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President's Point of View, by Ed Reiff



So here we are in the middle of this pandemic. Still no meetings, however I did speak to the VFW and they say we can have our August meeting now with lots of restrictions. We are working on it and will keep you guys posted via email and facebook.

A few weeks ago, Dom Mozzone led a one week ride to New England and a great time was had by all the members that went along. Only 2 days of rain and there were a few members who rode up to the top of Mt. Washington. That's always a great accomplishment. The weekly rides have been well attended and we are averaging 30 to 35 bikes. A great time is always had.

Now for the bad news. I have decided to sell my bikes and have put the kickstand down for the last time. I have not ridden since April 7, 2019 as you all know due to my eyesight problems. Things are a little worse with respect to that. Being off the bike for 16 months and having lots of time on my hands I have decided that this is what I need to do. I will be stepping down as president of the club and Steve Ficalora will be stepping up as your new president. We will make this transition over the next couple of months. I have let the other primary officers know this and I will stay on as vice president until there is a replacement. I love this club and will do what ever I can to help out in the future.

Ride safe.

VP Corner

By Steve Ficalora



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Resiliency

What is Resiliency? According to the Dictionary this means "the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties". This is something I deal with all the time in my Computer profession. From a hardware and software perspective the ability to "recover" is extremely important. So, what does this have to do with motorcycling? Well, given the current climate, as well as the long history of our club, I think this is an appropriate topic to discuss. Even as I write this edition of the VP corner, I am running my house on generator power and connected to the internet via my work-phone's hotspot, as both the power and the internet service are out since yesterday thanks to Hurricane Isaias. The ability to recover quickly from difficulties...

As a club, we originated as Lighthouse HOG, being tied to the hip to the Lighthouse dealership that was on Jericho Turnpike in Huntington (which had its pros and cons). When they decided to close their doors, we regrouped as L.I.H.R. under AMA and kept on riding, again recovering quickly from difficulties.

Since the Pandemic hit in March, the Officers, Road Captains and Members all expressed a desire to keep riding. We have done this and more, albeit perhaps not quickly, but cautiously as the situation demanded. Here we are in the beginning of August, and while many events and rides needed to be cancelled or rescheduled/reworked, we have come together as a club to do a weeklong trip in New Hampshire, multiple Bike Nights, and weekly day trips on Sundays have also resumed. Hopefully soon we will also start having our Monthly club meetings once the VFW has cleared us to do so.

When riding, we also need to be resilient, having that ability to recover quickly from difficulties. This could be something mechanical, something weather-related, a detour, a pothole, or finding ourselves in a pop-up storm or on a dirt road (oh no!). We must always be ready to identify and react appropriately to the ever-changing conditions we ride in. We encountered many of these during the NH trip in July and this club showed (as always) its resiliency, recovering quickly from these difficulties, with everyone returning home safely.

I want to personally applaud all the LIHR Club Officers, Road Captains and Members for their continued ability to recover quickly in the face of the difficulties we encounter, both as riders and as an organization. There is no finer group of riders than the people in this club, and I am extremely pleased to see how many members are volunteering their homes for Bike Nights.

I look forward to riding and spending time with all of you as we continue this journey together.



Great Barrington MA July 5, 2020



Congratulations to Probie RC Jeff Grube for leading his first off-island ride. Jeff led 19 bikes and 21 riders on a great ride to Great Barrington MA to visit the Great Barrington Brewery. The roads were windy and scenic and there were several mechanical issues with switch issues and broken bikes on the way. As always our members had each others back and needed repairs were made.





Connecticut Ride



July 12, 2020

RC Gary Kinkel led an intimate group of 6 bikes and 7 riders on a scenic back roads ride to New Milford CT. The weather was a stunning Summer day. The ride included 2 U turns (which makes it an official club ride!) and a dusty dirt road along the Housatonic River. A delicious BBQ lunch at the Cookhouse Restaurant made the day. The roads were wide open until the usual traffic we have grown to expect in the Bronx but with small number of bikes Gary was able to lead a great stress free ride home.





New England Ride July 11 to July 18 2020



We had 14 bikes, one van (Lynn Ficalora) and 18 people on the New England ride. We all had a blast even when the weather was not cooperating, causing us to cancel two day rides. The back roads we rode were scenic and at times challenging, just the way mountain roads should be. We visited Lake George, Mt. Washington, The White Mountains of Vt and the Green Mountains of NH and every obscure back road I could find in between on the map. We even got to do an unexpected dirt road one day that everyone survived; what is a back road mountain ride without an occasional surprise, right!

Some of us split up and rode locally on the two days that we had to cancel our ride due to weather. The hotel accommodations were great. As we usually do, we rearranged the lobby furniture to suit our needs and then restored it back neatly when we were done for the evening. We had outside as well as in lobby seating areas that we "made our own" accordingly. I introduced the group to the 'quarter game' of dropping a quarter into a shot glass, this is only done on overnights as a staple club activity. Ralph won the contest after many attempts by others failed to achieve winning the coveted cash prize. Clearly Ralph had the best cheek aim of the group!!! We also had two of our members, John Hachmann and Cheryl Bullwinkle, ride up Mt. Washington for the first

We also had two of our members, John Hachmann and Cheryl Bullwinkle, ride up Mt. Washington for the first time (in fog no less). They were both white knuckled when they got back in one piece safely. We also set a record for the most new bikes purchased on the same day at a dealer stop. The new ride notables are Frank Luciano, Joyce Dunn and Ralph Norton who came home smiling on their new rides!!!! Congrats to them on their purchases, if it wasn't for rain and a cancelled ride that day we never would have went to the dealer so the rain literally cost them big time!!

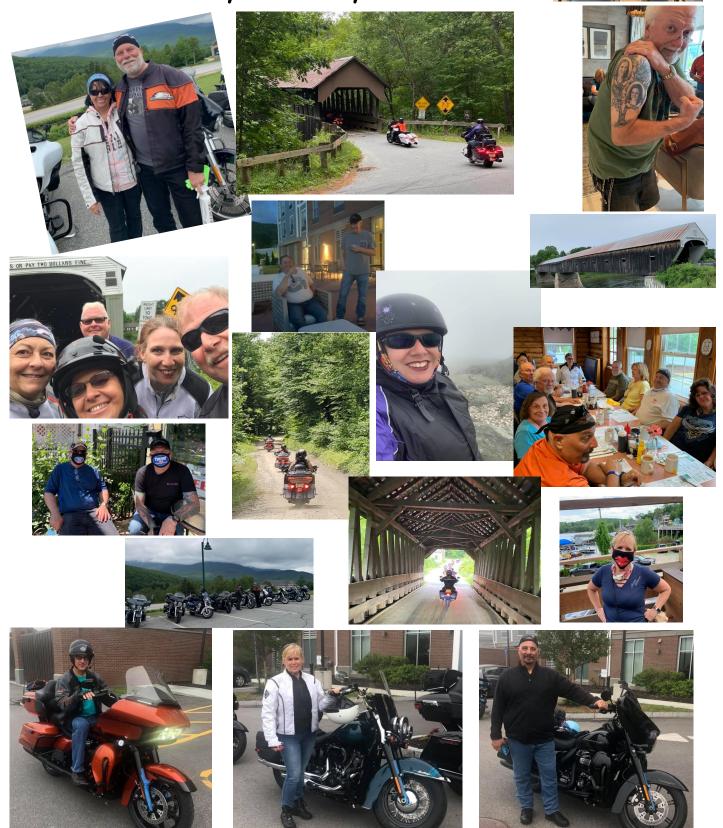
We then capped off each day with a variety of local restaurants and/or ordering into the lobby and consumed spirits each evening that the local NH state liquor store helped us to fulfill exceptionally. That liquor store did such a booming business with us that Lynn became our transporter of three cases of booze purchased by some of us, after all she had a van and us LIHR riders are very enterprising especially when it comes to evading local NY liquor taxes from tax free NH. This week long trip was another classic LIHR overnighter experiencing great riding with fellow club members, creating special memories that we will be talking about for years to come. LIHR ROCKS!!!!

Big thanks to Safety Director Dom Mozzone for another successful overnighter. A shout out to the RC's who keep us safe on and off the island. The club also had two special surprise visitors when past VP Bill Vultaggio (a new resident of NH) and webmaster Rod Morgenweck paid a visit



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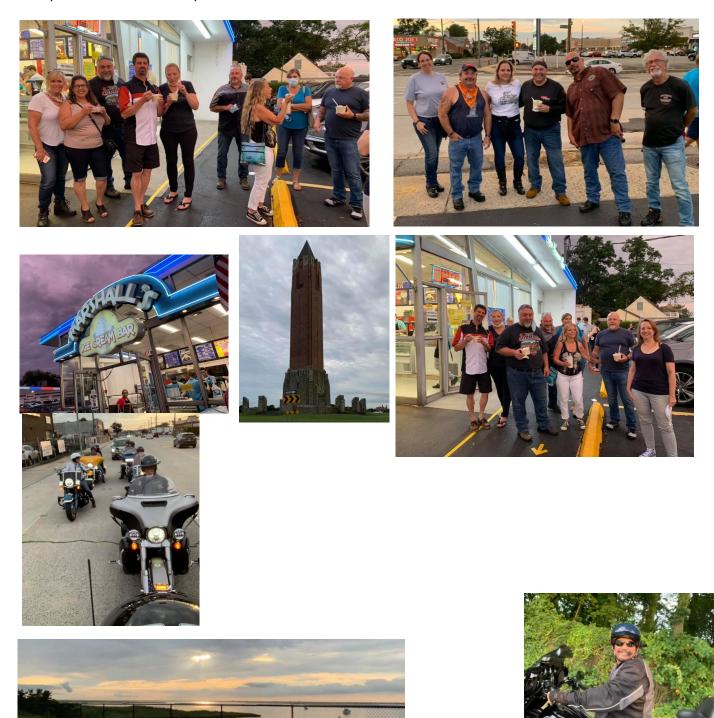


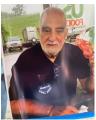


Ice Cream Social July 24, 2020



A beautiful Summer evening and delicious ice cream!!! Truly what Summer is about. Activities Director Lynne led by VP Steve Ficalora planned a short ride from exit 56 along Ocean Parkway with scenic views of the Ocean ending at Marshall's Ice Cream in Massapequa. Great dessert and good friends is always a great way to end the week! Keep a look out for more social events on Facebook.





George Foundotos Memorial Ride God Bless America



The first annual George Foundotos memorial ride was led by his good friend Pelly Damianos. We had a great show of respect with over 40 bikes to honor this great man and his family. After a brief ride Pelly and Marilyn hosted a delicious lunch in their beautiful home. George's wife Georgina and daughter Zoe joined us to celebrate this great mans love of family and his Harley.





Bike Night 2020



Our 2020 Bike Nights continue COVID style. Annette and Joe opened their home to our members. Bathing suits and towels were necessary as we got to enjoy their beautiful pool, hot tub and backyard! Some of us even caught a much needed nap!! Even a passing rain storm did not wash out our members spirits and a great time was had by all. If you would like to host a bike night please reach out to our Activities Director Lynne Ficalora. For info on bike nights follow us on Facebook for events. Our members brought snacks and deserts and BYOB.



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AUGUST SAFETY ARTICLE

BY Dom Mozzone RIDING IN HEAVY TRAFFIC



To prepare yourself for heavy traffic there are 14 smart strategies for dealing with traffic-choked streets that we all need to do instinctively. These items need to be ingrained, automatic and part of your riding habits to improve your chanc-es to avoid that 'ah sh*t' moment.

We've all been stuck in heavy traffic, in particular during hot weather when tempers are short and people are preoccupied with cell phones, screaming kids, texting God forbid as well as zoning out and not paying attention. Imagine the vehicles surrounding you, crowding you, cutting you off. Imagine yourself monitoring closing speeds, reading street signs, noticing and anticipating traffic lights. Then imagine guessing what pedestrians will do, or how slippery that painted line might be and all those drivers with cell phones, newspapers or screaming kids to deal with. Imagine trying to guess what they're going to do; these 14 points will keep surprises in check. One other thing, make it a point to read these points at least once a month. They are that important!

Watch drivers' heads and mirrors

Watching the head movements of drivers through their windows and mirrors is an excellent way to anticipate sudden moves. Most drivers won't lunge left or right without first moving their heads one way or another (even if they don't check their mirrors). Above all stay out of their blind spots!!

Trust your mirrors, but not totally Your bike's mirrors can be lifesavers, but they don't always tell the entire story even if they're adjusted properly. In traffic, always buttress your mirror-generated rear view with a glance over the appropriate shoulder. Do it quickly and you'll add an extra measure of rear-view and blind-spot avoidance.

Never get between a vehicle and an off ramp

This one is a no brainer, but drivers who decide to exit at the last minute kill plenty of riders each year. The simple rule, then, is to never position yourself between a vehicle and an off ramp. Passing on the right is generally a no-no; but, at times is necessary. So if you do it, do so between exits or cross-streets.

Cover vour brakes

In traffic you must often react extra quickly, which means not fumbling for the brake lever or pedal. To minimize reach time, always keep a finger or two on the brake lever and your right toe close to the rear brake pedal. Always when crossing an intersection and for when that cell phone-yakking idiot cuts across your path trying to get to an exit and you'll be ready.

Job One: Be noticed

Make sure drivers and pedestrians can see you, even from a distance. Ride with your high beam on during the day (turn it off when sitting behind someone at a light), and wear brightly colored gear, especially your helmet and jacket.

Be ready with the power

In traffic, ride in a gear lower than you normally would so your bike is ready to jump forward instantly if asked. Doing so gives you the option of leaping ahead instead of being limited to just using the brakes when that pickup suddenly moves over. The higher rev sound may also alert more people to your presence.

Traffic slowing? Stay left (or right)

When traffic slows suddenly, stay to the left or right of the car in front of you. This will give you an escape route if needed. It will also help keep you from becoming a hood ornament if the car behind you fails to stop in time. Once you've stopped short, be ready--clutch in, your bike in gear and your eyes on the mirrors. You never know you may need to pull over to prevent getting hit.

Practice the scan

Constantly scan your entire environment while riding--from instruments to mirrors to the road ahead to blind spots to your left and right rear--keeps you aware and in touch with your situation, and therefore better able to react. Scanning as a matter of practice will prevent the dreaded zone out and surprises.

The Infamous Left-turn

When approaching an oncoming car that's stopped and about to turn left, be ready. Your brights should be on so the driver can see you (during the day), but don't rely on this to save you. Watch the car's wheels or the driver's hands on the steering wheel; if you see movement, be ready to brake, swerve or accelerate, whichever seems best for the situation.

Study the surface

Add road conditions to your scan. Be on the lookout for spilled oil, antifreeze or fuel; it'll usually show up as shiny pavement. Also keep an eye out for gravel and/or sand, which is usually more difficult to see. Always try to avoid those impediments but if you can't and the situation arises don't panic and above all don't over steer or hard brake as bad stuff can happen.

Ride in open zones

Use your bike's power and maneuverability to ride in open zones in traffic. In any grouping of vehicles there are always some gaps; find these and ride in them. Doing so will separate you from four-wheelers, give you additional room to maneuver and allow you to keep away from dangerous blind spots. And vary your speed. Riding along with the flow can make you invisible to other drivers, especially in heavy traffic.

Use your thumb

Get into the habit of canceling your turn signals often regardless of the traffic situation. A blinking signal might tell drivers waiting to pull into the road or turning left in front of you that you're about to turn when you aren't. So if you need to push it a few times each minute then so be it. Better to keep other drivers from anticipating false moves.

Anticipate a way out

Don't just brake hard in a sudden situation. There's almost always is an escape route so you should always be anticipating what's going on around you and what would you do if ... Swerving into someone's front yard could be a lot better than center punching the Buick that turned left in front of you. Always have an escape route planned, and update it minute by minute.

Running interference

This one's easy, and we'll bet most of you already do it: Let larger vehicles run interference for you when negotiating intersections. If the idiot coming toward you from the left or right is going to blow the light, better they hit the box truck next to you, right? For the same reasons, don't lunge through an intersection as soon as the light turns green. Be patient, and use the vehicles next to you as cover.

These items outlined are sensible, will become instinctive once fully understood and above all it will help us avoid the unthinkable from happening as we enjoy our passion: riding. Read these 14 points often, practice them always and have a blast riding safely in all conditions.

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



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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!!!! 8/2/20 RC Dom Mozzone ride to Frank Pepes Pizza New Haven CT KSU Gemini 930a 8/9/20 RC Jack ride to Beacon NY 8/16/20 RC Ralph Ride to Big W Roadside BBQ Dover NY 8/23 RC Chris Kuster ride to Darryl's House Pawling NY 8/30/20 TBD Please remember full tank of gas, EZ Pass and an empty bladder!



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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Bar Harbor ME ride 9/17/20 -9/20/20 led by Gary Kinkel

How About a Big Cheer for Our Road Captains?

Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo, Asst. Head Road Captain: Sal Fino Steve Ficalora, Jeff Grube, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Gary Kinkel, Chris Kuster, Dom Mozzone, Ralph Norton, Ed Reiff, Jack Scalia



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