



## LOOP-THE-LAKE, 1500 MILES in 10 DAYS AROUND LAKE ONTARIO

Loop-The-Lake planning is complete. Various events have been added to the [Empire City MC](#) facebook calendar (which is where we'll track all of the encapsulated events – not on our main events calendar). Clubs in Boston, Portland, Ottawa and Toronto have reached out to us with interest.

Friday, 18th September we will descend upon Boston, MA. We'll meet up the [Bay State Marauders](#) at the Boston Eagle Friday night, which, from what I've been told, is thankfully once again a gay leather bar following the demise of anything even remotely resembling masculine men at The Ramrod/Machine. As we ride to Boston we'll stop for lunch at [Louis' Lunch](#) (birthplace of the hamburger) and [Dairy Freeze](#) in Quincy, MA!

On the afternoon of Saturday, 19th September we'll enter Portland, ME home of the Harbour Masters of Maine. We've been invited to their monthly meeting/pot-luck and their barnight at Blackstones! The next day, we'll have brunch with some of their members and they'll ride with us part of the way on our [RIDE & HIKE: Kancamagus Scenic Byway & Sabbaday Falls Hike](#) (perhaps some may stay the night at [Gargoyle House](#) with us!) Sunday night, we'll be in Vermont at the [Gargoyle House](#) is simply a wonderful place to relax and have fun. Check out their website at [www.gargoylehouse.com](http://www.gargoylehouse.com) and let your hair down (as well as your trousers!)

On Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, we'll cross into Canada and up to Montréal we go! It's been years since I've been to Montréal, so we'll play this one by ear. The Iron Guard has been gone for some time, last I heard. If anyone has any suggestions, I'd love to hear them! The next day, we'll take the two-hour ride to Ottawa, the nation's capitol!

Tuesday-Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> September we'll remain in Ottawa. The [Ottawa Knights](#) and the [Ottawa Knight Riders](#) have expressed interest in handing out, and the Knight Riders want to join us on our [RIDE: Parc de la Gatineau / Gatineau Park Ride](#) which will be about two hour ride (with stops) through some beautiful roads in Quebec! Did you happen to see my post on ECMC's facebook group about our accommodations in Ottawa? Yes, it's the [HI-Ottawa Jail Hostel](#) a former jail (closed in 1972).

On Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September we head to Toronto. Although [Spearhead Toronto LDSC's](#) 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Run has been demoted from an all-inclusive run to various in-town a la carte events, including a BBQ, we'll support them as best we can. We'll be staying at our favourite hotel, the Ramada Plaza Downtown (300 Jarvis St), which is located close to the gay-neighbourhood. There will be fun for all on this, our second trip to Toronto in 2015!

When Sunday afternoon comes, we'll head back to New York state, spending our last night on the road at [Al & Dan's \(The Ranch\)](#) as we're regulars there. We'll probably order pizza and wings and hang out with Dan M and [Albert](#) until bedtime.

During our entire ride, you may track our progress (as always) at <http://j.mp/locate-ECMC> (note: this only tracks Chaz' mobile phone. When I am out or carrier coverage area you might not see anything!)

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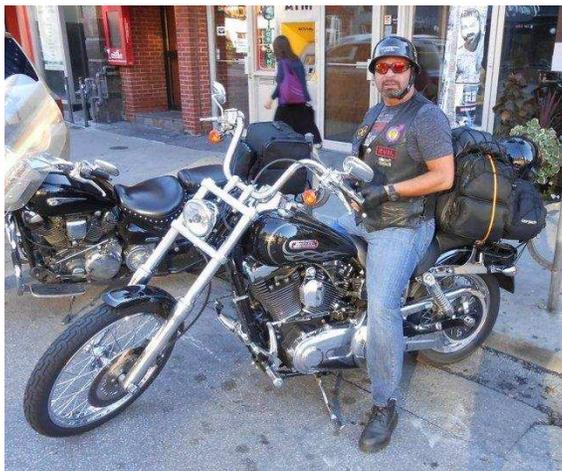
## CONGRATULATIONS TO EARL, OUR NEWEST FULL MEMBER!

Empire City MC has geographical restrictions in our constitution and bylaws for who can apply to be a full member, and that's 50- miles from Columbus Circle in Manhattan. Standard associate membership begins from that point... however, if someone has a strong desire to be a full member and lives outside that zone, we allow them to become an associate member and after one full year of attending meetings and events just as a full member would. If they endure, they have the right to apply for full membership. This associate to full membership has taken place three times in our club so far: Chaz A, Gary P and as of last month, Earl D joins that club!

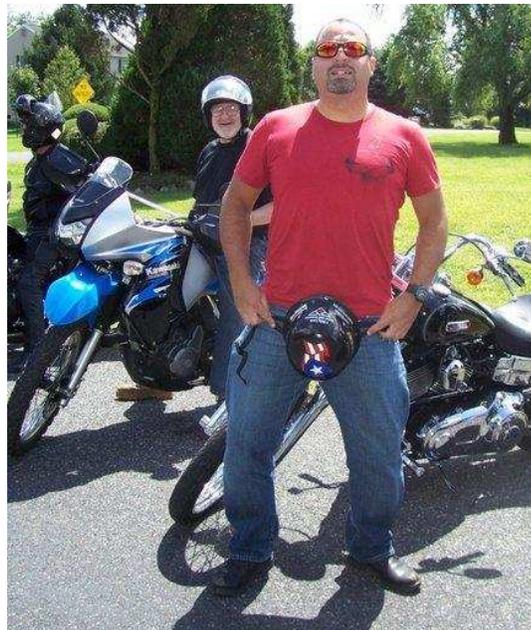
Congratulations to Earl D, our newest FULL MEMBER!



## MEET THE MEMBER – “EVIL” ED



“Evil” Ed discovered Empire City MC through various events, including ECMC’s annual Bike Blessing and participation at the Manhattan Gay Pride March. He was encouraged to join by the longevity of the club (47 years when he joined in June 2011) as well as the brotherhood expressed by the club and what the group represented to the public.



Ed started riding at a young age when his cousin joined the reserves and left his 750cc motorcycle for him to play with. Ed self-taught himself how to ride and was on the highway heading to the city on the highway within 24 hours! The adrenaline rush and danger of riding a motorcycle drive his enjoyment of riding; however, the freedom and solitude whilst riding are also appealing!

**Evil Ed has a few unique sayings that I like to call Evil-isms. Here are a few:**

**Evil-ism: Oh, Hell No!**

**Means: I’m afraid that’s not going to happen.**

**Evil-ism: Pins & Needles (while grinning)**

**Means: I don’t like it, but I’ll cope**

**Evil-ism: Coolie!**

**Means: That’s okay with me!**

**Evil-ism: That’s not going to happen!**

**Means: Exactly what it says.**

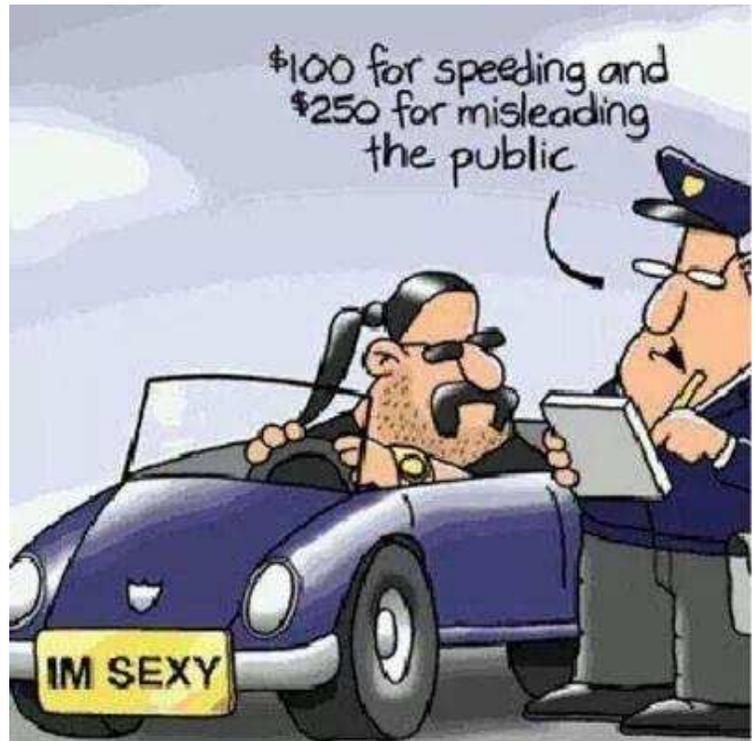
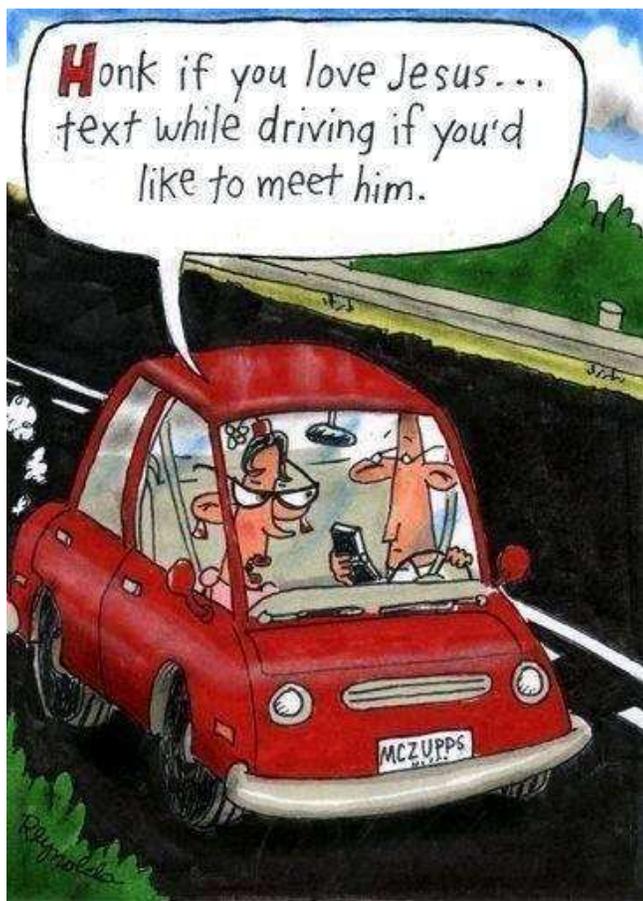
Ed jokes that he likes being an officer of Empire City MC as it lets him “boss people around”, but he quickly puts on a serious face and points out that the brotherhood of the organisation is the most important factor – also, the *appearance* of the club to the public as a united force of strength really means a lot.



As Evil Ed approaches the end of his second (and last allowable consecutive) term as president, he says that his biggest success story has to be the year-long celebration of ECMC’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014. Following this, he felt it was important for the club to look inward in 2015 and allow the members to “chill” after what was very active anniversary year. He feels that his legacy is the laying of the ground-word for future club presidents.

His dream bike is a fully-loaded, touring package, Harley-Davidson and his dream rides would be cross-country from NYC to Chicago to L.A. via Route 66, as well as a west-coast ride up to Vancouver, BC. His favourite rides since joining the club has been our annual pilgrimage to Toronto, Ontario in late August.

You might ask how a big teddy-bear like Ed got the nickname “Evil” – well, he grins, if you rub me the wrong way, you’ll find out!



### TORONTO SPEARHEAD RUN

As mentioned in our Loop-the-Lake story on page 1, the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Spearhead LDSC has been cancelled and events on the weekend reeled in significantly to a la carte events throughout the weekend of 25-27<sup>th</sup> September.

Anyone who submitted a run application and run fee will be getting it back via post shortly.

Further information about weekend events, including their barbeque and weekend discounts will be on their website at <http://www.spearheadtoronto.com/MainPages/events.htm>

This is just another example of the slow demise of the gay leather community. ☹ .

## ECMC'S TORONTO EXCURSION

In lieu of the Rochester Rams' Run (which didn't take place this year), Empire City MC opted to take our annual pilgrimage to Toronto over the weekend, rather than our traditional Sunday-Tuesday. We rode out on Thursday with an over-night at [Al & Dan's \(The Ranch\)](#) in Hemlock, then continued up to Toronto on Friday. All-in-all when everyone checked in with us, we had about 20 people on the event, including Dave P from Nottingham, England; K.K. from New York, various locals such as Spearhead's Randy & his husband, Pierre C, Dennis and many more.

To our dismay, The Black Eagle (Toronto's last leather bar) wasn't a gay men's leather bar on Friday and Saturday. The place was full of hipsters and straight women – most of us just rolled our eyes and gave up, going to the Bear Night at O'Grady's and Zippers. Also, Leathercraft/Northbound Leather closed their Yonge St location, reducing their floor space to just their "Northbound" side with obscure entrance on the next alley over from Yonge St. Because Priape went into receivership and [closed their doors](#) following the law banning "popper sales" in Canada, "[The Men's Room](#)" opened in the former and interestingly enough, original Priape location above Woody's. The Men's Room product lines reminded us of the original Priape but with the addition of two barber chairs in the rear of the store where they performed coiffure services for men. We also stopped in to [Doc's Leathers](#) on Queen St twice to buy some real biker leather outerwear!

On Saturday, thanks to Dave and Robyn, ECMC took our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual yacht trip and picnic lunch to the clothing-optional [Hanlan's Point Beach](#) with a nice group of friends. Although the water was chilly, the weather couldn't be better!

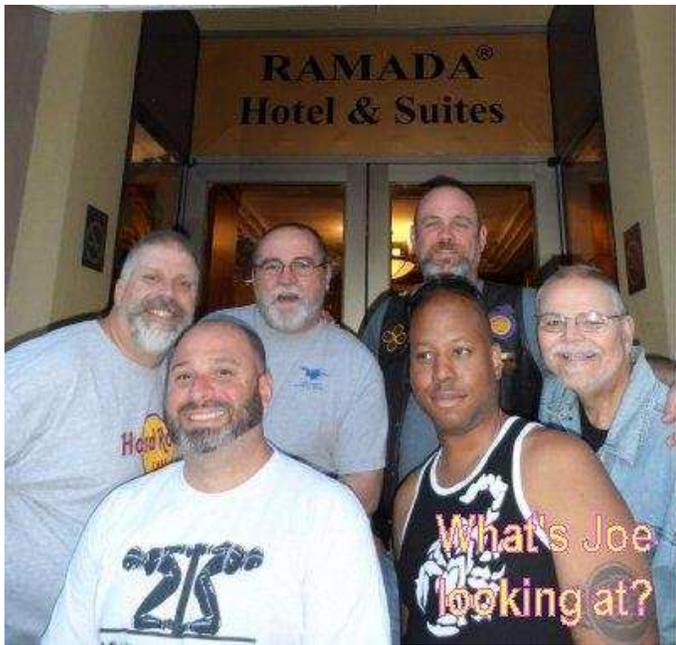


On Sunday, our group split up and we went to various places for brunch. Our friends John & David from Geneseo, NY came along with K.K. and me for Dim Sum brunch in One of Toronto's five Chinatowns. Following that, we went shopping on the trendy Queen St for clothing and such. Sunday night saw a return of *leather normality* to the Black Eagle, but sadly to say, as a work-week night, it never hit "critical mass". It was such a personal disappointment for me to see such a large city have their leather community collapse.

On Monday, we had brunch at Cora's on College St. The restaurant looked like Romper Room on LSD, but the food was far better than the Golden Girdle up the street, which is (once again) "under new management" and is as bad as it's ever been. One last stop at Doc's for Earl to purchase a new vest before heading back to The Ranch, then back to NYC the next morning.

All-in-all, we had a great trip – even if the city of Toronto isn't what it used to be. We're seriously considering Montréal, Quebec instead of Toronto for next year's trip – not only is it closer to NYC, we've heard rumours that there are still leather bars there! 😊





See all of our Toronto Trip photos in the photos → albums section of our facebook group, or just [click here](#)!

### SUMMER'S END IS UPON US...

As the summer of 2015 winds down and we get ready to put the bikes to sleep, remember we're still around! Consider inviting Empire City MC to your home city for your club's barnight, event or just to hang out! Reach out to our [Vice President](#) to make arrangements!

# UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

**September 12<sup>th</sup>**: RIDE: Six Flags Great Adventure! Join us for some roller-coaster thrills! E-mail us at [ecmc@empirecitymc.com](mailto:ecmc@empirecitymc.com) if interested.  
(Rain date: 12<sup>th</sup> September)

**September 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**: RIDE: Rehoboth Beach/Ocean City Bike Week. Contact [road-captain@empirecitymc.com](mailto:road-captain@empirecitymc.com) if you want to come along!

**September 18<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**: RIDE: "Loop-the-Lake", a 10-day, 1,500 mile ride around Lake Ontario with stops in: Boston, Portland, Vermont, Montréal, Toronto and The Ranch (including three nights in JAIL and a hamburger from the first place to serve one!)

**September 26<sup>th</sup>**: EVENT: Spearhead LDSC's 45th Anniversary BBQ, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. <http://spearheadtoronto.com/>

**October 7<sup>th</sup>**: Empire City MC's open general meeting is held the first Wednesday of the month at The Centre, 208 W 13th St, NYC. All interested men and prospective members are welcome to attend. Check the posted schedule to see which room we're in.

**October 11<sup>th</sup> (Daytime)**: RIDE: Concrete Canyon Run

**October 11<sup>th</sup> (Evening)**: Empire City MC's 51st Anniversary Dinner. Speak to any ECMC member if you'd like an invitation to attend.

**October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**: RIDE/EVENT: Harbour Masters' Annual Run, Ogunquit, ME. <http://www.harbormastersofmaine.com/>

**December 4<sup>th</sup>**: BARNIGHT: Excelsior MC's Annual Trim-A-Tree to be held at the Eagle NYC!

**December 5<sup>th</sup>**: Empire City MC's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive to benefit Leake & Watts. More information forthcoming!

**January 16<sup>th</sup> 2016**: BARNIGHT: Join ECMC at the **new** DC Eagle for an amazing and sexy barnight on Saturday night during the Centaur MC's Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend! Mark your calendars now!

**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!

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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](#).

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