

#### Annual Midnight 9/11 Ride

Bikers stage on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 22:00 in Queens, NY for a Kick-Stands Up (KSU) time of 23:00.

It's the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy and literally thousands of motorcycles and riders descend upon this little patch of asphalt/tarmac surrounding NY Harley Davidson.

We ride down Northern Boulevard, cross the 59<sup>th</sup> St Bridge into Manhattan, ride south down 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, across 42<sup>nd</sup> St to the West Side Highway and then it's south to the financial district and the new World Trade Towers.

An annual reminder that terrorists can kiss our collective asses, as we will always defend and rebuild our country!



Thousands of motorbikes decend on WTC 1



"No one actually died. He buried the old pipes from his motorcycle. He's very sentimental."



"Grandma, I told you not to show up at my school on your bike. I don't want people knowing you're cooler than me



Some of the ECMC crew at the 9/11 Midnight Ride

It's a good time to point out that not all terrorists are foreign...

There are many "domestic terrorists" in this country, seeking to prevent your voice from being heard, prevent you from enjoying the same rights as others in this country and who will actively protest to kill you just because of your beliefs.

Domestic terrorists can be found at all levels of society in this country, from the former President of the United States to the homeless people under bridges.

Stand up, shout out, be heard!

Your silence will not protect you.

They are coming for ALL of us unless we remain vigilant.



"Instead of being a baseball player, I've decided to be a biker. So, you'll need to replace my glove with a Harley."



"I say we skip that boring museum and have the school rent us all motorcycles. I even mapped out a trip."

### **HSS Benefit Ride**

Empire City MC is the EXCLUSIVE volunteer Motorcycle Club (Moto) for this event! Moto Volunteers will be dispatched to busy/complicated intersections along the routes to ensure our cyclists cross safely. All Moto Volunteers receive:

- 1. Free Registration
- 2. Volunteer T-Shirt
- 3. Snacks, Water, etc
- 4. Meal Ticket
- 5. Drink Ticket
- 6. Fund-raising Page + Prizes for Top Fund-raisers
- 7. Lots and lots of high fives!

It would like to see as many members as possible work this ride with our colours on. It's great P.R. for the club.



# HSS is asking that MOTO CREW KINDLY REGISTER (there is NO COST) at this link: <u>https://bit.ly/2022HSSride</u>

When completing the form, choose your Participant Type as "VOLUNTEER", Role is "Individual" >> "\$0", "No Thanks", your DOB, "All Day", then "Drives and has own Motorcycle" and then "Motorcycle Marshall", company name: "ECMC" the rest is simple to figure out – if you get stuck, call Chaz, the Road Captain at +1 646 827-6222 (voice calls only).

YOU MUST BE VACCINATED AND BRING PROOF OF FULL VACCINATION (Excelsior Pass, Clear, CDC Vaccination Card), CERTIFY YOU HAVE NOT HAD ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS/FEVER AND REGISTERED TO PARTICIPATE!

# **Empire City is Turning 58!**

Join us for our Anniversary Weekend! If you'd like to participate, please do – reach out to Chaz for details by calling voice +1 646 827-6222. We have limited billeting with club members and friends, first come, first served.

### ☆ Leaf Peeping Motorcycle Ride in the Catskills

We'll meet for BREAKFAST at 09:00 at the Lexington Candy Counter (corner of 83<sup>rd</sup> and Lex Ave). We will depart with full bellies & tanks, empty bladders, KSU at 10:00 AM SHARP! We will ride up to the Goat Trail and Bear Mountain, and have a few surprises in store for you we want to keep secret for now... we promise it won't hurt... much.

### ☆ Empire City MC Anniversary Dinner in NYC

Information not available at time of printing. Please reach out to Chaz at +1 646 827-6222 (voice only) or an ECMC member you might know for information.

#### ☆ Barnight at The Eagle NYC

We're not going to call it a recruitment campaign, but rather an "ask us anything" barnight where we'll have a few of our bikes on display and will be more than happy to answer your most burning questions about our semi-secretive club – or just do tequila shots off your chest. Both work. (5)

Come out to the Eagle NYC, 554 W 28th St from 11pm to 2:30am and meet us!







# Help Support the Ukraine from Russian Invaders

Send a clear message to the Russian Invaders!

You now have a chance to send a greeting to "Orcs" with your text written on a real artillery shell!

You will receive a photo of your signed shell or a video of it being fired. Or you can even sign a M777 howitzer.





A Ukrainian student is selling the opportunity to write custom messages on artillery shells which Ukrainian soldiers are firing at Russian troops.

Anton Sokolenko, a 22-year-old IT student based in Cherkasy, central Ukraine, told Insider he has raised thousands of dollars to support local troops through the \$40-a-shell deal.

His ads, on social media platforms like Reddit, have resulted in messages like "Happy Father's Day" and "From Albania, with love" being written on shells before they are used.

"You have a chance to kill orcs with your text on 82mm artillery grenade that will be fired at Russian soldiers," reads one of Sokolenko's promotional posts. (Orc is a common Ukrainian insult for Russian soldiers.)

Check it out at: <a href="https://signmyrocket.com/">https://signmyrocket.com/</a>

## Free Pay Phones coming to Philadelphia?

Philadelphia, say hello to Philtel!!

Philtel is a collective of technology hackers is building a free amateur phone collective in Philadelphia! If you are you a hacker, artist, or engineer? They need your help!

Philtel is looking to install payphones within the city of

Philadelphia. Any payphone installed will be completely free-to-use, allowing the user to place calls within North America. Additionally, we would like to provide various experiences and services through the phones; these could be as simple as voicemail, fun as a phone number that randomly calls other payphones, or as complex as an integration with phone collectors' networks to allow phone-phreaking and exploration!

Want to know how they are building the network? Check out <a href="https://philtel.org/about/">https://philtel.org/about/</a> where they discuss the plans and logistics of rolling this out in the Philadelphia area!

PhilTel was founded in June 2022 and was inspired by FUtel. What's FUtel? Check out their website at: <u>https://futel.net/</u>







#### Some Featured Rides & Events from our calendar:

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Sep: RIDE: Philadelphia Weekend II (includes Dinner, Barnight at The Bike Stop, Cranberry Bog Tour and more!)

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

<u>Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Sep, 08:00 – 05:00:</u> RIDE: HSS Benefit Ride. ECMC is the OFFICIAL Motorcycle Club host for this benefit, but all bikers who want to volunteer are welcomed! Go to page 2 to read about this ride!

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Sep – Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct: EVENT: Mates Leather Weekend – Provincetown, MA. See https://www.matesleatherweekend.com/

<u>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Oct, 20:00 – 21:00:</u> 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: <u>https://bit.ly/ECMC-Meeting</u> All interested parties my attend.

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Oct: EVENT: Empire City MC's 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend!

- Saturday 09:30 16:00 RIDE: Bear Mountain Twisties & Leaf Peaping. Meet for breakfast at the Lexington Candy Counter (83rd & Lex Ave) at 09:00, full belly & tank, empty bladder, KSU at 10:00 AM SHARP! We will ride up to the GOAT TRAIL & Bear Mountain, and a few surprises...
- Saturday 18:00 22:30 EVENT: ECMC's 58th Annual Formal Anniversary Dinner
- Saturday 23:00 02:30 EVENT: ECMC Barnight at the Eagle NYC, 554 W 28th St

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Oct: EVENT: Touring Ottawa, Ontario (not motorcycle)

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

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct: EVENT: PumpCon – a free hacker/computer conference in the heart of Philadelphia, PA with a little alcohol problem. For information, visit https://pumpcon.org – the fun starts Friday at 19:00 at North Bowl, 909 N 2nd St!

<u>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 20:00 – 21:00:</u> 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: <u>https://bit.ly/ECMC-Meeting</u> All interested parties my attend.

Thu 10<sup>th</sup> – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct: RIDE: Bike, Train & Cruise! (Auto Train to Cruise Ship: Mariner of the Seas & Back)

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 18:00 – 21:00: EVENT: ECMC's 59th Annual Holiday Party & Gift Drive SAVE THE DATE!



<u>REMEMBER</u>: There are plenty of other events and rides added to our official calendar on a regular basis, especially day rides! Be sure to bookmark <u>http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com</u> and come along with us on some great rides! Our physical mailing address is: **Empire City MC, 10 W 15**<sup>th</sup> **St, Suite 609, New York, NY 10011-6821**.

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

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