



ECMC's Motorcycle Weekend

The 9th Annual Empire City Motorcycle Weekend in the Fingerlakes Region is still on at this time! We refuse that this will ever be "the new normal" and once the virus has run its course, things will begin returning to normal. We sincerely hope that by the end of May (when our trip is planned), it will be safe.

We are accepting applications presently and the application is on the last page of this newsletter. There is tiered pricing, based on when you submit your application – so get your application in quickly to avoid the price increase or finding the event being sold out! We have room for only 20 people and we have sold out in the past!

We are only accepting cheques or money orders this year, as we have a fail-safe seven days before the event starts – if for any reason we consider the weekend to be a hazard to anyone's health, we will cancel the event and mail you back (or destroy) your cheque. If the event remains in place, we will deposit the cheques on Monday, 18th May 2020 and there will be no refunds at that point as we will need to shop for all the food and drinks.



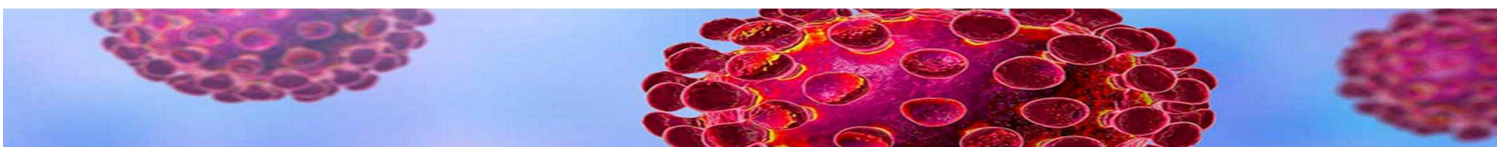
2020 HAS NOT been "Cancelled"

That's all we're hearing – every event in March and April have been cancelled. Gay Pride NYC is questionable, L.A. Pride has been cancelled, Folsom Street East has been cancelled, The Long Island Raven's Anniversary has been cancelled, The Great British Bear Bash has been cancelled, serious questions remain about the International Mister Leather Contest too, as it's "international" and many countries have their borders closed.

Well, we're here to tell you that 2020 has not been cancelled – motorcycling is a great way to get fresh air, get some sunshine, maintain a health distance between people and calm your mind from all the horrors that are going on in the world.

Yes, "gatherings" are in question right now, but going out riding is not (at least not at this time!)

Empire City MC will be planning many rides as the weather gets warmer and we will figure a way to keep a two metre distance between each other – and you're invited! Watch our calendar at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com> for upcoming rides and get your motorcycle out of storage and get ready to feel good again!



Arktos Bears Run Announced

The Arktos Bears of Northeast Ohio is pleased to announce the plans for their annual run. In 2020 it shall be held 7-9th August at a **new location**, The Circle J.J. Ranch in Scio, Ohio.

While it is a smaller facility than Freedom Valley Campgrounds, it will offer a more intimate experience with a pool, hot tub, sauna and other “attractions”. The Run will include a wine tasting, beer tasting, a cigar and whiskey event and added games for a fun filled weekend.

Empire City MC has made the trip to Ohio for the past two years and has really enjoyed the camaraderie, environment and the huge pool at the Arktos Run and highly recommend it.

For specific information, details, and pricing, shoot an e-mail to Email Arktosinfo2017@yahoo.com and they will be more than happy to help you out.





ARKTOS

Bears of NE Ohio

Bears in the Woods XXVI
August 7, 8, and 9, 2020

Bears Around

Food and drink all weekend
Beer Tasting
Wine Tasting
Cigar & Whiskey Event
Games
Gift Basket Raffle
and of course...
Entertainment!



The World

Register at:
arktosinfo2017@yahoo.com

Proceeds donated to :







12th Annual Hogs 4 Hope Run has been postponed

The 12th Annual Hogs for Hope Run to benefit the Ronald McDonald House has been postponed. For more information see: <https://empireharley.com/event/5439/hogs4hope>

Last year both their chosen date as well as their “rain date” had bad weather, so the event didn’t take place until 15th September in 2019.



New York
TO BENEFIT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE NEW YORK

HOGS4HOPE

12 ANNUAL HOGS4HOPE

POSTPONED DUE TO THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS

POLICE ESCORT
PIG ROAST
LIVE MUSIC
PIGUP CONTEST
RAFFLE CONTEST
VENDORS



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Riders \$30.....Passengers \$25.
Sign up Sun-11am Croton Gorge Park, Croton on the Hudson
Kickstands up at 11am Pig Roast BBQ Party starts at Noon
The JFK Marina, Yonkers, NY
 Contact Ken 9-14 424-8007 gkendrick@hotmail.com
mh-newyork.org/events/hog-for-hope

Excelsior M.C. 45th Anniversary on Fire Island Cancelled

This year we celebrate 45 years of Excelsior MC making its indelible mark on the New York and East Coast LGBT+ communities.

Celebrate with us with this limited run t-shirt with art by SYLUSS NYC.

Excelsior M.C. was founded in 1975 by four courageous characters - Terry McNulty, David Talbot, Rich Dicurci and Wally Wallace. The four guys spent a leather weekend on Fire Island sponsored by Cycle MC with participants from around the world.

Partnering with Empire City MC, a draft constitution was established and the group name would soon be focused on the New York State motto, "Excelsior," which means ever upward.

Although this year's run has been cancelled due to COVID-19 meaning there will be no Fire Island fun this year, you can still celebrate their 45th anniversary and show your support with a commemorative t-shirt!



<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/excelsiormc45>

More Cool Biker Tattoos



UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

Wed 6th May, 20:00 – 21:00: Empire City MC's Open General Meeting, held 8pm-9pm. Check <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com> to see if we'll be meeting in person or on Zoom Teleconference. We now host our meetings on Zoom as well as in person!

Fri 22nd – Mon 25th May: RIDE: Empire City MC's 9th Annual Motorcycle Weekend in the Finger Lakes Region! Applications are attached to this newsletter on the last page. Payments will **not** be cashed until after 15th May 2020 and only if we get the "all clear" from the Department of Health – if there are any issues with the virus after 15th May at your location or ours, we shall cancel the event and return your personal cheque or money orders. We're only looking for a commitment in cash at this time.

Fri 29th – Sun 31st May: EVENT: Bear Albany presents "Bear Pride" in Albany, NY. Information at: <http://www.bearalbany.com>

Wed 3rd June, 20:00 – 21:00: Empire City MC's Open General Meeting, held 8pm-9pm. Check <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com> to see if we'll be meeting in person or on Zoom Teleconference. We now host our meetings on Zoom as well as in person!

Fri 19th June, 18:00-21:00: EVENT: ECMC Bike Blessing at Ty's Bar NYC, 114 Christopher St, New York, NY

Sat 20th June, 09:00-18:00: RIDE: ECMC's 56th Annual **FREE** Biker Picnic (entry by motorcycle only!) More information coming soon, but we'll meet up at Sweet Life Cafe, 147 Christopher St, New York, NY 10014 at 09:00 for coffee/breakfast, ksu (kick-stands-up) at 10:00 and we'll ride to an undisclosed location for our free biker picnic!

Sun 28th June, 10:00-17:00: RIDE: NYC Gay Pride March / 51st Anniversary of Stonewall

Wed 1st July, 20:00 – 21:00: Empire City MC's Open General Meeting, held 8pm-9pm on the first Wednesday of each month at "The Centre" 208 W 13th St, New York, NY 10011. All interested men and prospective members are welcome to attend. Always check with the front desk/schedule to see which room we're in.

Sat 11th July, 11:00 – 17:00: RIDE: Mel & Jose's 4th of July Party and Barbeque

Sat 25th July, 09-17:00: RIDE: River Tubing with Hunterdon County HOGs

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Fri 7th - Sun 9th August: RIDE: Arktos Bears of Northeast Ohio Annual Run. Circle J.J. Ranch in Scio, Ohio.

Fri 4th – Tue 8th September: RIDE/EVENT: 26th Annual Delta Run (by invitation only)

Fri 14th - Mon 17th August: RIDE: Gay Pride Montréal! The dates are now confirmed! I recommend staying at the Hôtel St-Denis, which is right by the park where all the activities are. It's inexpensive and very close to everything! We have had a lot of success with this trip the last five years and there's still more to see & do! As with the prior years, groups & individuals will go up and come back at their own pace. Everyone will need to make their own accommodation plans and we'll use WhatsApp to coordinate meet-ups for breakfast to chat about the day's plans. If you're NOT RIDING, just meet us up there -- riders and non-riders welcome -- you can even take the train if you like!

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!

Our physical mailing address is: **Empire City MC, 10 W 15th St, Suite 609, New York, NY 10011-6821.** Empire City MC is a member of the Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council.

For membership information, visit <http://empirecitymc.com/membership.php> to view/download our constitution, bylaws and membership application. We're on facebook at <http://facebook.EmpireCityMC.com>

Please send any articles, photos or letters to the editor at newsletter@EmpireCityMC.org

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Empire City MC's Annual Motorcycle Weekend 22nd-25th May 2020 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?

Fri 22nd 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.

Sat 23rd Explore upstate New York's Finger Lakes region!

Sun 24th Explore upstate New York's Finger Lakes region!

Mon 25th 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 your run fee to Empire City MC. Space is strictly limited to 20 bikers/buddies!

NEW RUN FEE: Up to 17th April 2020, \$50/per person, after 17th April 2020, \$60/per person.

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 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 you at (see map on page 2): A, B, C, D, or E

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.

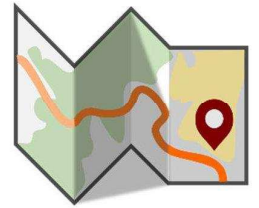
Signature _____ Date _____

Please mail this application in to our Run Chairman for processing. 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 by mail to:

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



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 26.6 mi (0:60)

Meet-up Point "B" (Exxon Gas Station, 842 NJ-17, Ramsey, NJ 07446)

11:00 - 11:15 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break. Everyone must gas up at this stop!
 11:15 - 13:30 ... Kickstands up and ride 128 mi (2:15)

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

13:30 - 14:45 ... Butterfield's Café for lunch, then fuel stop at Sunoco 2nd St & Dean St
 14:45 - 16:45 ... Kickstands up and ride 100 mi (2:00)

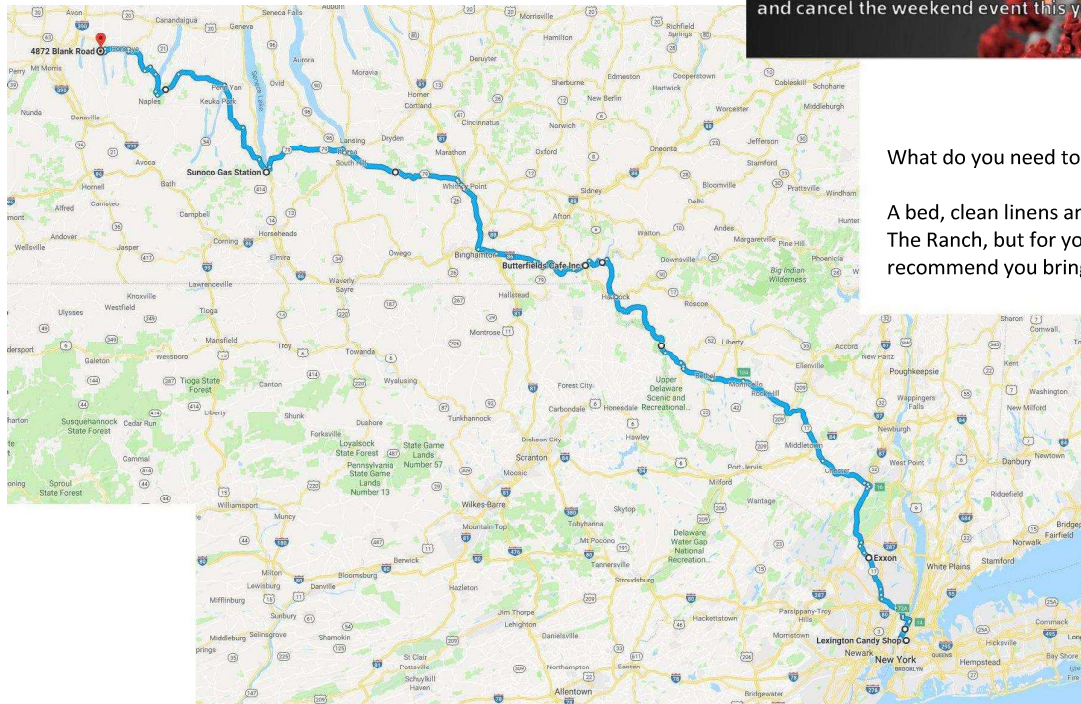
Meet-up Point "D" (Sunoco Gas Station, N Franklin St & 9th St, Watkins Glen, NY 14891)

16:45 - 17:00 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break
 17:00 - 18:30 ... Kickstands up and ride 68.4 mi (1:30)

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

18:30 Arrive at The Ranch and get your first meal!

Our COVID-19 promise:
 We will hold and not deposit your payment until the 15th of May 2020. At which point, if there are still any quarantines or health issues in respect to the Coronavirus COVID-19, we shall return 100% of all funds and cancel the weekend event this year.



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) ;-)

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- You may view/tweak our interactive route map online at: <http://i.mp/ECMC2020MW>
- The Ranch has play space as well as a pool, hot tub, bar, nature trails and more! Read more about The Ranch at <http://i.mp/TheRanch>
- We will provide gourmet meals at The Ranch on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.
- All lunch-time meals and on-the-road meals are your own responsibility.
- After registering, we will send you a confirmation letter with further details.

