



ECMC Cranberry Bog tour 2022

We started our day-long adventure at Sam's Morning Glory Diner in Philadelphia (10th & Fitzwater Streets) with the owner, Carol Mickey, she is just ga-ga over ECMC especially when we roll into town and enjoy a meal there. This year we did a photo-op and presentation of a friendship pin. This lady gives us reserved seating when they do not take reservations, and she does our catering at cost for us. She is a keeper!

With our bellies full we headed over the Betsy Ross Bridge to start our ride. Our 1st stop was at White's Bog Historical Preservation for a pit stop and to shop at the General Store which sells locally grown strawberry, blueberry, and cranberry preserves, jams, jellies... If you like history google the history of White's Bog or just click here: <https://whitesbog.org/history-about/> and here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth_Coleman_White

From here we headed to the Ocean Spray cranberry receiving station. We never saw 1 cranberry being harvested, it is contingent on the weather and the type of summer weather. In 2021 the cranberries were harvested before the 1st weekend in October which led us to mid-September for this ride. Next year we would need to plan the last weekend in September to try and catch the harvesting in process.



From here we noodled around the Pine Barrens and Brendan Byrne National Forest, and some beautiful 2 lane roads with the aroma of fresh moist pine was everywhere.



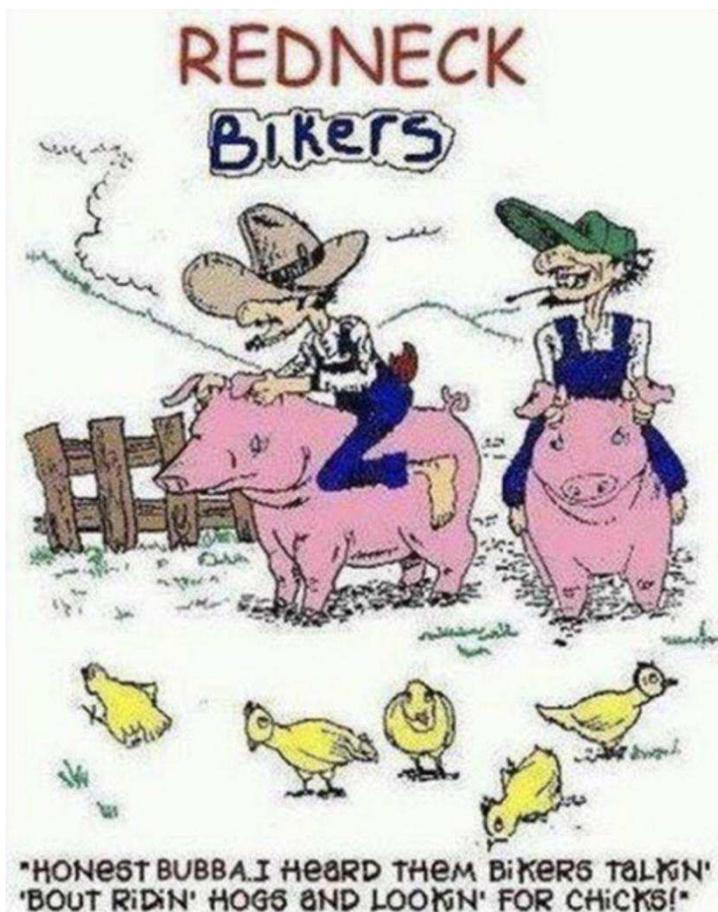
The Pine Barrens had a famous resident many years ago: Northern Ocean County is home to Ocean County Park, in Lakewood Township. This 300+ acre park was once the home of Billionaire John D. Rockefeller. It features a fresh-water swimming lake, tennis courts, ball fields, plenty of picnic facilities and more.

After a lovely ride it was time to eat. There is a small hole-in-the-wall place discovered on previous adventures in the area. It is called Billy Boys 4 Mile Tavern. It is the perfect place for lunch with items like hot dogs/burgers/fries and cold beverages!



After more riding we headed back to Philadelphia to rest up prior to dinner at Knock at 19:00. At Knock we were joined by the Philadelphians MC for a total of 22 people at dinner. It is always nice to share a meal with old and new friends!

Post dinner we attended a joint bar night with the Philadelphians for a few hours. And then called it a night.



ECMC is on Social Media

Did you know you can interact with us online, see photos and stories of our travels and events? Check out our Social Media presence at <http://MeWe.EmpireCityMC.com> – unlike Facebook, we are NOT restricted as to what we can say or publish on MeWe!



← Thanks to David R for the biker cartoon!

Right To Repair

As motorcycling technology continues to advance, your ability to repair your own motorcycle or seek out an independent mechanic may get restricted as manufacturers do not make repair information or parts available for purchase.

Consumers are facing this problem with almost every product they own, from their phone, to their tractor and for AMA members, their motorcycles and ATVs. This issue is collectively known as "Right to Repair" and put in the simplest terms, right to repair is the idea that when you buy something, you have the right to repair it or seek an independent repair shop to do the work and as part of that the manufacturers must make the parts and information needed for these repairs available to the public for a fair and reasonable price.



Fortunately, there is a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives, the REPAIR Act (Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair), H.R. 6570*, that would ensure that motorcyclists and independent repair shops have access to the information, tools, and parts needed to repair motorcycles. (* <https://bit.ly/HB-6070>)

The AMA is asking you to tell your Representative to co-sponsor this bi-partisan bill and protect your right to repair.

Support your right to repair in Congress, visit this website: <https://bit.ly/r2repair>

If you would like to learn more about Right to Repair, you can read the Federal Trade Commission Report to Congress from May 2021 "Nixing the Fix" which details the ways some manufacturers limit repairs by consumers.

The "Fat Lady" Ain't Sung Yet!

Keep a close eye on our calendar at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com> as we'll be posting some rides still this year! Like this recent trip to Bear Mountain! Come along for the ride and events – there are still some warm days left to 2022!



UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

Some Featured Rides & Events from our calendar:

Fri 21st – Sun 23rd Oct: EVENT: PumpCon – a free hacker/computer conference in the heart of Philadelphia, PA with a little alcohol problem. For information, visit <https://pumpcon.org> – the fun starts Friday at 19:00 at [North Bowl](#), 909 N 2nd St!

Wed 29th Oct, 11:30 – 16:30: RIDE: NYC Burroughs Tour and Lunch. Meet up at 11:30am on 1st Ave between 106th and 107th Streets, KSU at 12:00 sharp! We shall ride around NYC and make our presence known! :-) Oh, yeah -- a lunch stop will be included!

Wed 2nd Nov, 20:00 – 21:00: OPEN GENERAL MEETING: Empire City MC's monthly Open General Meeting is held the first Wednesday of each month from 8pm to 9pm by teleconference at: <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Meeting> All interested parties my attend.

Thu 10th – Fri 18th Nov: RIDE: Bike, Train & Cruise! (Auto Train to Cruise Ship: Mariner of the Seas & Back)

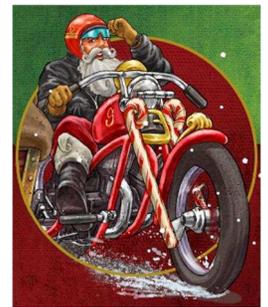
Wed 16th Nov, 20:00 – 21:00: SOCIAL MEETING: Empire City hosts a social teleconference on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All interested parties are welcomed. We discuss ride and event ideas, current events, other useful stuff. <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Social>

Fri 2nd Dec, 20:00 – 22:00: EVENT: Excelsior MC's Trim-A-Tree at NYC Eagle

Sat 3rd Dec, 18:00 – 21:00: EVENT: ECMC's 59th Annual Holiday Party & Gift Drive (special mailing coming!)

Wed 7th Dec, 20:00 – 21:00: OPEN GENERAL MEETING: Empire City MC's monthly Open General Meeting is held the first Wednesday of each month from 8pm to 9pm by teleconference at: <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Meeting> All interested parties my attend. Nominations for officers shall take place this evening.

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Wed 4th Jan 2023, 20:00 – 21:00: OPEN GENERAL MEETING: Empire City MC's monthly Open General Meeting is held the first Wednesday of each month from 8pm to 9pm by teleconference at: <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Meeting> All interested parties my attend. Elections shall take place this evening.

Thu 12th – Mon 16th Jan 2023: EVENT: Touring Reykjavík, Iceland [planning phases]

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Sat 28th Jan, 18:00 – 21:00: EVENT: Installation of New ECMC Officers at Dinner – location T/B/D

Wed 1st Feb: ECMC membership dues are due. Please pay your dues to the Treasurer before end-of-month.

REMEMBER: There are plenty of other events and rides added to our official calendar on a regular basis, especially day rides! Be sure to bookmark <http://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.**

For membership information, visit <http://empirecitymc.com/membership.php> to view and download our constitution, bylaws and membership application. We're on social media at <https://mewe.com/join/empirecitymc> where you can chat with us.

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