



***RED KNIGHTS INTERNARTIONAL FIREFIGHTERS
MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC.***

***INTERNATIONAL BOARD AND COMMITTEES END OF
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Year End report for 2009

Hello everyone,

First, I want to acknowledge everyone that had the opportunity to attend the convention in Fort Lauderdale Florida, and participate in the events, the meetings and of course the election. I ran for the president's position after past president Jack Downs decided not to run for the office. It is very important to acknowledge the years of dedication that Jack put into the Red Knights Executive Board. He was very active and held most every office that was available. Jack put his heart into moving it forward to what it has now become. I had the opportunity to work with Jack as his vice president, and a director for years, and wish him the best for the future.

As you know, we saw some new faces come to the surface and the elections were on. Welcome to, John Rucinski, the Eastern Director and Tom Cook the Central Director. Thank you to Spike Ostiguy, and Jeff Peters, for a great job serving on the board in their director's positions, both of these men always put their best foot forward, dedicated numerous hours and always worked in the best interest of the club. I appreciate their dedication and wish them well in their future endeavors. Welcome back to our long standing Treasurer, Leo Patry. It goes without saying, you don't get any better than him, Leo, has held the positions of president, secretary, chairman of the board, and the treasurer's position since 1998. I am extremely confident when I tell you that Leo's blood runs, "RED" Knights, you will agree.

Also, the Quartermaster, Kent Armstrong, (asst. Joy Ellis) who has done a superb job in making shopping on line easy, brought the inventory up to date, and shipped everything to the chapters in a timely manner.

Last but certainly not least, the steadfast Henry Heideman the Eastern Canada Director. Henry's extremely competent in getting the job done, his dedication to the GRAND TOUR is undying, Henry is the one that sits, listens, and when he speaks we listen, to the wisdom and common sense that is usually right on the mark.

After the August convention and getting settled in, the first official order of business was getting prepared for the fall meeting in Syracuse, New York. The meeting commenced on Friday October 15th, and ended on Sunday October 17th. The Board had a very lengthy agenda. They worked diligently for many long hours over the weekend.

Every member had the opportunity to stand on their soap box, air their laundry, and speak to each item if they wished to. It is safe to say this board is very proactive and at times, the discussions were healthy. At the end, we all came away with the same

consensus, we completed every task, we have a lot more work to do, we kept the needs of the club at the forefront, we had a lot of fun, and learned some new jokes, but most of all we did it to make this the best club possible.

On December 4th and 5th, Leo and I had the great fortune to attend the very first, “*Knights of the Round Table Tournament*” in Titusville, Florida. Where the largest motorcycle organizations representing the **RED KNIGHTS (fire)**, **BLUE KNIGHTS (police)**, and the **GREEN KNIGHTS (military)**, met in a friendly 2 day, medieval theme gathering, of challenges, social events and offerings of ways we can support each other’s group. The weekend was filled with *RAIN*, games, toga party, blacksmiths challenge, business, and motorcycle competition. The winner of the competition receives a beautiful specially designed scepter, which will be passed down year to year. The winners this year, were the **Green Knights** and next year’s event is already being planned for the 2nd week of October 2010 in Ozarks of Arkansas.

If you can imagine, as written in the announcement, **BLUE:** Bagpipes sound through the morning mist, **RED:** Bell tolls three times over miles and the **GREEN:** Bugler blows the charge for all men. The opening ceremony was both somber and delightful; it put us all in a circle holding each other’s hand, as we remembered how important we are to each other and the true meaning of the work we do. I strongly urge you all to put this on “*your things to do*” and plan on attending next year’s competition.

Thank you to Alex Ramirez. **(Blue Knights)** For his vision of seeing these three groups of public servants in a combined event, along with his continued persistence through the difficulties of pulling this all together.
“GREAT JOB ALEX”

I also would like you to know that the Board of Directors is second to none, I have put in almost 100 hours in just the short time I’ve been in office, so if you put the rest of the boards time in the mix, we have a winner. That doesn’t include your Secretary and Treasurer who are the back bone of the organization.

You can see that this group is looking out for your best interest and always looking for things to do for the betterment of this organization. Some of the things that are happening are a **\$10,000 (dollar) Vacation Raffle**, to support the memorial fund.

Receiving a piece of steel from the **“TWIN TOWERS”** that will be a great addition to our Memorial site in Boylston Ma. **KEEP CHECKING THE WEB SITE FOR MORE DETAILS.**

I want to take just a minute and say **THANK YOU** to everyone for your support in the past and hopefully the future will bring our organization to new and wonderful heights. This is worth saying over and over again, Thanks to all of the past presidents, board members, and leaders of this extraordinary club, I hope to encourage all Red Knights to become active with your chapter, the state organization and the International Board. Together we can foster growth, be part of healthy change, and make this the best organization possible.

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Just recently, I attended the funeral service of a very close friend who was a Fire Chief during the time I was Chief of Leroy Township. We worked together making a difference in the Fire Service in our Communities and the County of which we lived. Norm and I socialized long after both of us retired and now he is gone. As I sat at his funeral services observing the pomp and circumstance, it is very noticeable that the Brotherhood of the Fire Service was present. The hand shakes and hugs of firefighters, who had trained, saved lives, fought fires and have grown up together in the area made it obvious that we all have the dedication deep down in our souls and will take it with us when we join Norm.

I can compare the same feelings as I attended the various events, meetings and trips with the Red Knights. The only difference is having another common interest of being a Motorcycle Enthusiasts

This last year, I attended the International Executive Board Meetings in Syracuse, New York and the Convention in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The best thing of attending Red Knights events is getting to see long time friends again and sharing stories. I would like to thing that was the reason for a few Firefighters in Massachusetts forming the Club.

As the Vice President of the Club, I followed through with the required duties and had input in the various decisions in the operations of a growing Club. I did not always agree with some of the changes presented and imposed to the Executive Board but as it should be, we always departed in peace and harmony. I feel the there is entirely too much nit picking in several of our Chapters and it is time to get back to the intent and enjoy the commonality of riding on two wheels.

I know that this End of the Year Report will not be seen by very many members but for those who do see it, I would wish you good health and hope you enjoy the friendship and fellowship of the Red Knights.

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I want to thank all of the membership who have provide help both this year in the past years to the Secretary. I would also like to thank all the members of the International Executive for all the help and encouragement they have provided me in a very hard and trying year.

The trademark license program has improved, but still takes a large part of my time. When I took over the trademark program we had 185 applications (some were still pending), we now have 667 approved trademark license agreements with our chapters and outside vendors.

The trademark license program for chapter business is still not working as well as expected. We have 185 chapters who have been approved for a trademark license for chapter business. We have 330 chapters; therefore, 56% have approved trademarks for chapter business. This was improved from 38% in 2008.

The turn around time for approving new trademark applications to the chapters improved from several weeks to 5 to 7 days, depending on the mail system.

In 2009, we insured 69 chapter events. This is an increase from 58 in 2008. In my visits with other chapters, I have found that there are still chapters who do not know about this program. We need to get the word out to all chapters about this program.

In 2009, we had 107 requests for information on starting new chapters. We approved 22 new chapters (21%). As the numbers show, we are getting a lot of inquires but are not getting the same number of new chapters. I think that one of the reasons is failure to follow up on the request of information for new chapters.

We have to do a better job of following up on these applications. We are not gaining as many chapters as we are getting requests for information. The Regional Directors and State/Province Representatives have to take the lead in following up on these requests. As the applications are good for only 120 days, I would suggest at least two or three follow-ups on each request.

The SOG manual is still a work in progress and I want to thank the Board members who have input on this. The one thing that I have found is that not all of the State/Province Representatives are aware of this manual or where to find it (it is on our web site under the link for Membership). As they are the first line in the chain of command, they need to be aware of this. Many of the questions that I received from them (and the Board); the answers are in the SOG manual.

A Procedure Manual for Hosting of the International Convention still is not being followed as outlined. This lists the requirements for hosting the convention, the needs of the International and the reporting forms need. It is a road map for the chapters/associations to follow. If the Convention Committee uses this manual, it is a big help to them. The financial reports are a big help to the International Treasurer.

The system put in place voting at the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) now has been in place for three years. We have found areas where it stills needs to be streamlined but is working. We are now able to track who votes for each chapter. The voting member now signs in, is check to see if they are a member in good standing of that chapter and given a wristband. We are still working on making this easier for the membership. One of our goals is to present a new program for voting at the 2010 Annual Business meeting that will allow voting by e-mail. This will allow more members/chapters to vote.

The Convention Handout Booklet containing all of the reports, by-law changes and other information given to each member in attendance when they registered is now in its third year. This has been accepted by the membership with good results. This allows the member time to review what will take place at the ABM. This year we hope to add a short bio on members seeking election to the International Board.

In September, I started the work to obtain an artifact (piece of steel I beam) from the World Trade Centers for our RKMC Memorial. I am please to advise you that we have been approved to obtain this artifact. We will be receiving it in the spring.

I attended three International Board meetings, the Annual International Convention, the Dixie Rally; I visited with many chapters in 2009

I attended the second Red Knight Cruise in February.

I attended five funerals of Red Knight members as the representative of the Red Knights International Board.

I worked an average of 27.4 hours per week in 2009 (based on 28 four days work weeks). The decrease in time is due to the streamline of the Secretary's duties and getting the chapters to work better with the International.

I want to welcome the new Board members who were elected in August to the Board. I know that they will work towards the team building and devotion to service of the membership and organization that is required of all board members.

This is to give notice on my intent to seek re-election as the International Secretary at the 2010 Annual business meeting in August. I was first elected in 2004. At that time, the Board set short and long-term goals. I would like to be able to work on behalf of the membership in reaching the long-term goals. I also want to work on the placement of the WTC artifact at our RKMC Memorial and the on-line voting for Officers, which will allow all of the members of the RKMC a voice in who is elected.

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As International Treasurer, I submitted to the board a quarterly report for all quarters of the 2009 year, including an end of year report. I have also provided the board with up to date financial records and a report for all three Executive meetings held in 2009. In January of 2010, I mailed to the International Secretary a CD with a copy of all the Treasurers records as stored on the treasurers lap top computer along with paper copies of my yearend reports.

I have carried out all the required duties of my office which also includes the receiving and recording of dues payments by the chapters and M.A.L's. the updating and the maintenance of our master rosters files. Ensuring that the International Secretary get's current and accurate rosters for distributing to the International Board and sub committees that require up to date rosters to carry out their duties. I also maintain a database of all expenses paid by the International board.

I made hotel arrangements for all Executive board meetings held during the year as well as arrangements for air flights for those members required to fly in to attend.
Meetings were held: March 19, 20, 21, in Syracuse New York
 August 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 in Fort Lauderdale Florida
 October 15,16,17,18 2009 in Syracuse New York

Set up and maintained a tracking databases for the following:

1. Funds donated by the chapters for the Red Knight Memorial.
2. Maintenance and repair funds available for the memorial site
3. Tracking on the pay back of the interest free loan advanced for the memorial by International
4. All promotional grants given to the Chapters and Associations of the Red Knights Organization
5. All Events grant funding provided to the Chapters and Associations for multi-chapter events for the Red Knights membership.
6. Organizations investment account and made reports to the Executive board on a quarterly base the state of that account
7. A database for the tracking of all Quartermaster purchases and expenses along with the payment of same and all receivables from the sale of regalia by the Quartermaster.

I acted as Liaison person with the law firm of Shutts & Bowen who handle our Trademark and Patent applications and maintenance. We currently as of November 24, 2009 have completed all the requirements for the finalizing of our American and Canadian Trademark applications for the following:

- Our Logo (which is the Red knights Crest)
- Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club
- R.K.M.C
- Red Knights
- Red Knights Motorcycle Club

We are now just waiting for the issuing of the last Trade mark Certificate for RKMC from the Canada Patent office. All that now remains is the required filing of the mandated reports and declarations of use forms that are scheduled on an ongoing base by both the American and Canadian Patent office. We have placed a retainer with Shutts & Bowen Lawyer Joseph Englander to monitor these requirements and to notify us of the filing dates and necessary forms required to keep our Trademark and Patents valid.

This process of obtaining a Trademark and Patent in both The United States and Canada started in the fall of 2002 and has cost us \$43,165.58 to obtain the above listed Trademarks and Patents. The requirements to keep those valid is regulated by both countries to include reporting on how we exercise due diligent in monitoring who uses the name and logo of the Organization. That we have a formal license agreement with each and every user of the names and Logo. This is why is so important that we must obtain a Trademark license from every chapter and every manufacturer for ever item that is produced with our name and or logo on it.

In 2009, we had to defend our name as it was being used without authorization in a Dot Com business venture, we had our lawyers take legal action with the International Web Dot Com tribunal. This is the world body that governs all Dot Com name users. We were successful in winning and have the illegal use of our name stopped and the dot Com address ownership transferred to us. This all came at a cost of \$13,878.47, but has established the fact that we are prepared to defend our name and Logo if we find they are being used without authorization.

In January 2010 I will be filing with the IRS the required 1096 form dealing with our 1099 Misc. form reporting honorariums paid and interest earned on our investment account then on February 1, 2010 I will be filing the Red Knights corporate tax return with the I.R.S

On August 25th, 2009 I filed the annual report with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in regards to our articles of incorporation.

With the appointment in the fall of 2008 of our Quartermaster Kent Armstrong and his assistant Joy Ellis (Kent was elected to the position at the August 2009 Convention for a term of two years with Joy being re-appointed by the Board as his Assistant). There have been several procedural changes made that have greatly sped up the time requirements for the chapters to receive the orders they have placed.

With the appointment of a new Quartermaster, the International Treasurer took

over the complete control of all monies and accounts for that office, which made the system and accountability of the cash receivables and liabilities considerably more accurate.

I spent 1285 hours (24.36 hours per week) during the period of Jan 1 – Dec 31 2009 dealing with Emails, phone calls, and correspondence related to the duties of International treasurer with an additional average of 2 hours per week spent on Internationals Banking requirements.

Averaging out to 26.36 hours per week. This I attribute to the cooperation I have received from the chapters in submitting the chapter rosters in the Excel format that I have laid out for the rosters. This saving of time in not having to retype the roster changes and being able to import the information directly into the files has made huge differences.

The above mentioned times are also above the time required to attend Executive meetings and the business conducted at the Internationals business meeting held each August.

I also attended one funeral in 2009 for a Red Knights member that had passed away as the representative of the International Board.

I attended the first annual Knights Of the Round Table Tournament as a representative of the Red Knights Organization along with the International President. This event is a fellowship and motorcycle skills event for the Red Knights, Blue Knights and the Green Knights the 2009 event was held Dec 4-6th in Titusville Florida and was won by the Green Knights who will host the 2010 event in the Ozarks in Arkansas the second week of October 2010.

At this time, I would like very much to thank all the members of the International Executive for all the help and encouragement they have provided me in a very hard and trying year.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new members of the executive board for all their efforts on behalf of the membership. The team building that has continued over the past couple of years to bring the board to the level it is now at, without that drive and devotion the organization would not be able to survive.

At this year's convention, I was again re-elected for another two-year term as your International treasurer this will be my sixth term as International treasurer.

I would again like to thank all those that supported and encouraged me to run for another term and to all those that showed their support and trust in me by voting for me. For those that did not, I hope by my actions and service to the organization in the coming two years to earn that trust and support for the future. At the end of this term, I will have served on the International level continually since 1993. I hope that at the 2011 convention to be able to again, put my name forth to continue to serve the membership in some capacity on the International board.

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It was a much easier year now that Joy and I have most of the outstanding problems solved! We still spend over six hundred hours a year, however, now we are simply filling orders and not having to fix problems. We use an English business program that I have used for over fifteen years, which makes stocking inventory a breeze.

The stock levels are at a point, which allow us to handle just about any request from our chapters other than the chapter name patches or specialty requests. This year we took some stock with us to the Americada rally at Lake George, NY and to the International Convention in Florida. This year we will try to make more rallies with Red Knights inventory.

We now have T-shirts in L, XL, and 2XL in Black, Dark Blue and Charcoal Gray and we are able get other sizes through special orders. They have the International Crest on the front left and a motorcycle riding out of our Maltese cross surrounded by flames on the back. If anyone has ideas for new products please contact us.

Working with the Board, and especially Henry, we have a new Grand Tour patch and rockers for the individual tours.

There is also the 4" Memorial patch; the sales from which go to the Memorial in Boylston, MA, also the \$10,000 "Dream Vacation" ticket sales we are handling from here.

Orders are shipped within a day and we will ship partial orders. Specialty orders are usually shipped within four to six weeks.

Ride safely,

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Since August, the Eastern Region had been a little quiet. At last count, there were seven requests for new chapters and only one has submitted it. I have asked all state representatives to assist in finding out what the people need who asked for the information needs to move them ahead.

The 2010 Convention hosted by the NY State Association is moving along and most of the major needs have been resolved. The registration forms are on the web and can be downloaded and sent in, as of right now, there are already 20 pre-registered. We are raffling off a room for three nights to anyone who pre-registers before March 15, 2010. The next meeting of the convention committee will be setting up rides and other possible attractions, so it is shaping up rather nicely.

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and I am looking forward to seeing friends this summer at Americada or the convention.

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2009 was a good year for the Eastern Canada Region. We enjoyed a 20% increase in chapters and there are still several outstanding Chapter Application requests which I am following up on. I had hoped to have a regional newsletter published but that has not happened yet although I am still looking for an editor.

In January, I was able to spend some time at our booth at the North American International Motorcycle Super Show in Toronto and during the month of June, Marybelle and I took our vacation in the Maritime Provinces and were able to visit with representatives for all our chapters there.

We also attended Atlancade, a Motorcycle Festival in Moncton, New Brunswick. In July, I was able to enjoy the Ontario Association Convention in Hamilton and in August the International Convention in Fort Lauderdale Florida.

In 2009, I was able to meet all the obligations of my office. I attended all three Executive Board Meetings, answered all requests for information and worked hard to promote the Red Knights

During the year, I spent a total of 285.5 hours or a little over 23 hour and 45 minutes per month on Club business.

I am looking forward to the year ahead as we are currently still working on a newsletter for the region and with the help of some advertising in an Atlantic Canada Firefighting Magazine hope to see some more growth there. I will also be promoting the club more in northern Ontario in the next couple of months.

All in all 2009 was a good year for the Eastern Canada Region and I am really looking forward to 2010.

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My first few months in office have been busy to say the least. I did not get off to a great start; I had some problems with the computer, besides the operator, so I used my home computer temporary, so I would not fall behind.

I sent out letters of introduction to all the chapters. I passed on Information from the International that I needed to, when I received it after convention. I do almost the same thing everyday only to different people and different chapters; I am not yet into a routine.

I start the day out by up dating the computer and scanning it. I start checking emails and answering them as soon as I can, sometimes, I have to research the answer before I can send the email out;

I have made phone calls when I felt is was necessary, I feel like sometimes you can talk to people better than email them.

I have asked for help when I was not sure how to handle something. I like to think, that I helped a few people, I know you cannot please everyone, no matter how hard you try, to my knowledge there has only been one thing come up that I could not do anything about.

I passed on information about the International Insurance, the piece of Steel From the World Trade Center, the Dream Vacation Raffle, and the status of the Memorial site and the Genus Book of records for the largest poker run.

I have been working on a list that came from the Secretary, people applying for Applications for Charters and never committing to do so. I have also been contacting Chapters that are behind in there dues, to see if I could help them get back on track, I hate to see anymore chapters drop out.

My computer skills are improving slow but sure. I have been spending about 70 to 95 hours a month on club work that will get better, as I learn more about the computer and get into a regular routine. I new there was going to be paper work. I have enjoyed the communicating with all the different chapters. I look forward to a good year and getting to know everyone a little better. I would like to thank everyone for your patience's.

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Welcome to the New Year!

It is hard to believe we are already in 2010. I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year's Eve. I guess since we are talking about a new year, I need to do my End of the Year report.

2009, was a busy year for the Southern Director. I spent an average of 64.5 hours per month on Southern Director business. This total included answering phone calls and emails, as well as keeping up with my log and making sure I kept all my records up to date.

I spent a lot of extra time on the phone and with emails this year trying to explain all the International By-Law changes that were being presented by the membership at the International Convention. I believe the changes are going to be a great success in making us run as one big family instead of 300+ little ones.

I stayed quite busy on the road this year. I attended the Spring Board meeting in Syracuse, NY. I attended the NC State Rally as well as the Dixie Rally. These were not really road time as my chapter hosted both this year!

During the Dixie, we had the first set of elections for new officers in quite some time. We had some great discussions for the future of our regional association and I look forward to attending New Orleans in May.

I was part of the World's Largest Poker Run in Morehead City.

The International Convention in Ft. Lauderdale was a great time. The meeting was very successful and the fishing was great! I attended many chapter meetings trying to get to know as many Red Knight brothers and sisters as I could. The Southern Region is growing by leaps and bounds. I guess southern hospitality works for motorcycle clubs also. I was also very unfortunate to have to attend way to many Red Knight funerals in 2009.

I am looking forward to making 2010 a great year for the Red Knights. I hope to get to see as many of you as possible over the next year. If I do not get to see you, keep the shiny side up and your knees in the wind. Well, the sun is shining and the bike has a full tank of gas. I will see y'all later.

I would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know that I will be seeking re-election for another term as your Southern Director this August in New York.

Loyal to Our Duty
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I attended the spring meeting in Syracuse N.Y. and the board had a full two and 1/2 days of work in which we were able to look after club business.

In June, myself along with my wife Heather and three other members of Manitoba I attended the Western Rally in Jamestown N.D. We had a wonderful time with rides, barbecue, and live entertainment. Thanks North Dakota 1.

I also had the sad honor of attending the funeral for Bob Chalmers of Edmonton, Alberta 1.

In August, Heather and I attended the International convention in Florida, (we do the fly and ride, Heather flies, I ride). The convention was a great success and the Florida group looked after us in excellent style. While at convention, the executive had a full day of meetings to look after business as well as Friday evening for members questions, along with the general meeting.

In October, I attended the fall meeting in Syracuse (5-hour delay in Winnipeg). At this meeting, we were able to get to everything on the agenda and be reacquainted with the board members.

If anyone has, any questions or problems in the Western Region please contact me and I will try to find answers. I have been honored to be your representative on the board and would ask for your support at the next convention, as I will be running for re-election.

Stay Safe

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Hi all,

Since 25th august 2009, I am the European Ambassador of RKMC.

Since than, I received 423 emails, I wrote 251 emails and get 26 phone calls. I have given support at the founding of two chapters (Germany 2 and Belgium 1) and support six firefighters to get MAL.

I answer lot of mails and questions from other interested firefighters. In November, I have started with public relation. I have given a radio-interview and send press-information to lot of German language firefighter magazines.

From August until December, I have work 23 hours for RKMC International.

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Wow, how time flies. This report is a combination of the Web Liaison and Bylaws Chair yearend reports.

Here is the EOY report from the Bylaws Chair. Since the convention and the change in the bylaws, I have not been sent very many emails about the bylaws. A few chapters have contacted me and seemed to be very surprised that they no longer had the use of Chapter bylaws. It may interest you that each chapter that contacted me about changing their current Chapter bylaws was not in favor of having them changed to an SOG.

Other chapters contacted me for a copy of the generic Chapter bylaws and I told them of the change and asked them to look at the International SOGs for an idea on what the SOGs could cover.

I had reviewed the changes to the bylaws that the Board proposed at its fall meeting and you all have the emails of discussion that followed. I handed the proposed bylaws to the Web Liaison and he posted them on the web.

Now, here is the EOY report for the Web Liaison. It has been a very busy year. I average twelve to fifteen web updates every first and fifteenth of each month.

I received the proposed 2010 bylaws changes from the Bylaws chair and posted them on the web.

I continue to receive requests from chapters to have their web pages linked from our web site. I usually have to respond that they need to obtain a Chapter Business Trademark License and follow the rules for linking, which are posted on our pages. The good news is that of all the requests that I have had in the last two months, all of them had their CBTL in place. It looks like the chapters are catching on to the requirement.

I have made a few changes to the web pages to give them a little more eye appeal. I also am having Marcy change the front-page picture, infrequently, with some of those that I am receiving from the chapters.

I have tried to be prompt in my replies to all the persons who have contacted me about items for the web or changes they would like to see. I have had to readjust my responses because, in some cases, I responded to the members before I added the changes to the updates and then forgot to add their update. Now, I put the proposed update on the update email before I send it to Marcy.

The posting of the newsletter seems to be going well. I have discussed some items with Patrick and assisted him where I could. Kent and Joy have sent various updates to the order forms and I have worked with them to get things posted correctly.

Of course, the latest item that has yet to be posted by Marcy is the raffle information. There should be an entire separate page just for it. When Bill called about it, I asked if he wanted help with the design of the poster and the tickets. I think he was trying to kiss me through the phone. Within a day or two, we had the final design and I sent the ticket design to Kent and Joy. I ended up sending the design directly to the printer in the format, which he had requested.

Some of the Board members have had some issues with their computers and email programs and I have fielded questions on those too. I took it as far as I could before I told them that they should seek local experts to fix the problems.

Respectfully,

Steve Chappell
Web Liaison/Bylaws Chair

Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club ® Inc.
Forum Moderator
George Colby
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2009 has been a quiet year for our forum as far as problems go. There was one incident last March where an applicant got a bit 'testy' because I refused his application. His chapter was shown as being in arrears of dues. I copied his emails and my replies to the International Secretary, Treasurer and Web Liaison to keep them in the loop.

We currently have 408 registered members. This is up 108 from this time last year.

The incidence of bogus applications, (Bot generated) which was a significant problem in 2008 and into 2009, has petered down to such a level that they are currently non-existent.

This was accomplished by my informing Marcy (the Forum / Web Master) whenever a bogus application was received. She would then add another layer of security. Current security levels have resolved the problem.

My duties include, but are not limited to:

(1)

Checking all applications against the Red Knights Master Roster (I receive updated rosters on a regular basis) to ascertain as to whether the applicant is a member in good standing or a computer generated "BOT". (Bots can access legitimate forum members and flood their email with "Spam" if they get through.)

(2)

Emailing each legitimate applicant of his / her acceptance and activating his / her user name and password.

If the applicant is rejected (usually for non-payment of dues or their name not appearing on their chapter roster) he / she is also informed and his / her application is deleted. This enables them to reapply once the problem has been resolved. When it is a matter of non-payment of dues, I forward a copy of the message to the International Secretary and Treasurer. This enables them to keep an eye out for a check.

(3)

I am responsible for perusing the forum and keeping an eye on content and correctness of comments for any particular subject.

Should I find something that is improper, I am responsible for seeing to it that the author is informed of his / her inappropriate messaging. I would also delete the post if deemed necessary. If things really got out of control, I would have to ban the offender(s). Any actions along this line are discussed with Web Liaison Steve Chappell.

I work under the direction of, and am answerable to, the Web Liaison Steve Chappell.

Red Knight 2009 Forum registrations processed

MONTH
January

NUMBER
9

| | |
|-----------|-----|
| February | 8 |
| March. | 14 |
| April | 12 |
| May | 9 |
| June | 6 |
| July | 7 |
| August | 12 |
| September | 6 |
| October | 6 |
| November | 14 |
| December | 5 |
| Total: | 108 |

These numbers represent only those registrations accepted.
Any that were rejected (usually for non-payment of dues or a member not being listed on a roster) are not included.

George Colby
Red Knights Forum Moderator
Respectfully submitted,
George Colby, RKMA-3, RKMC Forum Moderator

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2009, was another great year for Grand Tour. We began the year by awarding Patches and Rockers instead of pins so that each of the four rides, Grand Tour, Red Knight, Fire House and the 12 station tour could be recognized. New certificates were also designed. Pins are now only awarded after the completion of all four rides.

Early in August, I received an email from Adam Baeder of NY 33 asking if anyone had ever thought of an *ALPHABET* tour where members would be required to visit fire stations beginning with every letter of the alphabet. At the International Board meeting in Fort Lauderdale this ride was approved, the Rockers were ordered and by the end of the month, Adam and Vic Sutter had completed an Alphabet Tour. They remain the only two members to have done this ride.

During the year, 255 members completed one or more Tours. 32 members completed 4 Tours and 2 completed all 5. A total of 255 Patches and 385 Rockers and Certificates were awarded.

I spent a total of 68 hours and 15 minutes processing applications this year, which is an average of about 5 hours and 40 minutes per month. Since 1999, our members have completed 2021 tours.

Respectfully Submitted
Henry Heideman
Chairperson
Grand Tour Committee

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Financial Report

YEAR END REPORT FOR 2009
January 1st until December 31, 2009

GENERAL ACCOUNT

| 1st Quarter Jan 1 2009-Mar 31 | 2nd Quarter Apr 1-Jun 30 | 3rd Quarter Jul 1 – Sept 30 | 4th Quarter Oct 1 – Dec 31 |
|---|--|---|--|
| Opening Balance \$ 60,224.16 | Opening Balance \$121,373.45 | Opening Balance \$ 96,951.61 | Opening Balance \$ 75,138.11 |
| Deposits | Deposits | Deposits | Deposits |
| Deposits \$ 111,304.98 | \$ 34,664.10 | \$ 25,117.17 | \$ 35,751.77 |
| Expenditures \$ 50,155.69 | Expenditures \$ 59,085.60 | Expenditures \$ 46,930.67 | Expenditures \$ 32,538.11 |
| Closing Balance \$121,373.45 | Closing Balance \$ 96,951.95 | Closing Balance \$ 75,138.11 | Closing Balance \$ 78,351.77 |

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

December 31, 2009 \$ 94,282.30

MEMBERSHIP
CHAPTERS IN GOOD STANDING

| 1ST Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | 4th Quarter |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 255 of 310 | 292 of 323 | 302 of 323 | 313 of 330 |

M.A.L.'s
IN GOOD STANDING

| 1ST Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | 4th Quarter |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 237 | 272 | 290 | 303 |

CHAPTERS IN ARREARS

| 1ST Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | 4th Quarter |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 55 | 31 | 21 | 17 |

17 CHAPTERS IN ARREARS FOR 2009

Alabama 7, Alberta 6, Alberta 8, Arkansas 3, Georgia 11, Illinois 13,
Indiana 7, Kentucky 4, Massachusetts 7, New Jersey 6, New Mexico 3

Ohio 11, Oregon 1, Pennsylvania 33, Texas 6, Texas 9,
Virginia 3,

BREAK DOWN OF EXPENDATURES

| | 1st Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | 4th Quartet |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Telephone | \$ 408.68 | \$ 292.22 | \$ 356.36 | \$ 358.14 |
| Postage | \$ 4,486.22 | \$ 1,231.56 | \$ 1,328.86 | \$ 1,289.89 |
| Photo-Copies | \$ 190.01 | \$ 57.11 | \$ 1,315.77 | \$ 60.37 |
| Office Supplies | \$ 2,459.98 | \$ 621.47 | \$ 4,918.60 | \$ 1,543.89 |
| Insurance | \$ 2,795.00 | \$ 1,518.00 | \$ 3,180.94 | \$ 0.00 |
| Fee's | \$ 4,966.91 | \$ 16,002.53 | \$ 1,094.50 | \$ 3,790.80 |
| Honorariums | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ 7,500.00 |
| Regalia | \$ 4,880.52 | \$ 7,084.34 | \$ 13,916.01 | \$ 10,791.55 |
| Donations | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 300.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Publicity | \$ 2,743.40 | \$ 1,248.40 | \$ 2,205.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| Events | \$ 9,794.00 | \$ 1,361.73 | \$ 428.06 | \$ 0.00 |
| 50-50 Draw | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Heaven 1 | \$ 675.42 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 933.05 | \$ 846.72 |
| Travel | \$ 9,255.55 | \$ 2,168.24 | \$ 9,453.52 | \$ 6,156.75 |
| Investments | \$ 0.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Total | \$ 50,155.69 | \$ 59,085.60 | \$ 46,930.67 | \$ 32,538.11 |

Year to Date Expenditures \$168,710.07 true total is 148,710.07
(20,000.00 for investments taken from the 59,085.60 in the second quarter

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT
INTERNATIONAL QUARTERMASTER

| <u>STOCK ON HAND</u> | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| First Quarter General | \$ 121,373.45 | \$ 96,951.95 | \$ 75,138.11 | \$ 78,351.77 |
| First Quarter Investments | | \$ 72,155.61 | \$ 93,469.61 | \$ 93,469.61 |
| 94,282.30 | | | | |
| First Quarter Quartermaster | \$ 24,576.79 | \$ 23,737.59 | \$ 24,319.22 | \$ 21,992.66 |
| Quartermaster Float | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| 2009 Total Net worth | \$ 218,605.85 | \$ 214,659.15 | \$ 195,799.91 | \$ 195,126.73 |

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Proposed 2010 Budget

| ITEM | Year 2006 | Year 2007 | Year 2008 | Year 2009 | Year 2010 |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Grand Tour - New pins (1000) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,942.09 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Chapter Promotional Grants | \$2,558.87 | \$2,137.53 | \$1,600.00 | \$1,362.89 | \$1,600.00 |
| Events Grants | \$5,000.00 | \$7,023.77 | \$10,000.00 | \$5,673.77 | \$5,000.00 |
| Publicity | \$7,000.00 | \$9,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$6,300.00 |
| Donations | \$1,500.00 | \$3,500.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$300.00 |
| Loans used 24108.88 | \$4,108.88 | \$22,108.88 | \$6,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$0.00 |
| Telephone Budget | \$541.50 | \$500.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| Postage | \$6,000.00 | \$8,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| Photo-Copy & Printing | \$11,031.13 | \$3,232.91 | \$11,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$3,500.00 |
| Office supplies | \$5,128.71 | \$5,515.74 | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 | \$9,500.00 |
| Insurance | \$1,031.00 | \$2,555.25 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$3,500.00 |
| Fee's | \$5,000.00 | \$6,000.00 | \$27,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$5,800.00 |
| Regalia | \$1,000.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,700.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| Honorariums | \$0.00 | \$6,250.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$36,000.00 |
| Travel Misc. | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,182.76 | \$8,000.00 |
| Board meetings travel | \$14,000.00 | \$16,100.00 | \$18,515.00 | \$21,292.25 | \$24,486.09 |
| Heavens 1 Travel | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,500.00 | \$4,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| Trademarks | \$4,443.56 | \$9,695.46 | \$2,000.00 | \$22,663.08 | \$2,000.00 |
| Red Knights Memorial Fund | | | \$2,538.40 | \$0.00 | \$4,904.68 |
| | \$69,593.65 | \$125,369.54 | \$150,795.49 | \$140,674.75 | \$123,890.77 |

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 2009 | Income |
| | Dues |
| | 108,285.00 |
| | Regalia |
| | 32,420.70 |
| | Total |
| | 140,705.70 |