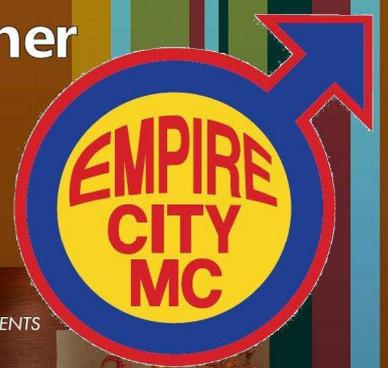




Empire City's 55th Anniversary Dinner

Come join us at Elmo in New York City for cocktails, appetisers, a gourmet buffet dinner and dessert on 12 October 2019. Tickets are on sale at <https://ecmc-55.eventbrite.com/> until 14:00 on 10 October 2019. As the restaurant requires a complete headcount Thursday afternoon, **there will be no tickets sold at the door! You must purchase your tickets in advance.**

Empire City's 55th Anniversary Dinner Saturday, 12th October at 6pm Elmo Restaurant, NYC



- Cash Bar
- Delicious Appetisers
- Gourmet Buffet

Tickets on sale now at:
<http://ecmc-55.eventbrite.com>

Yeah, we're nearly old enough to collect Social Security! 😊

News from The North

If you're heading upstate to Syracuse, NY, check out these events at **Wolf's Den Bar, 617 Wolf St, Syracuse NY 13208**

2nd Saturdays: S.A.L.T. hosts a "kink night" 10PM-2AM. They have a boot black and an outdoor patio where smoking is allowed. Drink special each month. Bring your kink gear, leather, rubber, uniform and more!

3rd Saturdays: "Bear-A-Cuse" hosts a bear night on the 3rd Saturday of each month. "Bear-A-Cuse" is a private facebook group for bears, daddies and cubs in Central New York. Join in and say Hi! Visit/join them at <http://j.mp/Bear-A-Cuse>

Every Sunday: Sunday brunch buffet from 12PM-3PM including two drinks for only \$20!

Wolf's Den welcomes groups to join and host a night for kink or bear events.



The Motorcycle Whisperer

Hugh Mackie owns one of the last motorcycle garages in Manhattan. Daniel Weiss for The New York Times

The Times's Austin Considine writes:

To call Hugh Mackie a dying breed might be an exaggeration, but maybe not here. Nestled between Avenues C and D in the East Village of Manhattan, his motorcycle garage, Sixth Street Specials, is among the last in the borough, a vestige of a neighbourhood that scarcely resembles its past.

Mr. Mackie, who is Scottish, opened the garage at this location in 1986, about five years after moving to New York, and he is still here, servicing, tearing down, building, rebuilding and customizing British bikes. The sign whispering the shop's existence is so inconspicuous that you would never notice it if you didn't already know it was there.

Inside, one glimpses an East Village that teemed not only with painters and beat poets but also with sidewalk mechanics and motorcycle gangs.

A garage like Mr. Mackie's, which sits on a residentially zoned block, is allowed because its certificate of occupancy was grandfathered in from before the 1961 Zoning Resolution, which put in place much of the city's current zoning. If someone tried to open a garage next door today, the New York City Department of Buildings wouldn't issue a certificate because the block isn't zoned for it.

Xavier Bessez, 30, recently rolled up to Sixth Street on a 1964 Triumph because a pin had fallen out of his brake caliper while he was riding. That's dangerous.

Mr. Bessez said he was intimidated the first time he went to Sixth Street. "This place was too cool for me to come in," he said. "I felt nervous, you know? And then I got to know the guys, and I've been coming ever since."

On Fridays, Mr. Mackie said, the place often fills with guys like Mr. Bessez: fellow enthusiasts for British bikes who gather just to hang out.

This story originally appeared in the New York Times on 26 September 2019.



Recent Rides:

Some photos from our rides the past four weeks:

- Cycle for the Cause (AIDS ride)
- HSS Benefit Ride
- The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (prostate and testicular cancer awareness ride)



End of the Season

As the days grow shorter, shadows grow longer and the temperature begins to drop, we're all reminded that the end of the 2019 riding season is upon us. It's a sad time for bikers who live up here as the weather is too unpredictable for long trips, and there's nothing more disturbing than to find your bike covered with snow!

We'll all be around through the winter, so if you're planning a trip to NYC, think of reaching out to us to let us know you'll be here. Also, if your club is doing an event, please let us know!

Xmas is around the corner – bah humbug!



UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

Sat 12th October: RIDE: Rumble for Ronald! Another Ronald McDonald House benefit. You can do this before our anniversary dinner! Meet up at the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley, 80 Woods Rd, Valhalla, NY 10595. It's only \$20 per rider when you bring an unwrapped toy, or \$40 without a toy. Passengers are \$10 each. Registration: 09:30-10:45, KSU at 11:00. The end point is Hudson Valley H.D., 33 Route 304, Nanuet, NY 10954. More Info: <https://www.floriansknights.com/>

Sat 12th October, 18:00-23:00: EVENT: Empire City MC's 55th Anniversary Dinner at Elmo, 156 7th Ave, New York, NY 10011. Tickets are now on sale for Empire City MC's 55th Anniversary Dinner! Get 'em while they're available! The event starts with a cash bar, opening at 6pm with passed appetisers, then on to a gourmet all-you-care-to-eat buffet dinner at 7pm! We have the entire restaurant to ourselves, and a fantastic spread of food! Tickets are on sale now at <https://ecmc-55.eventbrite.com/>

Sat 13th October: RIDE: Wiener Ride (Biketoberfest) start and end at Dobbs DawgHouse. Meet at Dobbs DawgHouse, KSU at 10am. This ride is aimed towards the power of the small bore but all bike sizes are welcome. We'll up to beautiful Bear Mountain and back to the Dawg House for some crazy custom dawgs. Riders from all over welcome. This isn't a race, this isn't a stunt show, this is just an opportunity for us all to get together again and enjoy one more good day of riding, eating, and appreciating each other's rides...all for the love of two wheels!

Wed 6th November, 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 in.

Fri 8th – 10th November: EVENT: Harbour Masters of Maine - 37th Sail-a-way in Portland, Maine.

Wed 4th December, 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 in.

Sat 7th December, 18:00 – 21:00: Empire City MC's 56th Annual Holiday Party and Toy Drive at Stonewall Inn – tickets go on sale soon!

Tue 31st December, 18:00 – 02:00: Happy New Year: 2020! What are you doing to celebrate 2020? Let us know!

Wed 8th January 2020, 20:00 – 21:00: Empire City MC's Open General Meeting.

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 member of the Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council. For membership information, visit <http://empirecitymc.com/membership.php> to view/download our constitution, bylaws and membership application. We're on facebook at <http://facebook.EmpireCityMC.com> Please send any articles, photos or letters to the editor at newsletter@EmpireCityMC.org