

# THE RED KNIGHTS...

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US...

# Annual Conventions

This is your invitation to support the exciting and growing sport of Firefighter Motorcycling. By joining The Red Knights as an active or retired firefighter or a EMT/

Paramedic on a fire department roster, you will be involved with a friendly group of people with one purpose in mind...



**R**iding  
**E**ducation  
**D**iscipline

**K**inship  
**N**ot-For-Profit  
**I**nternational  
**G**iving  
**H**elping  
**T**raining  
**S**afety

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## Third Weekend in August unless otherwise notified

- 1984 Boylston, Massachusetts
- 1985 Boylston, Massachusetts
- 1986 Cromwell, Connecticut
- 1987 Boylston, Massachusetts
- 1988 Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 1989 Mentor, Ohio
- 1990 Waterville Valley, New Hampshire
- 1991 Leamington, Ontario, Canada, Ont #6
- 1992 Worcester, Massachusetts
- 1993 Angola (Pokagon Park), Indiana, IN 1
- 1994 Belleville, Ontario, Canada, Ont #7
- 1995 Columbus, Ohio, OH #5
- 1996 Leamington, Ontario, Canada, Ont #6
- 1997 Marlborough, Massachusetts,
- 1998 New York City
- 1999 Daytona , Florida, October
- 2000 Indianapolis, Indiana, IN. 1
- 2001 Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada , Ma. 1
- 2002 Warwick, Rhode Island, R.I. 1
- 2003 Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Que. 3
- 2004 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Alb 1
- 2005 Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Ont. 1
- 2006 New York City
- 2007 Massachusetts, MA. 1
- 2008 Sandusky, Ohio - Ohio Assoc.
- 2009 Orlando, FLA
- 2010 Grand Island, NY
- 2011 Ocean City, MD
- 2012 Gettysburg, PA
- 2013 Vermont
- 2014 Prince Edward Island

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## THE RED KNIGHTS... WHAT IS IT?

## THE RED KNIGHTS... AROUND THE WORLD

The Red Knights Firefighters Motorcycle Inc. Club® is an organization composed exclusively of Firefighters with International Affiliation dedicated to promoting motorcycle safety and fellowship among firefighters who ride motorcycles.

Local chapters sponsor various activities throughout the riding season, as well as the non-riding season, such as "Poker Runs," dinner rides, tour rides, family and combined chapter picnics, as well as participating in other motorcycle club activities.

Any moneys raised by local chapters usually sees a percentage donated to a hospital burn unit to aid children injured by fire, or aid fellow firefighters who may have suffered the misfortune of being a victim of a fire.

Monthly newsletters are published by local chapters listing upcoming events, membership lists, meeting announcements, minutes of previous meetings, etc..

Membership is open to ALL firefighters, ACTIVE or RETIRED, who have access to a motorcycle and hold a current valid motorcycle license. Spouses, members' children, boy and/or girlfriends are also welcome for membership as Social Members.

At present, a minimum of seven (7) firefighters is required to charter a new chapter.

Each year in August, the Red Knights has their convention.

*If you are interested in forming a chapter, becoming a member of an existing chapter, or becoming a Member-At-Large, contact one of the listed officers.*

## Our Mission Statement

To promote motorcycle safety. To project a positive image of motorcycling. To enjoy the fraternity of FireFighters. To engage exclusively in social, charitable and educational activities directed at increasing the general understanding of, enjoyment of, competency, sportsmanship and participation in the sport of Motorcycling.



## History of the Red Knights

by  
*Charlie Clarkson, Past Massachusetts State Rep*

During the summer of 1982 several firefighters were visiting "Randy's Cycle Shop" in Boylston, Massachusetts and the subject of motorcycle clubs came up. Soon they were all grousing about the fact that law enforcement people had a motorcycle club known as the Blue Knights but there was no club for firefighters. After this tire kicking session, owner Randy Wilson suggested to Ed Wright, a firefighter from Northboro, MA, that he stop talking about the lack of a club and form one instead.

Recognizing a good idea when he heard one, Ed Wright went home that afternoon and made some hand printed posters inviting firefighters from the area to meet and determine if there was enough interest to form a motorcycle club. On August 17th, 1982, Fire Chief Jack Pierce allowed a small group of motorcycle enthusiasts to meet in Northboro Fire Headquarters to lay the ground work for the formation of a motorcycle club.

On October 19th, 1982, firefighters Colin Mackey, Bob Bourassa, Ed Wright, Roger Wentzell, Dave Hamilton, Bob Goulet, David Hunt, Jon Tripp, Don Parker, Norm Beausoleil and Chief Pierce met again. There was interest in promoting the positive image of motorcycling while enjoying the camaraderie of other firefighters. It was decided then that this group would be known as the Red Knights Motorcycle Club®.

News of this new club spread like a grass fire. In July of 1983, a chapter was formed in Connecticut. In October of that year a second Massachusetts chapter was formed. Soon applications came in from such distant places as Nevada and Louisiana.

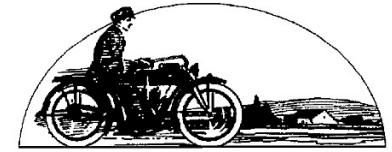
In 1984 the first club convention was held in Boylston, MA. Each year since that time a convention has been held for all RED KNIGHTS. Convention sites are listed on the next page. The 10th Anniversary of the RED KNIGHTS was celebrated at the convention in Worcester, MA on the third weekend of August 1992.

In August of 1983 the founding members realized the organization was rapidly growing beyond their original expectations. To properly handle this growth they elected a committee to serve as a National Board of Directors. With applications from Ontario and Saskatchewan, Canada, the club became the...

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**The Red Knights chapters  
are located in:** (updated 1/07)

Alberta/CAN, Austria, British Columbia/CAN, Germany, Prince Edward Island, Okinawa, Manitoba/CAN, Nova Scotia/CAN, Ontario/CAN, Quebec/CAN, New Zealand, Switzerland (USA), Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, No. Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, So. Carolina, Texas, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

**For areas that do not have enough  
firefighters to form a chapter, we have the  
Member-At-Large membership.**

**For more information about the most  
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