

ECMC Rumblings: May 2014

Empire City MC's monthly newsletter



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Before becoming a member of Empire City Motorcycle Club and current President, I was a member of both the New Jersey Eagles Motorcycle Club and the City Cruisers Motorcycle Club. Although I had many good rides and fun with both clubs, there was still something I felt was missing for me. I was looking for more than just a group of guys to ride and hang out with, I was looking for a true bond of brotherhood amongst a group of gay men.

In early 2011, I took the initiative to meet up with a couple of members of Empire City Motorcycle Club (ECMC) to inquire about the club and to get a feeling for what they were all about. I was immediately intrigued by what I had witnessed, which was a strong bond of brotherhood, the enthusiasm of the members especially when it came to riding their bikes, club sponsored events and the number of years the club had been in existence. I had a strong feeling this was the club I wanted to be a part of and be a member that can contribute to the club's continued success. By June of 2011, I was voted in as a full member which was a special day for me as I knew this is where I belonged. My interest and enthusiasm in the group was clear. I was on a mission to not just be member but actually help other members within the club by pushing the group forward and to increase our overall presence by organizing ECMC bar nights, attending many AMCC events and even supporting non-AMCC club events. Our club appears to be back in the spotlight, receiving praises and acknowledgements from other organizations. Additionally, we've been informed that we will be receiving an award for best all gay motorcycle club in NYC (scheduled to occur at the end of this month).

All these developments couldn't have come at a better time as we're celebrating ECMC's 50th Anniversary Year (that's right, 50th!) We have many events occurring throughout the remainder of this year. There are 5 events we've placed a lot of focus into, ensuring they are a success (this alone is huge undertaking): 1) the ECMC Biker Weekend, 2) Bike Christening / Blessing and Biker's Picnic, 3) Week long motorcycle trip to Tail of the Dragon in Deals Gap, NC, 4) the official 50th Anniversary Weekend from October 10th through October 12th with a host hotel and 5) as I mentioned earlier our 51st Annual Holiday Party and Toy Drive. I will admit when we first started talking about the events we're sponsoring throughout this year to celebrate our 50th Anniversary, I was very nervous that we would not be able to put together these events let-alone make them a success; however, we pulled the brothers of our club together and tackled the task at hand. While we have not fully completed all the tasks, we have made great strides in reaching our goal and I'm no longer stressing out as I was earlier in the year regarding the events. Our brothers continue to work hard to ensure we are successful in all we do :-)

I will close with the following statement: "Brotherhood is something most men want; however, it must be earned. I'm proud to say the brotherhood within ECMC is a strong bond of love, caring, accountability and trust"... For additional insight, check out the documentary that was completed last year about Empire City MC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HvCF23NM-rU>

In Brotherhood, Evil Ed
President of Empire City MC (2014)

ECMC Biker Weekend (Memorial Day Weekend) is only two weeks away!

There very little time left to register for our Memorial Day Biker Weekend -- you must register by May 16th! This is a motorcycle-only event, which means you must arrive by motorcycle to attend.

We'll depart New York City on Saturday, 24th May and arrive in Hemlock, NY in the beautiful Finger-lakes Region of New York that evening. Saturday and Sunday dinners, Sunday and Monday brunches and your accommodations at The Ranch are all included for the amazing \$25 run fee! If you've never been to "The Ranch", check it out at <http://www.empirecitymc.com/files/the-ranch.htm> We'll return to New York City on Monday (Memorial Day). For those of you not in the NYC area, there are various meet-up points so you needn't ride into the city to meet up with us!

Read more about this fantastic event download an application at <http://EmpireCityMC.com> today!



ECMC 50th Anniversary Weekend: Hotel Registration Now Open!

We are really proud to announce that our 50th Anniversary Weekend (October 10–12th) in New York City is developing quite nicely! We'll have a full weekend of events, including hosting the 176th AMCC meeting, a three-hour formal dinner/dance cruise with a premium open bar on a yacht in the New York Harbour, cocktail parties and much more!

Run applications will be out soon; however, it is vital that if you plan to stay in the host hotel that you book your reservations today before they sell out or the price goes up. The weekend of our anniversary is the same weekend as "ComicCon" in New York, which will drive all hotel pricing up rapidly. We've managed to negotiate a great rate of \$145.00/night for a standard double suite (1–2 persons), and \$165.00/night for a standard suite (3–4 persons) at DoubleTree hotel in Jersey City. Discount hotel parking for motorcycles and automobiles for our guests is \$15/day. The special room rate will be available until September 11th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.



Make your reservations today at: <http://j.mp/hotel-res> or by calling 1–800–222–TREE and using booking code "ECM".

If your club is interested in hosting a cocktail party, please contact Chaz Antonelli at ChazAntonelli@gmail.com – we have a limited number of cocktail party slots available.

The Rochester Rams' Run (August 22–24th) – accepting applications now!

Empire City MC has attended the Rochester Rams' Run in Upstate New York (between Buffalo and Rochester, NY) for years. To make this event even more fun, we've added a side-trip to Toronto, Ontario, Canada (only three hour drive from the Rams' Run Site) for the past three years following closing ceremonies. If you are interested in coming on this motorcycle-only trip, here's the low-down:

Thursday, August 21st we ride from New York City to "The Ranch" and spend the night, allowing us to be refreshed when we arrive at the Rams' Run the next day. Friday–Sunday, August 22nd–24th the Rams' Run takes place -- all food, beverages and more are provided! Sunday afternoon, we depart the Rams' Run Site and ride up to Toronto, arriving around 5pm. Note: A valid passport or "enhanced U.S. driving licence" is required to cross the Canadian border! We'll spend Sunday night and Monday night at the Ramada Plaza Toronto Downtown Hotel, walking distance to the Black Eagle and the gay-neighbourhood. Tuesday, August 26th, we'll ride back to The Ranch and spend the night there. Wednesday we ride back to New York City...

If you're interested in coming along with us, follow these directions:

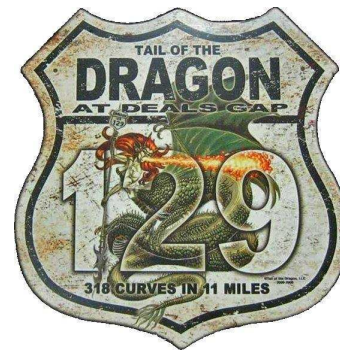
- Step 1: Register for the Rochester Rams' Run by going to their website at http://www.rochesterrams.com/rams_run.html
- Step 2: Book your reservation for August 24th–25th, departing on the 26th at the Ramada Plaza Toronto Downtown Hotel (you can get the lowest prices on <http://www.kayak.com/> for this hotel!)
- Step 3: Let our Road Captain (Joe) know you're joining us by e-mailing him at Road-Captain@EmpireCityMC.com

ECMC's 50th Anniversary Ride

August 2nd–10th is our week-long motorcycle ride to Deals Gap, NC.

We'll be staying at the Iron Horse Motorcycle Lodge, a motorcycle-only* resort in the beautiful North Carolina foothills, close to the "Tail of the Dragon", the infamous highway 129 with 318 curves in eleven miles! In addition to the Tail of the Dragon, there's loads of stuff to do and see in the area. * motorcycles and pre-arranged support vehicles only!

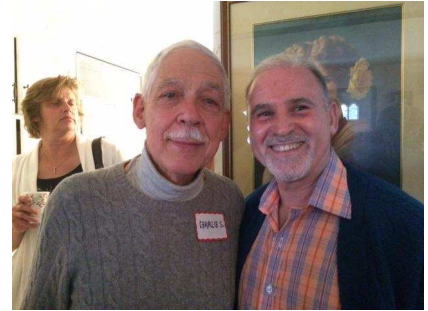
Run applications and more information will be ready by June's newsletter! The cost will be \$250 per person and includes accommodations at our private houses at Iron Horse Motorcycle Lodge, breakfast each day whilst at the lodge, one picnic lunch, a formal dinner and a limited-edition commemorative ECMC 50th Anniversary run pin! We have ten double-occupancy rooms, eight bathrooms, two large kitchen/living spaces and much more. Check out the resort at <http://ironhorsenc.com/>



Wedding Bells!

Congratulations to Bob and Tony of the Pocono Warriors who got hitched in January 2014! Mark W (ECMC's current treasurer) and Charlie S (ECMC emeritus member) in the photo to the right were both present at their reception.

Also attending were: Terry P, Jose R and Mel F, (former ECMC members) as well as some of the Pocono Warriors including Mike S, James K and Richard W.



UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

May 10th – Ride for the River, a Poker Run in Hunterdon County to support local water testing activities in Raritan River Watershed. Meeting Location: Lebanon Memorial Park, kickstands up 9:00am. Address: 70 Bunnvale Rd. Califon, NJ 07830, Poker Run around Hunterdon County ending with picnic. Registration Fee \$25

May 16th-18th – Empire City MC goes to Excelsior MC's 39th Anniversary Run: "Uranus Needs Men" on Fire Island! Register now at <http://www.excelsiormc.org> today -- before this event sells out!

May 20th – Empire City MC, the New Jersey Eagles, the City Cruisers and other bike clubs and bikers gather at the Ear Inn for Bike Night! You don't have to ride to come hang with us every 3rd Tuesday of the month at Ear Inn, 326 Spring St, New York, NY. Folks plan to arrive around 7PM.

May 24th-26th – Memorial Day weekend is Empire City MC's annual Biker Weekend! Register today -- go to <http://empirecitymc.com/> to download an application -- it'll be the best \$25 you've spent all year!

June 1st – Empire City leads the New Jersey Pride Parade in Asbury Park, NJ!

June 4th – Empire City MC's Open General Meeting at The Centre, 208 W 13th St, New York, NY at 8PM

June 7th – Empire City MC hosts a super-special barnight at Rockbar NYC from 9pm to midnight! Come join the members of ECMC as we party down at Rockbar NYC, 185 Christopher St, New York, NY 10014.

June 17th – Join Empire City MC, the New Jersey Eagles, the City Cruisers and other bike clubs and bikers gather at the Ear Inn for Bike Night! You don't have to be a biker to come hang with us every 3rd Tuesday of the month at Ear Inn, 326 Spring St, New York, NY. Folks plan to arrive around 7PM. Check out the sexy motorcycles and hot men!

June 20th – Empire City MC's 50th annual Bike Blessing and Christening at Ty's Bar, Christopher St. Get your motorcycle there by 7pm! (all are welcome to come party with us at Ty's!)

June 21st – Empire City MC's 50th Annual Biker Picnic (a motorcycle-only event)

June 29th – New York City Gay Pride March. Watch as ECMC members lead the parade on motorcycle for our 50th Anniversary! Party in down with loads of events, dances and more in New York City in a celebration of pride!

July 4th-6th – Celebrate 4th of July at The Ranch!

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 <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com> and come along with us!

Please be sure to mark your calendars for these very special events:

August 1st-10th - Once every five years, Empire City MC takes a week-long ride and excursion. To celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2014, we will travel to a an exclusive, motorcycle-only resort in Deals Gap, NC. Put these dates on your calendar now and be ready to reserve, we can only accommodate 24 men. Accommodations for the week are estimated at an amazing \$250 per person. More information coming soon!

October 10th-12th - Empire City MC's Anniversary Weekend. We'll be hosting an AMCC meeting, as well as putting on a "proper" weekend-long run event in New York City! We're also pleased to announce the return of our dinner cruise on our private yacht (only \$129 per person) -- more details about the full weekend package forthcoming!

Empire City MC's physical mailing address is: Empire City MC, PO Box 1881, New York, NY 10113-1881.

Are you interested in becoming a member of ECMC? If you live within a 50 mile radius of New York City and are a gay or bisexual male motorcycle owner/operator, you can apply to become a full member of Empire City MC. If you reside outside that range, we offer associate membership. Membership is dependant upon continual club participation as set forth in our constitution and bylaws. For more information about membership with Empire City Motorcycle Club, or to download our membership application, constitution and bylaws, please visit <http://empirecitymc.com/membership.php>



Have you seen our online documentary? "Where I Don't Belong" is a documentary series dedicated to smashing stereotypes and obliterating "old wives' tales". In episode two, Kiwi gets an exclusive look into the history and inner workings of Empire City Motorcycle Club. This is an exciting project for everyone involved, as we've has never opened our doors to a journalist at this level ever before. Check it out at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HvCF23NM-rU>

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