



Montréal, here we come!

In 2012-2015 Empire City MC was making an annual trip to Toronto, bound with the Rochester Rams, MC's annual run in August. Even after the Rochester Rams ceased holding their run, we continued the trips to Toronto because they were fun! Sadly in 2015, Toronto had become so gentrified that the last leather bar in town had rented their venue out to straights the weekend we were there and we had nowhere to go in our full leather gear – we wrote off Toronto as a “lose cause” and vowed not to return.

In 2016 we filled in the gap with a trip to Montréal for their annual gay pride week and parade. Montréal is in the province of Quebec, the French neighbour to the east of Ontario (Toronto's province.)



We had a fantastic time and explored much of The Gay Village, Old Montréal and the underground city. It was a requirement that we imbibed on a “Montréal Smoked Meat” sandwich at [Schwartz's Deli](#) and wood-fire baked “Montréal Bagels” at [St-Viateur Bagel](#). I still don't know exactly what kind of meat Montréal Smoked Meat is, but think it's kosher. 😊

We had such a good time, we're on our way back this year – in fact, we depart in seven days from publication of this newsletter! We welcome anyone (biker or not) to come to Montréal and hang with us! Reach out to President@EmpireCityMC.com if you're interested in coming along!

1%er News: Patch-Over in Leesburg, Florida

Motorcyclist David “Gutter” Donovan, in town for the Leesburg Bikefest, went to a Circle K gas station to buy cigarettes, but when he walked out, he had a knife to his throat, arrest reports released Wednesday show.

Outlaws Motorcycle Club members forced him to kneel down and shot Donovan several times in the back April 29 after he refused to take off his Kingsmen Motorcycle Club jacket, the report said. Donovan, 41, died two weeks later.

“The ‘Outlaws’ had been challenging several motorcycle clubs throughout Florida to either join their ranks or submit to their authority,” according to a report that sheds light on the shooting.

In what police called a coordinated attack, a group of about 15 Outlaws members spread out “at strategic points” at the Circle K at 3300 W. Main St., about 3 miles from where Bikefest was taking place in downtown Leesburg. Then they told several Kingsmen to strip off their “cut,” meaning their cutoff vests and club insignias, the report says.





Two suspects were arrested last week in a multi-agency operation. Marc “Knott Head” Knotts, 48, and Jesus Alberto Marrero, 35, were charged with conspiracy to commit murder and kidnapping. Two other suspects, identified as Gregory “Stinky” Umphress, 32, and Miquel Angel Torres, 37, remain at large.

Police also are looking for the shooter, who has not been identified. “The investigation is ongoing, and updates will be provided when and if they become available,” Leesburg Police Lt. Joe Iozzi said.

Members of the two clubs immediately recognized one another at the Circle K that Saturday night, according to police interviews with Kingsmen. The bikers told police they didn’t feel in danger because they weren’t affiliated with any of

the Outlaws’ rivals and went inside Circle K to buy cigarettes.

The Outlaws then gathered briefly in a circle before spreading out “in what appeared to be an orchestrated and deliberate manner to secure the perimeter,” sending a small group after the Kingsmen inside Circle K, according to investigators’ review of surveillance footage.

Police said Outlaws members told Kingsmen members to surrender their insignias, put a knife to Donovan’s throat and directed him to the outside corner of the business below a mounted security camera. It is a spot that police think was “preselected” by the Outlaws to conceal the incident. When Donovan refused to take off his jacket, citing club loyalty, Knotts told the Outlaws to “shoot that mother-[expletive],” the report said.

The other Kingsmen ran inside the convenience store and hid behind a shelf, telling the store clerk to call 911, the report said. One member told police he opened the door and shot in the direction of the Outlaws, leaving Knotts with a bullet wound in the shoulder and thigh. Another bullet was prevented from penetrating his lower back because Kevlar was attached to his riding vest. In a review of the surveillance footage, police said Outlaws appeared to be unhurried while escaping on their motorcycles.

“Some members remained in place in what is perceived as a measure of security of high-ranking members making their escape,” the report said. Knotts was found lying beside his Harley-Davidson with a .22-caliber pistol, 110 feet from Donovan. He was flown to a hospital and later recovered from his wounds.

Knotts was arrested May 17 outside the Outlaws’ clubhouse in Ocala. A Leesburg detective met with Knotts at the perimeter of the clubhouse, which is fortified with walls and surveillance cameras, Iozzi said. He asked the detective for “10 minutes to make a phone call, put boots on,” and soon after surrendered himself, Iozzi said. Kingsmen told police they were aware of an Outlaws decree that all clubs either join them or disband but “wrongly believed that they would be able to escape this movement.”

Transcripts of the 911 calls and the store’s surveillance video cannot be released because the investigation is continuing, police said.

Mail Bag

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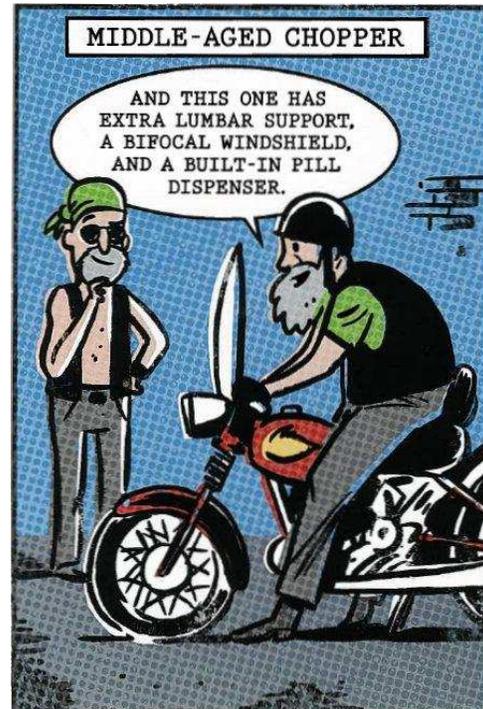
Hi my old bros. Once again many thanks for your monthly newsletter. I always get sexually aroused while reading it and wishing I was there with you. I would give anything to jump on the back of Steve G’s bike and go for a blast with him!

Editor’s comments: Steve, you’d better give this guy a ride soon!

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Biker Funnies



The Last Word –The 1%ers

As you can see in this month's newsletter, the issue between the Outlaws MC and other 1%er motorcycle clubs heated up again. That spells trouble for all MCs that ride with their colours because we'll be targeted by both law enforcement as well as other clubs as a possible target.



Members of 1% clubs wear the infamous diamond-shaped patches on their colours (cuts) which indicate their club is an "outlaw motorcycle club". An outlaw motorcycle club is a motorcycle subculture that has its roots in the immediate post-World War II era of American society. It is generally based on the use of cruiser motorcycles, particularly Harley-Davidsons and choppers, and a set of ideals that celebrate freedom, nonconformity to mainstream culture and loyalty to the biker group. Typically, the public sees the 1%er patches as indicating they are killers or law-breakers – this is not always the case.

If you've watched the television show "Sons of Anarchy", you've seen what most Americans envision when they think of 1%er motorcycle clubs. For more information about 1% motorcycle clubs and their members, visit: <http://bit.ly/1prct>

In the case of Empire City MC, we're just a nice and social motorcycle club with a deep and meaningful brotherhood amongst our members – we like to ride and

we're not looking for trouble with any other clubs, in fact, in the gay motorcycle club world, we were one of the charter clubs that helped form the AMCC, which keep the peace with all the gay MCs!

ECMC has participated in rides and events held by 1%er motorcycle clubs, but we steer away from any of their politics and don't take any sides. Even so, just being a biker with colours sometimes creates an occasional clash between us and them – typically it only takes a minute to explain our organisation (avoiding anything like the words "gay" or "leatherman", as some individuals simply are homophobes, although most 1%er clubs really don't care).

UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

August Rides: Check our calendar at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com>

13th August: RIDE: Blue Knights NY2 Annual Suicide Run to benefit various charities. Cost: \$35.00 Single and \$55.00 Double. Registration 8:00AM to 10:00AM at Allan Shandler Park, Entrance on Jerome Avenue, 1/4 mile south of 233 St in "Da Bronx"

17th-21st August: RIDE: Montréal Gay Pride March! We had a really good time with this last year and there's a lot more still to do there! Like last year, there will be two groups going up and coming back: highway riders and country riders – everyone makes their own accommodation plans and we'll use WhatsApp or SMS to arrange meet-ups for breakfast to chat about the day's plans. If you can, go up on 17th August (Thursday) and come home 21st August (Monday). It's a straight shot there and back, about 9 hours (at the speed limit) including gas-ups, food breaks and the Canadian/United States border. RIDERS: If you're riding with us, meet at Lexington Candy Counter at 8am for breakfast, 9am kick-stands-up. If you're NOT RIDING, just meet us up there on Thursday night -- riders and non-riders welcome -- you can even take the train if you like! Remember: There is FREE MOTORCYCLE parking in Montréal in special areas. Gay Pride Montréal information: <http://www.fiertemontrealpride.com/en/pride/>

6th September: ECMC's Open General Meeting at The Centre, 208 W 13th St, NYC. All riders and prospective members welcomed!

9th-10th September: EVENT: The New York LGBT Expo at Javits's

14th-17th September: RIDE: Ride for the Cause. This is being discussed and coordinated presently. All hotel, gas, mileage expenses are to be refunded to motorcycle riders who volunteer to help "heard" and protect the folks riding bicycles on this three-day bike trek fundraiser. VERY GOOD to EXCELLENT motorcycle riding skills and training are REQUIRED. <http://cycleforthecause.org/>

15th-17th September: EVENT: Black & Blue Party at Oneida Campground. For more information, contact Evil Ed. Annual membership fee to Oneida Campground plus weekend accommodation must be paid to attend.

23rd September: RIDE: 5th Annual Fallen Heroes Ride - 5 Centre Sq, Easton, PA - \$10 rider, \$5 passenger

29th September – 1st October: RIDE: Mates Leather Weekend (21st Anniversary). www.MatesLeatherWeekend.com

4th October: ECMC's Open General Meeting at The Centre, 208 W 13th St, NYC. All riders and prospective members welcomed!

6th-8th October: RIDE: Leaf Peeping in Maine with the Biker Buddies [tentative]

October: ECMC's Anniversary Dinner (T/B/D)

1st December: Excelsior MC's Trim-A-Tree at The Eagle, 10pm

2nd December: ECMC's 54th Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive at the Stonewall Inn

AN AMCC SANCTIONED EVENT

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!

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