



Empire City MC's Motorcycle Weekend

I don't want to blame *everything* on Donald Trump, but as far as our plans for "Motorcycle Week" in Hershey PA goes, everyone we've spoken to is terrified of the serious downturn in the economy thanks to Trump's tariffs, not to mention the possible discontinuation of Social Security, it's simply not a good time to spend a lot of money on hotels when our disposable income retirement and jobs are all in question at this time. We had some really great options, including a 7-bedroom/7-bathroom house in Lancaster PA (which was a lot cheaper than Hershey was looking!) But after we polled many people, we determined there was simply not enough interest at this time due to the economy.

So, we polled people who ride with us as well as our fellow members and have decided that we need to pull back the event to the bare bones. Rather than making it a full weeklong event just focus on Memorial Day weekend. I am pleased to say that after much discussion we have decided on this simple plan: **Due to the economy being in the shitter, we are scaling back on what was to be a weeklong ride based out of Hershey, PA to our long-standing Memorial Day weekend at Mike Natale's farm once again.**

There is no up-front charge for this event, everything will be "dutch treat" as the weekend progresses; however, we do request that you RSVP on our eventbrite page (link at the bottom) as there is limited space!



We are asking that people arrive at Mike & Doug's at 17:00 on Friday, 23rd May 2025. Here is the rough schedule of events:

Fri 23 May	Arrive at The Farm by 17:00, dutch treat dinner at Kodiak Barn & Grill (the axe tossing place down the hill from Mike's home) at 19:00
Sat 24 May	Late morning ride to allow time for travellers that might be arriving that morning. KSU by 11:00, lunch at a road-side location (dutch treat), dinner @ Mike & Doug's
Sun 25 May	Breakfast at Mike & Doug's, Mystery Ride (Mike's choice) could be 5 minutes away or 2 hours away – you will find out, dinner out (dutch treat)
Mon 26 May	Breakfast @ Mike & Doug's depart by 10:00

Each participant will be asked to make a cash contribution, in the neighbourhood of \$40-50, to pay for breakfasts, snacks, beverages and housekeeping. Thank you in advance for helping us make this event an annual success!

Important addresses:

Mike & Doug's, 392 Dally Rd, Coal Center, PA 15423
Kodiak Barn & Grill, 1001 Guttman Ave, Charleroi, PA 15022

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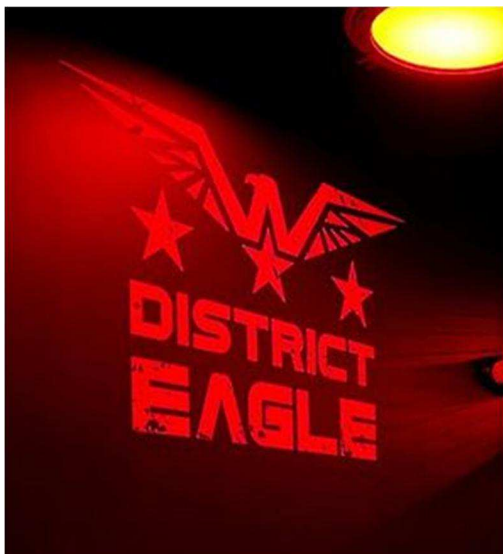
Spartan barnight in Washington DC

I spent an overcast and somewhat wet weekend in Washington DC a couple of weeks ago, and, although the Cherry Blossoms did not survive the rain, that did not detract from a really nice evening I spent with the Spartans MC, and members of the Centaurs and the Highwaymen, at the new bar which opened recently, called the District Eagle.



The main floor is accessed through, of all things, a hinged candy machine door, and the bar itself is striped with Pride LED lights running along the walls. The DJ booth and dance floor are next to the bar, and there is an upstairs space, which is a little quieter and set up for more convivial get-togethers. And the bar night with the Spartans was certainly that. They are a great club and good brothers to share an evening with, and the District Eagle was a good place to do it.

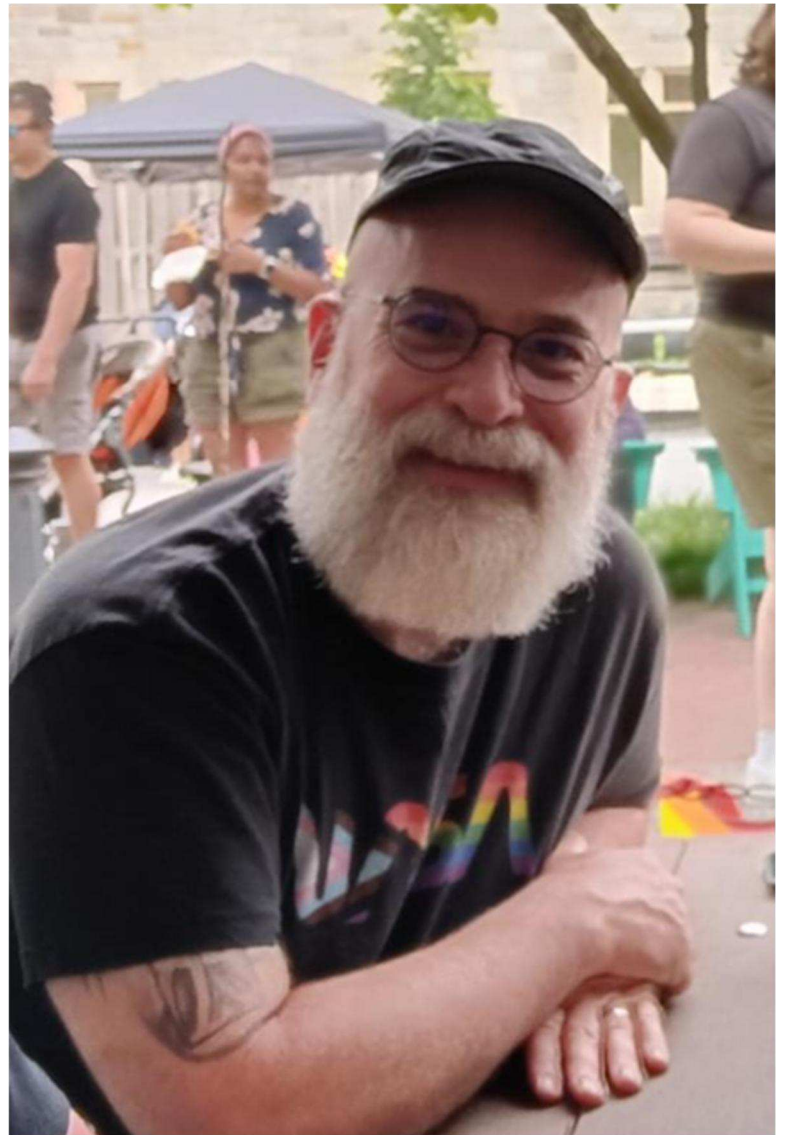
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A Barnight for Gnome

The Spartan MC will host a barnight in the Washington, DC area over Mother's Day weekend (9th-11th May 2025) in memory and celebration of their recently departed member Gnome (photo on the right), who unexpectedly passed.

Watch our calendar at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com> for more information coming soon.



Bike Blessing & Biker Picnic

We are planning to mix up our blessing and biker picnic this year. Rather than blocking off parking spaces in front of Ty's all day long, we will be hosting a bar night at Ty's (to be announced) and hosting the picnic and blessing at a different venue.



We are working on our Biker Weekend presently and will publish information in next month's newsletter and in the ECMC calendar.



ECMC 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>

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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