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## President's Point of View, by Steve Ficalora

### LIHR President's Message

August 2021



Greetings LIHR Members!

I hope everyone is out there riding their Harley's as we've been blessed with some great weather recently!

I recently enjoyed a great long weekend of riding with the club during our overnight trip to the PA Railroad Museum. Our Assistant Head Road Captain Ralph did a great job of leading this ride, with some amazing roads and perfect weather. The Museum itself was very informative and seeing all of these huge machines up close and personally created a deep appreciation for the engineering and hard work it took to basically transform our nation by providing safe, comfortable & efficient travel for everyone. Many thanks to Ralph, the RC's and the members who participated on this trip. It was personally gratifying for me as my uncle, who passed a few years ago, worked for Amtrack and its predecessor the Pennsylvania railroad his entire career. I took the opportunity to visit with my aunt on the way back, spending an extra night with her in NJ to catch up and share photos from the museum.

We also had multiple bike nights during July, including the Oyster Bay Car show, Shanahans, Millers Ale house and a special thanks to Kelly and John for hosting bike night as well. We also had a great Monthly Membership meeting at the VFW, followed by a club ride for lunch at Millers led by our Safety officer Dom, as well as our weekly on/off island rides.

Coming up in August we will have the overnight ride to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, which I am leading, and our annual Summer House party following the monthly meeting on 8/22. If you're a fan of Rock & Roll and have never visited the hall of fame, you owe it to yourself to jump in on this ride. The number of instruments, artifacts, and stories are just too many to mention and the displays change every year. This will be my third trip to the hall and I'm really looking forward to it! I will be providing a full itinerary later this week.

I hope to see you all at one of the weekly bike nights or rides!

Until then, ride safe, and find a new road!

Steve



# July Meeting



July has brought a lot of rain but our members showed up and had a very interactive meeting according to our President Steve Ficalora. As we all know this has been the 3rd rainiest July since weather records have been kept and that has certainly put a damper on our riding! As of January the club has had a total of 16 successful rides with 11 cancellations for a total of 5894 miles. We have had no new members since May and no one is the proud owner of a new bike this month. Lets get the word out to our friends who ride to boost our membership. Let them know what a great active club the LI Harley Riders are. We have a great overnigher planned for the end of this month led by AHRC Ralph to the Railroad Museum in PA leaving LI on 7/30. President Steve is leading us to Cleveland and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on August 12- 16th. Please note the New Hampshire Ride has been cancelled and RC Gary will be leading a great weekend trip Oct 1st- 3rd through the Berkshires of Massachusetts where great leaf watching is sure to be at its peak! Looking forward to August we have Saturday rides planned for Rhinebeck NY and Pennsylvania. Our annual Summer party is scheduled for August 22 after the monthly meeting. Jerry and Betty Smalls have offered their beautiful home once again. The rain date is August 29th.

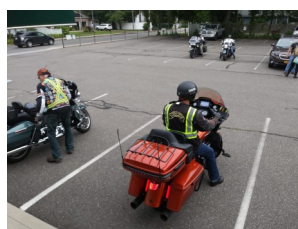
We raffled off another beautiful pillow with the money raised to go towards a bench for the Sagamore Children's Hospital's Mindfulness Garden and the lucky winner was Karen Garber. Our 50/50 winners were 1st place to Dennis Irizarry and 2nd place Mark Lentini. Mark generously donated his winnings to the LI Veterans Shelter.

Our members Sandy and Laurie Pattishall received their 5 year patches.

After the meeting RC Dom led 10 hardy souls on a damp ride to Millers Ale House for Lunch.



Sandy gets his 5 year patch



50/50 Winners



# Putnam Diner, Patterson NY



July 11, 2021

RC Gary lead one of only two rides in July. Six bikes and eight members had a rain-shortened detour adventure ride to Patterson NY. After all the hard work and planning that goes into an off island ride our RC's also need to prepare for surprises such as sudden weather and traffic related problems. Gary was able to lead our club on a short detour from State Line Pizza to the Putnam Diner to avoid the rain. Successfully the club returned home safe and dry after enjoying a delicious breakfast at the Putnam Diner!





# PA Railroad Museum Ride July 30-August 1 2021



AHRC Ralph led his 1st overnighter to PA. Nine bikes and 11 riders left LI with the usual traffic troubles but were able to enjoy a lunch in Jim Thorpe PA followed by a scenic ride heading Southwest with a quick visit to Susquehanna Harley Davidson and a scenic ride to the Hotel. Saturday included a ride through Amish Country with a stop at Lancaster Harley Davidson on the way to the Railroad Museum. The museum includes a collection of Locomotives and memorabilia from the earliest days of the railroad to present. The club enjoyed a delicious Amish style lunch in Quarryville. After another beautiful ride through the farm lands of PA to the hotel and dinner at Mikado Japanese Steak House. Sunday was an early start to try to beat the rain without success. The rain was short lived and we all returned home safely. All total the trip covered 700 miles and four states! Congratulations to Ralph on a successful trip and to all the RC who kept us safe and made the trip a great one.

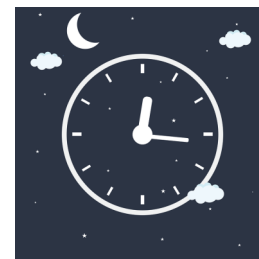


# A Little More from the Railroad Museum....





# July Bike Nights



Rainy weather has certainly curtailed our riding schedule but our Bike Nights have been abundant. Our Activities Director Lynne has been busy planning and orchestrating some fun get togethers! Our members John Capobianco and Kelly Frain hosted a great night and we have gone out to Millers Ale House, Shanahan's and the Tuesday Night Car Show in Oyster Bay to name a few. Remember to leave any suggestions for places to go in the suggestion box in the members only section of the website or reach out to Lynne if you would like to host a get together



# AUGUST SAFETY ARTICLE

By Dom Mozzone



## What we all hate and dread when riding: “Rain”

One word that we all hate to hear as a rider is “rain.” As a club we always check weather reports for our weekly rides to avoid rain; but occasionally we do get wet. What can you do to improve your riding in the rain?

The first thing you need to do is be prepared well ahead of the first few drops of rain. Selecting and purchasing a rainsuit is something that must be done in advance. Another point is to keep it with you at all times. A rainsuit serves two purposes. First, it should keep you dry. Second, and equally important, it should increase your visibility. When your evasive maneuverability is reduced by lack of traction, you want to be sure other drivers see you with reflective rain gear.

Maintaining all your lights also helps you to be seen in the rain. Of course, you must keep your lights clean, but have you checked them all lately to see if any have burned out? Do you carry any spares with you? Next time you take your bike in for service you should restock any spare bulbs you might be missing? Additionally spare fuses are just as important.

The other important items that need maintaining ahead of time are your tires. Have you inspected them lately? If any of the wear bands are showing, it's time to replace the tire. One of the major causes of hydroplaning is: worn tires. You clearly don't want to find this out after the rain starts falling. The sole purpose of the tread design on a tire is to carry off the water, but it can't do its job if you don't allow it enough tread depth to work with.

Hydroplaning occurs when the tires are not in full contact with the road. They ride on a thin layer of water, and sometimes oil, on the road. Hydroplaning occurs frequently in light mist or drizzle as soon as it starts. Proper tread depth and tire pressures, slowing down, and riding in the tracks of other vehicles all help reduce the chance of hydroplaning. The cessation of a slushing sound, or any decrease in steering or braking may indicate hydroplaning. If this happens, slow down without braking and avoid any sudden moves.

When we're doing a ride, especially on over night rides, and it starts raining we assess the planned route for safety in the rain. Scenic, twisty asphalt roads are a lot of fun when it's dry. When the rain starts to pour, the scenery turns gray, the turns aren't nearly as much fun, and the asphalt doesn't provide the traction you need to remain safe. That's when a decision for an alternate route is made along a boring, albeit straighter, concrete road.

An optimum situation is to stop prior to the precipitation and prepare yourself for riding in the rain. Doing so while dry and controlled will increase your safety as well as your comfort. Pull off the road as soon as you find a place to suit up; what you don't want to do is suit up in the rain as your getting wet. That totally sucks! Been there, done that, and its not fun. When the water first enters the pores of the road, it forces up the oil that has been collecting there, that's the most dangerous time to be caught in the rain where bad 'stuff' can happen quickly. Its best to wait at least 15 minutes after the rain starts for it to wash the oil off the road.

Though the main danger of rain is hydroplaning, slowing down, increasing your following distance, taking curves more slowly, take precautions when crossing intersections and increasing your scanning distance all helps riding safely in the rain.

Riding in the rain may never be pleasant, but it can be done safely if you're prepared and knowledgeable of what to avoid. Be vigilant, smart, avoid unnecessary risks and always keep your rain gear with you...



For a complete list of Charter Events and the latest information, visit [www.LIHarleyRiders.com](http://www.LIHarleyRiders.com) for details.

# August 2021

## August Birthday's

Maria Fontona 8/3  
 Ken Pettit 8/3  
 Joyce Dunn 8/4  
 Laurie Pattishall 8/5  
 Henry D'elia 8/7  
 Gay Mozzone 8/10  
 Anthony Carbone 8/15  
 William Caulfield 8/15  
 Mike McKeon 8/16  
 Phyllis Scalia 8/21  
 Cheryl Bullwinkel 8/24  
 Christine Smith 8/26

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Off island ride to Rhinebeck
8	9	10	11	12 Overnighter to Rock and Roll Hall of Fame	13	14
15	16 Rock and Roll Trip returns	17	18	19	20	21
22 Monthly meeting Summer Party 🎉	23	24	25	26	27	28 Off Island Ride to PA HRC Sal
29 Rain Date for summer party	30	31				

### Upcoming Events

Summer Party 8/22/21 Rain Date 8/29/21  
 Veterans Ride 11/7/21  
 Sagamore Children's Hospital Ride 12/5/21



*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

8/7 RC Chris -Rhinebeck KSU 8 am BP Gas station exit 43 LIE  
8/15 No Ride Overnighter to Cleveland  
8/22 Meeting Summer Party to follow  
8/28 HRC Sal ride to PA \*\* This is a Saturday Ride\*\*  
8/29 Rain date for annual Summer Party



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



## 2021 Overnights

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland, OH 8/12/21—8/16/21  
Massachusetts 10/1/21—10/3/21

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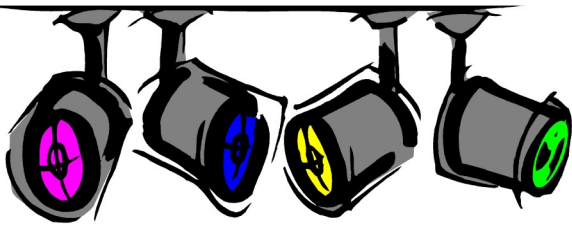
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