



Winter Escape?

Dreaming of riding, but the snow and cold keeping you inside? Nearly every Harley-Davidson Dealership rents bikes for about \$100/day.

What's stopping you from flying somewhere warm (i.e. Florida, Southern California, Mexico) and renting a bike?

It's January and we have at least three more months of cold in our region... if you'd like to get away and have some fun, let us know! Our new Road Captain is itching to host some rides as soon as possible!

E-Mail: Road-Captain@EmpireCityMC.com



Winter Embrace?

... or you can also lean into winter and just accept it! Instead of going somewhere to rent bikes and ride, we could rent a car or a van and ride up to Gargoyle House again and spend a weekend!

Gargoyle House is a male-only, clothing-optional bed and breakfast in Newbury, VT. In the throes of COVID in 2020, ECMC rented the entire house and hosted an "Escape from New York" weekend.

With wood-fired sauna, hot tub and fireplaces, Gargoyle House in Vermont is a wonderful getaway location for many.



If going up north is something that appeals to you this winter, please let us know! Here's the interesting thing about our club: The Road Captain is responsible for RIDES and the Vice President is responsible for EVENTS. In this case, it's a ride and an event, right? Who knows... but, until we decide who's in charge of something like this, e-mail the Road Captain if you're interested and we'll get it on the calendar and we'll make it happen! Please take note: You must be fully vaccinated to enter [Gargoyle House](http://www.gargoylehouse.com).

Private and semi-private rooms are \$95, \$105 or \$140 per night and deposits are required for all bookings. Breakfast is provided and included with the room rate. Amazing home-cooked dinners can also be arranged for \$25 per meal.

Rooms, deposits and meals are payable with cash, checks, VISA, MasterCard, Amex, Discover - most cards. The State of Vermont 9% room tax will be added to the total room cost, and if paying by credit card, a card processing rate of 3% will also be included.

Read more about Gargoyle House at: <http://www.gargoylehouse.com/english/homepage.php>

Want to make it happen? Contact the ECMC Road Captain via e-mail at: Road-Captain@EmpireCityMC.com

E-Z Pass Lawsuit Filed – Please Register!

Have you been OVER-CHARGED BY E-Z PASS from "mid-tier tolls" or billed by cameras/machines with an inaccurate vehicle class, costing you more than you should have paid? If so, please join our class-action lawsuit against E-Z Pass to get them to fix their system! As long as they *benefit* from inaccurate tolling, there will be on reason for them to repair it!

Sauder Schelkopf filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of E-Z Pass customers. It has been alleged that individuals with motorcycle transponders have reported being incorrectly classified as other vehicle types, including as cars and trucks, which has led to the collection of excessive fees.

We are looking for others who were similarly affected by E-Z Pass transponders misclassifying your vehicle and over-charging your bank card or account. Please visit this website to self-identify: <https://bit.ly/ezlawsuit> -- there is no cost to you.



A Blast from the Past

Emil, an ECMC Emiratis Member found this wonderful photo of our 20th Anniversary, taken around August 1984 in the Fingerlakes at our 20th Anniversary week-long motorcycle trip. Every five years, we celebrate our anniversary with a week-long trip somewhere. On our 50th Anniversary, we went to Deal's Gap, NC to ride the Tail of the Dragon. Our next major anniversary will be our 60th and will take place in 2024 and we have not yet decided on a venue.



Man's Best FRIENDS



UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

Some Featured Rides & Events from our calendar:

Sun 16th January 2022: EVENT: New ECMC Officers Installed (virtually). Due to COVID, we will have a dinner party at a later date.

Wed 19th January, 20:00 – 21:00: SOCIAL MEETING: Empire City hosts a social teleconference on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All interested parties are welcomed. We discuss ride and event ideas, current events, other useful stuff. <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Social>

Wed 2nd February, 20:00 – 21:00: OPEN GENERAL MEETING: Empire City MC's monthly Open General Meeting is held the first Wednesday of each month from 8pm to 9pm by teleconference at: <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Meeting> All interested parties my attend.

Wed 16th February, 20:00 – 21:00: SOCIAL MEETING: Empire City hosts a social teleconference on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All interested parties are welcomed. We discuss ride and event ideas, current events, other useful stuff. <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Social>

Wed 2nd March, 20:00 – 21:00: OPEN GENERAL MEETING: Empire City MC's monthly Open General Meeting is held the first Wednesday of each month from 8pm to 9pm by teleconference at: <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Meeting> All interested parties my attend.

Wed 16th March, 20:00 – 21:00: SOCIAL MEETING: Empire City hosts a social teleconference on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All interested parties are welcomed. We discuss ride and event ideas, current events, other useful stuff. <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Social>

Wed 6th April, 20:00 – 21:00: OPEN GENERAL MEETING: Empire City MC's monthly Open General Meeting is held the first Wednesday of each month from 8pm to 9pm by teleconference at: <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Meeting> All interested parties my attend.

Wed 20th April, 20:00 – 21:00: SOCIAL MEETING: Empire City hosts a social teleconference on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All interested parties are welcomed. We discuss ride and event ideas, current events, other useful stuff. <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Social>

Thu 28th April – Mon 2nd May: The Great British Bear Bash. Hosted by the ManBears in Manchester, England, this furry long-weekend party is loaded with drink, food and testosterone! GBBB did not happen in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID concerns, we're crossing our fingers that 2022 will happen!

Wed 4th May, 20:00 – 21:00: OPEN GENERAL MEETING: Empire City MC's monthly Open General Meeting is held the first Wednesday of each month from 8pm to 9pm by teleconference at: <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Meeting> All interested parties my attend.

Wed 18th May, 20:00 – 21:00: SOCIAL MEETING: Empire City hosts a social teleconference on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All interested parties are welcomed. We discuss ride and event ideas, current events, other useful stuff. <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Social>

Thu 26th – Tue 31st May: Empire City MC's 11th Annual Motorcycle Weekend. This year, we'll be hosting in the Pittsburgh, PA region and have allocated an extra day before and after the weekend to accommodate the extra distance. More about this weekend in next month's Rumbings.

REMEMBER: There are plenty of other events and rides added to our official calendar on a regular basis, especially day rides! Be sure to bookmark <http://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.**

For membership information, visit <http://empirecitymc.com/membership.php> to view and download our constitution, bylaws and membership application. We're on social media at <https://mewe.com/join/empirecitymc> where you can chat with us.

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