



Red Knights International Motorcycle Club Ohio Association Newsletter



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From the State Representative:

The International is growing! We now have 204 Chapters and are closing in on 6000 members. With the changes that have taken place with the Executive Board and the formation of State and Province Association, we are looking for the growth in 2005 to the best that we have ever had in new Chapters and membership.

The updated International By Laws is now completed and will soon be posted on the International Web Site (redknightsmc.com). I suggest that each Chapter President make a copy and update your Chapter By Laws to match. Remember that your By Laws need to be sent to the International Secretary for review by the By Laws Committee.

We are working to update and improve our Web Site for the membership. More information will come on this as we work on it.

Election:

At our Spring Conference in April, we will hold elections for the positions of vice President and Treasurer of the Ohio Association. The term for these positions is for (2) two years. If you are interested in being nominated for these positions, contact the Association Secretary, Keith Geiger at firefighter938@netzero.com. The elections will be held June 10, 2005 at the meeting before the dinner. Remember that our Association is only as strong as our members; therefore I encourage you to take an active part. We need your help to keep this Association growing and moving ahead in the next few years.

Ohio Association Spring Conference & Scavenger Hunt Ride:

The Spring Conference will be hosted by Ohio 5 and held in the Columbus area on June 10 & 11, 2005. I understand the planned activities include a hospitality room on Friday night, a scavenger hunt ride, bike show and a dinner/dance on Saturday night. There will also be a karaoke style talent contest where Chapters may compete with one another. For the first time we will be inviting chapters from the neighboring states so plan now to be in attendance for this event.

A flyer on the conference and a registration form are attached with this newsletter. Ohio 8 won the award last year for the most members in attendance, who will be the winner this year?

Ohio 8 in the Akron area will host the 2006 Spring Conference. It is not too early for your Chapter to submit a bid for the 2007 Spring Conference.

2008 International Convention:

At the 22nd International Convention in Edmonton, the Ohio Association was awarded the 2008 International Convention. The last time it was held in Ohio was 1995 in Columbus. Over the next few months I will be getting in touch with your Chapter President to discuss this and what it means to your Chapter. In the past, a single Chapter would bid to host this convention, do all of the work and received

any profits from hosting the convention. Again, the Ohio Association is doing something different. What we are suggesting is that all of our Chapters take part in hosting this event and share equally in the profits from hosting this event. This is something that each Chapter must discuss and decide if they want to be a part of. There is no obligation for your Chapter to take part in this but it is a great opportunity to show off how our Association works together for the betterment of our members. It is our goal to include our MAL's in helping us also.

We will vote on where to hold this event at the Spring Conference. We need to have this in place by the 2005 International Convention.

2005 International Convention:

August 11-14 is the dates for the 2005 International Annual Convention. It will be held in the Richmond Hills area of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The host hotel is the Sheraton Parkway/Best Western Hotel complex. You can go the International Web Site (redknightsmc.com) and click on 2005 Annual Convention for more information and a registration form. If you have not been to Toronto, it is a beautiful city with lots to do and see. It is an easy day's drive from Ohio. Make your plans now to attend.

Web site and Newsletter:

Unfortunately our web site and newsletter are not being use to their full available. On the web site we have links where our members can place items for sale, post rides and events. The site is rkmcohoassociation.com and is there for you to use. As for the newsletter, it is there for your use also. It is a way that your Chapter can share upcoming rides and events let other Chapters know what your Chapter is doing and who/where you are located.

In an attempt to improve this, we would like to have a section for each Chapter. It is my hope that your Chapter's will send a short letter to me about your chapter and its actives so that we may add it to the Spring newsletter.

Dick Morse Award for the Red Knight of the Year:

It is not too early for your Chapter to start thinking about your nominee for the 2005 Ohio Association Red Knight of the year. We will award the Dick Morse Award for the Red Knight of the year at our annual Spring Conference in Columbus on June 10, 2005.

Send your Chapter's nominee to our Award Committee by May 1st, 2005. A letter outlining the reason for your nominee must be send with your nominee's name.

The Award committee is Dick Morse, uncledick@ncweb.com, Keith Geiger, firefighter938@netzero.com and Terry Lucas, RILUKE@aol.com

Planning your Riding Season:

Now is the time when you need to start thinking about upcoming riding season and start planning your rides and events. Work hard to have a fun filled riding season for your Chapter.