Empire City's Holiday Party & Toy Drive at Santa Saturday®

Kindly read this message – there have been changes to our holiday party and toy drive this year! We are not hosting our event at The Stonewall Inn this year for a change of pace. Read on… there have been more changes since the *last* newsletter! Since times are hard right now, we felt all of the charitable holiday parties would "compete" against each other this year, straining everyone's pocketbooks.

Therefore, Empire City MC's gift card and toy drive for Rising Ground Children's Services will take place at The Bucks MC Santa Saturday® this year!

Bucks MC present Santa Saturday® 2025 – Tradition with A Purpose

Mark your calendars for November 28-29 as we come together for one of the most beloved holiday traditions in our community! Santa Saturday® is more than just an event — it's a celebration of friendship, fun, and giving back. Reunite with friends, enjoy fabulous performances from drag queens, and be delighted by Santa Claus & Friends spreading holiday cheer. Guests can also participate in both a silent auction and a limited live auction, with all proceeds benefiting charities that support our local communities. From laughter and dancing to bidding and giving, Santa Saturday® 2025 is where holiday spirit meets purpose. Join us as we continue this proud Bucks MC tradition of celebrating together while making a difference.

Friday, November 28, 2025 – Meet & Greet - 20:30-22:30 at New Hope Inn, 6426 Lower York Rd, New Hope, PA 18938
Saturday, November 29, 2025 – Santa Saturday® 12:00-18:00 at New Hope Inn, 6426 Lower York Rd, New Hope, PA 18938

Rooms (optional) can be booked by calling: **New Hope Inn & Suites** at +1 215 862-5221 and mentioning "Santa Saturday®." Please note that the hotel will increase room rates as we get closer to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Reserve soon!

https://bucksmc.org/santa-saturday/

Wondering what's become of our AMCC sanctioned event on 6th December 2025 in New York City? Don't fret! We're hosting a Holiday Gathering at Ty's Bar NYC, 114 Christopher St, New York, NY 10014 starting at 21:00! No admission, no 50/50s, no Jello. Just friends having a good time before the holidays descend upon us… We sincerely hope you enjoy the changes this year to help lighten your event load and cost and we look forward to seeing how it is received.

Rising Ground Wants Low-Value Gift Cards

As Before with our toy drive for Rising Ground's Children's Services, they are seeking low value gift cards in great quantities. Preferably they won't have any holiday logos on them because these$ 5 to $10 gift cards are used for rewarding good grades and birthdays and other celebratory situations – not just Christmas.

Toys are great, but gift cards are easier! If you can bring both that's even better!

Unable to come to Santa Saturday™? You can contribute by purchasing toys and gift cards from their Amazon Wish-List. This list includes pre-selected appropriate gifts for different age groups.

We also accept toys purchased independently of the Amazon list. If you have any questions about this year's Holiday Gift Drive – including guidelines for what age groups we are buying toys for and what is appropriate – or know or companies or organizations that may wish to donate, please contact Sharon Pyle by email at SPyle@RisingGround.org or by phone at 212-437-3551.

The Future of Empire City MC

For just over a year, Empire City MC has been working diligently behind the scenes to rewrite our Constitution and Bylaws. We undertook a thorough, line-by-line review of these documents with the goal of decentralizing Empire City from New York.

It became clear to us in 2020, during the onset of COVID, that one of the main barriers preventing people from becoming full members was our location requirement—applicants needed to live within 50 miles of New York City. Additionally, our in-person meetings, held on the first Wednesday of each month at The Centre, limited participation.

During COVID, we transitioned our meetings to Zoom. This change gave everyone an equal voice at our open general meetings, regardless of where they lived. It worked so well that we've since made Zoom our permanent platform for both our business meetings and our monthly social gatherings, held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Members who lived farther from New York City had previously felt marginalized, as they couldn't easily attend in-person meetings. Even when we offered an audio teleconference option, poor sound quality made participation difficult.

Today, we have full members in multiple states and host events and rides across the same. This growth prompted us to revisit our Bylaws and Constitution to better align them with our evolving needs. We now allow individuals to join as associate members and, after six months, upgrade to full membership if they wish. We've also shifted our focus away from formal events and back to what matters most—riding motorcycles and having fun!

You can visit the membership section of our website to download a copy of our Constitution and Bylaws. Please note that membership in Empire City requires identifying as male, legally owning and operating a motorcycle, and participating according to the expectations outlined for your membership level.

If you're a gay or bisexual motorcyclist who identifies as male in the Northeastern United States, we invite you to consider riding with us. Once you've gotten to know our members, speak with one about becoming an associate member.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
Nov 13	Danny J's Birthday Bash at Ty's
Nov 29	52nd Santa Saturday™, and ECMC's 62nd Annual Toy Drive
Dec 5	Excelsior MC Annual Trim-A-Tree →
Dec 6	Holiday Gathering at Ty's (9pm)

Come hang with the men of Empire City MC at these fine events!

Always check our calendar for last-minute changes and additions!

The Last Word

Greetings ECMC Members, Friends, and Allies,

First and foremost, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who reached out to me following the passing of my mother on September 30, 2025. Your kindness, support, and generosity have meant the world to me during this difficult time. Thank you sincerely.

Here at Empire City Motorcycle Club, we've been busy behind the scenes with several important initiatives:

🛠️ **Bylaws Update** We're finalizing revisions to our club bylaws, with a vote scheduled for the November Open General Meeting. Your participation is vital—please attend or send in your proxy vote. This vote will shape the future operations of ECMC.

🤝 **Community Outreach in 2025** ECMC proudly sponsors three annual outreach programs. This year, we've already:

- Laid a wreath at the Emilio Carranza Memorial in the Pine Barrens of NJ (July)
- Provided safety support for the HHS Bicycle Ride Fundraiser in NYC (September)
- Upcoming Next: Holiday Party & Toy Drive, this year we are excited to be co-hosting this event with Bucks MC! Stay tuned for details on how you can contribute and participate in this meaningful event (November)

📋 **Looking Ahead to 2026** We're preparing for officer elections and a financial audit ahead of the new leadership term. Transparency and accountability remain top priorities.

🏍️ **Stay Connected** As colder weather settles in, be sure to check our calendar regularly for updates on rides and events. We look forward to seeing you soon—on the road or at our gatherings.

With respect and appreciation,
Gary P. President – Empire City Motorcycle Club

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.EmpireCityMC.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 Please send any articles, classified ads, club event ads, photos or letters to the editor at newsletter@EmpireCityMC.org.

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