



**April 2017**

## **Empire City Motorcycle Club Newsletter**



**RUMBLINGS**

### The 9th Annual Hogs-4-Hope Run



One of the first major motorcycle rides to kick-off motorcycle season for Empire City MC has become "Hogs4hope". Hogs4hope is a non-profit charity motorcycle event to benefit The Ronald McDonald House New York. When ECMC started attending this event, it was hosted by the straight motorcycle club "Yonkers MC" (<http://yonkersmotorcycleclub.net/>), the OLDEST Motorcycle Club in the world (founded in 1903!) but more recently, it's been hosted by Members of the Yonkers Fire Brigade, Road Kings MC New York (<http://www.roadkingsmc.com/>), Haymond Law, and Conteas. All makes/models of all motorcycles are welcomed! There are hundreds of bikes and bikers, gay, straight and everything in-between! If you cannot make the ride, you are welcome to purchase a ticket for the BBQ only!

One of the coolest things about police escorted rides events is that thanks to the cooperation of local police, the police block roads for the exclusive use of the motorcycles while we take the hour-long ride from Croton Dam to Yonkers for the huge BBQ & Pig Roast. It's really great not to have to stop for stop-lights, stop signs or opposing traffic . . . especially on the parkways!

Date: 30th April 2017 (Rain date: 7th May 2017)

Starting location: Croton Gorge Park, Croton-on-Hudson, GPS: 41.225315, -73.857884

Schedule: Sign in at 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM/Kickstands up at 11:00 AM

End Location: JFK Marina & Park (Yonkers, NY - GPS: 40.953142, -73.898702) for the famous Pig Roast BBQ with LIVE MUSIC starts at noon.



The official webpage is <http://www.rmh-newyork.org/events/hog-for-hope>

Chaz A.

## Conductors L/L 35th Anniversary Run

I just returned from Nashville, TN where the Conductors Leather/Levi club just celebrated their 35th Anniversary. It was your usual in-town run with daily coach transportation that looped the gay bars and host hotel. It was mentioned several times that they had an unusually low turn-out this year, about 48 participants compared with their usual 100, yet that didn't stop fun from being had! People events and a big Saturday show at a massive concert venue were the highlight of the weekend. Although the Conductors are a Mid-Atlantic Club (not AMCC), there were a few of the usual suspects present, plus a few northern folk! As you can see in the photos, it was quite entertaining!

Chaz A



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## Meet the Member

Darryl S. . . . Leather Competitor!!!



For ECMC member Darryl S, it's all about leather, bikers and bears. An avid spokesman for the leather community Darryl joined ECMC in 2014 as a full member. Darryl actually first approached Gabriel R. of Excelsior MC, but wanted to join a club that rode regularly. In a strange twist of fate Darryl made an important connection through Gabriel R. He met "Evil" Ed C. and elected to pledge to ECMC. Evil Ed was immediately impressed with Darryl who had ridden his 2012 Suzuki Boulevard C50T cruiser to Montreal and back. And the rest is . . . well, in the rear view mirror! Darryl later introduced the club to the Imperial Court of New York, a social organization that has raised millions for health services and

support groups and ECMC has been volunteering as security at Night of 1000 Gowns every year since. Twice runner-up to the Mr. Eagle title, Darryl competed at MAL in 2015 when Lanny B. could not attend and may vie for title again in 2017! Did someone say, "Cuchi, cuchi, Susan Lucci?" But in the end it's really all about the brotherhood, and bears . . . and of course bikes. ECMC wished brother Darryl the best in all his leather endeavors.

Aaron G.

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## The Last Word

As the last of the cold weather begins to fade away, it's time for us to take our bikes out and start to perform maintenance, clean and begin riding for the 2017 season. As you can see in our "Upcoming Events & Rides", some of the usual suspect events and rides are already populating into our calendar. Our rides are open for others to join us – so feel free to come along! Our two big biker only events are our "Motorcycle Weekend", which is a proper motorcycle run held over Memorial Day weekend and our "Biker Picnic" which will be held 17th June this year. Although the Biker Picnic is completely free and is ECMC's way of giving back to the biker community and is open to male and female bikers, the Motorcycle Weekend costs \$40 and includes three breakfasts, three dinners, sleeping accommodations and open bar at The Ranch and is for men only. Please consider attending and telling other bikers about these events! There are also other events going on all year long, so keep a close eye on <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com/> as events and rides are placed there, sometimes at a moment's notice! Ride safe!

Chaz A.

## UPCOMING ECMC RIDES & EVENTS

30th April	Hogs 4 Hope Ride at Croton-on-the Dam, NY (Rain Date May 7th)
3rd May	ECMC Open General Meeting 8pm at The Centre, 208 W 13th St
19th-21st May	Twilight Guard — Leather, Feathers and Bears! On Fire Island.
26th-29th May	ECMC Motorcycle Weekend 2017! See attached application
4th June	New Jersey Pride Parade – Asbury Park, NJ
7th June	ECMC Open General Meeting 8pm at The Centre, 208 W 13th St
10th June	ECMC Barnight at the DC Eagle during National Pride March Weekend
11th June	ECMC at the National Pride March, Washington DC
16th June	ECMC Bike Blessing at Ty's Bar NYC, 114 Christopher St, New York NY
17th June	ECMC Annual Biker Picnic, Meet at Sweet Life Cafe, Christopher St at 9am
25th June	ECMC at the NYC Gay Pride Parade, New York NY
1st-5th July	Canada Day/Independence Day at The Ranch
5th July	ECMC Open General Meeting 8pm at The Centre, 208 W 13th St

REMEMBER: There are plenty of other events and rides added to our official calendar on a regular basis! Bookmark our official calendar at [calendar.EmpireCityMC.com](http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com) and plan come along with us on some great rides! The riding season is fast approaching!

Joke of the day... Don't ask too many questions – you might not like the answers!



An old cowboy walks into a barbershop in Red Lodge, Montana for a shave and a haircut.

He tells the barber he can't get all his whiskers off because his cheeks are wrinkled from age.

The barber gets a little wooden ball from a cup on the shelf and tells the old cowboy to put it inside his cheek to spread out the skin.

When he's finished, the old cowboy tells the barber that was the cleanest shave he'd had in years, but he wanted to know what would have happened if he had accidentally swallowed the little ball.

The barber replied, just bring it back in a couple of days like everyone else does.

Empire City MC's Annual Motorcycle Weekend - May 26th – 29th, 2017  
Information and Run Application



With the help of many friends and the dedication of ECMC members, we're excited to announce another great Memorial Day Weekend riding experience including some meals, accommodations and more! Won't you join ECMC for Motorcycle Weekend?

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May ..... Ride with us to "The Ranch" in Hemlock, NY through the scenic Hudson Valley Region and the Southern Tier of New York State with multiple breaks/pick-up points.

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> May .... Explore upstate New York's Finger Lakes region!

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> May ..... Explore upstate New York's Finger Lakes region!

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> May ..... Ride with us back to New York City.

In order to best prepare and accommodate everyone, we ask that you carefully review the ride as outlined and submit your completed application with \$40/per person run fee to Empire City MC before 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. Space is limited to 25 bikers & buddies!

**This is a motorcycle only event!** No four-wheeled vehicles are allowed! We understand there are riders from all over that would like to participate in this event without having to enter New York City; therefore we have several meet-up points and times specified in the map on page two. Included for your \$40 run fee are: Accommodations at The Ranch, three dinners and three breakfasts, open bar all weekend at The Ranch. Each person must complete this form and send it in.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ I am:  Buddy Rider /  Rider

I will meet up at (see map on page 2):  A,  B,  C,  D,  E,  F, or  G

Emergency Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I have attained at least twenty-one (21) years of age and that I, based upon mutual covenants and considerations, will not hold Empire City Motorcycle Club, Inc. (a.k.a. ECMC), Al Rizzo/Dan Marty (a.k.a. The Ranch) nor the individual and collective officers, members, servants, agents, employees thereof liable for any injury to my person or property during the period of Empire City MC's Annual Motorcycle Weekend. I further agree to indemnify, save harmless and hold harmless Empire City Motorcycle Club, Inc. (a.k.a. ECMC), Al Rizzo/Dan Marty (a.k.a. The Ranch) or the individual and collective officers, members, servants, agents, employees thereof from any and all liability, serious injury, economic loss, and any other loss arising from whatever event, source, manner and/or nature which they may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs or judgments against them, individually and/or collectively, arising out of their individually and/or collectively granting to me the privilege of attending and participating in part and/or whole of Empire City MC's Annual Motorcycle Weekend.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

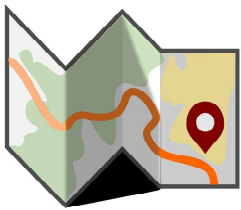
Once you've completed the filling in the planning portion (with the maps below), you must mail this application to our Run Chairman for processing. Remember: Bed space will be assigned on a 'first registered, first served' basis, so don't delay!

Please read the directions carefully and return this page with payment (\$40 per person) by U.S. Mail to:

Empire City MC Motorcycle Weekend  
10 W 15th St, Suite 609  
New York, NY 10011-6821

Save time: Apply online at <https://ecmc-mw-2017.eventbrite.com>





Please note: This may be a different route from prior years – we mix it up!

Don't forget to tick the box on page one to let us know where you're meeting up with us! Furthermore, it's vital that your motorcycle is in good working order and you are on time to your respective meet-up location.

**Meet-up Point "A" (Lexington Candy Shop, New York, NY)**

09:00 - 10:00 ... Breakfast at Lexington Candy Shop, 1226 Lexington Ave at 83rd St, New York, NY 10028  
10:00 - 11:00 ... Kickstands up from Lexington Candy Shop and ride 21 mi (0:60)

**Meet-up Point "B" (Left Exit Gas Station on the Palisades Pkwy, MM 1.7 just after crossing back into NYS)**

11:00 - 11:15 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break. Note: GPS: 41°01'39.0"N 73°56'17.9"W  
11:15 - 12:15 ... Kickstands up and ride 54 mi (0:60)

**Meet-up Point "C" (Quickway Twin Cone/Quickway Diner/Citgo, RR 17K, Bloomingburg, NY 12721)**

12:15 - 12:30 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break/ice cream  
12:30 - 13:45 ... Kickstands up and ride ~82 mi (0:75)

**Meet-up Point "D" (LUNCH STOP at Butterfields Cafe, 16 Division St, Deposit, NY 13754)**

13:45 - 14:45 ... Gas up at the Citgo, then ride around the corner to Butterfield's Café for lunch.  
14:45 - 16:00 ... Kickstands up and ride 71 mi (0:66)

**Meet-up Point "E" (Dandy Mini Mart, 363 White Wagon Rd, Sayre, PA 18840)**

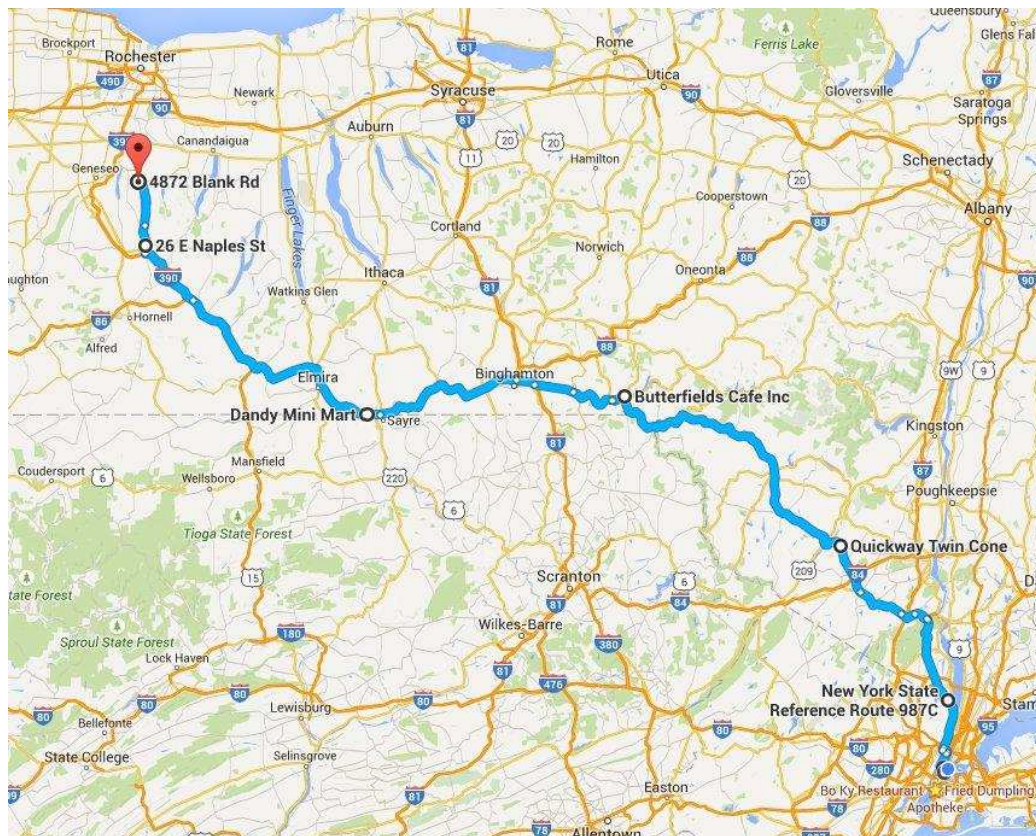
16:00 - 16:15 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break  
16:15 - 17:20 ... Kickstands up and ride 77 mi (0:70)

**Meet-up Point "F" (7-Eleven/Mobil, 26 E Naples St, Wayland, NY 14572)**

17:20 - 17:40 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break  
17:40 - 18:00 ... Kickstands up and ride 16 mi (0:20)

**Meet-up Point "G" (The Ranch, 4872 Blank Rd, Hemlock, NY 14466)**

18:00 ..... Arrive at The Ranch, unpack and go to Lima Country Club for dinner



What do you need to bring?

A bed, clean linens and towels will be provided by The Ranch, but for your safety and comfort, we recommend you bring the following:

- bike tool kit
- extra bungee cords
- rain gear
- driving license
- motorcycle registration
- motorcycle insurance card
- mobile phone charger
- medications
- motorcycle insurance card
- dry clothing
- club colours (vest)
- favourite sex toy (optional) ;-)

NOTES:

You may interactively view/tweak our route map online at: <http://bit.ly/2017-BIKER>

The Ranch has play space (should you be interested), as well as a pool, hot tub, bar, nature trails and more! Read more about The Ranch at <http://i.mp/TheRanch>



NOTE: In 2017, our first meal (on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May) will be at the Lima Golf & Country Club, 7470 Chase Rd Lima, NY 14485. Their Friday Fish Fry is well known as being one of the best in the area (of course, there are other entrees to select from as well!) A credit of \$10 per person is included with your run fee for your Friday meal.

We will provide Saturday, Sunday and Monday breakfasts at The Ranch, Saturday and Sunday dinners at The Ranch. All lunches and on-the-road meals are your own responsibility.

Save time: Apply online at <https://ecmc-mw-2017.eventbrite.com>