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#### President's Point of View, by Grumpy

Greetings Harley Riders

Our Ladies of Harley held their Annual Holiday Party on January 11, at Butterfields in Hauppauge. After speaking with a few ladies that attended, it is clear that Annette Greco, our Ladies of Harley Officer, did a great job putting this event together for the LOH. I am told that Annette is working on an overnight ride to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA for the ladies this year. So keep an eye out for further information. This trip is open to all our female members. Again, a big thank you to Annette for all her planning and hard work.

On January 12<sup>th</sup> we had our annual Polar Bear Ride. Head Road Captain Mario Ruffolo, with the assistance of our road captains, did a great job. Everyone who attended received a 2014 rocker to add to their Polar Bear Patch.

On January 18<sup>th</sup> we held our second bowling night. 20+ members hit the lanes. Even when it's too cold to ride, our Activities Officer, Stephan, will find a way to keep us busy - Thanks, Stephan, for setting it up!

The Chili contest will be held February 23rd following the monthly meeting. Those who enter the contest will not have to pay February's door fee. VFW post commander, Bruce Brennan, will again be our judge.

At our first general meeting for 2014, we held a raffle for a one of a kind custom pillow made for us by Dom Mazza's sister Gertrude O'Neal. And the LUCKY WINNER of the Lynchburg pillow was Sue Ceparano.

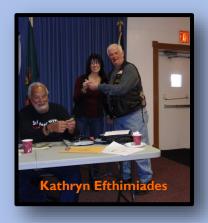
I would like end this with a THANK YOU to all the officers for their help in making everything we do as a club work. Because, no one person makes it all come together. It takes a TEAM! And a "Well Done' to Ginny Zeier for the excellent job she did with last month's newsletter - her first as Editor! Following in Joe Giacalone's footsteps was not an easy thing to do.

Ride safe and prosper.

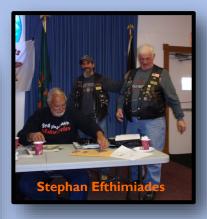
# January 26, 2014 Membership Meeting



President Grumpy Hartmann presented Volunteer patches to members who went above and beyond for our group in 2013













## The 2013 Road Captains and Officers received Volunteer patches



Road Captains L->R:
Joe Bonura, Fred Hartmann, Dave
Marzola, Mario Ruffolo, Charlie
Abruzzo, Ken McKay, Steve
Ficalora, Gary Kinkle, Ken Pastor,
Dom Mozzone and Bill Vultaggio

#### Officers L->R:

George Foundotos-Treasurer, Joe Giacalone-Editor, Dom Mozzone-Safety Officer, Dave Marzola-Vice President, Christine Vultaggio-Membership, Annette Greco-LOH, Fred Hartmann-President, Rod Morgenweck-Webmaster. and Pat Donohue-Photographer (taking the picture)





## **New Rides**





Ed Reiff 2014 Street Glide

50/50 Raffle Winners

Pillow Raffle Winner





# Are you a member of the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA)?

Although there is no requirement for AMA membership as an LI Harley Rider, only AMA members will be able to vote for our primary officers or be able to run for office.

Please also consider the AMA's advocacy programs and other benefits. Learn more about it at: www.americanmotorcyclist.com

## Ladies of Harley Night Out January 11, 2014

Once again Annette Greco out-did herself by organizing an awesome night out for the ladies of Harley. 18 members enjoyed a delicious dinner, great music, had fun dancing and, best of all, got to enjoyed one another's company!







### Polar Bear Ride January 12, 2014

Despite cloudy skies, brisk winds and 38 degree temperatures 30 bikes, with 35 hearty souls on board, participated in Head Road Captain Mario Ruffolo's 68 mile Polar Bear Ride ending at Appleby's in Farmingdale.





















# The big thaw...



















On January 18th L.I.Harley Riders hit the lanes at Bowlmor in Melville. Once again Stephan Efthimiades, Activities Officer, did an awesome job organizing this event.

Stephan was also one of the lucky winners in the Head Pin Contest. Along with Joe Giacalone and the big winner, Dave Marzolo, who hit the gold head pin 3 times. Of course Dave was a winner until Sonni got her hands on his winnings!









Guess what! RC Mike Macari led a ride on Sunday, January 19th, and it didn't rain!!!! A group of 14 bikes and 15 members took a ride through the woods of Manorville led by Mike. It didn't rain, but, it was dubbed the 2nd Polar Bear Ride because of the frigid temperatures.





### Critter Hazards by Dom Mozzone, Safety Officer

This is rare, but, it can happen while traveling on a road. You can suddenly be confronted with an animal in your path. With our '14 riding season kicking off, we'll be taking multiple overnight trips that will undoubtedly cover many beautiful country roads.

When riding country roads, you can confront five types of animals with some regularity: deer, dogs, cattle, birds and horses in roughly that order of frequency. This should not be a surprise as we've all passed road kill from time to time while riding.

If you see an animal in your path, give plenty of warning to the other riders. The obvious move is to slow down and give the animal as much clearance as possible. Alternatively, in the case of an animal that "...just appeared in front of me out of nowhere" you have an immediate decision to make: swerve and try to avoid it or to panic stop.



Swerving is the false choice to make! If you think that you can figure out where a deer is going to be in the next 2 seconds, you are dead wrong! Some results of swerving in a panic situation are: loss of control, which can result in the inability to avoid oncoming traffic, running off the road, over steering into a crash after avoiding the animal or swerving right into the animal which has now jumped into your new path. Therefore, swerving is like playing Russian roulette with a full load!

Think about this: if you hit a cement truck at 5 mph you will probably walk away from it. If you hit ANYTHING while traveling at 50 mph, or faster, you more than likely will not. The difference is your speed. Swerving does not reduce your speed. What it does is give away some control.

Your best move is almost always to try a CONTROLLED panic stop. This will reduce the chance you will lose control of your bike and minimize the speed of impact. If you are good, and practiced, you might not hit anything at all. Even if luck is against you, you will probably still be able to talk about it as a "lesson learned" to share with fellow riders.

Yea but: "Even if it's a child?" Absolutely! If that child decides to make a dash for his/her life and chooses, like you, the wrong direction to run in, then you will hit that kid with more impact swerving to avoid him/her than if you try to stop the bike.

Two important points to remember regarding kids and their pets:

- -You never ride 50 mph or greater on residential streets, right?
- -You always cover your front brake while riding on residential streets, right?

Think of the odds in your head before you get into a panic situation. Condition yourself, anticipate, be prepared and above all practice, practice, practice panic stops.



## On the road with......Rich & Ginny Zeier



I've asked all of you to share a special place you've visited. So, I've decided to "...put my money where my mouth is" and share part of a trip Rich and I took last fall.

The Bashakill Wildlife Management Area is an easy day trip from L.I.. It's located on the Orange County-Sullivan County border just south of Wurtsboro, New York. Take exit 113 off Rte. 17 and head south on Rte. 209. Make a left at the Moose Lodge onto Haven Rd. continue approx. ½ mile where you'll find a parking area. The Bashakill consists of over 3,000 acres of wetlands and uplands which were acquired by the New York State DEC in 1972.

The landscape offers scenic views and an unmatched natural setting for hiking, canoeing, bird watching and fishing. The thing I like most about the Bashakill is that it changes with each season. In the spring the area is mostly shades of green as the marsh grasses come to life, in summer it turns purple when the loosestrife blooms and in the fall it looks like an impressionist painting of natures colors. Above all, it is a place to breathe deeply and feel the beauty and peace of a unique, unspoiled place in nature.

After you've enjoyed the beauty of the wetlands, take a ride north on Rte. 209 to Wurtsboro. While you're in town you can have a delicious and reasonably priced lunch at Danny's Restaurant, browse through some unique shops along Sullivan Street or visit O'Toole's Harley Davidson.

Okay, I broke the ice. Who's going to send me a brief article and picture(s) for next month's newsletter?





Hotline: 631-406-4170

If you have a favorite ride, place you've visited or product you've used...why not share it with your friends? Just send a brief article and/or photo to: Editor@LIHarleyRiders.com

# up Coming....



Our **Sweet Heart Ride** will be led by RC Joe Bonura on Sunday, February 9th (rain date February 16th).



On Tuesday February 11th, at 9:30 am, the **Sufflok County Legislature** will be presenting a proclamation to the L.I.Harley Riders at the county offices for our generosity to the children at **Sagamore Childrens Center**. Anyone who is available is invited to attend.



Don't forget, The Chili Cook Off is back! It will be held Sunday, February 23rd following the monthly meeting and Poker Run. The door fee will be waived for those members who choose to participate. Bring your favorite home made chili and see if it stands up to last year's winner... Venison Chili made by Richie Truran.



Before you fill up on chili at the February 23rd meeting, be sure to buy your raffle tickets for this beautiful quilted pillow made specially for us by Gertrude O'Neal.



The *Easter Bunny Run* to Winthrop University Hospital's Pediatric Unit is scheduled for Saturday April 19th. This is a rain or shine event. For those of you who have never participated, this is a truly rewarding experience!



Attention ladies! Annette Greco has arranged a LOH ride to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, Pa May 3rd-4th. The hotel she has booked has a shuttle to the casino. This ride is open to all female members. Rooms are double occupancy. Non-riders might want to consider carpooling.



Mark your calendars. Our first over-night club ride for 2014 will be to Rolling Thunder in Washington, DC led by HRC Mario Ruffolo May 23rd-26th. What better way to spend Memorial Day weekend than honoring those that have fought and given so much for our freedom!



**Get your cowboy boots shined up...**RC Dom Mozzone is leading an over night ride July 19th-26th to *Nashville*, *TN*-the music capital of the world. If you're a lover of great music and beautiful roads, then this is a ride you won't want to miss!



Ever wonder how those big touring bikes are made? Find out September 18th-23rd when RC Bill Vultaggio leads an over night ride to the Harley Davidson Factory in York, PA.

\*\*\*\*Watch the weekly e-mails for details on all up-coming rides and activities\*\*\*\*

Did you know L.I.Harley Riders participated in 47 club rides consisting of 10,383 miles last year!!!



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

# February 2014

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	23 Monthly Meeting & Chili Cook- off	24	25	26	27	28	



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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.

# 2014 Membership Enrollment is NOW ... Get a friend involved!

Rockers, T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Mugs and Caps are on sale now! 2014 Membership Applications Available online!

Don't miss out on the fun! Renew your membership by March 1st or you will be removed from the club weekly e-mail list and Facebook page. Print the application from our website or the weekly e-mail and mail it along with a check for your dues to:

L.I. Harley Riders, PO Box 2203, St. James, N.Y. 11780-0607.

## A BIG THANK YOU to our Road Captains!!

Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo - Asst Head Road Captain: Gary Kinkle

Charlie Abruzzo, Bob Bernstein, Joe Bonura, Bob Corso, Buzzy Farquhar, Steve Ficalora, Ken Grant, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Mike Macari, Dave Marzola, Ken McKay, Dom Mozzone, Kenny Pastor, Lou Vaccarelli & Bill Vultaggio

#### 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!



# H E L L O

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

NEXT MEETING February 23, 2014 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



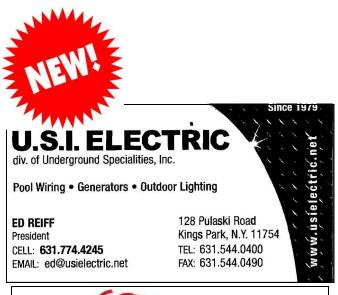
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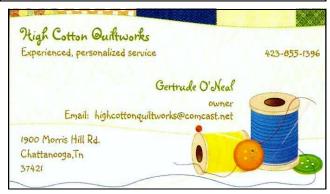
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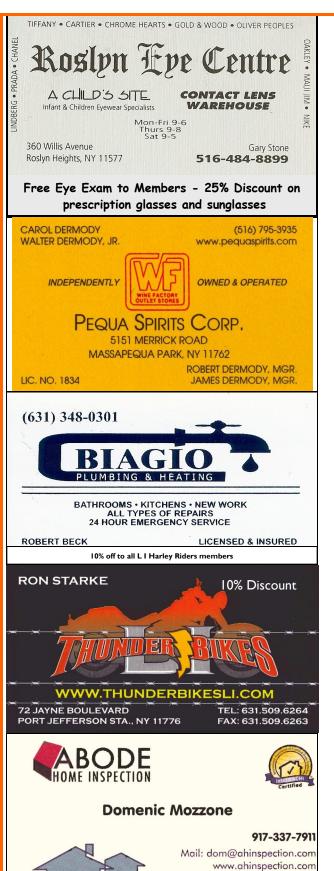


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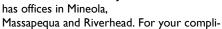
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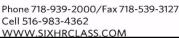
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