



## ECMC's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle Weekend

As promised, information about this year's motorcycle weekend are in *this newsletter* and it's very exciting! Our Run Application has so much information, it's three-pages long! It's no surprise that we're going to a new location this year, The Farm in Coal Centre, PA. It is very similar to what we had at The Ranch in Hemlock, except in a different direction (and we're using two days to get there and two days to come home, 'cause our iron butt days are behind us!)

I'd expect to see some NEW FACES at this event, as our event radius has moved to now include:

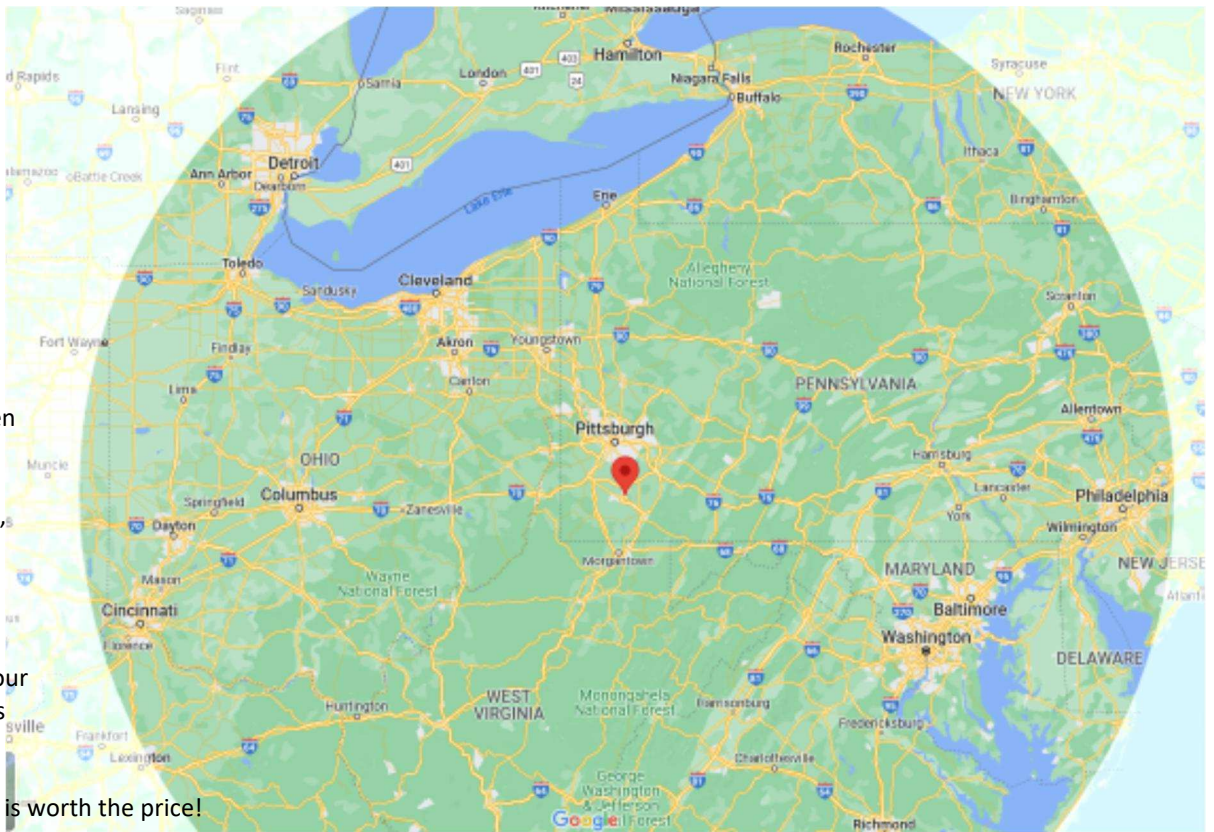
- Cleveland
- Washington
- Baltimore
- Columbus
- Buffalo
- Detroit
- Cincinnati
- and more!

If you meet us up in Harrisburg, PA where we'll see The Pennsmen at their home bar

But as they say on T.V.,  
"Wait! There's more"

On Saturday, we have procured tickets for a private architectural tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's "Fallingwater"

This add-on is \$34 and is worth the price!



The next three pages are more information about the Motorcycle Weekend Run, if you have ANY questions, please e-mail [Road-Captain@EmpireCityMC.com](mailto:Road-Captain@EmpireCityMC.com) and we'll be happy to assist!

## ABBA in Concert? Yes!

Empire City MC will head to Lancaster, PA for a long weekend 29<sup>th</sup> July thru 1<sup>st</sup> August to re-visit The Red Caboose Motel, tool around Amish Country and see ABBA\* in concert on 31<sup>st</sup> July! (\* to be completely honest, ABBA holograms!)

If you're interested in this weekend trip and event, please reach out to [Secretary@EmpireCityMC.com](mailto:Secretary@EmpireCityMC.com) who has planned this event.





## Empire City MC's Annual Motorcycle Weekend 26<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 - Information

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? Due to the distance of this year's event from New York City to Coal Centre, PA, we're adding two optional travel days to our event this year!

We will utilise Harrisburg, PA as our half-way point for our ride to Coal Centre as well as our return home to NYC. You may join up with us in NYC or Harrisburg! Note: Hotel reservations, dinners/drinks in Harrisburg are not included in the price for this trip to allow the most flexibility for those wishing to participate:

THU 26 MAY - Meet up in NYC and ride to Harrisburg, PA. We'll spend the night at "Days Inn by Wyndham Harrisburg North" in Harrisburg, have dinner and meet up with The Pennsmen at their home bar, Brownstone Lounge.

FRI 27 MAY - We will have brunch and then ride from Harrisburg to Coal Centre, PA, arriving by 5pm.

SAT 28 MAY - Brunch at The Farm, then a motorcycle ride to the famous Frank Lloyd Wright house, "Fallingwater" (fee for entry) Saturday dinner will be "dutch treat" at Four Points Brewery, a short ride from The Farm.

SUN 29 MAY - Brunch at The Farm, then a motorcycle ride with lunch on the road and dinner back at The Farm.

MON 30 MAY - Pack up, Brunch at The Farm, then we head back to Harrisburg, where we will check in for the night once again and meet up with The Pennsmen.

TUE 31 MAY - Brunch in Harrisburg, then we will ride back to NYC!



# Run Application

**RUN FEE: Early bird (before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021) \$40 per person, afterwards, \$50/per person.**

**This is a motorcycle only event!** No four-wheeled vehicles are allowed! We understand there are riders from many places that would like to participate in this event; therefore, we have several meet-up points and times specified in the map. Included for your run fee is: Accommodations at The Farm, two dinners and three breakfasts, open bar all weekend. Each person attending must complete a run application (this form) and send it in with payment in full. It's vital that your motorcycle is in good working order and you are on time to your respective meet-up location.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

I will meet up with the group at (see below):  A,  B,  C,  D

I will go to the Saturday trip to Fallingwater (extra \$34/pp ticket, payable upon arrival):  YES,  NO

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), "The Farm", 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 ECMC, "The Farm" 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 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: Empire City MC Motorcycle Weekend, 10 W 15th St Suite 609, New York, NY 10011-6821 or by PDF to [Road-Captain@EmpireCityMC.com](mailto:Road-Captain@EmpireCityMC.com)

## **Meet-Up Point "A" – Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May**

10AM Breakfast at Lexington Candy Counter, 83<sup>rd</sup> & Lexington, NYC

11AM Kickstands Up & Depart NYC

## **Meet-Up Point "B" – Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May** (if you'll be staying the night with us)

4PM Check in to Days Inn by Wyndham Harrisburg North, 3919 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA, PA 17110\*

## **Meet-Up Point "C" – Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May**

11AM Brunch at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, 7 Erford Rd, Lemoyne, PA 17043, kickstands up at 1PM.

## **Meet-Up Point "D" – Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May**

5PM Arrive at The Farm for housing assignments and dinner

\* Please note that if you are staying on Thursday night, Monday night or both Thursday and Monday nights at Days Inn by Wyndham Harrisburg North, you must make your own reservation(s) and pay for your room separately from the Run Fee. To make hotel reservations, refer to the next page, where there is hotel reservation information



## OPTIONAL HARRISBURG OVERNIGHT HOTEL RESERVATIONS

If you would like to stay overnight with us in Harrisburg, PA, we have arranged room blocks at special room rates so we can all be close together. All rooms are non-smoking and have two queen-size beds. If you are looking to share your room with others, please discuss it among yourselves online here:

<https://mewe.com/join/empirecitymc>

Room Block/Reservation Information:

Making a reservation: Call Wyndham hotels at 1-800-407-9832

To stay over **Thursday** night, reference booking ID 5136B292994106 – rate \$89.83 +tax per room

To stay over **Monday** night, reference booking ID 5136B292995333 – rate \$83.30 +tax per room

## 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 paperwork
- mobile phone charger
- medications
- dry clothing
- club colours/banner

## OTHER REMINDERS & NOTES

- The Farm has 'play space' as well as a pool, bar, nature trails and more!
- This is a MOTORCYCLE EVENT and only those arriving by MOTORCYCLE will be allowed to participate.
- There is ample tent space for those who wish complete privacy.
- Our run fee pays for five meals: Breakfast Saturday through Monday, and Dinner on Friday and Sunday.
- All other meals and on-the-road meals are your own financial responsibility.
- Your run fee is due upon registration. The run fee is \$50 per person; however, prior to 30<sup>th</sup> April, you only pay the 'early bird' rate of \$40. Your run fee pays for your food and beverages at The Farm.
- You may pay your run fee by personal cheque (no money orders please!) enclosed with your run application, or by transmitting your run fee through Zelle by e-mailing your payment to [zelle@empirecitymc.com](mailto:zelle@empirecitymc.com)
- We have purchased group tickets for FALLINGWATER at +\$34 per person.
- After registering, we will send you a confirmation letter with further details.
- If you have any questions, please e-mail Chaz at [road-captain@empirecitymc.com](mailto:road-captain@empirecitymc.com)

## The Future with Electric Motorcycles



It seems like everything is turning electric faster and faster these days. Ford, Chevrolet, Toyota.... are all coming out with cars, trucks, and SUVs in electric versions. As combustion engines begin the process of fading away. I thought this would be a good time to start the research process into the world of Electric Motorcycles.

I hate to say it eventually our combustion engines motorcycles and gasoline to power them will start to become more and more scarce. I think within 5-10 years I will have to make the switch.

I will admit I know absolutely nothing about electric bikes. I think they are great for the planet; they look cool; and I am assuming they will require less cost to maintain over time. They will still require tires, brakes, lube jobs, and an occasional burned-out light bulb.

My first personal experience with electric motorcycles was with Harley Davidson's Livewire. Approx. 3 years ago I placed my name on the dealers list to test drive the \$29,000 electric motorcycle. I thought that is a hefty price for a stripped-down no frills no weight Harley. There is no saddle bags, trunk, tank bag, windshield, bells or whistles. Usually when I head out for a ride I usually have at least 1 riding bag with clothing options for weather changes, including rain gear, food, and water. I received a phone call from Harley stating the motorcycle price had dropped by \$11,000 to \$19,000. This piqued my interest as I love a sale! This is still out of my price range for the distances that I would need to travel for real motorcycling. The range for this bike is approx. 145 miles. If you divided that number by (2) I would be able to go 72 miles with no extras on the bike. This would limit my ability to ride with my motorcycle club as I usually drive that number of miles and then meet up with club members and ride from there. The fast charge system available at Harley dealerships with unnerving as Brian's HD in Langhorne had 1 charging station, and it still takes 1 hour on fast charge. Hypothetical: If I am on empty and I require juice, and if 1 person happens to be ahead of me. I could wind up sitting at a Harley dealership for 2 hours (waste of time). I opted not to waste my time or money on this HD. It's a shame HD doesn't do exchangeable battery packs, like propane gas tank exchanges for a BBQ. This is a great idea: arrive at HD on low or empty, take out the old battery and get a new fully charged battery and be back on the road in minutes. The other problem I have currently and soon to be changed is my building does not have any electrical chargers at the garage. That problem soon to remedy with buildings plant management to have a few docking stations installed for cars and motorcycles.

Stay tuned for future articles as this process develops. Advantages to owning an electric motorcycle:

1. Deliver instant torque and power
2. They require much less maintenance
3. Electric bike brands are introducing revolutionary business models that save you money
4. Electric motorcycles are more comfortable than gas motorcycles
5. Limits noise pollution
6. More convenient than gas bikes
7. Much better for the planet
8. Electric motorcycles are being built safer than gas motorcycles

Some of the major player in the electric motorcycle business are as follows:

- **Zero Motorcycles** – Established in 2006 in California, Zero is probably the best-known electric motorcycles company. It currently offers around ten models across its street, street racing, Supermoto, and sport lines.
- **Harley-Davidson** – The legendary American manufacturer needs no introduction. Harley has recently entered the electric motorcycle market with the Harley-Davidson Livewire. The company plans to start a dedicated division for electric two-wheelers, so electric Harleys are here to stay.

- **Lightning Motorcycles** – California-based Lightning made a name for itself with records on the Bonneville Salt Flats and at Pikes Peak. The 2019 Lightning Strike is the company's first electric motorcycle for the broad market, with a starting price of \$13,000.
- **Energica Motor Company** – Hailing from the same region of Italy that gave the world Ferrari, Lamborghini, and Ducati, Energica focuses on supersport electric motorcycles. The company benefits from its affiliation to CRP Group, an automotive technology and manufacturing supplier.
- **KTM** – Off-road motorbike giant KTM has thrown its weight behind the electric revolution with its Freeride E-XC electric dirt bike. Hopefully the company will expand into other categories in the future.
- **Evoke Motorcycles** – Beijing-based Evoke claims to be "Asia's fastest electric propulsion motorcycles" manufacturer. Its highlight tech spec is the ultra-fast charging technology, which can juice up a motorcycle battery in as little as 15 minutes.
- **Segway Ninebot** – Mostly known for its self-balancing scooters, Segway has expanded into electric scooters and electric dirt bikes.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

### Some Featured Rides & Events from our calendar:

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> March, 20:00 – 21:00:** SOCIAL MEETING: Empire City hosts a social teleconference on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. All interested parties are welcomed. We discuss ride and event ideas, current events, other useful stuff. <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Social>

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> April, 20:00 – 21:00:** OPEN GENERAL MEETING: Empire City MC's monthly Open General Meeting is held the first Wednesday of each month from 8pm to 9pm by teleconference at: <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Meeting> All interested parties my attend.

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> April, 20:00 – 21:00:** SOCIAL MEETING: Empire City hosts a social teleconference on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. All interested parties are welcomed. We discuss ride and event ideas, current events, other useful stuff. <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Social>

**Thu 28<sup>th</sup> April – Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** The Great British Bear Bash. Hosted by the ManBears in Manchester, England, this furry long-weekend party is loaded with drink, food and testosterone! GBBB did not happen in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID concerns, we're crossing our fingers that 2022 will happen!

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> May, 20:00 – 21:00:** OPEN GENERAL MEETING: Empire City MC's monthly Open General Meeting is held the first Wednesday of each month from 8pm to 9pm by teleconference at: <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Meeting> All interested parties my attend.

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> May, 18:30 – 23:30:** ECMC Installation Dinner & Pub Crawl!

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May, 20:00 – 21:00:** SOCIAL MEETING: Empire City hosts a social teleconference on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. All interested parties are welcomed. We discuss ride and event ideas, current events, other useful stuff. <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Social>

**Thu 26<sup>th</sup> – Tue 31<sup>st</sup> May:** Empire City MC's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle Weekend. This year, we'll be hosting in the Pittsburgh, PA region and have allocated an extra day before and after the weekend to accommodate the extra distance.

**REMEMBER:** There are plenty of other events and rides added to our official calendar on a regular basis, especially day rides! Be sure to bookmark <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com> and come along with us on some great rides! Our physical mailing address is: **Empire City MC, 10 W 15<sup>th</sup> St, Suite 609, New York, NY 10011-6821.**

For membership information, visit <http://empirecitymc.com/membership.php> to view and download our constitution, bylaws and membership application. We're on social media at <https://mewe.com/join/empirecitymc> where you can chat with us.

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