



ECMC Motorcycle Weekend – Last Call!

This is the **LAST CALL** for Motorcycle Weekend! If you want to go, you must send in your run application and run fee now!

The run application can be downloaded at: <https://bit.ly/2022BW> when filled-in, you may e-mail it to: Road-Captain@EmpireCityMC.com We're looking forward to seeing you in person!

As this is a new location, and different riding plan, if you have any questions, please call (voice only) Chaz, the Road Captain of Empire City MC at +1 646 827-6222



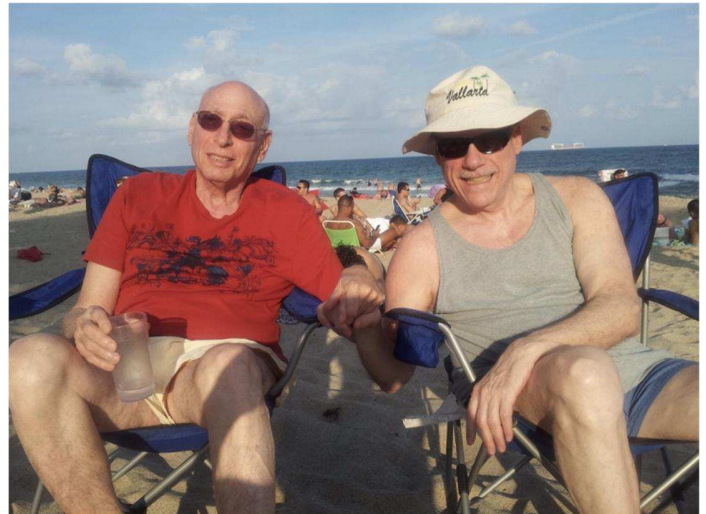
Jason Halle Remembered

Jason Halle was a full member of ECMC during the mid-70's to the early 80's.

He died on the 18th of March 2022, two days after his 74th birthday. Although he was diagnosed with AIDS during the early 80's, he had other issues that included open heart surgery ten years ago, heart stints and valve replacements and an internal defib more recently.



He had several businesses including a "modelling agency" called "Chelsea Men" and later became a day trader till he retired.



He is survived by his lover of 39 years, Bob Schneider. Bob lives in an Assisted Living Facility in Wilton Manors, a small Gay enclave within Fort Lauderdale.

Jason knew he had a short time to live so he moved them both to a facility to care for Bob as Jason knew he'd pre-deceased Bob who already had AZ after two Strokes.

Jason was my best friend for over 40 years. In fact, we even reminisced over our being lovers for some time between 3 weeks and 3 months, neither one of us recalling too accurately because, like others in the club at that time, we did too many drugs and backrooms to recall things well or even passably. Living pre-HIV was quite different then.

Rest in Peace my friend.

Member Article: Clowning Around - My Fetish

What is it about clowns? The bulbous shoes, the big red noses, the knowledge there's a man somewhere behind that painted-on grin? Hard-pressed to find something as polarising, the effect of a clown is undeniable.

So, what IS a clown fetish?

Let me explain my perspective. I have the seemingly rather distinct experience of having been attracted to clowns before anything else. Before knowing what sex was, I knew that clowns did it for me. But it is so much more.



It's the energy, the freedom, the reckless abandon. There's no "wrong" way to clown around, there's no limit to the creative fun you can have! Something about someone willing to dress completely ridiculous and silly excites me to no end. It's by far the sexiest and most attractive quality a guy can have.

It's hard to describe exactly how I got into clowning, because it happened for me so young. Many people I know, got into kinky clowning later in life through other kink avenues. But for me, the experience was so formative it's a little hazy. I think I was just curious about clowns; I didn't understand them, and I wanted to know more. Aversion quickly became secret fascination, and the internet held a library of pictures that allowed me to start exploring the many kinds of clowns there are.

Though precocious, I was a self-conscious child. Seeing the class clown dare to goof around and be silly and make people laugh was something I was envious of. It was like a secret desire that coupled with my nervous fascination with clowns. Seeing men dress up in goofy costumes with bulbous noses and big red noses brought endless intrigue - as did my desire to do the same myself. This was all so formative and so normal to me. I would go so far as to call myself clownsexual!

I have since done what all good kink sponges do, and gained kink after kink, snowballing into many new areas of kinks. I did a complete 180° on ABDL, from something that repulsed me as an active turn-off to the only thing that can now rival my other favourite fetish for clowns. Finally becoming and understanding what it is to be a pup, after years of enviously believing them to be the 'cool kids' of kink; accepted, visible and understood - whereas I felt like a freak - has been hugely eye-opening. Discovering the requisite headspaces for my desired roles (especially pup's similarity to clownspace), as well as wam, hypno, inflation, farts, bellies, watersports, transformation, spanking, rubber, suspension, furies, and other niches like orc-boys, donkey boys and cum cows. There's no end to what the right person or situation can awaken within us. Fetish is such a wide umbrella beneath which we can make anything desirable and pleasurable.



As such, I see a lot of gear as handy tools to facilitate some fun, but they don't tell me what fun you actually like having. I've found bondage can be incredibly stimulating, but only when applied to a scenario - enhancing the main experience. The thrill is in the roles we take, the storylines we act out. It's all play at the end of the day, so why limit it to ropes and cuffs? How about squeaky balloons, silly string, pies, whoopee cushions, honking horns, a string of colourful handkerchiefs? I've used all of these items in ways that were intensely hot, and not always for humiliation purposes.

Humiliation can definitely be a huge element of clown play, but it doesn't have to be (nor be the only one). Clowning naturally lends itself to power play, for example, as in traditional circus there is always a high and a low status clown. It easily lends itself to wet and



messy play with the introduction of pies and slop, and to ABDL with infantilization. Hell, I've found pup play to be one of the most closely associated kinks to clowning!

The performative element of tricks and doggy training to the dumb, silly, goofy, playful energy that both pups and clowns have, as well the endless variations within both are so alike. Both are often associated with the kind of bouncy, energetic fun we tend to leave behind in our childhood. Even the natural pup/handler dynamic is similar to that of ringleader/clown, and pups playing together are highly reminiscent of unsupervised clowns getting up to no good! Clowns to me are basically human pups - a revelation that finally helped me understand and enjoy pup play myself and stop viewing them as this strange, uniform clique.

Clown kinks really are the fetish world's best-kept secret. It is amazing to me how many guys are into this and yet no one talks about it or displays it publicly! Even long-time clowns with an online presence have only found popularity either through their pup or rubber accounts, or by otherwise sanitising away the goofier parts of themselves - some have even resorted to making their content SFW for fear of backlash. Even more common is the dreaded purge, which has come for so many a bozo, even ones who were once so prolific and proud.

But this doesn't mean we don't exist. In fact, we are a hell of a lot more common than you think. More than even I knew, until joining Recon! The number of faceless scally bois, pups, rubber drones or diaperboys who come out of the woodwork to admit their secret fantasy to me is still surprising. I get asked about it a lot. In fact, when first joining, I averaged near-daily messages from guys whose profiles would suggest otherwise, confessing the same attraction or expressing interest in learning about it, trying it, understanding it... Since being a member here, the frequency has started to slow down, but I still get them. It amazes me every time. It really isn't that weird or abnormal - feelings I'm sure most of us can relate to.

There is nothing so fun, freeing and liberating as clown sex. Let go of any notion that you aren't "sexy" enough and just be a silly goon! Still, the road to self-acceptance has been long and arduous.

Never before had I felt so accepted anywhere than when I first joined Recon - now well over a year ago. Still, it took a long time for me to feel ready to write this. Receiving the message in those first few days about writing a piece was surreal. Someone was actually interested? He didn't just think it was strange? Others' interest in my kinks really opened my eyes to the chance I might not be as much of an outsider in the kink community as I thought. Much time has passed, and a lot has changed. It makes me sigh with relief to finally feel like I have found my place.

I've come to realise that my kink is not nearly as big a deal as my anxiety would have me believe, that no one fucking cares nearly as much as I like to think and that anyone who does is not worth my time. If the worst thing that I can imagine happening is being humiliated by someone telling my family about my personal kinks, then I really am doing just fine.

This applies to all kinksters; our personal lives are not hurting anyone. For the most part, mine is silly and fun and at most a bit embarrassing! No one's perception of our 'strangeness' should matter in any capacity, because ultimately their prejudice will reflect far worse on them.

It's important to remember that you are not alone. Not in the world, more than likely not even in your town! It's a mindset I think most of us locked ourselves into early on because we all figured we must be the "only one". Silly as that may seem, it makes sense to feel that way and to keep feeling that way when you have a niche paraphilia; the porn industry's disinterest, the flakiness of others, the profiles that keep getting remade and deleted, society's general distaste for any remotely kinky fun involving men... It's hard to feel seen and empowered, because not enough of us are being visible and leading the way forward.

These are not just parts of ourselves not to be ashamed of or feel guilty about - our kinks are actually really cool, fun, interesting and unique parts of us. We should honour them, be proud of them, and be curious about them. Yeah, I have a clown fetish. I'm a clown kinkster, what about you?

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Belgian Study Identifies Eight Types of Motorcycle Riders

Are you a time-optimizer or a daily user?

If you're reading this, chances are you enjoy riding motorcycles. However, Belgian research group Vias wasn't so concerned with why riders take to two wheels. Instead, researchers asked 2,963 motorcyclists (over the age of 16) how they enjoy motorbikes. After poring over the data, Vias determined that riders fall into eight different classifications.

First, there's the Time-Optimizer. This user turns to a motorcycle or scooter to cut down travel time but only relies on two wheels when the weather permits. Time-Optimizers are no small group in the community either, comprising 11.6 percent of the respondents. The Multimodal user also prefers clear skies but uses a motorcycle alongside other forms of transportation. This camp comprises 11 percent of the surveyed riders.



At the opposite end of the spectrum, we have the Unconditional rider. As the name suggests, these riders throw a leg over a bike regardless of the time of day and conditions. Only 9.5 percent of those surveyed fall into this class, but you can bet they're a diehard bunch. Conversely, the Tactician keeps all its mobility options open, only riding a two-wheeler when the vehicle suits the situation. Of those included in the poll, 18.2 percent engage with motorcycles in this way.

Then there's the Good-Vibe Seeker. This rider prioritizes enjoyment over utilitarian purposes. As a result, Good-Vibe Seekers rarely head out when the weather turns damp and 14.2 percent of the survey sample meet these qualifications. The Time-For-Me rider also uses two wheels for leisure activities but the motorbike or scooter can help them escape the pressure of work and family life as well. This group makes up the largest share of the study's subjects with 18.8 percent.

The Daily User has to get their two-wheeled fix on a regular basis. Similar to the Unconditional rider, the Daily User doesn't let the weather deter them from hitting the road. Only 7.5 percent of riders meet those standards, though. Lastly, we have the Lifer. This rider has been on two wheels from a very young age, and only 9.2 percent of riders achieve this status. Of course, most Lifers have integrated a four-wheeled vehicle into their lives, but they still represent a dedicated population of the riding community.

If the Vias survey teaches riders anything, it's that people embrace life on two wheels differently and similarly. In the end, the way you enjoy motorcycles is most important. Which category do you fall into?

Article by Dustin Wheelen

ECMC Presents Their Colours

Empire City MC is a club steeped in tradition, loyalty and honour. It is very unusual for Empire City MC to present its colours (club insignia/backpatch) to any person, club, bar or business without significant and unanimous approval of the membership. This makes a presentation of colours quite rare for ECMC.

In an unprecedented move, over several months of discussion, it was agreed that there are three bars whom have showed unwavering support of Empire City MC and deserve such recognition: Ty's, Stgonewall Inn and the Eagle NYC. This support goes back to nearly the formation of our club in 1964. Sadly, C.T. (owner of the Spike) is no longer with us.

On 7th May 2022, the majority of full members of Empire City MC, led by our new president, Erik R, presented our colours to all three of these pillars of the community. It was a strong statement of our symbiotic relationships with each other.

In the tradition of most Motorcycle Clubs, our colours always remain our property and in the event of closure or catastrophic disagreement, we could defrock someone from retaining our colours, but this is very, very rare. One the next page are some photos from our whirl-wind Installation Dinner / Presentation of Colours to three bars.

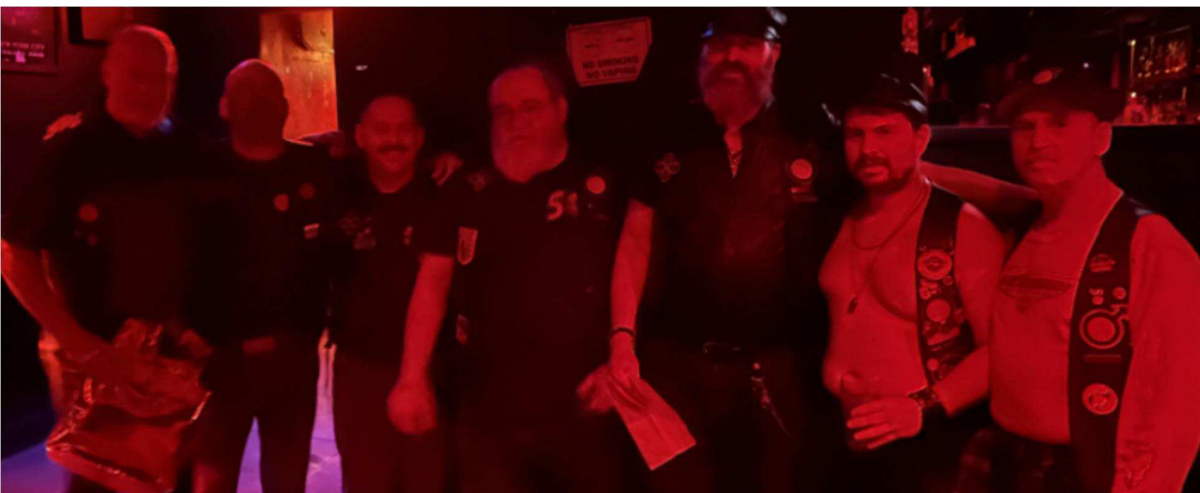
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Installation Dinner at La Contenta Oeste



Presentation of Colours at Ty's



Presentation of Colours at The Eagle NYC

More photos (and videos) can be seen online at our social media page: <https://mewe.com/join/empirecitymc>

UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

Some Featured Rides & Events from our calendar:

Thu 12th – Sun 15th May: EVENT: Ottawa Tulip Festival. Contact Road Captain, Chaz Antonelli for details!

Wed 18th May, 20:00 – 21:00: SOCIAL MEETING: Empire City hosts a social teleconference on the 3rd 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>

Sun 22nd May, 11:00 – 16:00: RIDE: The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

Thu 26th – Tue 31st May: Empire City MC's 11th 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. It's LAST CALL – get your run application in today!

Wed 1st Jun, 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 15th Jun, 20:00 – 21:00: SOCIAL MEETING: Empire City hosts a social teleconference on the 3rd 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>

Fri 17th Jun, 18:00 – 21:00: EVENT: ECMC **FREE** Bike Christening/Blessing

Sat 18th Jun, 09:00 – 17:00: RIDE: ECMC's 58th Annual **FREE** Biker Picnic*
(*entry by motorcycle only!)

Sat 26th Jun, 12:00 – 16:00: RIDE: NYC 2022 Gay Pride March

Wed 6th Jul, 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 9th Jul, 09:30 – 16:30: RIDE: Emilio Carranza Memorial & Wreath Laying

Fri 15th – Sun 17th Jul: RIDE: Long Island Ravens & Empire City MC Weekend Run

Wed 20th Jul, 20:00 – 21:00: SOCIAL MEETING: Empire City hosts a social teleconference on the 3rd 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 29th – Mon 1st Aug: RIDE: Red Caboose & ABBA Concert in Lancaster, PA

Wed 3rd Aug, 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.

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 15th 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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