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President's Point of View, by Grumpy

Well, I guess I spoke too soon. The weather changed, the snow came and that was the end of riding for the month of February. March turned out to be a little nicer to us! But thanks to our activities officers, Stephan and Kathy, some of our members did get a night out bowling. On February 15th, some 25+ members hit the lanes, and looking at the photos on FaceBook and the website, they all had a great time. I think it's something we'll have to try again. After our Bowling night, it was on to a Billiards Night, attended by 29 members. A great event ... three hours with old and new friends, it was held on March 15th. I think Stephan or Kathy's lucky number is must be 15.

Now getting back to riding. Besides some local rides the Road Captains have planned, we will have our book escort on April 6th to Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center. We collected over 1,500 hundred books as per Dom Mazza's last count, leaving the VFW hall at 11:00 am. On arrival, we will ride around the building and the children will be in the outside courtyards to watch and wave. So, let's show them that people do care and please support this event. There will be refreshments and a book reading by some of the children for those that wish to attend ... then, of course, on to lunch.

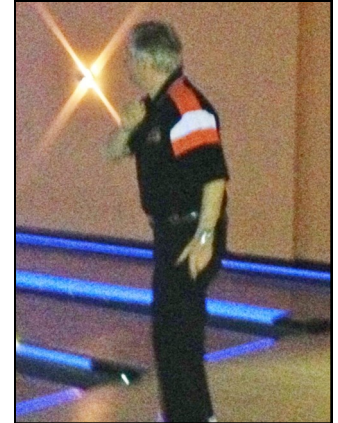
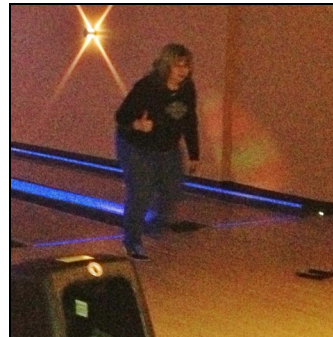
On May 5th, we will have our first overnight ride of the year to Mohegan Sun Casino in CT. This ride will be led by Road Captain Bob Bernstein who will be taking us on a scenic ride to the hotel, including the Mike Fink river crossing. Members may need to push a pole to cross the river! On the way home, we will stop for a tour of one of the mansions in Newport, RI, then to the Bridgeport Ferry. So sign up and book a room!

For those LI Harley Rider members who presently are not AMA members, joining is easy. Just go to the AMA web site <http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com>. Annual membership costs \$49 and check out the benefits you receive when you join ... one of which is their Road Side Assistance Program (similar to that offered by National H.O.G.). That, along with all the other benefits of membership, helped me make up my mind to join. So please check it out when you get a chance. With our upcoming 2014 Primary Officer elections this November, kindly note that only AMA members will be eligible to cast a vote. So you may wish to join if you want your vote to count this November!

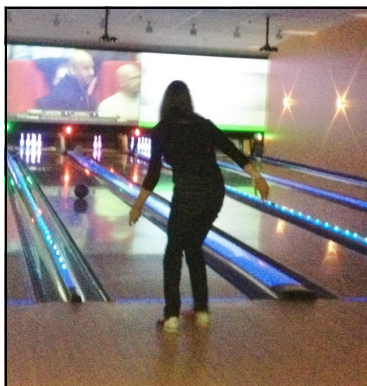
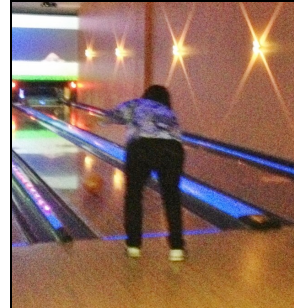
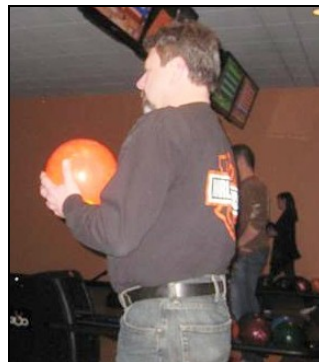
A reminder, if you are getting your motorcycle out for the first time this season, please check to make sure your registration and state inspection is up to date, check all bolts, fluid levels, tire pressure, etc. Better to check now than on the side of the road!

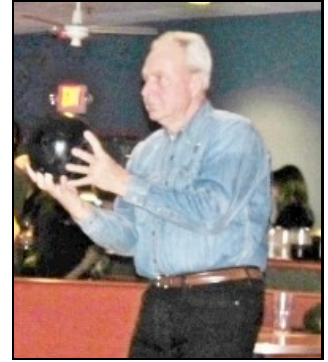
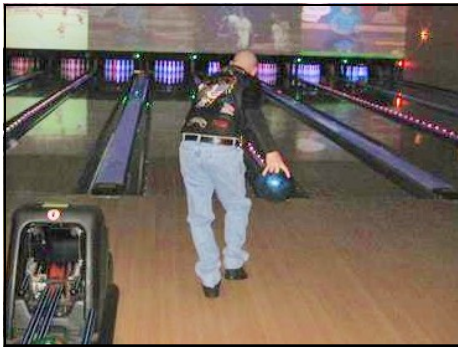
Ride long and prosper.

BOWLING NIGHT @ 300

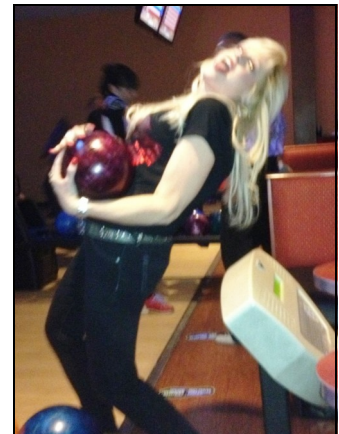
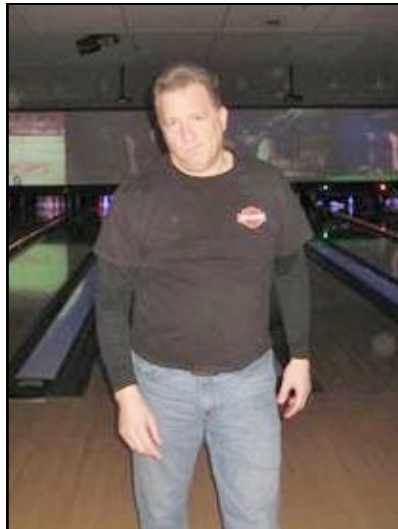


IT'S ALL ABOUT THE FORM

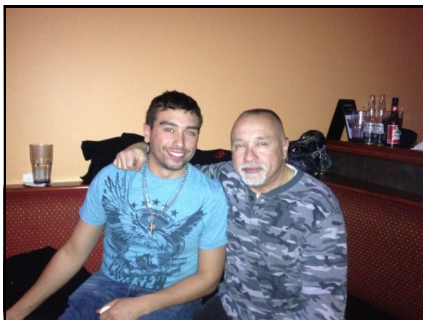




THERE WAS CELEBRATION
AND DISAPPOINTMENT



Linda Blair made a
guest appearance

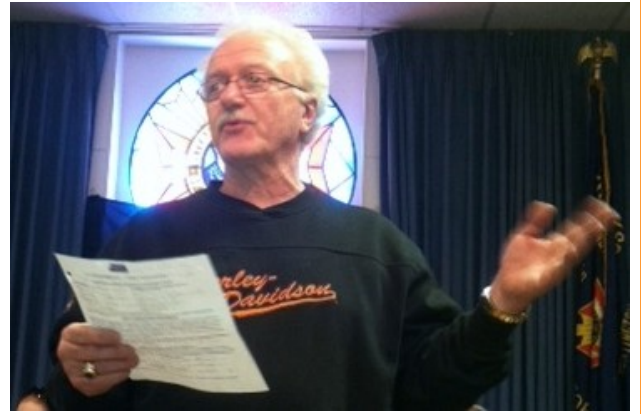


THANKS to Stephan & Kathy for making this happen!

Emergency Braking

By Dom Mozzone, Safety Officer

I recently moved to a new neighborhood and some of my neighbors are buying scooters to sport around with during the summer. They know that I ride and one day I was approached with the question ... What is the most important thing about riding? I immediately responded: to know your bike's capabilities and know how to properly brake. They looked at me like I had two heads and I heard the comment, "It's simple, you just squeeze the brakes and you'll stop."



So I turned it around and asked, "How would you do an evasive emergency stop?" The silence was deafening. I then said, "It's a snap ... practice emergency, maximum braking. But, first there are a couple of things you need to know." Number 1: The front brake is 70% of your braking force. Due to that fact, you must put more pressure on the front brake than the rear brake. If you happen to lock the front tire, you must release it immediately then reapply it. Squeeze the front brake and apply increasing pressure, don't grab it. If you lock the rear tire, don't release it. If you do, there's a good chance you will high side and be thrown off the motorcycle. With a motorcycle, you can still steer when the rear tire is locked and skidding. If you should lock up the rear tire, remember to keep it locked and steer accordingly until you've stopped. You must also remember that the motorcycle must be straight up when performing maximum braking. This is not to say that you can't brake with the bike leaned over in a turn. You can lightly brake with both brakes in that situation, but maximum braking must be done with the bike straight up. Guess what, I got their attention after explaining the issues of braking.

The points made were that you must learn to modulate your brakes to keep from locking them and the only way to do that is to practice, practice, practice. Keep repeating to yourself to use that front brake with controlled, increasing pressure ... and don't grab it! That will assist you in putting more pressure on the front brake than the rear brake.



"I need a really loud horn.
My brakes are a bit spongy."

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You should practice maximum braking from whatever speed you normally ride. If you practice, then in an emergency situation, you will revert to your training to maximize your chances of a successful hard stop. Another alternative is to buy a bike with anti-lock brakes, just remember, even with anti-lock brakes, the bike still has to be straight up to perform maximum braking.

FEBRUARY MEETING...



Our Raffle Winners:

SANDRA

and

GARY



Dave "Pork" Triebs
Took third place

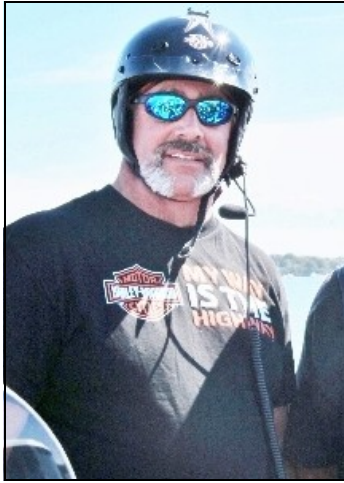


Steve Ficalora
Took second place



In First Place and
Winner of the Jack ...
Rich Truran





Gary Kinkle's "Get us back on the road" ride



Coffee was the drink of choice on this chilly morning.





Huntington's St. Patrick's Day Parade



A great day for members and family!



The History of the Motorcycle

By Lou Vaccarelli, Historian

Last month, we took you from the middle of the 19th Century to the early 1900's.

Now at the turn of the century, 1901, the English bicycle maker Royal Enfield introduced its first motorcycle, a 239 cc engine mounted in the front and driving a rear wheel through a belt. The very next year, Triumph threw its hat into the ring and, by 1902, the company had produced its first motorcycle ... again a bicycle fitted with a Belgian-built engine. Within only 2 years, sales of Triumph motorcycles hit an all-time high of 500. That was the year, 1903, Harley-Davidson started to produce their motorcycles. The next company to come to market was the "Diamond Framed" Indian Single, produced in one color, "Deep Blue," ... the brain storm of 2 bicycle racers. One year later, production rose to 500. Eleven years go by and production rises to 32,000. Not bad, but were they all in blue?

Two young entrepreneurs, William S. Harley and Arthur Davidson partner in 1901 and opened a factory. In 1903, the first production Harley-Davidson motorcycle was introduced to the public. The bike was built to be a racing motorcycle. The factory was the famous 10 X 15 wooden shed that was located in the Davidson's family backyard in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and still exists with the words "Harley-Davidson Motor Company" etched into the side. Only three motorcycles were built that year. Henry Meyer of Milwaukee, a grade school friend of William Harley and Arthur Davidson, buys the first 1903 model direct from the factory. That sale was enough to boost their confidence and send them on their way to form the Harley-Davidson Motor Company. The Journey Begins!

Well it didn't take long to sell a franchise. In 1904, the first Harley-Davidson Dealer, C.H. Lang, opens its doors in Chicago and sells one of the 3 original bikes. Two years later in 1906, a new factory is built measuring 28 X 80 feet and the very next year, on September 17th, 1907, the company was incorporated.



The Harley-Davidson Company, now on a roll, sends Walter Davidson, Arthur's brother, to race at the Federation of American Motorcyclists Endurance and Reliability Contest. Walter sets the FAM economy record at 188.23 miles per gallon.

During the period from 1900 to 1910, a proliferation of many European and American motorcycle companies came about. Experimentation and innovation were driven by the new sport of motorcycle racing with the added incentive to build tough, fast reliable motorcycles. The public became the beneficiaries of these enhancements.

Harley-Davidson's early entry onto the battlefield came during the early 1900's in border skirmishes between the United States and Mexico with Pancho Villa. So successful were the motorcycles during that time that they would soon find their way supporting the infantry in World War I, but that's a story for another day.

So what's in store for the motorcycle in the next decade and how it makes its entry into World War I will be the focus of next month's article.

Any old family photos, motorcycle related? Scan and send to Historian@LIHarleyRiders.com.



Steve Ficalora's ride to Montauk's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Started in 1962 by The Friends of Erin ... simply to signify the end of winter. Seen by approximately 40,000 spectators a year, their fund raising has now extended to over 20 different local organizations. It is quite a unique parade.



Rumor has it that Rich is still thawing out from this ride.





For a complete list of Charter Events and the latest information, visit www.LIHarleyRiders.com for details.

March 2013

March Birthdays

Dennis Irizarry 1
 Diane Lanigan 1
 Martin Meise 5
 Bob Beck 6
 Fred Hartmann 10
 Kathy Efthimiades 12
 John Capobianco 13
 Carolyn Maggiore 13
 Jim Kowchefski 16
 Mario Cantone 18
 John Ehlich 19
 Angela Dallojacono .. 23
 Ginny Nugent-Zeier 28

Special Thanks to
 the Nassau
 County and Suffolk County Police Departments
 for their tremendous job escorting our 60+ members on our 10th Annual Winthrop Hospital Bunny Ride!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Local Ride	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 St. Pat's Parade-Huntington	11 	12	13	14	15  Night	16
17 St. Pat's Parade-Montauk	18 	19	20	21	22	23
24 Monthly Meeting & Ride	25	26	27	28	29 	30 Winthrop Bunny Ride
31 						



Join us for an overnight Casino Ride to Mohegan Sun!

May 4th and 5th (returning by ferry)
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MARCH MEETING



Former President Bill Vultaggio
was presented with a
certificate and Harley-Davidson
watch for all of his years of
dedication to our Club.
THANKS BILL!!



Congratulations to our raffle winners ... Ken & Sal



After the meeting, Bill led 40 members down to the
Great South Bay for a photo op and then it was on
to the Harbor Crab House in Patchogue →






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April 2013

April Birthdays

Helen Rott5
 Nick Maggiore.....4
 Kevin O'Connor.....7
 Nadine Hartmann.....8
 Mike Levine.....10
 Susan Longhway.....11
 Dave Radlauer.....13
 Steven Humbert14
 Manny Scarpinato14
 Dom Mozzone18
 Barbara D'Amato21
 J.R. Marino23
 Fred Schmidt23
 Susan Ceparano24
 Oliver Hirschfelder..24
 Michael Sweeney25
 Rod Morganweck26
 Jean Barthelme.....27

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Sagamore Book Es- cort Ride
7 Pastrami King Ride	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Mystery Ride	15 	16	17	18	19	20
21 Copper Mike's Motorcycles	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Monthly Meeting	29	30	31			



Plan for one or more of our 2013 overnights!

May 4-5: Connecticut Casino — June 12-15: Laconia 90th Rally —
 July 24-28: Mountain Fest in WV — August 25-September 2: Milwaukee "H-D 110th" Rally —
 October 18-20: Fall Foliage Trip TBD

Charter rides that begin and terminate on Long Island are officially over when the destination is reached. If a Charter Ride leaves Long Island, the ride will officially end upon returning to Long Island. Official charter rides are "dry" rides, no alcohol. Helmets are required on all club rides.

Check your email, our website or FaceBook for last minute changes. Full tank of gas and empty bladder required for all Rides



Dom "Easter Bunny" Mazza Then and Now Celebrating our 10th Bunny Run





Are you a member of the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA)?

Although there is no requirement for AMA membership as an LI Harley Rider, only AMA members will be able to vote for our primary officers or be able to run for office.

Please also consider the AMA's advocacy programs and other benefits.

Learn more about it at: www.americanmotorcyclist.com

How About a Big Cheer for Our Road Captains?

Head Road Captain: Ken Grant, Asst Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo

Charlie Abruzzo, Bob Bernstein, Joe Bonura, Bob Corso, Buzzy Farquhar, Steve Ficalora, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Gary Kinkle, Dick (Judge) Klein, Mike Macari, Dave Marzola, Dom Mozzone, Kenny Pastor, Bob Read, Lou Vaccarelli & Bill Vultaggio



WHO DID IT BETTER?



2013 Membership Renewal ... Get a friend involved!

*2013 Calendars and rockers
will be on sale!*



Check out our new Mens and Ladies T-Shirts!
Don't delay ... Non-renewing members will be taken off the email list on April 15th!
Renewal Applications Available online NOW!
or send an email to Chris at Membership@LIHarleyRiders.com to request one

**Do you have a story to tell about a special bike ride
or trip you've taken or a cool product you've used?**
We would love to publish it.

Please send your stories and photos to: Editor@LIHarleyRiders.com

Say Cheese!

Attending your first meeting?
Be sure to let us know where
you're from and what you
ride. Welcome to the Family!

**After the meeting, our Charter
Photographer will take your
photo!**



HELLO
my name is

See our **Activities Officer** for
individual name tags. This way,
other members can put a name
with a face!

NEXT MEETING
April 28, 2013
10 AM

Nathan Hale VFW Hall
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**Charter meetings are held
4th Sunday* of each month**
*(*unless otherwise noted)*

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Milwaukee 2013—H-D's 110th Anniversary Event

Thinking about a trip to Milwaukee next year to celebrate H-D's 110th Anniversary? We are! Let us know if you're interested as we **ONLY HAVE A FEW HOTEL ROOMS LEFT!** (~8-9 days, arriving back home on Labor Day 2013) Please email Ken Grant at HeadRoadCaptain@LIHarleyRiders.com for information.

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