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

### LIHR President's Message



Welcome to August L.I. Harley Riders,

I'd first like to urge anyone that hasn't responded to the 2023 Member Survey online to please do so. The cutoff is August 9th. The link to the survey can be located in your last couple of weekly emails, on our website and on the Facebook page. The survey is a good way to get your voices heard. The Club Officers and Road Captains are dedicated to continually making the club more appealing to all members. We look forward to your responses on or before August 9th. As always, feel free to contact myself or any of our Officers and Road Captains with any discussion topics or suggestions you may have.

July dished out some hot and sticky weather as well as more rain than we would have liked. We had two rides cancelled due to rain and the two day overnighter to Rhode Island was pretty wet on the afternoon of day two. August will offer up three off island rides. We have day trips on 8/6 and 8/20 going to northwest CT and northeast PA respectively and we also have our fourth out of six overnighters to Letchworth State Park in the southern tier of upstate NY coming up on 8/10-8/13.

Events in July included an evening at the Salt Shack at Cedar Beach but the headliner for the month was the Annual Club BBQ on 7/30. Many thanks go out to Jerry & Betty Small for opening their home to us once again for a well attended and fun event. Kudos to Kelly Frain for putting the event together as well as all of the members who helped with cooking, food & site preparation and cleanup.

There are still three overnighters left on the schedule. Please consider joining us for one or more of these trips. The Road Captains put a lot of work into these trips and it is evident to those who have taken advantage of our first three trips. Get out and ride!!

See you on the road.....

Jeff

# July Membership Meeting, 7/23

Treasurer Joe G. led the salute to flag and ran the membership meeting for Pres. Jeff G who had a family commitment. Joe reviewed the Club's budget status and anticipated expenses. Members were asked about any new motorcycles which led to various conversations and upgrades. A couple of members expressed their frustrations on issues with Screaming-Eagle upgrades. Head Road Captain Sal a report on the rides we completed, those that were cancelled and drew attention to the upcoming rides and overnight road trips. All plans and details for the overnights are set and have been communicated frequently via the weekly emails, on Facebook and our LIHR website.

Editor Izzy spoke about the Long Island Street Rod Car Show and Swap Meet on Sunday October 8. The Club has decided to have a membership drive at the car show similar to what we did last year. This time Membership Officer Scott and Izzy will enhance the Club location at the car show and also have three motorcycles next to our table and pop-up. HRC Sal is also having a Club ride to the show in a show of comradery and to support the membership drive event. The members who assist Scott and those who ride with Sal should wear the LIHR colors to draw attention and hopefully bring potential new members to the table. It will cost \$10 per person to enter the Car Show. The entry fee supports the LISRA and the donations go to multiple Suffolk County Community College Scholarships. Members who attend can also enjoy the various activities at the car show including live music, vendors, 50/50, food and of course classic cars, hot rods and more, therefore bring cash.

Activities Officer Kelly briefed the Membership on the upcoming BBQ and asked Members to please contact her (516-456-5763) to coordinate anything that they are planning to provide for the BBQ. We are looking forward to a big turnout and also a great time with friends. Thanks in advance to Betty and Jerry Small for hosting. Bring your bathing suits so you can go for a swim. There will be plenty of food and beverages for all to enjoy as well. Kelly also spoke about bike nights including those at Cedar Beach and at the Vanderbilt Planetarium. Future bike nights will be planned. She will also look at other biker nights where we could ride into the event together as a club, and meet other like minded bikers, and possibly bring on new members too.

Web Master Rod reported that the "Fall Foliage" ride is now open on the website. Please use the Sign Up Genius to confirm your attendance on overnights, etc. All the sponsors information has been updated on our site and thanked various members for the great pictures. Keep the content coming.

Public Relations Officer Dom spoke about this year ride to Sagamore that will take place earlier in late November, 11/26 but date to be confirmed soon. He mentioned that Brad Richmond from the Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center/Hospital would attend the September membership meeting to discuss this year's event. This year we expect to have greater participation by club members to make even that much more special for the kids in the facility. Add this one to your calendar and be there or be square.

Congratulations to the 50 - 50 Winners: 1st Place: Rob Roden; 2nd Place: Bob Titolo. After the meeting, Gary led 20 Bikes and 21 Members on a beautiful 68 mile ride ending at JR's Steak House in Calverton.



# July Membership Meeting, cont.



50/50 Winners Rob Roden and Bob Titolo



# Rhode Island Overnighter, 7/8-7/9

RC Jeff led 7 bikes and 12 members on our two day trip to Rhode Island and Connecticut. RC Sal ran sweep for the ride. Day 1 was a scenic ride along the ocean shoreline through Narraganset & Newport RI. We made stops at Point Judith Lighthouse/Coast Guard Station in Narraganset and The Waves Mansion in Newport. We continued along the shoreline to view some incredible mansions including The Breakers (125,000 SF Huge!). The group enjoyed a great lunch at a local seafood market/restaurant just north of Newport before continuing our ride through Providence and into eastern Connecticut for the evening. As usual, our dinner was filled with stories, fun and lots of laughs. The end of day gatherings are always a highlight on overnight journeys. We headed out of Plainfield CT on Day 2 with very pleasant CT roads and two POI stops. The first POI being the Fox Hill Tower in Rockville CT which was quite impressive with great views due to the elevation of Fox Hill. The group continued along some very enjoyable roads in northern CT, one of which goes around the Barkhamsted Reservoir and then onto the Soldiers Monument in Winsted CT. The road leading into the monument was a short but intense ascent. It certainly got everyone's attention. The monument was dedicated back in 1890 and was in honor of Civil War veterans. John and Kelly won a free lunch having the closest guess to the height of the monument which stands about 64' tall. We got lunch in Winsted but unfortunately Mother Nature had then rolled in some heavy showers as we were about to start heading south out of Winsted. Unfortunately we missed out on some great riding from Winsted to Bridgeport but for the sake of safety we went directly to Bridgeport and the ferry crew was helpful in getting us on the 2:30 crossing instead of our planned 4:45 departure. It was a short trip but enjoyable despite Sunday afternoon's rain. Thanks for all of the riders and members who made the trip successful and enjoyable.



# Bike Night Cedar Beach Salt Shack Babylon, 7/13



# LIHR Annual BBQ, 7/30

Before the BBQ RC Jeff led 10 bikes and 10 riders for a fun and interesting ride from Exit 56 northward through many north shore communities on the way to Jerry and Betty's home in Syosset for the club's annual BBQ. HRC Sal took care of the sweeping duties and RC Gary and RC Probie John H. helped out for the ride as well. Many thanks to Jerry and Betty for welcoming us into their home once again and letting us use their beautiful pool and backyard. Wishing Betty a speedy recovery from her recent knee surgery.

What a perfect day for a BBQ!!! We had 38 members attend our annual event. Among them were Lisa Hernandez with a new hip replacement, Maria Ramano with a broken ankle and Betty with a knee replacement. Thank you again to Joe Sabia for cooking and to Cindy for keeping the food organized. Of course a big thank you for those of you who came early to setup and those of you who helped clean up. It seemed like everyone there had an enjoyable time and plenty to eat.



# LIHR Annual BBQ, cont.



# August Safety Article

## 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*

### SUSPEND BELIEF

When we look at modern motorcycles, compared to the machines of yesteryear, or even a decade or so back – there is so much more in play regarding technology.

Traction Control, Anti-Lock Braking, and Variable Power Modes all work together in a great waltz of computers, sensors, and algorithms allowing for even the moderately talented rider to do so much more on the bikes safely. Tires, too, have made massive leaps forward as far as traction and longevity. The tires that most machines roll on today would have been very welcome at the track a quarter of a century ago.

Although most modern machines, especially higher-end ones, carry ABS, Traction Control, and Power Modes, on some models manufacturers cut corners in an effort to keep consumer pricing to a manageable region. Many times tires are in the middle of the road, off-the-shelf product, and suspension, while usually adjustable to some degree, is certainly not as state-of-the-art as they could or should be.

The great thing is both of these can be swapped out or upgraded to better equipment.

When motorcycles first began to grow in popularity there was little, if any, real suspension. Sprung seats might have helped the rider's tush – but did nothing to help the bike. Over the last century suspension developed and then became more and more innovative.

Where most automobile drivers might think of suspension as that thing that gives them a super smooth driving experience, and that the car's suspension is there solely to make the driver think he is anywhere than on the road – I like to think that suspension, motorcycle or car, is there for one thing... keeping my wheels in contact with the pavement.

Riding comfort does come into play – but that is not what I am primarily thinking when I look at proper suspension.

On some machines these days you have electronically controlled suspension. My BMW R1250 GS has Comfort, Road, and Dynamic; other brands have different names for different suspension settings; all named according to their legal teams.

Many machines also come with Cartridge-Style Front Forks which do a far better job with damping and rebound. With these forks, the fork legs carry a small cylinder inside the lower section which is, basically, an open-chamber shock absorber. A piston slides through this cartridge, which is submerged in the fork oil. Depending on how you adjust it, or dial it in, the fork gives a different response to road surface.

Okay... it's magic. Let's stick with that.

When you start to wrap your mind around it, suspension work and set-up is almost a mystical art that seems to best be left to magicians and sorcerers, and sometimes you have to suspend belief and trust that it all works as promised.

But my point is that with all the improvements that have been made to motorcycles over the decades – tires, electronics, engine design, and chassis, body and luggage design... I think that suspension might be the single most important part of your machine.

You need to feel the road, you need to have your tires fully engaging with the pavement to get the most out of your machine, whether on the track or the backroads.

Suspension is there to keep it all on the ground – comfort is secondary in my mind.

My Kawasaki Z900RS came with suspension that did the job adequately for a bit, but with more familiarity and a couple of very telling track days, it was apparent to me that the stock suspension was designed for far lighter men than me, and even with it all cranked up it wallowed when pushed.



Thus a trip in mid-May to our friends at EPM Performance in Manalapan, New Jersey. Klaus and crew have been putting together, installing, and tweaking motorcycle suspensions for a long time and they took apart the cartridge forks, installed new, more progressive Hyper-Pro springs and far superior quality fork oil, and replacing the old and tired stock shock with a new purple-sprung Hyper-Pro Type 466 rear shock.

Installation done, it was time for a little dialing in using a digital slacker tool that measures sag. Looking for more precision Mike and Frank (The Crew at EPM) removed the shock and made some adjustments. A short time later I was back on the road but not on the same machine I came down with. Nope – this Z was a far more precise machine, and later along the far twistier roads of western New Jersey the Kawasaki truly had a feel to it that I felt it should have had since I bought it.

All it took was some time and investment to suspend my belief! #



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Quote of the month: 'There is nothing like the wind in your hair and the rumble of a Harley in your soul.'

### August Birthday's

Maria Fontana 8/3, Henry D'Elia 8/7, William Caulfield 8/15,  
Micheal McKeon 8/16, Patricia Andriani 8/23

# August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Letchworth New York Overnighter	11 Letchworth New York Overnighter	12 Letchworth New York Overnighter
13 Letchworth New York Overnighter	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Off Island Ride to Northern PA	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Membership Meeting	28	29	30	31		

### Upcoming Events

- Head RC Sal will be leading an off-island ride through northern PA on Aug. 20th, returning on the 4:45pm Bridgeport Ferry (reservations have been made). This will be a "bagged lunch" ride.
- Long Island Street Rod Association car show scheduled for Oct. 8th. Membership Officer Scott Muso and a few participating volunteers will have a pop-up canopy, table, and Membership Drive during the event. HRC Sal will lead a Club ride to the car show in support of the 'Drive' and LIHR. All who attend will be able to enjoy the activities, see many classic cars, hot rods, vendors, food and live music.



*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

Date	RC	Description	KSU and Location
• 8/13	N/A	No Local Ride	
• 8/20	Sal	Off Island to Northern PA	8:00am-Exit 32
• 8/27	Jeff	Old Fields BBQ in Huntington	After Meeting
• 9/3	Gary	TBD	

**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.



## 2023 'Look Ahead' Overnights

**August: 10th-13th, Upstate New York two nights overnight, Letchworth State Park (RC Jeff leading the ride)**

**September 9th-12th, St. Mary's PA to view the Annual Elk Rutting (RC Jeff leading the ride)**

**October 13th-15th, Fall Foliage Ride - Pittsfield, MA (RC Gary leading the ride)**

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

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

Head Road Captain: Sal Fino / Asst. Head Road Captain: Chris Kuster

RC's — Jeff Grube, Gary Kinkel, John Hachmann (Probie)

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#### NEXT MEETING

August  
27, 2023

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