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Subject: 50 Mile Radius and Constitution/Bylaws Committee Stuff...

Per our brief discussion about imposing a 50 mile radius for full membership, here's what it would look like:



When I plot our members in New Jersey, here's what I see:



Everyone is within the radius; although, you Mark, are the closest to the edge -- at about 48.5 miles from NYC Centre. You can see, you are within the radius.

Of course, as you mentioned, club participation should be a critical item for maintaining full membership as well. Therefore, in addition to establishing a radius requirement for full membership, below are some of the things I'll be suggesting for our bylaws to force more participation and club awareness:





- Meetings are mandatory for all full members. Monthly meetings are not to be considered an "official club event". Valid excuses for missing a meeting are: Family emergency, Work requirements and illness. Multiple absences, five (5) or more for the calendar year, without a valid excuse shall be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in *section x*.
- Empire City, M.C. Club Colours (full vest, jacket or cheese-grater) shall be required at all official club meetings, events and rides. Pins, t-shirts and other logo products are not official club colours, only our back patches and cheese graters are. Multiple breaches of this rule without valid excuses shall be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in *section x*.
- *x number /or/ x percentage* of official club motorcycle rides, made by motorcycle, must be made by a member each calendar year to remain in good standing. The Road Captain, who manages "rides" shall keep tally of attendance. If a member does not complete the required number of *official club motorcycle rides* in a calendar year before the end of the official calendar year, they shall be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in *section x*.
- *x number /or/ x percentage* of official club events must be completed each calendar year. The Vice President, who manages "events" shall keep tally of attendance. If a member does not complete the

required number of *official club events* in a calendar year before the end of the official calendar year, they shall be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in *section x*.

- On the first official club motorcycle ride any member attends for the calendar year, they must present their valid motorcycle driving licence, motorcycle registration and proof of motorcycle insurance to the Road Captain. If there is no official club motorcycle ride prior to the open general meeting in May of the calendar year, the documents are to be presented at the open general meeting in May of that calendar year.
- **An official club motorcycle ride shall be defined as** any motorcycle ride organized and advertised* by the Road Captain. Furthermore, an *official club motorcycle ride* may be any motorcycle ride established by any ECMC member in good standing which has been advertised* forty-eight (48) hours in advance and has at least one ECMC officer and at least one ECMC member in good standing, or at least three ECMC members in good standing riding. * When advertising an *official club motorcycle ride*, it must be in the form of a written/printed note, calendar, voice telephone call, SMS/text message, electronic calendar invitation (from the official Empire City, M.C. electronic calendar system) and/or an e-mail sent directly to the members. It must be sent/transmitted so that the member will have every opportunity to receive the ride notice at least 48 hours before the ride. When advertising an *official club motorcycle ride*, all members and officers shall be included -- no member in good standing shall be excluded from any *official club motorcycle ride*.
- **A motorcycle shall be defined as** any two or three-wheeled motor-vehicle having an engine size larger than 399 CC (cubic centimetres), based upon the size registered on the vehicle's registration card, which, in the State of New York, requires an "M" class driving licence.
- **The official calendar year shall be defined as** beginning the first (1st) of January and ending the thirty-first (31st) of December.

There's a lot more -- but I think you can see where I'm planning on going with the constitution and bylaws.... That's what this committee will be all about. Hammering out the requirements of the members and officers, fixing the gaping holes that currently exist...



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