



ECMC Rumblings – July 2014

Empire City MC's monthly newsletter

ECMC'S DEALS GAP RIDE IS JUST DAYS AWAY!

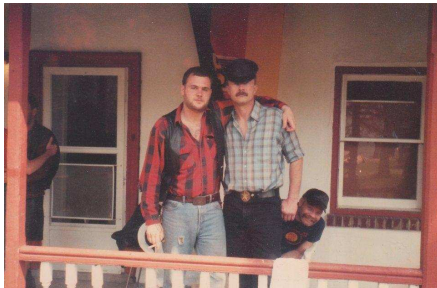
Time is fleeting as I sit here writing this month's newsletter, we depart for Deals Gap, North Carolina in three weeks time! We're nearly at capacity, so if you're thinking of going – get your application in today! You can pay for your registration online if you like, but I still need to know your housing preferences, so be sure to act on this today, or you might miss the boat! There are only FOUR rooms left!



At \$250 per person, this is the best value for a vacation you'll ever see! (Hotels ½ way down and back are a small additional cost.) Once you're registered, we'll contact you personally to work out meet-up and other details to make your experience the best possible. Applications and online registration details can be seen at <http://EmpireCityMC.com/totd>

ECMC'S 50th ANNUAL BIKE CHRISTENING AND BIKER'S PICNIC

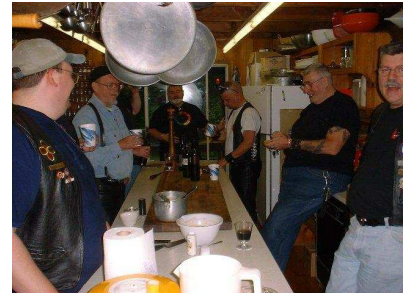
June, July and August are the "heavy-riding" months for ECMC and to kick it off, we host the annual Bike Christening and free Biker's Picnic. Over the years, both events have changed dramatically, the blessing has been hosted at The Spike, The (old) NYC Eagle and more recently at Ty's. The Biker's Picnic also has changed both in scope and location – we've held it at Mel & Jose's, Valinore/Rivendale Farm, The Ranch in Hemlock, NY and more recently at Mark & Terry's. Sometimes the event lasted from Saturday until Monday, but more often just for the afternoon alone. Below are some photos from various ECMC Biker's Picnics over the years... Many thanks go out to the many people, such as Mel & Jose, Mark & Terry, Dan & Albert and so many others that have hosted this classic event... See which ones (and who) you remember!



Valinore/Rivendale Farm



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Mel & Jose's



Valinore/Rivendale Farm Kitchen



Valinore/Rivendale Farm Porch



Mark & Terry's



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2014, our 50th year was no different – with our annual Bike Blessing held in front of Ty’s on Friday, June 20th 2014, followed by our annual Biker’s Picnic on Saturday, June 21st 2014 at Mark & Terry’s in New Jersey. There’s something quite sexy with the sound of so many bikers roaring to the picnic on a hot summer day!



ECMC 50th Annual Bike Blessing



ECMC 50th Annual Biker’s Picnic

ECMC’S 50th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

Our host hotel is filling up for our 50th Anniversary Weekend! Although this event is in October, it’s vital that if you intend to stay in the host hotel you book your reservations today – our room block expires September 30th, ComiCon is in town the same weekend and hotels are bound to sell out quickly.

If you prefer to only go on the three-hour formal dinner/dance cruise on a yacht in the New York Harbour with a premium open bar, there’s an option for that on our run application as well.

Run applications are available online at <http://EmpireCityMC.com>



EMPIRE CITY MC AT THE 45th ANNIVERSARY OF STONEWALL



Every member (and several friends) rode in the 45th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots (Gay Pride) March last month! Photos and videos have been all over the news media and online. Thanks to our snazzy ECMC 50th flags which were created by Evil Ed, we looked uniform and sharp! It was a hot, sunny day and the crowds loved the bikes!

ECMC INVADES THE RAMS' RUN AND TORONTO!



The Rochester Rams are one of the few remaining clubs that has an annual outdoor run. If you haven't been to one in a long time (or ever), you don't want to miss this one! Bikers and cages are both welcome; however, bunkhouse sleeping arrangements are earmarked for bikers first (ever try to put a tent on the back of a bike? It don't work!)

The Rochester Rams' Run Fee increases on July 20th so save some money and register today! Empire City MC makes this run one of our annual events, and since we're so close to Canada, we follow it up with a two day motorcycle trip to Toronto, Ontario, Canada – if you're on a motorcycle, you're welcome to tag along! Here's the low-down and what you need to do to partake:

Thursday, August 21st we ride from New York City to 'The Ranch' in Hemlock, NY to spend the night, allowing us to be refreshed and clean when we arrive at the Rams' Run the next day!

Friday-Sunday, August 22nd-24th the Rams' Run takes place – all food, beer, soda, cocktail parties, games, fire pit, and limited accommodations for bikers are provided! There's a short motorcycle tour on Saturday afternoon led by Jack Dyke amusingly named the "I Like Dyke Bike Hide"

Sunday, August 24th, following closing ceremonies, we depart the Rams' Run Site and ride up to Toronto (about a 3 hour ride). Important: A valid passport or "enhanced U.S. driving licence" is required to cross the Canadian border! We'll spend Sunday night and Monday night at the Ramada Plaza Toronto Downtown Hotel, which is around the corner from the [Black Eagle Bar](#), [Spa Excess](#), [Steamworks](#) and the rest of the [gaybourhood](#).

Tuesday, August 26th, we'll ride back to The Ranch and spend the night there, then

Wednesday, August 27th, we'll ride back to New York City, arriving at dusk.

If you're interested in coming along with us, follow these directions:

Step 1: Register for the Rochester Rams' Run by going to their website at http://www.rochesterrams.com/rams_run.html

Step 2: Book your reservation for August 24th-25th (departing on the 26th) at the Ramada Plaza Toronto Downtown Hotel (you can get the lowest prices for this hotel at <http://www.kayak.com/>)

Step 3: Let our Road Captain (Joe) know you're joining us by e-mailing him at Road-Captain@EmpireCityMC.com

NEW ECMC MEMBERS & LOOK WHO'S RIDING NOW!

The brothers of Empire City MC would like to welcome our newest associate members: Mike C. and Earl D. (I need to click a photo of them for next month's newsletter!)

In addition, it is with personal pride that I announce KK (my husband and former TFL) made his first long-distance ride (315 miles each way) on his new motorcycle! He went up to The Ranch in Hemlock, NY for the 4th of July party last weekend! Although I now have several more grey hairs, you did fantastic! Congrats KK!!



Route Travelled (NYC to The Ranch)



K.K. on his new bike!

MEL & JOSE'S ANNUAL BAR-B-QUE



You couldn't ask for a more perfect day than Saturday, July 5, 2014 for Mel & Jose's Annual Bar-B-Que. There wasn't a cloud in the sky, the temperature was in the mid 80's with no humidity and the sun was out shining upon the flesh of the many guests invited. In addition to the beautiful weather, the food was delicious and the company could not have been any more welcoming to one another.



There was a huge surprise for the brothers of Empire City MC... Frank Olson, emeritus member and the very first President of Empire City MC and emeritus member Emil Solis were both present at the Bar-B-Que! This was the first time Evil Ed (our current president) had the honour to meet Frank – and having both ends of Empire City MC's presidency (current and a half century ago) sent chills of joy throughout Ed's body. Emil presented Empire City MC with pictures dating back to 1966 which included several of our founding members – these photos will show up for public viewing soon! A lot of Empire City MC history was present at the Bar-B-Que, including several former members who still hold Empire City MC dear to their hearts. Photos on this page include Frank Olson, Emil Solis, some current Empire City MC brothers and the hosts, Mel & Jose (who are both former ECMC members, now Bucks MC members). On behalf of the brothers of Empire City MC, we want to thank Mel & Jose for inviting all of our members, the excellent food and priceless memories. Thanks to both for a wonderful day. We're already looking forward to next year :-)



MEMORIAL SERVICE / CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR ARTHUR FLOYD

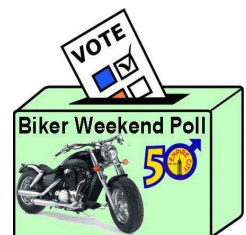
A Memorial Service / Celebration of Life for **Arthur C. Floyd**, member of Trident International NYC and friend of Empire City MC will take place at Ty's Bar, 114 Christopher St Saturday, July 26th from 4pm-8pm.

Please R.S.V.P. with hmsteiman@aol.com before July 20th.
Proceeds to benefit SAGE.

SOUND OFF! BIKER WEEKEND POLL ONLINE NOW

For the past three years, we've been holding our Biker Weekend in Upstate New York over the long Memorial Day Weekend – through the advice of many participants, we've refined this event into a fantastic weekend that draws more people each year. We're considering even more changes, such as departing NYC on Friday instead of Saturday, allowing more needed relaxation time at "The Ranch", after the 350 mile trip to get there! We'd love to hear your comments and suggestions.

Take the ECMC Biker Weekend Survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PKFFLKP>



UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

JULY 18th-20th: The Long Island Ravens host a Motorcycle/Leather Weekend at Hillside Campgrounds in Gibson, PA. For more information, visit <http://liravensmc.org/events.html>

JULY 12th: BIKE RIDE to Hawk's Nest (in planning phase, see <http://calendar.empirecitymc.com/> for details).

JULY 15th: BIKE NIGHT at The Ear Inn, come down to the Ear Inn, 326 Spring St, from 7pm-9pm and hang with all sorts of bikers including ECMC, NJ Eagles, City Cruisers and more! It's only once a month, so polish your bike's chrome and meet up at 7pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month during "riding season" (first gathering is March, last gathering is October 2014).

JULY 26th: Member only ride. If you are an ECMC member and want to come, contact the Road Captain.

AUGUST 1st: Excelsior MC started hosting "Hang-Outs", just a gathering of like-minded bikers and leathermen who show up to socialize. It's not a barnight and there's no cost. On August 1st they will host one at the "Neue Galerie", 1048 Fifth Avenue where there is an exhibit called "Degenerate Art". Remember to wear your colours!

AUGUST 2nd-10th: ECMC's week-long ride to Deals Gap, North Carolina. (See page 1)

AUGUST 21st-27th: ECMC invades the Rochester Rams' Run and then heads to the great white north (Canada) for two days in fantastic Toronto! (See page 3)

OCTOBER 10th-12th: Empire City MC's 50th Anniversary Weekend. We'll be hosting an AMCC meeting, as well as putting on a "proper" weekend-long run event in New York City! We're pleased to announce the return of our infamous dinner cruise with premium open bar on our private yacht! Additional information is in the article above on page one and the run application is below.

DECEMBER 6th: Empire City MC's 51st Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive at Rockbar NYC.

REMEMBER: There are plenty of other events and rides added to our official calendar on a regular basis, especially day rides! Bookmark our official calendar at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com> and come along with us!

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Are you interested in becoming a member of ECMC? For more information about membership with Empire City Motorcycle Club, or to download our membership application, constitution and bylaws, please visit <http://empirecitymc.com/membership.php>

Also.. join our private facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/empirecitymc/> and join in the conversation!

