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### Canada Day & Independence Day at The Ranch

It was a wonderfully laid-back weekend at The Ranch in Hemlock, NY. In attendance were: Bob K and Tom J of the Unicorn MC, Michael A and Bob F if the Rochester Rams MC, Earl D and Chaz A of Empire City MC, Chip McD, Ed S, Marcus A, K.K., and of course, our hosts, Al & Dan! You couldn't ask for better weather on the ride there and back, as well as the entire time we were on site! Food was prepared by virtually everyone; however, K.K. and Dan really went overboard making tender racks of pork ribs for Sunday's roast! Saturday featured seasoned steaks cooked on the grill (courtesy of ECMC). Fireworks on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July were provided by Al R and arranged by local pyro, yours truly! Various bike trips took place the long weekend, which started on 1<sup>st</sup> July and the return trip was 5<sup>th</sup> July! Bravo everyone! The next event at The Ranch will be "homecoming" in November.



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### Look who's turning 80!

They say that "in gay years", 40 = death. Well, what happens when you double that number? Former rider and friend of the club, Tom Johnson is turning 80 years old at the end of this month!

Congratulations Tom!

Tom is one of the primary contributors to the Unicorn Horn, the newsletter of the Unicorn MC (Cleveland, OH). His wit and snappy repertoire tend to leave people in his wake with their jaws wide open in shock.

If you know Tom, be sure to wish him a happy birthday this month!



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### ECMC Bike Christening & Biker Picnic 2016

Once again, bikes lined Christopher Street in the West Village in front of Ty's as Empire City MC blessed and christened dozens of motorcycles! Ty's was our host bar and provided the location, champagne and pizza for the after party! Much thanks to Ty's and the bikers who showed up!

Our annual Biker Picnic was held in a new location this year, Tides Hotel in Asbury Park, NJ. Beer and soda flowed, hotdogs, chicken kababs, sausage and burgers kept coming from the grill as we soaked in the sun poolside! This was a great event, and by holding it at a hotel, ECMC members could socialise with guests and not work about cooking or clean-up! I think we'll do this again!

Biker Picnic vs Biker Weekend:

Some might not remember is that in the 90s and early 2000s, our Biker Picnic was a weekend-long affair with housing, several meals and all sorts of fun – in 2011 we branched the weekend-long event into our "Biker Weekend" which is over Memorial Day weekend. The Biker Picnic is just that: a picnic and nothing else. This was done to end any confusion about what the events had to offer. If you miss the old Biker Picnic which were full of activity and lasted an entire weekend, consider coming to our Biker Weekend! The price is always a steal – it's a full weekend run for under \$50, including accommodations!



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## Meet The Member: Michael C

Michael has been an Associate Member of Empire City MC since June 2014. Michael is one of the few remaining members of the Long Island Ravens MC that still rides a motorcycle. Michael is a native Long Islander . . . born, raised and still living there presently.

Although Michael has always had a passion for motorcycles, as he grew up watching his older brother on his red Kawasaki Ninja sports bike, he first began riding at the age of 29. His first motorcycle was a used Suzuki 650 SV, which he affectionately refers to as a "junker". Still, the bike clearly made an indelible impression as Michael has stayed extremely loyal to the brand. Sequential upgrades include a Suzuki VX 800 and Michael's currently ride, a 2003 Suzuki Bandit 1200S. Most certainly, a sports-touring motorcycle is his preferred ride. His dream upgrade is a BMW R 1200 RT.

Michael's favourite ride to date was touring approximately 2500 miles from his native Long Island to Arizona and back.



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## Empire City MC is featured in another video special!

This time we were featured in the United Kingdom in Union Magazine. Union is an independent magazine, which launched in 2015 showcasing quality journalism from around the world. The journal is aimed at the inquisitive ones that have a lust for life, knowledge and fringe culture.

<http://www.unionmag.co.uk/>

Union's founders work has appeared in or broadcast on The Sunday Times, MotorCycle News, GQ, Golf World, The Daily Telegraph, T3, Loaded, Channel 4, Discovery Channel and the BBC.

Here's the sexy video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMbH4hr5DCU>



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## The last word...

We're now in the prime of riding season and there are all sorts of rides going on! Be sure to watch <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com> very closely, as all rides and events will be posted there on a regular basis. I'm very happy to announce that although we've lost two members this year (Will C and Giorgio D), we've gained three new members: Brian V, Steve G and Mario L! Our club is now the largest it's been since 2004 (possibly even more so!) We've also had a sudden surge in interest, gaining four prospects in the past month alone! I'm so proud to be a member and the president of ECMC during this rebirth of the classic motorcycle club! – Chaz

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# UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

**16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July:** RIDE to Washington DC for AMCC's All-Club Barnight at The DC Eagle

**23<sup>rd</sup> July:** RIDE to The Raven in New Hope for poolside fun!

**3<sup>rd</sup> August:** ECMC's Open General Meeting at The Centre, 208 W 13<sup>th</sup> St, NYC. All riders and prospective members welcomed!

**11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August:** RIDE to Montréal to cruise Montréal and attend the Montréal Gay Pride March

**20<sup>th</sup> August:** RIDE to Mark W's home for club inventory, followed by a fun run in the NJ/PA area, led by MW!

**7<sup>th</sup> September:** ECMC's Open General Meeting at The Centre, 208 W 13<sup>th</sup> St, NYC. All riders and prospective members welcomed!

**9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September:** RIDE to Aaron & Yves (by invitation only)

**24<sup>th</sup> September:** RIDE Fallen Heroes Run [tentative]

**29<sup>th</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** RIDE Mate's Leather Weekend, Provincetown, MA

**5<sup>th</sup> October:** ECMC's Open General Meeting at The Centre, 208 W 13<sup>th</sup> St, NYC. All riders and prospective members welcomed!

**14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October:** ECMC's 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Weekend featuring the 182<sup>nd</sup> AMCC Meeting

**21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October:** Harbour Masters 34th Anniversary "A Little Dingy", Portland, ME

**2<sup>nd</sup> November:** ECMC's Open General Meeting at The Centre, 208 W 13<sup>th</sup> St, NYC. All riders and prospective members welcomed!

**26<sup>th</sup> November:** Bucks MC presents the 43rd Annual Santa Saturday® in Asbury Park, NJ

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> December:** Excelsior MC's Trim-a-Tree & ECMC's 53rd Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive Weekend in 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 [calendar.EmpireCityMC.com](http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com) and come along with us on some great rides!

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