



NEW YORK

In September, 1964, a group of bike riders from New York City decided to ride to Washington, D.C. for the Labor Day weekend and visit some fellow riders there. On the way back, one of the group suggested the formation of a club.

Early in October, a meeting was held to further this idea. Elections were held and the first order of Business was to choose a name. "Pegasus", "New York City MC", and "Harbor MC" were suggestions. In February 1965, the name Empire City Motorcycle Club was voted on. Our patch was designed and we are the first all bike owner/rider club on the east coast. There were twelve of us then and without competition from other clubs we grew by 1967 to thirty eight members. Later, some members left to form other clubs.

In September 1965 we again went to Washington during Labor Day and combined our trip with a visit to Marlboro, Md. to watch the annual scrambles there. Out of this event, the Spartans formed the Autumn Scrambles now held each year by the SMCLA, the oldest annual event of this area. The famous "Marathon" of the Spartan MC also developed out of our annual get-togethers with the Washington crowd.

Our first Christmas party was a private affair held at the home of one of our members. In 1966 we started to collect toys for children. The recipient of these gifts since 1969 has been the Graham Home for Children. Over 200 guests attended our last party and we appreciate the time and care they spent preparing their presents. Also, in 1969 we began our annual picnic held in May. This event is free of charge and open to any biker who presents himself, bike and buddy if he likes, at our gathering place. The destination is kept secret until departure and we have always had a good turnout.

So, this is a short history of the club. We have recently voted as new members quite a few bikers. Some of the members have been in the club since its inception. We have been glad to see the many new clubs that have formed over the past years and we welcome and enjoy the fraternal spirit that this has created.

I would like to welcome you to the
Empire City Motorcycle Club's 10th
Anniversary party.

Our program tonight will consist of
a set by the band alternating with
"bits" of entertainment. When the
band breaks an announcement will be
made whether the presentation is
Arena style or will use the stage in
order that you may arrange yourselves
accordingly.

Since our conception ten years ago we
have striven to cooperate with other
clubs in many areas of brotherhood.
In turn many clubs have, this evening,
shown their regard for us by present-
ing "bits" of entertainment. We
especially want to thank them and hope
the spirit of brotherhood will prevail
for years to come.

Partake of food, drink and entertainment;
Dance and enjoy !

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank Olsen", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Frank Olsen
President

EMPIRE CITY AWARDS

1966*	AMA	Activity Award
1969*	Spartan	Largest Group on Bikes
1969*	Spartan	Poker Run
1970*	Spartan	Largest Group on Bikes
1970*	BBC	Long Distance Rider (Carlos)
1970*	Vikings	Lief Ericson Club Award
1971*	Spartan	Largest Group on Bikes
1972*	Druids	Sabbath Bike Award (Carlos)
1972	Entre Nous	Long Distance Rider
1972	Vanguards	Award for attending all Vanguard runs (Emil)
1972*	Spartan	Largest Group on Bikes
1973	Vanguards	Award for attending all Vanguard runs (Emil)
1974	9 Plus	Pool Tournament (Fred)
1974*	Centaurs	Bikeous Award (Harry)
1974*	Bucks MC	Club Participation Award
1974	Bucks MC	First Place Bike Award (Michael)
1974	Bucks MC	Second Place Bike Award (Bruce)
1974	Atlantis MC	Great Raft Race (Phil)
1974*	Spartan	Largest Group on Bikes
1974*	Spartan	First Place Participation Award
1974*	Spartan	First Place Speed Race (Loren)
1974	Spartan	Second Place AMCC Cloverleaf (Bruce)
	Second City	First Friend of Second City Patch awarded to Carlos

* On display at the Eagle

This is not a complete listing. Many of our early trophies and Awards won by the club were kept by the members at the time. A large collection in the keeping of a former member unfortunately has been lost.