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

LIHR President's Message August, 2022

Greetings Everyone,



July turned out to be a very busy month as promised. We had Gary's ride to Westhampton Beach on July 3rd with a box lunch and Snowflake Ice Cream in Riverhead toward the end of the ride. We followed up with a doubleheader 7/9 and 7/10 which I led, first one to LI Antique Power Association which was a real blast and then the 76 House in Tappan NY for a bit of history, great scenery and a tasty lunch. This ride will be repeated in the fall during foliage season. I'd encourage everyone to take advantage of it. Mid July was our 3rd overnighter to Wellsboro PA & Watkins Glen NY lead by Frank. The trip was a good one but a bit more eventful then we would have liked. The ride after the monthly meeting was headed up by Chris K with lunch at BK Sweeney's. Always a good lunch stop. Lastly we had a very lightly attended ride to the annual BBQ with Sal as the lead RC.

I thought the BBQ was a terrific event and well attended. Special thanks to Scott and Diane for welcoming us to their home for the party. Thanks also to Lynne for coordinating the event and many others that helped with setup, breakdown, lots of tasty dishes and desserts and Joe Sabia once again doing a great job at the grill. Any feedback or suggestions are certainly welcome.

Heading into August there will be plenty of rides once again. This Sunday Gary will be leading the group to The Flying Pig in Miller Place. Next up will be my second overnighter of the season heading up to Salamanca NY with plenty of miles logged in PA as well. The deeper I get into the planning of this ride the more I'm looking forward to it. I believe we have a sizeable group heading out for this one but anyone else is welcome to join us. There will be no local ride on Sunday, 8/14 due to the upstate overnighter.

For those looking for a quickie (overnight ride that is), September 17 & 18th is your opportunity to take advantage of a ride up to the Catskills with the overnight stop being right outside of Middletown NY with Sunday's ride meandering into CT with the return by the Bridgeport Ferry. I have worked with their reservations person at the ferry and I will be able to block out space for us to alleviate the burden of their reservation system. They are working on improving it.

I look forward to seeing as many of you on the road, events and overnighters. As always, suggestions are always welcome to bring our members destinations and rides that are more enticing. Ride safe and stay well.

See you on the road.....

Jeff

## July Meeting

The July meeting was a hot one. We hope all our members and their families celebrated a Happy Independence Day in great fashion. We were certainly happy to have 36 members in attendance at this monthly meeting. The bagels and coffee were plenty and the comradery apparent. Our President Jeff was away at a family function but our Treasurer Joe G. was there to fill his shoes. Joe led the Pledge of Allegiance and covered all the up-



dates for the membership. Bikes Nights are in full swing and encouraging all to support and join in the socializing get togethers. Good friends, good food and in most cases good music is included in the fun. We had some awesome rides in July as the weather was very cooperative. Head Road Captain Sal also reviewed the rides for the month and the upcoming ones as well. He mentioned we have already rode over 5000 miles as a Club so far in 2022.

One adventurous off Island road trip was discussed in particular. Road Captain Frank gave us his full story on the Grand Canyon of PA ride. It included many wonderful sites, POI's, food and unfortunately or fortunately various gravel and/or dirt roads along the way. Regardless or the dust that kicked up while off road the responses from those on the trip were positive and exciting but Frank who led the trip also mentioned he was not so lucky. He went down on some uneven pavement which led to substantial damage to his bike. Thankfully he only had a few bumps, scratches and bruises on his person but was able to ride with Joyce for the rest of the trip. We must also give shout out to Stephan who was at

his second home in PA. He came to the rescue with a trailer, drove up to the scene and towed Frank's bike to the Pocono HD Dealership. That's what the Club Brotherhood is all about. On this same trip there was an additional dramatic situation that started off uneasy but ended up on a positive note. Membership Director Scott was having some issues with the performance of his bike while warming up for the trip. His Ultra Limited kept having intermittent sues during the ride out and up with the others. Things got worse and to a point where they had to stop at the nearest dealership for further evaluation. Garden State Harley found the issue to be



pretty serious. While Scott and Diane were in the showroom waiting for repairs they decided to wash their worries away and bought another bike. As Scott put it..."so this happened" (see new bike pic on left). Both Frank and Scott are true Road Warriors.

The membership was reminded about the Summer House Party coming up on 7/31 @12pm, rain date 8/7 at Diane & Scott residence. We also welcomed our newest member Jerry Papile. We are looking forward to him joining us on our motorcycle adventures

and other activities. The Ladies of Harley are planning their trip to Salem Massachusetts, September 30 thru October 2. Those already going have made their reservation and finalizing the agenda. Get in touch with

our LOH Leader Annette or Activities Director Lynne if you are still interesting in joining in on the trip and use the Sign Up Genius too.

Editor Izzy followed Joe's introduction to a new first time commitment to participate in a Membership Drive event. The Club will be setting up a table and tent at the Long Island Street Rod Associations Car Show on October 9, 2022 at the Suffolk County Community College on Wicks Ave in Brentwood. LISRA has been around since 1965 and can be a great partnership for us. We will see how membership goes and afterwards be able to determine if the benefits of socializing at this type of venue is worth the effort. Izzy and Joe Imperial are also members of the Car Club and their officers and members are happy we can join them. LIHR will wear their colors and have some literature at the event welcoming and encouraging any Harley Davidson bike owners in attendance to join our Motorcycle Club. Our Club will probably have a ride to the Car Show as well. We will not be able to bring our bikes onto

the Show field but will use the spectator parking. Since it's a long day we are suggesting two shifts to cover at the LIHR tent and at least three members per shift. We hope you can get involved to support the drive. Let us know if you have any ideas on how to make our membership drive the best it can be. See Izzy or the other officers if you want to contribute and help at the Car Show.



# July Meeting and Chris' Ride to B K Sweeney's

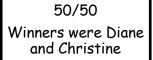
Welcome our new member Jerry Papile



































# Ride to West Hampton, July 3, 2022

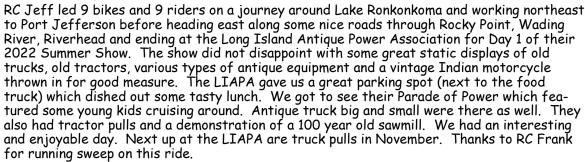
Road Captain Gary led 16 bike's and 18 members out to Westhampton Beach.

The roads meandered through Eastport, Remsenburg-Speonk, West Hampton and other nearby Long Island villages. They stopped at the Westhampton Beach Marina where the members had their lunch overlooking Moneyboque Bay. After lunch the group headed north to the Snowflake Ice Cream Shoppe in Riverhead for some homemade ice cream goodness.



## Ride to the Long Island Antique Power Association in Riverhead for their 30th Anniversary Show,

July 9, 2022





## Ride to 76 House in Tappan, NY, July 10, 2022

RC Jeff led 4 bikes and 5 riders to this historic site, built in 1688 and host to our first U.S. President George Washington. The restaurant was terrific as well as were the people running it. We had an easy ride over the GWB into northern NJ, around Greenwood Lake and then working back into NY through the Harriman State Park area. We missed a great photo opportunity when we came across a beautiful expansive vista. After a very nice lunch we headed over the Tappan Zee Bridge and back through the NYC. Traffic was a little tough but tolerable and we all survived the ride back to Long Island. This ride and destination is slated for a repeat in the fall to catch some fall foliage, and to catch that photo opportunity that we missed. Thanks to HRC Sal for running sweep on this ride.





## Bike Night, Salt Shack Cedar Beach, July 8 2022





Bike Night, Sayville Bait & Tackle, July 14, 2022







## Ride to the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania, July 16-19, 2022

R.C. Frank led 8 bikes and 11 members on a four day trip through PA. We had a beautiful 295 mile ride to PA with a few gas stops and lunch stop. The weather was perfect for riding most of the trip. Day two was back roads to the Grand Canyon where we stopped to take pictures. We rode about 190 miles on some really beautiful roads and a few surprises and challenging dirty roads. We are all now confident with our off road capabilities! We made a few stops - one being a little country store that still sold candy cigarettes We also stopped for lunch at the very charming Blockhouse Cafe in Liberty PA. Upon returning to the hotel, the bikes were all washed down and put to bed. Throughout the trip the various POI's including Watkins Glenn State Park and others. Many beautiful roads and sights and a couple of misfortunes made this one to remember.

























# Bike Night - at Salt Shack Cedar Beach, July 22, 2022

Lynne picked this great venue again. Great Friends and the atmosphere and the band 'The Mystic' were

fantastic, as was the sunset.













# Bike Night - at Shanahans, Kings Park, July 29, 2022

Good time was had and the music of Tommy Hellbent Solo Acoustic Tavern Tour Reunion 2022 was awesome. Tommy is a one man band who plays cover songs from Beatles to Foo Fighters. Very well done.





## Summer House Party, July 31, 2022

HRC Sal led a ride for some to the party at Diane and Scott's in Holtsville. Thanks to Lynne for leading the way and the many people who contributed to the set and breakdown. Thanks to Joe Sabia and Cindy for cooking. We relaxed, cooled down in the pool and all had a fabulous time, great conversations, food, desert and beverages.



## AUGUST SAFETY ARTICLE

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# 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



We have all heard of the "Classic Left" – which is not classy at all, as it usually involves the meeting of motorcycle and car – commonly driven by a less than diligent driver.

It happens all too frequently and since they – the less than diligent drivers – are not going to try to see us – we must ride around in pre-anticipatory mode. Then there is the variation I call the Reverse Cowboy – not that RC (jeesh) – but it might as well be.

While riding we must always be diligent. Always attentive. Always focused. Alert and ever observant. But, many a time, that will not be enough; as the less than diligent driver – like Honey Badger - Don't Give a F#%k!

According to numbers a whopping 42% of car vs bike incidents are left turns. That is an amazing number.

Indeed, 42 percent of all motorcycle crashes in the U.S. are the result of another vehicle making a left turn. Most often these accidents occur when a motorcyclist is riding through an intersection and the driver of the vehicle coming from the opposite direction turns into the rider's path. The result can be catastrophic and even deadly for the rider.

Why do these occur? Well, you can factor into a lengthy list of reasons and excuses.

Most times, when Law Enforcement is interviewing the driver, around the same time the rider is being gurneyed into the ambulance, the officers will hear the same five words that are repeated a hundred times a day in the United States... "I didn't see the motorcycle!"

Much of this has to do with perception and conspicuity.

Bikes are smaller and certainly narrower than most other vehicles. That narrow profile can easily be missed - especially if the driver approaching has 20% of their brain driving and the other 70% changing the XM channel or glancing at that text message that just chimed through. It is also very easy for drivers to misjudge the speed of an approaching motorcycle, or how close the bike really is.

I find I do this myself when making a turn and finally realizing that the car coming down the road will really take another month or so to get to me and I could have made three turns already, but now there is traffic coming from the other way - so patiently I will sit and internally chastise myself for the bad read on approaching speed.

Then there is always the impaired driver. Alcohol and drugs certainly come into play and account for so much mayhem and injury – but failing skills and the ability for drivers to operate cars as they once did begin to fade as we head into the far later years.

We have lost friends to this sort of thing and the "Old Man with a Hat" can be your worst enemy on the road.

With that forty-two percent of fatal motorcycle crashes that involved cars turning left while the motorcycle was going straight, passing, or overtaking a vehicle we need to work on our defense, and there are things you can do to better your odds of avoiding a crash at an intersection. Take a little bit of extra time to use your rear- and side-view mirrors to ensure that nobody is in your blind spots. If you are turning at an intersection, and your view of oncoming traffic is partially obstructed, wait until you can see around the obstruction, scan for all roadway users (pedestrians and motorcyclists included), and proceed with caution. Slow your decision-making process down at intersections.

Like a fighter pilot using "Situational Awareness."

I have seen some riders sitting at a light or riding down the road and they seem to stare straight ahead while others seem to have helmets that are in perpetual motion and constantly scanning about taking in visual data. Which rider are you?

Let me ask you another question...

When was the last time you practiced panic stops? It's an easy thing to

Find an open stretch of road or empty parking lot and get an easy roll going – maybe second gear, and at a pre-designated mark apply your brakes with a controlled gusto and authority.

Do it again and again. The front brake, back brake, and both together. Gigi & Reg Pridmore have ingrained this in both Shira and me over the

> years at CLASS. Well-operated brakes can be your best friend and a lifesaver.

So here is my Reverse Cowboy incident.

I was riding up along Route 17A and was just entering Warwick, New York. I was upfront and Shira a short distance behind me. The light was red as we approached and a small Toyota RAV4

was also rolling to a stop.

They were signally a right turn and as we got to the intersection the Toyota wheels cocked right and they began their turn. I leaned left and began to go around them.

That is when the 'Reverse Cowboy' happened.

The RAV4, which seemed already committed to making a right, suddenly went HARD LEFT and the little SUV was instantly heading the other way just a few yards ahead of me... still signally right.

There was no thinking on my part - just reaction.

Reaction allowed by a constant striving to be better and the need to get to Carnegie Hall ...practice, practice, practice. Kabeesh?

I was also blessed this time as I was already at a slow reduced speed any faster and it would have been a far worse outcome.

This time all the Panic Stop practice came into play and I stopped just inches from the side of the Toyota – blissfully unaware of what they had just done.

I rolled on and continued - not saying a word. I didn't have to. Shira was spouting all sorts of colorful metaphors across the Bluetooth universe.

The takeaway this month kids is this...

Be Alert, diligent, and use your eyes.

Expect the driver to make bonehead moves.

And, please practice the basics.

Really guys & gals .... Give me a brake! #





#### July Birthday's

Maria Fontana 8/3 Henry D'Elia 8/7 Joyce Dunn 8/8 Ken Petit 8/8 William Caulfield 8/15 Bill Bullwinkel 8/24

# **AUGUST 2022**

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## **Upcoming Events**



Bike Night @ Izzy and Angela's, Friday 9/2
7pm—?
123 9th Ave Holtsville, NY 11742

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>R.C.</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>KSU</u>
8/7	Gary	Flying Pig, Miller Place	10:30, exit 56
8/14		No Ride Scheduled Yet	







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



## 2022 Overnighters

8/13-8/18 Salamanca NY RC Jeff 9/17-9/18 Catskill Mts Region—overnight stay in Middletown, NY RC Jeff 9/30-10/2 LOH trip to Salem MA 10/15-10/18 Winchester WA, Skyline Drive & Luray Caverns RC Cheryl

NOTE: Lodging and date details on all overnighter's are now in the Members Only section on our LIHR website

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

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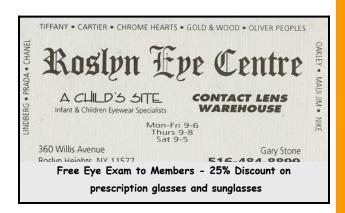
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Say Cheese! Attending your first meeting? Be sure to let us know where you're from and what you ride. Welcome to the Family!

After the meeting, our Charter Photographer will take your photo!



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NEXT MEETING August 28, 2022

Nathan Hale VFW Hall 210 West Pulaski Road Huntington, NY

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