



It's Pride Month!

Empire City MC has already been in two Pride Parades: Pittsburgh, PA and Washington, DC! It's nearly time for the cherry on the sundae, as New York City Pride steps off on Sunday, 30th June 2024! Empire City MC has a long-standing tradition of riding with with the Sirens MC (formerly Dykes on Bikes, NYC Chapter) in the NYC parade – and this year shall be no different.

The parade is at the end of the month, but there's still time to participate in the parade, as well as our 60th Annual Motorcycle Christening and Biker Gathering at Ty's Bar on Friday, 21st June, starting at 6pm – all are welcomed to come hang with us and the bikers who come to get their bikes blessed and for new bikes, Christened by our chaplain! The next day will be our 60th annual Biker's Picnic, which is free for all who attend on a motorcycle (riders and passengers)!



See our calendar for details at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com>

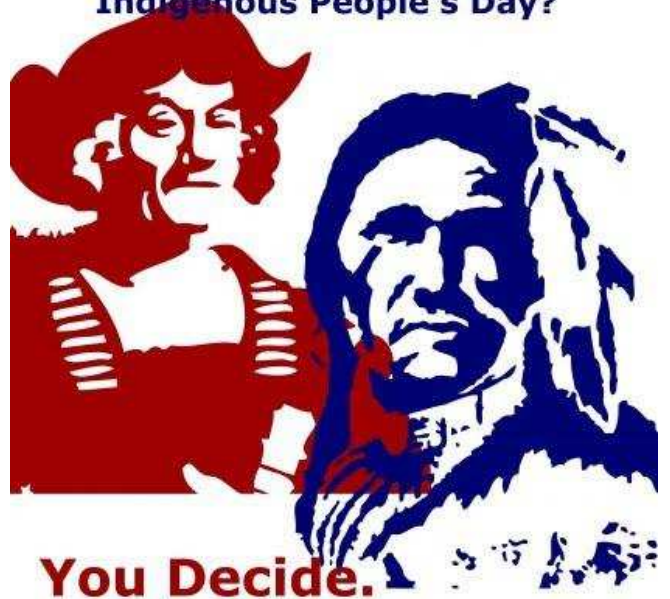
Save The Dates: ECMC Anniversary Weekend

You may call it Columbus Day or Indigenous People's Day, but within Empire City MC, we call it our Anniversary Weekend!

11th-14th October 2024 will be ECMC's 60th Anniversary Weekend, and we'll have a variety of activity going on – but the one thing that will be missing is a "host hotel". Due to the extremely expensive nature of hoteling these days, we're going to let people decide for themselves where they choose to stay – you might wanna stay at a hotel, or at a friend's place or maybe an Airbnb... we're not going to lock you in at an expensive hotel and we will have all of our events at various places throughout Manhattan easy to get to with our subway system which operates 24/7.

Why are we making this change? The economy! Things have become extremely expensive, and we understand that we are going to make this an Ala carte event for everybody so you can choose what you wish to do and where you wish to stay... applications will be available in the coming months. Note: Monday 14 October is an optional day, we know not everyone gets that day off. It's your call. You decide!

Christopher Columbus Day or Indigenous People's Day?



HOIST Men of Leather Run, Hampshire, TN

Empire City MC is one of 19 clubs that are members of AMCC, the Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council. Did you know there are other similar organisations? One of those is the Mid-America Conference of Clubs (MACC), which the HOIST Men of Leather is a member club!

It's always fun to go on a road trip where you'll meet all sorts of new men from other places, and HOIST's Pig Weekend V – Fort Swine: Operation Penetration sounds like one of those!

It's unusual to have outdoor runs in the AMCC clubs any longer, so this is a treat – the run fee (which includes your food, alcohol, snacks, beverages, run bag and entertainment for the weekend) is only \$169.00. You can choose your accommodations from a plethora of choices, the cheapest being \$75.00 in a bunkhouse hosting six men in twin beds for the weekend, up to 'super-deluxe accommodations' for only \$300 for the weekend!

I understand there are some new people in the community who are new to the concept of outdoor runs. In town runs are runs that are held within hotels such as the Shipmates 50th Anniversary this past April, or The Philadelphians Run back in December 2023. Not necessarily everything is covered within town runs and you are typically in a city where you need to walk, drive or take taxis to bars to participate in various events.

An outdoor run is at a campground. Every campground is different, some require tents, others have cabins with beds. This weekend in October will be one of the campgrounds with cabins, so don't fret you're not going to be sleeping on the ground in a sleeping bag! Once you arrive at an outdoor run you will register and get your run packet and housing assignment. You will meet the people sharing your cabin if you are in the bunkhouse, other cabins are private (and are nearly sold out!) The Run Book is your guide to all the events and times they happen throughout the weekend. With most outdoor runs, the campground is closed to the public and only available to people who have purchased a run pass. HOIST has a Midsouth Kink and Leather Sir and boy contest during the run, and they are looking for contestants for Sir and boy categories. The winner of each category goes on to IML or similar events. Contestants can be from any state.

See: hoistmemphis.org for photo galleries of past runs, lots of information about HOIST and a link to register. Empire City MC will be attending this outdoor run 4th-6th October just outside of Nashville TN at a private campground reserved for their exclusive use!

There will be many amenities at the campground and lots of activities, including: Registration, Many Cocktail Parties, Formal Dinner, Parade of Colours & Introduction of Judges and Candidates, Cigar Social, Dance Party, FULL Dungeon with Demos, Pup Mosh Pit, Sexy People Games & Lube Wrestling (Underwear Attire Encouraged / Clothing Optional), Dinner Buffet, Mid-South Kink & Leather Contest Cocktail Reception & Contest, Weenie Roast & Cocktail Party, Brunch & Awards Presentation, Memorial of Remembrance and Final Farewells & Goodbyes

If you're interested in going, make sure you register now as this event always sells out quickly. More information and registration is available on their web page at: <https://hoistmemphis.org/events/hoist-leather-run/> Some photos from 2023 are here to give you an example of what to expect (*photos provided by Tristan Sutphin Photography*)



Sad News: ECMC Honourary Member Michael Matles

Michael Vincent Matles, passed away after a valiant ten-year battle with prostate cancer on 14 May '24 at the age of 74. He is survived by his husband, Edward Hebert. He was born in Detroit, Michigan, on 4 March 1950. His childhood in Detroit instilled a lifelong passion for motorcycles, collecting coins, and genealogy, and he loved to speak about them with anyone who would listen. Michael and Ed first met in 2001 and bonded over their sense of humour and mutual appreciation for cooking, which they continued to share throughout their happy 19-year marriage.



He leaves behind his children, Amanda Matles, Emily Quinn (Michael), and Anne Marie Matles, stepchildren Jonathan Hebert and Marques Hebert, and step grandchildren Tristan, Sienna, Paige Hebert, Michelina Colson, and Stephani Bauduccio. He was preceded in death by his parents, Irene Matles and Vincent Matles, sister Elaine Matles-Cole, stepmother Karen Matles, ex-wife Cheryl Matles, stepdaughter Jennifer Marshall & grandson Jeffrey Rodriguez, III.



out of the Bronx. As you can imagine, this is very difficult for Ed (Michael's spouse) as he grieves for his loss and processes the life changes that lie before him. Michael will be greatly missed but will continue to live in our hearts and memories. With deepest sympathy and condolences.

The funeral will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Nicholson, PA, at a time and date to be determined. All friends and family are welcome. Instead of flowers or other gifts, the family asks for donations to the Alzheimer's Association or Rising Ground, based

Rising Ground Fund Drive for Personal Care Packages

Rising Ground provides thousands of young people aged 16-24 in our runaway & homeless youth programs with crucial beds, respite, and educational and health supports to help them find positive pathways forward.

But there is an ongoing practical need that you can help us meet. Throughout June we are requesting donations of toiletry and personal care items, undergarments, socks, and outerwear to support over 4,000 youth in our runaway & homeless youth programs by providing them with Personal Care Packages. These items may seem small but can make a significant impact on a young person's daily life.

HOW TO DONATE ITEMS FOR PERSONAL CARE PACKAGES:

1. [Donate online](#), specifying that your gift is for the Personal Care Packages Drive 2024. Funds donated will be used to purchase items from our list (or mail a check noting that your donation is for the Personal Care Package Drive to: Rising Ground Development Office, 151 Lawrence Street, 5th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201): <https://www.risingground.org/donate/>
2. Shop for essential items on Amazon. Select the Rising Ground address (Racquel Jones, Rising Ground) to have the items shipped directly to us: [Shop at Amazon](#) at https://bit.ly/rg_amazon

Your support can boost the confidence of homeless youth, helping them get back on their feet and regain a sense of normalcy in their lives. Rising Ground and Empire City MC thanks you!



UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

Wed 19th Jun, 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 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!

Sat 22nd Jun, 09:00 – 17:00: RIDE: ECMC's 60th Annual Biker Picnic (Admission by motorcycle only!)

Sun 30th Jun, 10:00 – 15:00: RIDE: NYC 2024 Gay Pride March

Wed 3rd Jul, 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 6th Jul, 18:00 – 23:00: EVENT: ECMC Barnight in NYC

Sun 7th Jul, 08:00 – 19:00: RIDE: Long Island Memories Loop! We're doing a big loop from New York City into Long Island to visit these places: Breakfast at Blue Bay Diner, Visit Glenn Hughes Grave, Visit the Long Island Telephone Museum, Lunch & 20th Century Cycles in Oyster Bay, then ride to Ty's for a end-of-ride celebration! Ride Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/n3SjzCosU7T9QDCw6>

Thu 11th – Sun 14th Jul: RIDE: Gettysburg Bike Week. A predominately straight (possibly anti-gay/intolerant) motorcycle rally/concert in Gettysburg. Gettysburg Bike Week® is Eastern Pennsylvania's definitive motorcycle rally, featuring great national music acts, historic riding, and hospitality that you can only find in a city with this much history. More info at: <https://gettysburgbikeweek.com/>

Sat 13th Jul, 09:00 – 18:00: RIDE: The annual Emilio Carranza Memorial & Wreath Laying Ceremony will be at these GPS coordinates 39°46'38.6"N, 74°37'56.6"W – Empire City MC will ride out in formal colours (mechanic's shirts) to lay the wreath from NYC.

Wed 17th Jul, 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>

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.

Sat 13th Jul, 09:00 – 18:00: RIDE: Guns and Cream (Spartans MC). Join Spartan MC for shooting range and ice cream. More details to come. What's the worst that could happen?

Wed 7th Aug, 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 11th Oct – Mon 14th Oct: EVENT: Empire City MC's 60th Anniversary Weekend in New York City, NY.

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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