



ECMC at Long Island Ravens Dinner



On 19th March The Long Island Ravens held their 24th Anniversary Dinner. Empire City MC members were in attendance included Giorgio, Evil Ed, Joe, Michael, and Eddie. Some of the attending clubs included Empire City MC, LI Ravens, Twilight Guard, Excelsior MC, and Iron Guard.

Contest: The two ECMC club brothers shown in the left photo (Eddie M and Michael M) are sometimes called “number two and three” or “B and C”. Can you guess why? Identify which is A and B. Send your best guess to endlessmnt1@yahoo.com. The first correct answer gets a free drink from each of them on Wednesday, 4th May at Ty’s Bar, following the ECMC general Meeting.

ECMC’s Biker Weekend is NEXT MONTH!

Be sure to send in your run application for the 2016 ECMC Biker Weekend! Space is limited and time is running out – it’s only a month away! The application cut-off date is 20th May 2016!

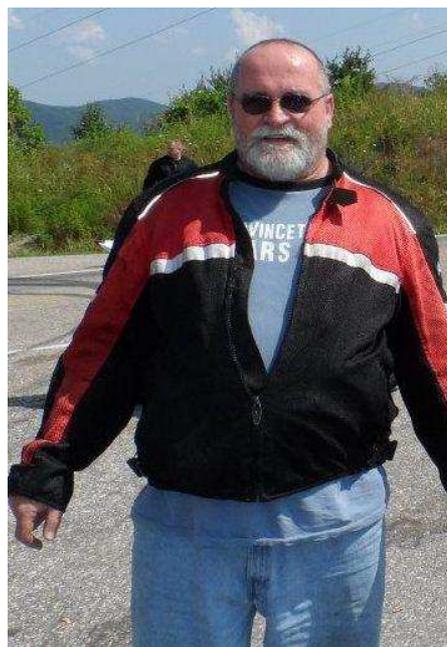
Postal mail run application ... <http://empirecitymc.com/2016-05-27%20ECMC%20Biker%20Weekend%20Run%20Application.pdf>
or register online at <http://ecmc-2016-bw.eventbrite.com/>

All participants must complete application form, even if registering online. Bring your application with you to your meet-up point and hand in to the ride leader. See you soon!

Meet the member – Earl D

When Earl was only 14 years old he got his first ride on the back of a bike – the “bike bug” bit, as only five years later he walked into a motorcycle shop in Philadelphia, money and learner’s permit in hand and bought a Honda CB360... provided the salesman “show him how to ride it”! A little while after the transaction was complete, Earl and the salesman went to a dead-end side-street next to the dealer and they spent 10 minutes learning how to ride! Following that 10 minute lesson, he was riding it home! Of course, this was long before there were any motorcycle safety courses or the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. He rode that bike all. Over from exotic places such as Missouri and Virginia to Massachusetts – it was also his primary transportation to school and work.

Earl sold his CB360 after about 2 years as his life went in a different direction and for the next 20 years, he had no driving licence and went into recovery after this time lapsed. As a reward for himself after becoming sober, he arranged financing for a new motorcycle and requested permission to apply for a new driving licence. He was granted permission by complete coincidence on his birthday that year and bought a VTX1300 and was involved with a VTX riding group which rode to several destinations and made the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest gathering of VTX motorcycles in one place. This was his first time riding with others. Shortly thereafter, he upgraded to a Suzuki Boulevard.



Earl searched for a gay riding club in Philadelphia, researching the “MCs” but found only about two actual motorcycles in the two clubs he found at the time. The clubs he discovered weren’t riding clubs at all, even though they had back-patches like real MCs. In addition, as a sober rider, he didn’t want to be associated with any club that revolved around taverns and bars.

Earl became involved with the New Jersey Eagles for about 2-3 years, and although they were a riding club, they were more of a social riding club, not a real MC. He had spotted some of the events that Empire City MC had posted on their facebook group and yahoo group about events and decided to check out the “Biker Weekend” ride to “The Ranch” in Hemlock, NY. He had a great time at the event, and it’s now his favourite annual motorcycle event! The second year he came to ECMC’s Biker Weekend, Earl got two ECMC members to sponsor his application for Associate Membership and he was accepted as an Associate Member July 2014. After completing one year of Full Member-level participation and attendance, he applied for Full Membership and was accepted as a Full Member in July 2015.



His favourite ride to date has been the trip to Deal’s Gap and the Tail of the Dragon, ECMC’s 50th Anniversary, week-long motorcycle trip. Even though he had a broken coccyx throughout the entire trip.

Earl upgraded to a fully-loaded Honda Gold Wing in May 2015, as it’s more comfortable for touring, but he claims he has no problems riding it in the city, as Philadelphia has motorcycle-only corral parking throughout centre city for \$5/24 hours or \$250/unlimited for 12 months.

His dream ride is a cross-country tour lasting 1½-2 months so he can really explore. Although riding as a group is fun, solo riding allows one to stop wherever and whenever

you desire to explore things.

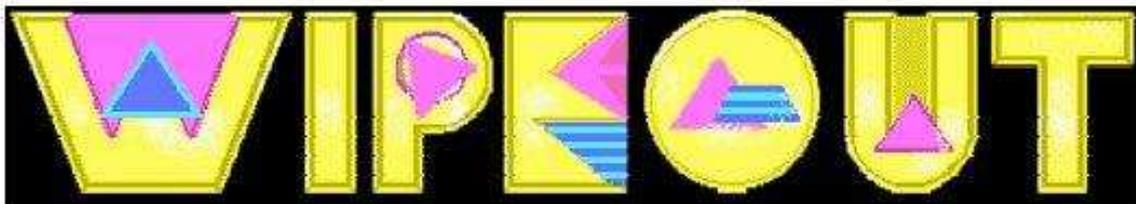


Next to motorcycle riding, his next biggest passion is his recovery process. He still can’t believe how we went from being homeless and making no income for nearly 20 years to owning a condo, a motorcycle and a car holding three college degrees and working towards his doctorate. Next time you see Earl, ask him about what his vanity licence plate means, he’ll proudly tell you!



GAME SHOW NIGHT!

Friday, April 29, 2016
6:00 P.M.-8:45 P.M.



We give you the right answers, but they are among the wrong answers. Keep picking right answers and watch your winnings grow! But, pick ONE wrong answer, and you WIPEOUT your score!

**HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS
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PRIZES FOR ALL CONTESTANTS!**

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\$5 suggested donation at the door
50:50 will be held



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25 Victory Blvd, 3rd Fl
Staten Island, NY 10301
10-minute walk from the Staten Island Ferry
Accessible by the S78, S48, S51, and by
The Staten Island Railway at Tompkinsville Station

A portion of the funds raised tonight will help offset final expenses for Joe Doyle, a dear friend of our host and the NYC LGBT Community who passed away last month. Joe was active in the NY Bear Den and the Imperial Court of New York. He will be missed. Thank You.

2016 ECMC BIKER WEEKEND – MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND



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 - 11:00 ... Kickstands up from Lexington Candy Shop and ride 21 mi (0:60)

Meet-up Point "B" (Left Exit Gas Station on the Palisades Pkwy, MM 1.7 just after crossing into NYS)

11:00 - 11:15 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break. Note: GPS: 41°01'39.0"N 73°56'17.9"W
11:15 - 12:15 ... Kickstands up and ride 54 mi (0:60)

Meet-up Point "C" (Quickway Twin Cone/Quickway Diner/Citgo, RR 17K, Bloomingburg, NY 12721)

12:15 - 12:30 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break/ice cream
12:30 - 13:45 ... Kickstands up and ride ~82 mi (0:75)

Meet-up Point "D" (LUNCH STOP at Butterfields Cafe, 16 Division St, Deposit, NY 13754)

13:45 - 14:45 ... Gas up at the Citgo, then ride around the corner to Butterfield's Café for lunch.
14:45 - 16:00 ... Kickstands up and ride 71 mi (0:66)

Meet-up Point "E" (Dandy Mini Mart, 363 White Wagon Rd, Sayre, PA 18840)

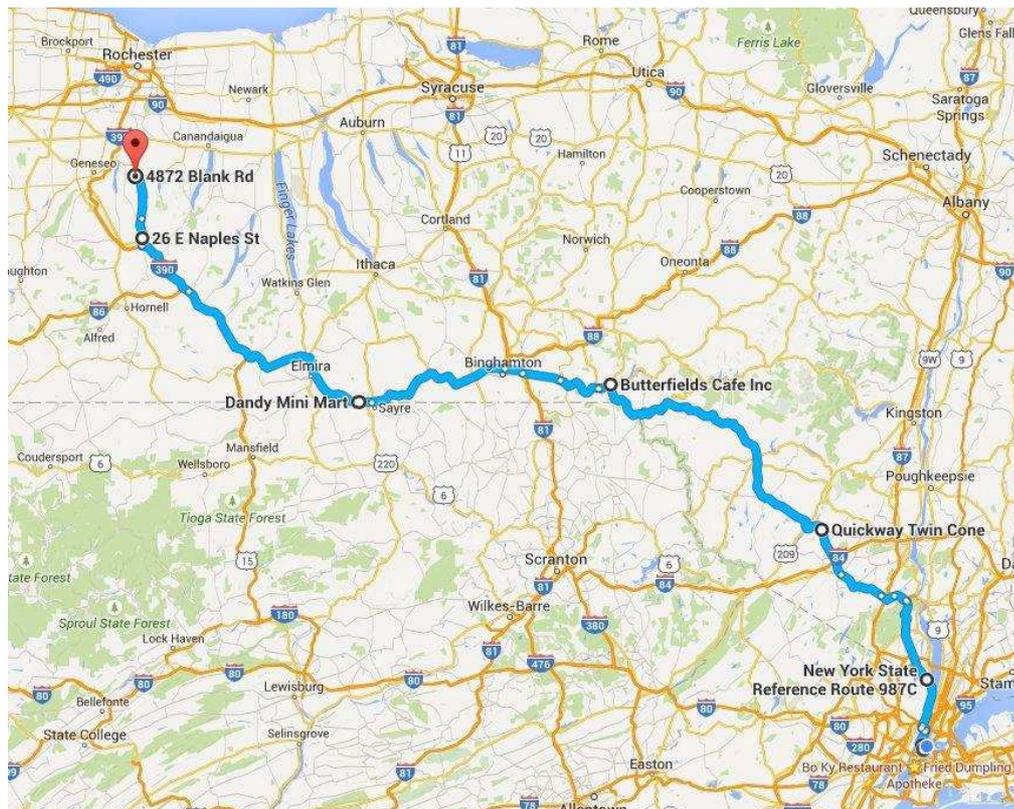
16:00 - 16:15 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break
16:15 - 17:20 ... Kickstands up and ride 77 mi (0:70)

Meet-up Point "F" (7-Eleven/Mobil, 26 E Naples St, Wayland, NY 14572)

17:20 - 17:40 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break
17:40 - 18:00 ... Kickstands up and ride 16 mi (0:20)

Meet-up Point "G" (The Ranch, 4872 Blank Rd, Hemlock, NY 14466)

18:00 Arrive at The Ranch, unpack and go to Lima Country Club for dinner



What do you need to bring?

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

- bike tool kit
- extra bungee cords
- rain gear
- driving license
- motorcycle registration
- motorcycle insurance card
- mobile phone charger
- medications
- motorcycle insurance card
- dry clothing
- club colours (vest)
- favourite sex toy (optional)

You may interactively view/tweak our route map online at: <http://i.mp/2016-BIKER>

The Ranch has play space (should you be interested), as well as a pool, hot tub, bar, nature trails and more!

Read more about The Ranch at <http://i.mp/TheRanch>



NOTE: In 2016, our first meal (on Friday, 27th May) will be at the Lima Golf & Country Club, 7470 Chase Rd Lima, NY 14485. Their Friday Fish Fry is well known as being one of the best in the area (of course, there are other entrees to select from as well!) A credit of \$10 per person is included with your run fee for your Friday meal.

We will provide Saturday, Sunday and Monday breakfasts at The Ranch, Saturday and Sunday dinners at The Ranch. All lunches and on-the-road meals are your own responsibility.

Apply online at <http://ecmc-2016-bw.eventbrite.com>

Social Events Aboard!



Our new Vice President, Joe M hasn't wasted any time to get the ball rolling in 2016! Joe has already hosted several "social events", which are events in where the members and friends of ECMC can just arrive and hang out. No work, no duties, no raffles no bar-tending or bar-backing! On April 12, ECMC held a club social at Ty's Bar in NYC. Yes, it's true not all members attend these typically weeknight events, but those who do always have a good time.

Wait! Did you notice that guy on the left? He's not an ECMC member! You've got a good eye! That's Mario, our newest pledge! Mario joins the ranks of Steven and Brian, bringing our pledge count up to three – the most we've had at once in a very long time.

Mark your calendars:

I'd like to point out a few significant dates for 2016 that you might want to put on your calendar:

PRIDE WEEK (17-26 June 2016)

- 17 June ECMC's Annual Bike Christening
- 18 June ECMC's Biker Picnic *
- 19 June ECMC at Folsom Street East
- 26 June ECMC in the Gay Pride March (come ride with us!)

ECMC's 52nd Anniversary & AMCC Meeting (14-16 October 2016)

- 15 October ... AMCC Meeting at The Centre
- 15 October ... ECMC's 52nd Anniversary Dinner
- 15 October ... ECMC's 52nd Anniversary Barnight Celebration
- 16 October ... ECMC's 52nd Anniversary Farewell Brunch

ECMC's 53rd Annual Toy Drive & Excelsior MC's Trim-a-Tree (2-4 December 2016)

- 2 December Excelsior MC's Annual Trim-a-Tree (*proposed*)
- 3 December ECMC's 53rd Annual Toy Drive at The Stonewall Inn

* Bikers & Buddies only – no 4-wheeled vehicles allowed!



The last word...

It's 15th April, and for many that means its TAX DAY in the United States. I got my taxes done a while ago, so I can breathe easy and use this day to get my bike out of winter storage! I was planning on getting it out last week when I returned from a trip to Asia, but I was welcomed back with freezing temperatures and watching them put motorcycle-melting salt on the roads! Brrrrr! The bike comes out today and I can't be happier!



UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

24th April: RIDE: Hogs 4 Hope. This straight motorcycle club's ride benefits Ronald McDonald House and starts at the Croton Gorge Park, 35 Yorktown Rd, Cortlandt, NY 10520. Riders \$25, Passengers \$20. Kickstands up from Croton Gorge Park at 11AM, followed by their famous pig roast BBQ in Yonkers! Police escorted - parkways & roadways closed for our exclusive use!

4th May: 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.

20th-22nd May: The Island of Misfit Boys is Excelsior MC and Twilight Guard's annual run on Fire Island. Empire City will be there to provide libations and stir up some trouble! See you there!

27th-30th May: Empire City MC's annual Biker Weekend in the Finger Lakes Region. Applications are on the next page, or online at www.EmpireCityMC.com – register today!

1st June: 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.

5th June: RIDE: New Jersey Pride Parade. Did you know that six of our members don't live in New York City? Come ride with Empire City MC as we celebrate our pride by riding in the New Jersey Pride Parade in Asbury Park, NJ!

12th June: RIDE: Philadelphia Pride Parade. Two of our full members are from Philadelphia, so we'll be there to ride in the Philadelphia Pride Parade! Come join in on the fun!

17th June: EVENT: ECMC Bike Blessing. Our annual blessing of the bikes on Christopher Street in front of Ty's Bar. This FREE event is for bikers, buddies and all motorcycle fans! Hot bikes and hotter men! The fun starts around 6pm!

18th June: RIDE: ECMC Biker's Picnic. Empire City MC "gives back" with this annual picnic for all bikers and buddies. Admission is FREE, but it is restricted to motorcycles only -- no four-wheeled vehicles allowed please!

19th June: EVENT: Folsom Street East. Stop by ECMC's booth at the Folsom Street Fair for a freebie (while they last) and say hello to some of the sexiest and friendliest guys too!

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 calendar.EmpireCityMC.com and come along with us on some great rides!

Our physical mailing address is:

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Empire City MC is a proud member of the Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council. For more information about membership with Empire City MC, [click here](#) to view/download our constitution, bylaws and membership application.

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