Day Drinking on a Saturday with Rob, Chaz & Friends

it's been far too long since we've done something completely irresponsible… no wait, scratch that – didn't one of our friends just ride nearly 1,500 miles on a bald tyre including the Back of the Dragon? Never mind.

Let's just say it's been a long time since we've gone day drinking until the sun went down… it's been overdue!

Empire city and a variety of friends from different walks of life all joined us for a walk around midtown Manhattan to experience some of the local breweries we have right here in the heart of New York City.

A fun time was had by all!

Long Island Loop Trip / Visiting Michael & Don

Michael Connelly is one of our longest associate members and sitting out in the middle of Long Island has a wonderful set of roads to ride on when the spirit moves him. We all gathered at our usual haunt in uptown, the Lexington candy counter as we carbed-up for a ride out to Long Island!

When we Arrived at the Long Island visitor centre there was Michael on his bike ready to take over the ride and bring us to unknown locations!

He brought us to the old crazy house, and although all fenced off there are definitely signs that teenagers and other folks have broken in and have partied there quite often! After that, we discovered that sections of Long Island have an amazingly rich Buddhist and Thai community including a temple! They were having a festival on that day where you could experience Thai culture and food as well as see buddhas!

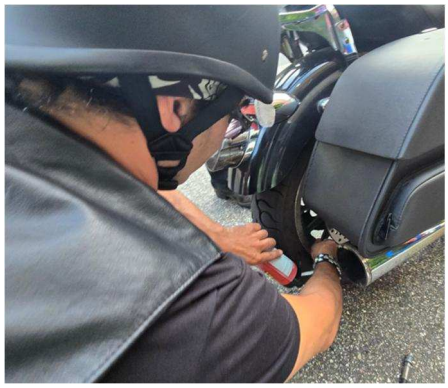
Our next stop was at an old-fashioned store where we got soda pops in glass bottles and other various sundries.

Then it was off to Michael's house for our BBQ lunch where Donnie and K.K. had been working preparing everything for us! Several members of the Long Island Ravens came out to hang with us and have lunch. Surprise! A birthday cake celebrating K.K.'s 52nd birthday was devoured by all!

We were really happy to see Donni has all but fully recovered from his liver transplant earlier this year! We are thankful that he got a miracle liver in the nick of time.

Just to make sure our day was exciting enough, Scot, our vice president, had decided to put a large hole in his back tyre. This is when you find out why it's advantageous to ride with a club. Scot was taken care of we made sure we kept an eye on his tire after re inflating and patching it temporarily. Every time the tyre started going flat, we would pull over and work on it some more to ensure that he got home safely.

Another Long Island Ride is “in the can!”

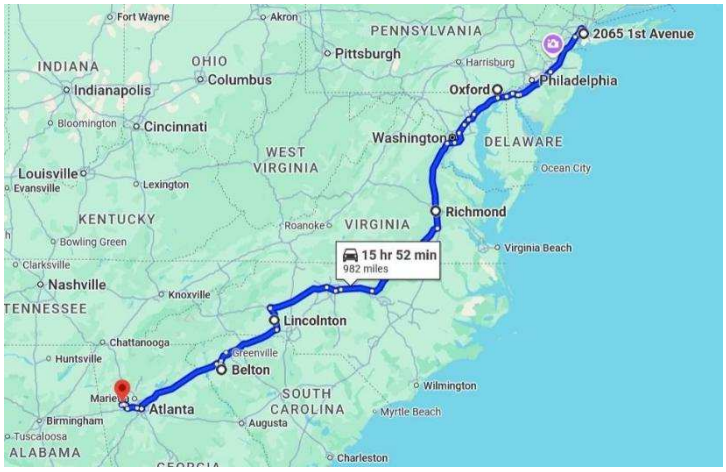


This Year's 9/11 Midnight Ride is Not Happening

The free motorcycle tribute ride, which began at the Harley-Davidson dealership in Queens and travelled across Queensboro Bridge, down 2nd Ave to 42nd Street, then over to and down the West Side Highway to lay a wreath and offer prayers at Ground Zero, has been a tradition since 2002. However, with the closure of New York Harley-Davidson, along with alleged complaints about unlicensed motorcyclists (i.e., dirt bikes) joining the ride, this year—the 24th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks—there will be no escorted ride to the new World Trade Center towers. Traditionally, riders would depart at 23:00, arriving at midnight on September 10th to lay a wreath in tribute to the lives lost in the terror attacks.

Next year marks the 25th anniversary, and I sincerely hope someone steps up to restore this honourable tradition.

Riding to Atlanta



I managed to put over 7,000 miles on Sabados this year! I bought Sabados in 2004 three days after the accident that destroyed my 1100cc Yamaha Virago. I was living in Quincy, MA (just outside of Boston) at the time. Because of the timing of my accident, I missed the 2004 Empire City MC Motorcycle Christening & Blessing. It was a regular event I frequented before I became a member. It was the 40th anniversary of Empire City MA and they had a busy year planned – I add a brand-new motorcycle, the biggest I've ever owned.

The week-long trip that typically happens every five years was to be in the green and White Mountains of Vermont and New Hampshire in 2004. I arranged with Mark Wind, the person who had conducted the motorcycle blessings as long as I had been a participant, to see if he could do a special blessing on the anniversary trip – he said yes! And so was christened "Sabados" (see photo on the right – this was the day Sabados was named.)

If you read last month's newsletter, you know that I went out and bought a new Harley-Davidson I have named Bluey which is going to replace Sabados as my regular ride. I don't have the heart to part with what was my first new-to-me motorcycle! Rather than trying to deal with logistics of two motorcycles in New York City, I spent four days following the Delta International Run riding it to Atlanta, GA to my dad's house where it will now be garaged and available for me to ride whenever I visit!

As I made the trek to Atlanta in short hops of no greater than four hours riding each, I spent a night in Richmond, VA with a friend.

On Wednesday, I spent the night in North Carolina with Jeb, the president of a new motorcycle club called "Fair Folk MC" at their clubhouse (nice folks!) website:

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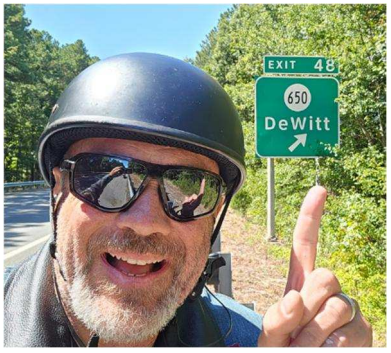
I continued on to my sister's in South Carolina and then finally at my dad's house in Atlanta.



Upcoming Rides & Events

Date		Event/Ride Name
10 September 2025	RIDE	Bike HSS Benefit Ride
18 September 2025	EVENT	Earl's RCL Cruise
02 October 2025	EVENT	HOIST Pig Weekend - 10th Anniversary
29 November 2025	EVENT	52nd Annual Bucks MC Santa Saturday™
06 December 2025	EVENT	ECMC's 62nd Annual Toys for Tots

Classified Ads / Bikes Wanted / For Sale

Selling a bike? Looking for a bike/bike parts? We'll run your motorcycle-centric classified ads in our newsletter! Send pertinent information and contact details for publication, along with photos to newsletter@EmpireCityMC.org

2006 Softail Deluxe w/ about 5,000 miles - $6,000
Contact Mel & Jose at 908-347-7387

1996 Road King FLHI with about 59,000 miles - $5,000
Contact Mark Wind by texting 917-769-6630

ECMC SOCIAL HOURS & OPEN GENERAL MEETINGS: Empire City MC hosts two primary meetings monthly. Our Open General Meetings are on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month, 20:00-21:00. Our Social Hours are on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month, 20:00-21:00. All interested parties are welcomed, keeping in mind that our O.G.M. is a business meeting. You may join any of our conference calls by using Zoom Teleconference software and utilising this link: **https://bit.ly/ECMC-MEET**

For even further information, in our organisation, the Vice President (vice-president@empirecitymc.com) is in charge of EVENTS the Road Captain (road-captain@empirecitymc.com) for RIDES (travel), president (president@empirecitymc.com) for meetings.

Events, rides and meetings are in our official calendar. Add our official calendar to your personal calendar by going to http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com then click "add to calendar" in the lower left. Our rides, meetings and events will then appear on your calendar, so you know where to meet up!

Chat with us, and other bikers, on our private 'Motorcyclists on Signal' group. Install Signal on your mobile phone and then click here to join the private, encrypted channel: https://bit.ly/motonsig

ECMC membership information is available on our website at www.EmpirCityMC.com - view our constitution, bylaws and membership application from the membership tab.

We're also on MeWe social media at https://mewe.com/join/empirecitymc and on facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/empirecitymc (although we're not very active in either!)

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