

ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – March 5th, 2014

Present: EC, CA, GK, MW, DS, GP, GD, EM, JM, SL (tardy), Phone: WC, Absent: none
Guests: KK K., Jack D., Tony P.

Meeting called to order 8:07 PM by President EC.

Motion to accept January 2014's Meeting Minutes made by CA, EM 2nd (passed)
Motion to accept February 2014's Meeting Minutes made by MW, GK 2nd (passed)

Officer's Reports

President (EC)

- Installation Dinner at Malagueta Restaurant was great!
- Many ECMC members went to Excelsior Bar at the Bike Stop last weekend!

Vice President (GD)

- (Secretary's note: Non-members listed in italic, and "~" indicates tentative).
- Raven's Run on the weekend of March 14, 2014 through March 16, 2014. Attending full event: CA, EC, EM, JM, *TP, KK, JD, CR*. Dinner only: GK, ~MW, ~DS.
- Shipmates Run on April 11, 2014 through April 13, 2014. Attending are: CA, EC, DS, KK, JD, ~JM, ~GP.
- The 80's Bar Night / Dance, a combined event with the Philadelphians and Empire City MC on Saturday, May 3, 2014. Attending: MW, EC, GD, CA, EM, GP, ~JM, ~CR, *TP*.
- Excelsior's Fire Island Run (Uranus Needs Men) the weekend of Friday May 16, 2014 through Sunday, May 18, 2014. Attending are: EM, GD, ~CA, ~DS, ~KK.

Road Captain (JM)

- Upcoming rides:
 - o Ride (weather permitting) Saturday 8th March (see calendar) GD, DS, EM, JM
 - o Ride to Long Island Ravens' Run will be too cold – cancelled. ☹
 - o Ear Inn Biker Gatherings begin on Tuesday, 18th March. Reminder: Bike nights will now be on the 3rd Tuesday of each Starting in March and ending in October. Even if you can't come on your bike, consider showing up!
 - o "Hogs for Hope Run" on Sunday, 27th April. ECMC meet up point will be at the Lexington Candy Shop (on Lexington Avenue, NYC), kick-stands up at 8:00 AM.
- GP suggested some Pennsylvania-based rides (United 93 site, Pennsylvania "Grand Canyon", etc.) – GP will work with JM on committee meetings now that interest has been ascertained.
- JM reminded everyone that SMS/text is the best way to get a hold of him.

Secretary (CA)

- CA stated that pertinent postal and e-mail coming into the club will be distributed "real time" via our private Yahoo Group for prompt attention and action.
- CA read letter from the Leather Archives & Museum (which was also cc'ed to the mailing list).
- If anyone would like anything included in the monthly e-mail newsletter, please send to CA via e-mail before 5:00 PM on 14th March 2014 for inclusion. Stories, opinion, rides, events you'd like to review are all welcome.

Treasurer (MW)

- Presentation of finances made.
- 2013 fiscal audit to be conducted next week by WC, SL and MW.

Motion to accept officer's reports made by EM, GP 2nd

Committee Reports

ECMC 50th Anniversary Committee

Chairman: TBD, Members: ALL ECMC, Meets: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month 8PM-9:30PM (via teleconference*)

EVENT 1: 24th-26th May, Motorcycle Weekend (Memorial Day Weekend)

- Run applications continue to be received.
- Reminder: ECMC members need to complete applications as well as guests!

EVENT 2: 20th-22nd June, Bike Blessing/Biker Picnic Weekend

- Friday, 20th June: Bike Blessing at Ty's
 - o EM confirmed with John that we can have the date.
- Saturday, 21st June: Biker Picnic
 - o Confirmed that MW & Terry's home reserved for event.
 - o Details to be hashed out on committee meetings.
- Sunday, 22nd June: Folsom Street East Fair
 - o No news still. We are taking a "wait and see" approach if it will happen this year. If it will happen, we will revisit in an OGM (Open General Meeting) if we intend to have a booth again this year.

EVENT 3: 2nd August-10th August, 50th Anniversary Bike Tour to the 'Tail of the Dragon'

- Reservations for two houses are made. Each house has five bedrooms and four bathrooms. Each room may be configured for king bed or double beds.
- One house will be designated a "quiet cabin" and a tick-box will be added to the run application to allow people to select that option.
- Run application needs to be created soon as people are planning their 2014 travels.
- Most members are planning on attending this event (show of hands).
- Larry Sauger (Knight Hawks of Norfolk, VA) has responded to our requests for follow-up on making Norfolk, VA a stopping point on the trip – we will try to get him to come to an anniversary committee teleconference soon to discuss.
- JM indicated he's looking into various routes for us to take there and back.

EVENT 4: 10th-12th October, Hotel based Anniversary Party & Dinner Cruise in NYC

- It is confirmed that we shall be hosting an AMCC meeting on 11th October in NYC.
- CA still investigating hotels – there are a few that are looking good now.
- MW and CA toured the Affinity Yacht, took photos to share and spoke with the manager. A contract was received for us to discuss and possibly sign with a deposit.
- **A MOTION** by CA to sign the contract and pay the \$3,500 deposit on the dinner cruise was made, 2nd by MW. (passed). CA was given cheque and contract to return to boat company.

EVENT 5: 6th December, 51st Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive

- EC to contact Rockbar NYC to secure the night for our party.

ECMC Branding Committee

Chairman: EC, Members: JM, CA, KK, Meets: Completed, committee adjourned.

- **A MOTION** was made by CA, JM 2nd that ECMC adopt "Pantone Reflex Blue", "Pantone Yellow 012" and "Pantone (Red) 186" as ECMC's official colour scheme. (passed) [Note: This needs to be added to our By-Laws].
- **A MOTION** was made by CA, GP 2nd that ECMC adopt a specialized logo (as shown) for our 50th Anniversary year for production of logo merchandice (i.e. friendship pins, run pins, etc.) (passed)

AMCC Representative

Chairman: EM, Members: N/A Meets: Sporadically, Next meeting 12th April at Shipmates' Run

- CA will cover for EM at upcoming AMCC meeting in Baltimore (Shipmate's Run).
- CA reports from the AMCC outreach committee that work progresses in creating an "all-club" weekend event over Labour Day. Philadelphia is being considered for the host city.

Social Committee

Chairman: CA, Members: JM, EM Meets: Sporadically

- None this month.

Old Business

- Cheesegraters: We are out of cheese graters. A motion was passed in February 2014's meeting to commission creation of two additional cheese graters at The Leatherman. (Not reported on at this meeting).
- A motion was passed in February 2014's OGM by MW to "create an alternative ECMC decal/sign for use on the front of motorcycles for parade use". 2nd by CA (passed), (discussion held), sent to committee. MW to form committee and get back to the membership with a plan and budget. (Not reported on at this meeting).
- Friendship Pins: Now that colour swatches are approved, EC needs to get pricing for 50th Anniversary friendship pins.
- AMA historical club membership: Brought forward 2 months. Will be discussed in May.
- It was voted that DS' pledge period has been extended for the 5th and final time.
 - o Per ECMC by-laws (Article I, Section A § 1.j.iii), we must either accept or reject DS as a member on his 6th vote for membership (next month's OGM). As DS is not yet eligible for a full membership because he has not completed his three official club rides, we may need to consider a vote to "suspend the rules" (see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suspension_of_the_rules) to allow for additional pledge time to allow for good riding weather so this important step can be completed.

New Business

- Gabriel from Excelsior MC has offered to create a special ECMC 50th Anniversary Music CD with a cover (which will include pictures of past and current members) that we will be able to distribute at one of our closed event (i.e. Dinner Cruise) Hearing no objections, EC and GD will pursue the work with Excelsior to make this happen.

Comments on the record (good & welfare)

- The next Open General Meeting will be Wednesday, April 2nd, 2014 from 8PM-9PM.
- GP mentioned that "Harley" of the Philadelphians has passed.

Comments off the record

- Not recorded

Adjournment

Motion to close meeting made by CA, MW 2nd

Meeting closed at 9:11 PM