



Pride Month is Here!

Empire City MC took part in World Pride in Washington, D.C. on the 7th June. We were guests of Spartan M.C., the other all-riding gay motorcycle club on the east coast of America. Although there were a few delays and the threat of rain, even with the Trump administration closing Dupont Circle Park, locking people out of this traditional gathering place during Pride festivities, the crowd of GLBTQA+ succeeded in CLOSING the street instead! Fuck them! Pride continues even as they threaten our rights and our citizenship.



The night before pride, many of the bikers gathered at Busboys and Poets to discuss Pride March plans.



Lots of friendship and comradery!

Working together to build stronger and more effective
State Motorcyclists' Rights organizations!

MEETING OF THE MINDS



Shreveport, Louisiana
September 25-28, 2025

**FIRST TIME
ATTENDEES**
between ages 18-35
receive a
35% DISCOUNT
on event
registration*



41ST ANNUAL

"Laissez le bon temps rouler"

EXPERIENCE THE MRF'S FINEST

Topical Presentations
Sixteen Information-
Packed Workshops
Capitol Hill Updates

SAM'S TOWN HOTEL & CASINO

315 Clyde Fant Pkwy, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101
Room reservations, call 877-429-0711 (use group code MRF125C).
Rooms are \$150/day, plus taxes & fees. (Cut-off date: Sept. 10, 2025)

ENJOY SHREVEPORT!

Southern Hospitality
Cajun & Creole
Cuisine and Music
And so much more!



Pre-registration for conference through the MRF, PO Box 9090, Peoria, IL 61612
Pre-registration (must be received by Sept. 10, 2025): \$100.00 (current member) / \$120.00 (non-member)

Registration rate after Sept. 10, 2025: \$110.00 (current member) / \$130.00 (non-member)

Registration includes all workshops, workshop materials, and Saturday banquet.

Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at fred@mrf.org.

*See registration form for details.

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**Celebrate DIVERSITY, EQUALITY and INCLUSION
all of PRIDE MONTH with Empire City MC!**

19th June: Juneteenth Underground Railroad Freedom Motorcycle Ride
20th June: 61st Annual Blessing & Christening of the Bikes at Ty's Bar
21st June: ECMC's Annual Free Biker Picnic (must arrive via motorcycle)

Thursday, 19 June · 09:00 – 17:30

Juneteenth Underground Railroad Freedom Ride

Meet for BREAKFAST at the Lexington Candy Shop, 1226 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10028 by 09:00, kick stands up (K.S.U.) at 10:00 sharp!

Friday, 20 June · 18:00 – 21:00

ECMC's 61st Annual Bike Blessing & Christening

Get to Ty's Bar NYC, 114 Christopher St, New York, NY 10014 by 18:00, blessing starts at 19:00!! Be sure if you plan to NAME your bike, you have a good name ready for your certificate! Free event for ALL BIKERS and MOTORCYCLE-LOVERS!

Saturday, 21 June · 08:30 – 19:30

ECMC's 61st Annual Biker Picnic (admission by motorcycle only!)

This is a FREE Picnic Lunch at an ECMC member's private home in NJ. If you have any dietary restrictions, please let President@EmpireCityMC.com know in advance.

• *Coming from the NEW YORK CITY AREA:*

08:30 - Meet at Lexington Candy Counter, 1226 Lexington Ave, for Breakfast

09:30 - K.S.U. we'll ride to Somers Point, NJ to a private location for our picnic

13:00 - Arrive at ECMC Picnic in Somers Point, NJ

18:00 - Enjoy AMAZING frozen custard at the Custard Hut in Somers Point, NJ

• *Coming from SOUTH or WEST of NYC:*

Plan to arrive at 25 W Groveland Ave, Somers Point, NJ 08244 at 13:00 please.

Leathermen Travel: World Pride 2026 - Amsterdam

Guys often ask me about leather cruises (and not just the kind you get in the backroom of a bar!) Until now, I haven't had anything to offer. But recently I've been in discussion with three gay cruise companies about European river cruises happening next year. I'm thinking about putting together Leathermen Travel groups for any of these cruises. This would be like the successful Leathermen Travel groups I put together for Folsom Europe in 2023 and 2024. As these are river cruises, these are a lot smaller than ocean-going mega-cruises. And they're not party boats like Atlantis cruises. (Nothing against them.) Here are the 3 cruises I'm looking at:

Did you know World Pride is happening in Amsterdam next year?

It's happening late July/early August.

1) One of the river cruises starts in Germany on the Danube, travels up the Rhine, and finishes up in Amsterdam just in time for World Pride. 11 days and 10 nights. This is an all-gay cruise.

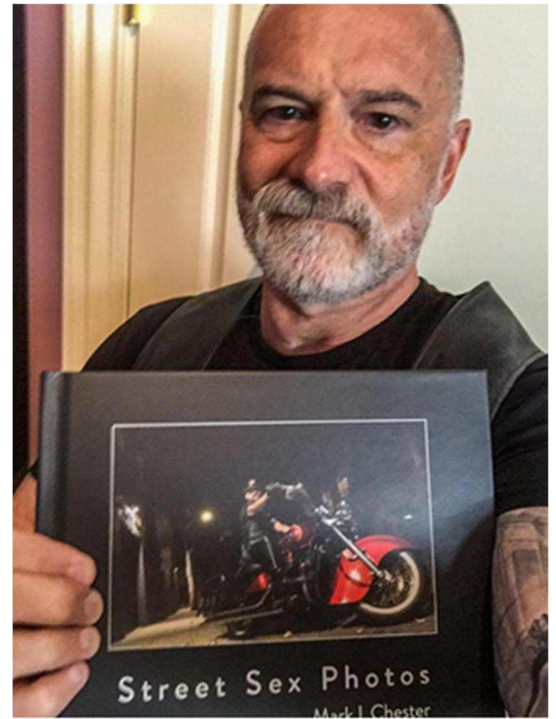


2) The second one begins in Amsterdam for World Pride and ends in Switzerland, traveling down the Rhine. 8 day and 7 nights. This is a luxury, all-gay cruise.

3) The third one is a combo motorcoach/riverboat trip. It starts in Berlin right after Easter Berlin! The trip then travels through Germany for a couple days via motorcoach, then goes onboard the riverboat on the Danube, cruising to Czechia. The trip concludes in Prague via motorcoach. 10 days and 9 nights. (One important thing to know is that there will be a sizeable gay group on this trip. However, this trip is NOT exclusively gay. But the more Leathermen that join, the gayer the trip will be!)

Interested? Please send me a message. All of these cruises are expected to fill up quickly even they are about a year or so away. So please get in touch quickly even if you have just the remotest thought of joining in. Anchors aweigh! ⚓

In Leather brotherhood,
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OPEN GENERAL MEETINGS & ECMC SOCIAL HOURS: Empire City MC hosts two primary meetings monthly. Our Open General Meetings are the FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month, 20:00-21:00. Our Social Hours are on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of the 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.



Chat with us (and other bikers) on Signal! Check out 'Motorcyclists on Signal' at <https://bit.ly/motonsig>

There are other events and rides in our official calendar! Be sure to bookmark our official calendar at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com> and come along with us on some great rides!

For membership information, see <http://empirecitymc.com/membership.php> to view and download our constitution, bylaws and membership application. Please send any articles, photos or letters to the editor at newsletter@EmpireCityMC.org

We're on social media at <https://mewe.com/join/empirecitymc> where you can chat with us.

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