

REGION THREE REPORT

Brother and Sister Members of the Red Knights,

During the second quarter of 2015, I traveled to Wisconsin for the election of officers for the Wisconsin State Association and to meet with the committee working on the 2016 convention in the Dells. This is going to be a very interesting convention with a lot of on your own rides planned with something for everyone. The Committee is hoping that you will be able to get cheeses, moonshine (for the people back home, as I know we would not drink that stuff) and even visit the Harley Museum. This is all planned and we will have to watch how everything shakes out. This is in a beautiful area with a lot of sight-seeing opportunities that you and your family can enjoy.

Also, I have had the pleasure of attending the first annual Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Bike wash, held at the PA State Association picnic. Although the weather didn't cooperate and probably kept a few people from attending, the important part was meeting and talking with people that I have talked to on the phone. It is always good to put a face with a name. The rain was merciless and didn't let up until I was half way home. Then the sun appeared in 50 foot stretches and would disappear again. By the way, did I mention that Brian Burgoon, the President of PA 39, got married to Jondrea Rinehart, the Treasurer of PA 39, at the picnic? What could be better than to share with two people the beginning of their new life with your Brothers and Sisters? I wish them all the best.

The second Region 3 meeting was held in Columbus, Ohio the first weekend of June. And while attendance was somewhat low, the fact that people traveled to talk about the Club, network with others on what fund raisers are working and what isn't, and discuss a Region 3 ride are all great things. Right now, a plan is being worked on for a date for the ride. We will keep you informed. IL 14 has stepped up and is planning the ride but now we need a name and are working hard to find something that will entice members from all over the country to travel to the great state of Illinois for fun and family. All of these things bring us closer together and help all of us with our family of knights. By the way, I understand the possible reason for low attendance is that most people don't want to attend a meeting. Fully understand and that is why I was happy that IL14 stepped up to sponsor. It is much more interesting to have a ride and a short meeting than just a meeting.

I also authored an article for the newsletter in regards to Medical Information Helmet stickers. At a recent Board meeting, Tom Tom informed us that in Europe, medical responders are trained in how to remove a helmet. Many of our bigger cities have the training on helmet removal. But in the smaller volunteer and part time organizations, there are sometimes time constraints on what training is given and what has to be left out. The Board felt that the stickers would provide needed information on a timely basis should the need arise. Also, those members still involved in EMS can help spread the word about looking for a sticker on the helmet or the generic travel form that members can download from the Website on the downloadable file page. If you are located in a

state without a helmet law, please consider where you can mount the helmet sticker so it can be found quickly or download the Emergency form and put it in your left saddle bag or your tool bag. While a lot of us ride in groups, there is always that one time when somebody does something that places us in a dangerous situation. As firefighters, we all know the advantage of pre-planning. This is something we hope we will never need but you just never know.

On average this quarter, I am spending ten hours a week performing work for Region 3, not including the Board Meetings and other required activities. Therefore, it is a part time job, but one I enjoy immensely and look forward to performing for the next few years.

Keep safe and enjoy the fellowship of the Red Knights.

Tim Reinard
Region 3 Director