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President's Point of View, by Jeff Grube

LIHR President's Message:



Greetings L.I. Harley Riders and welcome to the 2024 riding season. I'm happy to announce that our newsletter is back!! The publication will now be quarterly with content from previous months as well as a look ahead. On behalf of the L.I.H.R. Primary Officers I'd like to sincerely thank Maria Romano for accepting our request to serve as Editor of the club.

We have a lot coming up for this season between events, bike nights, over-nighters, signature rides, one day rides and some safety training as well. Stay in touch with the weekly emails, the website and the FaceBook page for the most up to date information. Over the last few years membership has dipped due to various reasons but I feel that our membership level has stabilized and we have several new members over the last year or so that have been quite active with the club. I feel that this momentum will continue as we get the word out to others in the motorcycling community. Kindly refer any potential members to our Membership Officer, John Hachmann.

Being the beginning of the riding season I'd like to pass along some reminders about making sure you and your bike are ready for many miles ahead. Be sure to check fluids, tire pressures and condition, lights, drive belt, brake pads, horn and overall condition of your bike. When in doubt, get it checked out or reach out to a fellow member for help or advice. Be sure to check your registration which expires at the end of the month. If you haven't received a renewal in the mail simply go to the NYSDMV website. With your license plate number and a credit card you'll be done in minutes. You can print out a temporary registration if necessary but the renewal will show up in about a week. More importantly, make sure you are maintaining your own health and wellbeing for your own safety and those around you.

Thanks to all of our members, officers and road captains that make this club special and enjoyable. I look forward to an interesting and rewarding 2024 riding season.

See you on the road.....

Jeff

Bike Night, Bowling, 1/19/24



January Monthly Meeting 1/28/2024

Introducing, John Hachmann; Membership Officer, John Capobianco; VP, Chris Kuster; HRC
As well as welcoming new members Charles Torzilli and Linda Dowling



2/4/24—Polar Bear Ride



Townline BBQ

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2/17/24 Bike Night—LIHR Comedy Night

17 members enjoyed A night of food, fun, laughs and camaraderie at McGuires in Bohemia.

Thank you President Jeff for graciously paying for everyone's admission.
Another great night with The L I Harley riders.



February 2024 Monthly Meeting- Chili Contest- Sue retained her Title, Deidre 2nd Pl, Allan R. 3rd Pl, Annette, Tums Award
Guest speaker and new member Jim Barr:
National Director of National COIR



3/3/24—Road Captain Sal Led 12 bikes and 15 members on a 35-mile ride.
The weather was amazing riding thru backroads of Greenlawn, Huntington, and Syosset,
with the final destination - Regal Deli for lunch.
The group also had a special guest who joined us for lunch, his name was "Wilson"
Wilson even joined us in the photo with our Club flag (Rod?).



Kelly's Ale House—3/10/24

On Sunday, March 10th RC Gary lead eight bikes and nine members on an approximately 50 mile ride heading to Smithtown, Nissequogue, Old Field & Stony Brook communities before working our way southbound to enjoy lunch at Kelly's Ale House (different Kelly). 😊

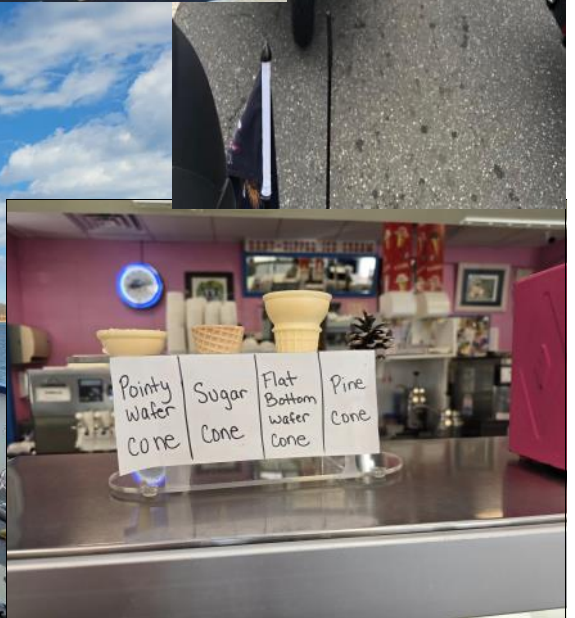
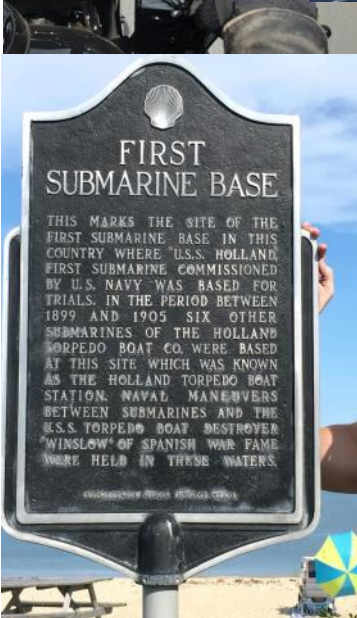


3/15/24 Movie Night at Donna Drake's Studio there were 20 members on the edge of their seats as the "Beekeeper" had no shortage of nail biting action and drama. Thank you Chris and Deirdre for bringing your popcorn machine. Thank you again to Donna and Lou for providing the club with an awesome intimate venue for the LI Harley Riders to enjoy each other's company.



3/17/24

Head RC Chris led 19 members on 14 bikes on the first off-island ride of the year. With the weather just right for riding, the group left from Smithtown heading East from Northshore to Southshore with a ferry ride in btw leading to La Capricciosa for Lunch & ice cream afterwards



3/24/24 Monthly meeting & St. Patrick's Celebration Jeff welcomed new members: Kristen Hachmann, Charlie Restivo and Regina Papile



3/30/24 The Easter Bunny Returns!!

On behalf of our L.I. Harley Riders Officers and Road Captains I'd like to thank all of our members who took part in Saturday's Easter Bunny event to 3 group homes operated by Angela's House for medically and physically challenged children. We were able to meet Bob Policastro, the Founder of Angela's House, he explained the tremendous amount of work it has taken for the organization to exist for over 30 years. Head Road Captain Chris did an excellent job of hopping in and out of riding gear and switching to his bunny suit at each house. It was a very successful and rewarding event due to our generous and caring membership. Thank you!! Jeff



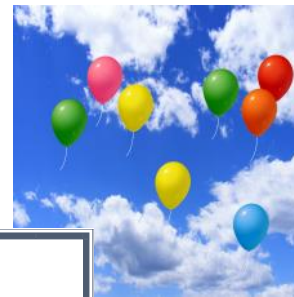
Upcoming Events

- 4/26 7pm Bike Nite: A night of Axe Throwing @ NY Axe Throwing, 307 Middle Country Rd. Selden. The cost is \$39.00 PP for an hour of axe throwing.
- 5/5 Mother's Day Ride: Mother's Day is fast approaching !!!! At this time we only have two destinations to celebrate our mothers. We would like a few more. The ride will take place on Sunday May 5th with a rain date of Saturday May 11th. Further details on the ride will follow. So please let Kelly know if you have a mother, grandmother, a sibling who is a mother or any other mother you would like to celebrate.

April Birthday's

Charles Torzilli 4/6, Linda Dowling 4/10, Kelly Frain 4/12, Deidre Kuster 4/20,
Michael Sweeney 4/25, Rod Morgenweck 4/26, Chris Kuster 4/29

Happy Birthday One and All



APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
happy Easter	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Skills Practice On The Road	22	23	24	25	26 Bike Nite: Axe Throwing	27
28 Monthly Membership Meeting	29	30				



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May Birthday's

Charlie Restivo 5/20, Joseph Sabia 5/22, Robert Lovdahl 5/26, Michael Emanuel 5/28

Happy Birthday One and All

MAY 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 <i>Mother's Day Ride</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11 Rain Date <i>Mother's Day Ride</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1000 Islands Ride Watertown N.Y.						
19 <i>Monthly Membership Meeting</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25 Bike Night: Kelly & Johns House
26	27	28	29	30	31	



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June Birthday's

Donna Drake 6/3, Lisa Hernandez 6/14, George Greco 6/23,
Greg Blake 6/28, Rich Truran 6/30

Happy Birthday One and All

JUNE 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 <small>Bike Night: John & Sue's House</small>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
					Thunder In The Valley	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Johnstown PA						
30 <small>Monthly Membership Meeting</small>						



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COLOR INSIDE THE LINES

On a recent road trip out west, I stopped in an odd gift shop called Charlie Brown Farms, along the edge of the Mojave Desert. While taking in all the stuff I would probably never buy I did come across an awesome motorcycle coloring book – it was outstanding and I bought a few to maybe give as gifts. It was a gift shop after all.

In typical all-about-me fashion, I kept one for myself, and I find myself picking it up every few days and taking some colored pencils to it.

So far so good, and unlike when you see kids going at coloring books with scrambled results; I have found that, as an adult (?) I am more methodical, slower, and very persnickety about my colors, pencil sharpness, and staying in the lines.

With motorcycle coloring books, as with riding itself, it seems slow, methodical and attempting to be precise might, at first, seem harder to do, but allows for both the shading of motorcycles in a book and the piloting of motorcycles around the backroads to be a finished product with which you are happy.



When we were in Spain for the finale of MotoGP in Valencia, we spent eight days riding south through the Iberian Peninsula, on the road that varied between wonderfully wide and open sweepers and some of the most technical and tightest mountain climbs we have ever ridden.

Part of this journey brought us into the region where all the great Spaghetti Westerns were filmed – making Clint Eastwood a star. Clint has some of the most quoted lines ever. In a more recent film called Cry Macho he tells a young man he is trying to mentor to “Go where you’re lookin’, and look where you’re goin’.”

A variation of this is said over and over by motorcycle riding instructors. Back in Spain, our ride was on the sporty side, but after the MotoGP Races, I did not feel the need to keep up with the lead group. Shira and I were two-up on a larger machine and there was no reason to ‘Cry Macho.’ Rather, I took it down a notch, and I took the rest of the tour to not work on not being fast – but closer to perfect; which I did on a few turns, and not so much on others. But that is the point, right? Even Pecco Bagnia is not ‘perfect’ all the time. No one can be, but we must learn to color inside the lines; and there are, on most roads, real lines in which to color.

Many riding instructors - Reg Pridmore, Ken Condon, and the like - repeatedly talk about the correct line riding through a turn. While Reg’s line might be more track-oriented, Ken preaches the same thing on the street – a late apex – to place the motorcycle beneath you in the prime spot to roll on out of the turn.

Late apexing allows you to stay on your side of the road – to color inside the lines.

Trail braking into the turn is another great thing to work on as well – as it allows you to keep the machine’s suspension working as it should, and not sacking it out and making the bike unstable with a quick twist off the throttle and a stab at the brakes. Gently squeezing the front brake, while slightly staying on the throttle until close to the apex, and then slowly releasing the

brakes while throttling out works brilliantly. You can practice this with an orange. Softly squeeze and softly release.

If your machine could talk to you, it might tell you that it WANTS to go through the turn, and any sudden and unexpected, or unneeded, inputs just get it confused... and a confused bike can quickly become unrideable. Once a bronco is bucking, it is very hard to settle down – just like Mike from Cry Macho.

Slow is faster. Slow and methodical makes it easy to color inside the lines.



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Upcoming Weekly Rides

Date	RC	Description	KSU and Location
• 4/7	John H	Scenic Ride To Drifters Kitchen	9:00am, Exit 56 LIE
• 4/14	Sal	76 House, Tappan N.Y.	9:00am, Exit 32 LIE
• 4/21		No Ride- "Skills Practice Class"	7:30am SCCC, Selden
• 4/28	Gary	Ride to Oak Island (After Membership Meeting)	
• 5/5		Mothers Day Ride w/ 5/11 Rain date	
• 6/16		Fathers Day Breakfast Ride	

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.



2024 Overnights

Thousand Islands/Alexandria Bay, NY	5/14 thru 5/18	Sal
Johnstown, PA/Thunder in the Valley	6/21 thru 6/25	Jeff
Hillrock Distillery, Ancram, NY	7/13 thru 7/14	Sal
MA/NH/ME Coast	8/16 thru 8/18	John H.
Wytheville, VA/Claw of the Dragon	9/9 thru 9/14	Jeff
Philadelphia, PA	10/11 thru 10/12	Chris

Please use the respective Sign-up Genius Links in the weekly emails (When they become Available)

NOTE: Lodging and date details on all overnights will be in the Members Only section on our LIHR website and the weekly emails 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.

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Please send your stories and photos to: Editor@LIHarleyRiders.com or text me @ 631-394-9144 for help.

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 **Membership Officer** for individual name tags. This way, other members can put a name with a face!

NEXT MEETING

April
28, 2024

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