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President's Point of View, by Grumpy

Greetings Harley Riders,

Spring is here and so is the start of our 2014 riding season! On Saturday April 19th we have our ride to Winthrop Hospital. This will be our 12th year of visiting the children who are not home for the Easter holiday, so we bring it to them. We will be posting a list of items that Nicole, from Winthrop Hospital, recommended to us at our March meeting.......................... This is a rain or shine event.

Deacon Dale Bonocore will be at our April 27th meeting for any member who would like to have their bike blessed after the meeting.

On May 4th, we will be doing the Jacob Light Foundation's Poker Run. Their mission is to send American deployed military troops the necessities and comforts of home. They focus on troops without family support and those who do not have access to amenities. They strive to give our troops the support and supplies they need while creating a lifeline to them from the United States.

We need members to send in their requests to be added to the list of loved ones, Mothers, Sisters, and Wives for our Mother's Day ride on May 10^{th} . We have to limit it to 7 stops, so hurry and send in the request to our Ladies of Harley officer Annette Greco, at ladiesofharley@liharleyriders.com.

The Road Captains have planned some great overnight trips for us, so keep an eye out for information in the weekly e-mails. If you do not have an EZ pass for your bike, it would be a great idea to get one as it makes going through tolls easier and keeps the group together. It can be ordered online at https://www.e-zpassny.com/en/home/index.shtml.

Ride safe and prosper.

March 23, 2014 Membership Meeting



NICOLE, FROM WINTHROP UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL'S CHILD LIFE SERVICES, DISCUSSED THE PROCEDURE FOR OUR VISIT ON APRIL 19TH. FOR A LIST OF SUGGESTED GIFTS, SEE THE UPCOMING RIDES & EVENTS ON PAGE 13.









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

Although there is no requirement for AMA membership as a LI Harley Rider member, 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

50/50 Raffle Winners



Ist Place Steve Metzler 2nd Place Bob Romano















On Sunday, March 2nd, Probationary RC Stephan Efthimiades lead a beautiful 60 mile ride through the North Shore of Nassau County ending in Hicksville at Zorba the Greek Restaurant. 10 members on 9 bikes braved the 36 degree temperatures and cloudy skies to join Stephan for his first ride as a lead.

Congratulations Stephan on a job well done!



Where else would a nice Greek boy go for lunch?









Rolling Thunder

By Charles Abruzzo, Road Captain and Vietnam Veteran

Almost every year we have a club ride to Washington, D.C. over the Memorial Day Weekend. This event is attended by hundreds of thousands of bikers and others. It's called Rolling Thunder. Ever wonder why it's called that? First, some history. In early 1965 the U.S. Air Force was tasked with beginning an aerial bombardment campaign against North Vietnam, dubbed Operation Rolling Thunder. Thankfully, due to the age of our club

members, I don't have to explain what Vietnam was like back then. I do most of the time. The thinking was to go after the transportation system and industrial bases that allowed war goods to flow to the Viet Cong in South Vietnam. The plan was to bomb the North into submission. Well we know how that turned out.

In 1987 Ray Manzo (USMC), John Holland (US AR-MY), Walt Sides (USMC), and Ted Sampley (USMC) began organizing the first Rolling Thunder. It was begun as a means to bring attention to American servicemen not accounted for in Vietnam. The first ride took place on Memorial Day 1988 with 2400



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motorcycles. In 2013 the estimate was 900,000 participants and spectators. The ride route starts in the Pentagon parking lot and ends in downtown Washington, D.C.. It's very well organized and everyone should ride in the parade at least once. While it began as a result of the Vietnam War, it now reminds us "we will not forget" any of the wars or the veterans who have fought in them.

Rolling Thunder May 23rd-26th, 2014



The roar from the L.I. Harley Riders filled the streets of Huntington on Sunday, March 8th. President Grumpy Hartmann led 11 bikes and 12 members down New York Avenue and onto Main Street as participants in the annual Huntington St. Patrick's Pay Parade. Thanks to the Luck to the Irish the weather was beautiful. As usual, the crowds were thrilled to see the motorcycles.

























18 bikes and 22 members joined RC Mike Macari on a beautiful ride along the North Shore of Suffolk County followed by an invigorating ride along Ocean Pkwy. on the South Shore. Everyone agreed it felt good to be back on the bikes despite the cold temperatures. The hot coffee and delicious lunch at Jake's Steak House helped thaw everyone out.





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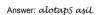






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Congratulations Probationary RC Rich Zeier on your first ride as back-up lead ——>





Jacob's Light Foundation Poker Run

Sunday May 4, 2014 Leaves from Renegade Motorcycle Store 511 Commack Rd. Deer Park, NY 11729 Sign up begins at 9:30

The heart and driving force of Jacob's Light Foundation is Dorine Kenney of Middle Island on Long Island, New York, who began the organization in honor of her beloved son, SPC. Jacob Fletcher. Jacob joined the Army at age 27 after being profoundly impacted by the attacks on September 11, 2001. He proudly fulfilled his lifelong calling of serving his country.

Jacob became a paratrooper and was stationed in Vicenza, Italy. He was with the 173rd Airborne Brigade and was one of 1,000 paratroopers to make the historic jump into Iraq on March 26, 2003. After they jumped into Northern Iraq, the 173rd went to Kirkuk. He and his fellow troops patrolled, trained Iraqi police officers and went on many dangerous missions. Jacob died on November 14, 2003, after a roadside bomb exploded the bus he was traveling in on November 13, 2003, on Highway 1 in Samarra, 11 days short of his 29th birthday.

While Jacob was stationed in Iraq, Dorine sent her son a box of goodies every week. Embodying a caring heart, Jacob asked Dorine to send one of his buddies letters and a care package as his friend hadn't received any from home. Jacob often asked Dorine to send specific items for other soldiers stationed in Iraq with him, and she was more than happy to do so.

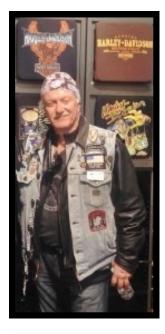
For Jacob's 29th birthday, eleven days after his death, Dorine sent the first box of what was to become the legacy of Jacob's Light Foundation. Dorine continued her mission to comfort and support the selfless, brave American heroes in her son's honor and loving memory and eventually founded Jacob's Light Foundation, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. From a mother's love for her son, this incredible organization has sent many pounds of items and letters to support Jacob's military brothers and sisters who are stationed overseas, fighting bravely for our country.

Others have joined Dorine in her dedication to our troops, and on the last Tuesday evening of each month, dozens of volunteers come together in a tremendous warehouse in Ronkonkoma, New York. A large American Flag hangs down from the high ceiling and a poster-sized photograph of Jacob graces the wall inspiring the volunteers as they pack about 275 individual boxes, each containing 30 to 40 pounds of supplies, to be sent to our troops the following morning. Items to be packed line the walls, and volunteers move in a sort of organized chaos as they carefully pack each care package. According to Dorine, troops have told her that each box can reach up to ten service members. That means Jacob's Light Foundation impacts thousands of soldiers each and every month.

The packages packed and sent by Jacob's Light Foundation first go to the troops who do not receive mail from home. The organization cares for soldiers whose families cannot afford to send boxes to their loved ones. Packages are also sent to soldiers stationed in forward operating bases in the remotest war zones that do not have access to basic amenities such as toothpaste and deodorant. Special requests are often received from troops in these locations.

Jacob's Light Foundation Website

*****Jacob's Light Foundation needs financial help. This is not a L.I.Harley Riders sponsored event. However, due to the nature of this charity, it is one the club holds close to it's heart. *****

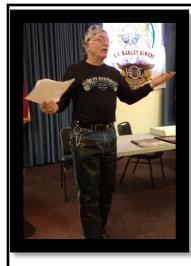


THE FIRST RIDE OF THE SPRING WAS ON SUNDAY MARCH 23, AFTER THE MEETING. RC DOM MOZZONE LED 26 BIKES, WITH 30 HEARTY SOULS ON BOARD, ON A RIDE ALONG THE "GOLD COAST" TO SEE HOW THE "OTHER HALF" LIVES. UNFORTUNATELY, NO ONE TOLD OLD MAN WINTER IT WAS TIME TO TAKE A HIKE. BUT, EVEN THE 38* TEMPERATURES COULDN'T KEEP THIS GROUP OFF THEIR BIKES. THANKS DOM FOR A GREAT RIDE AND FOR KEEPING US ALL SAFE!









14 Important Defensive Driving Tips

By Dom Mozzone, Safety Officer

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With the '14 riding season finally arriving now is a good time to read this article that I wrote last year again to stay on top of your game when riding. There are many diversions that keep drivers from focusing the way we want them to be focused as we ride among them. Like anything else, a good defense against the careless driver is a good offense when it comes to instinctively practicing the 14 points below while riding.

We've all been stuck in heavy traffic, in particular during hot weather when tempers are short and people are preoccupied with cell phones, screaming kids, texting (God forbid) as well as zoning out and not paying attention. Imagine the vehicles surrounding you, crowding you, cutting you off. Imagine yourself monitoring closing speeds, reading street signs, noticing and anticipating traffic lights. Then imagine guessing what pedestrians will do, or how slippery that painted line might be, all those drivers with cell phones, newspapers or screaming kids to deal with. Imagine trying to guess what they're going to do. So prepare yourself with these 14 defensive strategies for dealing with traffic-choked streets that we all need to practice, they are as follows:

Watch drivers' heads and mirrors

Watching the head movements of drivers through their windows and mirrors is an excellent way to anticipate sudden moves. Most drivers won't lunge left or right without first moving their heads one way or another (even if they don't check their mirrors). Above all stay out of their blind spots!!

Trust your mirrors, but not totally

Your bike's mirrors can be lifesavers, but they don't always tell the entire story even if they're adjusted properly. In traffic, always buttress your mirror-generated rear view with a glance over the appropriate shoulder. Do it quickly and you'll add an extra measure of rear-view and blind-spot avoidance.

Never get between a vehicle and an off ramp

This one is a no brainer, but drivers who decide to exit at the last minute kill plenty of riders each year. The simple rule, then, is to never position your self between a vehicle and an off ramp. Passing on the right is generally a no-no; but, at times is necessary. So if you do it, do so between exits or cross-streets.

Cover your brakes

In traffic you must often react extra quickly, which means not fumbling for the brake lever or pedal. To minimize reach time, always keep a finger or two on the brake lever and your right toe close to the rear brake pedal. Always when crossing an intersection and for when that cell phone-yakking idiot cuts across your path trying to get to an exit you'll be ready.

Job One: Be noticed

Make sure drivers and pedestrians can see you, even from a distance. Ride with your high beam on during the day (turn it off when sitting behind someone at a light), and wear brightly colored gear, especially your helmet and jacket.

Be ready with the power

In traffic, ride in a gear lower than you normally would so your bike is ready to jump forward instantly if asked. Doing so gives you the option of leaping ahead instead of being limited to just using the brakes when that pickup suddenly moves over. The higher rev sound may also alert more people to your presence.

Traffic slowing? Stay left (or right)

When traffic slows suddenly, stay to the left or right of the car in front of you. This will give you an escape route if needed. It will also help keep you from becoming a hood ornament if the car behind you fails to stop in time. Once you've stopped short, be ready-clutch in, your bike in gear and your eyes on the mirrors. You never know you may need to pull over to prevent getting hit.

Practice the scan

Constantly scan your entire environment while riding--from instruments to mirrors to the road ahead to blind spots to your left continued next page

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and right rear--keeps you aware and in touch with your situation, and therefore better able to react. Scanning as a matter of practice will prevent the dreaded zone out and surprises.

The Infamous Left-turn

When approaching an oncoming car that's stopped and about to turn left, be ready. Your brights should be on so the driver can see you (during the day), but don't rely on this to save you. Watch the car's wheels or the driver's hands on the steering wheel; if you see movement, be ready to brake, swerve or accelerate, whichever seems best for the situation.

Study the surface

Add road conditions to your scan. Be on the lookout for spilled oil, antifreeze or fuel; it'll usually show up as shiny pavement. Also keep an eye out for gravel and/or sand, which is usually more difficult to see. Always try to avoid those impediments but if you can't and the situation arises don't panic and above all don't over steer or hard brake as bad stuff can happen.

Ride in open zones

Use your bike's power and maneuverability to ride in open zones in traffic. In any grouping of vehicles there are always some gaps; find these and ride in them. Doing so will separate you from four-wheelers, give you additional room to maneuver and allow you to keep away from dangerous blind spots. And vary your speed. Riding along with the flow can make you invisible to other drivers, especially in heavy traffic.

Use your thumb

Get into the habit of canceling your turn signals often regardless of the traffic situation. A blinking signal might tell drivers waiting to pull into the road or turning left in front of you that you're about to turn when you aren't. So if you need to push it a few times each minute then so be it. Better to keep other drivers from anticipating false moves.

Anticipate a way out

Don't just brake hard in a sudden situation. There's almost always is an escape route so you should always be anticipating what's going on around you and what would you do if..... Swerving into someone's front yard could be a lot better than center punching the Buick that turned left in front of you. Always have an escape route planned, and update it minute by minute.

Running interference

This one's easy, and we'll bet most of you already do it: Let larger vehicles run interference for you when negotiating intersections. If the idiot coming toward you from the left or right is going to blow the light, better they hit the box truck next to you, right? For the same reasons, don't lunge through an intersection as soon as the light turns green. Be patient, and use the vehicles next to you as cover.

These items outlined are sensible, will become instinctive once fully understood and above all they will help us avoid the unthinkable from happening as we enjoy our passion: riding. Read these 14 points often, practice them always and have a blast riding safely in all conditions.



Up Coming Rides & Events....



The ${\it Easter Bunny Run}$ to Winthrop University Hospital's Pediatric Unit is scheduled for Saturday April 19th. Suggested gifts include: stuffed animals, coloring books, crayons, puzzels, board games (avoid little pieces) or playing cards. Please keep in mind some of the patients are teenagers. No food items or candy are allowed. This is a rain or shine event. For those of you who have never participated, this is a truly rewarding experience!



Deacon Dale Bonacore will be with us following the meeting on April 27th for our annual biker Blessing (Rain date-May,18).



Attention ladies! Annette Greco has arranged a LOH ride to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, Pa May 3rd-4th. We will be staying at the Holiday Jnn Express for reservations call 610 838-6110 Code LJH \$109 includes breakfast. We are 1.5 miles away from the casino. There will be a shuttle at 6 p.m. to take us to the casino and a midnight shuttle back to the Holiday Inn. Book by April 3 for this rate. This ride is open to all female members. Rooms are double occupancy. Non-riders might want to consider carpooling.



Saturday May 10th is the annual Mother's Day Ride. If you would like to honor a special Mother, Sister, Daugfhter, etc in your life with a visit from the club contact Annette Greco @ ladiesofharley @ liharleyriders.com asap as this ride will be limited to 7 stops.



Mark your calendars. Our first over-night club ride for 2014 will be to Rolling Thunder in Washington, DC led by HRC Mario Ruffolo May 23rd-26th. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn for reservations call 703 450-9595 and give group name L.I.Harley Riders. Cut-off date for reservations is April 23rd. Spend Memorial Day Weekend honoring those that have fought and given so much for our freedom!



What a great way to spend the first weekend of summer! RC Steve Ficalora will lead an overnight ride to Seabrook, NH June 20th to 22nd. To join the fun call The Seabrook Inn toll free # 866 386-3078 and mention the L.I.Harley Riders. The cut off date is June 6th.



Get your cowboy boots shined up....RC Dom Mozzone is leading an over night ride July 19th-27th to Nashville, TN-the music capital of the country. We'll visit the Grand Old Oprey, check the wall at the Jack Daniel's Distillery for the L.I.Harley Riders Plaque and the ride through the Daniel Boone Trail in Kentucky. This promises to be a ride to remember. You don't want to miss this one!

7/19 - Holiday Inn Tanglewood (Roanoke, Va.) \$89 540-774-4400 \$129 828-255-9220

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7/21-25 - Holiday Inn Express Mt. Juliet, TN

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7/26 - Holiday Inn Harrisonburg, Va.

\$98 1-800-652-3705 (Long Island Harley Riders)

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Save the date, August 17th, for the annual L.J.Harbey Riders House Party—WOO HOO!!!!



Ever wonder how those big touring bikes are made? Find out September 18th-23rd when RC Bill Vultaggio leads an over night ride to the Harley Davidson Factory in York, PA. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn for reservations call 717 840 1500 Code LIR



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****Watch the weekly e-mails for details on all up-coming rides and events****





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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.

703 450 - 9595

give group name

L9 Harley Riders Out-off date for reservations is

April 23rd.

2014 Membership Get a friend involved!

Rockers, T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Mugs and Caps are on sale now! 2014 Membership Applications Available online!

Applications are available on our website or the weekly e-mail. Download it for your friend, have them fill it out then bring them down to the monthly meeting.

As always, A BIG THANK YOU to our Road Captains for the great rides they plan and for keeping us all safe!

Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo - Asst Head Road Captain: Gary Kinkle
Charlie Abruzzo, Bob Bernstein, Joe Bonura, Buzzy Farquhar, Steve Ficalora, Ken Grant,
Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Mike Macari, Cisco Mercado, Ken McKay,
Dom Mozzone, Kenny Pastor, Lou Vaccarelli & Bill Vultaggio





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!



H E L L O

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

NEXT MEETING April 27, 2014 10 AM

Nathan Hale VFW Hall 210 West Pulaski Road Huntington, NY Charter meetings are held 4th Sunday* of each month (*unless otherwise noted)

Bagels, Coffee and Tea served \$5.00 per person



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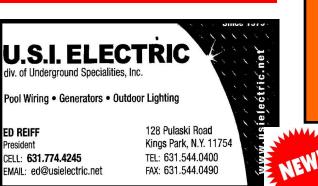
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Before leaving for a ride, be sure to check your email or our Charter Website at **http://www.LIHarleyRiders.com** for updated information and last minute cancellations.









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