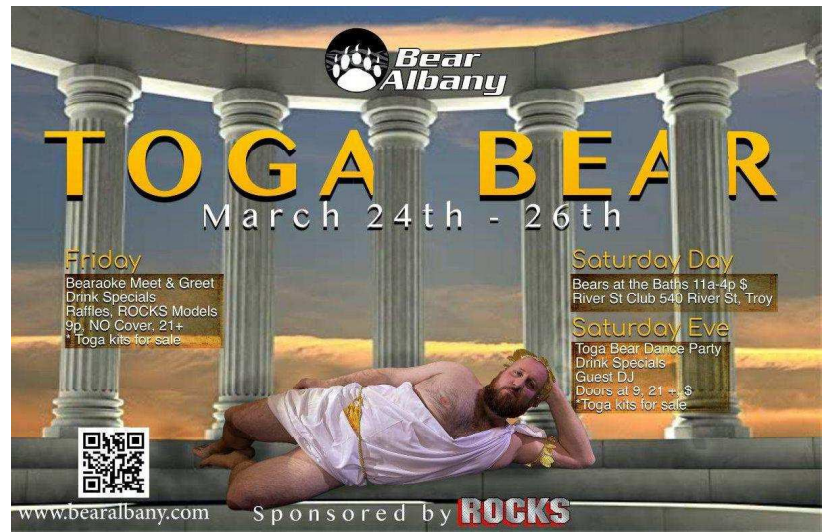




### Bear Albany's Toga Bear Weekend

After seeing adverts for several years about Bear Albany's events held every other month (on average), I finally went to one and have a few things to say about it.

The Albany Airport is about a \$30+ cab ride to downtown and public transit options are extremely limited (for example, the public bus that goes to the Albany Airport only runs weekdays). There is twice-daily service to/from the Albany Bus Depot on Vermont Translines ([www.vttranslines.com](http://www.vttranslines.com)) for \$3/one-way online (or pay \$6.99 in person to the Greyhound ticket-seller in the station.) Watch for your bus – they do not make announcements!



The host hotel was "TownePlace Suites by Marriott Albany Downtown/Medical Centre" at 22 Holland Ave. I assume they use the same please, as they knew of the group and said they looked forward to greeting us, handing us a special gold lamé "welcome bag" with some freebies. The hotel was wonderful, featuring large suites with full kitchen, living room, bedroom and was less than 30-minute walk to Rocks, the bar where all the events were to be held.

After settling in, first order of business was dinner and then get to Rocks bar for the meet and greet. There did not seem to be much coordination with the Bear Albany event such as a shuttle to get you from the hotel to the bar or baths, so I was

going to walk from the hotel to the bar. Along the way, I found "Herbie's Burgers" on Lark St, which was a great find – very tasty and the double cheeseburger with a drink was just the right size for a meal! Onwards to Rocks. I was there slightly before the meet-and-greet event was to start, the bar was separated into two halves. Everyone at the start of the night was on the smaller side. When nine o'clock hit, the other side opened up and there was bear karaoke (Bearoke) and glow jockstrap party. I only saw a handful of jockstraps, let alone "neon glowing" ones and there was no way to easily identify anyone who was attending the event as opposed to someone who was just a patron, sadly this was the start of the confusion.



Normally, when I visit a gay bar in a city I've not been to, people come up to you to know more about you. This apparently does not happen in Albany. To make matters more difficult, there was no way to know who was on the event and/or staying at the host hotel. There were lots of people staring at their mobile phones, which is par for the course for many bars these days, but no website nor app that seemed to be the "official repository of Bear Albany information".



Perhaps the crowd is still overly cautious with new faces since the news of the shooting that occurred there in 2016, which wounded three? No matter – since people weren't being very forthcoming nor welcoming, I wrapped things up at Rocks around 10:30PM and headed back to the hotel. I logged on sniffies and recon and discovered one other person staying at the host hotel and attending the Bear Albany event – I got to meet him at breakfast at the hotel the next morning.



Saturday was "Bears at the Baths" at the River Street Club bath house. Because there was no shuttle from the host hotel to the bath house, it would either be a \$40+ cab ride, or I would have to find a place to get a transit card and take the bus. No transportation advice nor shuttle were provided by Bear Albany.



After doing some Googling, I discovered that a bus ride to the tubs would consist of two bus trips and about an 1:20 of travel time. First challenge: Find a transit card! If you want to get a transit card for the bus you must go to either a library in Albany which don't open until noon, or a Price Chopper grocery store.

There happened to be a library eight blocks away from the host hotel. I walked there to obtain a \$2 fair card and topped it with \$10 in cash, then walked to the bus stop several blocks away and awaited the bus which took about half an hour to show up.

Google Maps is your friend and seemed to be quite accurate as far as navigating bus rides within the Albany Capital District. After switching to my second bus, I arrived at my final stop, about two blocks from the bathhouse. I arrived around 2PM. As I was checking in at the desk, they made mention that it would be a few minutes for a towel as they were all out. They also ran out of rooms. I understood that this was a busy event and I didn't have a problem waiting a little while for a towel, however standing in the hallway fully dressed was slightly awkward. Then they told me "why don't you use the facilities, undress" – they know better and I assumed that by the time I was changed, they would have a towel for me. I took a quick walk around and discovered that there were wet towels all over the floors. The hot tub appeared to be dirty and cloudy. I was somewhat revolted by the condition of the bathhouse and suddenly felt unsafe walking on the cold floors in my skivvies and bare feet. I was not comfortable and after awaiting a towel for nearly 35 minutes, I observed the staff running around, collecting the soiled towels from the bins and picking up the soaked towels from floors. I grew fearful that they were just going to toss them in the dryer then hand them back out again – they were obviously understaffed for this event and were ill-prepared to handle the crowd, so cutting corners was par for the course.



I went back to the locker and changed back into my street clothes and I went to the desk and handed in my key and said "Look, it's been over half an hour you said I'd have a towel in a few minutes", then they got indignant on me and made accusations that they had told me it would be awhile before the towels were ready. Needless to say, I wasn't going to win any argument with the people working there, so I told them I just want to leave. So, I spent \$33 to go in, got nothing whatsoever I return, not even the steam that I had so longingly desired. I got lots of attitude from the people working there, and I don't know why but they wouldn't even offer to give me my money back. This was a complete utter waste of time and effort and I was very disappointed with the bears at the baths event and recommend you never go to Riverside St Club. I used Google Maps to navigate my way back to the hotel on the bus and took a nice hot shower there instead.

Saturday night was to be the Bear Toga party at Rocks. Again, I guess they plan on everybody driving around everywhere to these events and don't expect people to just show up and stay at the host hotel and expect transportation to and from venues like I did. I rather not drink and drive, or rent a car just to pay for parking. That night there was driving rain and was just over freezing temperatures. The walk to Rocks is about a 30-minute walk from the host hotel and I didn't bring an umbrella. I headed out in the driving rain and made it about 1/4 of the way when the rain got so hard it soaked my shoes, hat and my jacket, so I turned around and went back to the host hotel. This was disappointing to say the least. I have nothing to report as far as the Saturday Toga goes.

LESSONS  
LEARNED

Lessons I have learned from the Bear Albany event which I will incorporate into any other possible future ventures to their events:

- Consider renting a car and share with others, designating a alcohol-free driver.
- If you do depend on public transit, allow for extra time before all the towels are gone or the bar is full.
- Don't count on Bear Albany "making your event", you need to be proactive and take initiative yourself!
- Bear Albany seems to be more about getting people to spend money at Rocks than anything else, there doesn't seem to be any coordination attempts being made, other than going to the bar and drinking.

## My Suggestions to Bear Albany:

- Remember that every event is someone's first event. If they feel excluded, they may not return.
- Most people visiting Albany from another area are not familiar with how transit works in Albany, a small shuttle van could really make things better for many. Provide better transit information.
- Places and times to meet (outside the bar) would be helpful, such as meet us for breakfast at the hotel between 9:00 and 10:00, wear your Bear Albany shirt, or pre-bar burgers 8pm at Herbie's Burgers on Lark St!
- Suggest venues to shop and dine at, *particularly gay owned businesses*.
- Produce a flyer or booklet with important facts to be included in the hotel check-in gift bag, including:
  - Agenda for the weekend including addresses and times.
  - How to reach somebody from Bear Albany if you're lost (text/phone).
  - How to get to places when you don't have a vehicle, possibly rideshare.
  - Somehow to identify every person on the event that staying at the host hotel so we can coordinate better (website?)



I think the Bear Albany events have significant potential, however, from my perspective it felt this event was half-baked, seemingly spending all their energy on promoting the events and Rocks, leaving everything else to chance.

At this time, I have placed several of their 2023 events on the Empire City MC calendar in the hopes to accumulate a few people to ride their bikes up there and extend an olive branch to Bear Albany, or at the very least, go up to Albany to have a fun weekend with ourselves and inject ourselves into the events that Bear Albany is hosting.

Bear Albany's website is <http://www.bearalbany.com/> and the next event I'm planning on attending there will be "Bear Albany Presents 'Summer Sizzler'", 22 – 23 July 2023.

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## Trans Rights Rally Shuts Down Schenley and Forbes on Pitt's Campus

The Rally and Response to Protect Trans Lives, held in honour of Trans Day of Visibility, at the University of Pittsburgh began on a jovial note, as around 200 folks gathered in the big tent at Schenley Plaza. There were sequins and short shorts in abundance, trans flags, and a plethora of clever slogans.

Organizers Dena Stanley and Daeja Baker gathered clusters of workers – speakers, mental health support team members, and the safety team – and ensured they understood their roles and the timeline of events.



Read more: <https://qburgh.com/trans-rights-rally-shuts-down-schenley-and-forbes-on-pitts-campus/>

## Fight Inflation: Make Your Own Cream Cheese

Have you seen the prices for some food items like eggs and cream cheese? Outrageous! This has gone far beyond a “supply chain issue”, it is an obvious problem with the capitalistic society in the United States, which allows for super monopolies to control entire industries.

Shannon Vissers is a retail and shopping analyst for MerchantMaverick.com, and she has stated that the current cream cheese shortage is due to on-going supply issues that can be traced back to a single cyberattack. This attack caused significant damage to one of the largest cream cheese producers in the world, and though they have worked tirelessly to restore production, they have been unable to meet the high demand. This has led to empty shelves in stores across the country, as well as increased prices for those who are able to find it.



Yes, you read that right a cyberattack on one individual company has caused the price of a small tub of cream cheese in New York City to go to almost \$10.

We've seen similar issues with eggs and other products since 2020, begging the question: has this happened before?

In the 70s when I was a child, there were occasional shortages of items at the grocery store and things were often seasonal. When there were shortages on items, the prices of those items went up. How did people handle it? They simply bought alternative items, for example if beef was expensive, shoppers might purchase chicken. If chicken was expensive, they might buy tuna fish instead.

Starting in the 90s, I've seen a lot of items that were once seasonal now appear the grocery store year-round. that is something the younger generation has grown up with and has come to expect. In the 70s my mother would go from shop to shop comparison buying sometimes going to a bakery, a butcher, a fishmonger, and a dry goods store. Sounds like a lot of work right? Well, being a housewife in the 70s was hard work indeed.

I think one of the things that we need to do as a society, is to readjust our expectations to something that's a little bit more reasonable. we need to accept that not everything will be available at the grocery store at all times. we also need to expect that sometimes prices will go up, and rather than indulging in corporate greed, just buy something different.

If you got time on your hands, you can cut out the middle-man! Here is how you can make your own cream cheese and tell Philadelphia to fuck off with their \$9-a-brick prices!



### Bikers in the Kitchen

The schmear on our bagels, the cheese in our cake, the secret ingredient in our hot dips, and the best part of carrot cake. I'm talking about cream cheese, of course.

Simply put, there is no substitute for cream cheese, though of course you can try. Mascarpone comes close, but is often too rich for the intended purposes. Ricotta is too grainy, cottage cheese is too curdy, strained yogurt is too tart, and if you choose to mix kefir with chia seeds, that's your own business.

What I'm here to talk about is the joy of smooth, alabaster, luscious cream cheese. The white sneakers of the food world, it's cozy, comfortable, and nostalgic, and no fridge should be without it. Yet as someone who eats half a toasted bagel with cream cheese each and every morning, sometimes I unexpectedly run out—and my day is ruined. On one such morning I thought to myself, "What if I never ran out?"

So, I set to work developing a recipe. It worked on the first try so I tried four more times with the same dreamy, creamy results. (I also started making my own bagels, but that's a story for another day.) And, to my great delight, DIY cream cheese takes only five minutes to prepare.

Here's how to do it: In a large saucepan over medium heat, whisk together 1 cup heavy cream (35%), 1 cup milk (2%), 1½ cups 2% plain yogurt, and ½ tsp. kosher salt. Do not use ultra-pasteurized milk or cream, which will not curdle properly.

Bring to a boil, stirring constantly and making sure it doesn't boil over, for about 2 minutes. Add 3 Tbsp. white vinegar, bring to a rolling boil for 30 seconds, then lower heat to a simmer for 3 minutes more. Remove from heat and let mixture cool in the pot for an hour. The hard part is done!

Next, line a fine-mesh strainer with a clean cotton tea towel (or four layers of cheesecloth) and place it over a medium bowl. Pour the mixture into the lined strainer and cover with plastic wrap or a reusable silicone lid (don't use a plate or something heavy or it will push out too much liquid). Place in the fridge to drain overnight.

Good morning! Discard the liquid from the bowl and spoon your gorgeous, tangy cream cheese off of the tea towel and into an airtight container, stirring until smooth. You'll have about 1 cup, and it will keep in the fridge for up to two weeks.

Feel like taking it to the next level? Make your own mixed herb cream cheese by stirring 2 Tbsp. chopped chives, 1 Tbsp. chopped parsley, 1 Tbsp. chopped basil, 1 tsp. lemon zest, and a pinch of sea salt and pepper into your drained fresh cream cheese. Or why not make your own veggie cream cheese? Stir in 4 small chopped green olives, 1 scallion, trimmed and thinly sliced, 2 Tbsp. finely chopped red pepper, 2 Tbsp. grated carrot, and a pinch of red pepper flakes. Finally, try everything bagel schmear on for size: Stir in 1 Tbsp. toasted sesame seeds, 1 Tbsp. dehydrated onion flakes, ½ Tbsp. poppy seeds, and ¼ tsp. garlic powder. Stir to combine and refrigerate for an hour to let the flavours meld before serving.



Can you imagine how impressed your friends will be when they find out you made homemade cream cheese? "Shut the front door!" they'll say. "Get out of town," they'll shout. But it's true, and the proof is in schmear.

And, by the way – if you're looking for reasonably priced eggs, check out **Lidl** – who have kept a dozen eggs brown and white under \$4.00/dozen throughout this whole "egg shortage"! – <https://www.lidl.com/>

*some text and the recipe is from <https://www.bonappetit.com/story/make-your-own-cream-cheese>*

## Trailblazing Pittsburgh Transgender Advocate Wendi Miller Has Died at 75

Wendi Miller, owner of the renowned Miller Frame for 50 years, passed away on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at her home.

Miller was a trailblazing advocate for the transgender community of Pittsburgh in 80s – 2000s.

Read more at: <https://bit.ly/wendimiller>



# UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

## Some Featured Rides & Events from our calendar:

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Apr, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr & Sat 29<sup>th</sup>, 18:00 – 22:00:** EVENT: Beer Bash with Boy Jack the Boot Black at The Barracks Bar in Palm Springs, California!

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Apr:** EVENT: Great British Bear Bash 24 – Steampawnk in Manchester, England, UK. Tickets at <https://www.manbears-manchester.co.uk/> and be sure to apply for FREE MEMBERSHIP to The Manchester Eagle: <https://www.eaglemanchester.com/>

**Wed 3<sup>rd</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 may attend.

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May:** EVENT: Bear Albany Presents "Black & Blue" (Albany, NY). More information at <http://www.bearalbany.com/>

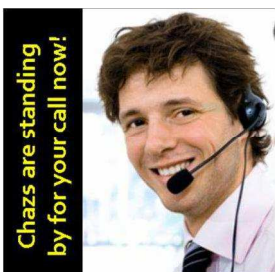
**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** RIDE: Spartan MC is hosting "Marathon" this year. They are inviting other clubs to come along! They will travel to Asheville, NC and riding the tail of the dragon (as well as other roads!) They are heading down Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May and are returning the following Monday. Note: It's a two day ride to and from Asheville. Day one will end around South Boston, VA. Any interested parties should reach out to Spartan MC's VP at: [Vice.President@SpartanMC.com](mailto:Vice.President@SpartanMC.com)

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May, 09:30 – 16:30:** RIDE: Ride the Hawk's Nest (good weather only!) Meet up at McDonald's (Broadway & 170th St) on the Broadway Side, aiming north towards 171st St. Please come with a FULL TANK and EMPTY BLADDER. Kick-Stands Up at 10:00 Sharp!

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May, 10:00-17:00:** RIDE: Distinguished Gentleman's Ride in NYC! Register at <https://www.gentlemansride.com/>, then meet up on the 21<sup>st</sup> at Peck Slip Plaza, Peck Slip, New York, NY 10038 on the ray of the ride – we'll ride through most of NYC's boroughs!

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – Tue 30<sup>th</sup> May:** RIDE: ECMC's 12th Annual Motorcycle Weekend (New York City, Philadelphia, Harrisburg & Pittsburgh!) Details and Run Application are attached to the last pages of this newsletter!

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> – Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Jun:** EVENT: Fire Island Bear Weekend in Cherry Grove. Cherry Grove, Fire Island, NY, USA. Presented by Shane Tate, Beards & Bears Take Over Fire Island. For details, visit: <https://www.fireislandbearweekend.com/>



Chaz is standing by for your call now!

Interested in any of these events or rides? Call Chaz, the Road Captain of Empire City MC to find out more, or RSVP.

In Empire City MC, the Vice President (Gary P) oversees coordinating all EVENTS (designated with the word "EVENT" in the calendar), and the Road Captain (Chaz A) is in charge of all rides/travel and accommodation (designated with the word "RIDE" in the calendar).

Chaz is happy to act as a conduit to arrange your involvement with any of our events/rides with a simple voice phone call to +1 212-212-CHAZ (2429) – hours for live assistance are 9am-10pm, 7-days a week. Voice only: No texts are allowed on this number at this time [we're working on that]. If you get voice mail, please leave a message.

**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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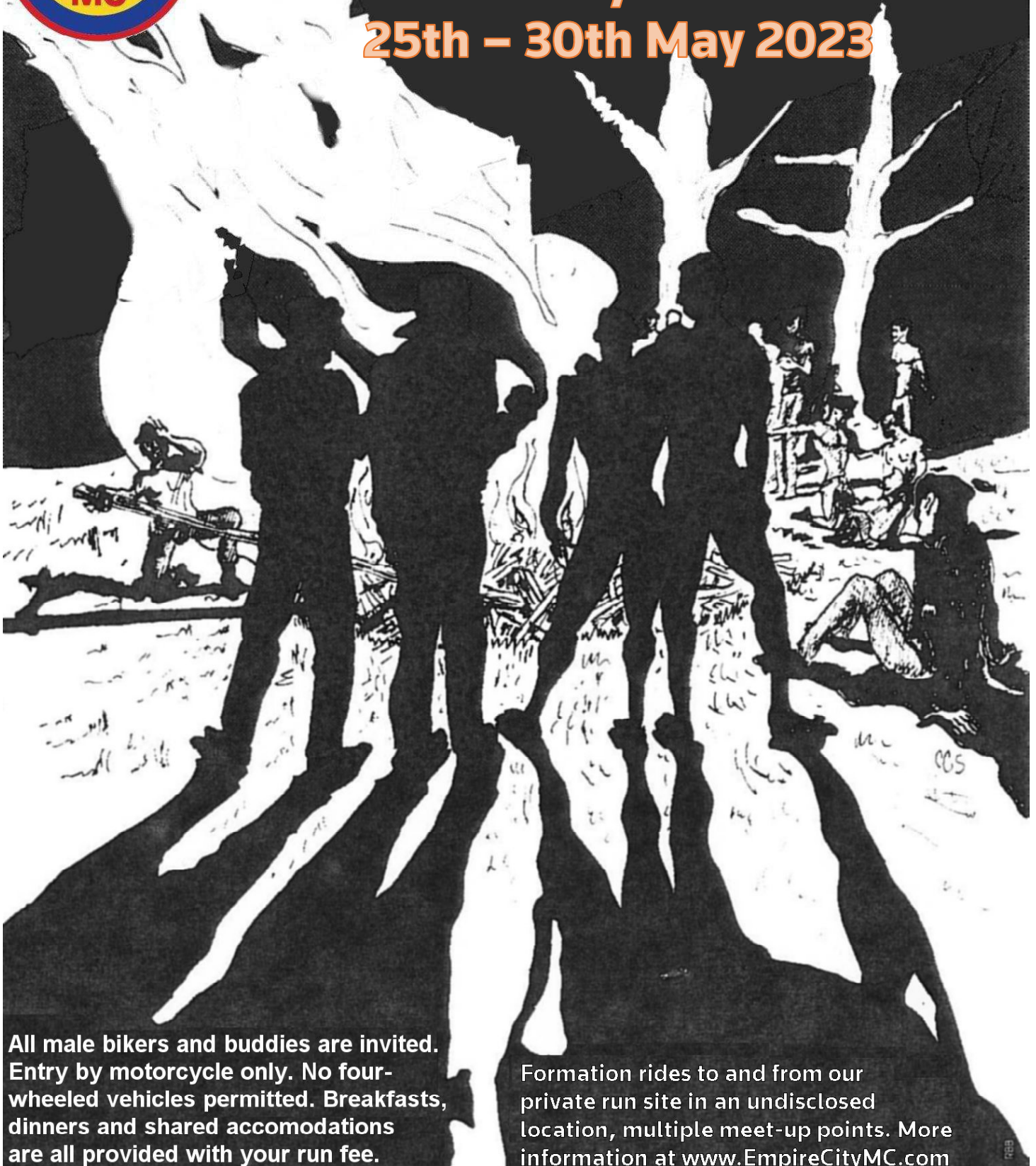




# Empire City MC's

2023 Motorcycle Weekend

25th – 30th May 2023



All male bikers and buddies are invited. Entry by motorcycle only. No four-wheeled vehicles permitted. Breakfasts, dinners and shared accommodations are all provided with your run fee.

Formation rides to and from our private run site in an undisclosed location, multiple meet-up points. More information at [www.EmpireCityMC.com](http://www.EmpireCityMC.com)





## Empire City MC's Annual Motorcycle Weekend 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - 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! Come join the fun!

Due to distance from New York City, we split the ride there and back into two days; however, you can meet up with us anywhere along the route!

We'll spend a night in Harrisburg, PA as our half-way point on our ride to way to Coal Centre. On the return, we'll stay over in Philadelphia, having brunch in Philadelphia, returning to NYC on Tuesday. You may join up with us anywhere along the route! Note: Hotel reservations, dinners/drinks in Harrisburg/Philadelphia are not included in the run fee. This is to allow the most flexibility for those wishing to participate:

THU 25 MAY - Meet up in NYC and ride to Harrisburg, PA. We'll spend the night at "Crowne Plaza Harrisburg-Hershey" in Harrisburg, have dinner and meet up with The Pennsmen at their home bar, Brownstone Lounge.

FRI 26 MAY - We will have brunch at the Crowne Plaza and then ride to Coal Centre, PA, arriving by 5pm.

SAT 27 MAY - Brunch at The Farm, then a motorcycle ride on Rt 250 in West Virginia (windy mountain highway), stopping in Moundsville to tour the defunct West Virginia State Penitentiary (\$14), then back to The Farm for a buffet dinner with Three Rivers Leather Club, the party barn will be open!

SUN 28 MAY - Brunch at The Farm, then a motorcycle ride up to Pittsburgh with lunch on the road. Dinner will be "dutch treat" at Four Points Brewery, a short ride from The Farm.

MON 29 MAY - Pack up, Brunch at The Farm, then we head to Philadelphia where we'll check into various places, have dinner. After, we'll find some trouble in town!

TUE 30 MAY - Brunch at the very anti-MAGA Sam's Morning Glory Diner, then we will ride back to NYC!



# Run Application

**RUN FEE: Early bird (before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023) \$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: 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

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, 25<sup>th</sup> May

9:30AM Breakfast at Lexington Candy Counter, 83<sup>rd</sup> & Lexington, NYC

10:30AM Kickstands Up & Depart NYC

## Meet-Up Point "B" – Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May (if you'll be staying the night with us)

4PM Check in to Crowne Plaza Harrisburg-Hershey, 23 S 2nd St, Harrisburg, PA 17101\*

## Meet-Up Point "C" – Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May

9:30AM Brunch at "Restaurant23" at the Crowne Plaza Harrisburg-Hershey, 23 S 2nd St, Harrisburg, PA 17101,

10:30AM Kickstands up & depart Harrisburg

## Meet-Up Point "D" – Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May

5PM Arrive at The Farm for housing assignments and dinner

\* Please note that if you are staying overnight on Thursday night at Crowne Plaza Harrisburg-Hershey, 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. If you are intending to stay overnight in Philadelphia Monday night, please contact the Road Captain.



## **HARRISBURG OVERNIGHT HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

If you would like to stay overnight with us in Harrisburg, PA, please make your own accommodation reservation. We'll be staying at Crowne Plaza Harrisburg-Hershey, 23 South Second Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Call the front desk to make a reservation: +1 717 234 5021, or make it online <https://bit.ly/20230525hotel> or any other travel website

We're checking in 25<sup>th</sup> May and checking out 26<sup>th</sup> May.

We will ALL meet-up for brunch at "Restaurant23" at 09:30AM (the hotel restaurant), kick-stands up at 10:30AM.

To discuss room-shares, discuss online: <https://mewe.com/join/empirecitymc>



## **WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BRING?**

A bed, clean linens and towels will be provided by The Farm, 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.
- The run fee pays these meals: Breakfast Saturday through Monday and Dinner on Friday and Saturday.
- 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)
- 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)