



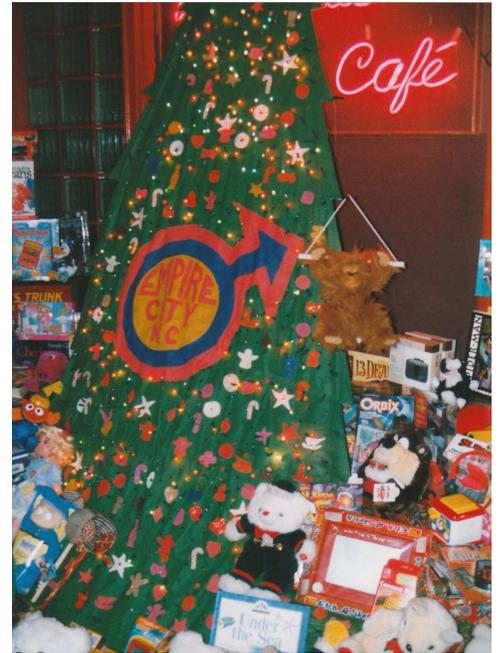
Empire City MC's Monthly Newsletter November 2014

ECMC Rumbblings



EMPIRE CITY MC'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY & TOY DRIVE

It's only days until our 51st Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive!



Empire City MC has been proud to host this event to benefit Leake & Watts Services (formerly known as Leaks & Watts Specialised Childcare) for many years. During the onset of HIV/AIDS, Leake & Watts was the only foster home/orphanage to accept HIV+ children, and due to the many deaths attributed to HIV/AIDS, many children were left without parents. Our toy drive has helped bring a little happiness to the kids who were innocent victims of this dreaded disease. With your help and support, we carry on this tradition. Although Leake & Watts hasn't received any HIV+ children in some time, there's still a need for these less-fortunate kids and teens. **(Advance ticket sales for 2014 stop Monday, December 1st!)**

We thank you in advance for coming out and helping this worthy cause!

This year, our Holiday Party and Toy Drive will be on December 6th

at 6:00 PM at the Stonewall Inn. Advance tickets are on-sale for \$25 at our website www.EmpireCityMC.com until Dec 1st, or pay \$30 at the door (until we fill the 2nd floor up). We hope to see you there!



ECMC 50th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND RECAP – PART II



Continued from last month...

After everyone boarded the yacht, the national anthem, parade of colours and commencement speech from our president, Evil Ed, drinks flowed liberally as we pulled away from the dock and out into the Hudson River!

Hot h'orderves were passed, then a fantastic gourmet meal was served.

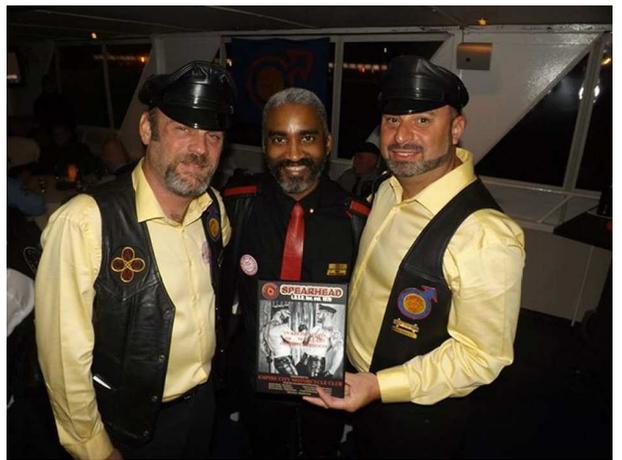
To our surprise, Spearhead LDSC of Toronto presented ECMC with an award congratulating us on 50 years of brotherhood!



After an extended trip around the harbour and up the East River while people socialised and danced, we pulled back into the Chelsea Piers around 10:30. Some folks went back to the host hotel to unwind before the **Excelsior MC** cocktail party at midnight, whilst others made a quick "invasion" of the NYC Eagle (the last leather bar in New York).

At **Excelsior MC's** after-hours party, ECMC presented awards to **Eddie M.** and **Mark W.**, as they have been in ECMC the longest and are our mentors and guides as we carry the torch forward.

On Sunday morning, brunch was served as awards were passed during closing ceremonies. All-in-all, it was a fantastic weekend and we've seen nothing but appreciation on facebook from our guests. Thanks to everyone for making this an anniversary to remember!



Photos: Statue of Liberty as seen from the yacht, Sean C.'s Run Weekend Logo, Formal Dinner, Spearhead award presented to Evil Ed, lounging on the lower level of the yacht.



← Anniversary Cake
Closing Ceremonies →



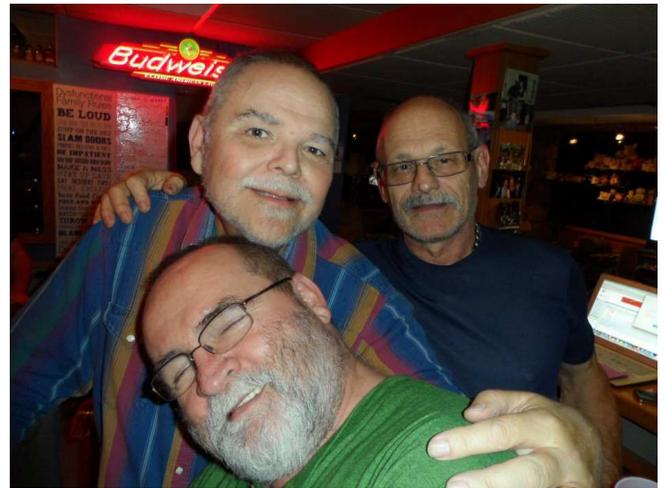


A BLAST FROM THE PAST...

← Jack D wearing a tee-shirt from NYMBC (where ECMC came from)

LEATHER HOMECOMING 2014

ECMC paid a visit to 'Leather Homecoming' in force this year, including Chaz A, Michael M and Earl D, plus other folks that have been coming to ECMC events all year long.



Many ask "What is Leather Homecoming?" Simply put: Strong friendships are created over the years among many Motorcycle Clubs and GDIs, but perhaps none as strong as those that stemmed out of the Rochester Rams MC from the 1970s forward.



Many members of clubs in the upper northeast such as the Rochester Rams, Ottawa Knights, Spearhead LDSC of Toronto, Unicorns MC of Cleveland, Nickel City MC (Buffalo), Buffalo Bulldogs, the Utica Tri's, Syracuse Journeymen, "Endangered Species", LOLA (the Lake Ontario Leatherman's Association) later called GHLA (the Golden Horseshoe Leather Association), TMR (the Toronto Motorcycle Riders), MC Falcon (Montreal) and many others have become intimate friends over the years.

Although many of these clubs no longer exist and although many of the members of these clubs are no longer with us, nearly a forty-year span of intertwined friendships have been created through these connections. Many of these friends are close friends of the Rochester Rams or have become Associate Members of the Rochester Rams.

Rochester Rams' barnights are always the third Saturday of the month at the Bachelor Forum. The Rochester Rams have held a toy drive on their November barnight since their creation.

Enter Al Rizzo (a/k/a 'Pop'). In the 1980s, Al used to host after-hours parties at his home on Hancock Street in Rochester, NY. These parties ended when he moved thirty miles south of Rochester to Hemlock, NY; however, specific weekend-long events have taken their place with his larger home with 25 acres of property, such as: CanAm weekend (Victoria Day weekend), 4th of July weekend, New Year's Eve (Albert's birthday is December 31st) and HOMECOMING which is on the weekend of the third Saturday of November. Al's new home in Hemlock was dubbed 'The Ranch' in the 90s. (Click here to read more about The Ranch).

What's it about?

Homecoming consists of the forenamed friends getting together for a weekend and spending some quality time bonding and catching up on things. Friends invite new people in their lives and the circle grows. In addition to 'Heaven' (the play-space), all facilities at The Ranch are up and running all weekend, including: the bar, hot-tub, the fireplace and more... Everyone chips in and/or lends a hand to help prepare and serve food, work the bar, clean up, re-stock, etc.



For more information about Leather Homecoming, visit <http://chazhome.com/homecoming/> or for more information about The Ranch, visit this website: <http://www.empirecitymc.com/files/the-ranch.htm> - Empire City MC has been hosting our Motorcycle Weekend at The Ranch for the past three years and everyone simply loves it there!

THE LAST WORD...

Another exciting year is rapidly coming to an end. ECMC's nominations and elections will be held over the next two meetings with an installation dinner to be held in February.

Our Road Captain, Joe M, has reached his term limit of two years this year and cannot be re-elected as Road Captain at this election, which is disappointing because Joe has been an amazing Road Captain for the past two years. Being the Road Captain is a challenging role because you can never please everyone plus, even after planning out the "best ride ever", Mother Nature can come along and ruin your day and all that difficult planning. Want a true test of temperament? Be a Road Captain for a motorcycle riding organization!

We're already planning out some events for 2015 including a possible Boston -> Portland -> Montréal -> Toronto -> Rochester trip, circling Lake Ontario, meeting up with clubs and riders along the way! We're also going back to Deals Gap, NC the 1st week of August 2015. We're looking forward to a GREAT 2015, but far less hectic than our 50th - we need a little break now.



UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

NOVEMBER 29th: BUCKS MC presents Santa Saturday™ in Asbury Park, NJ. [Click here for details.](#)

DECEMBER 3rd: Empire City MC's open general meeting. Held the first Wednesday of each month at "The Centre" 208 W 13th St, New York, NY 10011. All interested men and prospective members are welcome to attend. Always check with the front desk/schedule to see which room we're booked into.

DECEMBER 6th: Empire City MC's 51st Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive at Stonewall Inn! ***NEW VENUE!*** See the last two pages of the newsletter for more information. To order tickets online, go to www.EmpireCityMC.com - online ticket sales end December 1st!

DECEMBER 31st: New Year's Eve & Albert's Birthday blow-out at [The Ranch](#) in Hemlock, NY.

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FEBRUARY XXth: Empire City MC's 51st Executive Board Installation Dinner

REMEMBER: There are plenty of other events and rides added to our official calendar on a regular basis, especially day rides! Bookmark our official calendar at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com> and come along with us!

Empire City MC's mailing address is:

Empire City MC
PO Box 1881
New York, NY 10113-1881

Are you interested in becoming a member of ECMC? For more information about membership with Empire City Motorcycle Club, or to download our membership application, constitution and bylaws, please [click here](#).

Get in on the conversation! Join our facebook group, just [click here](#).

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Empire City MC is proud to announce our 51st Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive



Saturday, December 6th
6 PM - 9 PM at Stonewall Inn
53 Christopher St, New York City

Our 51st Annual Holiday Party and Toy Drive for Leake & Watts will be simple and fun again this year in a private social setting with light fare.

**Tickets \$25 in advance
or \$30 at the door**

- Fantastic door prizes. Coat check.
- Plenty of light fare/appetizers all night!
- Holiday Jell-O Shots and more surprises!
- Make it a weekend! Excelsior MC's Trim-a-Tree on Dec 5th



Don't forget to bring a new, unwrapped gift or toy suitable for a child or teenager to benefit Leake & Watts Services!

**Tickets are on sale online now at
www.EmpireCityMC.com or
complete the reverse and mail it in**

For more information about our event or to donate a door prize, please contact our Vice President, Eddie, by e-mail at: vice-president@empirecitymc.com

Mail-in Ticket Order Form

Please complete and mail this form to:

Empire City MC Holiday Party
PO Box 1881
New York, NY 10113-1881

Name _____

Club (if any) _____

e-Mail _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Quantity of tickets ____ at \$25/ea, total \$ _____

All tickets will be held in buyer's name at the door, identification may be required. Confirmation will be done by electronic mail, or in the event there is no e-mail address provided, by telephone.



Visit www.ExcelsiorMC.com for information about Excelsior MC's Trim-a-Tree on December 5th