



Emil Solis Remembered

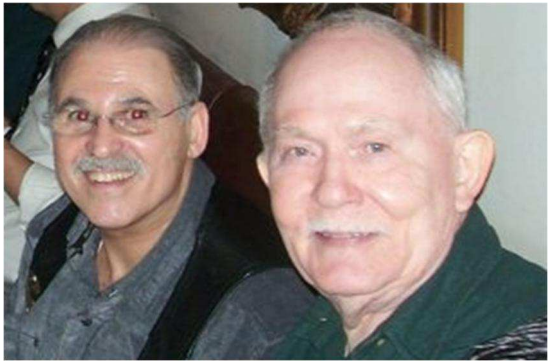
Emil Solis passed away on the morning of July 4th, 2024. He was 90 years old. Emil joined Empire City MC in early 1965, several months after the club began.

Emil contributed to the club in many ways. He was President when Mark Wind joined in 1975 and proudly signed Mark's membership card the night he joined. He had also held the offices of "Corresponding Secretary" and "Recording Secretary". His last office was as Treasurer, which he held for over 10 years.



He became Emeritus a few years after that membership category was established.

(Emeritus membership is allowed to members who have held membership as a full member for at least ten years. Emeritus members may not make motions, hold an office nor vote. It is a form of retirement while still maintaining a connection with the club.)



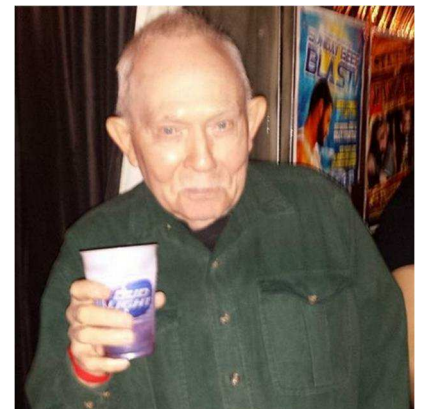
He lived in NYC since he was twelve years old and only left New York a few years ago when his heart health became grave, and dementia developed. He spent his remaining time with his family in California.



He contributed in many ways to the club till his dying days, often sending money to the club for our Treasury. Before COVID-19, when we met at The Centre, he would often attend meetings and offer bits of historical perspective.

He was interviewed in 2014 during our 50th Anniversary by Kiwi Callahan for her "Where I Don't Belong" series, the episode can be seen on the front page of our website: www.EmpireCityMC.com where he described the first-ever "Gay Liberation March", which would become the Gay Pride Parade years later. Emil was known to write letters (yes, pen and paper sent in the post!) along with newspaper clippings of interest to gay motorbikers.

Emil was a kind, gentle and dear man; he will be missed greatly by us all.



Empire City MC's 60th Anniversary Weekend!

For the most flexibility as possible for all our guests from all over, all events are "dutch treat" without any advance ticketing, with the exception of our walking tour and our Dinner Cruise, which has "early bird" tickets until 1st September 2024, then the standard ticket pricing will be used, provided there are any tickets left by then!

Schedule of Events

Friday

08:00 PM – Welcome to NYC Barnight at Ty's, Christopher St
11:00 PM – After-Hours party at (ask an ECMC member!)

Saturday

11:00 AM – AMCC 201st Meeting at Julius'
12:00 PM – Lunch at Julius'
01:00 PM – Historic Gay Tour - register at <https://ecmc-tour.eventbrite.com>
06:00 PM – Get to 2430 FDR Dr Service Rd E, New York, NY 10010 to prepare to board The Cosmo
06:30 PM – Board the Cosmo, we will depart at 07:00 PM Sharp!
07:00 PM – Dinner Cruise on the New York Harbour, tickets: <https://ecmc60th.eventbrite.com/>
11:00 PM – Party like it's 1964 at a private Empire City MC barnight!

Sunday

11:00 AM – Brunch at T/B/D
12:00 PM – Lewis & Tim's NYC Brewery Tour
06:00 PM – Sunday Roast
08:00 PM – Christopher Street Pub Crawl, ending at Ty's by 10:00 PM

Monday

09:00 AM – Brunch at Lexington Candy Counter and farewell!



Save Our Shops!

The independent and aftermarket motorcycling industry is endangered. Shops, builders, parts makers - every aspect of the industry is being threatened by regulatory lockdown. Dealers won't work on bikes over 10-years old, but manufacturers won't let anyone other than dealers work on the bikes!



Motorcycling legend Bob Kay is speaking out for the Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket (IMA). The IMA is collaborating with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) to save this industry, which supports the biker culture throughout the US. Watch the video and hear Bob Kay in his own words: <https://bit.ly/yt-ama-sos>

Do you know an independent shop owner? Share this message with them and tell them about the IMA and MRF. Together, we can save our Right to Repair and the aftermarket industry.



Tickets are ON SALE NOW for Empire City MC's infamous three-hour dinner cruise on the New York Harbour!

Prices go up on September 1st!

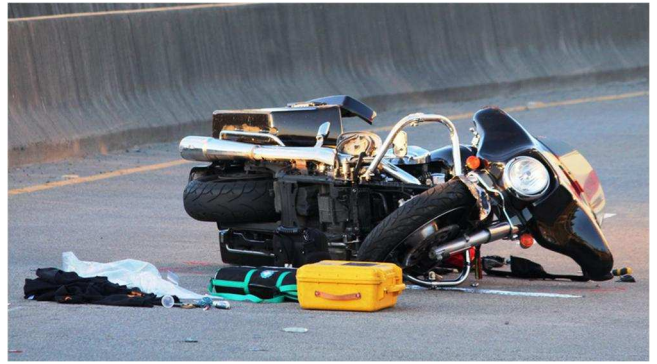
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2022 Traffic Safety Facts for Motorcycles

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released their 2022 Traffic Safety Facts for Motorcycles. The 15-page report details motorcycle safety data including geographic, demographic and other factors in crashes and fatalities involving bikers.

As is often the case, how statistics are framed can shape the narrative surrounding the numbers. NHTSA lists “Key Findings” from the report. Some of the major findings include:

- In 2022 there were 6,218 motorcyclists killed, 15% of all traffic fatalities. An increase of 1% from the previous year
- An estimated 82,687 motorcyclists were injured in 2022, a 3% decrease from 84,898 motorcyclists injured in 2021.
- 35% of motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2022 were not properly licensed.
- 42% of motorcycle riders who died in single-vehicle crashes in 2022 were alcohol-impaired.



On these four points, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has a strong message, too many bikers are being killed and injured on our nation’s roadways! It is unacceptable that 15% of deaths on the road are motorcyclists. An easy and obvious way to help bring that number down is to ensure those on motorcycles are properly trained and licensed to operate motorcycles. Additionally, the number of alcohol-impaired deaths is disgraceful. Reducing or eliminating impaired riding would make a dramatic difference to these numbers.

However, some of the points made in the report are spun in a way we find troubling. For example, NHTSA lists as one of its key findings:

- States without helmet laws, based on known helmet use, 54 percent of motorcyclists killed in 2022 were not wearing helmets, as compared to 11 percent in States with universal helmet laws.



What is not highlighted is that 63% of all fatalities nationwide involved a rider wearing a helmet, based on known helmet use. Additionally, the lack of a mandate to wear a helmet doesn’t mean a motorcyclist can’t wear one. It just means that those riding are allowed to decide for themselves. This fact is spotlighted by the fact that 11 of 32 states without a mandatory helmet law (Alaska, Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Missouri, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah and Wyoming), had the same number or more deaths among riders wearing helmets as without helmets.

MRF President Kirk “Hardtail” Willard” quipped, “Looks like NHTSA won’t stop until all bikers killed are wearing a helmet!”

Another point to note is that an estimated 4.1 billion more miles were ridden on motorcycles in 2022 than the previous year. This is a 21% increase in miles travelled while fatalities only increased by 1%, showing that while the number of fatalities increased, the rate of fatalities per mile travelled decreased. One of NHTSA’s “Key Findings” for this report is that motorcycles in 2022 had a 26.16% fatality rate per mile travelled. They do not point out that in 2021 that same rate was 31.27%, giving motorcycles a reduction in fatalities of 5.11%. Meanwhile, passenger car fatalities dropped 0.07% and light trucks dropped 0.04% based on miles travelled.

Some other facts from the report:

- 35% of all motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2022 were speeding.
- 66% of fatalities occurred in urban areas.
- 36% of fatal crashes occurred at an intersection.
- 58% of deaths happened during daylight hours.
- 92% occurred on non-interstate roads.

It is also important to note that according to NHTSA, “For the purposes of this fact sheet, motorcycles include 2- and 3-wheeled motorcycles, off-road motorcycles, mopeds, motor scooters, minibikes, and pocket bikes.” However, in a move the MRF applauds, motorized bicycles (previously included in these numbers), have been removed from the motorcycle category and will now be categorized as bicycles.

UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

August

17 – 18 Aug 2024 RIDE: L.I. Ravens' Summer Ride

Wed, 21 Aug, 20:00–21:00 MEET: ECMC Monthly Social Hour*

September

Wed, 4 Sep, 20:00–21:00 MEET: Empire City MC's Open General Meeting*

7 – 8 Sep 2024 RIDE: Below & Above Weekend Rides

Sat, 14 Sep, 08:00–16:00 RIDE: Bike HSS Benefit Ride

Wed, 18 Sep, 20:00–21:00 MEET: ECMC Monthly Social Hour*

21 – 22 Sep 2024 RIDE: Trains & Wolves of Pennsylvania

26 – 30 Sep 2024 RIDE: Back of The Dragon Mini Marathon (Spartan MC)

October

1 – 3 Oct 2024 RIDE: Nashville, TN

Wed, 2 Oct, 20:00–21:00 MEET: Empire City MC's Open General Meeting*

4 – 6 Oct 2024 EVENT: HOIST Pig Weekend V - Fort Swine - Operation Penetration

Mon, 7 Oct RIDE: Store bikes in Atlanta, fly home!

11 – 14 October 2024 EVENT: Empire City MC's 60th Anniversary Weekend

Wed, 16 Oct, 20:00–21:00 MEET: ECMC Monthly Social Hour*

November

Wed, 6 Nov, 20:00–21:00 MEET: Empire City MC's Open General Meeting*

Wed, 20 Nov, 20:00–21:00 MEET: ECMC Monthly Social Hour*

December

Wed, 4 Dec, 20:00–21:00 MEET: Empire City MC's Open General Meeting*

Sat, 7 Dec, 18:00–21:00 EVENT: ECMC's 61st Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive

Wed, 18 Dec, 20:00–21:00 MEET: ECMC Monthly Social Hour*

January 2025

Wed, 8 Jan, 20:00–21:00 MEET: Empire City MC's Open General Meeting*

* **SOCIAL HOURS & OPEN GENERAL MEETINGS:** Empire City MC hosts two primary meetings monthly. Our Open General Meetings are on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month, 20:00-21:00. Our Social Hours are on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month, 20:00-21:00. All interested parties are welcomed, keeping in mind that our O.G.M. is a business meeting. You may join any of our conference calls by using Zoom Teleconference software and utilising this link: <https://bit.ly/ECMC-MEET> (this link is new as of June 2024!)

For further information on any of these rides and events, please see our official online calendar at: <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com>

For even further information, in our organisation, the Vice President (vice-president@empirecitymc.com) is in charge of EVENTS the Road Captain (road-captain@empirecitymc.com) for RIDES (travel), president (president@empirecitymc.com) for meetings.

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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