http://www.killingtonclassic.com).

If you are interested in going up for the entire celebration or just for the parade, contact International President Ed Brouillet or State Rep Steve Mickle.

### Upcoming Rides

Sunday, September 5:

#### **Labor Day Weekend Picnic at the Kilhart's Camp**

Meet at WFD at 11 a.m., then the Athol High School at 11:30 and we'll find our way to the Kilhart's camp (on the waters of Long Pond in Royalston) and we'll have a summer day of fun. Bring some food to share... because we always eat!

September 17-19: Weekend in Wells, Maine

If you are looking for a "wind-down" relaxing weekend — this is it! Come join us at Marty and Cliff's trailer in Wells, Maine... where we eat, play Bocci, eat some more, ride a little, go to the beach, then eat some more again.

Sunday, October 3:

#### **Breakfast at the Jaffrey Fire Station**

Help our New Hampshire brethren kick off Fire Prevention Week with a great breakfast! Leave WFD at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 10:

#### **Apple Pie Festival in Dummerston, Vermont**

A staple of our riding calendar for almost two decades. Meet at WFD, where we'll have our annual meeting and election of officers, and then we'll be off for some apple pie.

Saturday, October 30:

#### **Halloween Costume Party and Pot Luck**

Come dressed in as your alter-ego, bring some food, and we'll have a great time at Kevin and Lori's in Gardner. Meet at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 7: Polar Bear Ride

What will the weather bring in '04? Meet at WFD at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 20: Breakfast and Bingo?

Join us for our breakfast club (8:00 a.m.) and after those willing will head off to Mohegan Sun (in 4 wheels) to try our luck in Uncasville, Connecticut

**G**roup Riding Safety. There has been some concern about some of our group riding this season especially in regards to our staggered formation. Road Captain Tim Kilhart wishes to remind us that under most conditions WE MUST remain in staggered formation and **leave at least 1 to 2 seconds time between ourselves and the bike in front of us.** This gives that person room for evasive and unforeseen maneuvers if necessary and also the spacing keeps us out of the blind spot of the person in front of us.

It is also important to maintain the speed of the group and stay in formation. This will help alleviate the "sling shot effect" of the riders in the rear. Everyone's riding affects the safety of the entire group. Let's ride ware and ride safe!

Welcome to our new members, all sponsored by our Vice-president Kevin Martin and all voted into membership at our July meeting: Glenn Martin, Alexandra and Jason Bergeron, and John Bresnahan

# Killington Classic Schedule of Events

8:00 AM -

## **Wednesday September 8, 2004**

3:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Registration and Check-in  
8:30 PM - 11:00 PM - Grand Opening Party -  
3 Kings of Rock & Roll

## **Thursday September 9, 2004**

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM - Registration and Check-in  
1:00 PM - Guided Tour - 1/2 Day Mini Gap Tour

\* YOU CHOOSE - Self Guided Vermont Tours  
Leave 8:00-11:00 AM  
FUN RUN - Poker Chip Hunt\*  
6:00 - 10 PM (dinner 6:30-8:00) -  
Hawaiian Luau and Pig Roast \*

## **Friday September 10, 2004**

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM - Registration and Check-in  
8:00 AM - Guided Vermont Tours\*

Lakes & Rivers Tour\* Covered Bridges Tour\*  
Vermont Gaps Tour\* Fort Ticonderoga Tour\*

YOU CHOOSE -

Self Guided Vermont Tours Leave 8:00-11:00 AM -

VERMONT FUN RUN - Scavenger Hunt\*  
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Motorcycle Marketplace  
1:00 PM - Trike Pull Times to be announced -  
Shop til you drop trip to Manchester Outlets  
1-3 pm - Motorcycle Rodeo - Qualifying Match  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Bike show Judging  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - All-American Bar B Q w/ Satin &

**5:00 PM - 6:30 PM -  
Grand Parade to Rutland  
Led by the Red Knights!**

Steel performing\*

8:00 PM until close - Vermont State Fair  
7:00 PM & 9:00 PM - Tributes memories & Godfather  
at the Paramount (Rutland)\*

## **Saturday September 11, 2004**

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Registration and Check-in

Lodging in Killington — Killington Grand Hotel is the HOST HOTEL right on the mountain. Offering hotel rooms, studios and suites with walk-to Killington Classic events convenience. Amenities include an outdoor heated pool and two hot tubs, a restaurant and a lounge, a full exercise facility, massage services, day care and room service. Meal plans available. Hotel rooms, suites and studios with cable TV, VCR, telephone, coffee-maker. Studios have efficiency kitchen. 1, 2, & 3 bedroom suites with full kitchen, living room, dining room, some with saunas and fireplace. Call The Killington Grand Resort Hotel and Conference Center at (800) 282-9955. Other hotel information is available online at [www.killingtonclassic.com](http://www.killingtonclassic.com)

Guided Vermont Tours\* Lakes & Rivers Tour\*  
Covered Bridges Tour\* Vermont Gaps Tour\*

Fort Ticonderoga Deluxe Tour\*

YOU CHOOSE -

Self Guided Vermont Tours Leave  
8:00-11:00 AM - Charity Poker Run\*  
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Motorcycle Marketplace  
1:00 PM - Trike Pull Times to be announced -  
Shop til you drop trip to Manchester Outlets 1:00-  
3:00pm - Motorcycle Rodeo - Finals Match  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Bike show Judging  
6:30-7:30 PM - Concert on the Mountain - Charles  
Thomas DRIFTERS

6:30 PM - Closing Remarks, Prizes,  
Drawings  
7:30 PM - Fireworks Finale

The Red Knights will be recognized at the  
closing ceremonies on Saturday.

8:00 PM - Rotary Club Casino Night at the Grand  
8:00 PM - Joeys & Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding  
(Cortina Inn)\*

## **Sunday September 12, 2004**

8:00 AM - Sunrise Service at the Mountain  
9:00 - 11:00 AM - Continental Breakfast with Kev &  
Marv  
9:00 AM - NOON - Motorcycle Marketplace  
NOON - 2nd Annual Killington Classic officially ends

\* denotes event is not included in registration fee.

Red Knights planning on participating in the  
parade should meet at the Killington Grand  
Resort (the start of the parade) by 5:00 p.m.

Also in the lead contingent will be the governor  
of Vermont.