



BAY STATE MARAUDERS

Boston, Massachusetts

First conversation of the club February 22, 2003

Founded March 1, 2003 at 2p.m.

Joined AMCC October 11, 2014

FOUNDING:

On February 22, 2003, in the back room of the Ramrod, two of our charter members were having a conversation. The conversation turned to the idea of forming a leather club. On March 1st, 2003, at 2p.m., after speaking with friends, they met with five other men in a house in Quincy to discuss the idea of forming a leather club.

At this meeting, we all sat down and discussed what type of club we wanted to form. We decided it would be formed as an independent social club for gay leathermen in the Boston area. The first thing we needed was a set of by-laws and a constitution. One of our group members was a former member of Minotaurs* of New Hampshire and had brought a copy of that club's by-laws and constitution. These helped us lay the foundation for what would become our constitution and bylaws.

CLUB NAME:

Naturally, one of the first things a new organization has to come up with is a name. We had been racking our brains, trying to think of something unique that had not been taken by someone else. One of our members is Greek, and he suggested we look at Greek mythology to see if there was a club name that had not been used before. One of the names originally suggested was "Monoceros." Two of our members were online having a conversation during this search. One member, while trying to type "Monoceros," inadvertently typed "marauder."

We looked up the word in the dictionary. It read "One who roams about raiding and plundering or a crusader." The crusader bit stuck with some of us, and we thought it'd make a good name for a club. We came up with three possibilities: Boston Marauders, Massachusetts Marauders, and Bay State Marauders. It was the Bay State Marauders that we all took a liking to.

CLUB COLORS:

We needed our own colors something unique and also something that couldn't confuse us with another club. The first idea that came to mind was a simple pirate's boot with an old-fashioned font for the name. The picture was quickly rejected as it was too similar to the Leather Archives & Museum logo. After a little research, the Maltese Cross of St. John was presented as a symbol for the Crusaders. It was also discovered that St. John is the patron saint of firefighters. This member remembered that one of the other members had a huge firefighter fetish. The member who was making the logo also thought of firefighters as a brotherhood and as being in service to the community. For us, the four sections of the cross represent people coming from all four directions to become one. The idea for the cross was to infuse it with the leather pride flag. And after different suggestions of colors, we decided on the colors that now represent the Marauders.

As the months grew, our six members grew to thirteen, and officers were elected on November 16th, 2003. At one of the meetings, one of the members volunteered his skills in web design. Three days later, the Marauders web site was born, much to the liking of the rest of the club. As the months went on, we decided to have a formal public announcement of the club. On February 27, 2004 at the Boston Ramrod at 10pm, the Bay State Marauders held a kickoff party.

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Charter members are those members who initially established the Bay State Marauders. Our first meeting with the Marauders took place on March 1st, 2003. At this meeting were the original seven members of the club: Eric R., Joe L., Mike C., Rob C., Scott E., Scrapie, and Shawn C. During 2003, a few more charter members were added: David L., Jim M., Paul B., and Tom A..

PRESIDENTS:

Scott E.	2003 unelected main facilitator, 2004 - 2005 (Inaugural)
Eric K.	2006 - 2007
Rob C.	2008 - 2009
David D.	2010 - 2011
Jay/Joe M.	2012 - 2013
Thom C.	2014 - 2015
Jonathan K.	2016 - 2017
Steve S.	2018 - 2019
Chris A.	2020 - 2021
John B.	2022 - 2023
William S.	2024 -

HOME BARS:

From 2003 to 2004 the Bay Ste Marauders had their bar nights at The Boston Ramrod. In 2005 and 2006, the Marauders alternated bar nights every other month between The Boston Ramrod and The Alley Bar. In 2007, they went back to just having The Boston Ramrod until 2013, when the bar gave notice to the leather community to come and get the banners and other leather-related items or they would be thrown out. The Marauders then moved their bar night to The Boston Eagle and were there until the bar closed in March of 2020. The bar night is now held at Cathedral Station on the fourth Saturday of every month.

Club Cocktail:

The Marauder Cape Codder is vodka, cranberry juice, and a splash of Chambord. This was the first served at Empire City MC's 50th Anniversary in Jersey City, New Jersey, on Friday, October 10th, 2014. The day before the club was voted into AMCC.

* Minotaurs of New Hampshire based their club documents from STARS MC of Albany, NY club documents.



Sweet Sixteen Anniversary pin



20th Anniversary pin