



## **ECMC's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Blessing & Biker Picnic**

Our annual "Biker Weekend" is upon us – many of our friends and followers already know that means three major events: ECMC's Annual Bike Blessing & Christening, ECMC's Annual Biker Picnic and Folsom Street East. Here's what you need to know:

### **FRIDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> June – ECMC's Annual Bike Blessing & Christening**

This FREE event will take place at Ty's Bar NYC, 114 Christopher St, New York, NY 10014. Folks start showing up at 6pm; however, a representative from ECMC will be there all day long to reserve space for all the bikes coming! The blessing/naming will begin around 7:30pm. If your bike is already named, you'll only want the blessing; however, if your bike is new or new-to-you, then you get to name your bike! So, put on your thinking cap and come up with a name that best fits your motorcycle and our ordained minister will christen your bike, and ECMC will send you a Christening Certificate in the mail a few weeks after the event! There's always hot men, sexy bikes and fun times at this event, so biker or not, come on down and have a good time!



### **SATURDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> June – ECMC's Annual Biker Picnic**

For this FREE event, you must travel by motorcycle – either riding, or on the back. It's a free picnic and a fun ride from New York City out to the New Jersey/Pennsylvania boarder area. There will be burgers, hot dogs, salads, beverages and more! There will be a pool, so bring a swim suit if you're shy! In order to come, please meet at one of these meet-up locations:

- 9:00am at Sweet Life Cafe, 147 Christopher St, New York, NY 10014 for coffee and breakfast (kick-stands up at 10:00am)
- 11:00 at the Shell Gas Station, 82 W Main St, Clinton, NJ (exit 15 off of the I-78) kick-stands up at 11:30 prompt!



### **SUNDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Folsom Street East**

In lock-step with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and World Pride, Folsom Street East will be TWICE it's normal size this year, so get your butt down to the entrance of the event at 27<sup>th</sup> St at 10<sup>th</sup> Ave starting at 11:00am.

Stop by the Empire City MC booths for a free gift (while supplies last).

This is a charity event, so there is a requested admission donation, and no one under 18 allowed please!

Go to <http://www.folsomstreeteast.com/> for more details.



## ECMC's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle Weekend

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle Weekend was a smash hit! We couldn't have asked for better weather or a better crowd! Nearly two dozen men on motorcycles descended upon Hemlock, New York in the fingerlakes. K.K., Uri, Dan and Ed made three fantastic gourmet dinners and three breakfasts and for lunch on Sunday, we went to Orbaker's Drive-In, a nearly 100-year-old hamburger stand on the shore of Lake Ontario (it was a little chilly close to the water!)

If you've not been to our Motorcycle Weekend, you should really try to get there while we're still doing this fantastic event!

Oh yeah – and craft beer was enjoyed by all!



## How to Use Newspaper to Test a Knife's Sharpness

Learning how to sharpen a knife ([http://bit.ly/sharpen\\_a\\_knife](http://bit.ly/sharpen_a_knife)) is an essential skill. But, sometimes it's hard to tell if your sharpening regimen is getting your knife as sharp as it can be.

When properly sharpened, a good knife feels more like a lightsaber as it glides through its cuts with ease. But a well-honed blade isn't just cool. It's also much safer.

A keen edge on your knife means you don't have to push it as hard to make cuts, which equates to more control.

So, how do you tell if your blade passes muster on the sharpness scale?

To find out, all you need is a newspaper (though that itself might be hard to find!).

Written by Patrick Hutchison

# HOW TO USE A NEWSPAPER TO TEST A KNIFE'S SHARPNESS



## BEGINNER TEST: THE SLICE



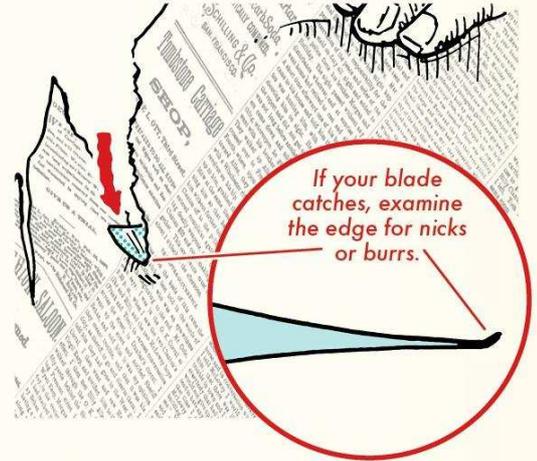
**1: HOLD** a single piece of newspaper at a 45-degree angle.



**2: PLACE** your knife edge on the edge of the paper at a shallow angle.



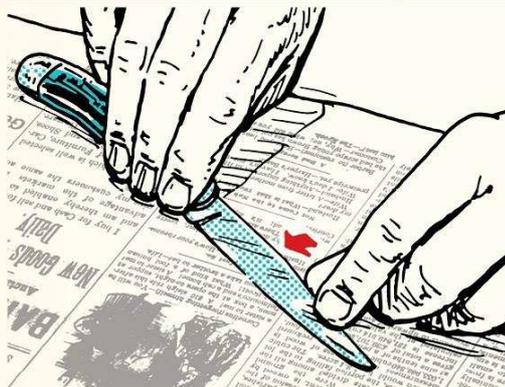
**3: SLICE** through the paper. It should bite into the paper and then glide. If it skips or tears, go back to the sharpening stone.



If your blade catches, examine the edge for nicks or burrs.

**4: MAKE** a few more slices, using a different section of the blade each time.

## MASTER TEST: THE FILLET



**1: GRIP** your knife with both hands and position the blade at a shallow angle to a letter on the page.



**2: TRY** to slice the newsprint off without cutting through the paper. If you can do it, you've got a heck of an edge.

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## Rainbow Mountain's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Motorcycle Weekend

Huh? Another Motorcycle Weekend? Yes, the weekend after Memorial Day, the Rainbow Mountain Resort hosts "The Big Gay Motorcycle Weekend" in the Pocono Mountains. This event is not hosted by ECMC. The event features an afternoon ride with several historical stops and stop for lunch. The resort is from the 1950s and it seems that it's a place that time forgot. I really can't say much about the resort nor the event, as I seemed to be one of the only gay men on the event, so it wasn't as "gay" as one was led to believe – and the resort just changed owners, so I don't know what next year will be like. The ride portion, although not gay men was fantastic – if I were to go again, I would not stay at RMR (Rainbow Mountain Resort) unless they completely refreshed their rooms and encouraged more gay men to come and stay.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June 18:00-21:00:** EVENT: ECMC's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual \*FREE\* Bike Blessing at Ty's Bar – just show up from 6pm-7pm, the blessing and christening will be at 8:00pm. If this is your bike's first time, you can get your bike christened (named) – so have your bike's name ready – be creative and choose something that calls to you.

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June 09:00-17:00:** RIDE: ECMC's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual \*FREE\* Biker Picnic (admission by motorcycle only!) Meet up on your motorcycle at 9am at Sweet Life Café, 147 Christopher St, New York, NY 10014. We shall depart at 10am promptly to an undisclosed location somewhere within an hour's journey! This is a motorcycle-mandatory event. Lunch will be provided.

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> June 18:00-21:00:** EVENT: Folsom Street East, 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary. Come by Empire City MC's booths and get your photo taken on one of our sexy bikes, get a free gift or just say hello! FSE will be twice its normal size this year due to World Pride.

**Sun 30<sup>th</sup> June 12:00-16:00:** RIDE: NYC Gay Pride March. Empire City MC leads the gay pride march with the Sirens MC for this, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Stonewall and World Pride! Don't miss this one! If you're a biker and want to ride in the parade, visit <http://bit.ly/2019worldpride> to register. Hurry! Registration is limited to 200 motorcycles!

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July 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.

**Thu 1<sup>st</sup> – Sun 4<sup>th</sup> August:** RIDE: Empire City MC will visit the United 93 Crash Site Memorial, stay overnight in Philadelphia to hang with the Three Rivers MC, the following morning, it's on to the Arktos Bear Run in New London, OH. This four-day event will proved to be quite fun for all! Contact [ChazAntonelli@gmail.com](mailto:ChazAntonelli@gmail.com) for more details and to register.

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> August 20:00 – 21:00:** Empire City MC's Open General Meeting.

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – Mon 19<sup>th</sup> August:** RIDE: Montréal Gay Pride Weekend! ECMC has been going to this event for the past four years and we always have some fun! Montréal is hopping during their gay pride and if you don't have any fun, you didn't try! Contact [ChazAntonelli@gmail.com](mailto:ChazAntonelli@gmail.com) for more details and to register.

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> – Sun 15<sup>th</sup> September:** RIDE: Empire City's Week-Long Anniversary Ride to Provincetown, MA! This is still in the works.

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> – Mon 14<sup>th</sup> October:** EVENT: Empire City MC's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend.

**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](http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com) and come along with us on some great rides!

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