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Empire City Motorcycle Club Newsletter



RUMBLINGS

THE ECMC ARCHIVE

As I may or may not have mentioned, I have been working on the ECMC ARCHIVE project, an effort to digitise what remains of Empire City MC's records – photos, minutes, run books, etc. (if you have any contributions, please contact ChazAntonelli@gmail.com for inclusion).

Today I came across some of our 1980s documents. People are getting sick and dying from AIDS and no one cares. Invitations for memorial services, guidelines for submissions to the NAMES project (The AIDS Quilt) and other similar documents. The musty smelling pages feel as if they, themselves still contain some of the feelings of hopelessness, despair and frustration.

One of the pages contained a reprint of an article from January 1988's "TREAD", the newsletter of Wheels MC (a now-defunct off-shoot of ECMC). It echoed what virtually all clubs were saying at the time: Give a damn! Here it is, resurrected from nearly 30 years ago...

How To Ruin A Club

(submitted by John Ryzinski)

1. Don't come to meetings. If you come, be late.
2. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming
3. If you attend, find fault with the work of others.
4. Never accept an office – it's easier to criticize.
5. Be angry if you're not appointed to a committee.
6. When asked your opinion, say nothing. – Afterward, tell everyone how things should be done.
7. Do no more than necessary. If a few persons work tirelessly, complain that the group is run by a clique.
8. Don't bother to help get new members.
9. Don't tell leaders how the group can help you achieve goals – but if it doesn't, quit coming.
10. When you attend a meeting, vote for one thing and then forget about it when you go home.
11. Agree to everything at the meeting – disagree later.
12. Get all the benefits your unit provides – but don't make a contribution.
13. Talk about cooperation, but don't practice it.



This article is from nearly 30 years ago and still holds true today. Many clubs have been holding on by a thread since the advent of AIDS, gentrification and the internet, many others haven't survived, leaving a gaping hole in our community.

If you're a member of club, keep in mind just how important you are as a member. If you're an officer, remember that it's your duty to teach leadership skills to your newer members and give them the confidence to hold an office. If you're a GDI (god damned independent), consider joining a club in your local area – if there isn't one, consider starting one! Don't know where to start? Reach out to us or AMCC (<http://amcc76.org>) and we'll help get you started

TURN UP YOUR HEARING AID AND READ THIS!

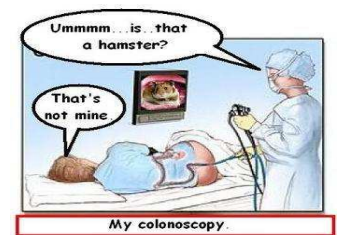
Turning 50 is such a bittersweet thing. On the good side, *wow!* I made it this far, I'm finally a grown-up! My opinions now have validity and count much more. I don't look (as) silly sitting on a rocking chair with a tweed flat cap telling stories of the "good 'ol days" when we didn't have mobile phones and the internet. Moreover, just as with very young children who do or say inappropriate things are excused, as are people when they flash their AARP card. I'm far less concerned about my "permanent record" and how something might affect my ability to get hired at a good firm. So, go ahead and drink that jug of chocolate milk and eat grapes before they're paid for in the grocery store! Let a

nice fart out in the lift and turn to the person behind you and ask "did you say something?" Sit in the special seats on busses and subways for people *our age* and don't feel guilty!

On the bad side, I'm getting to know doctors on a much more personal level. Three trips to the hospital within the past few years: cataracts, worsening arthritis, kidney stones, diabetes, and later this month my first-ever colonoscopy!

Mind you, I'm not so worried about the procedure itself, but just what might accidentally slip out of my mouth when I'm in that half-in/half-out of consciousness whilst surrounded by sexy male nurses and a strapping 30-something with devices up my butt. (Not that I haven't been in that scene before!) Perhaps I should bring a leather ball-gag when I go to liven the procedure up a bit? We'll see...

30 was a rough birthday for me, 40 was a breeze but 50... 50!! It's still sinking in



LAST OF THE OUTDOOR CLUB RUNS

In 1988 members of the leather community were dropping like flies. It was an awful time to be in the leather community, but it was also instrumental at tempering and forging what was to create the rights we gay men now enjoy today. It was also a year in where more club "runs" were vanishing. It was also the year when I made a motion in a Rochester Rams meeting that damn it all - we're going to start holding an outdoor run once again, even with half our members sick and dying, we needed *something* to look forward to. Thus, the Rochester Rams Run was re-born after bring on hiatus for some time. In our first year, we got lots of help from a new club, the Utica Tri's who co-sponsored the run.

Yeah, I know that some of you younger folk are wondering "what is a run?" - put as simply as I can, there are two kinds of club runs: in-town and outdoor. In-town runs are a weekend long event hosted by a club at a hotel and one or more bars or venues in a city. An outdoor run is at a private campground, typically a kid's campground like a YMCA or such... In both cases, there are cocktail parties, opening ceremonies, some sort of entertainment (a show or scavenger hunt), "people" and "bike" games, closing ceremonies with awards for participation, the games winners, the "pig" of the run and oh yeah - lots of sex and dungeon equipment! The name "run" was stolen from the straight motorcycle community, just like a lot of things that gay "MCs" were founded on.

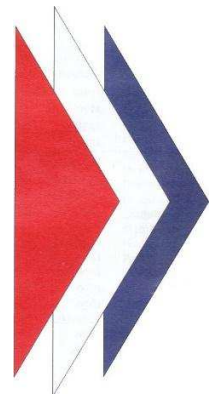
Over the years since, many of the "in-town" runs morphed into leather beauty pageants or club anniversary weekends. A few hold-outs were: The Long Island Ravens and the Harbour Masters, neither of which succumbed to the leather contest route (yea!)

At the same time, many outdoor runs like the Pocono Warrior's "100 Men In The Woods", Bucks MC's "Pow-Wow", MC Faucon's Migration, and Spearhead LDSC's "Round Up", The Unicorns, Wheels, Cycle MC, Centaurs and on and on all started to vanish from existence. It was very sad. Some say the cost of doing outdoor runs (both physically and economically) killed them, others blame it on light attendance due to online cruising apps. I think there's a combination of the two, in addition to the lack of proper promotion of these "runs" to younger folk (whom, by the way, had no problem paying over \$1,000 for a weekend hotel room in Chicago for IML!)

I'm so excited to say that for the past 22 years, one outdoor run remains on the east coast and it's a good one! It's the highly exclusive and elusive run held by the Delta Brotherhood. Just as in the 60s/70s and early 80s, you must have a sponsor to attend, there's a limit on how many can attend (I think it's 300 men). Delta isn't really your traditional run inasmuch as they don't have opening ceremonies, people/bike games or much else - its pure hard-cord play with three large indoor play-spaces with every piece of dungeon equipment you can think of. There are four smaller cabins for "speciality scenes" such as W/S and red-hanky play. Delta has taken the core of outdoor runs and concentrated it into a long weekend (five days/five nights) of pure testosterone and kink. If leather and SM/BD is your scene, it's well worth pursuing an invitation from a member of Delta.

I am unable to go into much further detail about the event, or for that matter state its location, other than it bring close to Philadelphia, so there are quite a few international participants. The event is very private and elite.

Multi-media bonus: Check out this podcast <http://risk-show.com/podcast/laughs-groans-weiners> starting from 22m30s for a cute story about an outdoor run scene as told by a participant. It's an amusing story, worth the listen - you can tell that fantasy and desires are apex at events like this.



THE LAST WORD

We missed landfall from the storms over Labour Day weekend and a lot of good riding was had by all! Hopefully riding season will hold out until mid-December this year, thanks in part to global warming. I wanted to point out a few upcoming events that ECMC will be involved with: Mates Leather Weekend in Provincetown, MA will be the 30th September thru 2nd October. Want to ride with us? Let us know. Also, our 52nd Anniversary (as previously mentioned in this newsletter) will be 14th-16th October, please come! Our 53rd Annual Holiday Party and Toy Drive will be on 3rd December in upper level of the Stonewall Inn - details coming soon. Ride safe and check our website at www.EmpireCityMC.com for other events and rides!

Chaz A, President,
Empire City MC

UPCOMING RIDES & EVENTS

29th September – 3rd October: RIDE Mate's Leather Weekend, Provincetown, MA.

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

14th – 16th October: ECMC's 52nd Anniversary Weekend featuring the 182nd AMCC Meeting.

Come Help Us Welcome
AMCC
And
Celebrate ECMC's
52nd Anniversary

EVENTS

Saturday October 15th
ECMC hosts the 182nd AMCC meeting
1130 am-130 pm
Stonewall Inn 2nd floor
53 Christopher St. New York, NY

Saturday October 15th
ECMC 52nd Anniversary Dinner 6 – 8 pm
Cowgirl 510 Hudson St. New York, NY
Tickets on sale at www.EmpireCityMC.com

Saturday October 15th
ECMC 52nd Anniversary Bar Night
9 – 11 pm
Stonewall Inn 2nd floor

Friday October 14th
Leather Men Galore
Bar Night at Ty's Bar
8-11pm
114 Christopher St
New York, NY

Sunday October 16th
ECMC 52nd Anniversary
Farewell Brunch
12:00 – 1:30 pm
Skylight Diner
402 W 34th St. New York, NY

21st – 23rd October: Harbour Masters 34th Anniversary "A Little Dingy", Portland, ME.

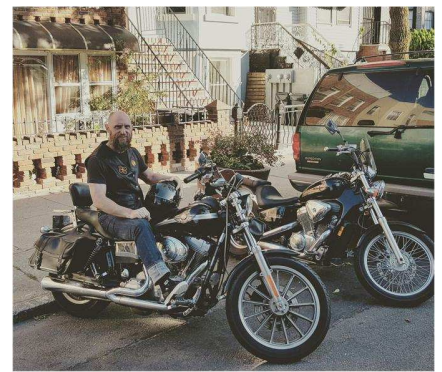
2nd November: ECMC's Open General Meeting at The Centre, 208 W 13th St, NYC. All riders and prospective members welcomed!

26th November: Bucks MC presents the 43rd Annual Santa Saturday® in Asbury Park, NJ.

2nd – 4th 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 and come along with us on some great rides!

PICTURES FROM LOKI'S BBQ AT BEARD GARDEN - AUGUST 8, 2016



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