



Happy New Year!



It's RIDING weather in January!

Weather in New York City keeps going into the upper teens (Celsius)/upper 50s (Fahrenheit) which means riding weather! Be careful when riding as there may be residual salt or moistness on the roads which can cause you to lose traction – and, in addition, other drivers aren't really looking to expect motorcycles on the road in NYC on January!

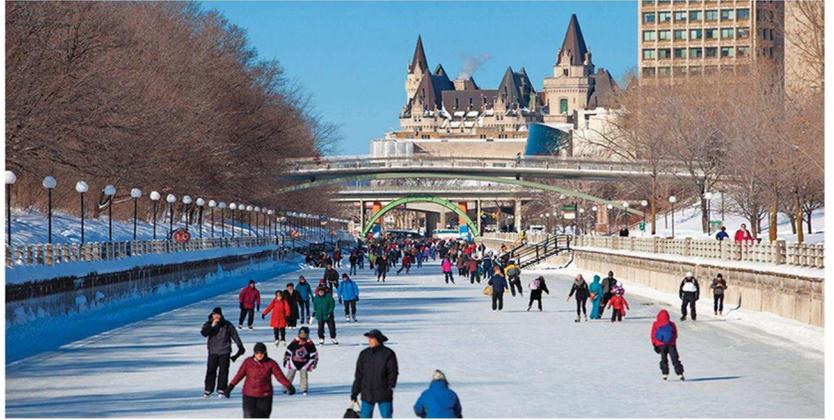
Although we do not have any "rides" on the calendar for this quarter, we do have a few trips planned! Ottawa, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh are the big ones coming up. More about that in this month's newsletter...



That could be "hanger-on" Eric O in the photo... <wink> he's an amazing maniac, riding at below zero temperatures!

Trip #1: Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Empire City MC has made a few trips to Ottawa in recent years – including the Tulip Festival in 2022! We wanted to go to Ottawa for Winterlude *last year*; however, some bitchy truckers pretty-much shut down the city. Now that they, and their police supporters are in jail, we can safely return to a peaceful and friendly Canada with no COVID vaccine nor testing requirements for entry.



Things to do there include:

Rideau Canal Skateway - Skate along the world's largest natural ice rink.

Snowflake Kingdom - Enjoy sliding and other outdoor activities in the northern part of Jacques-Cartier Park.

Sparks Street - See the luminous interactive structures and join us for the Winterlude National Ice-Carving Championship on opening weekend.

Canadian Museum of History - Enjoy the Minsoshkite (music to your ears) show presented by Elmnt FM and Red Music Rising on opening weekend. Learn about Indigenous cultures at the mini powwow and artisan fair.

ByWard Market - Join in traditional activities like horse-drawn sleigh rides, have a foodie experience, admire interactive art installations that transform public spaces, and much more.

The Ottawa Knights will be hosting their monthly barnight on Saturday night as well – so pack some leather or gear!

The GAY Village featuring “T’s” bar for everyone!



If you are interested in joining us, we're going up 10th February and returning on 12th February. Cheapest tickets are on Porter Air (<https://flyporter.com>) which departs from EWR (Newark Airport)

We are staying at The Business Inn & Suites, 180 Maclaren Street, Ottawa, Ontario. If you book on Booking.com, you'll get the best prices.

Please be sure to let ECMC know if you're coming! Shoot an e-mail to Road-Captain@EmpireCityMC.com

OTTAWA KNIGHTS

The Ottawa Knights is a leather and denim club based in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. We hold leather and other themed nights on the second Saturday of every month at Cell Block our home bar (340 Somerset Street West).

Through our Bar Knights and other activities, we raise funds for local gay organizations and HIV/AIDS groups.

Come wear your best leather and enjoy the night with us.



Trip #2: Harrisburg, PA - The Pennsmen Run

Come to the Pennsmen Keystone Capital Run 2023!

This will be the 46th Anniversary of The Pennsmen & 200th Meeting of the AMCC. All are welcome as The Pennsmen invite the leather community for a weekend of brotherhood festivities in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Dates: 24th – 26th February 2023

Host Hotel: Crown Plaza Harrisburg-Hershey, 23 S 2nd St, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

Run Fee: Varies, based on options, visit <https://bit.ly/pennsmen46>



HEY!! GET A ROOM!!!

The hotel is located one mile off Interstate 83 and is convenient to I-81, I-78, and the Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-76). The hotel is a short walk (1/4 mile) from the Harrisburg Transportation Center with daily buses (Greyhound) and trains (Amtrak) to Philadelphia, New York, and other regional cities. To book a room over the phone, call 717-234-5021. Use the same code "PEN" to receive the event room discount.

Parking in Harrisburg can be a challenge. The host hotel is offering valet parking for The Pennsmen Run at a discounted rate of \$15/day. There are parking garages available all around the hotel, but they typically charge around \$30/day.

Events Include:

Friday	Registration	Welcoming Cocktails	After Hours Party
Saturday Daytime	Brunch	Kink and Leather Demos	AMCC Meeting
Saturday Evening	Cocktail Party	Formal Banquet/Dinner	After Hours Party
Sunday	Brunch	Closing Ceremonies	

Still have questions?

Please email socialmedia@pennsmen.net to receive support.

The photo on the right shows E.C.M.C. at the last Pennsmen Run in 2017 as Michael M holds the Empire City MC banner and "Evil" Ed holds the AMCC banner. There will be even MORE debauchery this time, as we're all pent-up from two years of COVID-19!!!

See you there!

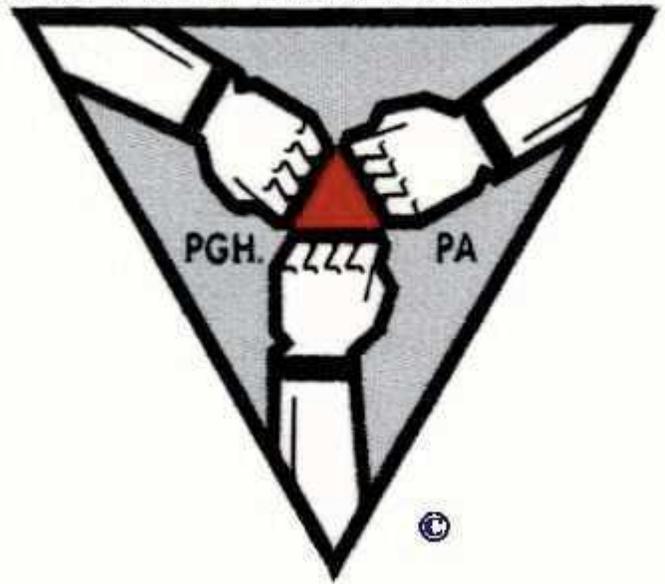


Trip #3: Pittsburgh, PA – ECMC Invades Pittsburgh!

Only ONE WEEK after the Pennsmen Run, we'll go even further west and visit our brother Lewis K and his partner Tim L in Pittsburgh, PA! We are still developing plans for this weekend (3rd-5th March 2023) but here's what we can say for now:

ECMC is renting a passenger van (7 people) at 18:00 from PIT (Pittsburgh Airport) and we will be able to help transport SEVEN PEOPLE, first-come, first-served. If you are FLYING, meet up in Pittsburgh Airport in front of the Delta Sky Club just before the security zone airport exit. If you are taking the train, bus or other public transit, please attend the club Open General Meetings and Social Meetings or contact road-captain@empirecitymc.com to make arrangements if you desire to be part of the folks in the van.

THREE RIVERS LEATHER CLUB



The local AMCC club in Pittsburgh is Three Rivers Leather Club, and we will try to coordinate things with them.

Iceland is Cold

You might have noticed this newsletter is a week late (again), well, your editor was in Iceland with Eric O.

Although the gay life is two bars and a hotel, there is a rainbow-painted street and a huge gay pride parade, so the community is thriving!

And, I'm sure there is motorcycle riding in the summer!



We went to experience a few special things:

- Snowboarding down a volcano
- Seeing the Northern Lights in person
- Soaking in Geothermal Mineral Spa Waters
- Experiencing local fare and beers

Mission accomplished. Eric O (above) snowboarded, on the last night, we saw some of the best northern lights in ages (according to locals), Sadly, not so much the spa part – but we know where to go *next time*, and you don't get much more "exotic local cuisine" as eating RAW WHALE, SMOKED PUFFIN BREAST and HORSE STEAK.

This was a fun survey trip, and next time we'll be better prepared for the cold, the spas and outdoor activities! Interested? Let us know and we'll include you on our return trip!

Suspected Leader of Pagan's MC Chapter Sentenced

Providence, Rhode Island, USA (29 OCT 2022) - The suspected leader of the Pagans Motorcycle Club in Rhode Island has been sentenced to serve 10 years in prison on illegal gun and drug charges.

Deric "Tuna" McGuire, 38, of Burrillville, entered a plea of "nolo contendere" to multiple felony charges stemming from an investigation by the Rhode Island State Police in 2017 and 2018 into outlaw motorcycle gangs, known as "Operation Patched Out."



McGuire will also forfeit \$80,229 and six cars in connection to the "criminal activity."

According to Attorney General Peter Neronha, McGuire participated in a "criminal enterprise involving illegal possession and distribution of narcotics, illegal possession and sale of firearms, and illegal possession and theft of stolen property." On May 23, 2018, investigators executed multiple search warrants at locations in Burrillville, Woonsocket, and North Smithfield.

Outlaws MC Member Accused of Fleeing Deputies

Daytona, Florida, USA (25 OCT 2022) - A member of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club faces seven charges after a deputy sheriff spotted him going over 100 miles per hour on a motorcycle in Flagler County after fleeing a traffic stop in Ormond Beach.

Among the new charges are two felony counts of fleeing and eluding with disregard of safety to persons or property. He's also received seven traffic citations in connection to this incident, including reckless driving, failing to obey law enforcement and knowingly driving with a suspended license.

The Ormond Beach Police Department (OBPD) also filed fleeing and eluding charges against Wilson and his motorcycle was seized by FCSO.

With #Biketoberfest 2022 in full swing, we arrested a motorcycle gang member for speeding, a Palatka man who wrecked his vehicle while fleeing a traffic stop and a convicted felon with fentanyl in one of his socks.



MORE: <https://t.co/aA69nea6DD#GotYa> #FlaglerCounty #FCSO pic.twitter.com/uvzUSlg88W

— FlaglerSheriff (@FlaglerSheriff)

New Year, New Officers!

Welcome our new executive board for 2023: President: Erik R, Vice-President: Gary P, Road-Captain: Chaz A., Secretary: Pater G, Treasurer: Bootblack Jack

Call Chaz to RSVP to join us as we celebrate the installation of our new officers in NYC at Dinosaur BBQ (125th St) on 28th January for a feast of food! Only \$39.99/pp (includes tax/tip), cash bar! RSVP by calling Chaz A (9am-10pm) at +1 212-212-CHAZ no texts!



UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

Some Featured Rides & Events from our calendar:

Wed 18th Jan, 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>

Sat 28th Jan, 18:00 – 21:00: EVENT: Installation of New ECMC Officers at Dinner

Sun 29th Jan, 18:00 – 21:00: EVENT: New York Travel & Adventure Show at Javits Convention Centre.

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

Wed 1st Feb, 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.

Fri 10th – Sun 12th Feb: Winterlude in Ottawa! Come skate on the Rideau Canal – Come to the Ottawa Knights Barnight! So much to do this weekend in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada! Contact road-captain@empirecitymc.com for more information. Visit the official website of Ottawa's Winterlude at <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/winterlude.html>

Wed 15th Feb, 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 24th – 26th Feb: EVENT: The Pennsmen Run / 200th AMCC Meeting in Harrisburg. The news we would like to share is that we have been hard at work, putting together our own run. The Pennsmen 46th Anniversary & AMCC 200th Meeting will be held from 2/24/23-2/26/23 in Harrisburg, PA. Visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/pennsmen/pennsmen-run-info> for information.

Wed 1st Mar, 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.

Fri 3rd – Sun 5th Mar: EVENT: ECMC Invades Pittsburgh, PA!

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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