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President's Point of View, by Steve Ficalora

LIHR President's Message

April, 2022



Greetings L.I. Harley Riders!

I hope everyone is feeling good about the turn of the seasons and have made the most of the winter downtime. As I mentioned last time, now is the best time to have your bike serviced before the spring time rush. Gotta get those Hogs tuned and ready to be released into the wild!

While I was "stuck" in Florida, working in an "empty" office and being forced to ride in 80-degree weather wearing a t-shirt, I heard we had a great turnout for the Monthly meeting and St. Patty's Day pot luck. You know people enjoyed the food when recipes are being asked to be shared. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported this event! In addition, the Officers and Road Captains want to welcome Dennis "Izzy" Irizarry who will be taking on the editor role and Janet Pepper who has agreed to be the assistant secretary. A big **THANK YOU** to both of them for jumping in to support the club!

Now, where to begin...we have a ton of things happening this month. This weekend, Saturday evening April 9th is the return of Axe throwing, and this time the men are invited, LOL. Not sure but I think I'm glad I'm going to miss this one. Ladies throwing axes with men around could, uh, wind up bad...for the men that is! You know what they say, Love is never having to say

I "missed" you! 😊 . All joking aside, I hear this is a lot of fun so don't "miss" out.

Also, on Saturday the 9th there is a defensive driving course being held for club members at 1 Commac Loop, Ronkonkoma. Many thanks to VP Jeff for setting this up. On the 30th there will be a MC training class at Heckscher park, again thanks to Jeff, and there may even be a few spots left, so jump in if you want to sharpen your skills before riding season!

Last but not least, time is ticking away quickly, before you know it, we will be in full riding season, and that means overnight rides (YES!). The full list is available on the web site and in the weekly emails but in May there's Maggie valley, June has Cooperstown, July is the PA Grand Canyon, August is Salamanca, so get your rooms reserved!

Find a new road...

Steve

MARCH

March Meeting



March meeting welcomed our annual St Patty's Day celebration and hopefully the beginning of Spring and warmer days for riding! The meeting was run by our VP Jeff Grube while Steve is working in FL. Jeff discussed his background as an Air Force Veteran and his role as a trustee in a Construction Program. Jeff has been very busy as our VP and road captain. He has organized the upcoming Defensive Driving Course (4/9) and a new skills riding course with Big Apple Motorcycle School on 4/30 at Heckscher State Park. Sign up for the defensive driving is on Sign Up Genius. To register for the Skills Class you must go to the Big Apple website. After completing the skills course our members will receive \$ 50 HOG gift card and Big Apple is offering a \$25 discount to our LI Harley Riders.

Jeff reviewed the upcoming Signature Events. Unfortunately our annual Easter Bunny Ride to NYU Langone to benefit the Child Life Program has been cancelled for a second year due to the pandemic and safety measures for the children. Dom Mazza our Public Relations Officer has been in contact with Nicole and we will do online donation. Last year we raised \$1000 from our generous members and we hope to continue to raise funds for this program which does not receive any financial help from NYU Langone. We hope that 2023 will allow us to visit these children and their families.

May brings our Mother's Day Ride. Remember to nominate your favorite Mom's for a visit by the club and a beautiful bouquet. It can be your own Mom, sister, aunt or friend and its always a great day! June is our annual Father's Day Ride and an early breakfast and ride is being planned. Our Summer Party is in the works. We have 2 members who have volunteered their homes and a final decision will be made by the board in May. The dates have been finalized with 7/31 and the rain date 8/7. Jeff has made arrangements for the club to return to the LI Power Association in August and gave several dates for Tractor and Truck Pulls and shows in June.

Our Activities Officer has been busy planning events. The LOH committee meets monthly to help organize events. April 9th the club is going to Molly Hatchets in Ronkonkoma for a night of axe throwing. Please reach out to Lynne for a final head count. Dennis Irizarry has arranged for club night of bowling at Bowlero in Sayville on 5/7. Dennis has worked his magic and arranged for free bowling and shoes. A Facebook event will be made for this night of fun! Also a big shout out to Dennis who has volunteered to take over the role of Editor. Also a big shout out to Janet Pepper who has volunteered to become the assistant Secretary! Our club is run by volunteers and we are always looking for help. Reach out to any of our board members or associate members to help. Stefan our assistant activities director has been busy booking rooms for our full calendar of overnights. Please review the emails for the information and cancellation policies. Book early so the hotels will continue to allow us to book blocks of rooms and if we need to add rooms.



50/50 Winners

March Monthly meeting and St Patty Day Feast

Thanks to our members the club enjoyed a delicious St Patty Day Feast. We enjoyed such delicacies as Irish Soda Bread (Kelly Frain) corned beef and Irish Lentil soup (Lynne F) Guinness Beef Stew (Deidre), St Patty Day cheese ball, Jameson iced bailey ganache cupcakes (Gineen) Carmel Salted glazed Bundt cake (Diane M) and brownies (Cindy), Colcannon (Janet) and Shepherds Pie (Annette) Everyone had a great time and went home with a fully belly.





Spring Equinox Ride March 6, 2022



RC Jeff led 13 bikes and 16 riders on a jaunt out east on one of the nicest days we've had this year. The ride was a twin season ride. As we left Exit 56 the ride was the last ride of the 2021-2022 winter season. A season that we'd all like to forget!! About an hour into the ride we eclipsed the Spring Equinox at 11:33 am and the ride transformed into the first ride of the 2022 spring season. We braved the LIIE out to Exit 69 and hit some nice roads through Manorville and Eastport working our way down to Sunrise Hwy and continuing east to Flanders, Hampton Bays and then started back west through the Village of Westhampton Beach past some very nice homes and continued through Remsenburg, Eastport and then westbound on the Sunrise to Karvers Grille in Holbrook. Lunch was great although a couple of lunches came out a bit late but overall the service was real good for a decent size crowd.



March Safety Article

Borrowed from Backroads Magazine March 2022

The Law Office of Paul Gargiulo, P.C. presents Welcome to the Jungle - The Art of Learning to Ride Skillfully A column dedicated to your riding survival

Listen

Last month we talked a little about sight. Visual acuity. Situational awareness. The ability to take in the entire picture, rather than focus on one thing.

That nice car or the nice girl (or guy if you prefer) is not worth more than the briefest of glances while taking ALL in. Doing so can cost you.

Still, we have five senses (some have six, but you knew I was going say that, didn't you Shawn?) So, this month I thought we'd move on to the next.

Listen.

It could be so natural

I said all you got to do is listen...

Robert Lamn

Listen.... hearing is key too.

I Googled riding and hearing acuity to get a better look or, more to the point, to hear what others have said... There is woefully little, well none on this subject.

The ability to hear potential threats may save your life. To hear "potentials" (remember those?) is an amazingly life-saving ability.

None of us are Matt Murdock, but we, hopefully, can "echo-locate" from where the sounds are coming. The direction. Speed of approach. Potential lethality. That siren coming in, seemingly out of nowhere. That horrible screech of tires. The kids yelling, as our eyes pick up the ball rolling out from the parked cars.

So many things are happening around us... like we do not have our hands full already with riding to add one more thing? But listen.... we do and we need to.

The other day we were heading into town for morning errands. We came upon an intersection that is just Trouble - with a capital T.

We had the light, but then the police siren came wailing in. Shira was driving, and her head was spinning around ... "Where the is hell he?!" she yelled.

Before I could say from the left, Shira - who was heading straight - turned hard right and over a small curb into a dirt parking lot. She sensed the Sheriff was coming in at around 9 o'clock. She had only one escape vector and she took it. Thank you, honey.

He was moving! If she took her light and went straight, maybe I would not be writing this.

Use your hearing and the limited "echo-location" we humans have to your best advantage. While on this subject...

I ride with earplugs on every ride.

I did not always ride with ear protection. If I could talk to that 20-year-old Brian with the 900 Z1 with open Yoshimura pipe I would probably not have this pesky pitch ringing so loudly right now. I do believe that decades of not riding with ear protection has left me with high-pitch tinnitus that will never leave.

Shira truly suffers from this. It is sometimes debilitating.

One description goes like this: Common descriptions of tinnitus symptoms include hearing cicadas, wind, crickets, fluorescent lights, squeals,

running engines, grinding steel, or dripping tap water. Some people even say it sounds like a motorboat or car engine in their ears.

It's important to know that tinnitus can be a symptom itself—it's linked to many different medical conditions, and even some medications can trigger it. It's also strongly linked to hearing loss and loud noise exposure. Protect those ears of yours.

Before, I stated that visual distractions can hurt you.

So can audible intrusions.

Okay, Brian - but aren't you the guys who write about song lists for riding?

Yes, I listen to music when I feel comfortable. But in town or any congested area, the music is silent. Personal earbuds, available from a few sources, make excellent ear protection, yet allow for you to hear GPS prompts and background music as well.

Have you ever spent time with a person that cannot hear at all?

One of my best buddies from childhood had a cousin, Larry, who was deaf - and amazing in every way. I surprise Shira now and again with my meager ability to understand some American sign language. Vey meager. Okay, I think she thinks I am making it up - but those who can truly sign...? I am so envious.

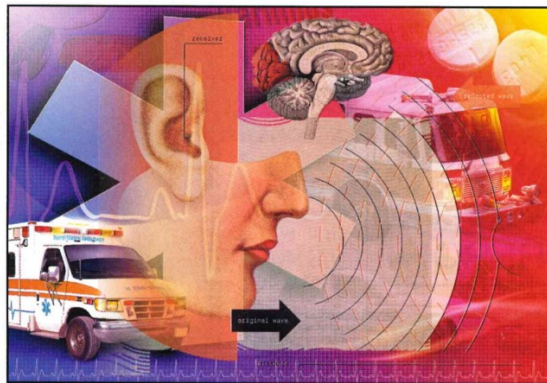
What about these people as motorcyclists?

Well... The Deaf Bikers of America Foundation identify themselves as; "A non-profit foundation dedicated to creating safe and fun events. Deaf Bikers of America ride to live and live to ride, and we just want to ride with other deaf bikers." A pretty straightforward statement that quantifies what they seek to

do. There are also several groups that like to host non-profit charitable events and encourage other similar deaf groups to do the same.

Can you imagine when an ambulance, fire truck, or police car comes screaming up behind them with lights flashing and siren wailing? Well, there is that part about the lights flashing. Deaf riders depend far more than the rest of us on their vision. They are far more focused than we are on checking their mirrors and being visually aware of their surroundings. So re-read last month's Jungle. www.deafbikersofamerica.com

Good for these riders and good for you if you really listen. ☺



2022 EASTER BUNNY FUNDRAISER

Unfortunately the Pandemic has cancelled our annual Easter Bunny Ride for a second year in a row. Steve has organized a online fundraiser and we hope our members will be as generous again this year.

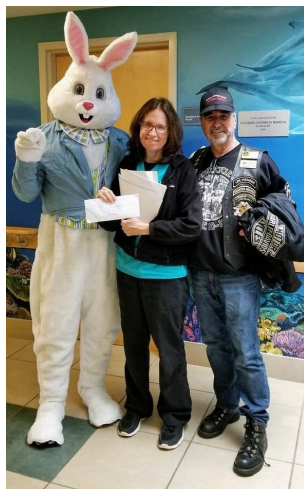
In lieu of a ride, we have established an online campaign where we can donate directly to this program, which is now run by NYU Langone.

Please give what you can to let the children know that the L.I. Harley Riders have not forgotten them!

Use the link below for our personal fundraising page, L.I. Harley Riders Fundraiser for NYU Langone Hospital-Long Island. Any donation is appreciated.

Thank you again for your efforts on behalf of the NYU Langone community and L.I. Harley Riders.

<https://nyulangone.org/give/fundraise/ficalora>



Some photos from our last visit to NYU Langone in 2019!



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

April 2022

April Birthday's

- Helen Rott 4/5
- Nadine Hartmann 4/8
- Kelly Truin 4/12
- Deidre Kuster 4/20
- David Radlauer 4/23
- Rod Morgenweck 4/26
- Steve Lund 4/27
- Diane Maiorca 4/27
- Chris Kuster 4/29

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Axe Throwing 7pm
10 Off Island Ride Probie Cheryl	11	12	13	14	15 1st day of Passover	16
17 	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Monthly Meeting Local Ride RC Gary	25	26	27	28	29	30

Upcoming Events

- Defensive Driving Class 4/9 register at Sign up genius
- Axe Throwing 4/9 7 30pm Molly Hatchets Ronkonkoma
- Big Apple Motorcycle School 4/30 register at bigapplemoto.com
- Night of Bowling 5/7 Bowlero Patchogue



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

4/10 Probie Cheryl off island ride to Walk Across the Hudson KSU 9 am exit 43

4/17 Easter No ride

4/24 RC Gary ride to Napper Tandy's after monthly meeting



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



2022 Overnighters

5/15-5/21 Maggie Valley NC RC Jeff Grube

6/11-6/14 Cooperstown NY RC Steve

7/16-7/19 Grand Canyon PA RC Frank

8/13-8/18 Salamanca NY RC Jeff

9/17-9/18 Mt Greylock MA RC Chris

9/30-10/2 LOH trip to Salem MA

10/15-10/18 Skyline Drive Prob RC Cheryl

How About a Big Cheer for Our Road Captains?

Head Road Captain: Sal Fino Asst. Head Road Captain: Chris Kuster

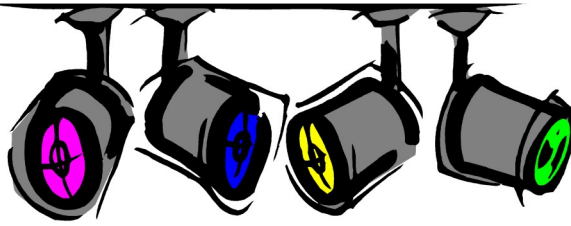
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HELLO
my name is

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