



Empire City MC in Winnipeg, Manitoba

Yes, some of Empire City MC visited Winnipeg last month! Yes, there are other seasons other than winter in Winnipeg, also, there are loads of bikers in the area during the summertime!

The entire town of Gimli takes on an unmistakably Icelandic hue during *Islandingadagurinn*, the annual Icelandic cultural festival. World-famous strongmen compete, and local delicacies like *vínarterta* (prune cake) and *Brennivín* (Icelandic aquavit) are plentiful. But even on a regular day in Gimli, you'll hear Icelandic being spoken and see traditional Icelandic clothing being worn. For this town is New Iceland's major centre — home to the largest Icelandic population outside of Iceland. I was there for the Icelandic strongman contest! (See the photo on the right).



We saw traditional Icelandic Viking settlement recreations, food that they ate, and the games they played! It was also quite warm, something I wasn't used to for this part of Canada!

I bought some raffle tickets for a new Harley Davidson and the drawing is in a few days from today! Wish me luck!

Read more about [how Gimli, Manitoba, became the world's biggest Icelandic community outside Iceland](#)

Of course, there was more than Gimli to visit! The boys from WLLC (Winnipeg Leather/Levi Club) were more than accommodating when I visited their home in early August 2023.

2ND PRIZE CHOICES*

2023 Alumarine 16' Pike Troller Boat, Yamaha 40Hp & Karavan Trailer	\$26,900.00	LUKE'S TOWN SERVICE
2023 Argo Frontier 650 8x8 with Tracks	\$25,000.00	LUKE'S TOWN SERVICE
2023 Yamaha Grizzly 700 ATV with Tracks	\$22,500.00	LUKE'S TOWN SERVICE
2023 Kubota RTV 520 UTV & 2023 Kubota Z231KW-42 Zero Turn Mower	\$21,100.00	SMACHTAY SALES & SERVICE LTD
2023 Honda TRX 520 Rubicon ATV & 2023 Honda CRF250F	\$19,700.00	SMACHTAY SALES & SERVICE LTD
2022 Kubota BX1880-1 with LA344S Loader & Ballast Box	\$23,200.00	SMACHTAY SALES & SERVICE LTD
2023 Precision PDM-7K Dump Trailer	\$22,500.00	TITAN TRAILERS
CASH PRIZE	\$20,000.00	



Long Island Ravens host a Motorcycle Event

“Ride L.I. ‘23” was the theme for the weekend-long riding tour of the North Shore of Long Island led by Michael C of the Long Island Ravens. We began at the Jericho Commons and made our way through Cold Spring Harbor, Smithtown, St James, Port Jefferson, Rocky Point, Calverton, Riverhead, Shinnecock, and finished in Southampton for private pool party and dinner BBQ.



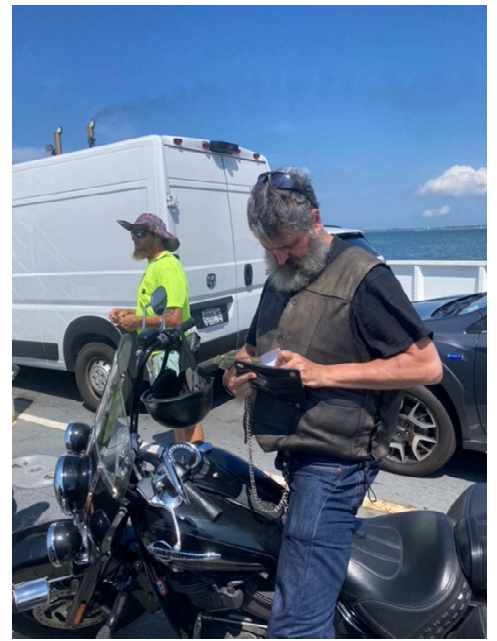
We made a stop at the Grumman Memorial in Calverton to see the jets on display there on the way to Southampton to the home and pool of Rusty, another member of the L.I. Ravens, who was hosting a few friends and members. The pool was a welcome relief from the heat of the day and set up to enjoy the drinks and BBQ that followed. It was a wonderful afternoon and evening of light-hearted conversation and the joy of being with good people, then it was lights out, until a thunderstorm came through at about 4AM with lots of lightning and thunder!



ROAD CAPTAIN'S NOTE:

This is the second L.I. Ravens' initiated Motorcycle Event with Empire City MC, the first one was 2022. They have been marvellous events and need to be fostered further – let's make this an annual tradition and see if we can get even more participation!

The ride through all these towns, reminiscent of New England villages with views of the Long Island Sound was great fun, and our lunch stop at the Tara Inn in Port Jefferson coincided almost perfectly with the rainstorm that passed over.



Breakfast was muffins and croissants and coffee with more conversation and some lingering, not wanting the morning to end.

For the ride back from Southampton, we took the Ferry to Shelter Island and rode the town to the ferry on the other side. We stopped for some really decadent donuts at the North Fork Donut Co. before we made our way home from there.

Thanks to Michael C. of the Long Island Ravens for putting this great ride and overnight in Southampton together and for leading it so well, and to Rusty for opening his home to us and being such a great host!



Hi-Ho, Come to the Fair & Other One-Day Rides!

Labour Day weekend is the beginning of the end of riding season for us folks in the north. Weather becomes more unpredictable, temperatures start to drop (especially at night), rain and hurricanes begin to form more often.

If you are an Empire City MC Member (Full or Associate), it's time to be very aware of your mandatory ride requirements to remain a member in good standing with the club! Full members need to complete three official club events and four official club rides before the year is over!

The New York State Fair

As Road Captain, I am aware of several members who are severely lacking their rides for 2023 and will focus on more day and one-night trips. The New York State Fair is held in Syracuse, NY and is a popular destination for many.

I hatched a plan to ride up to the fair, wander around a while, eat some "fair food", check into a random motel for the night and go out to Traxx Bar! Interested? Let me know! Not many have RSVPed, and this ride will be cancelled if no one does!

RSVP on your invitation, or send an e-mail to Road-Captain@EmpireCityMC.com to let him know you'll be there at 10:00 for breakfast at Adam's Family Restaurant, 41 US-46, Budd Lake, NJ, KSU: 11:00 with full gas tank, empty bladder!

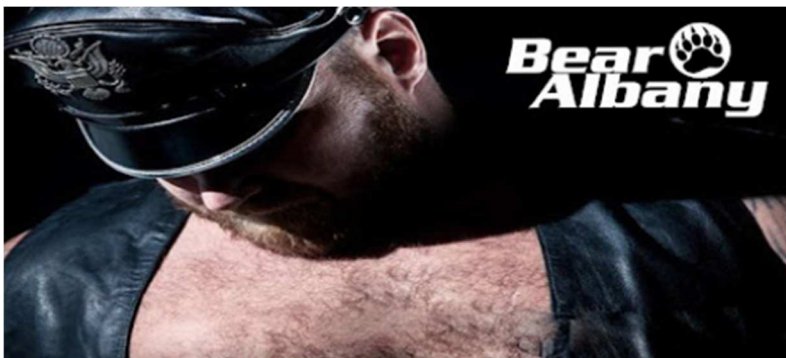
From there, we'll ride ~3 hours to Syracuse NYS Fair Grounds to see the NYS Fair, then crash at hotel and come back a different route with fun stops along the way!

Fair Tickets & Parking: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/8927/new-york-state-fair>

HSS Ride / Bear Albany's Heros & Villains (two rides!)

One of ECMC's proudest and most recent accomplishments is being the designated motorcycle club escort for the Hospital for Special Surgery Bicycle Ride in Westchester County. We act as shepherds, protecting and guiding bicyclers whom all have raised millions of dollars for HSS's worthy function! The ride starts at 8am and finishes by 4pm. In-between there is a lot of miles to travel to guide the bicycles and surrounding traffic home safe. When we return, there's tons of fancy food and drink!! Register by sending an e-mail to Road-Captain@EmpireCityMC.com and they will let you know what is required... there is no expense to us!

If you're up for it, you can knock TWO rides out in one day! After the HSS ride, we will ride up to Albany, NY for the Albany Bears' "Heroes & Villains" barnight. We'll spend the night at the host hotel and return to NYC in the morning... Oh, and yes... can get two ride credits in one trip, as well as have a blast in Albany!



UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

Some Featured Rides & Events from our calendar:

Wed 16th August, 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. Enter the gathering with this link: <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Social>

Wed 19th August, 20:00 – 21:00: RIDE: NYC-> Hillbilly Hall. Meet at Lexington Candy Shop, 1226 Lexington Ave, for coffee/light breakfast at Lexington Candy Counter at 09:00, Kick-Stands Up (KSU) at 09:30 SHARP and we'll head to Western New Jersey for lunch and some 2024 ECMC 60th Anniversary planning! All welcomed. More meet-up locations and details on our calendar.

Sat-Sun 2nd-3rd September: RIDE: New York State Fair. We'll ride from NYC to the New York State Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd in Syracuse, NY. Meet-Up at 10:00 for breakfast at [Adam's Family Restaurant](#), 41 US-46, Budd Lake, NJ, KSU: 11:00 with full gas tank, empty bladder! We'll ride ~3 hours to Syracuse NYS Fair Grounds to see the NYS Fair, then crash at hotel and come back a different route with fun stops along the way, including: Barnight at Traxx Bar Saturday night, brunch at "Modern Malt" and more!

Wed 6th September, 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.

Sat-Sun 8th-10th September: EVENT: Trident International Windy City Leather Run – see <https://tridentwindycity.com/neptune-5/>

Sat 12th August, 08:00-21:00: RIDE: LI Ravens MC Ride LI 23 Bike Tour - Gold Coast. Southampton, NY 11968. A full day's ride with Lunch for Riders and Buddies. Destination and overnight in Southampton, NY. Lunch, Dinner and light breakfast supplied. Billeting is first come, first served. Max 20 spots available. Contact the Long Island Ravens, MC for details and reservations.

Wed 20th September, 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. Enter the gathering with this link: <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Social>

Sat-Sun 8th-10th September: RIDE: HSS Benefit Ride & Bear Albany Presents: "Heroes & Villains" (after the HSS ride). For those interested in riding together up to the HSS Ride, we shall DEPART (K.S.U.) at 07:00 PROMPTLY from 107th & 1st Ave. We expect to ARRIVE at HSS at 07:45 in time for kick-off. After the HSS ride, we'll go to Albany, NY, check in to TownePlace Suites by Marriott Albany and party from 9pm to ??? at Bear Albany's Heroes & Villains Barnight & Dance Party at "Rocks", 77 Central Ave, Albany, NY.



Chaz are standing by for your call now!

Interested in any of these events or rides? Call Chaz, the Road Captain of Empire City MC to find out more, or RSVP.

In Empire City MC, the Vice President (Gary P) oversees coordinating all EVENTS (designated with the word "EVENT" in the calendar), and the Road Captain (Chaz A) is in charge of all rides/travel and accommodation (designated with the word "RIDE" in the calendar).

Chaz is happy to act as a conduit to arrange your involvement with any of our events/rides with a simple voice phone call to +1 212-212-CHAZ (2429) – hours for live assistance are 9am-10pm, 7-days a week. Voice only: No texts are allowed on this number at this time [we're working on that]. If you get voice mail, please leave a message.

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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