Massive Changes to our Annual Toy Drive

We get it – times are tough. This is the time of year when many people come after your pocketbook, asking for donations. So many charities, and so little discretionary income… we don't want to be the cause of strife. That's why this year we're doing something completely different for our Gift Card & Toy Drive for Rising Ground Children's Services: This year, we are teaming up with our brother club the Bucks MC at their Santa Saturday™ event in New Hope, PA! We know many of the people that come to our event in New York City also go to their event in New Hope, PA. Why stretch resources thin in this perilous time, when we can combine our events making it easier, cheaper, and more fun!

Empire city MC and the bucks MC are proud to announce that the 2 events will be combined this year! When you come to Santa Saturday on November 29th, please consider bringing small denomination gift cards ($5-$10) or non-plush toys suitable for children aged 0-18. When you do, you'll get $1.00 off admission to the Santa Saturday event! Bring your gift cards and toys to our collection point at Santa Saturday, we'll take care of the rest!

Our full holiday party was scheduled for the 6th of December, but instead of hosting a party this year, we are going to gather at 9PM at Ty's to simply celebrate friendship, brotherhood, and camaraderie! There is no cover charge, there are no tickets, there are no jell-o shots nor 50/50 raffles, there are no gifts or gift cards to be presented… just show up and hang out with Empire City MC from nine 'til midnight!

Empire City MC Goes Cruising

Since early 2025, One of our members has been promoting a cruise ship trip that went up the East Coast of North America, making stops in Boston, Portland, the Bay of Fundy Bay in St. John, and Halifax. For many of us, this was our first cruising experience! This was a nine-day trip departing New York City with plenty of interesting places to stop and explore plus all sorts of activities on board the ship.

We know it wasn't a motorcycle-based event, and it was a big leap of faith for many of us getting off dry land and leaving our bikes parked for over a week, but in the end I'm pleased to say that everybody seemed to have a great time and it was so well received we're discussing an Alaskan cruise for late August 2026. (A Signal Chat has been set up to discuss this with anyone interested, to join the chat, go to: https://bit.ly/RCL2026AK (RCL = Royal Caribbean, 2026 = year of trip, AK = Alaska).

Here are some of the photos from our trip, there are more photos and videos here:

https://bit.ly/RCL2025canada

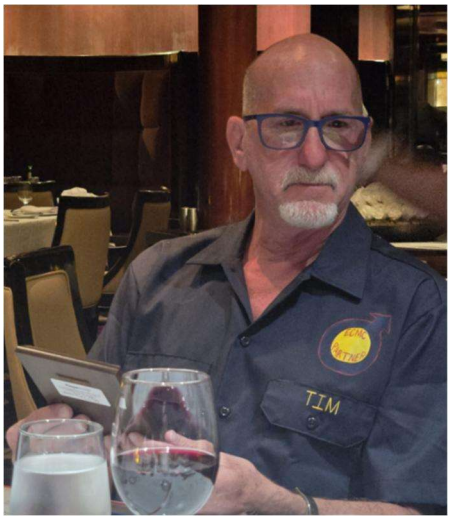
Oh Duck!

Q: What the duck?
A: https://thepointsguy.com/cruise/cruising-ducks/

Nine members, partners, spouses and friends of Empire City MC boarded Royal Caribbean's "Liberty of the Seas" cruise ship for a nine-day trip.

In addition to all the features on the ship and ashore, we were together at nearly every dinner, including a special presentation where two awards were presented to two spouses of Empire City MC members who've been instrumental fostering the continuance of the club: Tim Moore and K.K. Kua.

In addition to two plaques which were presented to them, a new mechanic's-style was debuted with a similar logo to ours to recognise partners/spouses of Empire City MC members!



Helmets Cause Accidents – Not Prevent Them (an article from 1974)

MOTORCYCLE HELMETS CAUSE ACCIDENTS - NOT PREVENT THEM

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Cycle Fatalities In Kansas Almost Double in Year

TOPEKA (AP) Motorcycle fatalities in 1973 were almost double the number in 1972 despite a downward trend in total traffic fatalities.

The safety department of the Kansas Highway Commission said there were 42 motorcycle fatalities in 1973 compared with 22 in 1972.

In 1973 when the newest Kansas helmet law was in effect for the first full year, motorcycle fatalities almost doubled to 42 from the previous year's total of 22, while registrations were up only 12% over 1972. Kansas motorcycle fatalities more than doubled after the very first helmet law was passed in 1967.* Helmets help only after the accident has already happened. During normal street riding, the drawbacks of vision and hearing limitations and heat fatigue cause accidents. Your chance of being killed has been doubled by the helmet law!

*In 1968 when the very first Kansas helmet law was in effect for the first full year, motorcycle fatalities more than doubled to 31 from the previous year's total of 14, while registrations were up only 9% over 1967.

Kansas repealed the helmet law in 1970 to exclude those over the age of 21. The law was again passed in 1972 under U.S. Department of Transportation blackmail threat of withholding federal highway money, to pave the way for seatbelt laws for cars and other forced self-protection laws.

Citizens' Opposition to Oppressive Laws - COOL, Box 8113, Topeka, KS 66608

HOW TO FIGHT HELMET LAWS

Once a state passes a helmet law, repeal is very difficult because of DOT blackmail threats. The watchdogs of the legislature, which are the courts and judges, are virtually all prejudiced and discriminate against motorcyclists. When courts don't do their job, government power reverts directly back to the people in the form of a jury trial. The secret to winning the helmet law battle is, after getting a helmet ticket, to plead not guilty and demand a jury trial. If your right to a jury trial under the 6th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is denied, you can file a civil rights action suit against the judge in U.S. District Court for $15, under Title 42, U.S. Code, Section 1983, 1985 and 1986. Jury trials are usually held in the state or county district court. However, city or municipal courts have been known to have juries. Never hire a lawyer who does not own and ride a road bike. We recommend you file your jury trial Pro Se (act as your own attorney), as guaranteed under the 6th Amendment, since you know more about helmets and helmet laws than most lawyers. You would have a better chance of winning and it would cost you less. Judges are finding out, much to their surprise, that juries, after hearing all the evidence, usually return a not guilty verdict, primarily because they think this is a great opportunity to stop the encroachment of the federal government on states' rights. When juries can't reach a unanimous guilty verdict, the defendants go free. This makes the helmet law unenforceable and clears you to: (1) Sue the police officer who writes you a subsequent helmet ticket, and (2) Use the decision as a lever to repeal the helmet law at both the city and state level!

Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) Ride

Empire City MC has been the official motorcycle club to escort and perform safety patrol for the “HSS Ride”, a massive fund-raising bicycle ride in Westchester Country, New York. This year was no different as ECMC provided vital services to ensure the safety of the bicyclers.

We love supporting the community we live in, and if you’re a biker, you can come along and help! Watch our calendar for events and rides like this and come along!

BIKE HSS
RIDE • WALK • RUN

The Bucks MC present Santa Saturday™

Remember to bring low-value gift cards and toys suitable for youth up to 18 years old to present to Empire City MC at Santa Saturday™ for donation to **Rising Ground Children’s Services.**

You’ll get $1 off your Santa Saturday™ admission and get a happy feeling that you’re helping children throughout the year, not just at Christmastime.

Your donated toys and gift cards provide special awards, birthday gifts and needful things to disadvantaged children.

RISING GROUND
Paths to positive change since 1831

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

The Last Word

Greetings Empire City Motorcycle Club members friends and allies,

First, I'd like to thank you 'all for the outpouring of love and support shown after the passing of my mother on 9/30/25, My family and I appreciated it deeply. Moms brief motorcycle history: she used to be the "monkey" on dads Harley Davidson with a sidecar, and she was "bitch" on the back of my motorcycle.

November is turning out to be an exciting month. We will be having our final vote on the new and improved Constitution and Bylaws at our November 5th meeting. ECMC will have a new and improved enrolment and engagement process moving forward. If you are unable to attend this meeting as a full member, please send in your proxy vote.

Next, we have Our annual Holiday Party and toy drive. This year we are joining forces with the Bucks MC at Santa Saturday™ in New Hope PA on 11/29/2025. Stay tuned to our ECMC calendar for more details about how you can help Support Rising Ground in our new Joint effort. Shortly after this event we will be scheduling a dinner celebration with Rising Ground to break bread and share our long-standing support and continued endeavours with this wonderful organization.

Upcoming cold weather events: As the cold air begins to settle into the area, we look forward to a bar night in your location to promote our club and comradery with our club brothers. Rumour has it that we may have a full member in Atlanta GA.

IBH Gary P. President of ECMC

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.

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