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## President's Point of View, by Jeff Grube

### LIHR President's Message:



Hello L.I. Harley Riders and Happy New Year to you and your families. Hoping 2025 will be a safe and healthy year for everyone.

As the saying goes, the end of a riding season brings the start of another and that is especially true with our club as we ride all year long weather permitting. Our 2024 season was very successful with few ride cancellations, almost 9,000 club miles logged and most importantly it was a safe season. We had a few mechanical issues but all riders and passengers stayed safe which I believe is a hallmark of this club. We have many experienced riders, competent road captains and a safe riding structure. I had a few comments from newer members stating how safely and organized our group rides together. This was exemplified by our police escorted ride to the Sagamore Children's Center for our annual Christmas ride. The group rode flawlessly and the Suffolk County Police were impressed with our group.

The new year brings new adventures ahead and the addition of four discretionary officers. We have Maria Romano taking over as Editor, Susan Hachmann filling the role of Ladies of Harley Director, Karen Imperial as Assistant Treasurer and Chris Richardson as Assistant Secretary. I can speak for our Primary Officers that we are very grateful for their support and willingness to help grow and improve the club. Membership has rebounded from previous years and the current roster of members really feels and acts as a big family. The adventures ahead for 2025 include overnights to Pennsylvania, Cooperstown NY, Nova Scotia, New Hampshire, Maggie Valley NC and Salem MA. We may throw in a couple of 'One Nighters' for good measure.

Now is a good time to check over the bikes for any needed attention. How are your tires looking? How about that battery under your butt? How old is that very important part of the bike? Don't forget the key fob battery!! That nickel sized piece of metal can have you stuck in a heartbeat!

Hopefully the extended cold snap we're experiencing will moderate and we can get our famed Polar Bear Ride in sooner than later. I look forward to a remarkable and safe 2025 with continued membership growth, lots of fun and lots of enjoyable miles.

See you on the road.....Jeff

## Highlights from BIKE NIGHT at Kelly's House

We had a perfect evening for our bike night at Kelly's house. 30 members enjoyed some apps and delicious

deserts while switching back and forth between the Yankees and Mets games on the outdoor TV in front of the fire. There was even a surprise little birthday cake for John H. We think the great friendships that have been formed has certainly become a pinnacle of this motorcycle club. Thank you to all who came and those who brought something. So looking forward to the next one!!!!

Thank you to Kelly & John for hosting another awesome Bike Night, everything was beautiful & delicious.





# Good Times

On Sunday October 6, RC Gary led 18 members on 14 bikes on a tour from the middle of the island, up to the North Shore and then back down to the South Shore. Under beautiful blue skies and with temperatures just perfect for riding, Gary took the group from exit 56 first up to the bluffs in Kings Park for a photo op under the American flag. Then it was a nice swing down south across the island to Robert Moses for another photo op. With the group photos out of the way it was time to head West towards lunch. Up and down over the woop-de-doo's, we travelled the distance of Ocean Parkway to the West end of Jones Beach before we turned around and hopped on the Wantagh heading towards lunch at Smuggler Jacks in Massapequa. Sitting outside by the canal the group enjoyed lunch on a beautiful October afternoon. Thanks to all who come out and take part in our rides and thanks to Sal for having Gary's back, riding sweep.





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## Highlights from the Philadelphia Ride 10/12-10/13/24

On October 12 HRC Chis led 9 members on 5 bikes on an overnight trip to Philadelphia to see the Eastern State Penitentiary. Leaving exit 32 at 8:30am on Saturday, the traffic gods were with us as we reached the first rest stop on the NJ Turnpike in just an hour. After that it was easy highway riding as we rode straight to the Eastern State Penitentiary. The penitentiary is an incredible, imposing structure covering 11 acres. Even in daylight it is an eerie place and we were planning to come back at night to visit the haunted house! Following our tour of the penitentiary, we headed for lunch, hoping to get a classic Philly Cheesesteak at Pat's or Geno's. These 2 Philly institutions are located across the street from each other in the middle of a crowded neighborhood, but now the parking gods were with us because just as we turned in front of Pat's a car was pulling out. We were able to get 3 bikes in that spot and the other 2 bikes quickly found a place just a few spots down. Things were definitely going our way so far, now all we needed was a place to sit down to eat as there are very few tables available considering how popular these places are. Leave it to the ladies of LIHR to find 2 tables before we even had our cheesesteaks in hand! We decided we would go with Geno's for lunch as a few of us had already been to Pat's, we weren't disappointed. After lunch we checked into the hotel to relax a bit and freshen up. The hotel was located in the historic district and we headed out to explore the area. Unfortunately the monuments closed at 5pm and we had to look at the Liberty Bell through the windows surrounding it. However, we did witness an interesting event as we watched a number of revolutionary era reenactors assemble in front of Independence Hall to celebrate as a fellow member began a walk from Philadelphia to Cambridge Massachusetts to commemorate Washington assuming command of revolutionary troops. Following the ceremony a couple of the reenactors stopped to chat with us to talk about their friend's trip. Dinner was at Moriarty's Pub down the block from the hotel. A very nice Irish Pub where we had our own bar upstairs before we sat down for some authentic Irish fare. After dinner, five of us had tickets for the haunted house and we piled into an Uber and headed back to the penitentiary. It was very crowded, but organized, as we arrived and it took about half an hour to finally get in. Once inside we visited 5 different haunted houses. Each one had a different theme and was located in a separate wing of the prison. Actors in incredible costumes and makeup roamed the grounds and the various haunted houses looking to scare the hell out of us. It was a late night as we returned to the hotel about 1:00am, and KSU was at 8:30am! We showed up neither bright-eyed nor bushy-tailed. Sunday was beautiful as we headed out towards Bucks County PA for some nice country roads. We left the city following the Schuylkill River past Museums and the beautiful boat houses of Ivy League crew teams. There was just enough fall color in the trees to make it a beautiful ride. We jumped on some larger roads to get up north so we could then hit the back roads. Following back roads we rode through 2 covered bridges before arriving at Bowman's Hill Tower. This is a circa-1930 stone fieldstone tower that you can climb (125 steps, Jimmy Hernandez counted) and enjoy spectacular views of Bucks County. Afterwards we headed to New Hope for lunch at Ace Cafe. This is an offshoot of a famous English cafe popular with cafe racers. We arrived and there was a meetup for English cars. There were Triumphs, MG's and a Mini-Cooper. Ace Cafe is run by a husband, wife and daughter and they have on display a beautiful cafe racer that the owner rode before he put it on display in the restaurant. When we left the restaurant the cars were gone and now there were a number of cafe racers parked outside, their owners enjoying lunch at Ace Cafe. There were Moto Guzzi's, Triumphs, a BSA and a Royal Enfield. After checking out the bikes we got back and our own rides and headed back home. We hit some more back roads before getting on the highway for the final push. With the help of Waze we navigated the approach to the GWB and avoided the dreaded Cross Bronx (that included a short trip through Harlem). Approaching the Whitestone it was gridlock, and then the traffic gods smiled again. Fortunately for us ( but I suppose unfortunate for the passenger) an ambulance pushed through and we were able to ride its coattail across the bridge. All arrived home safely having shared a delightful weekend with friends.

10/12/24 Pictures









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## Highlights from 10/13/24's On Island Ride

So here we are, stranded alone on the big island while HRC Chris led the pack home from his Scary Ride to the Haunted Prison in PA.

What should we do? A holiday weekend, will anyone even show up? Should I bother to put a ride together for just myself and maybe ??? Many people would be away celebrating those

Indigenous Peoples that started it all, or so they say. In the 1960's, the teachers at my NYC Public Schools told me that Mr. Columbus started it all, but whatever; I guess its kinda like what came first, the Chicken or the Egg? Who really gives a ... never mind! Here's to Mr. C and the Inca's... Thank You!

After a very disturbing cancellation by Cafe Amici in Selden; the planned and previously "reserved" lunch destination (seems that they do not like motorcyclists so they suddenly decided that they could not accommodate us), a quick re-think and we were off to the races headed to Viva Juan Mexican Restaurant in Selden. Although there wasn't a truly major turnout this day, 8 bikers and a lonely passenger who braved the chilly morning temperature to follow me, yes ME north to Nissequogue, St. James, Stonybrook and beyond. As we rode,

suddenly the signs popped up... No Trucks, Trucks Turn Here, Ummmmm, I think that we might just be approaching the area where the damn collapsed just a few weeks ago. Now what, will I have to back track, will the "Bitch in the Box" reroute me around the closure? And suddenly, there it was... exactly what I did not want to see... "ROAD CLOSED AHEAD"... Damn! OK, skip a waypoint and see what happens. Here's what happened, we found a few more nice backroads and suddenly we were back on 25a just as I had planned. Yup, just like that, pat myself on the back, the hero once again! You know what happens when you're the hero? Yup, the Hero

usually turns to Zero in a flash... better watch myself! Thank God, the B. in the B. came through for me this time!

Our ride took us on many secondary roads along the north shore without bogging us down to the very minor and very slow "lost in the woods" roads. We made good time as we headed east and finally got to our furthest easterly point, Sound Ave. and Rte. 105. A quick right turn on 105, (at the famous intersection where Briremere Farms has been selling those "Oh So Sweet Pies" since I was a mere lad) and we left the north shore, heading towards Riverhead at

lightening speeds of around 60MPH (55MPH Speed Limit). Another right turn on Rte. 25 and there it was, the bio-break destination... Mickey D's!

After a 20/25 minute break, we said Good-Bye to Sherry and Louie who could not join the group for lunch. They were to break away at some point out east and go about their way to commitments with family and friends. We continued on after Riverhead until we arrived at the foot of Mill Rd. near the LIE exit 70 (I think). Left on Mill Rd and then it happened, I couldn't help it, I needed to be irresponsible for a few minutes. Rolling the throttle back I decided to push it just a bit. I remember chuckling a bit because here I was leading the ride and pulling off on my own. Then, a quick look in the mirror, I wasn't really alone. There he was Bob Blair right behind me. Damn, I wanted to show off a little but Bob was along for the ride. The smarter ones relaxed and enjoyed the roads but what can I say, I'm not that smart. But I did have fun!

At the lunch destination we were treated to the company of some additional LIHR members and guests. Joan Blair and grandson Henly, and my very own bride Susan, with our nieces Olivia and Ciara. We all enjoyed a Mexican fiesta and by 1:30'ish the party dispersed and we all headed home. The days total, 3 hours of Long Island roads and another 96 miles in the books! Thank you to everyone that came out on this Sunday. I hope that the Scare Fest ride was a great success and that everyone enjoyed that ride as much as this one.

## Mid-Hudson Ride 10/19-10/20/24

### Highlights from the "Shotgun" Ride

A somewhat aggressive ride was planned for Saturday morning... meet up at 32 and head North, Northwest, West and then further North. I knew this would be a bit of a stretch but, I needed to be at Mid-Hudson Sporting Range in New Paltz, NY before 12:00 noon. I asked the boys at M.H.S.R. to have the BBQ chicken ready at 12:00PM sharp!

So, 9 bikes and 14 enthusiastic L.I. Harley Rider members left the 32 meet-up spot and headed West on the L.I.E. toward the Cross Island Parkway. Perfectly, we merged onto the L.I.E. when suddenly, it started. "It Started"???, yes "IT" started... the first mistake of the 350+ mile trip; just a few hundred yards from our starting point. Suddenly, the call came over the CB, "We need to do an Emergency Stop"! We can pull over on the C.I.P. exit ramp, there's a safe spot there. A few minutes later, disaster averted, we struggled to merge back onto the C.I.P. as car after car came toward us.

I'd like to say that the rest of the ride was completely uneventful but that would be a lie. I would love to say that this ride was a piece of cake, yeah, NOT! My brain was going one way, but the HD Boom Box said something completely different. We were in the left lane on 695 / 95 minding our own business but wait, I was supposed to be in the right lane. I thought that I was exiting left but that was mistake #2. So, the Boom Box said make a U-Turn. A U-turn on 95? What? Really? OK, no big deal, we'll just get off and tour the backroads of the Bronx. Whatever, its scenic, right?

Well, somewhere around the 50- or 60-mile mark, it started to fall into place. Yeah, this is what I planned. The first 50 miles was a blur, and I had no idea where we were or where we were going but now, I got this. We continued North and West... sometimes on backroads and sometimes on highways. Well, finally exiting Rte. 17 at Rte. 302 the fun began. The roads were absolutely fantastic! As we headed towards New Paltz, we passed an exquisite spot for a group photo. Yes, an exquisite photo op with a view to kill for. And, as I had previously stated, we "passed" that spot. Someone then blurted over the CB, "we should have stopped for a club picture". Yes, that would have been nice - mistake #3. Well, here we are on twisty turny cliff side roads traveling at 30 or 40 MPH and I couldn't help myself, I had to do it. Into the CB microphone exclaimed, 'this spot looks good too'. Suddenly, the guy who was elected to be responsible and safely lead our members all weekend long, cuts across the double yellow line to get to another, somewhat less inviting pull off spot. Safely, everyone followed their lost leader across the double yellow and we stopped for a picture. Some chose not to dismount fearing that they would not be able to "right the bike" when we were ready to leave. Well, those "some" were the correct ones because more than just one member needed a helping hand to get the nearly 1,000-pound HOG upright. Yes, your lost and confused leader was one of those guys that needed help. That damn thing is HEAVY!!! Thanks for the help Mr. HRC Chris!

Safely back on the road and onward towards our Shotgun Extravaganza at Mid-Hudson. Completely relaxed and enjoying the ride. IDK, 10 miles, 20 miles, 30 miles, whatever... the CB lights up again. Our most experienced member on the trip says, "hey guys, there is a huge switch back ahead, slow them down and spread them out". I do not believe that I have ever seen a 5 MPH sign quite that big, that was one hell of a, actually two hells of a turn! WOW, I wondered if the speed limit was 5MPH just so that everyone could take in the sights? NOT, you needed to do 5MPH or you could possibly die on that road!

So, we arrived at Mid-Hudson at 11:53AM... I couldn't have planned it any better even if I planned it myself; oh wait, I did plan it myself. Sometimes it's all about luck - not skill, not expertise, yes, honestly, I simply got lucky this time.

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BBQ chicken, baked beans, homemade potato salad and coleslaw - Fat and Happy we headed out to "shoot it up". Since we were three groups of five shooters; all split up and having fun times around the Sporting Clays course, I'll just comment on my group... Kristen, Maria, Chris, Gary & little old Me - oh, and Frank. Frank was our instructor, our Firearm Instructor and Guardian for the afternoon. At first, we felt that maybe Frank was a bit "rough around the edges" but honestly, in hind sight, he had a job to do and he was responsible for this group of Harley Davidson Yah-Hoo's. Frank did not know who we were or if we were responsible adults or a bunch of Jack-Asses from down South. It didn't take long for Frank to warm up to us and for this group of HD Yah-Hoo's to warm up to him. Frank was a great instructor, who quite honestly, I will absolutely insist to lead me and my group at any future visit to Mid-Hudson. We paid for 50 rounds, 50 targets and, as God is my witness, I do believe that we each shot 75 to 100 rounds! Being the "Ladies Man" that he was, Frank quickly warmed up to Maria and Kristen and made sure that they were the shining jewels of the Shotgun Extravaganza! At the finish station, with Kristen's team declared the winning team, these five Yah-Hoo's took a group photo including our new found friend Frank. Another memory in the books!

Off to the hotel, a gas stop along the way and a great meal to follow at the Texas Roadhouse. Sunday morning started off OK. Sharing the hotel room with my daughter Kristen, I heard movement and decide to just lay in bed and let her use the bathroom to shower and get ready. Suddenly, as I was violently shaken... Pop, it is 7:22AM... you need to get up. KSU is in 68 minutes. WTH, I heard her in the bathroom and thought I would wait until she was done. Well, seems that she finished her morning bathroom routine then went downstairs for breakfast and packed the bikes while I continued to sleep! Apparently, day #2 is not starting off very good either.

A few minutes late, but ready to go, we all lined up for the ride home. El Presidente, Jeff and the lovely Gineen greeted each member as they prepared to follow the mostly lost and very inexperienced rookie RC John H. Apparently, that was their mistake. So we headed out and found the most incredible roads of the entire 12+ years of the Lighthouse Independent Harley Riders (yes, that is my opinion). Not to take anything away from the best ride ever but, yeah, there was one problem. The inexperienced, RC that those poor souls were following never bothered to look for a "P" stop. Yup, just figured I would ride and then pull into a gas station or a Dunkin Donuts and everyone would be happy. Guess what, there are NO GAS STATIONS in the middle of NOWHERE!!! Then at that damn intersection of somewhere and nowhere a horn was blowing and suddenly Kristen was off the bike and standing beside me. So here we are in the middle of absolutely "Nowhere USA", begging HRC Chris to save me before I am executed by the members who thought that I knew what I was doing and Kristen is near tears as she tells me "Pop, something is falling off of my bike".... "Your bike, you don't have a bike, that's MY bike you're riding Kristen". WTH???

OK, so it wasn't tragic, 5 of the 6 fender skirt screws were gone and a somewhat mangled fender skirt was dangling. As I lay on the ground in the middle of the street to address the problem, I realized that maybe I am holding up traffic or possibly causing some trouble stopping 9 bikes and 14 persons in the middle of a three country road intersection. As I rushed to bare-handedly unscrew the remaining bolt, I thought to myself that there is no more than 2 horses and one F'n donkey within 20 miles, so relax, no need to rush!

Off we go with HRC Chris now in the lead. Yes, Chris is leading everyone to a much needed "P" destination as I, the so called RC of the trip, disgraced and embarrassed fell back to second place. 11 minutes later, Chris turns into the station and I pull up along side him exclaiming "Chris, we have been here before, there are NO bathrooms here"! Deidre runs inside to confirm and off we go to the "better" spot across the street with Louie tearing ass ahead of me, ahead of Chris and ahead of every one else. I guess he really "Hadda Go"!

After everyone was, let's just say more comfortable and smiling once again, we discussed and decided that we did not need lunch so the decision was made to follow the route and head for the ferry in Bridgeport. We skipped a few waypoints so that we did not back track to the dirt roads that we had passed just a few miles before (this trip was all about the blacktop, no dirt). We arrived somewhere around 1:10 for our 2:45PM reservation and we were all happy to make it onto the 1:45PM ferry for a beautiful, sunny and calm ride back to Long Island. Well, I wonder if anyone has gotten to this part of my ride report or if no member bothers to read what I write. If perhaps you are reading this, please send me a text with a "Thumbs Up" so I know if I should bother to compose these reports or just say "We Had A Nice Ride, You Missed it Sucker". So, at this point, I have to wonder if you/anyone remembers the "Emergency" that the club encountered just yards away from 32 KSU. Anyone? Would anyone like to know what happened? OK, so here it is. Every ride report since I started as a RC, I picked at someone to have a little fun with. Maybe it was "We gotta go Sue" or "Rain Gear Leone" or "Butter Boy Louie" but now it is my turn, yes my turn in the bucket. You see, the guy that YOU chose to follow, the guy that YOU chose to trust, the guy that led YOU to the Shotgun Extravaganza was the same Jack-Ass that had to pull off the road to strap his helmet onto his head. OMG, as Susan always says... "Such An Ass"!

All in all, as I write this report, no animals or humans were hurt but perhaps some were mistreated this weekend. I do apologize to the ladies for not planning better but, if I am not thrown out of the club, I promise to "try" to plan better in the future. In retrospect, I look back and realize that every detail of the route needs to be addressed and that everyone behind me needs to be considered when planning these rides. I cannot take this responsibility for granted and will not (hopefully 'will not') in the future. These rides are our vacations, they are costly and require much effort on the part of those who participate so I cannot just ride and see what happens. I need to make definitive plans and execute those plans like a professional Road Captain ... even if I am not a professional RC and just the Jack-Ass up front who got lost in the Bronx!

To sum it all up, and really put it in perspective, Probie RC Chris R. came to me at our almost too late (yes almost too late) bathroom break... stretched out his arms and said I need to thank you for this. As he hugged me he said that these roads were amongst the best ever and he was so appreciative of the roads and the ride that I had led. What have I done, what did I do? As far as I'm concerned, I messed up 42 times and got a few times... OK, You're welcome!

A big Thank You to RC Gary for sweeping up behind me and to HRC Chris for saving 14 members in the woods! What a fantastic group of people who make up this incredible club known as the L.I. Harley Riders. There has never been a better group of members (again, just my opinion) and I feel strongly that this is by far, the best darn club that anyone could possibly be part of! You Guys and Gals are the BEST!!!





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We have such great pictures from quite a few of us, Regina, Gary and Maria which it makes it difficult to choose.







Highlights from the Sunday's Meeting 10/27/24 and Oktoberfest Jeff introduced Brad R. from Sagamore Children's Hospital who updated the membership on the hospital's care of children with significant emotional needs. Brad expressed that the arrival of LIHR at Sagamore is the most appreciated event to the children as well as the staff, and that the "official" Santa at Sagamore is our one-and-only John H! Jeff, Dom and Brad reviewed the upcoming ride to

Sagamore and our planned interactions with the children.

Jeff introduced new members Bill B and Bob M and returning member Janet P.

Joe G. presented the new quilt that will be raffled to a member at our Holiday party.

The membership congratulated member Al R. his new 2023 Road Glide. Chris R. provided

insight on his revamped suspension system and the improved handling.

Kelly reminded the membership that tickets for the Holiday Party on Dec. 7 are now

available. 50-50 Winners: 1st. place: Rod M (donated to the Veterans Ride effort)



10/27/24 Sal led the ride and brought us back to the VFW for our Oktoberfest feast!

Note from Pres. Jeff:

On behalf of all of the officers of L.I.H.R. I'd like to thank Activities Director Kelly along with all of the members that provided amazing dishes and desserts for a very enjoyable and successful Oktoberfest Feast. There was an incredible selection of dishes to try and it appeared that everyone went away plentifully stuffed. A big thank you to all of the members that attended and helped with setup and breakdown of the room. Many hands do make light work!! Lastly, thanks to RC Sal and all of the RC's on the post meeting/pre-feast ride. It was very well attended and a great choice of roads!! Overall, a great day for L.I. Harley Riders





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## 11/3/24 The Veterans' Ride

On Sunday November 3, members of LIHR rode out to visit with Suffolk County veterans as part of our annual Veterans Run. We had 24 members on 21 bikes head out on a day that was finally starting to feel like fall. There were three stops to be made on our ride this year.

Our first stop was in Riverhead where we met up with Donnie and Melvyn. They were happy to have our company and spend time with us as Donnie told us they did not get many visitors. Before we left they were presented with gift cards for their share of the funds we raised via our Poker Run.

President Jeff also presented each veteran with a challenge coin that spoke to their courage, honor and dedication to their country.

It was a moving gesture that brought a few tears to the group.

The next stop was in Mastic Beach where we met Vince and Tom. It was nice to see some family members at the house which must have made it feel more like a home. After we met and chatted with the veterans, they were presented with their own gift cards and challenge coins.

Our last stop was in Medford where we met some familiar faces from past visits. We met with Bill, Richard and Thomas. After many pictures and well wishes we left our last home and headed to J&R's for a delicious lunch to cap off a memorable day.

As Head Road Captain, I would first like to thank all the members who participated in the Poker Run that raised the funds to enable us to make the donations to the veterans.

I would also like to thank the members who came out on the Veterans Ride and gave of their time to recognize these veterans for their service and hopefully brighten their day.

It is always a moving experience for all who attend. Chris K.



Continuation of The Veterans' Ride — Thank you for your Service



## Greeting's HARLEY RIDERS— 11/10/24

Sunday's Annual Sagamore Ride From Pres. Jeff, A big thank you to all of the L.I.H.R. riders and members that made the Sagamore Children's Hospital Toy Run and visit a big success!! It was our best turnout in years and an impressive amount of gifts and monetary donations. Special thanks to the Hachmann family for filling the roles of Santa, Mrs. Claus and an Elf for good measure. Gineen got some wonderful help from Facebook contacts to bring in an generous amount of toys, pajamas, etc. A few officers from the Suffolk County P.D., 2nd Precinct also helped out with a fun escort along Santa's proposed route. In all, it was a great day for L.I. Harley Riders!!

From Santa Hachmann: The Sagamore Children's Center ride....

And so it began, after months of preparations.... here we are, November 10th at the VFW and starting to get ready for the shortest ride of my Road Caption duties. Yes, more miles to get to the VFW than the ride itself.

Well, it started early, very early... at 3:15 am the Santa to be was looking at the nightstand clock and starting to mumble those not to be mentioned words. The alarm was set for 6:00 am but Santa was wide awake by 3:15 am. Damn, yup, that sucks, another night cut short!

Santa usually sleeps sorta, kinda, somewhat good except when there is something important for him to awaken early for. When the Elves whisper in his ear "don't over sleep Santa" or "Santa, we have work to do" or "WAKE UP OLD MAN"... yeah, this so called "Good Night" is OVER!

Let's back up for just a minute.... Why was Santa so tired? Well, on Saturday, Santa rolled up those velvety red sleeves and cleaned three motorbikes... Yes, THREE bikes! Why did Santa clean and polish three bikes? Well, he had no choice, Clean Them or Come Dirty to the

party! You see, Mrs. Claus and Elf Kristen had stuff that needed to be done.... Yup, STUFF!!! Don't ask, I don't know, doesn't matter, I got the bikes shining bright and they got the "Stuff" all taken care of. Whatever!

So, we rolled up to the VFW just after 9:00 am and what do we see? RC Gary and RoseMarie all ready and waiting... what the HECK time do those crazy people get out of bed???

Bike after bike, one after another the LIHR members start to roll in. As Santa suited up inside the VFW (with the help of a little Elf), one roaring engine after the other, again and again they rolled in. Bike after bike, the L.I. Harley Riders made Olde St. Nick proud! I can't really give you an accurate accounting of the exact turnout because I was so busy with everything else, but I do believe that around 30% of the club turned out for this very important ride. As compared to some years past, Santa was ECSTATIC!!! Thank You to everyone who attended! It was not all that easy to attend, you see, at 6:00 am the weatherman on News12 said

something about Frost, Freezing, and whatever... I wasn't listening too much (not that I ever do), its a Christmas Ride and Christmas includes - COLD, SNOW, ICE, FREEZING temps and ... never mind, that's enough!

What happened next... Yes, the Suffolk County Police Department came through for us! In rolled three Police Cruisers, Sgt. John McKeon and two officers, Officer Thomas Colvin and Officer Charles Borfitz were there to assist all thirty something PLUS PLUS PLUS members of the LIHR on the way to the Sagamore Children's Center. Santa asked if they would be able to ride "Our" route or if they needed to do a direct ride to the Sagamore. As Santa explained the route, Sgt. McKeon said, No Problem, let's have some fun!

At just after 10:00AM, nearly 30 bikes rolled out of the VFW parking lot. Heading West to Oakwood Rd, a quick right and then North towards Rte. 25A. East on 25A, passing the Fire Department who were setting up an enormous United States of America Flag for the local Veterans Day parade (wish I could say it was for the LI Harley Riders, lol). After a quick Salute, continuing East to Park Ave, then South toward Dix Hills. OK, stop right there... not just heading towards the Sagamore, no, we were "escorted" by the Suffolk County Police Department! Yes, these officers meticulously and perfectly escorted nearly thirty motorcycles along a route that they previously had no knowledge of. With just a paper printed script, and maybe a tiny bit of help from a few seasoned LIHR Road Captains, flawlessly, ABSOLUTELY flawlessly, these Suffolk Police Officers escorted the L.I. Harley Riders to the Sagamore Children's Center. Of course, we made time for some pictures which included our escorts from the SCPD and also included were the Officers from the Sagamore grounds; those assigned to ensure the well-being of the kids residing at the Sagamore, also the Sagamore staff and management. Before we go forward to talk about the "Main Event", the Children, I need to say this... Thank You to each and every Officer who puts his or her life on the line for me, for us and for everyone!

Maybe it is not always said out loud but here it is, LOUD and CLEAR... SCPD, We Thank You for all you do to protect and serve us!

The gifts were off loaded from the bikes and from a couple of cars that made the trip also. Gineen decided to post a message on a Facebook Group page that she knew of and WOW, what a reaction. Mothers from all around town were donating items of new clothing, toiletries, toys and more for Gineen to bring to the Sagamore. Her car was FULL of donations from outsiders that never heard of the LIHR and never heard of the Sagamore! Thank you to all of those generous people.

OK, the Kids.... Yes, the Kids... That's the reason why we are here!

Well, those burly and rough edged L.I. Harley Riders entered the courtyard to meet the kids, the kids who waited patiently and anxiously for Santa and his helpers to arrive. As we entered the courtyard, the bravest of those came forward followed by the not so sure and somewhat reserved other kids.

A few hugs from Santa but still some questionable few not sure what to do. As we walked around the courtyard, some came forward for their second or third hug from Santa and a few others realized that maybe, just maybe the Fat Old Guy was OK for a hug! I can't say for sure but I do believe that with the exception of only one or two, every other kid at the Sagamore felt comfortable enough to give; and to receive a big hug from Santa Claus. We enjoyed spending some time with the kids and certainly did enjoy those chocolate chip cookies and hot chocolate that the Sagamore so graciously provided.

Off to the courtyard we went and waited for the kids to be brought out to the bikes. One after the other, the kids saddled up and on bike after bike. Horns were blaring, lights were flashing and some engines were revving up too... plenty of noise to go along with those big smiles. As group #1 was led back inside, group #2 was brought out for the fun to start again. Suddenly, Santa looked around and saw el Presidente Jeff and Webmaster Rod pushing Mrs. Claus's trike with a young lady holding the grips and steering through the courtyard like a pro. Everyone was laughing and cheering and that kid was making the memory that will undoubtedly be clear in her mind for years to come.

The good-byes were said and some more jolly St. Nick hugs were given, as well as received! The festivities at Sagamore concluded for this year and the group headed to the Premier Diner in Commack for lunch. After lunch, the East-enders assembled and headed to the L.I.E. and the rest of the members all set their sights to the North, West or South for their journey home.

Pictures from the Sagamore Ride!!



Continuation of 11/10/24's Ride





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Once again, Thank You to everyone who attended and to the SCPD for the greatly appreciated assistance on the Sagamore Ride!! 11/10/24





## Ladies of Harley Night Out -11/15/24

Susan H. would like to take this time to "Thank You" for entrusting her with the position of Ladies of Harley Director.

I look forward to planning many fun events, activities, rides or away trips for all the ladies in our club.

The picture below, is from my first event on Friday, November 15th.

Originally, we were supposed to be 15, but due to life and sicknesses, ten of us navigated the many congested roads and met at The Tap Room in Huntington for some drinks, food, great conversation and laughs.

The next event planned for 2024 is the "Holiday Night Market Wonderland" at the Reboli Center for the Arts, 64 Main Street, Stony Brook on November 30th at 4:00 pm. Let's have some roasted marshmallows and hot cider while we check out the vendors!



## Greeting's HARLEY RIDERS 11/24/24

Wishing Our LIHR Family a Safe and Wonderful Thanksgiving

### Highlights from our year 2024 last Membership Meeting

Pres. Jeff thanked the Clubs Board Members for all their efforts during the year in helping to manage our Club. The Board's cohesive efforts have enabled us all to enjoy great comradery in a motorcycle club second to none.

Jeff presented to the membership our new Discretionary Officers, Susan H., Karen I.I and Chris R.

Congratulations to Janet P. on her new 2024 Road Glide Trike. Wishing Janet many safe miles ahead and wonderful experiences on her new ride.

Kelly updated the membership on our upcoming Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 7, and Jeff and John C. displayed the quilt that is the door prize at this years Holiday party.

HRC Chris K. summarized our year-to-date rides with a current total of 8,460 miles, with 4 more rides scheduled before year-end. Chris provided a preview of the planned overnight rides for 2025.

LOH Susan H. reviewed the recent night out dinner and an upcoming afternoon event in Stony Brook on Nov. 30.

Dom M. thanked the membership for one of the largest attended Sagamore ride and the amazing gifts provided for the children of Sagamore.

50-50 Winners: 1st. place: Mark D.                      2nd place: Jeff G.

### After Meeting Ride Summary by Jeff G.

After a well-attended, informative and interactive membership meeting on Sunday thirteen bikes and thirteen members headed west from the VFW. The ride, led by RC Jeff with HRC Chris as our sweep headed into Syosset, Oyster Bay, Laurel Hollow, Cold Spring Harbor, Halesite and then into Huntington for lunch at Old Fields BBQ.

About halfway through the ride Joe G radioed up to me that a couple of bikes were stuck at the last traffic light we encountered. It turns out that the bikes weren't stuck at a red light, they were stuck on the side of the road. Rich R's trike suffered some type of clutch or transmission problem that caused Rich to decide not to continue the ride. HRC Chris was with him and they were in a safe spot. Chris was able to reach Jeff by cell and explained that they were going to try to limp the bike home so Chris stayed with Rich for the journey home-ward. Unfortunately the trike couldn't make back to the garage so Rich and Chris were stuck again on the side of the road and had to call for a tow. After hours of waiting Rich was finally able to get the trike flatbed towed back to the stable. Bob L also peeled off shortly after Rich had his trike troubles.

The ten remaining bikes and members continued on with former RC Joe G taking up the sweep position in Chris' absence. The ride was real pleasant with not much traffic or getting split up too often. The maple trees along the route made for some very nice late fall color. The ride was only 24 miles but the riders enjoyed the mix of backroads and secondary roads. Old Fields BBQ has been a lunch stop for the club on a few occasions and for good reason. It's an easy place to go with a larger group, the food and the service was great and they had no problem splitting the check for us. It was an awesome way to end a membership Sunday.

Pictures from 11/24/24's meeting and ride



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**L.O.H. 11/30/24**

Ladies of Harley met up on November 30th at the Reboli Center for Arts in Stony Brook to shop the Holiday Night Market Wonderland.

To get into the holiday spirit and chase the chill away, we started off with some hot chocolate, then took a picture with Frosty the Snowman and perused all the vendors.

We were even able to pick up a few Christmas gifts.

Afterward we shared a meal at the Schnitzel's Restaurant, which was close to the market.

Thank you to the Ladies that joined in.

Wishing you peace, joy, and all the best this wonderful holiday has to offer.

May this incredible time of giving and spending time with family bring you joy that lasts throughout the year.

Merry Christmas!

Thank you, Susan



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## Highlights from Our Annual Holiday Party 12/7/24

Another LI Harley Rider Holiday Party is in the books!

30 members enjoyed some good food and drinks as we danced the night away.

Thank goodness we were able to extend the evening an extra hour so that the chairs were able to "rut".

Thank you Jeff and Lou for your assistance on that matter.

Congratulations to those who won one or more of the fabulous gift baskets.

A big thank you to those who provided those gift baskets; of course a big congratulations goes to Brian and Debra H. for their grand finale win of this year's quilt.

Thank you Kelly for all of your hard work making such a fun time possible. We all very much appreciate it.



Holiday pictures continued



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FINALE OF 2024'S HOLIDAY PARTY





## Upcoming Events, January

1/12- Polar Bear Ride - Destination Teddy's Bully Bar, Oyster Bay

KSU 10:30am Exit 56

1/26- Membership meeting

## January Birthday's

Stephen M 1/11, Gerry R. 1/12, Bill B. 1/17, Janet P. & Laurie P. 1/19,  
Robert U. 1/20, Mary M. 1/21, Dennis L. 1/22,  
Stephan E. & Yelena I. 1/25, Cathy P. 1/28,  
Sal F. 1/31



Wishing You All A Very Happy Birthday!!

# JANUARY 2025

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26 Monthly Membership Meeting	27	28	29	30	31	



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## Upcoming Events, February

**2/23- Membership meeting**

### February Birthday's

William P. 2/4, Suzanne U. 2/7, Annette G. 2/9



Wishing You All A Very Happy Birthday!!



# FEBRUARY 2025

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## Upcoming Events, March

**3/30- Membership meeting**

### March Birthday's

Fred H. 3/10, Mark L. 3/11, Kathryn E. 3/12, John C. 3/13, Tracey N. 3/15,  
Sherry F. 3/24, Rosemarie P. 3/25, Susan H. 3/28,  
Cindy D. 3/29

Wishing You All A Very Happy Birthday!!

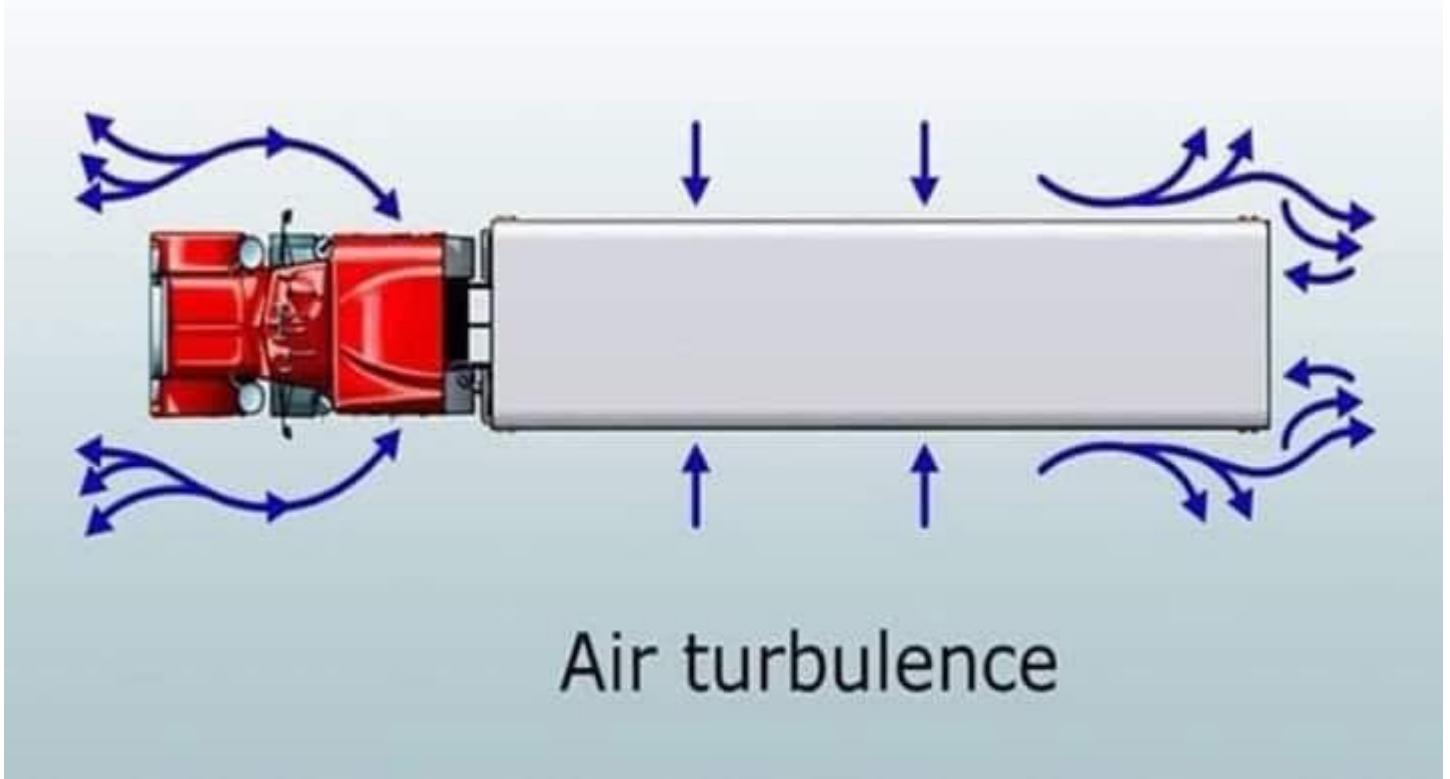
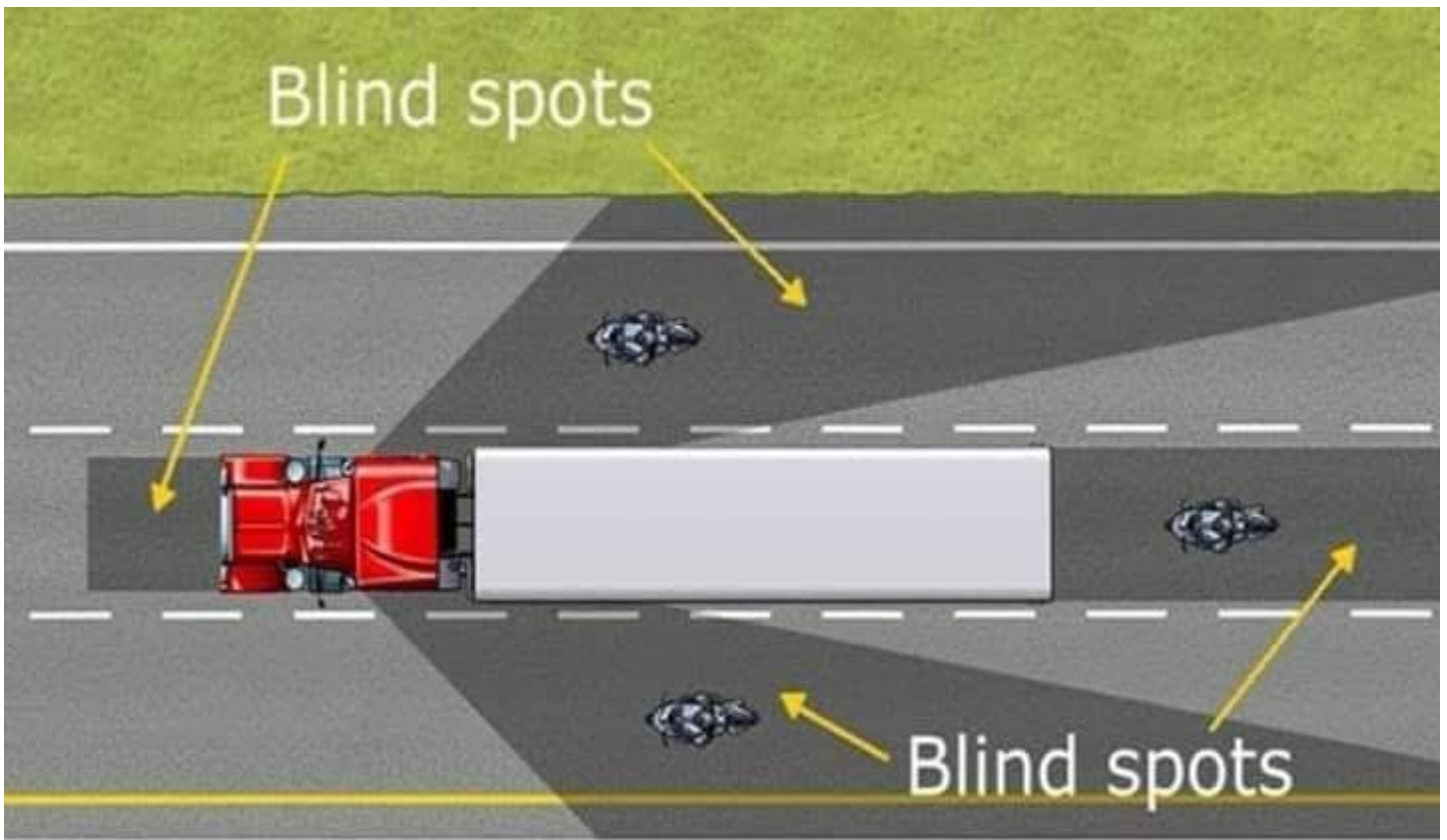
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## Safety Tip



## Upcoming Weekly Rides

Date	RC	Description	Lunch	KSU and Location
• 1/12	Sal F.	Polar Bear Ride	Teddy's Bully Bar	10:30am Exit 56 LIE

**Note: We have replaced the KSU starting point from LIE exit 43, to LIE Exit 32 for off Island rides**

North side Service Road, west of Little Neck Parkway.



Remember to check the Hotline at (631)406-4170 two hours before KSU to hear updates and cancellations.



### CLUB POLICY DURING WINTER MONTHS

Cancellations due to low temperatures will generally be decided the night before or by 9:00am morning of.

Notifications will go out via Email, Facebook and Hotline.

During January and February, rides will be scheduled for every other Sunday.

## 2025 Overnights

PA	5/3 thru 5/5	Sal
Cooperstown	5/31 thru 6/3	Chris K
Nova Scotia	7/6 thru 7/12	Jeff
New Hampshire	8/7 thru 8/10	John H
Maggie Valley	9/7 thru 7/13	Jeff
Salem, MA	10/4 thru 10/6	John H

Please use the respective Sign-up Genius Links in the weekly emails (When they become Available)

**NOTE:** Lodging and date details on all overnights will be in the Members Only section on our LIHR website and the weekly emails at the appropriate time prior to the event. When the overnights are posted please use the Sign-Up Genius to confirm you are attending. It is really

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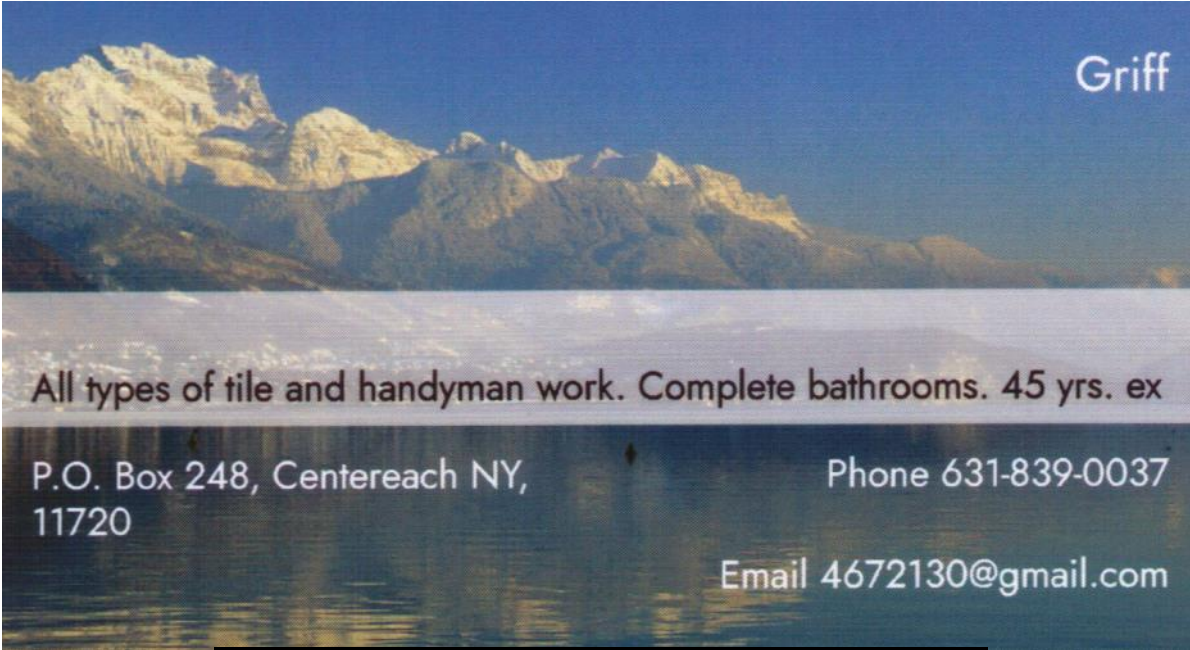
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