



ECMC's Biker Weekend is two weeks away!

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 two weeks away! **Hurry: The due date is 20th May 2016!**

Please note: We were alerted that online ticket sales ended on 18th April due to a error in programming – this has been corrected and online ticket sales are working again.

Postal mail run application ... <http://i.mp/2016-Biker-Weekend>
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!



NYC Harley-Davidson Bike Blessing & ECMC Coney Island Ride

Before the week of cold and rain, Empire City MC piggy-backed an event on 30th April. First, we went to the NYC Harley-Davidson Bike Blessing, then at 11AM we led our own ride to Coney Island for dogs and rides! (Ok, we had dogs, but didn't ride any rides...)

It was a beautiful ride, although short. It was the third of three required pre-membership mandatory rides our pledge, Mario. In all my time with the club, I've never seen a pledge get through all their required rides as quickly as he has!

We stopped at the rest area on the Belt Parkway just under the Verrazano Bridge for a photo op. Yes, that is a chihuahua in a spiked, pink motorcycle helmet!



Meet the member – Aaron G

Aaron is one of our newest members, having joined in May 2015. He was quickly vetted, nominated and elected for the office of Secretary. The office of Secretary is a great place for a new member, as it exposes them to much club history and forces them to communicate with other clubs and members. (In addition, Aaron's day job involves a lot of professional writing, which is a great skill to have for any club's secretary!)



Aaron started riding off-road dirt bikes in his young teens with schoolmates, but he didn't ride a street bike until 2012 due to a back injury. In 2012 motorcycles called to him and he answered by buying a Harley-Davidson Sportster Iron 883, after riding a couple years and determining that it wasn't bothering his back, he upgraded to a brand-new 2014 Harley-Davidson Fat Bob! Now his passion of making longer distance trips could come true, but he longed for other like-minded men to ride with.

For a time, Aaron was a volunteer at The Centre and he remembered that a gay men's club met there -- but he couldn't remember the name, so he Googled a few things and discovered that there were a number of gay "MCS", but not many of them actually rode motorcycles. He recalled that the lesbian group "Sirens MC" led

the gay pride march and a male group followed them, so he searched for that instead and found Empire City MC.

Empire City MC has been better than expected, Aaron reports. The only thing he'd like to see is for the entire group to ride together, but with 14 full members and associates and 3 pledges, it's hard to find a time that works for 100% of the club.

As for his "dream bike", he would love a 650 Vyrus 986-M2, a 100% of carbon fibre, Italian Moto-GP racing bike which sells for about \$78,000 and comes in a put-it-together yourself kit. Aaron is beginning "Moto-GP 2" racing lessons, which stipulated a 650CC maximum engine size. →

He has two dream rides: one being riding the Hawaiian Islands sight-seeing the tropical paradise and the volcanoes, the other is to ride the Outback of Australia.



Even though he's in a mixed-marriage (rider and non-rider), his husband Yves is a good sport, allowing Aaron to ride and work on his motorcycles (yes, two! He also has a Judge Victory!) Yves encourages Aaron to ride to his heart's content.

One of the things quite endearing about Aaron are the cartoons he sends with his text messages from time to time (see the examples on the left ← awwwwwww, so cute!).

Aaron also helped re-craft our bylaws so they would be easier to understand and formatted uniformly. Aaron is a great brother and even though a recent addition, a perfect fit in ECMC! ☺



Empire City MC's Annual Biker Weekend - May 27th – 30th, 2016 Information and Run Application

With the help of many friends of the club and the dedication of ECMC members, we're excited to announce another great Memorial Day Weekend riding experience including some meals, accommodations and more! Won't you join ECMC for Biker Weekend?

Friday, 27th May Ride with us to "The Ranch" in Hemlock, NY through the Scenic Hudson Valley Region and the Southern Tier of New York State with multiple breaks/pick-up points.

Saturday, 28th May Explore upstate New York's Finger Lakes region!

Sunday, 29th May Explore upstate New York's Finger Lakes region!

Monday, 30th 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 \$40/per person run fee to Empire City MC before May 20th, 2016.

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. Included for your \$40 run fee are: Accommodations at The Ranch, three dinners and three breakfasts, open bar all weekend at The Ranch. 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 at (see map on page 2): A, B, C, D, E, F, or G

Emergency Contact Person _____

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. 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.

Signature _____ Date _____

Once you've completed the filling in the planning portion (with the maps below), you must mail this application to our Run Chairman 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 (\$40 per person) by U.S. Mail to:

Empire City MC Annual Biker Weekend
10 W 15th St, Suite 609
New York, NY 10011-6821



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)

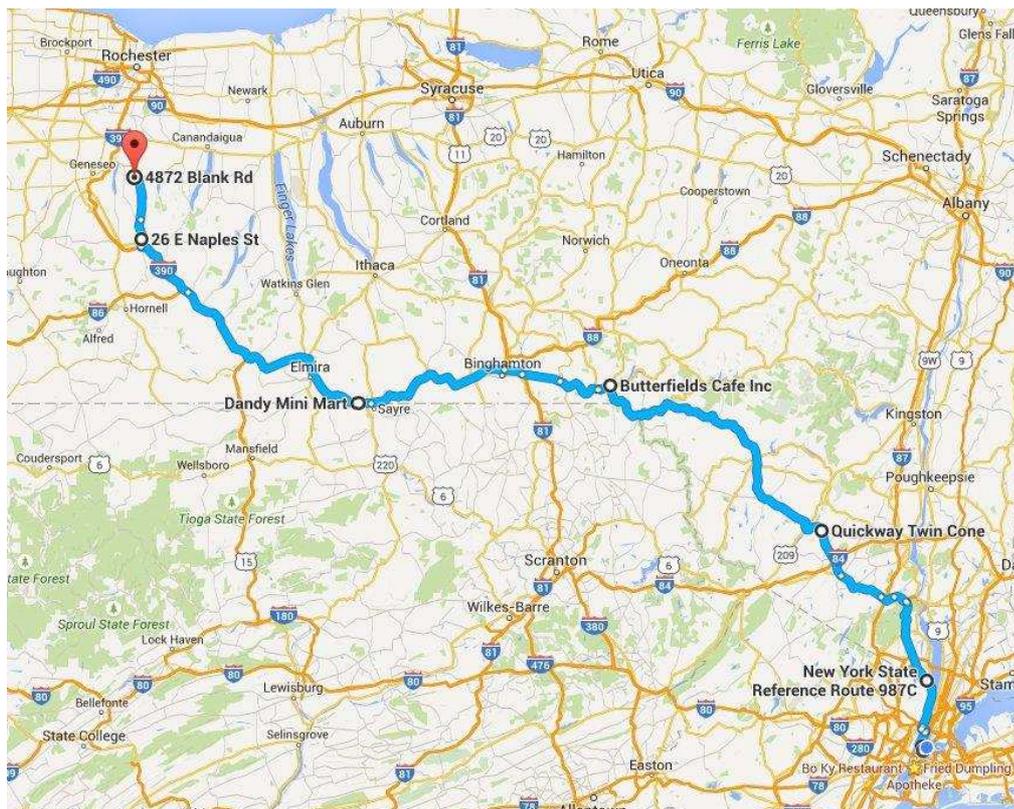
16:00 - 16:15 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break
16:15 - 17:20 ... Kickstands up and ride 77 mi (0:70)

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://j.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://j.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.

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

ECMC Attends Hogs 4 Hope Ride, a benefit for Paediatric Cancer

Hogs 4 Hope has been becoming a staple in our riding calendar over the past five years. It's a police-escorted ride with hundreds of sexy bikes and bikers riding from Croton Dam Park to JFK Marina in Yonkers, NY where an all-you-can-eat pig roast and BBQ take place with live music and vendors. Sadly, there is no beer to be had because the police don't like it when you drink and ride!



Over 32 motorcycle clubs with over 300 riders participated in the Hogs 4 Hope Falls to The River Run to benefit Ronald McDonald House and the Aidan Jack Seeger Foundation.

Yonkers Fire Department raised more than \$30,000 toward fighting paediatric cancer and neurological ALD, adding to the \$100,000 raised by the department the past 7 years.



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...

Yes, you read that right – Empire City MC's Biker Weekend will be "invading" the Lima Country Club in Lima, NY upon our arrival on Friday night – but don't fret, jeans, t-shirts, leather and your colours are most welcome! One of the owners loves our visits, so you need not pack your suit coat and tie!



Empire City MC is growing rapidly, but sometimes there are a few setbacks too. Although we have three new pledges going through the process of becoming full members right now, we recently lost Will C, who resigned from the club and our first Associate Member, Gary P, who made the elusive full member outside the 50m radius limit has requested to return to Associate status this month. Being a Full Member of ECMC has some strong requirements and dedication, we are a "real biker club" and have mandatory monthly meetings, 12 times a year, as well as participation requirements.

UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

17th May: At 7pm, ECMC will have a Social Gathering at The Stonewall Inn, 53 Christopher St, New York, NY 10014. Come on out and enjoy a social gathering of Empire City MC! No work, no barnight, no meeting... just fun!

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!

26th May: Just for fun, ECMC will host a Pool Party at Eastside Billiards from 7pm-10pm. Eastside Billiards is located at 163 E 86th St between 3rd and Lex. Chalk up your cue and come to Eastside Billiards for a few hours of pool with your brothers and friends!

27th – 30th: Empire City MC's annual Biker Weekend in the Finger Lakes Region. Applications are on the prior pages, or online at <http://i.mp/2016-Biker-Weekend> – register today, time's nearly up!

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. One of our full members is from Philadelphia, so we'll be there to ride in the Philadelphia Pride Parade! Come join in on the fun!

15th 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.

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!

26th June: RIDE: Our annual pilgrimage – riding in the Gay Pride March in Manhattan. If you are not a club member, you can ride too! Reach out to Road-Captain@EmpireCityMC.com for details. Go to <http://i.mp/2016-Pride-March> to buy your ticket to ride!

1st – 5th July: RIDE: Canada Day & Independence Day at The Ranch – come see hundreds of dollars shot into the sky and exploded as we have our annual 4th of July party at The Ranch (Note: this is not a sanctioned ECMC event)

16th July: RIDE: The AMCC is hosting an ALL-CLUB BARNIGHT at the DC Eagle in Washington, DC on Saturday, 16th July. ECMC will come down to support the effort and spent the night in the DC Metro Area. We hope to see you there!

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:

Empire City MC
10 W 15th St, Suite 609
New York, NY 10011-6821



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