



# Red Knights Mass Chapter 2 — Spring 2007

*Loyal to Our Duty*

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

Just a short informational mailing for some up coming club details!

## 2007 Chapter Raffle

*Our chapter's generosity is accomplished through the fundraising efforts of each member. – Please help us by supporting this year's chapter raffle.*

The tickets are going out for this year's chapter raffle and we are asking everyone to buy and sell some between now and the end of May. Our raffle is a similar format as last year. We are selling \$5 tickets and the prizes are 200 scratch tickets for first place, 100 scratch tickets for second place and 50 scratch tickets for third and fourth place.

Our chapter is very generous each year with donations to many causes that help people in our area. We are able to do this because of our successful fundraising. Bob Laford (978-724-3270) has the tickets and if you need more call him. Please consider buying and selling some to support the chapter. We'll draw the winners at our Ice Cream Ride on Tuesday, June 19.

Please return your money and ticket stubs to Bob at 276 West Road, Petersham, MA 01366

## Spring Business Meeting and Dinner for Mass-Chapter-2

**Saturday, April 28 at Noon**

**R**ide Aware! The more aware you are, the longer and happier your life will be.  
*Clement Salvadori*

Come join us at the Annual Red Knights New England Regional Cape Cod Weekend on May 4-6, 2007

Thanks to the cooking skills of Mary Barclay we will be enjoying a Braised Beef dinner at our spring business meeting. **Please RSVP to Bob at 978-724-3270 so we can give Mary a head count.**

Meet at the "On Site Academy" at 216 Mill Street in Gardner at noon. Part of the business program will be a presentation by staff at the On Site Academy about their work with Critical Incident Stress with Emergency Workers.

Mill Street is off of Route 68, just south of the Stop and Shop in Gardner.

An updated chapter roster is enclosed with this newsletter. Please double check your personal information on the list and let Bob know if there are any errors.

We're on the lower Cape, beyond the elbow again this year, with our host hotel in Eastham. That opens up some great roads and restaurants along the coastline for us and give us some wonderful vistas to enjoy on our first big ride of the season.

*Our host hotel will be the Town Crier and the cost is \$65 per night. Call now (800-932-1434) to make your reservations.*

Meet at **Westminster FD** at 9:00 am on Friday, **May 4** (we'll pick up more at the 140/12 intersection at 9:30).

Anyone want to hold over to Monday too? The secret to the Cape traffic is that on Monday morning there is no traffic and it is a wonderful ride off the Cape and back home!

### Proposed bylaw changes:

Upon recommendation of the International bylaw committee we will be voting on two bylaw changes at the April meeting.

One change is to make the "Special Honorary" and "Compassionate" members as non-dues paying positions. The International does not charge membership fees for these two categories of members. Article 2, Section 14.

The second recommendation is to add wording to our quorum language. Our current language states that seven members make up a quorum. The International's recommendation is that we include language that states seven members, of which X number must be chapter officers. This is to ensure that the chapter leadership is participating in any meeting being held by the chapter. Article 6, Section 1.

Kevin Martin will be placing a T-shirt and golf shirt order for silk-screened shirts. If you want to get a RK Logo shirt to start the season – call Kevin.

Enclosed is flyer on other RKMC clothing and paraphernalia and one nearby vendor available for Red Vests.

The Athol to Orange River Rat Canoe Race (and preceding parade) is scheduled for Saturday, April 14.

A number of the officers will be at the Convention Planning meeting that day, away at the International Board meeting in New York, or at the Americade Volunteers' Weekend in Lake George.

If there is still a group of members that want to get together for the parade and a ride afterwards – that's great – but otherwise we'll forego the parade this year.

If you still want to participate let Bob know and he will put who ever contacts him in touch with each other.

## Upcoming Rides and Events

Sunday, May 20. **A ride into Rhode Island to enjoy dinner at Wright's Chicken Farm.** We'll meet at WFD at 11:00 a.m. and take a leisurely ride into the smallest state and enjoy Sunday dinner at Wright's.

Week of June 3-9. **Americade — Lake George, N.Y.** Varying departure times and staying times throughout week. The largest group is leaving Sunday, June 3. *The Red Knights are hosting the Wednesday evening three-course Dinner (we need door prizes), RK meeting Thursday evening at Lake George FD — Parade on Saturday morning.*

Sunday, June 17. **Father's Day Ride—come play with the trucks and bikes.** We'll meet at WFD at 9:00 a.m. and head off to Canterbury, CT for a visit to their truck museum and then a stop in Plainfield at Excalibur Motorsports to look at the bikes!

Tuesday, June 19. **Annual Club Raffle Drawing at the Ice Cream Ride**

Saturday, June 30. **Day ride to Wells, Maine to visit our snow birds.** We'll meet at WFD at 8:00 a.m. and take advantage of the long daylight hours for a ride to Wells, Maine to have lunch with Marty & Cliff!

Wednesday, July 4. **4th of July Pot-luck BBQ & Meeting.**

Come enjoy some time with friends at a holiday pot-luck. We'll be in West Townsend at Don Hurme's. Bring a dish to share and something to throw on the grill. See you around 1:00 p.m.

Speaking of events — Here are some tidbits on the convention:

- Tim making schedule for registration table. Anyone who is interested in helping run registration contact Tim to fill in the time blocks for the registration table.
- The registration forms that were in the last newsletter did not list the dinner choices for the Saturday banquet. Enclosed is a copy of the updated registration form.
- If you have not booked your room for the convention – you better hurry! They are filling up fast. It's going to be a big turn out!

New England Firefighters Motorcycle Challenge Ride to benefit the Lowell Firefighters Historical Society

Sunday, June 24 10:00 a.m.  
Meets at the Lowell Firefighters Club  
– 362 Fletcher Street, Lowell

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

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

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

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

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

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

If your emergency contact information has changed since you filed your contact form with the chapter, please get the updated information to Bob so your new contacts can be listed with the officers.

Do you have ICE in your cell phone? Program the word ICE and your contact person's name (and number) in your cell phone. Then if someone is trying to figure out emergency contact information and you are unable to tell them – ICE – "In case of Emergency" may help.

The last Breakfast Club of the Spring will be on Saturday, April 21. Meet at WFD at 8:00 a.m.

And our monthly Ice Cream Rides will begin on the 3rd Tuesday of May through September. Ice cream rides leave WFD at 6:30 p.m. –

Our first one is Tuesday, May 15.