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## President's Point of View, by Jeff Grube

### LIHR President's Message



Happy Spring L.I. Harley Riders,

The temperatures are getting milder although that wasn't very evident on last weekend's ride to Karvers Grille. We had a good group of bikes for our March Meeting and St. Patty's Day Pot Luck Lunch. There were many dishes to choose from along with some tasty side dishes and desserts. I'd like to thank all of the members that took the time and expense to put together some delicious offerings.

Our overnighters will kick off in just about a month. We have 6 bikes and riders signed up for the West Virginia journey May 7th-13th. 9 bikes and 13 riders are signed up for the Laconia trip June 10th-13th. The next RSVP for the Rhode Island ride will be posted in a just a few days. The RSVP's go up three months prior to the event. The Road Captains have purposely mixed up the destinations and durations of the overnighters to suit as many members as possible. They range from a two day weekend trip to a seven day event. The four day overnighters keep the weekdays of the trips in the same week, i.e no Fridays to Mondays. We have learned that some members have difficulty taking off days in consecutive weeks so we have worked around that. I'd encourage members to take advantage of one or more overnighters. It's a great way to get to know fellow members better along with catching some great roads and points of interest. The Road Captains put a lot of work putting these rides together and I sincerely thank them for there efforts. The hard work really pays off.

Don't forget to tend to the bikes and give them the attention needed for a busy riding season. Tire condition and proper inflation, milestone service intervals, fluids, final drive belt, batteries (remember the FOB battery) are all proactive steps to a trouble free riding season. 2023 motorcycle registrations have been sent out. I get mine by email. If you haven't seen an email or your renewal did not show up in your mailbox you can simply renew online on the DMV website. Take note of your inspection expiration as well.

Thank you to all the Members, Officers and Road Captains that make up a great riding club.

See you on the road,

Jeff

# March Membership Meeting, 3/26

President Jeff called the meeting to order and led the Salute to the Flag. Jeff advised that the Zoom "Officers' meetings have worked out very well and have really helped when planned meetings had to be rescheduled. Jeff advised that he has asked Steve Mitchell to brief the membership on the details for his late wife's annual memorial ride.

Treasurer Joe G reported that he expects that after paying current bills the treasury will have an ~ \$4,900 balance. Joe advised that he had been working with Scott to update the paid membership roster and it appears we are up to date. Some Club merchandise is available at our monthly meetings. Please see our treasurer Joe if you'd like to purchase and items.

Secretary Ron reported that the email roster has been updated to the current paid member list. Ron also reported that he picked up the replacement Club flags and presented them to the Board. There is just a slight improvement on the quality of the flags. Ron also reported that the email roster has ~91 members, and John C. reported that the Facebook roster has similar numbers.

HRC Sal reported 258 Ride miles have been logged in to date and only one cancellation. Member Steve Mitchell spoke to the Club about the annual Dawn Mitchell Memorial Ride and Blessing on April 15. Please arrive at the L.I.E. Welcome Center, exit 51/52, eastern-end parking area, at 9:30 a.m. for KSU at 10:00 departure.

LIHR warm welcome to our new members: Joe and Melanie Kennedy from Patchogue, riding 2010 Street Bob, Chris and Maria Romano from Massapequa, riding 2022 Ultra.

Reminder: Our annual Mother's Day Ride is scheduled for May 6, with a rain date of May 13. We are taking a limited number of stops for our "Mom's" Appreciation Day, so please submit their name if you would like us to stop by. There is a new password for our Website "Membership Only" section. See the weekly meetings for the new password.

The 50 - 50 Winners at the meeting were Gil Allen in 1st place and Joe Sabia is 2nd place.

Our Annual Easter Bunny Ride to NYU Langone in Mineola is scheduled for Saturday, April 8th. We do not anticipate being able to visit directly with the children as we were able to do many years ago. We are planning once again to ride to the hospital and park in the hospital's "U" shaped driveway. We will bring our gifts to the staff at the front entrance and hopefully we will be able to wave and say hello to the children through the windows. If you can't make the April ride, you can bring your gifts this Sunday at our Membership meeting and Dom will bring the gifts to the hospital on the 8th.

After the meeting RC assist Bob led his first ride of 11 bikes and 11 members on a short 32 mile ride. The group rode some beautiful, single lane roads thru the North Shore towns of Cold Spring Harbor, Lloyd Harbor and Huntington Bay before returning to the VFW for St. Patrick's day pot luck lunch.

Those that stayed for lunch after the short ride had some delicious food prepared by fellow members I would like to thank the following members for participating in our Annual Pot Luck lunch: Annette with a delicious shepherd's pie, Gineen with Baileys Irish cream cake & Irish beef stew, Mary with corned beef & cabbage with potatoes/carrots, Cindy with pound cake, Deidre with Lucky Charm pudding cups, Kelly with Irish soda bread, & Lynne with corned beef & cabbage as well. Also, thanks to those that helped with set up & clean up!



# Monthly meeting & St. Patty's Pot Luck

Welcome our newest members  
Joe and Melanie Kennedy, and  
Chris and Maria Romano



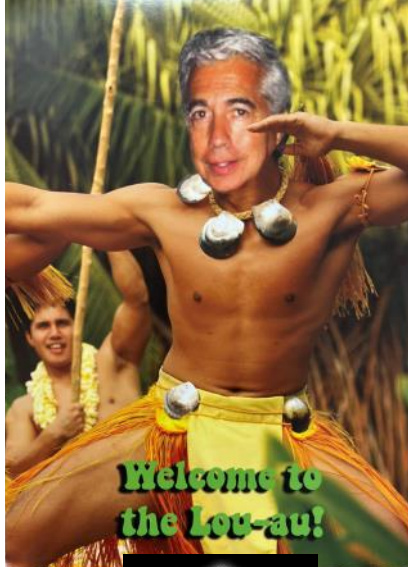
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# Movie Night at Donna Drake Studio's, 3/11

Lou and Donna hosted this movie night at Donna Drake Studio's! After some socializing, some snacks and delicious brownies, we got to view the new Top Gun movie on "the big wide screen". Lou is a charter member who goes back to the days when our HOG Chapter met in the kitchen of the Lighthouse dealership on Jericho Tpke in Huntington over 20 yrs ago! This club has a long history. What a fabulous, fun filled night!





# Ride to Empire Harley & City Island, 3/12

RC Gary led 8 bike and 8 members on a 72 mile ride. The ride took us on some north shore roads that most of the members were never on before. They road along the shore of Douglaston manor overlooking the throngs neck bridge. The group then took 2 quick stops one at Empire Harley and the second stop at Glen island Park to see Glen island castle and take some pictures. The lunch stop was for lobster on city island. Thank you Gary for putting together a great ride.





# April Safety Article

## 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

### PRODUCT PLACEMENT

It is hard to miss those ubiquitous disclaimers that precede every TV show or film these days and in addition to sex, drugs & Rock & Roll, strobes, and possibly actual humor one mentioned "product placement."

As if I should be fearful that strategically placed can of Coca-Cola, that bottle of Heineken, or that very pretty Ducati or Triumph would cause irreputable harm to my fair psyche.

Oh, and why is every scene with motorcycles these days almost always ridden by evil henchmen with Uzis?

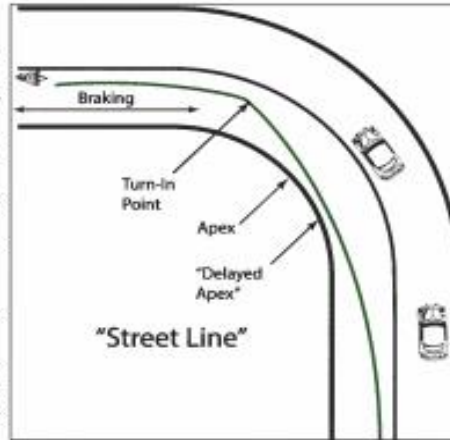
Yes, I could go on about how motorcycles are portrayed in the media... but that'll be for another time.

I do wish to talk about Product Placement of another type.

The 'product' being your motorcycle, and the 'placement'... where it should be placed as you are riding along the backroads.

I have heard it said that there is only one line through a turn - the right one. But, different situations, traffic and conditions can make your planned trajectory problematic and, sometimes, in need of immediate correction.

Our friend and riding instructor extraordinaire Ken Condon ([www.ridinginthezone.com](http://www.ridinginthezone.com)) is a firm believer in the "Late Apex." In January we sat in on one of Ken's wonderfully beneficial Wednesday Night Zoom Meetings, brought to us by the New England Riders - a riding club tru-



I have been behind many riders, especially newer riders, that go "pencing" through turns. The term come from our British counterparts that describe when a rider constantly tilts and leans back and forth in tiny increments, never committing to a smooth arc through the turn.

It is a shaky approach and a habit that screams of a lack of confidence.

If you could see up close the amount of inputs a professional racer is executing to set them-

selves up as they approach and initiate a turn and the amount that even experienced riders apply, you might be shocked at how little the elite riders need to execute compared to the average street riders. Beginners and those lacking refinement and skill have way too much going on.

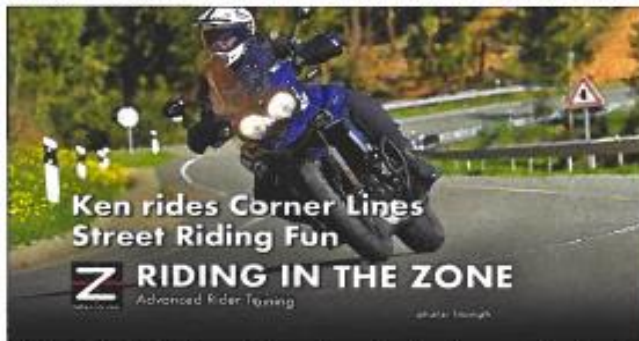
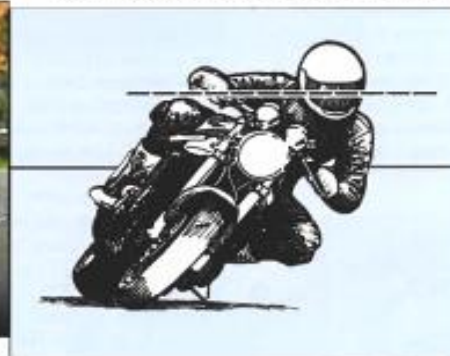
It is all about smooth.

By working on utilizing "Late Apexes" you will find you will begin to naturally calm down and your confidence will rise.

But how do you know you are getting it right?

A few years back writer Dan Bisbee wrote about finding the apex and stated... "Find the exit first, and the apex becomes readily apparent."

Then look where you want to go - always!



Ken rides Corner Lines Street Riding Fun  
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ly dedicated to the ride and fine ambassadors for the sport. Each week covered a different topic, but this particular night was about Cornering Lines, and Ken spoke at length about becoming proficient in using the Late Apex on a consistent basis.

Our friend Reg Pridmore also speaks of the Late Apex as being the cleaner line and clearly the way to lower lap times on the track, and making sure you arrive alive on the street.

The main advantage of a late apex line through a corner is that it allows you to begin accelerating earlier. And the earlier you begin accelerating, the faster you're likely to be down the following straightaway.

Power-wise think "Slow in. Fast out."

If you come in too tight, and hit the apex way too early, you will go wide. In left-handed curves that means heading off the road. In right-handed curves the even worse possibility of running into oncoming traffic.

Both are bad form and can have bad outcomes.

Picking a later apex will also give you a better view of what is coming your way... that oncoming F-150, that deer on the road, or simply the next turn and the lay of the roadway up ahead.

These are words you can live by. There was a tee-shirt I saw once that simply said, "Look, Lean, Believe! You do have to have faith in yourself and your machine. Constant practice on your riding skills can only make you a better and more confident rider and add so much more to your riding enjoyment. #

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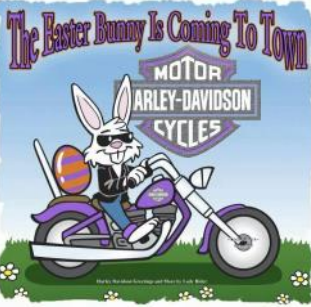
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Quote of the month: 'No matter how bad your day is, your bike will always make you feel better!'



### April Birthday's

Kelly Frain 4/12, David Radlauer 4/13, Nadine Hartmann 4/18,  
Chris Kuster 4/20, Mike Sweeney 4/25, Rod Morgenweck 4/26,  
Diane Musorofiti 4/27, Diedre Kuster 4/29



# April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Easter Bunny Ride
<b>9</b> Easter Sunday	<b>10</b> Easter Monday	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Dawn Mitchel Memorial Ride
<b>16</b> Ride to JRs Steakhouse	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Tax Day	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Monthly Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>						

### Upcoming Events

Our annual Mother's Day Ride is scheduled for May 6, with a rain date of May 13.

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

Date	RC	Description	KSU and Location
• 4/8	Sal	Easter Bunny Ride to NYU Langone	11am, VFW
• 4/15	Sal	Dawn Mitchell Memorial Ride, LIE Welcome Center, arrive at 9:30am	10am, Exit 51/52
• 4/16	Gary	JR's Steak House, Rocky Point	10am, Exit 56
• 4/23	Gary	Ride after Monthly Meeting, Pastrami King	
• 5/6	TBD	Mother's Day Ride, rain date 5/13	TBD, VFW

**Note: We have replaced the KSU starting point from LIE exit 43, to LIE Exit 32 for off Island rides North side Service Road, west of Little Neck Parkway.**



Remember to check the Hotline at (631)406-4170 two hours before KSU to hear updates and cancellations.



## 2023 'Look Ahead' Overnights

May: 7th-13th, West Virginia week (RC Jeff leading the ride)

June: 10th-13th, Laconia Bike Week 100th Anniversary (Head RC Sal leading the ride)

July: 8th-9th, Rhode Island overnight ride (RC Jeff leading the ride)

Aug: 10th-13th, Upstate New York two nights overnight, Letchworth State Park (Assist. Head RC Chris leading the ride)

September 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary's PA to view the Annual Elk Rutting (RC Jeff leading the ride)

October 13th-15th, Fall Foliage Ride - Pittsfield, MA (RC Gary leading the ride)

**NOTE: Lodging and date details on all overnights will be in the Members Only section on our LIHR website at the appropriate time prior to the event. When the overnights are posted please use the Sign-Up Genius to confirm you are attending. It is really helpful to the R.C.'s to be able to know who's going and to finalize the ride details.**

### How About a Big Cheer for Our Road Captains?

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

RC's — Jeff Grube, Gary Kinkel    RC Assist's - John Hachmann, Bob Lovdahl,  
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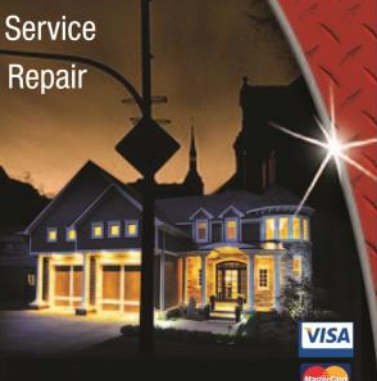
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my name is

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#### NEXT MEETING

April 23, 2023

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