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## “THE NEWS TO KNIGHTS”

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### INTRODUCTION

Hello fellow Knights. Hey, it's June, the weather is great, getting warmer, riding weather is finally here. I hope you are getting the best out of it you can. There's been a lot going on since we've last talked, I'll briefly give you a run down of what's been happenin in case you don't know. May was busy with a couple rides that we participated in. May 7th was the Northampton FC "Spring Thaw Rendezvous" we had six bikes with three passengers ride up for that and had a good time. May 14th was the Blue Comets "Zerns Bike Expo" which was kind of lame I'm pretty sure a few of us showed up over there but may not want to admit it. I did. May 22nd there was a poker run at RMC which I was misinformed on the times so luckily for me only three bikes showed up with one passenger and we went for a nice little ride anyway. The weather was not the greatest that day, so if you didn't show, you didn't miss much. To end our month of May, we were in the Pottstown Memorial Day parade. This was our best turnout yet, we had fourteen bikes and six passengers. Twelve of the bikes were members the other two were future members. This has been a pretty good month to ride and hopefully as summer goes on the rides will get more frequent and betterer. Well, on to what's up and coming in the future. Stand by for more "News to Knights".

Read and enjoy, "LIVE AND RIDE WELL"

### LATEST MEETING

The June RKMC PA 17 meeting was called to order at about 7:10 pm on Sunday, June 5th and held at Goodwill in Pottstown. We had quite a good showing at this meeting and I think everybody showed up on bikes either before or after the meeting. We had 17 members and two guests at the meeting. The guests were Joe (the Buell guy) and one of Charlie's truck drivin buddies (but we won't hold that agin him) who's name I missed. Both these guy's put in their applications and we'll vote on them next month. We voted three new members in this month with no objection.

We covered some old business like the club colors, the club flag, and T-shirts. Quite a few of us

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have earned, received and are wearing our colors, if you have attended two meetings and done two rides you are eligible to order, purchase and wear your colors. The patches cost \$30.00 (that's your main back patch and you membership status rocker), when you get your patches you can get them sewed on at Jacks Apparel at Zerns for \$3.00 per patch. If you need to order your patches contact Karen McNear, all checks should be made out to Karen McNear. We ordered and received the club flag, it's pretty cool, we had to customize it a little to fit on a flag pole. Charlie flew it on his bike in the memorial day parade, I will fly it on my bike on June 12th for the "Ride for Freedom" to Philadelphia. The T-shirts are still in the works, Toby is working on a deal for them and they should cost the club about \$7.00 each, stay tuned for more info.

New business, the club "Web Site", Jeanne is hard at work gettin this set up and it should be up and working before you get this newsletter. The web address will be "www.redknightspa17.org", go on line and check it out it looks pretty good so far and will only get better. The chapter By-laws, they will be viewable on the website please go on and check them out, at next months meeting we will start to discuss them for vote. We have to agree on them as a chapter and then send them on to International for review and approval. So if you want to have any input on our chapter By-laws show up at next months meeting on July 10th, or "forever hold your pie hole shut". We also discussed some up coming rides, most importantly the "Grand Tour Ride". For those of you that don't show up to meetings and don't know what that is, I'll give you some quick learnin. The "Grand Tour Ride" is a ride planned and routed out to get out to other area fire stations and promote our club and hopefully get some new members. When a chapter or any member of a chapter completes a Grand Tour form, ride and provides International with photos, they receive a "Grand Tour Pin" and there photos go into a photo album. Our scheduled Grand Tour Ride will be on Saturday June 18th, we will ride to nine different fire companies to spell out "GRAND TOUR" using the first letter of each fire company. Check out the ride and event schedule for meeting place and time. Don't forget to show up at next months meeting.

" Please show up and have a say"

Next months meeting will be at Ringing Hill FC.  
In Upper Pottsgrove July 10th at 7:00pm,  
at the small outside pavilion near the Ringing Rocks skating rink.  
This is a VERY IMPORTANT MEETING, we will vote on our bylaws  
So be a "GOOD KNIGHT" and be there!!!  
"SEE YA'S THERE"

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

New members voted in at the June meeting are.  
Brian Boyer, Debbie Boyer and Jeff Grimm.  
**WELCOME TO RED KNIGHTS PA CHAPTER 17**  
That brings our membership to a whopping 26 members.  
By my count.

#### **FUND RAISERS**

None on the table at this time. We did briefly discuss options of holding some sort of a ride or poker run type thing, but decided to wait till next year and then we'll discuss it a bit more.

#### **DATED UPCOMING RIDES AND EVENTS**

OK, you ready, there's a couple great rides coming up this month, pay attention and show up.

June 12th= Philadelphia, Ride for Freedom, POW-MIA, Friends of the Forgotten, Meet at Pottstown Diner for breakfast at 8:00am, depart and ride to Norristown with the Kiss Cycle Honda Riders.

June 18th= RKMC PA 17, Grand Tour Ride, meet for breakfast at Michaels Diner in Douglassville at 8:00am , depart and head out for nine fire companies. This will probably be an all day event, plan on lunch and maybe dinner too, depending on our time.

June 26th= 11th Annual Penn-Del Poker Run, Benefits Camp Joy, a camp for mentally handicapped children and young adults. This is a great run for a good cause, starts at Blue Comet MC in Skippack ends at Camp Joy. There will be an event pin, food, live music, vendors, motorcycle field events, Olympic size pool, and a bunch of happy campers to thank you. Cost is \$12.00 @ gate or \$10.00 advance. You can get advance tickets at sponsors all over listed on a list at [www.EPennBiker.com](http://www.EPennBiker.com) There is a breakfast available at Blue Comet MC. 8-11am for \$6.00ea. meet at Goodwill at 8:00am.

July 4th = Pottstown, 4th of July Parade, meet at Goodwill FC. at 8:30am, staging at Dana Corp. at 9:00am, Parade will start at 10:00am. If there are any time changes I'll send out an e-mail update.

July 7-10 = Gettysburg Bike Week, Gettysburg, PA. This is an all weekend event, you can do days only too. On Saturday July 9th a group of Red Knights, headed by Brian (president of PA 12 Quakertown) will meet and ride to the "National Fallen Firefighters Memorial" not far away in Maryland. Anyone with questions or interest in going can contact Brian at [info@redknightspa12.org](mailto:info@redknightspa12.org)

July 9th= Boyertown Bike Night, Benefits "Children's Miracle Network". 3:00pm-10:00pm. Vendors, food, music, bike show, 50/50's, and lots to look at. If we want to ride over as a group lets get together and make a plan. At the Boyertown Park on Madison St.

July 10th= RKMC, PA 17, Monthly meeting, Ringing Hill FC. at 7:00pm at the small pavilion near the Ringing Rocks Skating Rink .

July 28-30= The Reading MC 91st Anniversary Bash.

Aug 28th = Reading, Ride for Freedom - Friends of the Forgotten

Sept 10th= Landsdale Bike Night, Landsdale, PA

Sept 18th = Pottstown, POW/MIA Recognition Day-Friends of the Forgotten

Sept 18th = K.O.P. to Longwood Gardens - Kids With Brain Tumors

#### **POSSIBLE FUTURE RIDES AND EVENTS**

Ephrata Bikers Breakfast  
Fall Foliage Ride  
Delaware Water Gap  
Kennett Square

Roar to the Shore  
Toys for Tots  
Lancaster Train Museum  
National Fallen Firemen's Memorial

#### **FINALE**

Well Knight's that's it for another month. Don't forget to show up at next months meeting and have a say in the By-laws. And try to make it to some of the great rides that are coming up in the next month.

Hopefully the weather and the "Bike Gods" are with us and all the future rides are worthy.

**" LIVE AND RIDE WELL"**

Thanks, SHORTY...