



December 2016

Empire City Motorcycle Club Newsletter



RUMBLINGS

WINTER EVENTS

At our last meeting, Gabriel from Excelsior MC made an appearance and was given the floor for a few minutes. He suggested that Empire City MC, Excelsior MC and perhaps Iron Guard MC (the last remaining gay MCs in the New York City Area) get together several times in the coming months to socialise and be seen. Suggestions came in of some events such as: A leather pub crawl, movie night, modern pinball arcade and the GLBT installation presently on display at the Museum of the City of New York.

It's always great to get out of the house but it's even better to do it with your leathers on and with friends! So, keep your eyes on <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com> as well as the UPCOMING EVENTS page of this newsletter to see what we're planning!

Chaz A.

A FALLEN WARRIOR IS REMEMBERED

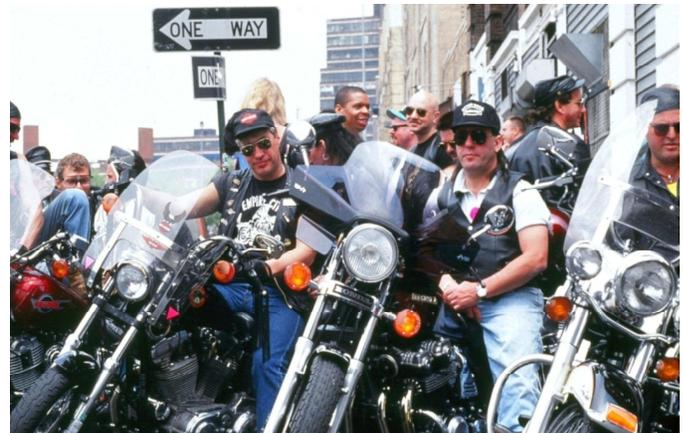
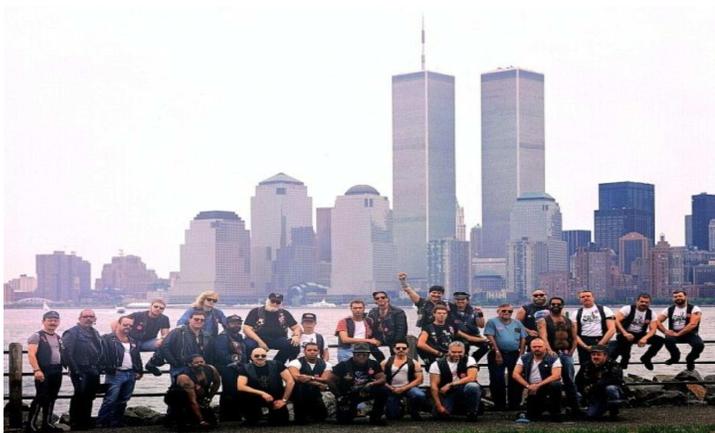
It's very strange at times how delayed the passing of a close member of our community can sometimes be. We were just informed on 15 November of the passing of a dear friend, CT (otherwise known as Chuck Thompson) who was the owner of The Spike who had passed from a heart attack on 2 June 2016.

The Spike was a real leather & biker bar located at 120 11th Ave (corner of 20th St). The Spike was one of a handful of very serious leather dress-code bars in New York City, if you were wearing sneakers, a polo-shirt, or cologne, you simply were not allowed in. If you were dressed in leather, you were welcomed into the den of inequity for booze, sex and brotherhood!



CT was very special to Empire City MC, not only was he also a motorcycle rider, his bar, The Spike, was one of the bars where we commonly held a monthly bar-night, it was home-base for many of our rides and events, such as our Toys for Tots, Bike Christening and starting point for our Biker Picnics. CT also hosted a leather/biker "Photo Op" several times, which resulted in a snapshot in time not only of Empire City MC, but the gay leather and gay biker community.

CT was a regular at many of our events, such as the Bike Blessing (now held at Ty's Bar). He also hosted "The Spike at large" and "The Spike in Exile" pop-ups at various locations whilst he (unsuccessfully) tried to get The Spike re-opened in Manhattan for many years.





Chaz A.

Meet-The-Member –Brian Villa



Brian Villa is one of ECMC newest members having joined in June 2016 after fulfilling his pledge period. Brian hails from the great white north having grown up in Alberta Canada. He had an early interest in motorcycles and fondly remembers his brother-in-laws' Yamaha 250 Enduro, a dual sport adventuring bike, which he rode on back trails. Brian's first bike of his own was Honda XR 200, a true dirt bike, which he admits he rode into the ground. While he currently rides an electric blue Suzuki GSXR 1000, Brian says he dream bike would be Harley-Davidson Electra Glide with all the bells and whistles. Off two wheels, Brian likes rollerblading and travelling to sunny places.

It appears Canada sent a little heat our way!

Aaron G.

THE MOTORCYCLE SHOW AT THE JAVITZ CENTER - NYC

In just a few weeks, the annual Progressive International Motorcycle Show opens at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Centre at 655 W 34th St (at 11th Ave). Check out the schedule and get discount tickets online at <http://www.motorcycleshows.com/>.

Empire City members will be going on Saturday or Sunday (we haven't decided which day yet, check our calendar at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com> before you go, if you want to come with us!)

We love this show because we get to see all the sexy bikes and bikers, and some of us are even motorcycle shopping for the next riding year! (Yours truly is in the market for a new bike this year!)

Chaz A.

THE LAST WORD

Politics really suck. Once again, our country has turned right when it should have turned left and we are left with an angry carrot for president of the United States and a cabinet being built at present which will embody the spirit of the 4th Reich! I feel so sorry for seniors who might lose their social security entitlements, Medicare and other benefits under this new regime., but even more for gays, lesbians and transgendered folk in the red states where people have been given the green light for bashing people that aren't like them. We're in for very bad times and it's important to band together and protect ourselves and keep up the fight. Remember: the mid-term elections could make a massive difference to the house and senate, so it's time to dig in your high heels and reform the democrats into a more liberal and socialist party so we can counter this wave of hate.

In more happy news, our 53rd annual holiday party and toy drive is coming up in just a few days! Tickets remain on sale for \$25 at <https://ecmc-53rd-xmas.eventbrite.com/> or \$30 at the door. Won't you please celebrate the holidays with us this Saturday, 3rd December from 6pm at The Historic Stonewall Inn, 53 Christopher Street? Remember to bring an unwrapped toy or clothing article suitable for an infant, child or teen. The folks at Leak & Watts will be very thankful!

Chaz A., President,
Empire City MC

UPCOMING ECMC RIDES & EVENTS

26th November:

Bucks MC presents the 43rd Annual Santa Saturday® in Asbury Park, NJ.

2 nd – 4 th December:	ECMC's 53 rd Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive Meeting Weekend at the Stone Wall Inn, New York, NY.
2 nd – 4 th December:	Excelsior MC's Trim-a-Tree & ECMC's 53 rd Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive Weekend in NYC.
8 th December:	Onyx NY's "Deck the Balls" at Evolve at 221 East 58 th Street, New York, NY.
9 th – 11 th December:	Progressive Motorcycle Expo at the Jacob Javits Center, New York, NY.
17 th December:	Delta Brotherhood of NY Holiday Social at the Stonewall Inn at 53 Christopher Street, New York, NY.
13 th -15 th January: 2017	Centaur MC's Mid-Atlantic Leather ("MAL") Weekend, Washington DC.

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!

**EMPIRE CITY MC IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR
ECMC's 53rd ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY & TOY DRIVE**



SATURDAY - DECEMBER 3, 2016

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

Our 53rd 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 2nd



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 Holiday Party or to donate a door prize, please contact ECMC President, Chaz A. at president@empirecitymc.com

ECMC's 53rd ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY & TOY DRIVE
Mail-in Ticket Order Form

Please complete and mail this form to:

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

Name:

Club affiliation, 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.



Please visit www.ExcelsiorMC.com for information about Excelsior MC's Trim-A-Tree Party on December 2, 2016



Our mailing address is:

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New York, NY 10011-6821



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