



A Great Leatherman is Gone

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Harold E Cox. Harold was a founder of and spirit behind Delta Brotherhood International's formation. He motivated all the hard work that made the Delta Brotherhood International evolve from a wild idea to a premier BDSM run with more than 300 attendees and over 400 members worldwide.



Harold was a leader of Delta and of the world at large. He spoke up publicly against discrimination and demeaning of gay people at a time that gay rights were not popular. He was a leader at his university where he spent his career as a professor. He mentored so many of us and helped us grow and be successful in so many ways.

The L.U.R.E. (NYC) was the largest leather bar in the world and Harold was its majority shareholder. In addition to that, he was editor and later the owner of Dungeonmaster Magazine and was an honorary member of The 15 Association.



Harold's legacy will live on in Delta and in the many other communities who benefited from his intellect, leadership, and passion. He is sorely missed but his spirit will live on through Delta and the many men he mentored and helped develop through the years.

Even as recently as 2019, Harold showed his lifelong interests in always learning, and his lifelong interest in trolley cars — largely unknown here, but well known among rail historians and enthusiasts. At the age of 88 he was invited to visit Wilkes-Barre's last known trolley car at Baut Studios in Swoyersville, where it was being restored. A Times Leader story about the visit pointed out that the longtime history professor's fascination with trolleys perhaps should not have been a surprise. Among his writings, Cox penned "Wyoming Valley Trolleys" in 1988, documenting the streetcar system based in Wilkes-Barre that stretched track tentacles to Nanticoke, Pittston and into Lackawanna County. His rail writings also included several important reference works on the development of Philadelphia's streetcar system.

Please take a moment to remember, to thank, and to honour Harold E Cox for all that he did during his long, productive life. May he rest in peace.

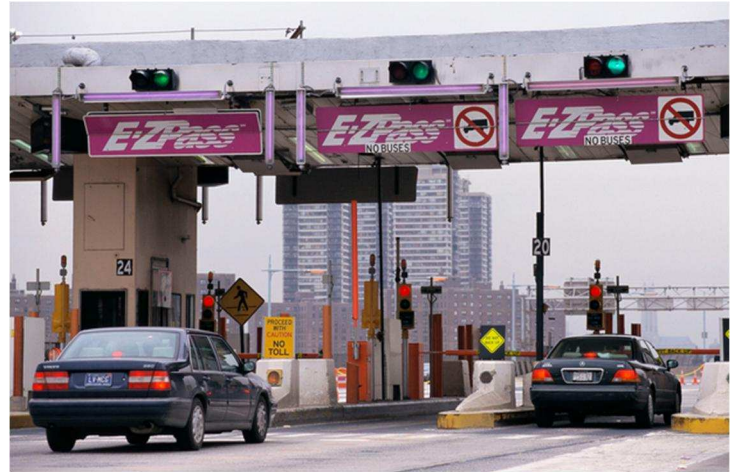
In-Person ECMC Meetings at The Centre will not to resume in 2022

Although all of our members have been COVID-19 vaccinated, it appears that our meeting place, The Centre has not responded to e-mails nor phone calls in regard to resuming our in-person meetings at their venue. With full members from as far away as Philadelphia, we have appreciated hosting our meetings on Zoom Teleconference instead as it's rough to drive hours on a Wednesday to come into NYC for a one-hour meeting. Therefore, we have decided to continue to host our Open General Meetings, held from 8pm-9pm on the 1st Wednesday of each month via video teleconference through 2022. Of course, all interested parties are welcomed to join our meeting, the weblink is in our calendar and is accessible here: <https://bit.ly/ecmc-ogm>



ECMC Member, Chaz Antonelli files a Class-Action Lawsuit Against E-ZPass

Chaz A has just filed a class-action lawsuit against E-ZPass, the infamous electronic highway tolling system, in Newark, NJ due to their misclassifications of vehicle class (over-charging), confusing and non-standard billing notations, recent “mid-tier tolling” (which charges you for E-ZPass’ own equipment failures), as well as extremely difficult dispute/grievance methods when your bill does come.



Motorcycles, passenger vehicles and other tolled persons might qualify for this class-action lawsuit and we are unsure of what the outcome will be at this time as this was just filed this month.

Information about this class-action lawsuit against E-ZPass will be presented here over the next few months as we determine the scope of the class of persons qualified for joining.

Our intent is to:

- Eliminate mid-tier tolling, as commuters should NOT be charged due to E-Z Pass’ own equipment failures!
- Irrespective of how the vehicle information was collected (E-Z Pass tag or LPR [Licence Plate Reader] only for E-Z Pass customers), toll only as appropriate per vehicle class registered with the LICENCE PLATE.
- All vehicle classification “discounts*” should be automatically applied without further demands (i.e. mailing in forms and copies of your registration) upon registering vehicles on the E-Z Pass website as E-Z Pass already has access to this information.
- Unify all VEHICLE CLASSES and TOLL PLAZAS on ALL E-Z Pass systems so it’s HUMANLY READABLE on statements without referencing other websites/databases.
- Establish an ONLINE dispute system for ALL E-Z Pass users to use when their billing isn’t accurate – don’t keep them on hold for hours, only to get an agent that does not understand the issue.

* Although E-Z Pass called these “discounts”, they are not truly discounts – they are tolls based upon the wear and tear and upkeep of a vehicle on the driving surface/bridges. When there were toll plazas with humans, they could SEE WITH THEIR EYES that a vehicle was towing a trailer, has 12 wheels or was a motorcycle and collected CASH toll based on the vehicle’s toll schedule. Re-wording this to a “discount” puts a palliative spin on being OVER CHARGED, as it’s truly NOT a discount.

ECMC Holiday Part to return to Stonewall Inn!

This just in:

The Stonewall Inn will be hosting our 2021 Holiday Party and Gift Drive, benefitting Rising Ground Children & Family Services. We are holding some meetings with the kind folks at Stonewall Inn to make this be a triumphant return to our in-person holiday party and we’re planning some new surprises this year!!

SAVE THE DATE – DECEMBER 4th 2021

Our date is secure and registered with the AMCC as a SANCTIONED EVENT, to be held 4th December 2021, doors opening at 6pm, event will end at 9pm. We will be sending out more information shortly via e-mail and on our website at <http://EmpireCityMC.com>



Zero Announces Early Release of 2022 e-Models Due to High Demand

Zero motorcycles has announced they are moving up the clock, releasing the 2022 DS, DSR dual sport models as well as the S street line ahead of their scheduled launch. According to the electric motorcycle manufacturer, the decision to move forward with an early release was driven by an unprecedented demand.

As it turns out, the boom in motorcycle sales since the beginning of the pandemic has not been limited to fuel-powered bikes. “Though the overall demand for all powersports, particularly dual-sport models, has increased since the onset of lockdown restrictions in early 2020, demand for electric motorcycles has continued to spike upward even well into the calendar year 2021 riding season,” states Zero.

This continued sales surge has triggered the company’s decision to launch several models early to support demand while riders still enjoy agreeable weather nationwide. The Zero Motorcycles dealer network is the largest electric motorcycle sales channel in the world, and these models will begin shipping immediately to continue putting more riders on electric motorcycles than any other manufacturer.



The 2022 DS, DSR and Zero S are all powered with the company’s proprietary Cypher II Operating System that orchestrates all of the motorcycles’ subsystems. That includes Bosch ABS (which is standard on all three models), motor, battery and a Bluetooth connectivity module to pair the machine to the mobile app for rider customizations. These models also received updated hardware in the form of a full-colour, optically bonded, 5” TFT display.

The 2022 Zero DS dual sport model comes in a Quicksand colourway and is also powered by the Z-Force 75-5 motor. The bike can achieve 98 mph while getting 82 miles of off-road adventure, carries a Z-Force 7.2 kWh battery, and retails for \$11,195.

The 2022 Zero DSR comes in Black and is the R-type variant of the dual sport model DS. The DSR is powered by a Z-Force 75-7 passively air-cooled, high efficiency, radial flux, interior permanent magnet, brushless motor that is capable of 102 mph while producing 116-foot pounds of torque and 70 horsepower. Fuelled by the Z-Force 14.4 kWh power pack, the e-bike gets 163 miles of range on city streets or off road, and retails for \$15,695.

The 2022 Zero S naked street motorcycle gets 89 miles of range through city streets, is capable of a top speed of 98 mph, comes in Twilight colour and produces 78-foot pounds of torque and 46 horsepower. The Z-Force 75-5 passively air-cooled, brushless motor is supplied by energy from a Z-Force 7.2 kWh lithium-ion battery, and retails for \$11,195.

All of these new models are available for order and will be shipping immediately to all Zero Motorcycles Dealers worldwide.



Apple iPhone risk from powerful motorbike vibrations

Apple iPhone owners should beware picking up bad vibrations from powerful motorbikes, as they may damage camera systems, Apple has said.

The technology giant published a warning: iPhones should not be attached to powerful bikes, in a support document spotted by MacRumors. Engine vibrations can harm phones' optical-image stabilisation or closed-loop autofocus systems, it says. Owners of scooters and mopeds should also use "vibration-dampening mounts".

On social media, several users have said their phones have been damaged after being attached to a motorcycle. And Apple says several models of iPhone are susceptible to the damage. The affected systems are designed to improve picture quality by counteracting movement, vibrations, and the effects of gravity.

But high-power or high-volume motorcycle engines generate "intense high-amplitude vibrations", the support page says, which can be transmitted through the frame and handlebars. "Direct exposure to high-amplitude vibrations within certain frequency ranges may degrade the performance of these systems and lead to reduced image quality for photos and videos," it says. The solution is to refrain from attaching iPhones to the bike in the first place - something commonly done for navigation.



UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

Some Featured Rides & Events:

Wed 3rd November, 20:00 – 21:00: MEETING: Empire City MC's Open General Meeting, held 8pm-9pm on the first Wednesday of each month by teleconference only at: <http://bit.ly/ECMC-OGM> - all interested gay motorcycle owners encouraged to attend!

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Fri 3rd – Sun 5th December: EVENT: Empire City MC's 58th Annual Gift Drive & Holiday Party Weekend:

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Sat Dec 4th: EVENT: ECMC's 58th Annual Gift Drive & Holiday Party
Sun Dec 5th: EVENT: Sunday Brunch & Cigar Smoker

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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