

# RUMBLINGS



*Empire City MC's  
Monthly Newsletter  
March 2026*



## Winterlude

Some club members made the trek to the Great White North last month to Ottawa, Ontario, Canada to enjoy Winterlude, their annual winter carnival, including the [Rideau Canal Skateway](#), a 7.8 km, UNESCO World Heritage site, recognized as the world's largest naturally frozen skating rink. Operating from January to early March, it connects downtown to Dows Lake, offering free, 24/7 access, food vendors and more!

In addition to the skating, Gary brought us to the Ottawa Curling Club to learn and experience curling in person for the first time and Alex hosted his weekly Sunday hike, and you couldn't have asked for better weather!



We're planning to go to Ottawa again in next year, 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> February 2027, increasing our trip to a one-week stay, allowing people to "drop in" and stay a day or two on their own schedule. Speak to our Vice President for more information about this upcoming winter trip.



## Rainbow Defiance!

On the evening 11<sup>th</sup> February, under cover of darkness, another symbol of our GLBT+ community was removed from our cherished Stonewall National Monument and park, the little triangular-shaped park just across the street from Stonewall Inn, the birthplace of the GLBT+ revolution.

Less than 24 hours later, thousands of supporters gathered with at least a dozen elected officials to DEFY the Trump government and committed to installing a NEW flagpole with a rainbow flag upon it on 12<sup>th</sup> February and they would continue to replace it for as long as required.

Empire City MC was there, again, to witness GLBT+ history taking place.



## Save These Dates!

Following committee meetings and our recent Open General Meeting, we have proposed the following official rides and events so far:

# EXCITING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Long Island Ravens 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner**  
(Saturday, 21 March - 18:00 – 21:00; Lake Grove, NY)
- Excelsior MC's "Area 51 Weekend"**  
(15 – 17 May 2026; Cherry Grove, Fire Island, NY)
- Empire City's Motorcycle Weekend**  
(21 – 25 May 2026; T/B/D)
- Empire City joins the Spartan MC in the DC Pride March Weekend**  
(19 – 21 June 2026; Washington, DC)
- ECMC's 62nd Annual Bike Blessing**  
Friday, 26 June - 18:00 – 21:00; New York City
- ECMC Biker Picnic**  
Saturday, 27 June - 10:30 – 16:30; T/B/D
- NYC 2026 Gay Pride March**  
Sunday, 28 June - 08:30 – 16:00; New York City

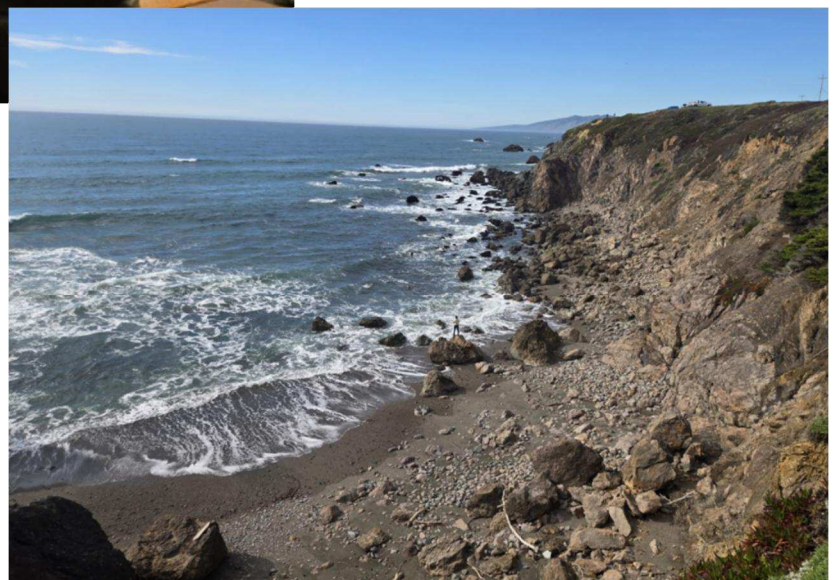
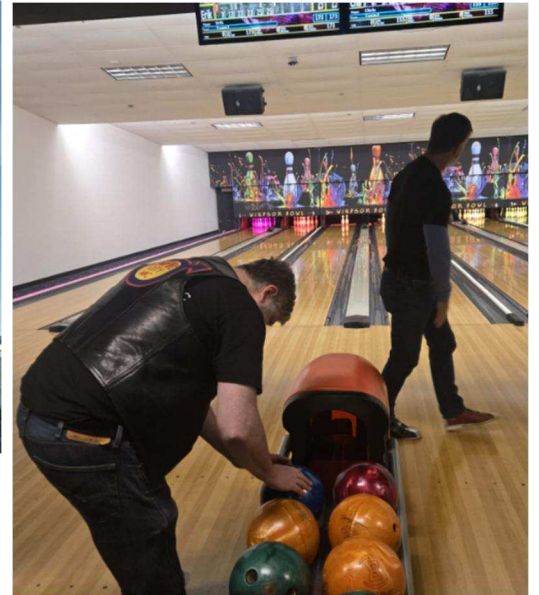
## Leathermen Travel: Leather Invasion Sonoma

For some time, I've seen e-mail advertisements for a company called "[Leatherman Travel](#)". It intrigued me; however, everything they had on their calendar seemed to conflict with something we already had on ours... finally, the planets aligned.

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March, we got passes for their "Leather Invasion: Sonoma County" and packed our BIG bags for all that heavy leather!

The host hotel was "R3 Resort" and was simple and nice. On premises were swimming pool, adjacent bar and a tablecloth restaurant!

In addition to the wonderful leather company present, we participated in many events including: Bowling, a tour of Korbel Champaigne & Winery, a fancy dinner and Sunday Brunch, touring sites like the filming location for Alfred Hitchcock's classic: "The Birds", bar hopping and more...



**Other Biker/Leather Club Events:**

**LONG ISLAND RAVENS M.C. 34th Anniversary Dinner**  
**Saturday March 21st • 6-9PM**

**FULL BUFFET DINNER  
 LIVE MUSIC  
 RAFFLES & PRIZES!**

Brotherhood, Loyalty, Pride!

A fun night of great food and friends in a private space. Leather never required but always encouraged.

Purchase tickets online  
 PayPal QR code/Link here:



ROCKFELLERS KITCHEN & COCKTAILS  
 2811 Middle Country Road, Lake Grove, NY

THREE RIVERS LEATHER CLUB PRESENTS:

**35 YEARS OF JAILLAND BAIL**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL CHARITIES

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

W/ SPECIAL GUESTS  
**THE FORT PITTS BEARS**  
 DARE TO POKE A BEAR

**MARCH 9PM  
 14TH**

NO COVER **P\*TOWN**

4732 BAUM BLVD PITTSBURGH, PA 15213 **BAR**

**STRENGTHEN OUR TIES**

SYRACUSE'S LEATHER AND KINK WEEKEND

**MARCH 20 - 22, 2026**

**FRIDAY 03.20.2026**  
 DADDY GREEN AND KILT BAR NIGHT  
 9PM WOLF'S DEN  
 NO COVER

**SATURDAY 03.21.2026**  
 KINK EDUCATION WORKSHOPS  
 8:30AM - 1:30PM  
 HILTON GARDEN INN SYRACUSE  
 TICKET REQUIRED

LEATHER AND KINK VENDOR MARKET  
 3PM - 10PM  
 HILTON GARDEN INN SYRACUSE  
 TICKET REQUIRED

LEATHER SOCIAL AND DANCE PARTY  
 9PM - 12AM  
 HILTON GARDEN INN SYRACUSE  
 TICKET REQUIRED

**SUNDAY 03.22.2026**  
 BRUNCH AT THE WOLF'S DEN  
 11AM - 2PM WOLF'S DEN  
 CALL 315-560-5637 TO MAKE RESERVATIONS



MAY 15 - 17 CHERRY GROVE, FIRE ISLAND

**AREA 51**  
 DEEP PROBE AHEAD

HOLY SHIT... THE FUCKER'S A GIANT!


AREA 51 RESTRICTED

STEPHEN

EXCELSIOR MC NYC

**LUST FOR LIFE 51 - AND -**  
**MR. FIRE ISLAND LEATHER CONTEST**

ARTWORK BY STEPHEN (ETIENNE) FROM THE DOM OREJUDOS COLLECTION  
 LEATHER ARCHIVES MUSEUM, CHICAGO



**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](mailto:vice-president@empirecitymc.com)) is in charge of EVENTS the Road Captain ([road-captain@empirecitymc.com](mailto:road-captain@empirecitymc.com)) for RIDES (travel), president ([president@empirecitymc.com](mailto:president@empirecitymc.com)) for meetings.

Events, rides and meetings are in our official calendar. Add our official calendar to your personal calendar by going to <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com> then click "add to calendar" in the lower left. Our rides, meetings and events will then appear on your calendar, so you know where to meet up!

Chat with us, and other bikers, on our private 'Motorcyclists on Signal' group. Install Signal on your mobile phone and then click here to join the private, encrypted channel: <https://bit.ly/motonsig>



ECMC membership information is available on our website at [www.EmpireCityMC.com](http://www.EmpireCityMC.com) - view our constitution, bylaws and membership application from the membership tab.

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