



ECMC 'invades' Excelsior MC's Bike Stop Barnight in Philadelphia

Members from Empire City MC attended Excelsior MC Barnight in Philadelphia on Saturday, 5th March.

The event was held at The Bike Stop.

A pool challenge was accepted and while we don't remember who won the tournament, no balls were harmed.

Excelsior MC had demos in the basement, Jell-o shots were sold and Excelsior's run was promoted. Their run, "Land of Misfit Boys", will be held on Fire Island the weekend of 20th – 22nd May 2016.

Our Philadelphia members Earl D and Gary P were in attendance as well as Evil Ed, Joe M, and Michael M.



ECMC at New Jersey Boys of Leather 'Sinner Sunday'

Empire City MC was represented at New Jersey Boys of Leather Sinner Sunday event. The theme was Under Construction. Hard hats, tool belts and boots were very evident.

The event was held 6th March in Asbury Park NJ. Unfortunately, the photo of one of ECMC members twerking in his underwear, is unavailable.

(Editor's note: Oh, I wonder which member *that was!*)

Apparently, the NJ Boys of Leather "Under Construction" was a fundraiser to bring Leather Archives to NJ Leather Contest!



Used Harley for sale: slight water damage

In the summer of 2012, Japan experienced a massive tsunami. There is still debris landing across the ocean along the North American coast, from Alaska to Hawaii.

In an article appearing on the BBC website (<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-35638091>) are five remarkable stories, including a HARLEY-DAVIDSON that washed up on the shore of Graham Island, in British Columbia, Canada.

Ain't it amazing what you can find on the beach with a metal detector these days? I'm sure after a new battery, fluid top-off and fresh petrol, all will be well.



Will there be a female Unicorns? My 2c.

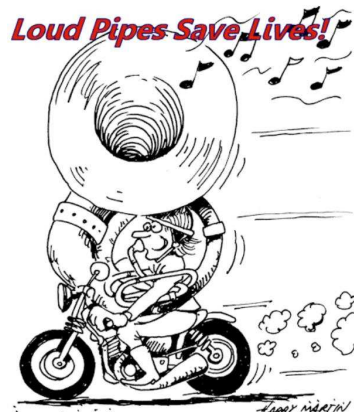
Recently in the Unicorn Horn, the newsletter of our brother club, the Unicorn MC of Cleveland, Ohio, their president Jim H wrote:

“Times are changing, and so is the makeup of the leather community. Where once leather and S&M activities were a secretive sub-culture of gay men, there is now a recognition and increasing acceptance of such interests. Barriers are being broken which include Straight/Gay/Bi, and Male/Female/Transgender, and we are seeing a change in the profiles of participants in leather community activities. With these changes have come inquiries for associate membership to the Unicorn MC by prospective members who are outside our normal criteria, We need to consider these changes and what the consequences of acceptance or rejections of change will be to the club. I know that this is controversial subject, but I hope we can have a productive discussion to reach a unified decision.”



The ever-beating drum of acceptance reverberates down to the very foundation of our non-profit organisations which have traditionally been “safe space” for specific persons of certain genders, fetishes, ethnic or religious backgrounds and so on. I for one don't appreciate being discriminated against; however, it is obvious that there are some places some people will never (or should never) be allowed to be a member. How would you feel is a convicted male rapist were to join a female rape victim support group? How about men in an ovarian cancer survivor group? How about a sex offender becoming a Boy Scout troop leader? This isn't misogyny or discrimination, this is common sense and my personal belief that everyone needs their own “safe space” to be themselves. This means that some people simply won't ever be allowed in some organisations and it is not *discriminatory*, it's common sense. Women have some of their own groups, bars clubs – so should men.

Biker Funnies



R.I.P. Rich Schroedel, an upstate New York community leader

In 1999 Chaz Antonelli of ECMC sold Rochester Custom Leathers to Paul Pape who renamed it Outlandish Video & Gifts. He was tragically killed in an MVA on the way to the store to open up by someone who ran a red light.

After probate cleared up, Chaz' club brother and good friend, Russ Shaner and Rich Schroedel purchased the store from Paul's estate and it's been operating ever since. Russ retired from the business several years ago, leaving Rich at the helm.

Then we got the sad news that Rich Schroedel passed away unexpectedly Monday afternoon, 7th March 2016.

Funeral service information at <https://www.facebook.com/rich.schroedel> as soon as arrangements are made.



Rochester Rams in Fort Lauderdale

Most of the Rochester Rams and select friends of the Rams went for a ten-day holiday in Fort Lauderdale. As we stayed at The Worthington Resort, a gay men's clothing-optional resort, I don't have too many photos to share -- but needless to say, we all had a great time!

Bob F, Michael A, Ted McW, Russ S, James G, Pup Scrubs, myself and K.K. were all there basking in the sun and the warm weather. We also met up with Jon T, David E and Marqus R who are all associate members of the Rams who now live in Wilton Manors, Florida, a place that has to be close to being the gayest place on Earth!



The Rochester Rams M.C. was my first real gay motorcycle club and was formed in the early 1970s. As time progressed and times changed, the club has been left with a handful of members in a city that has no "real" leather bar any more. The bonds of friendship we've created within the Rochester Rams isn't something that could be duplicated online and it's a real shame future generations won't know the joy of being a member of a club as many of the clubs hang up their colours and fold.

Meet the member...

Meet the member shall return in April. I was on holiday down in Florida with the Rochester Rams for the past 10 days. We still have several members left to interview, so don't worry – we're on top of it.

The last word...

My first Open General Meeting as the new president was messed up because The Centre (where we hold our meetings) was closed and locked without any prior warning or even a text, call, or tweet to let us know that they are replacing their water main (and they knew about it well in advance!) I was absent in beautiful sunny Florida at a Rochester Rams MC reunion and holiday during the second Open General Meeting, leaving JM, our new Vice President step up to the plate. Being the president sure is hard work! 😊



Seriously, behind the scenes, we're very busy planning details for the 2016 events, including our Annual Biker Weekend (the application for the weekend is in this issue of Rumbings, as well as on our website www.EmpireCityMC.com – there is limited space, reserve now! You don't want to miss this year!

UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

12th March: ECMC is proud to perform security services for the Imperial Court of New York's Night of a Thousand Gowns!

19th March: Long Island Ravens' Anniversary Dinner. Applications at <http://liravensmc.org/anniversary24/>

2nd April: RIDE: Staten Island Ride. For details e-mail Road-Captain@EmpireCityMC.com

6th April: Empire City MC's open general meeting is held the first Wednesday of the month at The Centre, 208 W 13th St, NYC. All interested men and prospective members are welcome to attend. Check the posted schedule to see which room we're in.

24th April: RIDE: Hogs 4 Hope. This straight motorcycle club's ride benefits Ronald McDonald House and starts at the Croton Gorge Park, 35 Yorktown Rd, Cortlandt, NY 10520. Riders \$25, Passengers \$20. Kickstands up from Croton Gorge Park at 11AM, followed by their famous pig roast BBQ in Yonkers! Police escorted - parkways & roadways closed for our exclusive use!

4th May: Empire City MC's open general meeting is held the first Wednesday of the month at The Centre, 208 W 13th St, NYC. All interested men and prospective members are welcome to attend. Check the posted schedule to see which room we're in.

20th-22nd May: The Island of Misfit Boys is Excelsior MC and Twilight Guard's annual run on Fire Island. Empire City will be there to provide libations and stir up some trouble! See you there!

27th-30th May: Empire City MC's annual Biker Weekend in the Finger Lakes Region. Applications are on the next page, or online at www.EmpireCityMC.com – register today!

1st June: Empire City MC's open general meeting is held the first Wednesday of the month at The Centre, 208 W 13th St, NYC. All interested men and prospective members are welcome to attend. Check the posted schedule to see which room we're in.

5th June: RIDE: New Jersey Pride Parade. Did you know that six of our members don't live in New York City? Come ride with Empire City MC as we celebrate our pride by riding in the New Jersey Pride Parade in Asbury Park, NJ!

12th June: RIDE: Philadelphia Pride Parade. Two of our full members are from Philadelphia, so we'll be there to ride in the Philadelphia Pride Parade! Come join in on the fun!

17th June: EVENT: ECMC Bike Blessing. Our annual blessing of the bikes on Christopher Street in front of Ty's Bar. This FREE event is for bikers, buddies and all motorcycle fans! Hot bikes and hotter men! The fun starts around 6pm!

18th June: RIDE: ECMC Biker's Picnic. Empire City MC "gives back" with this annual picnic for all bikers and buddies. Admission is FREE, but it is restricted to motorcycles only -- no four-wheeled vehicles allowed please!

19th June: EVENT: Folsom Street East. Stop by ECMC's booth at the Folsom Street Fair for a freebie (while they last) and say hello to some of the sexiest and friendliest guys too!

REMEMBER: There are plenty of other events and rides added to our official calendar on a regular basis, especially day rides! Bookmark our official calendar at calendar.EmpireCityMC.com and come along with us on some great rides!

Our physical mailing address is:

Empire City MC
10 W 15th St, Suite 609
New York, NY 10011-6821



Empire City MC is a proud member of the Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council. For more information about membership with Empire City MC, [click here](#) to view/download our constitution, bylaws and membership application.

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**Empire City MC's Annual Biker Weekend - May 27th – 30th, 2016
Information and Run Application**

With the help of many friends of the club and the dedication of ECMC members, we're excited to announce another great Memorial Day Weekend riding experience including some meals, accommodations and more! Won't you join ECMC for Biker Weekend?

Friday, 27th May Ride with us to "The Ranch" in Hemlock, NY through the scenic Hudson Valley Region and the Southern Tier of New York State with multiple breaks/pick-up points.

Saturday, 28th May Explore upstate New York's Finger Lakes region!

Sunday, 29th May Explore upstate New York's Finger Lakes region!

Monday, 30th May Ride with us back to New York City.

In order to best prepare and accommodate everyone, we ask that you carefully review the ride as outlined and submit your completed application with \$40/per person run fee to Empire City MC before May 20th, 2016.

This is a motorcycle only event! No four-wheeled vehicles are allowed! We understand there are riders from all over that would like to participate in this event without having to enter New York City; therefore we have several meet-up points and times specified in the map on page two. Included for your \$40 run fee are: Accommodations at The Ranch, three dinners and three breakfasts, open bar all weekend at The Ranch. Each person must complete this form and send it in.

Name _____

Club Affiliation (if any) _____

E-Mail _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (_____) _____ - _____ I am: Buddy Rider / Rider

I will meet up at (see map on page 2): A, B, C, D, E, F, or G

Emergency Contact Person _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number (_____) _____ - _____

I, _____, certify that I have attained at least twenty-one (21) years of age and that I, based upon mutual covenants and considerations, will not hold Empire City Motorcycle Club, Inc. (a.k.a. ECMC), Al Rizzo/Dan Marty (a.k.a. The Ranch) nor the individual and collective officers, members, servants, agents, employees thereof liable for any injury to my person or property during the period of Empire City MC's Annual Biker Weekend. I further agree to indemnify, save harmless and hold harmless Empire City Motorcycle Club, Inc. (a.k.a. ECMC), Al Rizzo/Dan Marty (a.k.a. The Ranch) or the individual and collective officers, members, servants, agents, employees thereof from any and all liability, serious injury, economic loss, and any other loss arising from whatever event, source, manner and/or nature which they may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs or judgments against them, individually and/or collectively, arising out of their individually and/or collectively granting to me the privilege of attending and participating in part and/or whole of Empire City MC's Annual Biker Weekend.

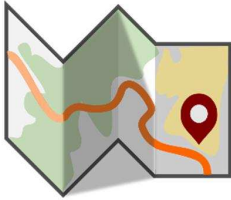
Signature _____ Date _____

Once you've completed the filling in the planning portion (with the maps below), you must mail this application to our Run Chairman for processing. Remember: Bed space will be assigned on a 'first registered, first served' basis, so don't delay!

Please read the directions carefully and return this page with payment (\$40 per person) by U.S. Mail to:

**Empire City MC Annual Biker Weekend
10 W 15th St, Suite 609
New York, NY 10011-6821**





Please note: This is a different route than prior years!

Don't forget to tick the box on page one to let us know where you're meeting up with us! Furthermore, it's vital that your motorcycle is in good working order and you are on time to your respective meet-up location.

Meet-up Point "A" (Lexington Candy Shop, New York, NY)

09:00 - 10:00 ... Breakfast at Lexington Candy Shop, 1226 Lexington Ave at 83rd St, New York, NY 10028
10:00 - 11:00 ... Kickstands up from Lexington Candy Shop and ride 21 mi (0:60)

Meet-up Point "B" (Left Exit Gas Station on the Palisades Pkwy, MM 1.7 just after crossing into NYS)

11:00 - 11:15 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break. Note: GPS: 41°01'39.0"N 73°56'17.9"W
11:15 - 12:15 ... Kickstands up and ride 54 mi (0:60)

Meet-up Point "C" (Quickway Twin Cone/Quickway Diner/Citgo, RR 17K, Bloomingburg, NY 12721)

12:15 - 12:30 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break/ice cream
12:30 - 13:45 ... Kickstands up and ride ~82 mi (0:75)

Meet-up Point "D" (LUNCH STOP at Butterfields Cafe, 16 Division St, Deposit, NY 13754)

13:45 - 14:45 ... Gas up at the Citgo, then ride around the corner to Butterfield's Café for lunch.
14:45 - 16:00 ... Kickstands up and ride 71 mi (0:66)

Meet-up Point "E" (Dandy Mini Mart, 363 White Wagon Rd, Sayre, PA 18840)

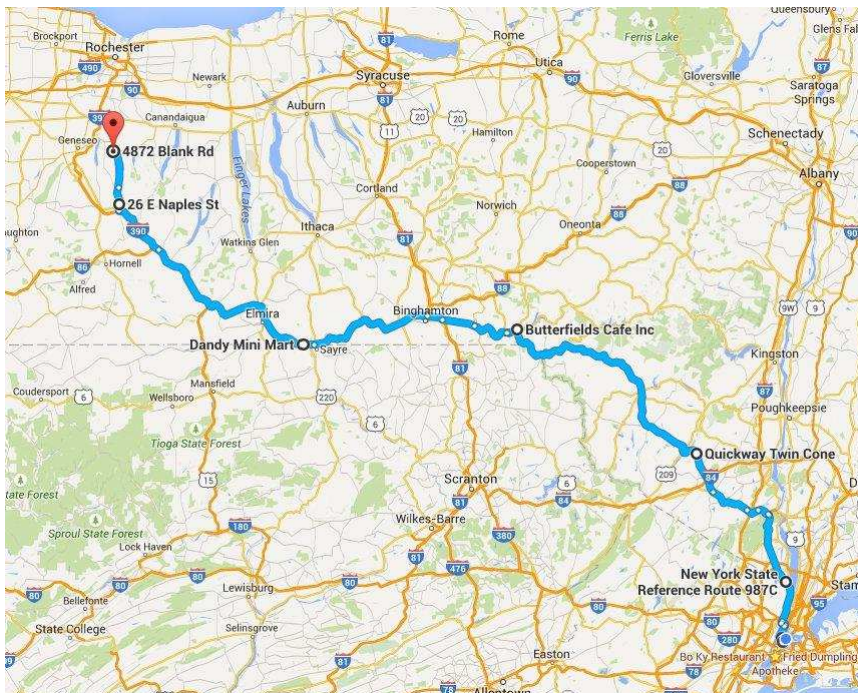
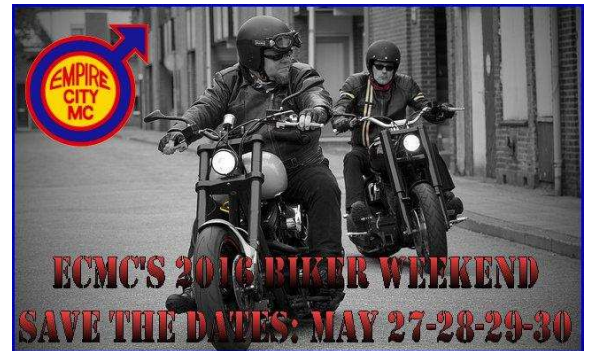
16:00 - 16:15 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break
16:15 - 17:20 ... Kickstands up and ride 77 mi (0:70)

Meet-up Point "F" (7-Eleven/Mobil, 26 E Naples St, Wayland, NY 14572)

17:20 - 17:40 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break
17:40 - 18:00 ... Kickstands up and ride 16 mi (0:20)

Meet-up Point "G" (The Ranch, 4872 Blank Rd, Hemlock, NY 14466)

18:00 Arrive at The Ranch, unpack and go to Lima Country Club for dinner



What do you need to bring?

A bed, clean linens and towels will be provided by The Ranch, but for your safety and comfort, we recommend you bring the following:

- bike tool kit
- extra bungee cords
- rain gear
- driving license
- motorcycle registration
- motorcycle insurance card
- mobile phone charger
- medications
- motorcycle insurance card
- dry clothing
- club colours (vest)
- favourite sex toy (optional) ;-)

You may interactively view/tweak our route map online at: <http://i.mp/2016-BIKER>

The Ranch has play space (should you be interested), as well as a pool, hot tub, bar, nature trails and more! Read more about The Ranch at <http://i.mp/TheRanch>



NOTE: In 2016, our first meal (on Friday, 27th May) will be at the Lima Golf & Country Club, 7470 Chase Rd Lima, NY 14485. Their Friday Fish Fry is well known as being one of the best in the area (of course, there are other entrees to select from as well!) A credit of \$10 per person is included with your run fee for your Friday meal.

We will provide Saturday, Sunday and Monday breakfasts at The Ranch, Saturday and Sunday dinners at The Ranch. All lunches and on-the-road meals are your own responsibility.

Save time, Apply online at <http://ecmc-2016-bw.eventbrite.com>