



Easter in Berlin – A Different Sort of ‘Riding’

In the world of gay leathermen, the motorcycle rider is a subcategory and its own fetish. Nobody on this planet does leather quite like the Germans, and that's a complete understatement! The Germans also love to have fetish events and sex parties, and there's many venues in Berlin to accommodate!

One of the biggest and best events in the world for leathermen is “Easter in Berlin”, a week-long fetish festival, ending with a weekend of debauchery like you've never seen before! If you don't like long lines you might want to steer away from the official events, but don't fret there are plenty of unofficial events going on as well!

The last time I went to this event was 2019 before COVID-19 was a problem. In addition to sightseeing, we participated in a variety of official and unofficial events throughout the entire week. It's well worth it!

Don't take my word for it visit their official website at: <https://blf.de/easterberlin/>

Unless you speak German be sure to click the UK flag for English language on the website.

I will be there this year once again, some of the events I'm looking forward to attending are the Fetish Dinner, the Leather Boat Cruise and the Easter Pig Party! Limited tickets are on sale now on their website for these official events.



Be aware of dress codes the language they use might differ from the language you use. Myself and a member of the Satyrs MC (CA) had discovered this when we went to a motorcycle leather bar night in Berlin. We were dressed from our Boots to our Muir Caps at the door, So much leather we could barely bend our knees. We were denied access because we did not comply with their leather dress code – this Surprised us because we were head-to-toe in leather.

Ahhhh, but we weren't because we had textiles: our shirts, denim overlay and Levis 501 pants under our chaps were not allowed! Textiles are verboten, said the bouncer. After explaining that in other parts of the world this was considered full leather they let us in this one time. Once inside we discovered what they considered to be full leather dress: leather onesies and two-piece outfits. If you had boots, gloves and a helmet, you appeared like an automaton not a human. Furthermore, there were absolutely ZERO motorcycle clubs represented... every last one of them were GDIs who, at times, rode together.

So if you're going to go, be aware of cultural changes and meanings. I lost a helmet in Italy because it was not street legal although when I checked before going, they indicated that half helmets were completely fine... only to discover what they considered half helmets are what we call three quarter helmets.

If you need any information or advice about Easter in Berlin reach out to Vice-President@EmpireCityMC.com

Don't be 'That' Biker

You might have seen this online: "A customer brings in a bike complaining of poor gas mileage and ill handling.....Don't be THAT guy. Get your bike road worthy and SAFE!"

So many bikers get back on the road in the spring with such excitement about the good weather, they fail to do the most cursory inspections of their bikes before taking off.

Good bikers check their motorcycles every time before they had down the road.

You need not do a complete inspection, but make sure your lights are working, your tyres are inflated, your tyres are not worn, and that there is no broken equipment.

We want to have a fun year and not have to deal with breakdowns. Over the years when we've ridden in formation with members and guests, we have had several problems because of poor maintenance. Don't be that biker. We'll be happy to help you out when something goes wrong, but if it was avoidable by way of preventative maintenance, we might get a little steamed.



Excelsior MC Barnight

The advert for the Excelsior MC Barnight is printed here on the right hand side but this is all we know of the event there was no further information at this time.

If you need additional information reach out to Excelsior MC directly.

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Long Island Ravens 32nd Anniversary Dinner

The long Island Ravens are celebrating their 50th anniversary with a dinner filled with friends and fun! Get your tickets NOW – this is coming up very soon!





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32ND ANNIVERSARY DINNER

SATURDAY MARCH 23RD * 6 - 10 PM

4 COURSE PLATED DINNER * CASH BAR

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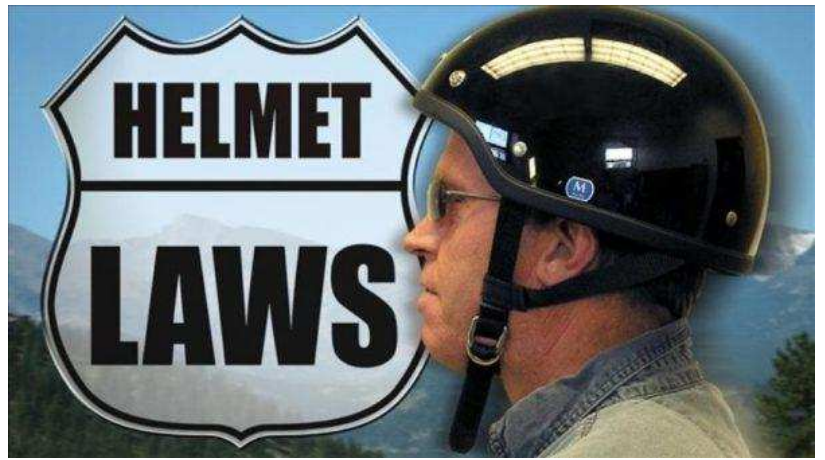
3209 Horseblock Road
Medford, NY 11763
(LIE Exit 64 North)

MORE INFO AND SECURE ONLINE PURCHASE AT: WWW.LIRAVENSMC.ORG



New Connecticut Helmet Legislation?

The Connecticut Motorcycle Riders Association (CMRA) has identified helmet legislation within a bill called HB5330: AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.



This legislation covers several topics, with language regarding wetlands, building permits and bicycles. However, section 19(b) on page 22 of the 29-page bill introduces the topic of helmets. This section seems aimed toward new riders, following section 19(a), which requires helmets for riders under the age of eighteen (18). Section 19(b) would require wearing a helmet for the first three (3) years after receiving a motorcycle endorsement on their license. The wording is such that it would require an experienced rider moving to Connecticut to wear a helmet for the next three (3) years.

The CMRA is working to organize riders in the Constitution State to attend a hearing on the bill at 10:00 am on March 4th, 2024. They will address

lawmakers in an effort to push back against this proposed legislation. This bill in Connecticut is a second warning in as many days to all state motorcyclist rights organizations that attempts at helmet legislation are not dead. We must remain vigilant to continue allowing those who ride to decide what they wear. The MRF applauds this vigilance, and we will help them however we can.

Hearing at 10:00 am on Monday, March 4th, regarding HB5330. To learn more about the bill in Connecticut and help CMRA with its efforts, click the buttons below. Now more than ever, ride safe and ride free.

Leather Bingo with Evil Ed

Evil Ed, who is now an Honourary Member of Empire City MC continues to do fun-d raising, but now in Florida at the Purple Rhino at 2920 Beneva Rd, Sarasota, FL 34232

Every other Sunday, Evil Ed and husband mix up the balls to call LEATHER BINGO! The first hard card is FREE, but each additional paper card costs \$1. Win fabulous prizes! Raise money for the community! Cruise & Socialise!

Overheard at leather bingo:

"Finally – a reason to wear leather in Florida!"

"How does Evil Ed change outfits so quickly?"

"Haaaay – nice penis!!" – in the washroom.



UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

Sat 16th Mar, 10:00 – 14:00: RIDE: Williams' H-D Spring Kick-off Ride, Williams Harley-Davidson, 1100 US-22, Lebanon, NJ 08833

Sat 16th Mar, 18:00 – 23:00: EVENT: Spearhead LDSC's 54th Anniversary, The Cherie Bistro, 538 Church St, Toronto, ON Canada

Wed 20th Mar, 20:00 – 21:00: SOCIAL MEETING: we host a social teleconference the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All 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 23rd Mar 18:00 – 22:00: EVENT: Long Island Ravens Anniversary Dinner at Medford Pastaria, 3209 Horseblock Road, Medford, NY 11763. Info & Tickets: <http://liravensmc.org/neo-main.php> (tickets must be purchased in advance!)

Sun 24th Mar 10:00 – 17:00: RIDE: Season Warm-Up Ride to Woodstock Inn (Spartan MC). Meetup Point: Hillendale Starbucks – 10155 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20903; Alternate Meetup Point: Warwick Way Shell Station – 10781 Birmingham Way, Ellicott City, MD 21163. Overview: We will ride up to Woodstock Inn and then Firehouse Creamery for ice cream. It is not too taxing.

Fri 29th Mar – Mon 1st Apr: EVENT: Easter in Berlin. More information here: <https://blf.de/easterberlin/> (strict dress codes)

Wed 3rd Mar, 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.

Fri 5th Apr, 20:00 – 23:00: EVENT: Excelsior MC Bar Night at Gym Sportsbar, 167 8th Ave, New York, NY 10011

Sat 6th Apr, 09:00 – 18:00: RIDE: Founders Day Commemoration Ceremony Ride (Spartan MC). Meetup Point: Clifton Café – 7144 Main St, Clifton, VA 20124, Alternate Meetup Point: US-15/VA-234 7-11 – 4075 Sudley Rd, Haymarket, VA 20169. Overview: We will ride from Clifton Café through Lime Kiln Rd to Purcellville. After that to Harpers Ferry with a lunch stop at Lilah's in Shepherdstown. After that we will go up to Boonsboro to Gambrill State Park for a Commemoration Ceremony at the North Overlook. After that down the mountain to ice cream in Jefferson at the Little Red Barn.

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Fri 19th – Sun 21st Apr: EVENT: ShipMates Club of Baltimore 50th Anniversary (*see January 2024's Rumbings for more information*)

Thu 23rd May – Tue 28th May: RIDE: ECMC's 13th Annual Biker Weekend in Pittsburgh with Sight-Seeing/Riding around PA! Thursday we'll meeting Harrisburg. Run application and additional information for this trip, and the week following it will be in next month's newsletter – if you have suggestions about the Ohio section, join our SOCIAL CALLS please.

Sat 20th Jul – Sun 28th Jul: RIDE: ECMC's 60th Anniversary Summer Ride. This ride, proposed to go to Maine, will be our SECOND week-long ride for our 60th Anniversary! Yes, we're considering TWO week-long rides in 2024!!!

Fri 11th Oct – Mon 14th Oct: EVENT: Empire City MC's 60th Anniversary Weekend in New York City, NY. Details coming!

Join the conversation! Chat with other bikers on our 'Motorcyclists on Signal' group: <https://bit.ly/motonsig>

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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