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President's Point of View, by Grumpy

The Polar Bear ride for 2015 is a done deal. On Sunday March 15, Head Road Captain Mario Ruffolo lead the club on a nice 74 mile ride using main roads because of all the melting snow. We say thank you to Mario for getting it done. We now can say the club has some miles behind us for 2015 with lots more to come.

Vice President Stephan Efthimiades led the March meeting. We had two guest speakers. Nicole from Winthrop Hospital showed us a short DVD on the work they do and updated the club on the upcoming Easter ride on April 4. This ride is open to all so bring a friend. The other guest was Donna Drake, TV host of "Live it Up!", which can be seen @ 6:30 a.m. on Saturdays on local channel 10. Donna told us about a show she would like to do on local motorcycle clubs and the good things they do. I would like to thank everyone that was at the meeting for giving them both a L.I. Harley welcome. We also held our annual Chili Contest. All the entries were excellent but, as in any contest, there can only be a few winners. 1st place and a bottle Jack Daniels went to Joanne McKeon, 2nd place and \$25.00 HD gift card went to Nadine Hartmann and 3rd place and a bottle of Tums went to Steve Ficalora. We thank everyone that entered and all the members that set up and stayed to clean up. It was a busy meeting. We also raffled off the Jack Daniels barrel. I did not win, again, but Charlie Abruzzo did get to take it home. Congratulations to all our winners.

There is a change in our overnight rides. The Grand Canyon PA ride has been moved up one week because of hotel accommodations. The dates are now June 12 to June 14, so make sure to change it on your calendar if you plan on going. In addition, our activities officer, Steve Ficalora, got in touch with the Hampton Inn, in Sterling, VA. He had them correct the rate for our overnight ride for Rolling Thunder, May 22 to May 25. It was originally quoted as \$89.00 per night the correct fee is \$79.00 per night, anyone who already booked a room the hotel will correct the rate at check in, way to go Steve! You're always watching out for us.

Ride safe and prosper.

March 22, 2015 Membership Meeting



V.P. Stephan Efthimiades did a great job leading this month's meeting.

Nicole, Director of Child Life Services @ Winthrop Hospital, spoke to our group about what the program does for the children. She also spoke about how much the children and staff look forward to our annual Easter Bunny Ride.



Lou Vaccarelli introduced Donna Drake the host of Live It Up! (ch. 10, Saturdays @ 6:30 a.m.). Donna is going to be doing a piece on motorcycle groups on Long Island. She's happy to say Harley Davidson is her shows newest sponsor!

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

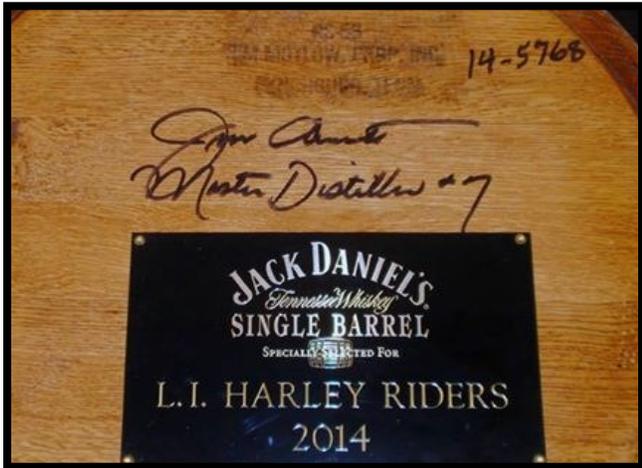
Although there is no requirement for AMA membership as a LI Harley Rider member, only AMA members will be able to vote for our primary officers or be able to run for office.

Please also consider the AMA's advocacy programs and other benefits.
Learn more about it at: www.americanmotorcyclist.com

Nick Klopsis & Gary Kinkle won 1st & 2nd place in the 50/50 raffle. Both kindly donated their winnings to the Child Life Services Program @ Winthrop Hospital. L. I. Harley Riders will also be donating \$100.



A lot of people were jealous of Charlie Abruzzo when he won the beautiful Jack Daniel's barrel!





After the meeting there was a short ride led by Head R.C. Mario Ruffolo. Everyone agreed it felt great to get back on 2 wheels!



When the ride was over, there were some great chili dishes to try at our Annual Chili Contest! The top three this year, as voted by our members, were:
1st Place-Joanne McKeon 2nd- Nadine Hartmann & 3rd Place-Steve Ficalora.
Congratulations to all!





Important Medical/Personal Information for Overnighters

By Domenic Mozzone, Safety Officer

At the last monthly meeting, I brought up an important safety topic that we covered in our monthly Road Captain Meeting. For those who weren't in attendance at the monthly meeting, I thought it would be an appropriate topic for this month's Safety Letter so we're all on the same page. The topic discussed was: If we are out riding and one of us gets sick or God forbid has an accident, what are the critical items that an attending physician and/or first responder should be aware of? The usual questions are: Any allergies to meds? What kind of meds are being consumed and at what dose/frequency? Do you have any medical condition that someone providing emergency care should know about? What are your ICE (In Case of Emergency) and primary care doctor contact numbers? Get the picture? These questions all need to be answered when the chips are down and you cannot articulate any of this for yourself.

Currently we provide a preparation list to all our members, prior to an over night ride, to ensure that all the necessary must haves are prepared by all riders for the trip. Going forward, we are going to add the personal information points I mentioned above and ask that each member have it in their wallet just in case it is ever needed.



This personal information will not be asked for or collected by anyone in the club. For your safety we are asking that you have it on your person, at all times, while riding with us as another component of our emphasis on safety. Actually, this information is prudent to have on you, at all times, as it will provide critical information that will be needed to properly administer care in the event of an emergency wherever you may be. There are a number of websites that offer medical alert jewelry for sale.

I know, I know what you guys may be thinking....What a morbid topic for this month's club safety letter Dom. Yea but guess what, if God forbid you ever have an event and this personal information is needed to help you it could wind up saving your life! Not such a bad outcome heh!!

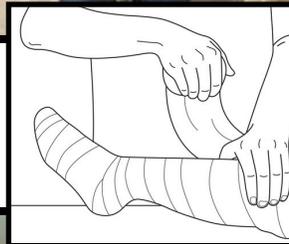
I'll end on a good note: It's finally the beginning of the riding season, prepare your bikes and yourselves for a very fun and active spring, summer and fall.

Ride often and above all do it safely.....





On Saturday March 14th Steve Ficalora arranged a First Aid/CPR course at the VFW. 11 members participated and were instructed in invaluable life saving techniques. Thanks Steve, for arranging this course. Hopefully, they never have to use the information taught. But, if a situation arises, our members will be ready to assist their fellow riders.





Finally!! Our Polar Bear Ride took place on Sunday March 15th. There was a nice turn out with 18 bikes & 22 members traveling 73 miles. Mario picked some great roads that were almost pothole free! (unheard of on Long Island at this time of year!) The group then went to Famous Dave's in Smithtown for a delicious BBQ lunch. Thanks to Mario for getting us out there for our first ride of the season!



L.I. Harley Riders always keep safety in mind. Our Road Captains debuted their new reflective straps which will make them more visible to members on our rides.



Up Coming Rides & Events.....



The **Annual L.I. Harley Riders Biker Blessing** will be held immediately after the April meeting.



Join us on **May 9th** for our annual **Mother's Day Ride**. If you have a special Mom you'd like honored, contact our LOH Officer, Annette Greco @ LadiesofHarley@LIHarleyRiders.com asap. This ride is limited to 6 stops.



1st Club Overnighter: Rolling Thunder in Washington, D.C.

FRI. May 22– MON. May 25. Hampton Inn [\(703\) 450-9595](tel:7034509595). Mention LI Harley Riders to get the \$79 rate. **EVERYONE SHOULD DO THIS AT LEAST ONCE IN THEIR LIFE TIME!**



Did you know the northeast has its very own Grand Canyon? June 12th-June 14th RC Steve Ficalora will lead an overnight ride to the beautiful **Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania**. Don't miss out on seeing this wonder of nature! Sherwood Motel [\(570\) 724-3424](tel:5707243424)



JUNE 21ST JOIN THE GROUP FOR THE ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY RIDE!



PACK YOUR FLIP FLOPS! WE WILL BE VISITING CHARLESTON, NC & THE OUTER BANKS JULY 11TH -JULY 18TH



In the month of August we will be traveling to Battleship Cove, Massachusetts from the 7th thru the 9th. Battleship Cove is a nonprofit maritime museum and war memorial in Fall River, Massachusetts. Featuring the world's largest collection of World War II naval vessels, it is home to the highly decorated battleship USS Massachusetts. Best Western [\(508\) 717-0424](tel:5087170424)



JOIN US SEPT. 10TH-13TH AS WE "ROAR TO THE SHORE" TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW JERSEY STATE HOG RALLY.

*****Watch the weekly e-mails for details or changes to up-coming rides and events*****

*****If you have a favorite ride, place you've visited or product you've used...why not share it with your friends? Just send a brief article and/or photo to: Editor@LIHarleyRiders.com*****



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

APRIL 2015



April

Helen Rott.... April 5th
 Nick Klopsis... April 6th
 NadineHartmann. April 8th
 Kevin O'Connor.. April 7th
 Dave Radlauer.. April 13th
 Dom Mozzone... April 18th
 Deidre Kuster.. April 20th
 Sue Ceparano... April 23rd
 Mike Sweeney... April 25th
 RodMorgenweck. April 26th
 Chris Kuster.... April 29th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 HAPPY PASSOVER	4 Winthrop Hospital Bunny Ride
5 Happy Easter	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Local Ride	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Local Ride	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Meeting /Local Ride /Bike Blessing	27	28	29	30		



Rolling Thunder

Fri. May 22nd - Mon. May 25th
 Hampton Inn
 (703) 450-9595
 be sure to mention
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Deacon Dale
 Bonacore will
 be present for
 our

Annual Bike Blessing

Sunday April 19th,
 after the monthly meeting

Do a friend a favor! Download an application from our website and bring them to the next meeting or have them mail it to:

L.I. Harley Riders
 PO Box 2203
 St. James, N.Y. 11780-0607.

2015 Membership Get a friend involved!

Rockers, T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Mugs and Caps are on sale now!

2015 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, Joe Bonura, Stephan Efthimiades, Buzzy Farquhar, Steve Ficalora, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Cisco Mercado, Ken McKay, Dom Mozzone, Kenny Pastor, Lou Vaccarelli, Bill Vultaggio & Rich Zeier



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 26, 2015
10 AM

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