Farewell 2025

Much gratitude goes out to our 2025 Board of Directors/Officers! Thanks for all the work you do to make this club continue!

I rode over NINE THOUSAND MOTORCCYLE MILES on my bike alone in 2025, thanks to the planning, cooperation and diligence of our fine officers!

I already hear “rumblings” of some massive rides in 2026 being discussed!

Cheers to 2026, motorcycles are wonderful escape from the news cycle!

Meet the Member: Gary P. – 10 Years Later

In January 2016, Rumblings profiled a new, enthusiastic member from Philadelphia named Gary P. He was a milestone for the Empire City Motorcycle Club (ECMC) as our first "out-of-town" Full Member. Now, exactly ten years later, Gary is concluding a transformative two-term presidency (2022–2025) that has reshaped our traditions and tightened our bonds.

As Gary prepares to hand over the gavel, we sat down to look back on a decade of riding, leadership, and the evolution of the club.

The Journey North

In that 2016 profile, Gary spoke of a "Dream Ride" to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland to visit the final resting place of the Titanic survivors. While the full itinerary remains on the bucket list, Gary confirmed he has made significant tracks north.

"No, but I did get to Halifax, Canada, and saw the cemetery for Titanic victims," Gary said, marking a poignant partial fulfillment of that long-term goal.

Evolving the Bylaws

Gary's status as the first out-of-town member paved the way for a broader membership base. During his presidency, he spearheaded a major rewrite of the Constitution and Bylaws. For Gary, this wasn't just administrative work—it was about shifting the culture away from rigid formalities.

"The bylaws changed to simplify our process, which is wonderful in my opinion," Gary explained. "It eliminates the pledge process and makes our priority riding and getting to know each other on the road with fellowship and camaraderie."

New Traditions: The Carranza Legacy

One of Gary's most distinct contributions was establishing the Annual Emilio Carranza Memorial Ride in the New Jersey Pine Barrens. He saw the story of the Mexican aviator as a unique bridge for the club.

"As we are a multicultural, diverse group, I felt this was the perfect outreach into our Latino community," he noted. Beyond the cultural significance, Gary pointed out the logistical benefits: "It's also centrally located for our New Jersey, NYC, and Philadelphia members to attend."

The Pivot to New Hope

Perhaps the boldest logistical move of his tenure was shifting the Holiday Toy Drive from New York City to New Hope, PA. Gary recognized that the NYC event "had pretty much run its course," with attendance dipping to 15-20 people. By partnering with Bucks MC for "Santa Saturday," the event found new energy.

"With a change in venue, we have now tapped into a great resource," Gary said. "We also get to mingle with our AMCC and other motorcycle riding friends at this location."

Critically, the core mission remained intact. The club continued its support for Rising Ground, sharing a meal and ensuring the charity received its due. "The end result was awesome—we still donated cash, gift cards, and a slew of gifts for the kids," Gary said. "I hope with the group changing administration that this will continue... to see this opportunity grow."

Advice for the Road Ahead

As he steps down from leadership, Gary offers a simple but vital reminder for newer members looking to preserve the club's legacy: "Always remember that we are all volunteers. We are all friends with that one desire—that we all love motorcycle riding. As long as we keep that the focus, everything else will fall into place."

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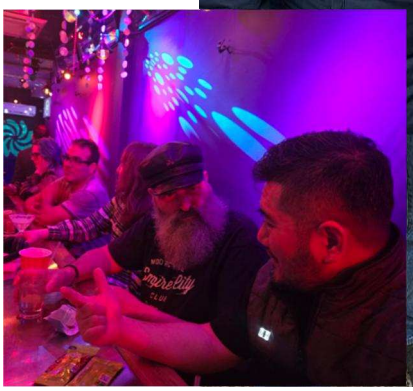

The Last Word

Greetings Empire City Motorcycle Club Members, Friends, and Allies,

First, I'd like to extend my warmest congratulations to ECMC's newly elected governing board for 2026:

- **President: Scot L.**
- **Vice President: Chaz A.**
- **Secretary: Earl/Wolf**
- **Treasurer: Lewis K.**
- **Road Captain: Erik R.**

I wish each of you an exciting year ahead filled with camaraderie, safe rides, and unforgettable adventures! As I conclude my time as President of ECMC, I want to express what an honour and privilege it has been to serve this club. Together, we achieved so much, and I'd like to highlight a few memorable milestones from my tenure:

- Continuing our community outreach efforts with the three organizations we proudly support: Rising Ground, the HHS Bicycle Ride, and the annual wreath-laying at the Emilió Carranza Memorial.
- Celebrating our 60th Anniversary with an incredible weekend of events in 2024.
- Completing a successful financial audit at the end of 2025, ensuring a strong and transparent foundation as we enter 2026.
- Welcoming our first long-distance member in Ohio, expanding our ECMC family beyond the local region.
- Completing a full update of the constitution and bylaws, including transitioning new members to begin at the Associate level, with the option to become Full Members after six months—maintaining the spirit of our pledge process while modernizing it for the club and its future.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the dedication and passion of our full members, associate members, honorary members, emeritus members, friends, and supporters. Your commitment to the club is what keeps ECMC strong, vibrant, and moving forward.

As I take a step back into the role of a regular member, I look forward to the next chapter—new roads, new experiences, and new memories with all of you.

With pride and gratitude, IBH Gary P.
Ex-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.

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