



## MICHAEL M WINS 'SOUTHEAST LEATHER SIR' TITLE!

Empire City MC is proud to announce the Southeast Alliance of Leather Announces Contest Winners:

- Twilight Guard member and associate member of Empire City MC, Michael Matles earned the title of Southeast Leather Sir. Sir Michael was also awarded the Brotherhood Award.
- The title of Southeast Leather boy went to Don Melville, of Atlanta, Ga.
- Southeast Trainer for 2015 is Sir Rob Robertson of Charleston, SC.
- The title of Southeast Puppy went to Pup Sea Wolf (Ryan Meyer) of Charleston, SC.

The group above will continue on to compete at ILSb-ICBB, in Dallas, TX. Over Labour Day Weekend. The Southeast Alliance of Leather

is part of the International Leather Sir/boy (ILSb) and International Community Boot Black (ICBB) Inc. Over the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> February through 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2015, the competition was held in a Charleston, SC. at Connections night club.



## GARY P INDUCTED IN MAUL



Empire City MC's Gary P was inducted as officer #44 with MAUL (the Mid-Atlantic Uniform League) at MAL this past January.

Congratulations Gary, you look quite sexy in those jodhpurs!

The Mid-Atlantic Uniform League is a uniform fetish club which formed in late 2006. Officers of the club assemble at several events during the year including Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend, Cleveland Leather Awareness



Weekend, Roseland Resort, The Raven in New Hope, PA and others. In addition to their official events, MAUL members enjoy getting together for local police parades, motorcycle rodeos and other leather and law enforcement events throughout the year. While MAUL membership isn't limited to men living in the Mid-Atlantic region, they look for men who are able to attend their regular events, wherever they happen to live. If you are interested in learning more about MAUL visit their webpage at <http://uniformleague.org>

## WHAT IS THE NEW YORK BEAR DEN?

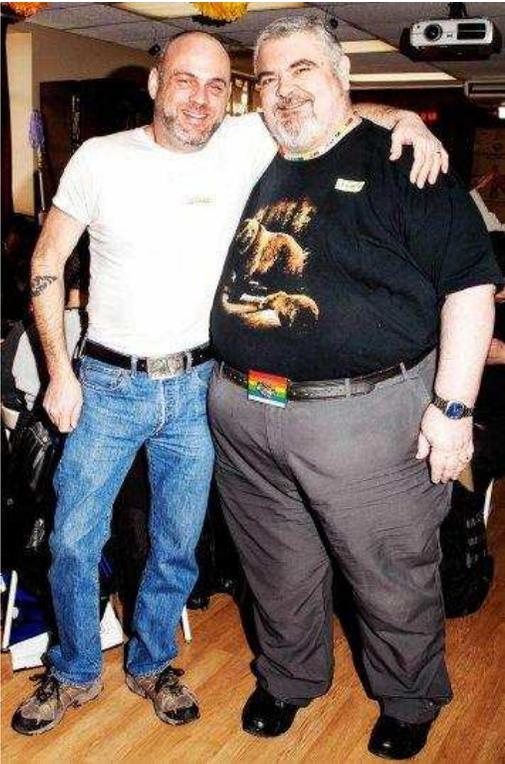
Eric Shorey from vice.com recently did an interview with myself (Chaz A) and other founders and members of the New York Bear Den. Here's some of their article to give you some perspective, the full story can be read online here: <http://j.mp/nybd-vice>



*When you think about bears, you might think of heavy-set gay men in leather, but the bears of the New York Bear Den defy the stereotype. As I entered the Bear Den - a sober meet-up spot in Queens - I expected a casual bacchanalia, but instead, I found an endearing group of friends eating red velvet cake in the shape of a teddy bear.*



*The New York Bear Den bills itself as a "hate-free, alcohol-free, attitude-free" alternative to the gay bar scene, and most members see body positivity as a core part of bear culture.*



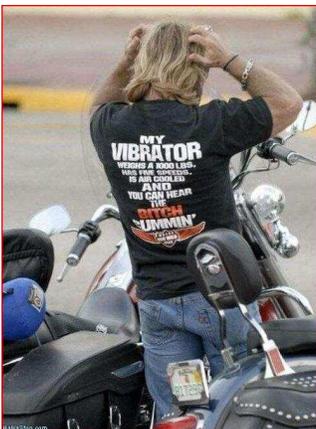
*"To be a bear is more about → being a member of the bear community than it is anything about one's appearance or style," Mark (right), a well-spoken bear who has attended nearly every meeting in the Bear Den's six-year existence, told me. "For every description you could use of a bear there will be bears that will not fit the rule - other than being big hefty men."*

*← Chaz (far left), a biker with stark black tattoos on his arms, agreed: "The majority of people that come here aren't necessarily big and hairy. You're going to see skinny hairless guys [and] skinny hairy guys," he said. "There are a lot of guys out there who like the bear community because we're so inclusive. We're all strangely unique and uniquely strange."*



The New York Bear den meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at Queens Pride House, 76-11 37th Ave in Jackson Heights, Queens, Just 2 blocks from 74th St Station for 7, E, F, R Subways - find out more at <http://NewYorkBearDen.com>

## FUNNY PAGES



← My VIBRATOR weighs 1000 lbs, has 5 speeds, is air cooled and you can hear the bitch cummin'



'Real Life Motorcycle Signals' →  
Bigger version: <http://j.mp/bike-signals>



# MR & MS PHILADELPHIA CONTEST



**Philadelphians MC** · Gear Up. · February 14 at 10:38am · 📍  
Tonight we will celebrate our new Mr. & Ms. Philadelphia Leather... and afterwards, we DANCE.

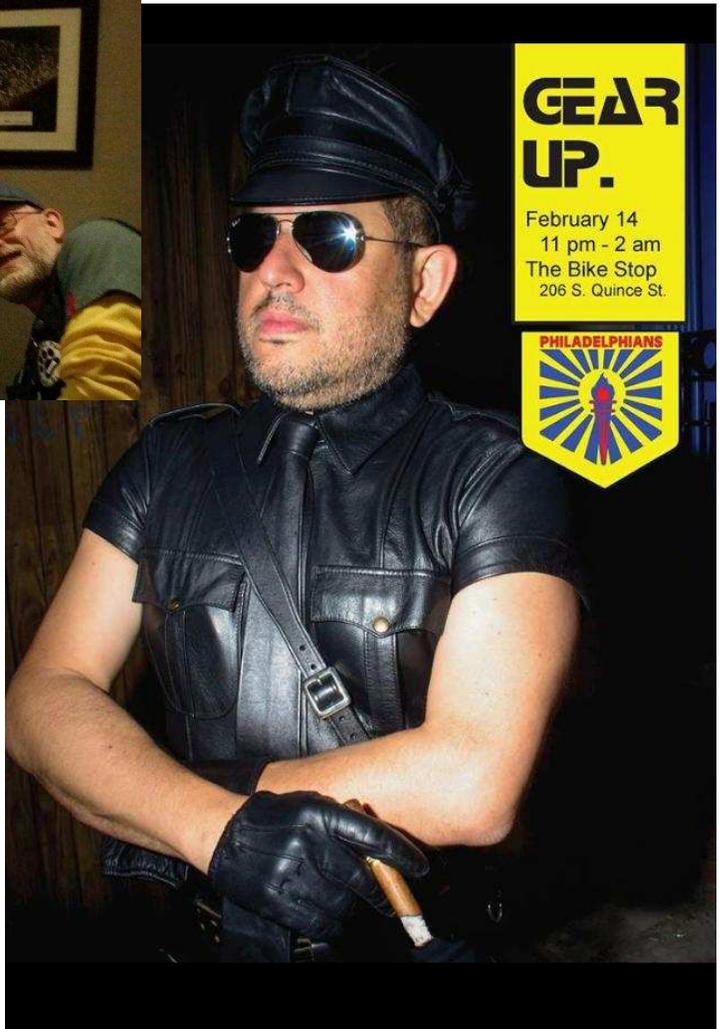
Philly Leather Contest: Doors at 7 pm, Contest 8 - 10 pm, Third Floor with simulcast throughout The Bike Stop

Dress-code Enforced Gear Party, 11 - 2 am, \$5 suggested donation.



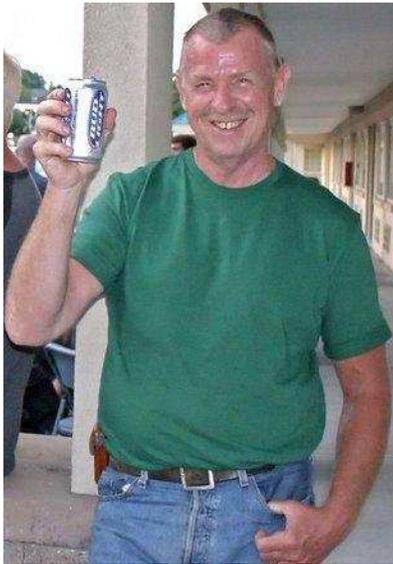
Empire City MC members Evil Ed, Gary P along with Tony and Bud (friends of ECMC) were in attendance for Mr & Ms Philadelphia on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

The contest was followed by a "Gear Party" hosted by the Philadelphians MC and a "Smoker Brunch" on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>.



## MEET THE MEMBER – EDDIE M

A native New Yorker from the Bronx to Staten Island and now currently in Manhattan, Eddie has been a staple of Empire City MC for nearly 20 years. He's one of those "strong, silent types" who speaks up only when it's necessary.



Eddie was introduced to ECMC over a beer chatting about motorcycles at one of the many gay bars in NYC with Jeff Arnold (a member of ECMC who passed in 2004) and his lover Paul M (currently an Emeritus member of ECMC). Although at that time he didn't have his own motorcycle, he received his motorcycle endorsement whilst working for the New York City Police Department. Eddie worked on the force for 20 years, climbing the ranks to detective and although retired, he still offers his services as a private investigator.

Eddie joined ECMC after he purchased his first motorcycle, a Yamaha V-Star, from Jamo Blake (a member of ECMC at that time, now deceased).

At ECMC's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Week-Long Ride through the Green & White Mountains of Vermont & New Hampshire (photo above in green shirt) he purchased his first Harley Davidson 'Fat Boy' whilst on the ride and passed his V-Star on to Paul M. He's has several motorcycles since, but they've all been HD Fat Boys.

Eddie has held the office of President and Vice President as well as being the club's AMCC Representative for many years. When we established the role of "Sergeant at Arms" (the peace-keeper), he was the obvious candidate and has served in that role as well!

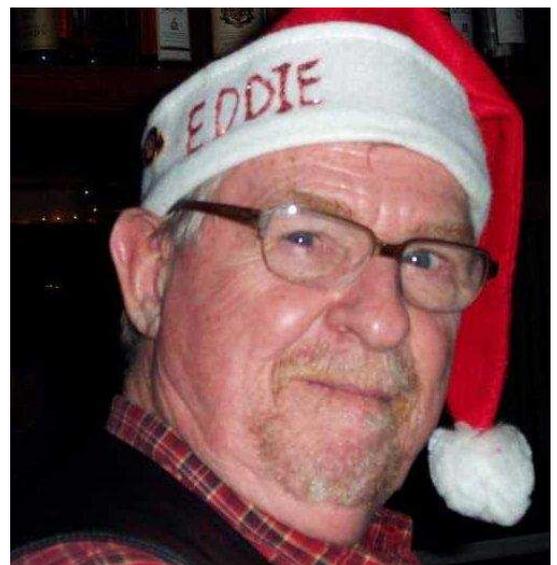
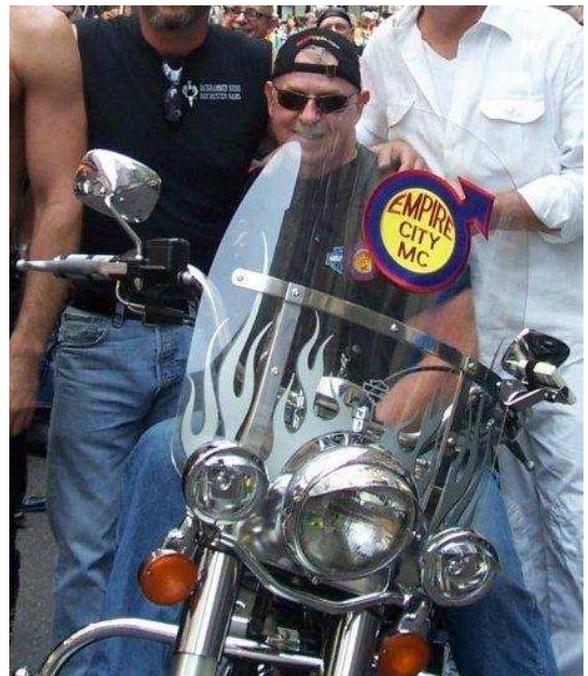
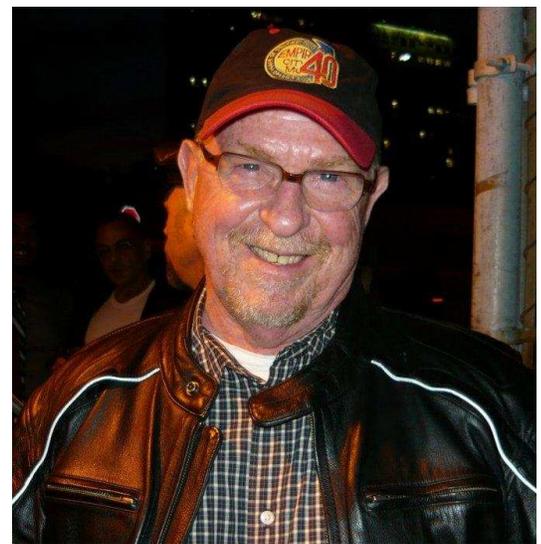
His favourite club rides have traditionally been the Rochester Rams' Run and Toronto Trip (late August) but he enjoys spending vacation time in London, Turkey and hopefully Ireland soon! In his spare time he enjoys crossword puzzles and other word games.



Eddie says that being a member of ECMC is a "chest-out and proud" exclamation because ECMC is the oldest gay, all-riding, motorcycle club. He states that other clubs wouldn't have the same appeal for him because it's all about the riding.

Eddie is currently considering taking a "Route 66" ride in 2015 – travelling all the way from NYC to Chicago, then from Chicago to California on Route 66, then returning to New York via the southern states.

Sounds like a nice ride, Eddie!!



## CLAWS 15<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY RUN

CLAWS of Myrtle Beach, SC hosted their 15th anniversary run at The Parliament Resort of Augusta, GA. There were about nine clubs represented including Empire City MC and Twilight Guard.

The theme took two routes during the event: the classic movie, "The Wizard of Oz" and the HBO prison drama series "Oz" which ended in 2003. Most of the window decorating contest themes represented the television series setting of Oswald Prison.



Chaz A. represented Empire City MC along with his partner K.K. Michael M. represented Twilight Guard. Both brothers promoted their clubs events during Sunday breakfast announcements. Empire City's Deals Gap event in August in North Carolina was highlighted. Excelsior MC and Twilight Guard's 40/20 Anniversary applications were available. →

← Dorothy's ruby red boots were auctioned too along with auction baskets prepared by each CLAWS member. Safe sexual practices materials were available throughout the run.



The event was well organized. Spirits were high throughout the weekend and the spirits flowed freely at the many cocktail parties. It was difficult to leave the Emerald City (Parliament Resort/aka "Metropolis") Sunday. CLAWS next anniversary run will be August 25-28, 2016.



## THE LAST WORD...

Riding season is only a few weeks away. I encourage our club brothers, as well as extended club brothers and friends who ride, to begin servicing your bikes to have them road worthy.

We already have lots of exciting rides and trips scheduled throughout the riding season with more being added each month. Last year we had an incredible turn out of our club brothers and friends on several of our rides. Our goal is to keep the momentum going, continuing to strengthen our bond and brotherhood.

In addition, to help improve the public's perspective of motorcyclist by setting a positive view of responsible riders. We invite all motorcyclist to join us on our rides, experience the true meaning of brotherhood and just have a great time altogether.



# UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

**March 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>:** 'To Kill a Raven', Long Island Ravens' 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Weekend! For information, go to: <http://j.mp/ravens-2015>

**April 1<sup>st</sup>:** 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.

**April 11<sup>th</sup>:** Imperial Court of New York's 'Night of a Thousand Gowns'. Go to <http://icny.org/noatg/> for more information.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>:** RIDE: Lombardi's 110th anniversary ride on Staten Island!

**April 26<sup>th</sup>:** RIDE: Hogs for Hope to benefit Ronald McDonald House New York. Go to <http://hogs4hope.com> for information.

**May 6<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

**May 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>:** 'Lust For Life 40' The Twilight Guards & Excelsior MC 20/40 Run on Fire Island! Yes, Twilight Guard is turning 20 years old and Excelsior MC is turning 40! Join them both for a joint run in Cherry Grove! For information, go to: <http://j.mp/2040-2015>

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>:** Hey bikers!! Save Memorial Day weekend for Empire City MC's annual Biker Weekend. We're adding an extra day to our long weekend event this year by heading up to The Ranch on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May! This motorcycle-only low-cost event is a favourite for many. Applications are attached to the end of this newsletter!

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 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.

**June 7<sup>th</sup>:** RIDE: New Jersey Pride, Asbury Park, NJ

**June 13<sup>th</sup>:** RIDE: Billy Joel Motorcycle Museum on Long Island

**June 19<sup>th</sup>:** ECMC's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Bike Christening at Ty's Bar, Christopher St, New York, NY

**June 20<sup>th</sup>:** ECMC's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Biker's Picnic! Location T/B/A

**REMEMBER:** There will be plenty of other events and rides added to our official calendar on a regular basis, especially day rides! Be sure to 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! [Click here](#) to join our facebook group or go to <http://facebook.EmpireCityMC.com/>





## Empire City MC's Annual Biker Weekend – May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Information and Run Application

With the help of many friends of the club and the dedication of ECMC members, we're very excited to announce another great Memorial Day weekend riding experience with some meals, accommodations and more! Won't you join ECMC for all or part of the weekend?

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May ..... Ride with us to "The Ranch" in Hemlock, NY through scenic New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the Southern Tier of New York State with multiple breaks/pick-up points.

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May ..... Explore upstate New York's Finger Lakes region!

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May ..... Explore upstate New York's Finger Lakes region!

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May ..... Ride with us back to New York City.

In order to best prepare and accommodate everyone, we ask that you carefully review the ride as outlined and submit your completed application with \$35/per person run fee to Empire City MC before May 15th.

**This is a motorcycle only event!** No four-wheeled vehicles are allowed! We understand there are riders from all over that would like to participate in this event without having to enter New York City; therefore we have several meet-up points and times specified in the map on page two. Accommodations at The Ranch, two dinners and two breakfasts are included in your run fee of \$35 per person. Each person must complete this form and send it in.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ I am:  Buddy Rider /  Rider

I will meet up the group at (see map on page 2):  A,  B,  C,  D,  E,  F

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I have attained at least twenty-one (21) years of age and that I, based upon mutual covenants and considerations, will not hold Empire City Motorcycle Club, Inc. (a.k.a. ECMC), Al Rizzo/Dan Marty (a.k.a. The Ranch) nor the individual and collective officers, members, servants, agents, employees thereof liable for any injury to my person or property during the period of Empire City MC's Annual Biker Weekend 2015. I further agree to indemnify, save harmless and hold harmless Empire City Motorcycle Club, Inc. (a.k.a. ECMC), Al Rizzo/Dan Marty (a.k.a. The Ranch) or the individual and collective officers, members, servants, agents, employees thereof from any and all liability, serious injury, economic loss, and any other loss arising from whatever event, source, manner and/or nature which they may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs or judgments against them, individually and/or collectively, arising out of their individually and/or collectively granting to me the privilege of attending and participating in part and/or whole of Empire City MC's Annual Biker Weekend 2015.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Once you've completed the filling in the planning portion (with the maps below), you must mail this application to our Road Captain for processing. Remember: Bed space will be assigned on a 'first registered, first served' basis, so don't delay!

Please read the directions carefully and return this page with payment (\$35 per person) by U.S. Mail to:

**Empire City MC Annual Biker Weekend  
PO Box 1881  
New York, NY 10113-1881**



Don't forget to tick the box on page one to let us know where you're meeting up with us! Furthermore, it's vital that your motorcycle is in good working order and you are on time to your respective meet-up location.

**Meet-up Point "A" (Lexington Candy Shop, New York, NY)**

09:00 - 10:00 ... Breakfast at Lexington Candy Shop, 1226 Lexington Ave at 83rd St, New York, NY 10028  
10:00 - 10:45 ... Kickstands up from Lexington Candy Shop and ride 33.9 mi (~0:42)

**Meet-up Point "B" (Wendy's in Parsippany, NJ)**

10:45 - 11:15 ... Gas up at Sunoco, bathroom/snack break and meet-up at Wendy's, 736 U.S. 46, Parsippany-Troy Hills, NJ 07054  
11:15 - 12:45 ... Kickstands up from Wendy's and ride 101 mi (~1:36)

**Meet-up Point "C" (Pilot Truck Stop in Drums, PA)**

12:45 - 13:15 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break at Pilot Travel Centre, SR 93 I-80/81/PA 93 Exit 256, Drums, PA 18222  
13:15 - 14:30 ... Kickstands up from Pilot Travel Centre and ride 85.3 mi (~1:19)

**Meet-up Point "D" (Truck Stop in Trout Run, PA)**

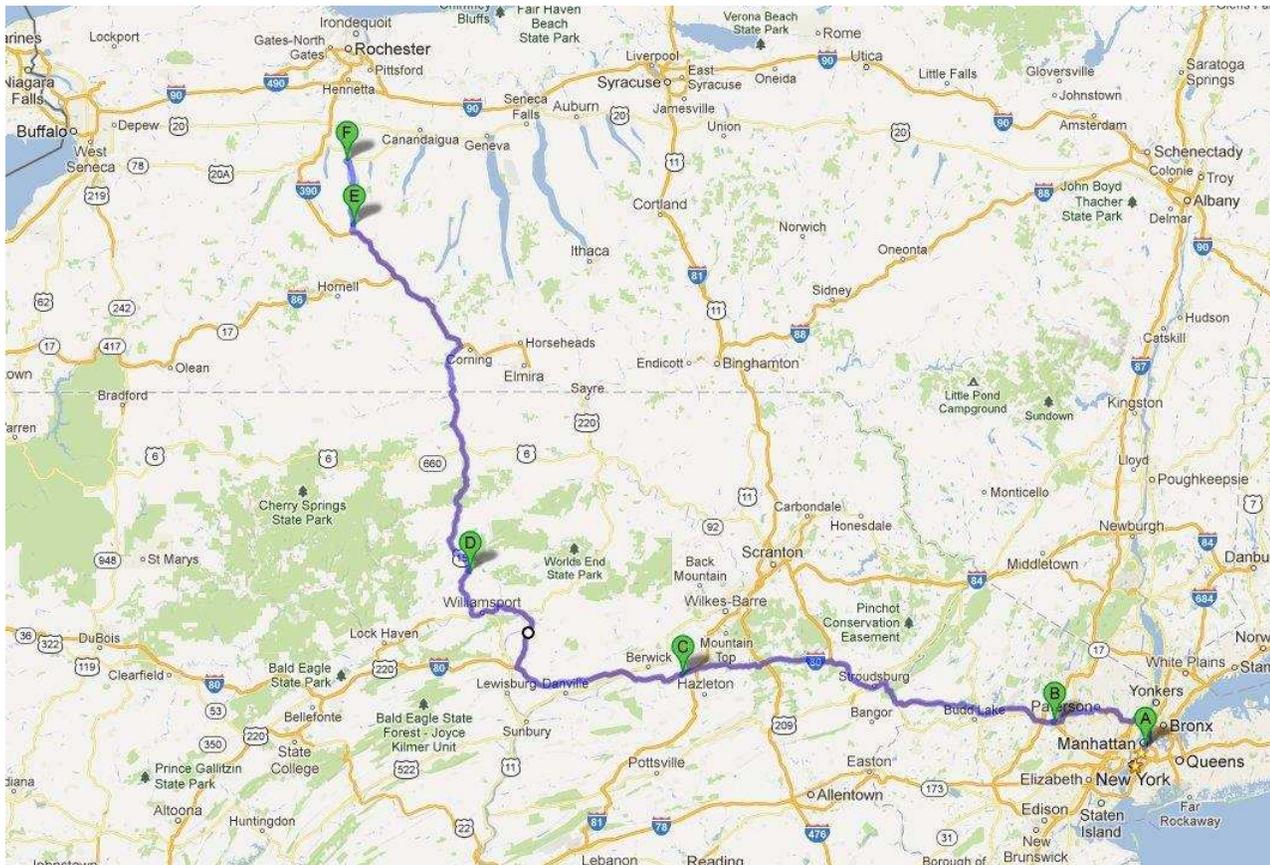
14:30 - 14:45 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break at Steam Valley Restaurant/Truck Stop, 169 Pennsylvania 14, Trout Run, PA 17771  
14:45 - 16:15 ... Kickstands up from Steam Valley Truck Stop and ride 103 mi (~1:36)

**Meet-up Point "E" (Mobil in Wayland, NY)**

16:15 - 16:30 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break at Mobil Mini Mart, 26 E Naples St, Wayland, NY 14572  
16:30 - 17:00 ... Kickstands up from Mobil Mini Mart and ride 16.4 mi (~0:22)

**Meet-up Point "F" (The Ranch in Hemlock, NY)**

17:00 ..... Arrive at The Ranch, 4872 Blank Rd, Hemlock, NY 14466



Bed, clean linens and towels will be provided by 'The Ranch', but for your safety and comfort, we recommend you bring the following:

- tool kit
- extra bungee cords
- rain gear (hope we don't need it!)
- bike cover
- driving license
- motorcycle registration
- mobile phone charger
- personal medications
- motorcycle insurance card
- dry clothing
- your club colours (vest)
- favourite sex toy (optional) ;-)

The Ranch has play space (should you be interested), as well as a pool, hot tub, full bar, nature trails and more! Read more about what the Ranch has to offer at <http://www.empirecitymc.com/files/the-ranch.htm>

**Save time: Apply online at <http://ecmc-2015-bw.eventbrite.com>**