



Red Knights International Motorcycle Club Ohio Association Newsletter



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From the State Representative:

We have another new Chapter in Ohio. Join me as we welcome Ohio 11, located in Parma to our Ohio Red Knight Family. The President is Dave Light, 1-216-407-6778 and his e-mail address is parma911@aol.com. Drop him a line and welcome him and his chapter. We are still looking to have chapters in the northwest and southwest parts of our state. I hope that you are putting the work out about our club. If there is a rally or event that you would like to have help in setting up a booth to display information about the Red Knights, please contact me and I will help you.

Ohio Association Spring Conference:

I have been advised that the plans for our 2005 conference are coming together. The host chapter is working overtime to make sure that we have a great time. They plan on having the Hospitality room open Friday night and all day Saturday for our enjoyment. They are giving away some great awards for the Bike Show, the Scavenger Hunt ride, the Karaoke Contest and the largest chapter in attendance.

It is only 60 days until our Spring Conference. Help the host chapter by making your hotel registration and submit the registration to the host chapter. We only have a block of rooms so get yours early so that you are not left out. We are expecting members from other states to attend also. A registration form is attached for your use.

From the Vice President:

Please, mark May 11th on your calendar.

The Viet Nan Memorial Wall is coming to Upper Sandusky on May 11th. It has been requested to have a motorcycle escort from the Flying J truck stop at I 75 and Rte. 30 to Upper Sandusky.

The trip is leaving the truck stop at 12 Noon, so all bikes need to be there by 11:30 a.m. to line up. Janie and I are going and have some other bikes going with us. Pass the word to the other members to see if they can make it. There is to be food available afterwards.

Members of Ohio 5 took part in this event last year when it came through Columbus on its way to Delaware. This is a great way to show your support.

If you need to contact anyone about the ride these are the contact people.

Bob Hill (wall chairman) 419-294-5466

Michael Hare (vets rep) 419-294-2045

Steve Cook (Christian motorcycle rep) 419-222-6573

*Hope to see you there
Jim & Jane Langan*

Web Page:

As I hope that you know by now, our web page is up and running. I want to thank our Web Master, Marcy Gifford, who designed and maintains this for our Association. We still see that some of the chapters are not using this to their advantage. Each chapter has their own link for their use. We also have a state wide calendar to list our upcoming rides, meetings and events. I suggest that each chapter will use this for the good of their chapter and the association.

We are selling links on our web site for \$20.00 per year to help pay for it. As of now, only one chapter has sold any links. It is disappointing that the other chapters are not helping in this. We do not have Chapter dues to the Association and this is one way that we can cover this cost. We have 11 chapters in the state and it only takes each chapter to sell one or two links to keep us from having association dues.

Rosters and e-mail addresses:

Each chapter is required to submit update rosters and e-mail addresses to the State Representative each year. So far this year I have only received these from three chapters.

There are three main reasons for this. The first is so that the International has up to date rosters to send the newsletter, letters to the Chapter Presidents, and any other information that needs to be send. It also helps us keep the correct number of members in the International up to date.

The third reason is so that all members can be kept up to date on the happenings in the Ohio Association.

Dues:

Each time that you add new members you must up date you roster with the International and the Ohio Association. Also remember that the first year International membership dues for new members are \$8.00. Some chapters have submitted new members and only send in \$7.00. The \$7.00 fee starts the second year. Your Chapter International dues are payable January 1st and are late if paid after March 31st. There is a \$50.00 late fee if paid after that date. If your chapter has not paid their dues as of yet, it is important that you submit them ASAP.

Fall Poker Run:

Ohio 10 is hosting the 2005 Fall Poker Run in Lima on September 24th. They are working hard on having a great poker run. Not only are they having the poker run but also will be having a BBQ following the ride. They are holding a raffle for a 2005 Harley Davidson Fat Boy which will be awarded at the end of the poker run. Second place will be \$500.00 gift certificate and third place will be \$250.00 gift certificate. They will be selling 3000 tickets at \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00.

More information will be coming on the event so please start making your plans now to attend and support Ohio 10 as they host our 2005 Fall Poker run.

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.

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

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.