



Red Knights

Mass Chapter 2 — Summer 2024

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Loyal to Our Duty

From the Desk of the President

To the membership of MA-2,

I write to you as your humble servant to this amazing chapter and organization. I sincerely thank every member of MA-2 for their continued support and confidence as I steer this Chapter for this next term. I have found myself tasked with some big undertakings during my first quarter including coordinating the support efforts of our chapter during the passing of our beloved brother, Charter Member and past International President Eddy Brouillet. I want to recognize and acknowledge the membership who stepped up and represented our chapter in such a professional and dignified manner during that time, and who continue to help keep this chapter such a role model for other chapters to strive for.

As we continue to evolve and grow as a chapter, I want to thank the membership for their patience and understanding as we implement new ideas and process' like social media platforms, ZOOM meetings and Bluetooth technology in our helmets. I know in the fire service we say there are 2 things that firefighters do not like: "Change, and the way things are". My continued mission is to bring us into the 21st century while honoring and respecting where we came from and the traditions that are so important to our organization.

I know the days of Americade and Bay Front Cottages may be over, but I ask that the membership remember all the great memories we made during those times and don't lose your sense of adventure as we look for new locations and traditions for our next generation of MA-2 members. As we all age as a chapter, I will continue to recruit for new members and hope that you all will do the same so we can make new friends and you can share those amazing memories and stories with new members.

Whether it is on two wheels, three or four wheels, please come join us for our summer cookout at the Olivers, in New Salem, on July 6. We will be holding a summer meeting (one of the recommendations we took from our recent member survey). At that meeting, we will be reviewing the Chapter SOG proposed changes that your Executive Board has presented. There are a number of changes that should be implemented to help us stay in line with those SOGs and Bylaws of the International, and to help us stay current with technology.

I continue to try and be available as much as I can for any of our members, and I appreciate how much you all look out for one another. Here's to another great summer of miles and smiles.

Fraternally,
President Jeff Hamberg
RKMC MA2



Join us for our
chapter Summer
Cookout!

Saturday, July 6
4th of July
Celebration

1:00 pm at the
Oliver's in New Salem

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Let's get together for  
some great company and  
good food!

The grills will be ready!  
Bring some food to share  
and enjoy the afternoon  
with us.

We will also be  
holding our  
**Summer Business  
Meeting**  
during our cookout  
(We'll talk about  
Convention business and  
Chapter SOG changes)

Mark your calendar for  
**Sunday, September 1**  
for our  
**Labor Day  
Cookout,**  
as well.

We will be meeting at  
the 2/202 Shell Station  
in Orange (with food on  
board) and head  
southwest to Southwick  
for a Labor Day  
weekend cookout at the  
Hamberg's.

More details will be  
shared as we get  
closer.

At the annual business meeting for our chapter, scheduled for October, the officer positions of Vice-President and Treasurer (and Sergeant-at-Arms if the SOG change is approved) will be up for election/re-election.



If you are interested in running for office, please contact President Jeff Hamberg (by September 28th).

**Saturday, October 26 — Annual Chapter meeting.**

We will be meeting at the Rec Center at the Millers Woods, on Daniel Shays Highway in Athol at 10:00 am.

Hopefully, you did not miss this deadline, but motorcycle inspections in Massachusetts were due by May 31.



Registrations expired in December and Inspections Expire in May for motorcycles in Massachusetts.

**RK MA-4 is celebrating their 40th anniversary this year!**

**RK MA-4 40th Anniversary Celebration**

Chicken BBQ — Sunday, August 18 at the Charlton Beagle Club. \$15 per person — Tickets are on sale, contact MA-4 President Mike Mahan themahans@charter.net

*Let's have a good showing from MA2!*

**Saturday, August 24. Co-Ride with Mass-4.** Riding with MA-4 we will have lunch at the Speedway Restaurant at Thompson Speedway. (Details TBD)

**Lady of the Knights decals**

Along with our standard decals, MA-2 decals, and helmet decals, we now also have "Lady of the Knight" decals.



They come in Red on White, Black on Gold and Red on Gold.

They are \$8 each or 2 for \$15.

If you would like one of these, contact Treasurer Laford.

**\$20 PER PERSON**

**ANNUAL SOLDIERS HOME RIDE**

**JULY 13 SATURDAY**

**11 AM KSU / REG 9 AM**

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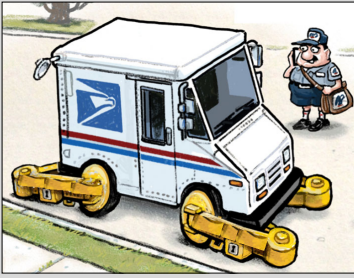
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Ah, yes, summer riding is here, and into every ride, a little rain may fall!

Get out and ride! Just remember to pack your raingear.

We have been told that if you are getting multiple calls from the Insurance Company contracted with the RKMC, after telling them you are not interested, to get the caller's name and screen shot the number. Then email International Secretary Michael Woods with the information.



### Our Regalia sees more miles than we do!

We had ordered some RKMC “stuff” from the International Quartermaster earlier this year, and the delivery was a lot longer than we had previously experienced. Don Moore,

the International QM contacted the vendor and they told him that the tracking info said it was delivered to my address (276 West Road in Petersham) the previous week.

It had not — and I went to the post office with tracking number in hand. I had them scratching their head as they followed it to Berlin, MA — and it was actually delivered to 276 West Street in Berlin!

The Berlin post office actually went to the residence and spoke with the occupant who found our package in their pile of unopened mail!

It was re-mailed and arrived in Petersham a few days later... and the label was perfectly addressed, so no one can reason why it ended up in Felype and Zuleika’s mailbox 50 miles from where it was supposed to be!

### Breakfast Clubs start up again this fall —

- November 16 — at Peg Brouillet’s in Westminster
- **Would you like to host a Breakfast Club next winter? Let our President know!**

We had two dozen members and friends come out to our March Breakfast Club in Petersham (with 3



Zoom attendees — and one of those was a friend from the International!) and nearly 20 were on hand in Southwick at the Hamberg’s in April!

As always lots of good food and plenty of smiles.

Thank you to our hosts for welcoming us all into their homes.

## MA-2 Summer Business Meeting and proposed SOG changes

It has been a number of years since our chapter reviewed our Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) [*They used to be called bylaws*].

The officers have spent some time reviewing the document and fine-tuning proposals so that our guidelines fit the intent set forth by the International.

President Hamberg has emailed out the proposed changes along with a copy of the current SOGs for you to review.

We will be discussing and voting on these changes at the Cookout and Business Meeting that will be held at the Olivers on July 6.

If you have any questions, please reach out to one of your E-board members.

### On the road with our friends...

- Our Dust-Off ride in April started with cloudy cool skies, but was sunny and in the 70’s after we left the New England Motorcycle Museum and headed for lunch at the Hidden Still in Ellington, CT.



- Mass-4 invited us for a ride with them to the Groton Sub Base in Connecticut. Had 12 bikes and 15 people total... a great ride and a beautiful day!

Mass-4 has invited us to tag along with them for another “Co-Ride” for lunch at the Speedway Restaurant at Thompson Speedway on August 24. More details will be shared when we have them!



**2024 Dixie Rally.** Seven members of the chapter were part of the over 350 Red Knights on site in Statesville, North Carolina for this year's Region-4 Dixie Rally.

Along with rides to Mt. Airy for the Andy Griffith Museum and a ride to the NASCAR museum, the area boasts many great mountain roads that the southeast is famous for with riders.

Many attendees took advantage of the tours and tastings at the nearby Southern Distillery Company, where we learned that North Carolina was the largest maker of whiskey in the U.S. until Prohibition.

This was the 20th Dixie Rally and there were Red Knights from over 30 states and four countries in attendance.



The banquet was held at the Statesville Convention Center, and was a full house, as was the cookout held at the Cleveland Community Fire Department.

It was great spending time and making friends with Red Knights from another part of the country!

The 2025 Dixie Rally will be in New Orleans.



### International Voting

Nominations for international positions closed in May. For 2024 there are no contests and there will be no ballots to cast. Running unopposed is VP Norm Beausoleil, Secretary Mike (Woody) Woods, and Region Reps for Region 2, 4, 6, and 8.

Any proposed bylaw changes will be announced 45 days before the August annual meeting date. Once that list is released, if there are any controversial bylaws that will need to be voted on by our attending members, we will share information for input from our members.

Attending the convention in Germany in August is MA2 Sergeant-at-Arms Ian Hurley, who will represent our chapter.

## AMERICADE 2024

Although Americade is not today what many of us hold close in our memories from years' past, there are still new memories to make each year in the Adirondack region as the motorcycles gather in Lake George. For 2024 one fine memory was the weather. There was NO RAIN, and the blue sky was with us each day for what we decided to do!

Without a doubt, the riding continues to be superb, and this year nearly all the roads I traveled on were in good shape, and there were a lot of smiles under the helmets I passed and waved at.

MA-2 was still represented throughout the week, as were a number of Red Knights. Old and new friends gathered at the LDFD, first on Wednesday for a ride around the lake, and again for the annual open house on Thursday.

Yes, things change in our lives, but also some things remain a constant, and it was good to be in Lake George, once again.



### Americade History



Some of our newer members may not know this, but do you remember how tightly Americade and the RKMC were tied together in the early 2000's when the late Ed Brouillet was International President?

The Red Knights hosted one of the Americade dinners for over ten years, giving out 100 door prizes each year, because of the generosity of our members — and to the embarrassment of other corporate sponsors! Even Americade Founder Bill Dutcher would make a cameo at the dinner each year thanking the RKMC!

Until his retirement, Mr. Dutcher even kept a memento fire helmet with an RKMC logo by his desk, that was given to him by the Red Knights.

The Lake George FD would be packed shoulder to shoulder with "red" on Thursday evening, with 300 plus members enjoying RKNY12's hospitality!

For many years, the Spring International Board meeting would be held at Americade, with many members being present in the peanut gallery seeing the business of the club happening.

And who can forget the years of 100 or more Red Knight motorcycles leading the Americade parade on Saturday morning! We won they largest club participating award so many years that Americade renamed it the "Red Knight Award!"

Oh! Those were the Days!



Spring 2024  
MA State Red Knights meeting



MA-2 was well-represented with 19 of the over 40 attendees at the Spring State Meeting that we hosted in Petersham.

Aside from our own Charlie Clarkson receiving the Steve Mickle Mr. Red Knight Award, the big news is that State Rep George Colby will not be seeking re-election in the fall, and Asst. State Rep Bob Binnall will also be stepping down in the fall.

Have you ever considered serving the RKMC beyond your chapter? Here is your chance.

**Membership News Briefs...**

We have had a number of members that have been struggling with health issues over the last several months, and in and out of hospitals. Please know that we think of you all, OFTEN, and please keep us apprised, as we are all family.

Our condolences go out to Diona and Bob Laford (and Diona's sister Dawn) on the passing of Diona and Dawn's mother in the spring.

Congratulations to Paul Woodcome on his election as the new Commander of the American Legion Harold N. Keith Post 204 in West Boylston, earlier this spring.

Congratulations to Lori Oliver on her retirement from UMass-Amherst, and thank you to Rick Oliver for traveling to New Brunswick to represent MA-2 at Hal's services.

Best wishes to Kevin Martin on the new-to-him 1400 Suzuki he picked up. It sounds like it is more user-friendly for his foot!

We have Heaven-1 Rockers for Joyce, Ed, and Hal.

Contact Bob Laford if you would like one of these or one of the Memorial Decals for Ed.



From Diona: Thank you all for your flowers, support and condolences at the passing of my mom. My sister, Dawn, and I appreciate you all very much!

**The 2024 Yankee Rally.** There were over 340 Red Knights registered at this year's Yankee Rally, with 19 members from MA-2 making an appearance at some point during the rally in Keene. As always, with any of the regional rallies, it was great to see friends from the past and make new Red Knight friends at these events. Our good friends Gery and Trix from Switzerland were on hand and were guests of Rick and Lori at the designated campground. (They continued their vacation with some excursions to the coast after the rally was done).



The New Hampshire hosts had a number of group and unguided rides set up for the visiting Red Knights, and as we know from living in the area, central New England has great riding roads! Group rides included the fire museum in Warren, NH, a trip to the memorial in Boylston, and a ride to the NH Veteran's cemetery where there is also a Red Knights memorial stone.

The weather forecasters told us rain, rain, rain, but there was a lot of sun over the course of the rally with just a few scattered storms mixed in.

The host hotel's courtyard was dotted with chairs and tables with umbrellas and awnings, and that is where you found a number of the chapters selling wares and a lot of Red Knights enjoying each others' company! Our Lady of the Knight shirts were very popular and we went home with quite a few orders after we ran out of shirts on hand.



At the Regional meeting Maine Red Knights talked about the 2025 Yankee Rally being planned for June 5-8, 2025 in Bangor. The attendees also voted on the 2026 (and 10th) Yankee and we will be headed back to the Finger Lakes in New York. (This time the host hotel will be the "41 Lakefront hotel" right on the lake in Geneva! Connecticut Red Knights also announced that they are interested in hosting the 2027 — and are considering looking into the Mystic Seaport area for the location. Keep an eye out for information on these as they become available. The 2025 Facebook page will probably be up in the near future. That is always a good place to look for info.

## Mass-2 Cover Bike

*This edition of the Mass-2 Cover Bike is from Tim and Darlene Kilhart*

My first motorcycle was a Yamaha 80 when I was 10 years old, to share with my brother and sister. I moved up to a Yamaha 100 then Yamaha 175 then to a Yamaha 175IT. I met the love of my life, Darlene, when I was a lifeguard at Laurel Lake Campground in Erving, MA. She had envisioned meeting a guy who drove a motorcycle and can you guess what I rode in on to work. Yes, motorcycling has strange ways to get us to meet new people.

I then transitioned to street bikes with a 1993 Yamaha Virago 750 but when I joined the Red Knights in 1998 it was soon apparent that I needed to upgrade to a bigger more comfortable ride. Along came the 1999 Yamaha Venture followed by 3 more Yamaha Ventures until I purchased my 2018 BMW K1600 GT this past winter.

I discovered the Red Knights in 1998 when I attended one of their Poker Runs and realized that this might be a fun group to join. Little did I know that this would be one of the best decisions I ever made.

Darlene joined in 1998 and we have attended many Red Knight rides, events, parties, rally's and especially International Conventions.

Our daughter, Krystal, was born in 1997 and had her first ride on the motorcycle when she turned 6 years old and begged for her turn to go with daddy for a ride. This led to many daddy

and daughter excursions to waterfalls, Sandusky, Ohio, Gettysburg, PEI and Okracoke, NC plus many more.

Darlene and I have made so many friends and been so many places with the Red Knights it is hard to imagine if we had not joined. The Red Knights have provided us with many destinations to travel to and to gather with old friends and to make many new ones. We have traveled to Canada, Ireland, Switzerland, Austria and

Germany as well as around the U.S. We have enjoyed many International Conventions and Rally's but our favorite Convention was in 2004 in Edmonton, Alberta and I don't know if anyone will top that one. We enjoyed over 20 years of Americade in Lake George with our Mass 2 family sharing rides, meals, games, camp fires and lots of laughs making a lifetime of memories.

We are so thankful for all that the Red Knights have given us and look forward to the future and

many more years of riding and meeting new people and catching up with old friends. We are so blessed to be Red Knights and realize how special each and every one of you are.



Stelvio Pass in Switzerland and Italy

**We are proud to be RED KNIGHTS!**

**Upcoming Chapter Rides & Events:**

**Sunday, June 23. Another Dam Ride.**

We'll stop at the Granville Country Store to pick up some sandwiches for lunch and ride to the Saville Dam for a picnic. Meet at 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 10:00 am.

**Saturday, July 20. Wright's Chicken Farm.**

A staple ride in some earlier years, we are heading back into Rhode Island for lunch at Wright's Chicken Farm. Maybe we will have some other RKMC family join us from other chapters! Meet at the Westminster Dunkin's for 10:00 am. <https://www.wrightsfarm.com>

**Saturday, August 10. Mountain Picnic Ride.**

We'll be headed north, then west, then south, then east — up over Hogback Mountain and eventually Mt. Greylock! We will have a stop to grab a bag lunch to enjoy on the top of Greylock. It's an all-day ride. Meet at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange for 9:00 am.

**Saturday, September 14. Bug Ride.**

Having "targets" mounted on the front of our bikes and meeting at the **New Salem General Store** at 4:00 pm, we're riding to find some bugs around the Quabbin. The target with the most bugs wins a free ice cream!



**Let's Play Hooky**

To celebrate the first day of Meteorological Spring on March 1, we had a "Let's Play Hooky" lunch at the Templeton Café (formerly Olson's) and 14 people came out to join us!

The schedule this spring has been busy, so we did not have a May ride! Hopefully more will be getting on the schedule!



Evening Ice Cream Rides are back on our calendar for 2024, come join us!

**Meeting time is 6:00 pm.**

- Thursday, June 20, at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange.
- Tuesday, July 23, at the Westminster Dunkin's.
- Wednesday, August 21 at the 2/202 Shell Station in Orange.



Thank you to Jeff and Matthew Hamberg for giving a shop-talk on maintenance for us all during the April Breakfast Club!

The host hotel at the Yankee Rally had some "specialty drinks" in honor of our friends Steve Mickle, Bob Hollner and Norm Beausoleil.

**RKMC® YANKEE RALLY  
FATHER'S FLAVORS**

In honor of the 3 Fathers whom sparked the idea, and ignited the interest for the Region 1 Yankee Rally.

**Mickle:**  
Glenlivet on the rocks.....\$11

**Hollner:**  
Blue BOMB.....\$11

**Beausoleil:**  
Jack Daniels & a couple cubes.....\$11

Enjoy the flavors, be safe, responsible, have fun, and thank you for your attendance.

Respectfully,  
RKMC® of New Hampshire  
#yankeerally2024



NH Governor Sununu was on hand and spoke to our members when the riders from the Yankee Rally visited the NH Veteran's cemetery where the NH RKMC Memorial stone resides.



## RUN TO THE HOME 2024



# SUNDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** FASNY FIREMAN'S HOME  
125 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, NY 12534

**Time:** Registration - 9:30 am - 10:45 am / KSU - 11:00 am

**Cost:** \$25 for Driver / \$20 for Passenger or Dinner only

**Includes:** Ride, Music, Door Prizes & Food

**Proceeds to Benefit the FASNY Fireman's Home**

**For information contact:**  
Bob Hawley (518) 369-8379  
rkmcny29@gmail.com  
www.facebook.com/rkmcny29/events



What a fantastic spring afternoon we had for our **2024 Blessing of the bikes!**

Over 80 people and 60 bikes (and a few bicycles, too). (29 from MA2)

We had RK from MA, VT, CT and NY (Long Island), and also others from the Spyder Ryders, CMA, Veteran's groups, and our friends the 3 amigos (remember them from Americade?)

Because of the generosity of those who attended and those who made donations, we were able to send a donation of \$600 to Home Base!

RKMC Founding Father Bob Bourassa donated his 50/50 winnings at the State Meeting to MA-2 to put towards our donation to Home Base. Thank you Bob!

And a BIG SHOUT OUT to Maple Valley Creamery in Hadley for donating ice cream to support our day!



At the State Meeting, some special RKMC cookies were donated and auctioned off, and the proceeds were given to us to go with our donation to Home Base. Thank you!

Proceeds from our Blessing of the Bikes went to Home Base, a Red Sox foundation that serves our veterans and their families. Here is an excerpt from the thank you letter we received from General Jack Hammond, Executive Director at Home Base.

*Home Base operates the largest private-sector clinic in the nation devoted to healing invisible wounds of war. Since 2009, Home Base has served over 30,000 Veterans of all eras, Service Members, Military Families and Families of the Fallen internationally with the world-class care they deserve - and have earned.*

*Your gift comes at a critical time for our warriors and their families. As Home Base seeks to expand care to serve more underserved communities, your generosity and belief in our mission helps us heal the invisible wounds of war, at no out-of-pocket cost to our patients.*



## Vermont-2 Ride to Remember

It was a damp day, but not a washout, for this year's Vermont-2 ride. Our turnout was a bit smaller than past years, as well, because those that were in North Carolina for the Dixie Rally would normally be in Vermont!



But even with fewer numbers, MA-2 returned home with some of the door prizes (of course)!

Thanks to our friends in Vermont for all those they support through the funds raised in this annual ride!

Each year, RK Vermont-2 hosts a "coffee break" at the Guilford, VT rest stop on Route 91.

They always aim for the Friday of Columbus Day weekend, but it depends on what the VT-DOT offers them.

Make a mental note, and we will plan a ride up into Southern Vermont (on October 11 if that is the date) for a coffee and some baked goods with our Vermont family!

## RKMC CT Chapter 2 Summer Ride & BBQ

### CONNECTICUTS 2'S ANNUAL CELLIBRATION

SUNDAY AUGUST 4, 2024

Invitation open to all RKMC REGION 1 MEMBERS/CHAPTERS

FOUR TOWN FAIR GROUNDS 56 EGYPT ROAD, SOMERS, CT 06071

**11AM** - Meet at Picnic Grounds **12 Noon** – One hour Scenic Ride

1PM – Picnic/BBQ \$15.00 Donation

**RKMC Chapters:** Please get a total headcount for your chapter and have one representative call in the total number to Tom Gill by July 26th

**CONTACT:** TOM GILL, CT Chapter 2 President 860-883-7721 (Email: [tomgill52@gmail.com](mailto:tomgill52@gmail.com)) to RSVP

Ann-Margret, at 82, still rides her Harley-Davidson: 'I love speed'



At age 82, Ann-Margret is living life in the fast lane.

The "Bye Bye Birdie" and "Viva Las Vegas" actress was recently at the Women's Image Network's 25th Women's Image Awards in Beverly Hills, where she revealed one thing that keeps her young — a Harley-Davidson.

"It's lavender, and it's got white daisies all over it," the star gushed to People magazine. "There [are] flowers on the back fender and the front fender. ... I love speed. Not the drug."

"It was my daddy who inspired me to ride," she explained at the time. "Before he met my mother, he had a couple of motorcycles. One was an Indian and the other a BSA. And my uncle, my mother's brother, had a big motorcycle. When I was 10 years old, I would ride on the back of his bike with him. ... He would take me to the Norwegian border, and we would go into Norway. There's no way I could forget that motorcycle.

"The speed, being in the elements, the wind and the rain, the sleet and hail – oh gosh, I get very excited when I even talk about it. ...

Today, I've got this incredible Harley-Davidson motorcycle. It's very funny when you see it parked next to all the other bikes. It's lavender with daisies. It's quite unique."

During the '60s, Ann-Margret became a sought-after sex symbol, a title she never had any qualms about.

"I've got a lot of energy. It doesn't come in a bottle," she boasted. "I am just blessed that my mother and father gave me such great energy. And there's no negativity here. ... They instilled in me all of these wonderful things that I still carry with me. You don't whine about things. You just go out and do the things that you love. And I just feel blessed with the life that I've been given."



## 9 million registered motorcycles and counting

While American motorcycle ownership has not risen much since 2009—just 639,650 additional registrations were recorded in the 14 subsequent years—that annum marked the last of at least seven consecutive years in which registrations increased by at least 449,424 year over year.

From Alaska to Florida, the United States is home to nearly 8.8 million registered motorcycles. California leads the nation in total ownership, while Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas round out the top five states. While the Lone Star State ranks high for having the most owners, it falls to 50th on this list with only 129 motorcycles per 10,000 residents, ahead of only Washington D.C., with 68 motorcycles per 10,000 residents.

When looking at the number of motorcycles per 10,000 residents, three of the top eight states have a population of 1 million or fewer, and only two of the top 10 have more than 2 million citizens.

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| #51. District of Columbia<br>- Registered motorcycles: 4,610<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 68 | #34. Michigan<br>- Registered motorcycles: 249,872<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 249       | #17. Oregon<br>- Registered motorcycles: 136,648<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 323         |
| #50. Texas<br>- Registered motorcycles: 394,351<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 129             | #33. Rhode Island<br>- Registered motorcycles: 28,376<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 259    | #16. Alabama<br>- Registered motorcycles: 173,795<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 340        |
| #49. New Jersey<br>- Registered motorcycles: 161,348<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 174        | #32. Tennessee<br>- Registered motorcycles: 184,982<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 260      | #15. Kansas<br>- Registered motorcycles: 101,530<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 345         |
| #48. Louisiana<br>- Registered motorcycles: 80,208<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 175          | #31. Delaware<br>- Registered motorcycles: 27,118<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 263        | #13. Colorado (tie)<br>- Registered motorcycles: 203,396<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 346 |
| #47. Mississippi<br>- Registered motorcycles: 53,311<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 181        | #30. Nevada<br>- Registered motorcycles: 86,060<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 269          | #13. Ohio (tie)<br>- Registered motorcycles: 407,952<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 346     |
| #46. New York<br>- Registered motorcycles: 370,101<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 189          | #29. Kentucky<br>- Registered motorcycles: 124,923<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 276       | #12. Indiana<br>- Registered motorcycles: 238,729<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 348        |
| #45. Maryland<br>- Registered motorcycles: 119,139<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 193          | #28. South Carolina<br>- Registered motorcycles: 153,359<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 285 | #11. Minnesota<br>- Registered motorcycles: 208,616<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 364      |
| #44. Missouri<br>- Registered motorcycles: 126,441<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 204          | #27. Florida<br>- Registered motorcycles: 668,046<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 295        | #10. Vermont<br>- Registered motorcycles: 23,775<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 367         |
| #43. Georgia<br>- Registered motorcycles: 236,276<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 214           | #26. Oklahoma<br>- Registered motorcycles: 120,364<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 297       | #9. Idaho<br>- Registered motorcycles: 75,017<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 382            |
| #42. Massachusetts<br>- Registered motorcycles: 155,408<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 222     | #25. Nebraska<br>- Registered motorcycles: 58,922<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 298        | #8. Wyoming<br>- Registered motorcycles: 25,772<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 441          |
| #40. Virginia (tie)<br>- Registered motorcycles: 194,400<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 223    | #24. Washington<br>- Registered motorcycles: 236,862<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 303     | #7. North Dakota<br>- Registered motorcycles: 35,589<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 454     |
| #40. Illinois (tie)<br>- Registered motorcycles: 280,058<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 223    | #23. Alaska<br>- Registered motorcycles: 22,394<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 305          | #6. Maine<br>- Registered motorcycles: 63,835<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 457            |
| #39. North Carolina<br>- Registered motorcycles: 253,643<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 234    | #22. West Virginia<br>- Registered motorcycles: 54,165<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 306   | #5. Iowa<br>- Registered motorcycles: 171,380<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 534            |
| #37. Connecticut (tie)<br>- Registered motorcycles: 86,787<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 240  | #21. Utah<br>- Registered motorcycles: 105,029<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 307           | #4. Wisconsin<br>- Registered motorcycles: 320,021<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 541       |
| #37. California (tie)<br>- Registered motorcycles: 936,809<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 240  | #20. Arizona<br>- Registered motorcycles: 228,749<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 308        | #3. South Dakota<br>- Registered motorcycles: 54,596<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 594     |
| #36. Hawaii<br>- Registered motorcycles: 34,805<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 243             | #19. Pennsylvania<br>- Registered motorcycles: 403,039<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 311   | #2. New Hampshire<br>- Registered motorcycles: 90,235<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 644    |
| #35. Arkansas<br>- Registered motorcycles: 75,902<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 247           | #18. New Mexico<br>- Registered motorcycles: 66,525<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 315      | #1. Montana<br>- Registered motorcycles: 77,212<br>- Motorcycles per 10K residents: 682          |

## Eating Right on the Road

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I like a Krispy Kreme "donut run" or a Haagen-Dazs "ice cream run" as much as the next rider, especially when it also includes a hot cappuccino or latte. There seems to be something in our human genetics that has us hard wired for sugar-laden treats and other foodstuffs that, on the one hand, our body craves, but, on the other, contribute virtually no nutritional value to the health of the body.

Eating right on the road—where fast food, bags of chips, sodas, candy bars, high calorie desserts, and other fatty fare seem to be the only food available—can be a real challenge. Eating "junk food" for several days can leave you feeling fatigued and out-of-sorts. Getting your body the nutrition it needs, while enduring the physical demands of a multi-day motorcycle tour, is especially important for a rider's wellbeing and riding enjoyment. Here are my top ten strategies for eating right on the road:

- Drink Plenty of Liquids
- Pack Healthy Snacks
- Always Eat Breakfast
- Avoid Large Portions
- Stop Eating When You're Full
- Avoid Fried, Fatty Foods and Minimize Carbs
- Find Fresh Fruit
- Stop at Grocery Stores
- Don't Skip Meals
- Eat the Healthy Stuff First

The key is to find a happy medium between denying all high-sugar and fatty foods, and the occasional indulgence that keeps a trip enjoyable. The bottom line, though, is that eating right on the road will increase the enjoyment of your touring experience.



**Congratulations Charlie for a recognition of a Life Time of service to the Red Knights!**

Congratulations to Charlie Clarkson on his recognition with the Steve Mickle "Mr. Red Knight Award" at the state meeting. Charlie is one of our chapter's charter members, was our road captain for many years, was the first state rep in the RKMC and also served the International as Chairman of the Board and Secretary to the Board.

## What Makes New England's Stone Walls Unlike Any Others in the World?

They're seemingly ubiquitous, lining New England's fields: low, dry-lichen-crusted stone walls, nearly all built by European settlers before the Civil War.

Stone walls can be found here and there in other states, but only in New England are they nearly ubiquitous.

That's due to a regionally unique combination of hard crystalline bedrock, glacial soils, and farms with patchworks of small land parcels.

Together, the walls run a staggering 240,000 miles (400,000 km) long, larger in volume than the Great Wall of China, Hadrian's Wall in Britain, and the Egyptian pyramids at Giza combined. Over centuries, the walls that once separated the environment have become a part of it, creating new ecological habitats of interest to geologists and naturalists.

