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In Memory of George Foundotos



"Gentleman George" (and he was truly a Gentleman...) to the many who knew George Foundotos all would agree, he was just that. Always a kind word... compassionate about his family and passionate about "riding"! A late bloomer, George started riding when he was in his later "60's" - a time when some of that "maturity" would consider putting the kickstand down for the last time and gravitating to a less exhilarating leisure activity. Not George! He savored every opportunity to swing his leg over his Harley and put his "knees in the breeze". Like many George started out with a Sportster - then a Softail, a Road King then an Ultra before finally settling down with a Road Glide. His adventures were many. In 2006 he, along with 23 other Lighthouse H.O.G. members headed cross country - that trip only fueled the fire for George. He'd jump on every opportunity to venture out to destinations throughout the country, which included a ride to the 105th Harley Davidson Anniversary in Milwaukee, Morgantown, WV, Rolling Thunder in Washington, DC, Key West FL. Then venturing cross country again in 2018 for an 11,000 mile "jaunt". In total George amassed well over 150,000 miles! In February this year George attended a club meeting where he was told "George, you are setting the "bar" - and that he did! At "80" years old George was driven by his passion and had plans to take another "two-week" trip... unfortunately, he succumbed to cancer... but rest assured, George is looking down at us and with a smile on his face... and his knees in the breeze... his ride continues... Until we meet again our Friend... "God Bless America"!



July Meeting



July's meeting was another success! We had 58 members attend and gained 3 new members. We welcome two new members Scott Musorofiti and Adam Klenosky and a new associate member Colleen Barezano! Our new members got to enjoy a great ride after the meeting ending at Butera in Sayville. President Ed Reiff reviewed this past months rides, including some great off island trips. Weather continues to be an issue whether its rain or heat! Ed also reminisced about the loss of our member George Foundotos . George was a very active member of our club and served as the clubs treasurer for 11 years. 38 members served as motorcycle escorts for George's Funeral. He will be truly missed. Our member Harry Kramer continues to recover in a rehab in White Plains but is scheduled to move closer to home soon to continue his recovery. If any members would like to visit Harry contact Ed Reiff for his contact information. Member George Latchford received his 5 year patch. Our club is run by volunteers and we are always looking for help. If you would like to get more involved contact any of our officers to join us. The club is always looking for new ideas for rides, restaurants and events. Look for the suggestion box on our website! Our Safety Office Dom M reviewed the 2-second rule and checking your oil and transmission fluids before a long ride to prevent unwanted troubles. We began our raffle for our beautiful wall hanging made by Gertrude O'Neal, the 6 T shirt wall hanging will be raffled at next months meeting, the tickets are 2 for\$5. Our 50/50 winners this month were VP Bill Vultaggio who generously donated his \$ back to the club and Secretary Christine Vultaggio. See everyone on a ride or next months meeting on August 25th!



50/50 winners



Congratulations to George Latchford for receiving his 5 year patch!



Welcome new members Scott Musorofiti and Adam Klenosky





Lily Flanagans



On July 7th RC Gary Kinkel led 10 bikes and 11 members on a North Shore Ride. Gary led the club on some beautiful back roads through Syosset, Bayville, Locust Valley and Huntington Bay. With beautiful weather and scenic views the ride was a great success. The club enjoyed a delicious lunch at Lily Flanagan's. A special shout out to our honorary RC Dave Marzola (and his new ankle) helped make this ride a success! It was nice to see Gary in the pictures instead of behind the camera!

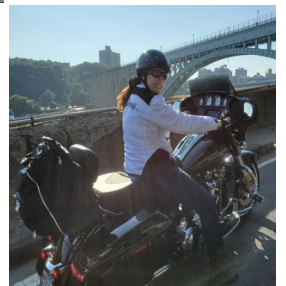
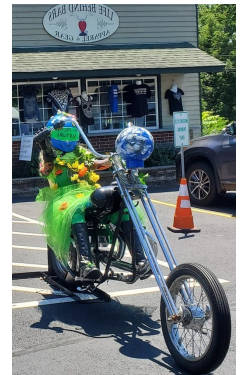




Milford, PA



On July 14th Assistant RC Sal led nine bikes and 11 members on an ambitious ride to Milford PA. The ride took the club through Sparta and Newton with a stop at Dingman Falls. After a delicious lunch at the Apple Valley Restaurant the ride traveled along the Delaware River stopping at Roebling Bridge and a scenic stop at Hawks Nest. In total the ride covered over 310 miles! Big thanks to Sal for all his planning and hard work in keeping our members safe!

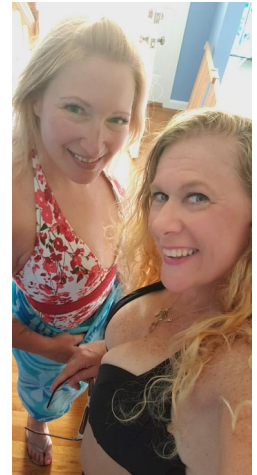


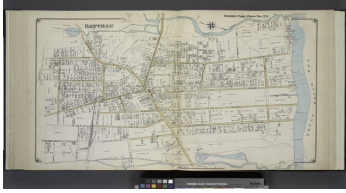


Annual Summer BBQ



The LIHR annual summer party was a great success! Almost 58 members gathered at the beautiful home of Diane Maiorca and John Capobianco to enjoy some great food and great friends. Even though we had record heat we all enjoyed some shade thanks to members bringing tents and a cooling swim in the pool. Thank you to every one who brought appetizers and deserts. Another shout out to our members who helped set up and stayed to breakdown all those tents, chairs and tables. Our Activities Director Lynne Ficalora did a great job organizing this event! Our own chefs VP Bill Vultaggio and Joe Sabia showed their culinary skills for grilling all those burgers, hot dogs and sausages in the 102 degree heat! Everyone went home happy and full!





North Shore Ride



After the July Meeting RC Joe G led 26 bikes and members on a sweltry North Shore Ride! We got to catch some beautiful breezes while enjoying the winding picturesque North shore ending in Sayville for lunch at Butera's. Thanks to member Diane Maiorca for a great suggestion for a new place to eat! As always a big shout out for our RC who help keep us safe!



Bike Night 2019

Bike nights are in full swing and our Activities Director Lynne has been hard at work in planning some great get togethers. So far we have met at the Salt Shack at Cedar Beach for some great music and looking at some classic cars at the Oyster Bay Tuesday night car show. Remember to check facebook and emails for upcoming events!



August Safety Article

Motorcycle Safety is a Two-way Street *

When spring is in the air, motorcycles are everywhere. Do you long for the freedom that comes with riding on the open road? Then it's critical to respect your machine and improve your skills throughout your lifetime.

But that's only half the story. Motorists interested only in four-wheeled vehicles still have a major responsibility in keeping motorcyclists safe on the road.

In recognition of National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in August, the National Safety Council reminds riders – and drivers – to do their part.

First, Some Stats

In 2017, 5,172 motorcycle riders and passengers died in crashes. Fatalities among motorcycle riders and passengers have more than doubled in number since 1997.

- Motorcycles make up 3% of all registered vehicles and only .6% of all vehicle miles traveled in the U.S.
- Motorcyclists accounted for 14% of all traffic fatalities in 2017
- 28% of riders who died in a motorcycle crash in 2017 were alcohol-impaired
- 91% of riders who died in a motorcycle crash in 2017 were male

Drivers: Do You Ever Think About Motorcycles?

The vast majority of vehicles on the road are not motorcycles. They're cars and vans and trucks. It's quite possible that as a driver you rarely think about motorcycles.

This is a problem.

"When motorcycles and other vehicles collide, it is usually the other (non-motorcycle) driver who violates the motorcyclist's right of way," according to an issue statement from NHTSA. "There is a continuing need to help other motorists 'think' motorcycles and to educate motorcyclists to be aware of this problem."

Why do drivers often violate motorcyclists' right of way?

- Motorcycles are relatively small and drivers don't see them, stay visible at all times!
- Drivers don't anticipate motorcycles' movements. Be very attentive and make drivers aware of what you intend to do, signal accordingly.
- The driver's view of the motorcyclist is obstructed, often by the vehicle's blind spots or other vehicles. Always be aware of this and mindfully stay out of blind spots.
- The driver is distracted. Beware that a driver can be texting and weave in your path.

Driver education programs should emphasize these issues – especially in programs for mature drivers who may have diminished abilities.

36% of All Fatalities in 2017 Were Older Riders

Riders 50 and older made up 36% of all motorcycle fatalities in 2017, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. So-called "re-entry riders," who rode in their 20s and decided to take it up again in their late 40s to 60s face additional challenges today: more traffic, more powerful bikes, more distracted drivers and diminished physical skills.

If you're going to ride a motorcycle, it's important to commit to a lifetime of learning new skills and brushing up on the old ones.

Read about **Baby Boomers and motorcycle safety concerns**.

Skill and Gear Can Protect You

A helmet is the most important equipment a biker can use. In 2017, 1,908 motorcyclists who died were not wearing a helmet. Helmets are estimated to be 37% effective in preventing fatal injuries.

- A full-coverage helmet offers the most protection
- Look for the DOT sticker, which guarantees the helmet meets safety standards required by law
- Never buy a used helmet; helmets are useless after they've been worn in a crash
- Here is a fact sheet on motorcycle helmet use from NHTSA

Not every state has a helmet law, but even if yours doesn't, wear one anyway. A motorcycle crash is a "violent event." More than 80% of all reported motorcycle crashes result in injury or death, according to NHTSA. In addition to wearing a helmet:

- Choose a bike that fits you; "supersport bikes" have driver death rates about four times that of cruisers or standard bikes, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety
- Invest in antilock brakes
- New riders should take a motorcycle safety course, and experienced riders should take refresher courses after being off their bikes for a while
- Know the rules of the road
- Be aware that riding with a passenger requires considerably more skill
- Never drink and ride
- Drive defensively, especially at intersections, where half of all collisions occur
- Watch for hazards like potholes, manhole covers, oil slicks, puddles, debris, railroad tracks and gravel
- Assume you are invisible to other motorists and position yourself to be seen
- Use headlights day and night
- Be courteous; don't weave in and out of lanes, or ride on the shoulder or between lanes
- Don't speed
- Wear bright and/or reflective clothing that is durable and boots that cover the ankles



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

August 2019

August Birthday's

- Cheryl Bullwinkel 8/24
- Victoria Christian 8/11
- Henry D'elia 8/7
- Joyce Dunn 8/4
- Mike McKeon 8/16
- Gay Mozzone 8/10
- Laurie Pattishall 8/5
- Ken Pettit 8/3
- Phyllis Scalia 8/21
- Christine Smith 8/26

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25 Monthly meeting	26	27	28	29	30	31



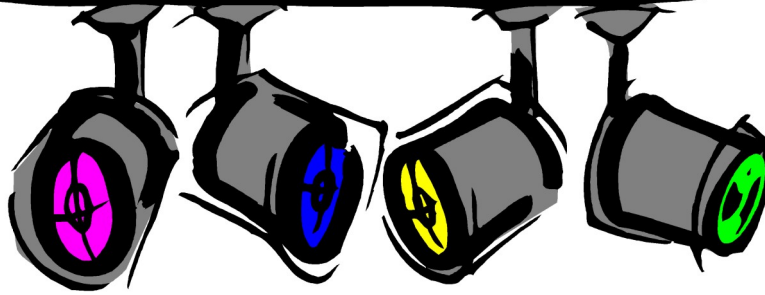
Upcoming Events

- Poker Run 9/22/19 (to support the Veteran's Place)
- October Meeting 10/20/19
- Holiday party 12/13/19

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.

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Upcoming Rides

- 8/3-8/4 Captain's Inn Windham, NY ****cancelled****
8/4 Townline BBQ Southampton RC Fred
8/10-8/17 Letchworth State Park Seneca Falls, NY
8/11 Jackson Hall American Bar and Grill East Islip RC Nadine
8/18 Fishkill Breakfast Ride RC Steve
9/14-9/21 Maggie Valley, NC ****cancelled****
10/5-10/6 Eastern States Penitentiary Philadelphia



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Poker Run to support LI Veterans home September 29
Holiday party Dec 13th

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