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President's Point of View, by Grumpy

Well so far the weather has been good to us, but that changed on January 21st – winter is here! We did get our first ride of 2013 in - The Polar Bear Ride - on January 6th, led by our Head Road Captain, Ken Grant. We were joined by Pelly Damianos, the Director of the Miracle Mile HOG Chapter, along with a few of his chapter members. All LI Harley Riders that attended and previously had a Lighthouse HOG Polar Bear patch on their vest received their new LI Harley Riders Polar Bear patch and 2013 rocker, which I know will be the first of many rockers to add.

We are holding our book drive for Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center. Dom Mazza, our Public Relations Officer, is doing a great job organizing this event, even going to local Libraries to receive their unwanted books. The Director of Sagamore, Tom McOlvin, stated that we are the only outside source for them to receive books and magazines, so please bring them to the February 24th monthly meeting. I know the books will be appreciated by all. Dom set up a drop box at the Bellmore Library for members in that area who cannot make it to a meeting.



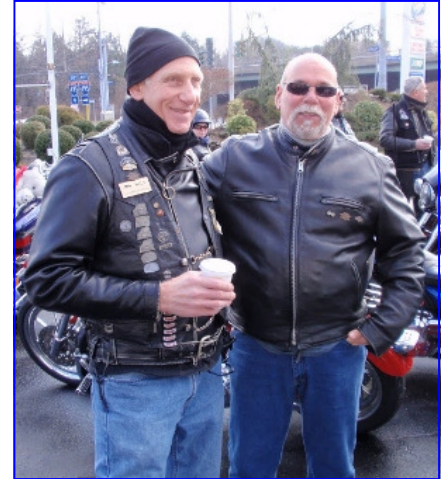
On January 12th, our Ladies of Harley took off their helmets and riding boots and put on their dancing shoes for a night of dining and dancing at Butterfields in Hauppauge. I spoke to a few of the attendees who said it was a great night out and that they are looking forward to the next one. So a BIG THANK YOU to Annette Greco, our LOH officer, for arranging this Ladies Night Out. Check out the photos on the website and plan on attending the next one.

February is here, so grab your Sweetheart and get ready for the Annual Sweetheart Ride, a local ride, led by our Assistant Head Road Captain Mario Ruffolo.

Please check our Web page, Facebook page and our NEW Hotline # at 631-406-4170 for details. Ride long and prosper!



Head Road Captain **Ken Grant** had a huge turnout for his 2013 **Polar Bear Ride**, including former Lighthouse Director and present Miracle Mile HOG Director Pelly



Showing off his patch



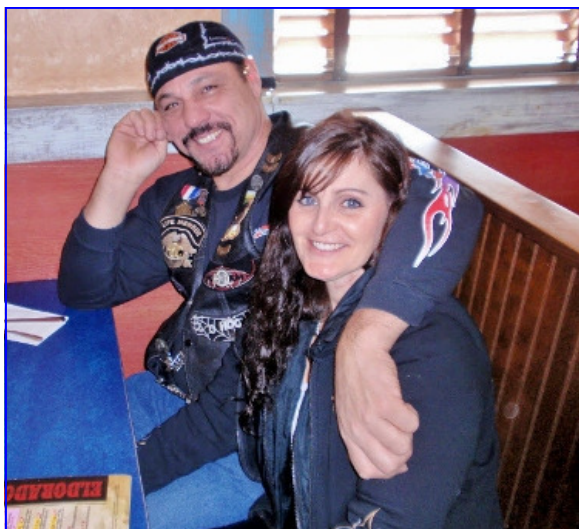
Rod makes sure ALL riders are signed in!



The Polar
Bear
Ride
ended at



for a terrific
lunch!



Bottoms up!

He REALLY likes his patch!



President Fred & First Lady Nadine

Bridge Icing and Winter Riding

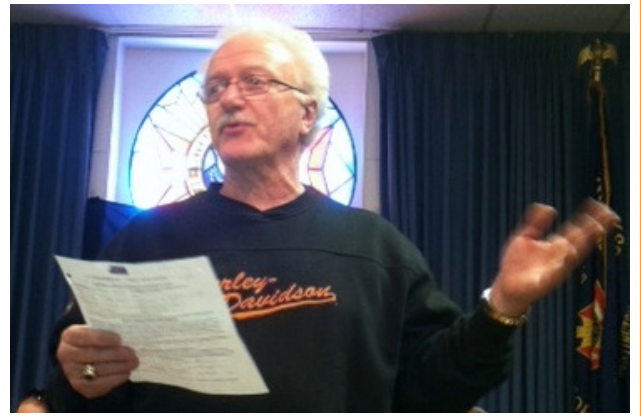
By Dom Mozzone, Safety Officer

During our winter riding season, we all hope that the weekend weather holds up and that the temperature and precipitation cooperates so we can ride. Typically, we wake up and see the sun shining. Looks like a good day for a ride, we check the hotline and ... wala ... the ride is on ... yeah!!! The weather report agrees. It will be sunshine and a high in the mid 40s. The current temperature is 38 degrees. You know about the wind-chill factor, so you bundle up to stay warm during the ride.

Twisting down the roads, you're enjoying the ride and the scenery. There's a bridge up ahead. Shouldn't be a problem ... you've already crossed several bridges. As you start to cross this one, something happens. All of a sudden you lose traction on both tires. It's almost like the motorcycle is skiing across the bridge. You make it to the other side and regain traction and control. Although your nerves are a little unsettled, you continue. The main difference now is you slow down before crossing any other bridges. The rest of the ride is uneventful. Still, you can't help but wonder what in hell happened.

The answer to this mystery is simple — ice. Even though the weather report indicated the temperature was 38 degrees, which is above the freezing mark, temperature readings are taken at certain locations, such as airports, townships and schools. Temperatures in suburban areas can, and usually are, lower than what they would be in urban areas.

Why on this one particular bridge there was ice, but not on the others? Several factors are involved. One is the amount of traffic that crosses the bridge. Friction from tires and heat from the exhaust of vehicles can cause ice to melt where the traffic flow is moderate to heavy. This doesn't mean you shouldn't still be wary of bridges in these types of areas. It could still be on the shoulder or on the least traveled lane of the roadway and bridge. Bridges that are lightly traveled could easily remain iced for longer periods.



What about the roadway leading to the bridge? Why wasn't ice on it? The ground acts as an insulator and will maintain a certain degree of warmth. Bridges are open and exposed, plus they are usually made of metal and concrete; thus lacking the ability to create warmth enough to melt the ice.

What to do to prevent a similar situation from occurring? First, understand that temperatures near freezing will vary from area to area. Some areas on LI, such as near the south shore bridges, will be cooler than others. Second, when temperatures are near the freezing mark, even around 40 degrees, use caution around bridges. Always suspect there may be ice on them.

Third, slow down prior to reaching the bridge and reduce lean angle. You want as much available traction as possible from your tires.

Finally, what should you do if you hit a patch of ice? As we covered in previous meetings and newsletter articles, you squeeze the clutch in and coast through it. Avoid any abrupt changes in speed or direction. Once past the patch of ice, slowly ease the clutch back out. The key words here are "slowly ease." Never grab or squeeze the brakes on ice as bad stuff can happen!

Stay alert to the conditions of the environment. Remember that it constantly changes and adjust accordingly. Ride safe, ride the winter often and have fun doing it!

OH WHAT A NIGHT....YES, IT'S LADIES NIGHT!



AND WE
LOOKED
HOT!



BETTY'S GRAB BAG GIFT
WAS **HARD** TO BEAT



EVERYONE TRIED TO GET A HAND ON IT.
UNFORTUNATELY, BATTERIES WERE **NOT** INCLUDED





**THE LADIES WERE SO HOT ON THE DANCE FLOOR
THAT A COUPLE OF MEN STARTED TO MOVE IN**



**WE NEVER DID
FIGURE OUT
WHICH OF
THESE LADIES
THIS GUY LIKED
BETTER**



**THIS GUY GOT
A BIG
SMOOCH !**

**THIS GUY
GOT A
REGULAR
DANCE**



**AND THIS
GUY GOT
THE
LAP DANCE**

The History of the Motorcycle

By Lou Vaccarelli, Historian

So, it's the 21st century!!! We own a Harley. We feel "the power, the speed and the undeniable conquest of the road." The metamorphosis of these power machines, which began in the 19th century, will be recounted in a series of articles. This is the first installment.

The first motorcycle was developed in the United States in 1867, that is, if you count the 2-cylinder, charcoal-fired boiler, steam-powered motor bike built by Sylvester Howard Roper of Roxbury, Massachusetts. Originally, it was called the Steam Velocipede, then the Roper and later the "Bone Shaker" because of its bumpy ride. Roper tried to develop a commercial interest in his invention, but interest lagged and Roper was relegated to exhibiting at circuses and state fairs. ***It would be 13 years before William S. Harley is born.***

It's no surprise that in the late 1800s, scores of designs for bicycles with steam and internal combustion engines were developed in France, Germany and England. At that time, steam was the best method of mobilization and mechanization for most machinery. In 1884, an Englishman named Edward Butler, built a motor bicycle with 3 wheels. People were so afraid of it they petitioned the government to pass laws against the new motor bike. One law stated that at least 3 people must be on board at all times and another stated that a man with a red flag needed to run in front declaring that the motor bike was on its way. Was this the first Road Captain?



Engineers continued to experiment with all types of power sources. Nicholaus Otto, who invented the Otto cycle, had an assistant, Gottlieb Daimler, who left Otto to invent his own engine. Daimler is sometimes credited with inventing the first motorcycle in 1885. It had a gasoline-powered engine and a 2-speed transmission. It also had 2 outrigger wheels, like a child's training wheels. So, in fact, his motor cycle had 4 wheels. Daimler went on to team up with Karl Benz to form the Daimler-Benz Corporation and left motorcycles to others.

How did Hildebrand & Wolfmuller come to take over the title of the first motorcycle inventors in 1894? Well, theirs was the first to be commercially produced and did not use a bicycle frame but a frame designed specifically to house an engine. For the next 6 years, engines became more powerful, outgrowing the bicycle design. Now, with the invention of the internal combustion engine and the inflatable tire – the motorcycle was making its mark.

Power, design and later the speed of the motorcycle became infectious, when in 1895 Milwaukee's own E.J. Pennington designed and built a motorcycle capable of doing 58mph. He gets the bragging rights for coining the name "Motor Cycle" for his invention.

So, that very truncated version of the history of the motorcycle in the 19th century will take us to the 20th century, where, at the age of 21 in 1901, William S. Harley put the finishing touches on a blueprint of an engine that fits onto a bicycle.

We all have a story to tell as to where and when we developed the urge to ride a motorcycle. My inspiration came from my father. The picture above is of my Dad at age 27, training on the "US Army 1942 Harley-Davidson WLA Military Motorcycle" at a base in Texas. During WWII, motorcycles were used as escorts and dispatches. They were built to withstand rugged terrain and lots of abuse. As you can see, he commented on the "Dirty Mud Ride" he had to endure during training. I will write more about the history of the motorcycle in war in subsequent articles.

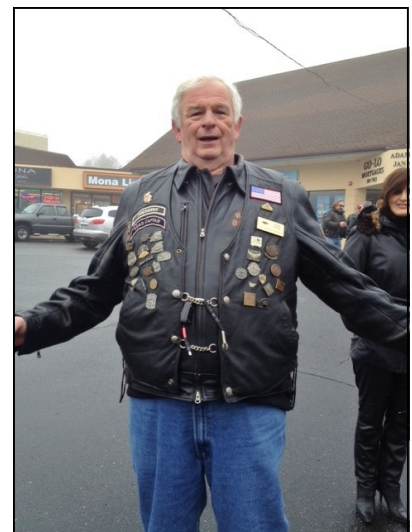
Next month, I will take you back in history to the early 1900s.

Just when you thought you had cruised all the great roads of Long Island, **Mike Macari** shows us otherwise (after waiting patiently for the fog to lift).



Did you know...

I have always wondered why anyone would name a road "Bread and Cheese Hollow". Turns out that when Richard Smythe was riding his bull north on this path, while mapping out the land he would purchase from the Indians to call Smithtown, he stopped to rest and snacked on bread and cheese.



And for lunch, it was...



Just for
the guys...
A rare
glimpse into
the ladies
room



A few members get
together at K.J.
Farrells to support Mike's
band



Peggy gets lucky
winning a free
CD and \$100





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

February 2013

February Birthdays

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Dale Bonocore.....10
Dan Elias.....13
Bob Bernstein.....18
George Foundotos...21
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**Billiards Night
Coming!**

**March 15th, 7 pm
The Big Kahuna**
(please pay in advance)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Groundhog Day 
3 Long Beach Polar Bear Swim Ride	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Sweetheart Ride 	11	12	13	14	15 Bowling 	16
17 Pastrami King Ride 	18 Presidents Day 	19	20	21	22	23
24 Monthly Meeting & Chili Contest 	25	26	27	28		

Start planning for our 2013 overnights!

May 4-5: Connecticut Casino — June 12-15: Laconia 90th Rally —
July 24-28: Mountain Fest in WV — August 25-September 2: Milwaukee "H-D 110th" Rally —
October 18-20: Fall Foliage Trip TBD

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

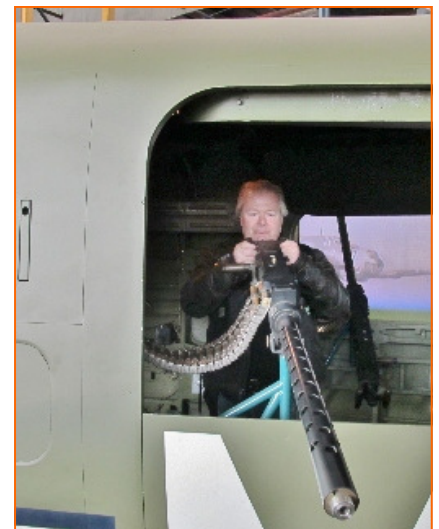
The American Farmingdale is one wide that actually and **GARY KINKLE**



Airpower Museum in of only a few world-fly historic aircraft, took us there.



Move over boys...the ladies will take this one



Lunch at Dave & Busters



I think my gun is jammed



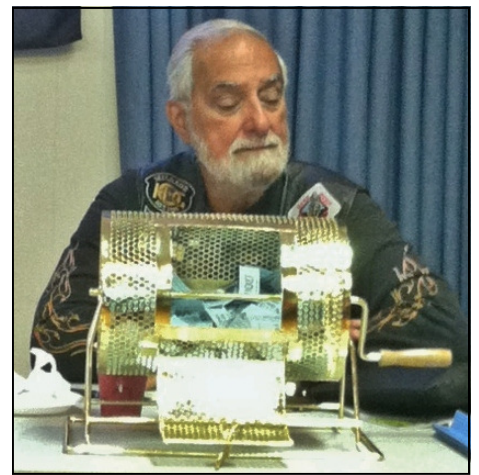


President Fred, Vice President Dave and the new activities team, Stephan and Kathy, take their places.

A rare photo of one of our photographers



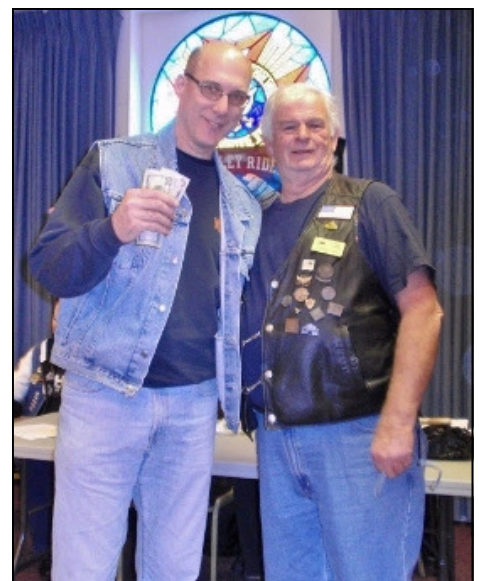
It seems some members were not happy with their balls



But George was elated with his shiny new raffle drum



AND THE WINNERS ARE... Rob, Sue and Ralph



Welcome New Members



Pete and Sharon Daly— East Northport

Pete and Sharon ride a 2009 Heritage Softail Classic. They have been riding since 2009. Their favorite ride is a Police-escorted ride through the 4 boroughs of New York City. All streets and bridges that are travelled are closed and escorted by NYC Motorcycle Police Officers. The City stops for them! Pete is a NY City Police Officer and Sharon is a Homemaker.



Rich Scalercio

~~THIS PICTURE~~
PERSON
QUALIFIES AS
THIS
MONTH'S
CRAZIEST!



Apparently, Dom Mazza has been very busy this month ...



Not only has he been working hard to collect books for the children at the Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center, (which, by the way, he will be collecting books again at our February meeting and is trying to beat last year's collection of 600 books), he was also able to provide us with copies of Thunder Press and Backroads at our January meeting.

There was still time for him to rub elbows with the likes of Mike Wolf from "American Pickers" ... and then cruise down to Palm Beach with Flo ...



... and write this DVD Review ...
White Knuckle

"The Story of the Motorcycle Cannonball"

Filmed by Brian Darwas

Produced by Jennifer Carhietta

The video is slated to be shown at the
February Chili Cook-off Meeting

Biography of Film Maker: Brian Darwas owns and operates Atomic Hot Rods in the Bronx. He is an award winning film maker and has produced three other DVDs. Video is available for \$24.95 plus shipping at www.atomichotrods.com or at Woodstock Harley Davidson, Route 28, Kingston, New York.

"The "Antique" Motorcycle Cannonball was named in honor of E.G. Cannonball Baker who, in 1911, rode across the nation in a little over 11 days. The documentary takes you on the 2010 Motorcycle Cannonball, open only to motorcycles pre-1916. It went 3,294 miles from Kitty Hawk, NC to the pier at Santa Monica, CA. More than 40 motorcycles participated in the 16-day race. The race follows three main riders (one motorcycle, a 1913 Sears, is on display at Woodstock Harley-Davidson in Kingston, NY) and includes many more. Believe it or not, almost 40 motorcycles completed the trip, with 10 completing with a perfect score. This video may be the only time many of us will get to see and hear these Harleys, Indians, Sears and many other brand motorcycles over 100 years old on the road. Watch what it took to just keep them running! The riders were often working all night on their bikes to get the on the road the next day (to complete the next leg of the journey). One rider said he sometimes got 45 minutes sleep a night and then rode all day, often not knowing where he was. Sometimes a motorcycle dealer, tire store or museum would assist them to buy or make a part ... even giving them something off a bike at a museum just to keep them going. One of the bikes, a 1911 Harley-Davidson Belt Drive (yep, belt drive) that used leather belts would wear them out ,one a day, and a shoe repair shop in Tennessee actually sewed one of the belts for the rider to keep him on the road. No, no Kevlar then. So, if you want a video that will introduce you to the great-grandfather of your bike, this is a ride you may enjoy. Great for any gloomy day and to enjoy with biker friends.



**Are you a member of
the American
Motorcyclist Asso-
ciation (AMA)?**

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membership benefits ...
Roadside Assistance**

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Vehicles

Automobiles, motorcycles, motorhomes and trailers are covered.

Towing Services

Towing services are covered up to 35 miles to the nearest qualified service facility (or to any other location requested by the member of equal distance at no expense to the member). If over 35 miles, the member is only responsible for the overages incurred after the 35-miles coverage



Service Limitations

AMA Roadside Assistance is your safety net for mechanical breakdowns with your motorcycles and other vehicles. Commercial trailers are, however, excluded.

Only one service call for the same service type within seven days

- > Example: One tow per seven days, one lockout per seven days, one jumpstart per seven days, etc.
- > Member can have more than one service call within a seven-day period, but it cannot be the same service.

AMA 24-Hour Roadside Assistance Services

All roadside services are covered at no expense to the member.

Battery Service/Vehicle Won't Start

- > Jump start service.
- > If motorcycle with battery failure, we will tow motorcycle (up to towing coverage listed earlier).



Flat-tire Assistance

- > Flat tire change (to spare).
- > If no spare (for motorcycle), we can tow the vehicle (up to towing coverage listed earlier).



Fuel, Oil, Fluid and Water Delivery Service

- > Fuel – unleaded or diesel fuel.
- > Fluids – water, oil, or other fluid.
- > Member pays provider for fuel/fluid itself.
- > Member will not pay for service call charge for provider to deliver to the breakdown location.



Lock-out Assistance

- > If keys locked inside vehicle – we will send out provider to unlock vehicle.
- > If a locksmith is necessary to assist with key in trunk and if the locksmith can access trunk release from inside vehicle, it will be covered.
- > If no access to a trunk release or a key needs to be made – provider pays for the cost of the service charge for locksmith to go out to the location but member is responsible for cost of key and labor associated with making key.
- > If lockout service is unsuccessful, provider will tow the vehicle (up to towing coverage listed earlier).



Mobile Mechanic Assistance (for RV vehicles)

- > Program covers service call for Mobile Mechanic to go out to the location.
- > Does not cover cost of parts, labor/repair, lubricants, installation or materials necessary to complete repair work on site.



Get Protected Now

Sign up for **AMA Roadside Assistance** securely online, or call (800) AMA-JOIN for more information.

2013 Membership Renewal

*2013 Calendars and rockers
will be on sale!*

**Check out our new Mens
and Ladies T-Shirts!**



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or send an email to Chris at Membership@LIHarleyRiders.com to request one

**Do you have a story to tell about a special bike ride
or trip you've taken or a cool product you've used?**

We would love to publish it.

Please send your stories and photos to: Editor@LIHarleyRiders.com

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!**



HELLO
my name is

See our **Activities Officer** for
individual name tags. This way,
other members can put a name
with a face!

NEXT MEETING
February 24, 2013
10 AM

Nathan Hale VFW Hall
210 West Pulaski Road
Huntington, NY

**Charter meetings are held
4th Sunday* of each month**
*(*unless otherwise noted)*

Bagels, Coffee and Tea
served
\$5.00 per person



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information at

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Before leaving for a ride, be sure to check your email or our Charter Website at
<http://www.LIHarleyRiders.com> for updated information and last minute cancellations.



Milwaukee 2013—H-D's 110th Anniversary Event

Thinking about a trip to Milwaukee next year to celebrate H-D's 110th Anniversary? We are! Let us know if you're interested as we **ONLY HAVE A FEW HOTEL ROOMS LEFT!** (~8-9 days, arriving back home on Labor Day 2013) Please email Ken Grant at HeadRoadCaptain@LIHarleyRiders.com for information.



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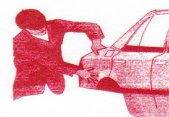
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