

## Region Seven Director 2015 Report – 4nd Report

Since August 16, 2015, I assure the Regional Director based on the Region 7 (Europe).

I would like to thank TomTom for the work done over the past four years at the head of the region 7.

I thank him for his time, for his commitment and for his perseverance.

This complex region by the difference of language, culture, firefighter status, is so rich in exchange and fraternity it brings us much happiness.

Management of this area is a real challenge and it is with great confidence but also humility that I take my duties.

The participation of the Red Knights from Region 7 during the Annual Meeting in San Antonio, with five countries represented (seven chapters and MAL), all show the international dimension of our club but also the interest that we give each other.

The last quarter of the year 2015 has seen the holding of the Meeting Européen in Sumiswald, Switzerland.

Switzerland 2 has provided a remarkable effort to accommodate more than 200 members of the 25 chapters (out of 33) present as well as Members At Large (well represented).

During this meeting, holding a commemoration of 9/11, with the presence of the US Ambassador to Switzerland, Suzi LeVine, the founding father Norm Beausoleil, Past President of the International Ed Brouillet and his wife, Rick Oliver and Bob Laford and our International President Chris Gadway (surprise guest) scored the strong emotion event.

The European elections saw the election of a new Vice President, Harris Puisais (France 1) and a new treasurer, Tom Van Der Kley (LAM).

Again thank you to the organizers for this achievement.

The last quarter of 2015 also saw the expansion of the Red Knights family in Europe.

Indeed, with the opening of Chapter 8 of Belgium, Germany 12 and Germany 13 and the coming of several MAL our organization brings to 36 Chapters in Europe, in 17 countries for a total of 716 members.

In October, I participated for the first time at the International Board meeting.

It's a beautiful school of life in which each member can take the measure of the commitment and responsibilities.

This meeting allowed me to measure the burden of responsibility (decisions) and the complexity of proposals.

This rewarding experience allows me to be confident for the next round during the Spring Meeting.

The sharing of information and especially the face to face meeting with European members and all Red Knights also lead me to inform everyone of my presence at the various meetings organized in Europe and USA

It will be a good time to meet, a good opportunity to answer questions and of course understand the concerns / problems from each in order to make the most appropriate solution.

You can find the schedule of activities which I intend to participate by following the link:  
<http://region7rkmc.blog4ever.com/calendar-of-participation>.

Can't wait to meet you soon.

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