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President's Point of View, by Steve Ficalora

LIHR April President's Message



Welcome to Spring! This year's spring weather has come complete with warm days, cold days, and some very cold nights. Although our Gazebo, AKA the "TAJ", is up, we've needed the mushroom heater any night we wanted to sit out there and also found myself making a fire in our wood burning stove this past weekend! This is the time of year where we need to be prepared for any type of weather when heading out on the bike. I keep an extra sweatshirt, face covering, multiple glove options and other extra items in the tour pack during the spring, including the heated gear. Rain gear is always in the saddle bag as it should be, but the rain jacket can also help provide some extra warmth if needed.

I want to thank everyone for their attendance and engagement at the March monthly meeting. It's always great to get feedback on what we're doing, so keep it up. While I am truly saddened that we could not do the Easter Bunny ride for the second year in a row, your generosity has genuinely warmed my heart. The last time I checked we had collectively donated over \$800 to the Child Life program!

While we've done our best to continue with our rides and meetings, we're still going to have some twists and turns until this thing is completely in our rear-view mirrors. We are hoping to bring back bagels at the monthly meeting as soon as possible. Based upon the number of leftovers, the new selections aren't cutting it, or maybe everyone just went on a diet to shed some holiday pounds? Please let us know! 😊

One new item that we are working on is a new flag for the Club, one that will have the appropriate AMA logo instead of our old HOG Logo. While we appreciate and respect our past as Lighthouse HOG, the L.I. Harley riders is an AMA club and our flag should reflect that. We will never be far from our roots no matter how we evolve as a club, after all, L.I. does stand for "Lighthouse Independent", and not "Long Island", but you all knew that, right? 😊

I'm starting to get excited as our first overnight ride is upon us. As I've been checking the weather (almost hourly). It appears that we may catch a break and have some decent weather to ride in this weekend. The rainy forecast seems to be shifting further back. I'm hoping this trend continues and we can actually see the sunrise on Sunday morning! I will be posting a full agenda including the ride routes on our Facebook page.

I look forward to seeing all of you very soon. Ride safe, and find a new road!

Steve



March Meeting



March saw another successful meeting.

We had 37 members attend this months meeting and we welcomed 3 new members . Welcome Chris and Mary Faley. Chris rides a 2019 CVO Street Glide. New member Ray Skelly (who rides a 1999 wide Glide and a 2001 Electra Glide) braved the rainy weather and rode to the meeting!. Love the commitment! Our own Jimmy Hernandez is now the proud owner of a 2021 Crimson Red Road Glide and we can't wait to see him out on the road with his new ride!

AHRC Ralph reviewed the upcoming rides including our 1st overnigher to Montauk to be led by President Steve. There is a sign up genius for this ride so please make sure you check in so RC Steve will have an idea of how many people plan to ride out for the day or stay overnight. Remember to pack a lunch and water for a picnic stop on the way there. There is an organized ride home for those heading back that day. Our Mothers Day ride is planned for 5/2 with a rain date of 5/8/21. A Bike Blessing is scheduled for after the May Meeting with Deacon Dale. Our May Meeting will also be an open house so bring a friend and encourage them to join our great group!

As the weather gets warmer we are getting out there and actually riding. We managed to get four successful rides in for a total of 162 miles since the New Year. With the new year we are changing the way we conduct rides with no intersection blocking and interspersing the RC's throughout the members so no one is left behind. We appreciate your patience as we work through the details. Please remember to listen to the RC leading each ride for instructions! We continue to follow health and safety rules due to the pandemic but we are hopeful that we will return to all our activities including Bike Nights, the annual Summer party and our signature rides including Sagamore Children's hospital in December and the Fall Poker Run to benefit the Veterans Place. Unfortunately the Easter Ride has been cancelled for the 2nd year but there is a link to a fund raiser for this program on our website. As always check your emails and our Facebook page for all the details. Please leave any suggestions for rides, restaurants and places to visit in the suggestion box under the members only section of the Facebook page.

The meeting ended with a March Trivia contest and 50/50. This months winners were 1st place Joe Sabia and 2nd place Jimmy Hernandez.



New Members Chris and Mary Faley



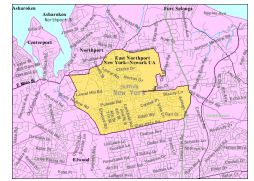
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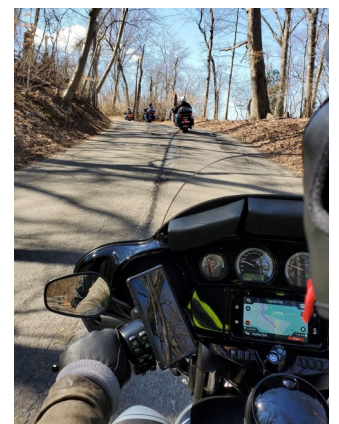
50/50 Winners



Sal's Winter Ride March 14 2021



It finally happened!!! After almost 6 weeks of winter weather and freezing temperature the LIHR are finally back on the road! Our third of the New Year was led by our HRC Sal. The club enjoyed a beautiful ride through Ronkonkoma, Head of the Harbor, Setauket and scenic views of the Nissequoge River. 12 bikes and 14 riders bundled up and enjoyed the day. John Capobianco and John Hachmann took their new rides on the road. After enjoying the beautiful views a delicious lunch was enjoyed at Del Fuego in Northport. We were joined by VP Ed Reiff, Pam Barbieri, Joe Sabia and Cindy Droerler and Yelena Irzun as our members look forward to Spring and getting back to normal. Our first ride with the new club policy without blocking was a great success!





Steve's Spring Ride



March 21, 2021

After what seems like the never ending winter, Spring has finally sprung. We had a great turnout for only our 4th ride of the year! Led by our President Steve we had 25 bikes and 29 members enjoy a beautiful ride. We did a loop from the South Shore to the North shore enjoying the sun and spring-like temperatures. We drove past the Veterans Place, some historic houses and scenic views. The ride ended at the Village Idiot in Lake Grove where we enjoyed each others company and good food! Many thanks to the Road Captains and the Members for their patience and feedback in our ongoing efforts to execute safe and effective group rides without blocking. Today was very successful with some areas identified for improvement, which we will work on prior to the next ride.



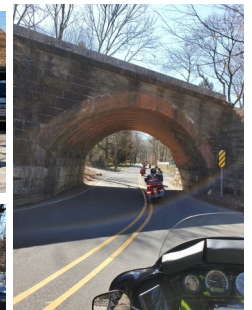


Gary's Saturday Ride



March 27, 2021

With rainy weather predicted for Sunday the RC's took advantage of a beautiful spring Saturday. RC Gary led 17 bikes and 18 members on a scenic North Shore Ride. The club met at the VFW hall and took beautiful back roads through Oyster Bay, Bayville, Locust Valley, Old Westbury and Brookville enjoying the Gold Coast Mansions and water views of Oyster Bay. After a great ride the club enjoyed a delicious lunch with water views of Massapequa at Smuggler Jacks. As always a big shout out to our RC's and our members as we try to make our rides safer with less blocking.



APRIL SAFETY ARTICLE

By Dom Mozzone



Our riding season is now upon us with the arrival of spring!! Yeah!!! We're all looking forward to our rides and especially the overnights. As a club your road captains and officers are continually reviewing our safety procedures as we plan rides. Accordingly, we have to be aware that in the event of an incident it is important to know the appropriate medical information about our riders in case a first responder is called to address a situation. As the safety officer I've always asked riders when coming on overnight rides to keep their personal medical information in their wallets in case it's needed. For the record, mine is always in my wallet just in case.

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 you taking and at what frequency? Do you have any medical condition that someone providing emergency care should know about? Who is 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 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 the riders for the trip. As a matter of process, we ask all members to add their personal information points, as I mentioned above, and ask that our members 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 club safety rules. 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.

I know, I know what you guys may be thinking.... What a morbid topic for this month's club safety letter Dom. Yes 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.....



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

April 2021

Remember to check emails and facebook

April Birthday's

- Helen Rott 4/5
- Nadine Hartmann 4/8
- Kelly Frain 4/12
- Dave Radlauer 4/13
- Dom Mozzone 4/18
- Deidre Kuster 4/20
- Ken Redavid 4/25
- Mike Sweeney 4/25
- Rod Morgenweck 4/26
- Diane Mauro 4/27
- Chris Kuster 4/29

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 RC Chris Ride to Ruggeros
4 Easter Sunday	5	6	7	8	9	10 RC Steve Montauk over-nighter
11 Montauk Ride	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 RC Dom Off island Ride	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Monthly Meeting AHRC Ralph Flying Pig	26	27	28	29	30	



for updates!

Upcoming Events
Montauk Sunrise Ride 4/10/21—4/11/21
Mother's Day Ride 5/2/21 raindate 5/8/21
Biker Blessing 5/23/21

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

Upcoming Rides

Our weekly weekend rides are back on, look for the emails for details!!!!

4/3/21 RC Chris Ride to Ruggeros Wading River KSU exit 56 10:30 am

4/10/21 RC Steve Overnighter to Montauk Sunrise Ride KSU 11 am Exit 56 Pack your own lunch!

4/18/21 RC Dom Off Island Ride TBD

4/25/21 Monthly Meeting Local ride AHRC Ralph Lunch Flying Pig Wading River



Remember to check the Hotline at (631)406-4170 1 1/2 hrs before KSU to hear updates and cancellations



2021 Overnighters

Montauk Sunrise Ride 4/10/21-4/11/21

Nashville TN 5/13/21-5/22/21

Bills Biker Barn Bloomsburg PA 6/3/21-6/6/21

Gettysburg PA 6/25/21-6/27/21

Auto Auction Mecum PA 7/30/21-8/1/21

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland OH 8/21/21-8/16/21

New Hampshire 9/9/21-9/12/21

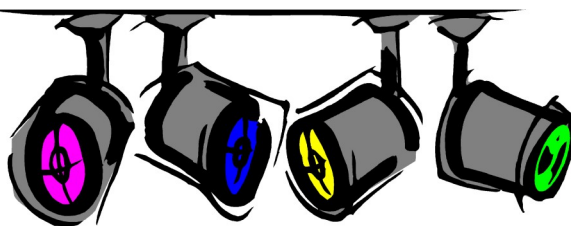
How About a Big Cheer for Our Road Captains?

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to the Family!

After the meeting, our Charter Photog-
rapher will take your photo!



HELLO
my name is

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vidual name tags. This way, other
members can put a name with a face!

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