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## President's Point of View, by Ed Reiff

Well everyone, Old Man Winter will just not quit. I went out on a limb at the last meeting and assured everybody that April will bring warmer temperatures and much more riding than the past 3 months. Well, I am still working on that, and I will get back to you ASAP.

I would like to put out a word of thanks to all who participated and donated to the Winthrop Hospital Children's Center Easter Ride. The LI Harley Riders out did itself again. It was a huge success thanks to our membership and the friends they bring. The police escort brought the run in with the Easter Bunny riding in the lead. We managed to put smiles onto many people's faces. News 12 was there to document the whole event, some members were interviewed and were seen that afternoon on the news cast. And a big shout out to goes to Chris Kuster who became the Easter Bunny for that day. Job well done Chris.

We will be having our Biker Blessing this month on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The Blue Knights riding club have been nice enough to attend our Easter Bunny ride and the Sagamore Christmas run the past couple of years. They have invited us to participate in their Biker Blessing this year. We will be doing a ride in the morning that will end at the registration site. Then we will ride with them over to The Shrine of the Lady of the Island. There is a \$ 20.00 donation per bike (includes rider and passenger). This is a police escorted ride. Some of our members are also members of the Blue Knights so let's show them some support and attend their event.

Check out Full Throttle magazine this month. Our secretary Kathy Efthimiades wrote an article and there are lots of pictures of the LI Harley Riders "Ladies of Harley". Our ladies left early one morning on a ride that was considered the first off island overnight ride for the LOH. Of course, lots of planning and work goes into this. Thanks Annette, keep up the good work ladies.

Watch for the weekly emails about out upcoming rides and events, keep the shiny side up.



## March 2018 Meeting

Our March meeting was a busy one. We had a great turnout of members. The meeting began with talk about the never-ending winter and the poor road conditions. We were able to squeeze in a few local rides and we are looking forward to our first off island ride scheduled for April 15th with RC Gary leading.

Dom Mazza again reviewed the club's ride to NYU Winthrop Hospital to benefit the Child Life Program. Our VP Bill Vultaggio discussed Dee Sniders Ride to benefit Melissa's Wish which raises funds for caregivers. This organization provides financial help to individuals who care for sick family members and the funds will go to Hospice programs, Catholic Charities and Angela's House. Pre-registration is open now for \$25. Early registration enters you into monthly drawings for concert tickets provided by WBAB.

The Ladies of Harley are busy planning weekend getaways to the Balloon Festival in Binghamton and a spa weekend at Pocono Manor in October. The Mothers Day Ride is in the works and a list was posted to have your mom receive a visit from the club. A day ride is planned for April 28th to the North Fork, lunch on Shelter Island and ending at the Maples. KSU at 930 am Exit 56. Remember this is open to all the ladies and car pooling for non-riders is being arranged. Contact Annette for more info.

We welcomed three new members this month. All three are also members of the Blue Knights. Joining the Harley Riders were Mark Lentini, Ken Petit and Kevin Lixfield. The Blue Knights are planning a bike blessing on April 29th that starts in Lake Ronkonkoma ending at Our Lady of the Island Shrine in Manorville. All are welcome.

Congratulations to Gary Stone (of Roslyn Eye Centre) on his new bike; a 2018 Anniversary Edition Limited and on his engagement to Lori Brooks.

To recognize our long-standing members, those with at least 5 years of active membership received a newly designed 5-year patch. Going forward, members who achieve 5 years of active membership will receive their own patch.

As you can see we cover a lot of business at our monthly meetings and we hope to see you at our next meeting scheduled for April 22nd. Remember to check your emails for the weekly updates and Facebook for upcoming events and information. Hope to see everyone on one of our great rides and at our social events.



Meet our newest members and our newest bike



Ken Pettit



Mark Lentini



Kevin Lixfield

Congratulations to Gary Stone on his 2018 Limited Anniversary Edition and his engagement to the beautiful Lori Brooks



March 2018 Meeting

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners:  
1st Prize Susan Hachmann  
2nd Prize Michele Levine



Thanks to our winners for graciously donating their winnings to the Winthrop Child Life Program.



Remember to buy your yellow raffle tickets at the monthly meetings for the Jack Daniels Barrel. Raffle to be drawn at the May Meeting. \$10 per ticket



# Senex Creek Ride

March 3, 2018

It was a cold and blustery day but the LI Harley Riders were in desperate need for a ride. This was only our third ride this year. Road Captain Richie Zeier led 20 bikes and 23 riders on a beautiful ride through winding roads from Manorville, West Hampton to Moriches ending at the Senex Creek Inn for a great lunch. Thanks again to Rich for all his planning and all the Road Captains that keep us safe on the roads. Instituting our new 50/50 raffle Chris Kuster won \$\$\$

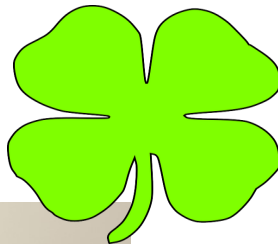




# March Movie Night



The club got together to enjoy some delicious Irish Food and Fun. We got to enjoy shepherd's pie, Lamb stew, Guinness cheese dip and some yummy deserts. After we filled our tummies we enjoyed the movie the Boondock Saints. Thanks to everyone who brought their favorite Irish dishes and to Stephan and Lynne for all their hard work to organize another fun night!



# Old Field Ride March 10, 2018

Mother Nature and Old Man Winter continue to hang on but the LI Harley Riders are a tough bunch. Road Captain Sal led 10 bikes and 11 riders on a beautiful route through the back roads of Setauket, Nissequogue and Old Field. After a brief stop at the beautiful Nissequogue Lighthouse the riders met at Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza for another delicious lunch. Remember if you cannot make the ride you can always meet us for lunch. Thanks again for all our road captains for the planning and keeping us safe on the roads.



# North Shore Ride March 18 2018

Mother Nature and Old Man Winter still would not let go but the LI Harley Riders are tougher than those two. Road Captain Barry led a hearty group of 10 riders on a cold but beautiful ride following the North Shore of LI starting in Melville and ending in Port Jefferson. The brave souls, including one very strong woman, enjoyed a warm, filling lunch at Schaffer's in Port Jefferson.





## Safety Article Left Turns....

The infamous vehicle making a left turn into your lane is definitely the ah-s&t moment that you need to prepare for every time you approach an intersection. By far, more accidents occur at intersections due to vehicles turning left into your lane because they didn't see you!! The following points will help to prevent an accident.



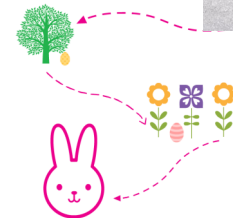
1. Run with your high beam on during the day. This catches other drivers' eyes and makes you appear closer. It also helps separate you from the increasing number of cars with daytime running lights.
2. Wear a brightly colored—Day-Glo, yellow, orange, white or red—jacket.
3. Wear a helmet painted a single bright color or has conspicuous reflective material on it.
4. Position yourself where drivers waiting at an intersection can see you as you approach.
5. Use large vehicles, such as trucks and buses, as shields and pass through the intersection next to them. Cross-traffic might not see you, but they will see a bus—and they won't turn in front of it.
6. Be aware of what you can't see. A larger vehicle ahead of you, even an SUV or mini-van—can conceal a small car that's about to turn in front of you. Never commit yourself to an intersection until you can see all potential threats.
7. Unless you believe a car may turn in front of you, maintain a constant (but prudent) or very slightly slowing speed as you approach the intersection. Drivers may not anticipate acceleration and feel there's room to get in front of you. If they perceive that you're slowing, they may believe you are going to turn or stop and that it's okay to pull out.
8. Don't signal for any turn you plan to make immediately after the intersection until you are clear of the intersection, and be sure to cancel your signals immediately after any turn, since a forgotten signal tells a driver that you're going to turn and he can pull out.
9. If there's only one potential threat in the intersection, gradually move to the opposite side of your lane or an adjacent same-direction lane.
10. Don't proceed just because you believe you have made eye contact with the driver who was beginning to turn in front of you. Many riders have said, "We made eye contact, but he just kept turning...."
11. Be cognizant of the time of day and the sun's position, i.e., if you're headed east at sunset the car facing you at an intersection wants to make a left turn has the sun in his eyes. Extra caution needs to be taken during those conditions.



# NYU Winthrop Easter Bunny Ride



Our 7th annual Easter Bunny Ride to benefit the Child Life Program at NYU Winthrop Pediatric unit was a great success. The weather was in our favor (for a change) and the LI Harley Riders showed what a great group of people we are. Over 50 bikes and 57 riders led by the Easter Bunny himself brought smiles, toys and games to the children who were spending the Easter and Passover holidays in the hospital. Thanks to the Suffolk County Police Department, 2nd Precinct and the Nassau County Highway Patrol who led us safely to NYU Winthrop where we were met by the Director Justin Burke. News 12 was there to record our arrival and interview some of our members and the patients. We were able to bring some much needed smiles to many of the patients escorted by the Child Life director Imogene Harrington and Hale Bernstein. The children ranged from as young as 5 days old to 21 years old and our members had toys and games for everyone. A basket of candy was provided to the hard working staff to enjoy while they spent the holiday weekend with their patients. President Ed Reiff presented the Child Life Program Director a check for \$1212 to assist them in their great work. Thanks again to Dom Mazza for all his hard work and planning to make this a great success year after year and all our members who contributed toys games and much needed \$\$ to the Child Life Program. We look forward to providing more smiles and gifts in 2019.



# NYU Winthrop Easter Bunny Ride



# Profile on two wheels



By Barbara Heck

## A VISIT TO "FRENCHY'S MINI MUSEUM"

Never heard of it? Know anyone who has three motorcycles in their living room? You do now. Maybe you think I'm kidding. You all know I love a good laugh now and then. Except this isn't one of those times.

Meet Frenchy, aka, Rich Truran.



Oh wait...Wrong picture.

That's not him.

Here is he.



Long time member of Long Island Harley Riders. This is one man who likes his toys. We won't even get into his four wheel vehicles, as we are all into the two wheel machines.

Besides, only two wheel vehicles are allowed inside his home, along with a plethora of historical memorabilia.



It all started about two years ago when his friend, Sal, told him about "King of the Highway." Sounds like a song, but this red beauty is much more than that. The first year Harley-Davidson came out with the belt drive was 1983. A new concept that was a big shake up in the motorcycle world. Although 1983 doesn't sound too old, this all original, with 23,000 miles, was a find Rich could not pass up. Already the third H-D in his garage, so enters the first guest in his Living Room...1983 H-D Shovelhead "King of the Road."



Then it happened again. Rich was thunder struck for a second time. While out riding upstate near Saugerties one sunny day, Rich and his friends stopped at the 74 Shop. What do you think he would find there? His second addition to the Living Room Museum. *Notice, it's starting to get a name. Before it was just the Living Room. Now it's the Living Room Museum.* Catching his eye was a very rare bike...A Hollywood Green and Birch White 1958 FL model. Built as part of a run made exclusively for The Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine, now known as the Shriners. Its story is as unique as its appearance. See HOG Magazine Volume 39 2017 for the full story of this bike. A total of twelve were made. Eleven were sent

to the dealer and one stayed behind, which is now part of the H-D Archives collection. This is one of the eleven. It was also a major milestone for Harley-Davidson for it was the first year for a pivot bike. This all original, with 13,000 miles, was a great find and looks right at home next to the "King of the Road."

Now comes 2017 and I'm sure Frenchy was saying to himself, "So what's in store for this year?" Another Harley-Davidson you say. Let's get a little older this time. How about a 1947 Black Knucklehead; the last year for the Knucklehead. With only 13,000 miles, this bike was fully restored, unfortunately not all original but a beauty and great find all the same. This was an Ebay, Sale by Owner from New Jersey, who didn't realize all original was the way to go. But what a beauty. I call it the Black Beauty. Of course, this also made it's way into **Frenchy's Mini Museum**. Now you see where I was going with the name?



All three bikes are rideable but definitely all museum quality that really don't deserve the pot holes and grime of the roads. So there they sit looking shiny and regal and a sight that produces the WOW factor.

And just for fun, a 1959 Schwinn bicycle was added to the royalty that sits upon the living room wood floor. There is still a sofa, chair, coffee table, stereo with turn table and additional living room accessories. But you have to know the three Harley-Davidsons steal the show.



# April 2018

## April Birthdays

- Barbara D'Amato 4/21
- Nadine Hartmann 4/8
- Barbara Heck 4/5
- Deidre Kuster 4/20
- Chris Kuster 4/29
- Diane Mauro 4/27
- Rod Morganweck 4/26
- Dom Mozzone 4/18
- David Radlauer 4/13
- Helen Rott 4/5
- Michael Sweeney 4/25
- Eric Sweeney 4/10

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Local Ride KSU 10:30 exit 56 Ends Blackbird	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Off island KSU 10 Gemini Lunch at Tony's Pier City Island	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Monthly Meeting Local ride Dom M.	23	24	25	26	27	28 LOH ride KSU 930 Exit 56
29 Local Ride RC Steve to lead TBD	30					



**Start planning for our 2018 overnights!**  
 Lake George 5/4 - 5/7                      Rock & Roll Hall of Fame 6/21 - 6/25  
 Rolling Thunder 5/25 - 5/28

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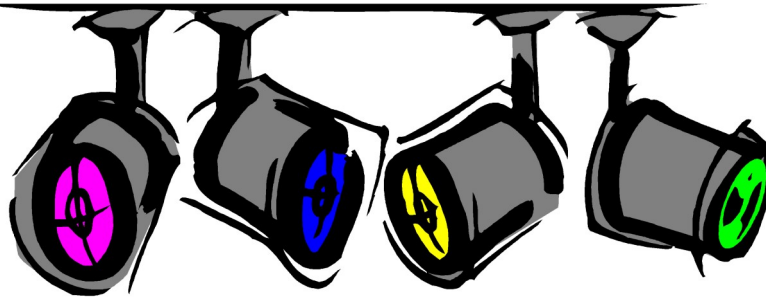
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After the meeting, our Charter Photographer will take your photo!



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my name is

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