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# Red Knights of Texas Motorcycle Club State Newsletter

## Welcome New Chapters!!

*The Flintster*

What a year 2009 was! The number of Red Knight Texas chapters doubled. The number and approximate location for each chapter is listed below:

Texas 1 – Port Arthur  
Texas 2 – McKinney  
Texas 3 – Houston  
Texas 4 – Texas City  
Texas 5 – Marfa  
Texas 6 – Midland  
Texas 7 – Decatur (Charter Revoked)  
Texas 8 – Brazoria  
Texas 9 - Paris  
Texas 10- San Angelo  
Texas 11- Texarkana  
Texas 12- Silsbee  
Texas 13- Dallas

As chapters located in the state of Texas you are automatically members of the state association. The association is here to serve its members. We provide the “go between” for your chapter and the international. Our main goals are to support education and safety. And to provide a place for you to go to get help.

We meet every year. Each chapter hosts the state meet by rotation. Chapter 8 (Brazoria County) is the chapter hosting the meet for 2010. The dates of the state meeting for 2010 is June 25-27. They have some great plans in the works, so stay tuned for more info. To that end each chapter is asked to make an annual donation of \$10 per active member (not social or children) to help cover the cost of putting the meeting together. This

donation is requested each January so the sponsoring chapter can plan their expenses for the state meet. So chapters please get your donations in soon! Make checks out to: Dickey Cutbirth, Treasurer, RKMCA. Send your chapter's donation to:

The Red Knights of Texas  
21020 Plaza Cr.  
Crosby, Texas 777532

Chapter presidents please forward a list of your chapter officers with addresses, email, and phone numbers to me at [fireteach1@yahoo.com](mailto:fireteach1@yahoo.com). I also would like a schedule of when and where your chapter meetings are scheduled, and any fund raising or events your chapter would like support for. What is your chapter's web site name? Also, any questions you may have about the RKMC on any subject. If I cannot answer the question directly, I probably know someone who can. As state association officers, we are tasked with attempting to attend a regular meeting with each chapter during the course of the year. Chicken Joe, Dickie, and I all look forward to meeting each of you.

As Red Knight chapters located in the state of Texas, your chapter is also a member of the DIXIE association. Comprised of state chapters located in the southeast part of the U.S. The Dixie meets once a year, and I am happy to announce the Dixie meet this year is back in New Orleans. Always a good time! The tentative dates of this years Dixie is 05/15-16. Please plan on attending with your chapter this year.

## Trip to Marfa

*The Flintster*

As some of you may remember, for many years I ran a couple of Fire

Academies in the Dallas area. The North Texas Training Association and an academy called the North Texas Fire Academy out in Rockwall. Over the years the training association had accumulated all kinds of firefighting equipment, a lot of which ended up out in one of my barns on my place. After our visit to Marfa for the 2009 state meet (see last newsletter), I noticed the fire department did not have a lot of equipment. After several discussions with Marfa Fire Chief Gary Mitschke and the old board of directors for the training association, my son Garrison and an old firefighting friend, Jim Stillman, and I delivered the following equipment in the name of the Red Knights of Texas and the North Texas Training Association:

- 2000 feet of 5" Large Diameter Hose
- 20 Scott AirPac SCBA apparatus
- 20 Scott SCBA Face Masks
- 20 sets of Bunker Coats
- 20 sets of Bunker Pants
- Water appliances

We have advised Chief Gary to dispose of the equipment any way he sees fit. Some of the equipment will probably find its way to the border, where PPE is desperately needed for firefighting.

Thanks for the hospitality from the folks in Marfa! We attended one of their monthly chapter meetings, and enjoyed their company and stories sitting around the table breaking bread.

## 2009 International Convention Held in Ft. Lauderdale!

*The Flintster*

**Texas Contingent (well, at least most of them, anyway). + 2 New York honorary Texicans**



As the proposed date of departure got closer and closer, you know the weather started kicking up down in Florida. No fewer than three storms were already spinning around, both in the Atlantic and the Gulf. It was going to be a wet ride! Christi and Hacksaw had backed out of the trip due to finances (good thing too, as she ended up with the Swine Flu!). That left Ron Osborn and his girlfriend Angela, and Tiger and Amy flying down from New York to help Diane and I get three bikes out to Florida and back. We had a couple of transport options: rent a 15-passenger van for around a thousand dollars plus some mileage, rent a ½ ton P/U truck from a car rental company, use my sons 4-door ½ ton truck, or use Ron's Navigator. All the above towing a 3-rail bike trailer. We opted for the Navigator. Probably the most comfortable vehicle to choose from (and probably the most economical, thanks Ron!). That made a total of 3 motorcycles and 6 people, one Navigator and one three-rail trailer. We discovered almost immediately that our three cycles would not fit on the three-rail trailer without some removal of bike equipment. We elected to ride at least one of the bikes all the way out and back. At most, only two bikes were ever on the trailer, and not for long. Most of the trip both the Harleys were puttin' down the road. Except for the miles after my bike threw up another stater and voltage regulator (\$800+) on the St. Joe causeway. NEVER stop at Jim's HD in St. Pete! It is there doing business ripping off anyone who dares enter their doors. Not only was the work shitty (they had to climb into the dumpster to get my old parts back!) These guys could not even check the oil level in the bike. They could not even remember to charge up the battery while they replaced the stater and regulator, then wondered why I did not want to

leave it overnight to charge the battery. I have done business with these people before, and felt about the same way the last time. Jim was a good guy and I am sorry to see him pass. These people sure have messed up a good dealership! Anyway, our first stop was Pensacola, Florida. Thanks to old friends Kevin and Deb Rose we got a great deal on hotel rooms and a great invite to some of the tastiest shrimp I have ever eaten, plus some great hospitality at their house for both chapter 2 and the folks from Texas 1, who also benefited from a good hotel room discount. Thanks' Kevin and Deb for the company and the hospitality!

Texas 1 folks departed early the next morning for stops in central Florida. Texas 2 headed for St. Petersburg to visit with an old friend, Redbeard, Paul Kindler. He shaved the beard, but kept the Snorten' Norton. Had a great time hitten the ole spots in St. Pete on the bikes. Thanks' for some great hospitality Paul!

Friday found Texas 2 heading across the swamp to Ft. Lauderdale. By mid afternoon we were sitting out front of the hotel sipping umbrella drinks!

We all had a great time down in South Florida! Great hospitality helped make for a good stay, visit and ride. I know Garrison was impressed! The business meeting could have been a little shorter and less political, but always good to get together.

The return trip was fast, long, cold and wet! First stop for lunch was with our good friend's retired BC fire chief Russ and Sue White with the Miami Beach FD (they live in White Springs now). Russ and I went to high school together (long, long ago). Russ & Sue treated us to some old fashioned hospitality and

company for what unfortunately turned into only a couple of hours. Then, it was back on the road, racing off to Ocala to visit another old Navy buddy, Kevin Bearden. Kevin met us up on the hiway and provided plenty of hot pizza and cold beer. Thanks Kevin!

Couple of hours visiting and we are back on the road, albeit with full bellies, and for some odd reason, Kevin Rose's underpants!! After a short rest in Pensacola, we blasted back to McKinney, Texas. Texas 1 meanwhile had some tire problems with their trailer right outside Pensacola and we all ended up staying at the same motel that night. All made it back in pretty much the same shape we left in. Our prayers are with Harry and Mary from Texas 1. Harry developed chest pains as they traveled out to South Florida close to Pensacola (what is it about that place?) and spent the night in a local hospital. Harry made the rest of the trip south, and back home. We love you Harry!

We got Tiger and Amy out to DFW Airport after a couple of hours sleep and breakfast at the famous Bill Smith's in McKinney. Thanks' Amy and Tiger for all the help and support to get us out to Florida and back!

Next years convention is up by Niagara Falls. Plan is to all meet up at Tiger and Amy's place in New York and ride over together. Oh, by the way, Tiger is now officially a dues paying member of Texas 2. WELCOME Pardner!

## Flashover 2009/Red Knights Texas #3

It was finally time! I had been worried about riding so far without a chase vehicle. This would be the first official long ride on just the two Harleys since I lost the leg. And this time the benefit

was for me! Such a strange feeling after all those benefits for others, to now be attending one for yourself. I can't say enough how proud and thankful Diane and I are for all the support and kindness shown to us by all the Red Knights everywhere we go. And especially to the Texas 3 chapter for your tireless efforts to put on Flashover this year.

The weather was great! Could have been a little less humid and hot, but looking back now I wish I could get some of that heat back. The event had over 80 riders this year. They raised over \$3,400 for Flint's medical bills and towards the new leg (\$12K). Thanks to Kingwood HD and to Mulligan's Atascocita for hosting the event. The Texas Road Runners band provided great tunes, and the raffle was exciting as always.

Thanks to Donny and Connie for housing, feeding, and entertaining Diane and I. Although they had a houseful of people we had a blast! Even got to do a little firefighting on the new grill. Hell of a good time!

## Red Knight MC Chapter Visits

*By Chicken Joe Connors*

I would like to introduce myself; I am Chicken Joe Connors, your State Association Vice President. I want to thank all of you that voted for me at the State Convention in Marfa. It was a great Convention and I would like to thank Chapter 5 for their hospitality and hosting the convention. You guys did a great job! We almost got to visit Big Bend National Park but it was a little warm so we decided to head back to Marfa before we lost some Knights. All in all it was a great weekend. As I stated at the convention, I would try to visit as many clubs as I could in the

southeastern part of Texas, I have started that. I want to thank all the clubs, which I have visited, for inviting me to their meetings and events.

One of my favorites is this picture of Larry Nunez, the VP of Chapter 4, in my old stomping ground Alaska.



Arctic Circle north of Fairbanks, Alaska.

The only little problem is he missed my fire department by 4 miles. I was Assistant Chief of the North Star Volunteer Fire Department. It's okay Larry we were neighboring fire departments.



North Pole, Alaska.

## Texas Chapter 4

I was very lucky to be able to visit with Chapter 4, especially since they went to lunch at Al-T which is a great Cajun restaurant in Winnie. I really enjoyed my visit and wished I was able to eat more because they serve up great food.

Looks like they have been busy this year, a couple of pictures this one is

from their ride in support of the Blue Knights MC.



Iron Butt ride of 1000 miles in 18 hours.

## Texas Chapter 8

Made my way over to Lake Jackson to visit with Andy Anderson the chapter President. He was preparing to go to Rosherton to help out in a fund raiser for the Rosherton Fire Depart. He did take time out to give me a tour of the newest fire station in Lake Jackson. It is an impressive station especially for an all volunteer department.

Chapter 8 is working very hard in preparation for the 2010 Texas State Convention. Sounds like we will have a great convention next year. If everything goes as described we will be having a three (3) day convention. Now you do not see any pictures because this old man forgot his camera. Next time Andy.

## Texas Chapter 3

These guys like to eat as much as I do! We had breakfast in Baytown at the Cracker Barrel and I ate all my food and some off other folk's plates. Just don't get me around too much food or I will be glad to eat it.

After breakfast and the meeting we headed to Galveston and the Lone Star Rally. I lost Ray and the group in the mass of bikers. Good thing I remembered my camera.



Lone Star Bound 2009

Chapter 3 is busy putting together all the dollar figures from Flashover 2009. If you missed Flashover 2009 you missed a great ride and good food and great door prizes, auctions and more. The proceeds were headed to Flint to help pay some medical expenses. I think he was well pleased.



Flint at Flashover 2009.

## Texas Chapter 10

I have not made the ride to San Angelo, it is 950 miles from Port Arthur but if everything goes good I will make their January meeting. Chapter 10 is the Military Fire Fighters at Goodfellow Air Force Base, this chapter is strong and doing well.

Last month the Chapter helped out with the Military Firefighter Heritage



Gentlemen? of Chapter 10!

Foundation 4th Annual Motorcycle Ride/ Rally and are planning on doing some community work with a military retirement home up in Big Springs in the next couple of months. They are also working on procuring donations for Christmas gifts for burn victims at Brooks Army Medical Center.



Ladies of Chapter 10

## Texas Chapter 1

Now I cannot leave out Chapter 1 or my President Butch Chapman would chew me out good. Texas 1 is strong and continuing to grow each month. The chapter now has 54 members and gaining new members each month. The chapter has several rides planned. The chapter has supported the Heartbeats of

Hope by attending their banquet in October. Great organization helping children with cancer.



Rough day at Link Sale!

Chapter 1 had a Link Sale earlier last summer, was a great day of sales and they ran out of Boudin and hot links by the end of the day.

They also helped out and donated to the Gloves FD Open House/Fund Raiser and worked with the Texas Fire Museum in Beaumont Fund Raiser.

## Texas Chapter 12

I would like to welcome our new chapter. I will be visiting you in the near future. Glad to see you guys on board.

## Proposed Paris Chapter

I have been in contact with Paris, Texas and their application has been sent to International. Looks like we will have a new chapter coming on board very soon. Thanks to Heath Thomas and all the folks there for their hard work getting the new chapter established.

## El Paso, Texas

I am in contact with El Paso looking to set up a new chapter this is only in the contact stage.

We are always working to add new chapters & members. If any Red Knights know of any Fire Department interested in forming a Red Knight MC Chapter let Flint or I know and we will do all possible to contact them and help them get on board. My email address is [connorsj@qt.rr.com](mailto:connorsj@qt.rr.com).



Connie – Texas 3

### Chapter Web sites:

**Texas 1(Beaumont):**

[www.redknightstx1.com](http://www.redknightstx1.com)

**Texas 2 (McKinney):**

[www.redknightsoftexas2.com](http://www.redknightsoftexas2.com)

**Texas 3 (Houston):**

[www.redknightsmchouston.com](http://www.redknightsmchouston.com)

**Texas 5: (Marfa)**

[www.westtexasredknights.com](http://www.westtexasredknights.com)

**Texas 6: (Brazoria)**

[www.cradleoftexas.com](http://www.cradleoftexas.com)

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Mary – Texas 1



Tiger, Amy, Diane (the dark one), and Flint



Deb Rose and Flint – Texas 2



Diane and Redbeard – Texas 2



The GIRLS at Ft. Lauderdale