



ECMC Motorcycle Weekend

We're half full-up for the Motorcycle Weekend! If you want to secure bed space, you must send in your run application and run fee now! Run application is attached on the back pages of this newsletter.

We've heard from our brothers in the Pennsmen are looking forward to hanging with us in our "hammock" town, Harrisburg. We'll be there Thursday and Monday nights. We have a locked-in room rate to keep expenses low and you can talk about room-sharing on our MeWe page.

Everyone is excited to check out the new venue, "The Farm" in Coal Centre, PA, but if you were with us in September 2020 when we went to Pittsburgh, that was our "dry run" for this year's Motorcycle Weekend. We had also considered Gargoyle House in Vermont to host our event, we went up there and checked them out as a potential location in August 2020.

I think everyone is going to have a great time at our new 2022 venue!

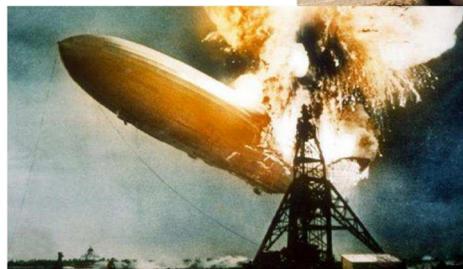


Philadelphia Update

We all know that "Empire City" is New York City, but did you know that ECMC has a number of full and associate members in the Philadelphia, PA and Pittsburgh, PA regions?

Gary is reporting that "Mr International Rubber" was spotted at the Bike Stop in Philadelphia, PA on Sat 2nd April 2022. A fun evening was had by all!

Our next *scheduled* group trip to Philadelphia will be 16th-18th September 2022, which shall incorporate a Cranberry Bog Tour and the Hindenburg Crash Site (as long as the weather and cranberries cooperate!)



Just A Bit of Travel

COVID-19 is seemingly becoming less of a risk with each new variant, encouraging people to return to traveling. In my case, I went on an amazing around the world trip (westbound) in 2019, and was to return the opposite way (around the world eastbound) in 2020, but we all saw what happened in 2020. All those first-class flights would have been null and void if not for my diligent husband who kept extending them by six months from March 2020 until now, March 2022.



As many know, we travel to Malaysia (literally a +12 hour time difference from NYC!) as a pilgrimage to honour our dead in a festival called the Qingming Festival. Sadly, this trip we had more cemeteries and columbariums to visit than ever before, as there had been some significant deaths since 2019.

I'm happy to report that if fully vaccinated and boosted with a negative COVID-19 PCR in hand, you can visit nearly any country now. In fact, the map is our actual route taken: JFK->SFO->AMS->BCN->AMS->SIN->KUL->PEN->SIN->SYD->JFK->BOS->LGA. All in three weeks' time.

Of course, when travelling, you get to see some of the most interesting toilets! →

On the opposite end, there was fresh and tasty food too!



How "SUITE" it is!! This was my first time in "suite class" on the new Delta A350 planes with Delta One Suite Service. It was the best sleep I've ever gotten on a flight, and there was even a crying baby in another "cubicle" near us. It made the 13-hour trip from Sydney to Los Angeles feel like a simple North American Transcon flight.

K.K. and I make the trip to Malaysia annually (except for 2020/2021) and on the way there and on the way home we have ports of call to adjust to the time change, have some fun and culture along the way. We've had stopovers in places such as Hong Kong, Narita (Japan), Amsterdam, Paris, Spain, Laos, China and others... We've also brought people along with us (like Michael C of the L.I. Ravens) to share the experience!

Should you be interested in this trip, sometimes including a stop at Easter in Berlin, let Chaz Antonelli know! We'll tell you all about how we do it, discuss your interests in stop-over locations and overall costs. We do this as a courtesy, this is not a venture.



THE ITALIAN ALPS AND DOLOMITES MOTORCYCLE TOUR

Discover the Alps and Dolomites on a motorcycle, challenging the Stelvio Pass and other 30 exciting mountain crossings. A unique trip, with overnight stays in Bormio, Canazei and Limone sul Garda.

FROM JUL 1 TO JUL 9, 2022

9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

CONFIRMED / ONLY 2 ROOMS AVAILABLE

Last Call for The Italian Alps & Dolomites Motorcycle Tour

What?!? A motorcycle tour in Italy? Yes. I've been getting these e-mails for years inviting, no teasing me with these beautiful Italian motorcycle tours for prices that are pretty fair! Sadly, things come up or I don't want to spend the money every time... until this time.

After two-years on COVID-19 lockdown and just as we see the light at the end of the tunnel on COVID, Russia starts World War III by invading Ukraine I asked myself: "What good is retirement is you're dead (or can't ride motorcycle anymore, which is the same thing IMHO)?" and took the leap to reserve a spot for me and my husband K.K.

We'll be riding every day (with the option to take up to two days off due to loop rides on those days, should our butts start crying).

We meet up with the group on 1st July in Milano, Italy and get the lay of the land, but right away, we'll be off to Bormio on our rented motorcycles, our luggage in the support vehicles! Day 3 is a loop ride where we'll traverse Stelvio Pass from Bormio, Umbrial Pass, Ofenpass, Resia Pass, Stelvio Pass from Trafoi and returning to our hotel in Bormio. You get the idea, right?

There's more information and reservations for those who are interested on their website: <https://motorcyclertoursitaly.com/tour/italian-alps-dolomites/>

Prices start at EUR €4,370 (USD \$4,715) class 1 motorcycle, shared room and include all of this:

- motorcycle rental (includes liability insurance)
- welcome and farewell dinners in Milan
- transfer from and to the airport
- 2 nights including breakfast in 4-star hotel in Milan
- 6 nights including breakfast in 3 or 4-star hotels in the towns where we will stop during the tour
- an Italian tour leader and courtesy van to pick up and leave the bikes
- support van (carrying a toolkit for small repairs also a couple of seats that passengers if they feel they need a little rest)
- a detailed road-book with all the information you'll need; a map with the route well marked; the "Wordless Travel Book"
- insurance covering most any medical issue during the trip including, doctors, ambulance, hospital and any appropriate family travel
- lastly, a 'Hear the Road' T-shirt

You only need pay for fuel, tolls, entrance fees to museums/sites, gratuities, meals other than mentioned above and your flights.

You know you want to go! Contact Chaz today!



WHERE WE RIDE – WHAT WE SEE – WHAT WE HEAR

01 WELCOME TO MILANO

02 MILANO TO BORMIO

299 KM / 186 MILES

03 STELVIO NATIONAL PARK LOOP

220 KM / 137 MILES

04 BORMIO TO CANAZEI

235 KM / 147 MILES

05 DOLOMITES LOOP

239 KM / 149 MILES

06 CANAZEI TO LIMONE SUL GARDA

256 KM / 160 MILES

07 LAKE GARDA LOOP

08 LIMONE SUL GARDA TO MILANO

202 KM / 126 MILES

09 DEPARTURE DAY



UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

Some Featured Rides & Events from our calendar:

Wed 20th April, 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>

Thu 28th April – Mon 2nd May: The Great British Bear Bash. Hosted by the ManBears in Manchester, England, this furry long-weekend party is loaded with drink, food and testosterone! GBBB did not happen in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID concerns, we're crossing our fingers that 2022 will happen!

Wed 4th May, 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.

Sat 7th May, 18:30 – 23:30: ECMC Installation Dinner & Pub Crawl!

Thu 12th – Sun 15th May: EVENT: Ottawa Tulip Festival. Contact Road Captain, Chaz Antonelli for details!

Wed 18th May, 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 21st May, 11:00 – 16:00: RIDE: New Hope Pride Parade

Sun 22nd May, 11:00 – 16:00: RIDE: The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

Thu 26th – Tue 31st May: Empire City MC's 11th Annual Motorcycle Weekend. This year, we'll be hosting in the Pittsburgh, PA region and have allocated an extra day before and after the weekend to accommodate the extra distance. It's LAST CALL – get your run application in today!

Wed 1st Jun, 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.

Wed 15th Jun, 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 17th Jun, 18:00 – 21:00: EVENT: ECMC **FREE** Bike Christening/Blessing

Sat 18th Jun, 09:00 – 17:00: RIDE: ECMC's 58th Annual **FREE** Biker Picnic*
(*entry by motorcycle only!)

Sat 26th Jun, 12:00 – 16:00: RIDE: NYC 2022 Gay Pride March



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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Empire City MC's Annual Motorcycle Weekend 26th – 31st May 2022 - Information

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? Due to the distance of this year's event from New York City to Coal Centre, PA, we're adding two optional travel days to our event this year!

We will utilise Harrisburg, PA as our half-way point for our ride to Coal Centre as well as our return home to NYC. You may join up with us in NYC or Harrisburg! Note: Hotel reservations, dinners/drinks in Harrisburg are not included in the price for this trip to allow the most flexibility for those wishing to participate:

THU 26 MAY - Meet up in NYC and ride to Harrisburg, PA. We'll spend the night at "Days Inn by Wyndham Harrisburg North" in Harrisburg, have dinner and meet up with The Pennsmen at their home bar, Brownstone Lounge.

FRI 27 MAY - We will have brunch and then ride from Harrisburg to Coal Centre, PA, arriving by 5pm.

SAT 28 MAY - Brunch at The Farm, then a motorcycle ride to the famous Frank Lloyd Wright house, "Fallingwater" (fee for entry) Saturday dinner will be "dutch treat" at Four Points Brewery, a short ride from The Farm.

SUN 29 MAY - Brunch at The Farm, then a motorcycle ride with lunch on the road and dinner back at The Farm.

MON 30 MAY - Pack up, Brunch at The Farm, then we head back to Harrisburg, where we will check in for the night once again and meet up with The Pennsmen.

TUE 31 MAY - Brunch in Harrisburg, then we will ride back to NYC!



Run Application

RUN FEE: Early bird (before 30th April 2021) \$40 per person, afterwards, \$50/per person.

This is a motorcycle only event! No four-wheeled vehicles are allowed! We understand there are riders from many places that would like to participate in this event; therefore, we have several meet-up points and times specified in the map. Included for your run fee is: Accommodations at The Farm, two dinners and three breakfasts, open bar all weekend. Each person attending must complete a run application (this form) and send it in with payment in full. It's vital that your motorcycle is in good working order and you are on time to your respective meet-up location.

Name _____

Club Affiliation (if any) _____

E-Mail _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (____) _____ - _____ I am: Rider / Buddy Rider

I will meet up with the group at (see below): A, B, C, D

I will go to the Saturday trip to Fallingwater (extra \$34/pp ticket, payable upon arrival): YES, NO

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), "The Farm", 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 ECMC, "The Farm" 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 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 by mail to: EMPIRE CITY MC: Empire City MC Motorcycle Weekend, 10 W 15th St Suite 609, New York, NY 10011-6821 or by PDF to Road-Captain@EmpireCityMC.com

Meet-Up Point "A" – Thursday, 26th May

10AM Breakfast at Lexington Candy Counter, 83rd & Lexington, NYC

11AM Kickstands Up & Depart NYC

Meet-Up Point "B" – Thursday, 26th May (if you'll be staying the night with us)

4PM Check in to Days Inn by Wyndham Harrisburg North, 3919 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA, PA 17110*

Meet-Up Point "C" – Friday, 27th May

11AM Brunch at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, 7 Erford Rd, Lemoyne, PA 17043, kickstands up at 1PM.

Meet-Up Point "D" – Friday, 27th May

5PM Arrive at The Farm for housing assignments and dinner

* Please note that if you are staying on Thursday night, Monday night or both Thursday and Monday nights at Days Inn by Wyndham Harrisburg North, you must make your own reservation(s) and pay for your room separately from the Run Fee. To make hotel reservations, refer to the next page, where there is hotel reservation information



OPTIONAL HARRISBURG OVERNIGHT HOTEL RESERVATIONS

If you would like to stay overnight with us in Harrisburg, PA, we have arranged room blocks at special room rates so we can all be close together. All rooms are non-smoking and have two queen-size beds. If you are looking to share your room with others, please discuss it among yourselves online here:

<https://mewe.com/join/empirecitymc>

Room Block/Reservation Information:

Making a reservation: Call Wyndham hotels at 1-800-407-9832

To stay over **Thursday** night, reference booking ID 5136B292994106 – rate \$89.83 +tax per room

To stay over **Monday** night, reference booking ID 5136B292995333 – rate \$83.30 +tax per room

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 paperwork
- mobile phone charger
- medications
- dry clothing
- club colours/banner

OTHER REMINDERS & NOTES

- The Farm has 'play space' as well as a pool, bar, nature trails and more!
- This is a MOTORCYCLE EVENT and only those arriving by MOTORCYCLE will be allowed to participate.
- There is ample tent space for those who wish complete privacy.
- Our run fee pays for five meals: Breakfast Saturday through Monday, and Dinner on Friday and Sunday.
- All other meals and on-the-road meals are your own financial responsibility.
- Your run fee is due upon registration. The run fee is \$50 per person; however, prior to 30th April, you only pay the 'early bird' rate of \$40. Your run fee pays for your food and beverages at The Farm.
- You may pay your run fee by personal cheque (no money orders please!) enclosed with your run application, or by transmitting your run fee through Zelle by e-mailing your payment to zelle@empirecitymc.com
- We have purchased group tickets for FALLINGWATER at +\$34 per person.
- After registering, we will send you a confirmation letter with further details.
- If you have any questions, please e-mail Chaz at road-captain@empirecitymc.com