

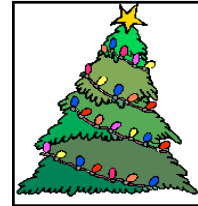


Red Knights

Mass Chapter 2 — Fall '08

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

Loyal to Our Duty



Mass-2 Christmas Party

• Sunday,

December 14

- 1:00 p.m.
- Apple Hill Farm, 143
Joslin Street in
Leominster

From the
President's Desk

October marks the 25th anniversary of our chapter receiving its charter from the Red Knights International, so it is appropriate that I share the below quote from an editorial that Ed B. sent to me. The editorial was, "Why do you ride?"

Freedom. Fun. A clear mind and a clear conscience. These are all powerful reasons for staying in the saddle. But an even simpler truth about motorcycling keeps me coming back for more: I always feel better after a ride than I did before.

Continue that thought with, "Why the Red Knights?" One word comes to mind:

FRIENDS

I don't know about you, but if I think back over the years of the people I have considered close friends, many times they involved wheels. Tonka Trucks and bicycles when I was young, cars when I was in my teens, fire engines for many years — but especially motorcycles and my friends in the Red Knights. So what can be better than enjoying that psychological first aid that a motorcycle ride brings us than sharing that time with good friends!

And it does not matter what we are doing together as Red Knights and friends, there is always laughter, and always good times. Even as we head into the colder months and we know that our two-wheeled riding companions will be put away to hibernate, there will still be ample opportunity to gather as friends and enjoy each other's company. We have our Breakfast Clubs, the Christmas Party, we are scheduling another day of Curling at the Petersham Curling Club (complete with a spaghetti dinner), and a couple of pot-lucks thrown in for good measure!

So don't go into hibernation for the winter, come out and see us and have a good time at whatever we plan. Throughout the riding season we were able to see some members that we have not seen for some time and we hope to keep that tradition going and get you all out to enjoy every activity with us!

At the convention in Ohio, the International Board recognized me for ten years as their "International Editor." I was very surprised when Ed B. presented me with the International's thank you plaque at our Labor Day BBQ. It made it even more special to be able to share it with all of you at one of our events — because the Red Knights are each and every one of us as members and what we do for and with each other and what we do for our club. *Thanks!*

Come celebrate with Ashburnham FD!

On OCTOBER 25, 2008 The Ashburnham Fire Department will be holding an open house for their new Public Safety Facility. After 5 years of not having a place to call home, they finally have a new building that is ready for occupancy. There will be a short parade starting at the School Boy Monument in the Center of Ashburnham that will be led by the Red Knights! The parade will include fire apparatus, antique cars and police cruisers. Come join the biggest parade Ashburnham has ever seen.

Too many times we only get polished and shined up to show respect for a friend or colleague who has passed away. Here is a great opportunity to gather as firefighters, Red Knights, and friends and be polished up for a grand celebration!

Line up is at 10:00 a.m. on 10/25 with white shirts, red vests, flags, and smiles. Please let VP Kevin Martin know if you plan on participating.

We'll meet at
Westminster
FD at 9:30 and
head to AFD

Come join us for a **great** catered dinner and our annual Yankee Gift Swap.

Bring a wrapped gift with a value of no more than \$15 for the gift swap.

The cost is \$15 per person (the chapter is picking up the remainder of the cost) and if you were with us last year you'll agree that the food is fantastic!

...and the company is pretty good too.

The last few years we were able to donate a couple of dozen gifts to the **Loaves and Fishes** program in Ayer because of your generosity. This program provides Christmas gifts to children that may not have a holiday without your help.

Please bring a new unwrapped children's gift to our holiday party so we can make another donation to the program.

If you are involved in a similar effort to gather toys for children in your area, please let us know and we can share what we collect with other organizations as well.

We must have a head count by Sunday, December 7 to give to the caterer. Please contact Bob Laford with your RSVP. (978) 724-3270 (If you tell us you're coming but then can't make it we will need to collect \$25 to cover chapter costs).

*P.S. Just a reminder that our dues are due earlier to the International this year, so your chapter dues are due to the Treasurer by **December 1** this year. Thanks for your cooperation.*

On the road with our friends...

- Perfect timing... the first day of summer was a scheduled ice cream ride! We had nine bikes. There was a line of showers following Route 2 so we headed south to Flo's Ice Cream in Rutland and stayed away from the showers and enjoyed a weather-perfect ride through central Mass.

But we did not fool Mother Nature on each ice cream ride — August, for example, had a number of us headed to Westminster from different directions when (at least from my perspective) we met a wall of water and rivers of run off on the sides of the roads! Ed B said he was watching the radar on the computer and noticed that this big bright orange and red blob just “appeared” over the area... he was right!



Our last “scheduled” Ice Cream Ride was on September 19. It was a beautiful evening... we found out that Calico and Creme had already closed for the season, but the eight bikes ventured further westward for our September ice cream on the Barre Common. When I got home the thermometer read 43 degrees!

- We met on a summer afternoon in June with initial plans to ride to Providence for the opening night of their Fire Water show... but schedules of those that showed up for the ride led us to “redirect” our day's ride and we headed out for some New Hampshire “twisties” and home made ice cream at the Walpole Creamery.
- There were five Mass-2 bikes that participated in this year's “Paul's Ride” put on by Vermont-2. The ride raises money to provide “transportation assistance” to those going through cancer chemotherapy. We had some luck with the scavenger hunt with three out of the five riders coming home with a prize!
- There were a lot of laughs happening at Moe and Marcia's when we took advantage of their big TV to watch pictures and videos from Americade, the Madawaska trip, and last winter's RKMC Caribbean Cruise. The food, including home made ice cream, apple pie, apple crisp, etc. etc. was pretty good too!
- Our ride to Cliff and Marty's was not 100% as planned back in August, but *over the weekend* about a dozen members ended up visiting them in Wells! Some on Friday, a few more on Saturday, and a couple on Sunday with most on bikes and a few in cars. By the time you read this our snow birds will be packing up to head back to Florida! Safe traveling folks!
- October's rides have already brought us cooler weather, but we are still glad to see everyone out on the roads with us. There was a group that went to the 911 ride in NYC on 10/4, we had 13 bikes come out for the Jaffrey Breakfast and foliage ride (@ 34 degrees), and 15 bikes met up for our annual meeting and Apple Pie Ride with great skies, warm weather and 200 miles of roads!



EVERYBODY likes ice cream!

POKER OR PORKER **Does one letter make that much difference?**

Saturday, July 26 was a beautiful sunny day and we had eleven bikes meet up for the scheduled “Poker” ride. Treasurer Tim Kilhart had a planned a route and each stop was going to be an opportunity to draw cards for the chapter poker run.

Tim led us around southern New Hampshire, where we had stops outside of Greenfield, on Pack Monadnock, and lunch in Winchester. His route took us back down through Franklin County and around the top of the Quabbin where our final stop was in Barre for some ice cream at the Carter Stevens Farm Stand (where they just threw some ribs on the wood grill for the evening meal).

It was great to see some members and friends on the ride that we have not seen for a while.

Winning hands were:

Shakey with Ace-high Straight
Moe with a full house 10's over 3's
Don H. with a full house 4's over Q's
Terry with three 2's
Kevin with 2 pair

Saturday, August 2 was our scheduled PORKER ride where every stop had something to do with food... and I was asked, “how is that different from what we usually do?”

We had planned an all-day ride with five specific food stops — but plan “B” had to be implemented as while we were having our picnic lunch at the Dean Pond State Park in Brimfield it got very dark and started to thunder! We did make it all the way back into Barre before the rain drops started. Although we missed planned stops (for ice cream at UConn and Hot Dogs at Hot Dog Annie's), we did enjoy our stops at the New Salem General Store for coffee and warm coffee cake, in Deerfield at Richardson's Home Made Candies (*very good chocolates*) and our picnic under the pines at Dean Pond.

I guess that means that we will have to have a “make up ride” to get those hot dogs and ice cream in!

**North to Alaska...
umm, I mean Madawaska!**

Back in 2000 Steve Mickle and Ed Brouillet completed the Four Corners Tour around the country in honor of our six lost brothers from Worcester. The northeast stop in their trek was Madawaska, Maine. It was only fitting that on the last weekend of June Steve and Ed, along with Cliff E., Kevin M., and Tim & Crystal Kilhart ventured back to that spot for a very special occasion.

That occasion was to see the dedication of The Madawaska Four Corners Memorial Park.

The people of Madawaska created this park to pay honor to all the riders that have finished the Four Corners



At our July Business Meeting we voted to purchase a granite paver to be placed at the memorial on behalf of the chapter, so along with Ed and Steve, we as members of the chapter can say that we too are part of the history of Madawaska and the Four Corners Motorcycle Tour!

Home to Wells, Maine 107 miles, 1hr-10min
Wells to Houlton Maine 283 miles, 4hr 30min
Houlton to Madawaska 100 miles, 2hrs 20 min

Tour. The gist of the ride is that you must hit the four corners with your motorcycle, and do it in 21 days or less. At this time This is the only park in the world dedicated just to motorcyclists.

The last weekend in June is an annual Acadian Festival in Madawaska. The festival celebrates the Acadian heritage for all the people that came from and still live in the Madawaska area. In addition to the memorial dedication, there was a lot of other things going on that weekend that made the trip and the dedication even more memorable. www.acadianfestival.com/schedule.html is the link that shows all the events that took place. (You should watch the video of the 'bed races' down Main Street!)

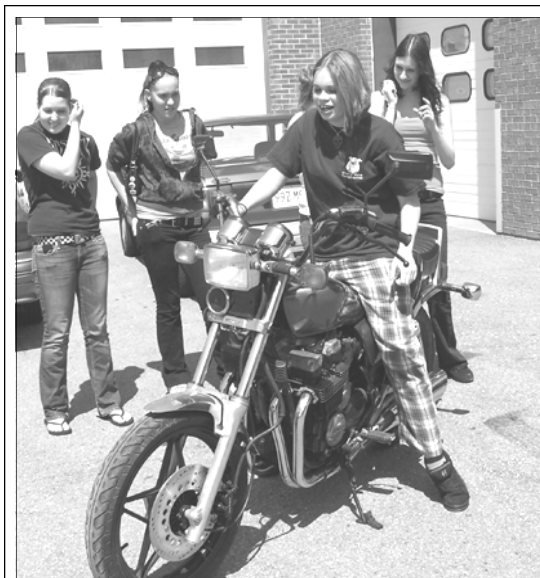
It's a good ride just to get up there, but having the memorial dedicated, the town and the friends we have made now have a special connection to the Red Knights and to Mass Chapter-2.

Next year, around the end of June, watch your 2009 Ride Schedule, and if you're looking for something to do, we think there may be another trip coming up!

We had some chapter members who made it into New Hampshire this summer for the RK-NH-IV Charity Ride.

And they let those of us who did not make it know that they won free ice cream from Kimball's when on the ride! (Thanks for letting me know guys!)

We also received a thank you from NH-IV for participating in the ride.



At the Monty-Tech "Bull-Dog Pride" awards in June, Brittany Kinoshian was the winner of the refurbished '83 Honda Nighthawk, donated by the Barclay's, and the beginner's rider course sponsored by our chapter.



Our Labor Day BBQ was the first "showing" of our chapter flag that we purchased to mark our 25th anniversary. We hung it in the pavilion at the Tully Recreation Area during our festivities. We had 20 members show up in Royalston to enjoy a perfect summer's day! (And we had lots of food too... including home made cheese cake, apple crisp made with Snicker's Bars (with ice cream), Chocolate Mousse, and some really good brownies... and that was just the desserts!)

The Wave. The motorcyclists' wave is a salute to another rider, acknowledging our commonality for the love of the ride. Same risks — Same rewards

2009 Dues

Included with this mailing is your invoice for the 2009 dues. As with any organization there are expenses that we incur and your dues help us cover those costs. A portion of your dues also go to the International for our charter dues. (We must have all International dues paid in January or we incur a \$50 penalty).

Please have your dues and waiver in to Treasurer Tim Kilhart by **December 1, 2008**. Thanks.

Tim Kilhart
52 Adams Drive – Athol, MA 01331

We changed our dues *due date* in the bylaws because of the change of when we must have the dues into the International, please get the funds in to Tim by December 1.



Membership News Briefs...

Congratulations to Larry Robinson — Larry was recently recognized by his church for the community-based efforts he has made over the past five decades; including his church and his family, serving in the Navy, his work with the Petersham Fire Department and the Petersham American Legion, the Lions Club (locally and beyond), and his over 30 years of work with the Department of Mental Retardation. In his “bio” in the award presentation it even mentions us, his Red Knights family! Larry, we are proud of you too!

Congratulations to Tom Lozier on his recent promotion to Deputy Chief of the Athol Fire Department!

Three cheers for the Ashburnham Firefighters. They worked long and hard in securing an ambulance and supplies to ship over to Afghanistan. We are all proud of our fellow firefighters’ efforts and pleased that they were recognized by the military for their efforts with the “Seven Seals Award.”

Welcome back to Hal Billiard from New Brunswick Canada as a chapter member and to Mark and Leah Dembek of Athol. Hal was a member a number of years ago and as were the Dembeks and we are happy to welcome them back in as members this year... I think we need to plan a road trip to NB!

Best wishes to Marcia on getting her first “ride.” She now has a 1988 Honda Shadow that she has been riding about!

Whether the Weather cooperates late into the fall or not, we will still be getting together as a chapter so come join us!

Saturday, October 18. Breakfast Club & Mystery Ride. Our first Saturday Breakfast Club for the Fall — where will the road lead us? Meet at WFD at 9 a.m.

Saturday, October 25. Our Halloween Costume Party & Pot Luck is cancelled this year because we will be celebrating with our friends in Ashburnham at their new station!

Sunday, November 2. Polar Bear Ride. What will the weather bring in '08? Meet at WFD at 10:00.

*What is the chapter planning??
— It's up to you!*

Help us plan what *you* want to do for rides and events in 2009. We always have fun with what we plan, and the only way we can make it better is to let us know your ideas.



Did you participate in a ride with us or someone else that you thought was worth repeating? Did you see a destination on TV, in the Travel Section of the newspaper, in a magazine, or on line that you think sounds like a lot of fun?

Let us know — this is how we come up with new ideas for the chapter to try!

The officers will be meeting early in the year to prepare a ride schedule for 2009. Then we will have it ready to share with you at our Winter Pot Luck gathering in February. It's your chapter, let us know how to make it better for you!

Come Curl with us...

It may be winter in January but that is no reason not to have fun! As our *Thank You* to you the chapter members, the chapter is providing an afternoon of fun and camaraderie (and food) at the Petersham Curling Club.

Come join us on Sunday afternoon, January 18, from 1:00 to 6:00 at the Curling Club (250 North Main Street—Route 32) next to the golf course.

We'll have an afternoon that includes Curling Lessons and the chance to test your skills in a couple of matches... it's a lot of fun.

And we'll have food too (of course)! Mary Barclay has offered to coordinate a Spaghetti Dinner for us.



Our **Breakfast Clubs** have started up again! The riding season may be winding down, but that does not mean that the fun is going to stop.

Every third Saturday from October through April we will gather for breakfast and fellowship. Meet at the Westminster FD for 8:00 a.m. (October's is at 9 a.m.) and we will discover a different breakfast haunt for the month.

October 18, November 15, December 20,
January 17, February 21, March 21, and April 18

Winter Potluck

- Saturday, February 14 (Valentine's Day!)
- 1:00 pm
- Outdoor sledding if Mother Nature allows!

We'll be meeting at the new Ashburnham Fire Station on Route 101 in Ashburnham to take advantage of their new, spacious quarters.

Bring a dish to share and something to wet your whistle and we will share stories from the past and look ahead to the new riding year.

We will have the **ride schedule for 2009** printed and ready for distribution – so don't miss it!

A special thank you goes out to the members of Mass Chapter 1 for their overwhelming generosity to our chapter with a donation for our help in last year's 25th anniversary convention.

We voted to forward a part of that donation to the Red Knights International to assist with the perpetual care of the RKMC Memorial, and will use part of that donation towards our Curling Club visit in January as a *thank you* to each of you for your participation in the club!.

Chapter MSF Scholarship

The Central Mass Safety Council is a great partner with our work on motorcycle safety through our MSF Scholarship program. We will be giving out rider scholarships again in 2009 thanks to our fundraising efforts, assistance from the safety council, and the work of our scholarship committee.

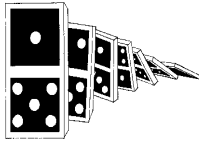
Thanks go out to our Scholarship Committee; Donna Moreau, Bob Shakarian, Don Hurme, and Maury Lizotte for their continued work on the committee.

Be on the look out for the 2009 scholarship information that will be out after the new year. If you know of a new rider who would benefit from the Beginner's Rider Course, or if you would like to file for a scholarship for either the Beginner or Advanced Course, please get an application to the committee for consideration.

No matter how long you have been riding — rider education will make you a better rider!

When the applications for '09 are ready please help us get the word out by posting the scholarship info at your favorite local bike shops!

Happy New Year! We can always come up with a reason to get together -- eat—and have fun.



Come join us for a New Year's Eve Card and Game Party at Moe and Marcia's - 7:30 p.m. Brook Lane in Gardner (Wednesday, December 31).
Thanks M & M!

Despite the threatening skies on the 4th of July we had a fun time in Petersham! Prior to our Chapter BBQ we had a group meet up on the Petersham Common to lead the town's Fourth of July parade. We had Boston Pops Marches playing over a CD as "we stepped off" for the mile long parade. We had thirteen bikes in the lead — most adorned with flags — and shared the stage with friends from the Patriot Guard Riders and members of Rolling Thunder.



After we finished our portion of the parade we were able to watch the rest of the parade as it passed by the common. I heard that the fried dough was pretty good too!

Then it was off to the Laford's for our Chapter BBQ where 30 members and friends gathered to enjoy the afternoon and each other's company. Of course there was a lot of food!

We also had a dozen bikes meet up in Ayer for their holiday parade on July 5... with a post-parade stop at their vendors for something to eat and then (of course) an ice cream stop before we headed home.

During Labor Day weekend we were asked if we had anyone available for the Warwick Old Home Days parade. It was all of ten minutes long but we met for breakfast first (of course) and ended up with seven bikes along with a bunch of kids (and fire trucks) in their parade.

We even visited the new "Bakery on the Common" that was dedicated with a grand opening that morning before the parade. Mmm...fresh baked goodies!

2008 RKMC Convention! The summer has been full of thunderstorms and heavy rain, but the morning of “departure” found blue skies and warm temperatures greeting our five groups (ten bikes) of Mass-2 travelers. [Later during their routes several of the groups unexpectedly ran into each other on the road by chance and spent time together on the road enroute to Ohio].

One of this year’s travelers told me, “what happens on the road, stays on the road,” but we still heard many stories and laughs of the week’s events. The Kalahari was quite the host hotel with over 1,000 rooms, a water park, restaurants, and even live African animals that were within the complex. Everyone took advantage of the amenities during their stay — as well as the roads and views in the area. Ed and Peg told me they found one small restaurant on a self-guided ride that could have been relocated straight from the Bijou with authentic Cajun food.

The Ohio Association offered some fun times away from the hotel, if you wanted to venture away from being pampered. There was the visit to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, a cruise on Lake Erie, and the downtown *street fair* festival as well. There were also several self-guided tours available and many miles of scenic roads around the Lake Erie area.

At the hotel the festivities included a BBQ, hospitality suite, an open forum with the RK International Executive Board, and the annual RKMC bike show.

The general business meeting took up Saturday morning, and Saturday evening was in place to let your hair down with the dinner dance. Most of our members were up bright and early on Sunday at the Farewell Breakfast and to hit the road and head back to New England.

2009 is in Ft. Lauderdale... see you then!

From the International's Website: August 19 - 23 2009 Red Knights Florida — 1 will host the RKMC convention.

For reservations please call the hotel and tell them you are with the Red Knights.

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Guy's Day out in Boston 2009

The Boston Motorcycle Show is the weekend of February 7-8 at the Bayside Expo in Boston.

It is always a great time looking at all the bikes, vendors, and wares at this show. Come join us on **Saturday, February 7**. We will meet at the Leominster train station about 9:00 a.m. for the ride into Boston and see if we can find our way — and always with a smile and a laugh!

Other 2009 Show dates and locations are:

*Hartford, CT on January 3-4
Wilmington, MA on January 10-11
Salem, NH on January 24-25*

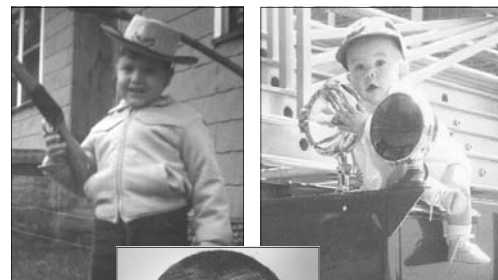
Check out www.kevmarv.com for more information

RK Conn-2 is planning a bus trip to the New York City Motorcycle Show on January 17, 2009 (We'll share more information when it becomes available)

*Who's who for chapter officers?
(circa 1949, 1954, 1964, 1965) - During our "pre" motorcycle years!*

On behalf of your chapter officers I would like to say “Thanks” to all of you for participating in the chapter over the past year — having FUN with us — and for making our chapter the great group of “family” that it is.

And to all the officers, thank you for your hard work and continued efforts in working to keep our chapter one of the most active and a lot of fun! Without all your work behind the scenes the Red Knights and our chapter would not be the success it is year after year.



A picture from Donna in Qatar... watch those camels!

Our trip to Vermont in July was definitely one that was filled with stories! We can safely say it was one of those adventures that were full of "kismet." The four bikes from our home turf decided to meet at a local McDonalds before heading north. At exactly the same time we pulled into the parking lot from different directions. That was only the beginning of how well we were in sync with each other. When these four bikes were heading west on VT-4 approaching Route 100, we heard Cliff call us on the radio. We met Cliff and Marty at the intersection within a few seconds of each other. Then to end our weekend on similar timing, we pulled into the Mobil station at that same intersection on Sunday morning just as Shakey and Terry pulled up to the intersection. They had headed up early in the morning to meet us and ride home!

Our ride up on Friday was a hot one. We wandered around New Hampshire some, taking some routes through the lakes and mountains where Peg spent her childhood. She even told us about a good ice cream place "just up the road" where her family would stop when they were at their camp. Sure enough there was the big ice cream sign... and a vacant lot. Oh No!

We stopped at the Queechee Gorge for lunch and then a brief walk to see the Gorge and the water below. The park ranger told us that people 'bungee' off the bridge but we decided against that.

Before we headed off to the B&B north of Killington, we decided to make a stop atop Killington Mountain. Last year we were not able to take the Gondola to the top because of lightning. But this year we climbed aboard and headed up the mountain. With eight of us in the car we think it was probably beyond its rated capacity of 1411 pounds. Some of us took the hike up the rocks to the top where there was a lot of wind and a considerable dip in the hot and humid temperatures we had seen so far on our ride. We felt a few rain drops, so we boarded the Gondola to head back down --- and then the gondola stopped. And we sat, and swung. Ed called Kevin back in Massachusetts to inquire about a rescue.

Then the car started to move again. Then it stopped. Once we reached the bottom they had all but closed up the ride because of the weather change. It was rumbling and growing dark. The attendant told us that the electrical interference from the approaching storm causes the ride to stop. (Oh great).

We did make it to the B&B along Route 100 before the rains, thunder and lightning let go. We were also met with friends from

RIDING VERMONT!

Vermont-2. Joy and Kent's timing was not so good. They were wet when they arrived. Les and Mayda Berg also joined us.

The hosts at the Inn, Roger and Joyce, were preparing our pork dinner for the evening, and per usual it was great! It was games and cards, fun and stories for the rest of the evening.

Saturday morning we were greeted with the smells of Joyce's kitchen and that day's breakfast special was walnut and cranberry pancakes. (Sunday was blueberry and rhubarb stuffed French toast).

Les Berg was our lead for the day with nine bikes in tow. He had been working on the route all year, perfecting it in and out of the villages and up and down the White Mountains of

New Hampshire. We stopped at the Lost River where we watched some people pan for gold, and had a light lunch to tide us over until the "special place" Les would take us for dinner.

As we left the Lost River it was beginning to rumble. That is when the fun began. It would start to rain and we would stop and put rain gear on. Then the sun would come out and we would stop and take the rain gear off. Then the rain would start and we would stop and put rain gear on. Then the sun would come out and we would stop and take the rain gear off. You get the picture.

Someone counted and we put it on and took it off eight times! Once it started to sprinkle and we decided, "how wet can you get in six miles - keep going!"

Yes, you can get VERY wet in six miles. We finally took cover under the canopy at a gas station. And before we headed out again there were about 15 bikes under that canopy with us - all laughing and having fun.

We stopped for ice cream in Danbury at a country store. There were no facilities so we decided after the ice cream we would head further to find a

convenience store that had a bathroom to use. It was another "kismet" event because while we were stopped there the local police stopped and told us we needed to move our bikes and take cover as a "super cell" thunder storm was heading to town. He directed us to a nearby race track/fair ground that had a large gazebo that would accommodate us and our bikes - AND three bikes that were with us under the earlier gas station canopy reappeared at this convenience store too.

We could see that storm pass through town from our vantage point a few miles away. Then it was off to White River Junction where Les had made reservations for us at AJ's restaurant. He said they had great prime rib. His order was close to a third of his body weight! He was right, though, it was a great place for dinner. Then it was back to the B&B for another evening of cards, games, and laughing after 242 miles of riding. Sunday morning broke with more rain. On the radar it appeared to be a finger of rain

that stretched right through central Vermont. We geared up and headed off. The Eldridge's back to Maine and the rest of us south through Vermont and back to Massachusetts.

When we pulled in to gas up (and were met by Shakey and Terry) Kent Armstrong continued on his own since home was not too far away. About ten miles down the road the rain stopped and the roads dried up. We came to the conclusion that it was Kent that had the rain cloud attached to his bike. We made one more stop, in Newfane, for a final weekend ice cream and then it was back home to begin planning the next great motorcycle adventure!



Les waited for this Prime Rib all day!



Under cover at the Canaan Race Track



After our Polar Bear Ride in November, get your bike's mileage to Kevin Martin... then at the Christmas Party we will have some fun with the "data" and see how many miles our chapter rode this year!



(I bet it is more than you think!)

Thanks to Walter and Bill C. for representing the chapter in the Killington Parade. (Walter got front row billing)! Hopefully we'll have another "big" Mass-2 crowd next year!

It doesn't matter if it's breakfast, coffee stops, pastry's (at the grand opening of the bake shop in Warwick), ice cream or a dinner stop... the Red Knights and food seem to be synonymous! So while our resident chef is in Qatar, I guess that makes us on the look out for a new temporary culinary fill-in?



Bonjour, my name is Robert and I will be your pastry chef today!



FIRST BREAKFAST CLUB RIDE OF THE FALL IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 — MEET AT WESTMINSTER FD AT 9:00 A.M. AND WE WILL HEAD OUT FOR BREAKFAST AND A RIDE

RK Ideas for Christmas!

Red Knights' apparel and *stuff* are always a great gift for the rider on your Christmas list!

For RKMC embroidered clothing (shirts, coats, hats, etc.) contact Joe Guarnera at joegua@comcast.net or his home phone at 978-455-1022 .

For screened T-shirts and Golf shirts, contact Vice-president Kevin Martin (978) 827-4297

Chapter Treasurer Tim Kilhart (978) 249-2983 has a number of items too: Chapter Decals (4 inch, 8 inch, and custom size if needed), RKMC Decals, Red Knights Shoulder Patches w/rockers, and Red Knights Back Patches & Rockers (for vests). AND Tim has the "*Lady of the Knights*" T-shirts and the new motorcycle flags too!

On the International Web Page you can buy merchandise from other chapters ranging from doo-rags to collar brass and license plate frames and everything in between!



Thank you to those who participated in this year's Ride

for Kids and all of you who made donations to the cause. We had seven bikes participate from the chapter. And I am very proud to say we had over \$1,200 in donations brought in by our members.

It was a beautiful summer's day for a ride with nearly 200 bikes who raised in excess of \$69,000 for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation — with a ride led by eleven uniformed motorcycle officers!

2008 marks the 11th "New England Ride for Kids" and the 25th annual event overall. In 2007 \$4.5 millions was raised through the Ride for Kids, and since 1984 over \$42 million has been raised for the PBTFUS by riders like you and I. In 2007 along with all the funds given to support brain tumor research, the foundation also gave out 94 scholarships to young people who have survived brain tumors during their childhood.

This year's top fundraiser for New England was our friend David Odess. He raised over \$20,000 by asking folks for donations throughout the year. When they called him to the stage to recognize him he said that he was a bit embarrassed because it was the individual donations that make the difference and that every single "entry fee" donation is as important as those who bring in larger numbers.

Consider joining us next year, to enjoy a great summer riding event, and to help the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

CELEBRATE OUR 25 YEARS AS A CHAPTER WITH A CHAPTER FLAG FOR YOUR MOTORCYCLE

