



ECMC's 2018 Motorcycle Weekend

Yeah, it feels like the winter that won't end... but a little bird told us that in a few days, spring will break and we'll be on the road again!

Therefore, it's time to sign-up for Empire City MC's "Motorcycle Weekend", our four-day event (including formation ride up and ride back) held in the beautiful Finger Lakes region of New York State.

The Run Application is on the last page of this newsletter with all the details you need; however, it's kind of obvious that at a run-fee of \$40/per person, this is a bargain! Run fees under \$100 haven't been seen since the 80s!

Of course, this event is a bit restrictive. All participants must:

- Be male
- Arrive by motorcycle
- Pay the \$40 run fee

If you've never been before, don't miss this one! Who knows how much longer we can do this! We're all getting older and hosting an event like this is a lot of work.

We will not be going to the Lima Country Club this year, as the restaurant will no longer be open on Friday. ☹ However, K.K. (who has prepared the meals for all of our prior Motorcycle Weekends) will be busy in the kitchen again!

EMPIRE CITY MC'S
2018 Motorcycle Weekend
25th-28th May 2018 (Memorial Day Weekend)

All male bikers and buddies are invited. Entry by motorcycle only. No four-wheeled vehicles permitted. Breakfasts, dinners and shared accommodations are all provided with your run fee.

Formation rides to and from our private run-site in the finger lakes with multiple meet-up points. More information at www.EmpireCityMC.com

Planning for ECMC's 55th Anniversary has begun

Every five years, Empire City MC hosts a series of special anniversary events with the two crown jewels being 1) a week-long ride to somewhere and 2) an in-town run weekend with dinner aboard a yacht which goes around the island of Manhattan! In 2014 we went to the Iron Horse Motorcycle Lodge in Deal's Gap, NC. In 2004, we went to the Green Mountains and White Mountains in Vermont/New Hampshire. Where will we go in 2019? All I can reveal at this point is that it will be fun!



"The black leather, the tattoo, the cigar... yep, I'd say grandmother has changed since she bought herself that Harley."



"Actually, you could say my injuries are motorcycle related. I sat on my grandmother's motorcycle, and she wasn't too happy about it."



"According to our records, you pulled out in front of 13 motorcycles in your lifetime. Need I say more?"



"That's not exactly how I intended you to use the treadmill."

"Kink & Consent" #MeToo!

There was a bit of a diatribe in another club's newsletter about "Kink & Consent", which addressed "unwanted sexual contact" in various environments (i.e. runs, bars, parties).

I don't know if it's because I'm old now, or what, but this has become silly. I've seen postings on facebook from someone (whom shall remain nameless here) who went a Jockstrap Party at The Eagle and was greatly offended when another patron gently slapped his exposed ass. From the level of complaining, you'd swear that he had been dry-fucked in the bar! Is it me, or has this gone a bit too far once again?

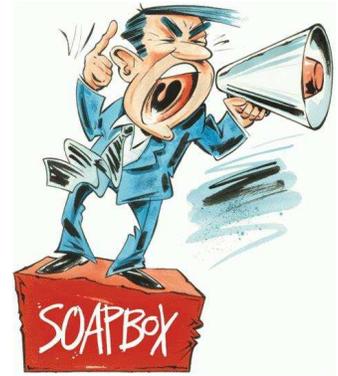
When I started going to leather bars, it was not unusual for a top to go up to a bottom flagging a hanky and getting *exactly* what they wanted right there in front of everyone. Flagging black on the right? You might get a paddle, whip or belt across your back-side! How about yellow?



Expect to get wet. Light blue? A cock might be shoved down your throat without warning.

Yes, there are some people that you might not want to touch/play with you, and you can always say no for any reason or no reason at all – BUT, if you're wearing a jockstrap and nothing else, one would expect that you're looking for some physical attention! Rather than being taken aback and writing a #MeToo post on facebook, just politely say: "Sorry, I'm not interested. I'm only wearing this jock because I'm a tease." (or something to that effect).

We're men – correction, we're leathermen! Let's drop the pretences and enjoy ourselves and life like we used to once again. Do not foster the screechy queens that bitch about being touched/toyed with at a run, a party or the bars. In the 70s, we'd reject them from our bars and send them on their way to the many other gay bars that catered to twinks.



Phun with phones!

Harvard sentences are a collection of sample phrases that are used for standardized testing of Voice over IP, cellular, and other telephone systems. They are phonetically balanced sentences that use specific phonemes at the same frequency they appear in English.

IEEE Recommended Practices for Speech Quality Measurements sets out seventy-two lists of ten phrases each, described as the "1965 Revised List of Phonetically Balanced Sentences (Harvard Sentences)." They are widely used in research on telecommunications, speech, and acoustics, where standardized and repeatable sequences of speech are needed. The Open Speech Repository provides some freely usable, pre-recorded WAV files of Harvard Sentences in American and British English, in male and female voices.

Call to hear them: +1 858 651-5050 (long distance may apply)



There is a hotline called "Callin' Oates" that only plays Hall and Oates songs for you when you call at 719-266-2837 (719-26-OATES)



These are the sort of things you might know if you're a telephone enthusiast or a "phreaker" (someone who hacks the phone system). If any of this interests you, you might like the upcoming Telephone Collectors International Phone Show in Lancaster, PA which will be 8th-9th June 2018. Go to <http://bit.ly/PhoneShow2018> for information.

This show will not only feature actual telephones from across the last 100 years, but also something called "Switcher's Corner" for those geeks (like me) that enjoy the back-end (i.e. central office) of the telephone network. Today, with free software like asterisk, you can power a telephone switch on your own home computer as a background process or even on a Raspberry Pi (a computer the size of a deck of playing cards!) You can run hundreds of SIP phones with voice mail and calling features for free – something that used to cost thousands of dollars for most businesses to operate. If you like the old hardware, one member even has a working crossbar-5 in his basement (photo left).

Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints Suck! Here's how to avoid them.

As riding season approaches, it's important that you are aware of and use The New York Motorcycle & Scooter Task Force's Twitter feed which reports motorcycle-only checkpoints.

Subscribe to <https://twitter.com/NYMSTF> and ensure you enable text messages for this Twitter feed! You can also report any Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints to the NYMSTF by texting them. We're all in this together – let's avoid being pulled over and having impromptu safety inspections!

Some history: The motorcycle-only checkpoints or MOCs started in 2007 as simple revenge. In April of 2006, New York State Police Trooper Craig J. Todeschini attempted to chase down a reckless speeder on a motorcycle. His police-issued 4WD Chevy Tahoe SUV simply wasn't the right tool to chase down a 1000cc sport bike. His zeal exceeded his skills and the capabilities of his equipment, and he died when he lost control of his truck and struck a tree during the chase.



Not long afterward, a law was named after the deceased NYSP Trooper that created a new category of offense called "unlawful fleeing." Of course, fleeing was already unlawful but that's typical politics. Try to solve a problem by making an illegal thing more illegal.



So, a law was passed prohibiting unlawful fleeing. James Carncross, already on probation for grand larceny, was quickly apprehended, tried for and convicted of aggravated criminally negligent homicide, and sentenced to a minimum of seven years in jail for the part he played in Todeschini's death. You would think that would more or less be the end of it. You would be wrong.

Response to this incident by the NYSP, which was widely acknowledged in law enforcement circles and elsewhere as categorical retaliation against motorcyclists, was fairly prompt. Less than a year and a half after Todeschini's death, the country's first-ever motorcycle-only checkpoint – named "Operation 5060" in the memory and honor of Todeschini's badge number – was conducted on I-84 in East Fishkill, New York by the NYSP and led by then- Sergeant J. Halvorsen. This operation was a pilot – a blueprint for things to come.

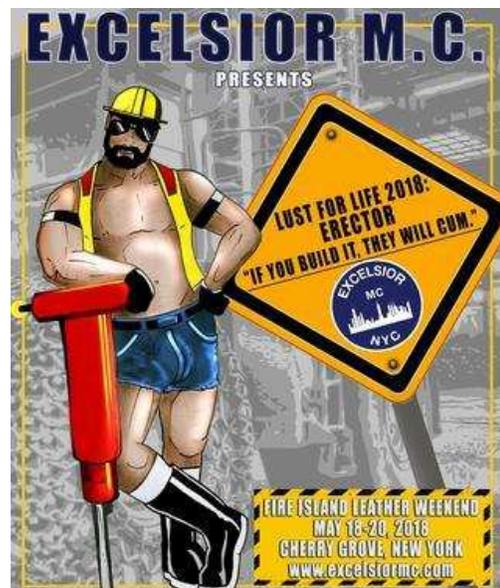
Read more about the history of the discriminatory Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints here: <http://bit.ly/nycmcp>

Don't forget to register for

Excelsior MC's

Fire Island Leather Weekend
Lust For Life 2018: ERECTOR
18th-20th May 2018

Register at: <http://www.excelsiormc.com/fi-leather-weekend.html>



The Last Word

After five Northeasters in March I thought Ol' Man Winter would retire for three seasons. I got my bikes out and began Spring maintenance, but the continued cold weather and rainy weekends have put off the year's first ride. Still, the promise of warmer weather has me anticipating getting that augural ride under my belt. I encourage you to review join ECMC in welcoming in the riding season. All of ECMC's upcoming rides and events are listed on our online calendar.

Additionally, I plan for 2018 to be a year of volunteerism for the club, giving back to the biker community and more generally to the LGBTQ community at large. On April 7, ECMC volunteered as security for Night of 1000 Gowns to benefit God's Love We Deliver, which have been serving meals to individuals living with HIV, AIDS and other chronic illnesses for decades. It is truly a worthy cause that deserves our support and yours! There will be opportunities throughout 2018 to volunteer at God's Love We Deliver and other worthy LGBTQ causes and charities with ECMC. Many of our social events, beginning with the annual ride to The Ranch on Memorial Day weekend, are also fast approaching. Please check the ECMC calendar for these and other rides and events and join us!

If you are interested in becoming a member of ECMC, come to our monthly meeting, which is held at The Center on 13th street the first Wednesday of every month at 8:00 PM.

Ride hard, ride safe, ride often!

Aaron G.

UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

Fri 20th April: Excelsior MC's Leather Happy Hour, Gym Bar, 167 8th Ave, New York, NY

Sun 29th April: RIDE: Hogs 4 Hope. Charity motorcycle run for the Ronald McDonald House.

Wed 2nd May 20:00 – 21:00: Empire City MC's Open General Meeting, held 8pm-9pm on the first Wednesday of each month at "The Centre" 208 W 13th St, New York, NY 10011. All interested men and prospective members are welcome to attend. Always check with the front desk/schedule to see which room we're booked into.

Fri-Mon 11th-13th May: RIDE: Aaron's 50th Birthday Ride

Fri-Mon 18th-21st May: Rochester Rams MC CanAm Weekend Invitational, Rochester, NY.

Fri-Mon 25th-28th May: RIDE: Empire City MC's Motorcycle Weekend in the Finger Lakes!

Mon-Sat 4th-9th June: RIDE: Spartan MC present "Marathon 23", their 50th Anniversary ride and celebration at Americade, Lake George, NY! For more information, visit their website at <http://marathon.spartanmc.com/>

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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



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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**Empire City MC's Annual Motorcycle Weekend - May 25th – 28th, 2018
Information and Run Application**



With the help of many friends 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 Motorcycle Weekend?

Friday, 25th 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, 26th May Explore upstate New York's Finger Lakes region!

Sunday, 27th May Explore upstate New York's Finger Lakes region!

Monday, 28th 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 16th May, 2018. Space is limited to 20 bikers/buddies!

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 Motorcycle 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 Motorcycle Weekend.

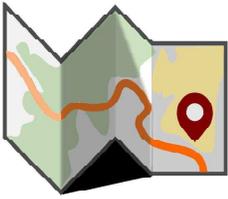
Signature _____ Date _____

Please mail this application in to our Run Chairman for processing. 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 Motorcycle Weekend
10 W 15th St, Suite 609
New York, NY 10011-6821**

Save time: Apply online at <https://ecmc-mw-2018.eventbrite.com>





Please note: This may be a different route from prior years – we mix it up!

Don't forget to tick the box on page one to let us know where you're meeting up with us! Furthermore, it's vital that your motorcycle is in good working order and you are on time to your respective meet-up location.

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)

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)

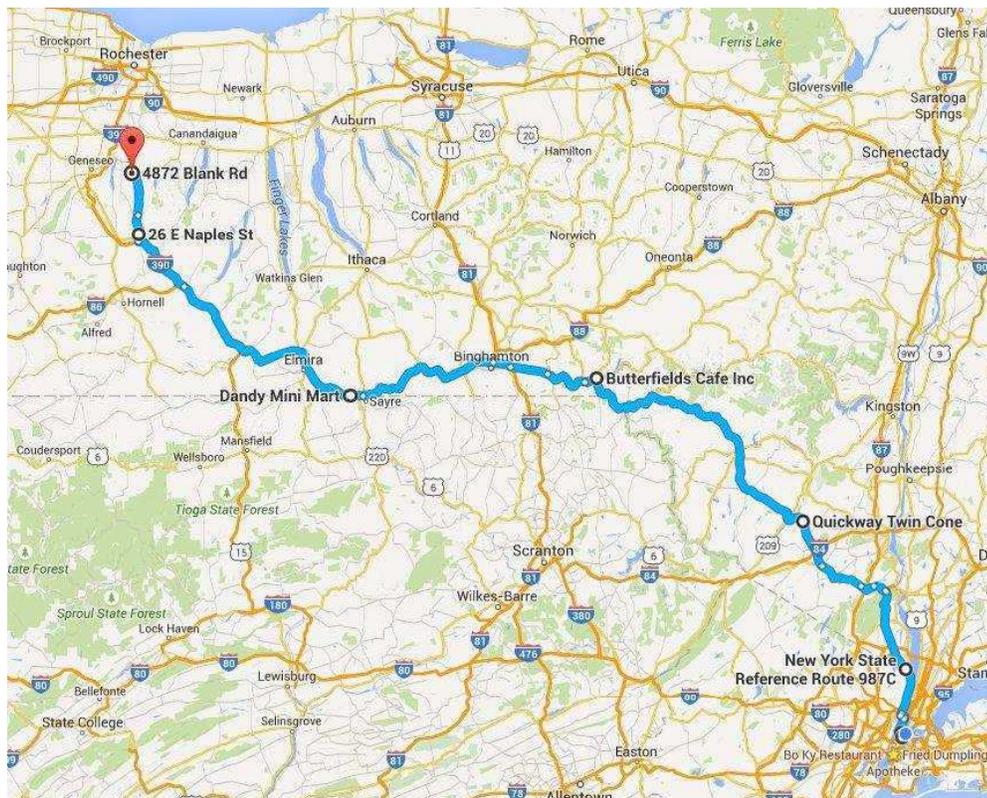
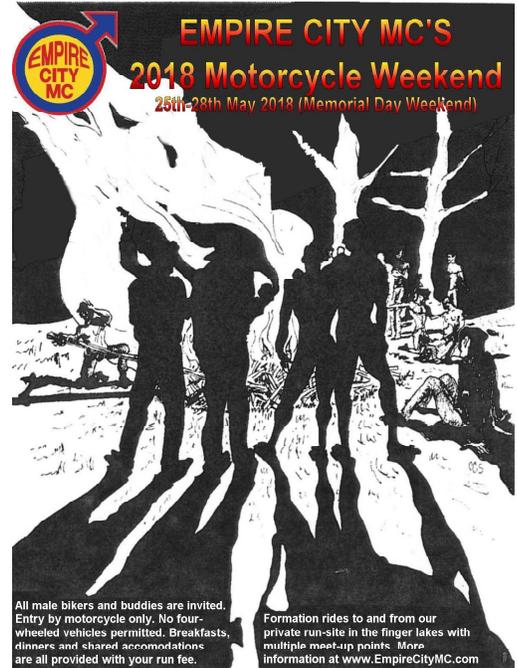
16:00 - 16:15 ... Gas up, bathroom/snack break
16:15 - 17:20 ... Kickstands up and ride 77 mi (0:70)

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



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) ;-)

NOTES:

You may interactively view/tweak our route map online at: <http://bit.ly/2018-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>

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

Save time and a stamp: pay online at <https://ecmc-mw-2018.eventbrite.com>