

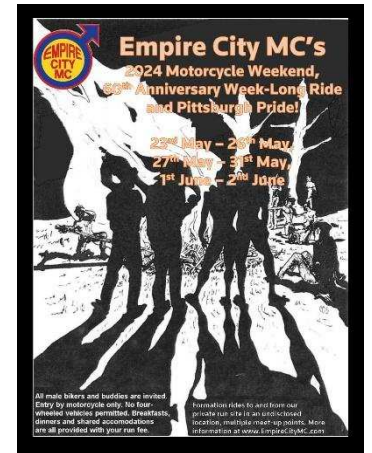


Motorcycle Weekend, Ohio Excursion & Pittsburgh Pride

If you're planning on attending any segments of this week-long adventure spanning from New York to Columbus and including stops in Harrisburg, Coal Centre, Cleveland and Pittsburgh – please get your Run Application submitted so we know how many to expect. This is important! If you didn't get it in last month's newsletter, please go to www.EmpireCityMC.com and download it from our website, fill in the main page (the one you sign) including ticking the boxes of which day(s) and night(s) you will be there.

All male motorcyclists are welcome to attend; however, without bring registered, we cannot promise you bed space; also, you'll miss out on personalised instructions on requirements you will need to complete (such as hotel reservations and meet-up addresses!)

Do not delay – register as soon as you can please.



Great British Bear Bash 2024

Every year on the Early May Bank Holiday (a U.K. holiday celebrated on the first Monday of May), hundreds of men descend upon Manchester, England, UK for the Great British Bear Bash.

This is an event created and operated by ManBears, Manchester's foremost bear group and features lots of fur, food and frolic! Did I mention a sauna, sausage rolls and beer too? Come along next year, if you dare! These bears are HUNGRY!



<https://www.manbears-manchester.co.uk/>

ShipMates Club of Baltimore 50th Anniversary

The Baltimore Shipmates celebrated their 50th Anniversary last month at an in-town hotel run! Alcohol flowed all weekend long!

The Shipmates installed their new officers in a wonderful ceremony following an amazing dinner at The Pratt Street Ale House, just steps from the host hotel!



Added bonuses: Just behind the host hotel was the birthplace of Babe Ruth and also the amazing B&O Locomotive Museum with an actual working manual roundhouse!

Below & Above Weekend Rides and Away Barnight

7th & 8th September will be host to a special weekend with two rides and an event!

The Saturday, 7th September ride will be **"Below"**, a trip from New York City to the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

If you'd like to go on the coal mine tour, it's only \$10. We will go down the 92m (300ft) descent down the slope in a train, taking 3-4 minutes, then walk about one half-mile, lasting one hour. The tour guide is a beefy Welsh man too!

If you prefer to not go down, you can wait for us on the surface in the museum where there's lots to see.



FLIGHT INFORMATION AND PRICES

	Satchmoe's Sonata Dance around the Delaware, up the river towards Frenchtown and Milford.	Find Our Mojo We use this flight to search west and find new land to explore. Lake Nockamixon and beyond.	Barnstormin' Bar's Best Down river to New Hope's railroad, Washington's Crossing, Bowman's Tower, circling back over Peddlers Village and Doylestown.	Dare Devil Dannie's Delight All of the above plus over beautiful Bucks County to Lake Nockamixon. Or, a city run up river to Philipsburg, Easton, Bethlehem & Allentown.
				
Ride Duration Minutes	20	30	40	60
1928 Travel Air Biplane (2 passengers, 350lbs max)	\$220	\$275	\$330	\$440
Waco Biplane (2 passengers, 350lbs max)	\$220	\$275	\$330	\$440

The Sunday, 8th September ride will be **"Above"**, a trip to the Van Sant Airport in the mountains of Pennsylvania.

You can munch at the snack bar while watching all sorts of old-fashioned propeller planes and bi-wing planes take off, do stunts and land...

If you're daring, and you're under 91kg (200lbs), prices start at \$80 for a 20-minute ride! There are many options for one to three passengers, 20 to 60 minutes, different weight requirements and plane types all where you can book your flight in advance at:

https://vansantairport.com/ride_prices.html

If booking a flight, we expect to arrive no later than noon on 8th September, and expect to be there until 15:30, or (if there are no more flight bookings), when everyone agrees to leave.

Wait... wait... what about Saturday night?

Well, I was saving that for last – also, because it's not all planned just yet...

We're considering hosting a join barnight with the men of Spartan MC in New Hope, Pennsylvania at a gay-friendly hotel!

No promises just yet – but perhaps by the next newsletter!

So save the weekend and expect some ear-popping experiences!



Manhattan Congestion Pricing to Launch June 30th

June 30. That's when car drivers will be charged an additional \$15 to enter Manhattan at 61st St and below, while trucks could be charged between \$24 and \$36, depending on size.

The long-awaited congestion pricing model set to make history in the United States will begin in New York City one second after 12 a.m. on the final Sunday in June, MTA officials announced. The date is two weeks later than the transit agency had initially targeted.

All 110 toll readers are installed, positioning the MTA to be ready to collect by June. Federal judges on either side of the river could delay the plans, but the MTA has said it expects those legal challenges to fail.



ECMC Barnight in NYC / L.I. Memories Ride

On Saturday, 6th July we're hoping to host a barnight in NYC. This is conceptual only at this point, but feeling good about that date – in addition, the next day, Sunday, 7th July we'll do a **Long Island "Memories" Tour**. What exactly is that? Old things!

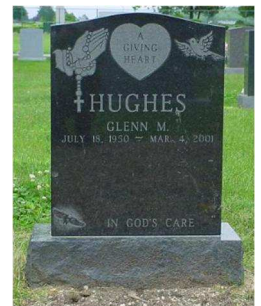
We will start our trip with breakfast in an old Queens diner, **"Blue Bay Diner"**

Stop #1 is visiting **Glenn Hughes Grave** in Farmingdale, NY – we last visited on what would have been his 70th birthday in 2020.

Stop #2 is the **Long Island Telephone Museum** in Commack, NY

Stop #3 lunch and **20th Century Cycles** (the Billy Joel Garage) in Oyster Bay, NY

Stop #4 is our victory drink at **Ty's** in the West Village!



UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

Sat 11th May, 20:00 – 21:00: RIDE: BBQ-Axe Throwing-Ice Cream in Purcellville (Spartans MC) details at calendar.EmpireCityMC.com

Wed 15th May, 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>

Fri 17th – Sun 19th May: EVENT: Excelsior MC's "Lust for Life: Shipwrecked at Booty Bay" their 49th Annual Lust for Life event brings the leather community together for a weekend of fun and frolic in Cherry Grove.

Sun 19th May, 09:30 – 12:30: RIDE: Distinguished Gentleman's Ride. Grand Central Terminal, 89 E 42nd St, New York, NY 10017

Empire City MC's 60th Anniversary: Motorcycle Weekend + Week-Long Spring Ride

Thu 23rd May – Sun 26th May: RIDE: ECMC's 13th Annual Biker Weekend in Pittsburgh with Sight-Seeing/Riding around PA! Thursday we'll meet in Harrisburg. Run application and additional information for this trip is attached to this newsletter!

Sun 26th May – Fri 31st May: RIDE: As part of our 60th Anniversary of RIDING, we'll depart from the Biker Weekend and explore Ohio!

Fri 31st May – Sun 2nd Jun: RIDE: As part of our 60th Anniversary of RIDING, we'll return from Ohio in time for the **Pittsburgh Pride Parade**, where we'll ride proudly with our motorcyclist sisters and brothers! Following the parade, we'll pack up and go to Harrisburg for the night (half-way point to NYC). Run application and additional information for this trip is attached to this newsletter!

Wed 5th Jun, 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 may attend.

Fri 7th – Sun 9th Jun: RIDE: Washington DC Pride. Come join the men of Empire City with the men of Spartan MC for a fun weekend of debauchery, riding and I hear there's a PRIDE PARADE too! Limited billeting for BIKERS provided by Spartan MC! Contact R.C. for deets.

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Wed 21st Jun, 18:00 – 21:00: EVENT: ECMC Bike Blessing at Ty's Bar NYC, 114 Christopher St, New York, NY 10014 all are welcomed!

Empire City MC's 60th Anniversary: Week-Long Summer Ride

Sat 20th Jul – Sun 28th Jul: RIDE: ECMC's 60th Anniversary Summer Ride. Planning phases.

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

There are other events and rides in our official calendar! Be sure to bookmark our official calendar at <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.**

Join the conversation! Chat with us and other bikers on our private 'Motorcyclists on Signal' group: <https://bit.ly/motonsig> - for membership information, <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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