



### Empire City MC's 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Party

Many thanks to everyone who came to support Empire City MC and Rising Ground for our 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Party this past weekend!



\* Please note: Not all members are shown, as we were diligently working the event!

Special thanks to The Sirens MC for altering their holiday party in order to attend ours! Also a special thanks to ONYX NY, who arrived early and left early to host their own holiday party! Next year, we'll try to get the dates right for as many as possible.

## Some Clarification on NYC Congestion Pricing from our friend Cheryl Stewart of The Sirens, MC

Hello Friends,

The Traffic Mobility Review Board has finally announced their proposal for Congestion Pricing in NYC. It calls for motorcycles to be charged 50% of the car rate, and to receive 50% of the crossing credits into the Central Business District, which is Manhattan below 60th St, excluding the FDR and the West Side Highway. The toll will be \$15 for cars and \$7.50 for motorcycles. There will be a \$5 crossing credit for cars and a \$2.50 crossing credit for motorcycles entering the CBD via tolled crossings such as the Midtown, Holland or Lincoln Tunnels. There will be no crossing credit for the GW Bridge since it lands outside the CBD. This peak toll rate will be in effect from 5AM until 9PM on weekdays, and from 9AM until 9PM on weekends. The toll rate will be reduced by 75% during off peak hours.

The MTA will review the TMRBs proposal while they allow for a requisite public comment period. It's widely expected that this current proposal will be accepted as-is early next year. New Jersey is suing to send the proposal back to the drawing board. While there's a chance these suits will cause Congestion Pricing to be delayed from its expected start this spring, no outcome from NJ's legal actions will be likely to affect how motorcycles will eventually be tolled. Whenever Congestion Pricing goes into effect, we'll almost certainly pay 50% of whatever rate they charge a car coming into the CBD.

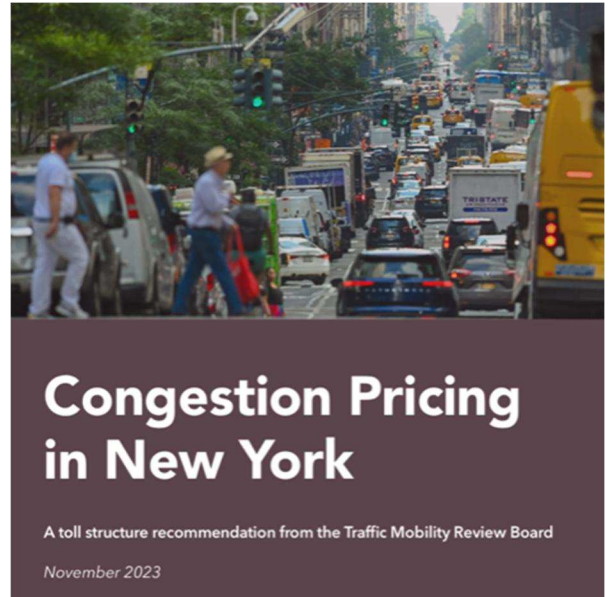
While it's not the full exemption we worked so hard for, this is still a victory we can be proud of. Right up until early October we were in grave danger of paying full price! Thank you to everyone who called, wrote, and showed up to protest. Thank you to everyone who contacted your representatives and thank you to everyone who spoke at those interminable MTA hearings. And then spoke again. I was and am so impressed with how smart and articulate our speakers were. I watched and listened to so many other speakers while waiting to hear our people. We rocked! As a result of our activism on Congestion Pricing, officials at the MTA have assured me that policy regarding motorcycles will be included in all their decisions going forward.

We'll keep this mailing list informed with moto-related Congestion Pricing information. Our next step will be to start pushing forward on a few relevant issues such as motorcycle-only parking to daylight intersections. As always, I welcome your connections and input! Reach out to me anytime. Feel free to share these mailings widely and be sure to let me know if you want to be removed from this mailing list.

Finally, please update my contact information in your files. My email address is changing to [cheryl@cherylstewart.nyc](mailto:cheryl@cherylstewart.nyc)

Thank you for all you do,

Cheryl Stewart  
Riders Against Congestion  
<https://www.ridersagainstcongestion.com/>



## NOTICE: Bikers, Bears & Mayhem has been CANCELLED for 2024

Sadly, the first time Empire City MC was looking to attend BB&M in Pennsylvania, we were sadly informed that the event has been CANCELLED due to lack of a host hotel.

We will still host our Motorcycle Weekend; however, the following weekend will NOT feature BB&M as planned originally...

SORRY.



## FROM AN 1897-1898 BRITISH AND IRISH GUIDE FOR CYCLISTS AND MOTORCYCLISTS

### Advice on Touring Requisites.

#### 1. Necessities:

Hat or cap	Worn on person	Neckerchief	Dark glasses
Shoes		Prayer book	Pocket dictionary
Trousers		Maps	Passport
Flannel shirt		Spanners/tools	Conversation book
Flannel collar		Oilcan	Guide book
Necktie		Lamp	White collars
Pair stockings		Spare lampwick	White cuffs
Extra stockings		Riding gloves	Tape
1 flannel nightshirt		Cleaning cloths	Sponge
Hairbrush		Padlock and chain	Flannel
Comb		Pincers	Nailbrush
Toothbrush and paste		Shoelaces	Paper and envelopes
Loofah		Saddle cover	Postcards
Gloves		Wire	Stamps
Money		Knife	Pen
Matches		Field glasses	Address labels
Notebook		Studs	Visiting cards
Drinking cup or flask		Scarf and pin	Braces
Waterproof cape		Towel	Belt
Razor		Bathing draw.rs	Permanganate of potash
Strop	Chocolate	French chalk	
Shaving brush	Sperm oil	Saddle and shoe lubricant	
Soap	Spare spokes	Cotton waste	
Fullers earth	Spare nuts		
Vaseline	String	Spare inner tubes if riding a machine with pneumatic tyres	
Sticking p'aster/bandages	Corkscrew		
Sulphate of quinine	Barometer		
Carbonate of soda	Pipe and tobacco	Spares applicable to your specific machine	
Extra hat or cap	Leather straps		
Cardigan	Treadle pin		
Pugaree	Nail scissors	Small silk flag	
Compass	Tyre clips		
Pocket lens	Watch		
2. Luxuries (can generally do without but very nice to have with oneself)			
Slippers	Spare gloves	Writing case	
Socks	Spare white collars	Spirit kettle	
Spare trousers	Spare neckties	Methylated spirit	
Coat	Various underclothing	Candle	
Vest	Extra pair of shoes	Pocket filter	
Supply of tea	Tow line	Waterproof sheet	

Note: If travelling abroad take your money in the form of gold coins.

A revolver is not considered necessary in the more civilised areas of Europe but if accosted by footpads or brigands inform them that you are British and display your Union flag.

## What's YOUR club doing?

Our newsletter is *your newsletter!* Please consider sending articles, photos run applications and so forth for publication in the only stable monthly newsletter in the gay leather biker community presently: Rumblings.



Also, please chat with our Secretary about incorporating your club's e-mail mailing list into ours for better reach!

# UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

## Some Featured Rides & Events from our calendar:

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 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. Enter the gathering with this link: <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Social>

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 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. **2024 ELECTIONS!**

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, 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. Enter the gathering with this link: <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Social>

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jan, 18:00 – 22:00:** EVENT: ECMC Installation Dinner [proposed date]

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Jan – Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Beef Dip Bear Week 2024 in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, 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. New officers!

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Chinese New Year hosted by K.K.

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 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. Enter the gathering with this link: <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Social>

**Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Tue 28<sup>th</sup> May:** RIDE: ECMC's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Biker Weekend in Pittsburgh with Sight-Seeing/Riding around PA! Thursday we'll meeting Harrisburg, Mondy night, we'll stay in the Philly area... full plans yet to be determined.

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Jul – Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Jul:** RIDE: ECMC's 60th Anniversary Summer Ride. This ride, proposed to go to Maine, will be our SECOND week-long ride for our 60th Anniversary! Yes, we're considering TWO week-long rides in 2024!!!

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Oct:** EVENT: Empire City MC's 60th Anniversary Weekend in New York City, NY. Details in 2024!

**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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