

March 28 1974

Frank Olson, President  
Empire City M.C.

Dear Frank and fellow members of Empire City;


As I have mentioned to you Frank, I would like to see Empire City maintain a fund to assist a bike rider in the event he has an accident and needs some immediate funds for medical assistance. Therefore you will find enclosed a check made out to Empire City in the amount of \$500.00 to be deposited in a separate savings account for that purpose.

I don't wish this to be a complicated set-up with paper work, applications, evaluations and time consuming efforts on the part of anyone. I would like the fund to exist known only to E.C.M.C., but available on a loan basis from E.C.M.C. to anyone, whether a club member or not, whose needs come to our attention, either through one of our members or other club members, or word of mouth. All the riders in New York pretty well know one another and what is happening. The loan would be interest free and arranged according to the individuals abilities to repay it. I also feel that the elected officers of the club should be the overseers of the fund and its disbursement. If they felt that there was some question on a situation that they could not resolve, then it could be put to the club membership. But, often, these things need speedy action and I believe E.C.M.C. elects people they have faith and trust in and whose judgement will be respected.

For newer members who were not part of Empire City when I had my near fatal accident, I would like them to know that Empire City raised nearly \$300.00 in cooperation with The Eagle on a bar night to help with my expenses. The club also picked up my wrecked bike and stored it in my garage. I don't think anyone in St. Vincents ever had so many visitors, not only club members, but other bikers and friends. I have not forgotten it and never will.

I have allways been pretty much a loner, and in many ways still am, but from E.C.M.C. I have learned more about brotherhood and companionship than I ever have before. It has made me very much more appreciative of my fellow human being.

Sincerely

  
John Dowling

April 17 1974

Empire City Motorcycle Club

Dear Frank and fellow members,

I would like to add one clause to my letter outlining the use of the Empire City Accident Fund. That, in the event of the club dissolving for whatever reason, I would like my initial donation to the fund of \$500.00 donated to St. Vincents Hospital Emergency Ward.

If there is less than that amount, I would ask that the balance be donated. If there is more, it would be left to the club members at the time to decide on the disposal of that balance. Any outstanding amounts due to the fund, up to the \$500.00 would be collected as arranged and the above then followed through.

I only add this since it has occurred to me that in the future the disposal of this fund could create dissension if the club were to dissolve and there were no logical equivalent funds available to add to.

Thanks again for everything..



John Dowling

773 Concourse Village East  
Bronx, New York 10451  
May 30, 1974

Belleplain State Park  
R. D. 2  
Woodbine, New Jersey 08270

Att: Ranger's Office

Gentlemen:

As per telephone conversation of today, I would like to reserve an enclosed lean-to for the following dates:

June 14/15	\$ 4.00	
June 15/16	4.00	
Reservation	<u>2.00</u>	\$ 10.00

Check in the amount of \$10.00 is enclosed.

It may be possible that no one in my group will arrive until Saturday morning June 15th, therefore please do not cancel this reservation in case nobody arrives on Friday June 14th. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Emil Solis

Column for "Wheels" issue of September, 1974

EMPIRE CITY

August found many of us away on vacations. Some of us did manage to get to Gertie's Christmas Trash-In at the Spike. Congratulations, TRASH, for the success of this, your first event. An enjoyable time was had by all. Mike, one of our newest members won a pair of shackles which we are sure will come in handy. We also wish to extend our congratulations to DiDi of the Cycle M.C. for having been made an associate member of TRASH.

Labor Day weekend found five of us at Leif Ericson - 1974, jointly sponsored by the Vikings M.C. and Thunderbolts M.C. The location, layout and facilities combined, make the site one of the most ideal for a run of this type. Innumerable activities were planned, and there was never a dull moment. Special mention must be made for the excellent meals served. Those of us who have been to Leif Ericson since its inception in 1969, always look forward to the excellent traditional lobster dinner served Sunday night. Congratulations, fellows, for a job well done. Special thanks also to TRASH, the Spartans M.C., The N.Y. Levi Club and Herbie's Ramrod for all those cocktail parties which we managed to survive. We must not forget "Madam Lascivious" who with her amazing psychic talents forecast our futures at the TRASH cocktail party. And imagine being served punch from an enema bag!!

Regretfully, three of us who were traveling by bike had to leave early on Monday due to the rain, so we were unable to attend the awards ceremonies. Luckily our trip back wasn't too bad - it rained only for the first 25 miles.

Our President Frank O. is now on a three-week vacation on the coast. This leaves the rest of us to carry forward in the groundwork he has laid for ~~the plans of~~ our upcoming 10th Anniversary Party being held on October 12th at the Paradise Restaurant, New York. As the Praetorians will have their 4th Anniversary celebration the next evening, it should be a fun weekend. Applications are in this issue and are also available at the bars or contact any of us. As we look back on ~~the~~ <sup>our</sup> early years, ~~our club~~, little did we think then that our present brotherhood of clubs would be possible.

Bill S., Vice President, Empire City M.C.  
Box 2543, G. P. O. New York, N.Y. 10001

Most of us attended the celebrations recently in connection with the 4th Anniversary of the New York Eagle. Our sincere congratulations and thanks to Jack, Ed, and the entire Eagle staff, and our best wishes for many more years of service to our community.

Many of us are planning to attend the 7th Annual Bas River Run, <sup>OF CYCLE M.C.</sup> the oldest run on the East Coast. The cozy cabins and romantic woodlands setting ~~of~~ ~~this~~ make it a favorite of this writer.

E. C. M. C. Column for Wheels - Nov. Issue:

Our Tenth Anniversary Party is behind us! We would like to thank all of you who supported our event, we were amazed at the turnout, and it was good to see many of our friends from near and far again.

Our sincere thanks to the clubs who provided the entertainment - Cycle M/C, Druid M/C, Thunderbolt M/C, Vanguard M/C and Wheels M/C. Thank you, Frank Thomas, President of Second City M/C, Chicago for having made a special trip ~~from~~ just to be at our party and present us with your flag. We were greatly honored. Thanks also to the Spartan M/C for the commemorative plaque, and the S.M.C.L.A. for the birthday card. Thank you, Paul Oele, President of the Spuds M/C for your telephone message from London. We were overwhelmed by the many other greetings we received. It was a wonderful display of unity within our group.

October found us also at the Praetorians' Third Anniversary Party (Congratulations, Praetorians) and the Vanguards' "Oktoberfest" which we always look forward to.

With November here and the weather still balmy, some of us are planning to attend the Entre Nous' Provincetown run, and the S.M.C.L.A.'s "Autumn Scrambles". We also look forward to the Levi Club's Second Anniversary Party and offer them our congratulations.

If that isn't enough partying to look forward to, we ourselves are now in the midst of planning our 11th Annual Christmas Party, as usual a benefit for the Graham Home for Children. Our application is elsewhere in this issue.

After that, there are Christmas and New Year's, and we look forward to a quiet January for some well deserved rest - whew!! All kidding aside, we do enjoy all the events that are planned, and we do know that a lot of people put a lot of hard work into these events, something that is very often overlooked. We ourselves now have an A.M.C.C.-sanctioned run weekend in August, 1975 (about time, don't you say!) so we will have a good opportunity to learn what goes into making a run a success.

Empire City M/C  
Emil S., Vice-President

October 12, 1974

Empire City Motorcycle Club  
c/o Mr. Frank Olson, President  
148 West 72nd Street  
New York, New York 10023

Gentlemen:

Empire City Motorcycle Club, founded in 1964 as a riding motorcycle club, ten years later still remains a riding motorcycle club. We, the last Presidents, who are no longer members, but fully subscribe to the club remaining a riding club do hereby present to the Empire City Motorcycle Club this award -

#### THE PRESIDENTS AWARD

This Presidents Award is to be presented annually at the Club Christmas Party to that member in good standing selected by a committee, who in the committee's opinion has done the most in the past year to promote motorcycling, the original concept of the club.

The selection committee shall be composed of the President, Road Captain and one non-executive board member selected by the membership.

We also wish to take this opportunity to express to President Frank Olson and his associates our sincere appreciation for the work they have done to maintain Empire City as the No. 1 club in the east and our best wishes for their future success. To all members we offer our warmest congratulations.

Very truly yours,

Bob Rothstein

George Grimm

Fernando Ascincio