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President's Point of View, by Grumpy

Well here it is—February 2015 and Mother Nature has not been very nice to us. We have had to cancel the club Polar Bear ride a few times. We will try again on February 8th and I hope we will get it done. Then we can start doing some of the other great rides the road captains have planned. Keep an eye out for the details.

Our club activities officer, Steve Ficalora, did manage to set up a Cigar night and get the members out of the house. The LOH officer Annette Greco, got the ladies out for their annual Holiday party. Even with the weather man calling for bad road conditions, both affairs went off without a problem and were enjoyed by all that attended.

Following February's meeting we will hold a Mardi Gras Festival. Annette Greco, our LOH officer, will be setting this up. If you would like to prepare a dish for this event, please contact Annette at: ladiesofharley@liharleyriders.com. We will also be raffling a custom pillow made by Dom Mazza's sister Gertrude.

In May we will be going to Washington D.C., to attend Rolling Thunder. All the plans are set. All you have to do is book a room at The Hampton Inn, Sterling, VA. (703) 450-9595 tell them you are with L.I. Harley Riders to get the \$89.00 room rate. We will be leaving on Friday May 22 and returning home on Monday the 25th. On Saturday of that weekend, we will do a local ride of back roads. If you have never attended this event, it is one you should think about doing. You can participate in the run on Sunday or ride into D.C. to watch as thousands of bikes roar by. It is something to see for yourself.

We are setting up first aid and experienced rider courses. It is a good idea to think about taking one or both of these classes. You never know when they will come in handy, for yourself or another rider.

Come March 1st we will be removing members who have not renewed their membership from the club email and Facebook lists. So please renew your membership NOW or you will miss out on all our great plans for 2015. Please mail your renewals to L.I. Harley Riders, PO Box 2033, St. James NY 11780-0607.

If you do not have an E-Z pass for your motorcycle, it is a good idea to apply for one. Having an E-Z pass makes moving through the toll booths as a group easier and faster. If you already have an account with E-Z pass it is fast and simple to do. Just go to <https://www.e-zpassny.com/en/home/index.shtml>, to add your motorcycle or to open an account.

Ride Safe and Prosper!

January 25, 2015 Membership Meeting



January's monthly meeting was very well attended. After calling the meeting to order, Pres. Grumpy Hartmann presented the Road Captains, 2014 Officers and George Marchelos with Volunteer badges for all their special efforts to help the club last year. Lynne Ficalora, Lorraine & Larry Vetter were also honored, however, they were not in attendance.

Head RC Mario Ruffolo reviewed the overnight rides for this year. Be sure to check out the upcoming events and rides on page 8, our website and the weekly e-mails for dates and details.



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

Although there is no requirement for AMA membership as a LI Harley Rider member, 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

50/50 Raffle Winners



<—1st Place
Victoria Christian



2nd Place—>
Guy Turchiano

Special Raffles



<—Patron
Harry Kramer

Jack Daniels Holiday
& \$20 gift card to
Old Town Pub
Dom Mazza—>



Welcome to the best riding group on Long Island!



Ray & Janet Alvarez



Elina Kinkle



When Someone on a L.I. Harley Riders Ride Breaks Down

By Domicic Mozzone, Safety Officer

Obviously we are all part of the LI Harley Riders and we love to ride with a passion. The friendships we've made are very special in that we all look out for one another on the road and practice safe riding. Our Road Captains (RC) discuss safety before each ride and look to make our rides as enjoyable as possible by doing pre-rides to verify road conditions and to see how some intersections are going to be managed. They meet on their own, on a monthly basis, to have dinner and discuss recent ride outcomes and plan the club's upcoming rides. At our last monthly meeting, we had a discussion regarding one of our recent rides and what shouldn't have happened.

On that ride, a rider had a breakdown. Another rider pulled over to help, when he saw someone having difficulty, causing everyone behind that rider to pull over as well. This is **NOT** what we're supposed to do. The RCs all have radios and continually plan for such occurrences. In the event of a breakdown, the Sweep's main responsibility is to notify the Lead of the issue so that he (the Lead) can select a safe place to pull the rest of the group over. The Sweep will stop with the rider having difficulty, assess the situation and report to the lead via cell phone. In this particular case, since the riders pulled over, the Sweep was unaware of an issue and was quickly out of radio contact. The riders, ahead of the one having difficulty, kept going. We wound up losing half the riders until it became evident that our group's Sweep was no longer responding. When this was discovered, the lead RC pulled the front half of the group over where it was safe and another RC rode back to see what had happened. He rode back three miles until he discovered the rear half of the group stopped 'in traffic' due to a breakdown.

The RCs have a proven choreographed script of how to handle breakdowns and it is imperative that all our riders are aware of it. You've heard us say in monthly meetings that you will **NEVER** be left behind if you break down. The Sweep will stop to help you, ensure that you're safely out of traffic and help assess your problem. This will allow the Sweep time to advise the Lead, and other RCs, that someone is having a problem and has stopped. When that happens, a RC will drop back and pick up the Sweep position. After cell contact is made with the Sweep, the Lead will decide a course of action so that everyone is safe and the issue is addressed.

This event could have become ugly very quickly as the rear group was pulled over on the side of a winding road, with oncoming cars and half the group standing in harms way from that traffic. Fortunately the riding Gods had a watchful eye on us and no one was hurt. So in the future, if you see someone breaking down, **DO NOT** pull over as the Sweep will jump into action along with the rest of the RCs to assure that the group and the member having a problem are safe and being tended to.

Ride often and have a blast doing so..... safely



January 4th	CANCELLED
January 11th	CANCELLED
January 18th	CANCELLED
January 25th	CANCELLED

*Does anyone else
see a trend
here???????*



On Friday, January 9th, Steve Ficalora, Activities Officer arranged for a cigar night at Jim's Stogies in Farmingdale. All who attended had a great time.





On January 24th our Ladies of Harley met at The Nutty Irishman in Farmingdale for a night of food, fun and friendship. No one was disappointed! The food was good and, when That 70's Band started playing , everyone hit the dance floor. Thank you Annette Greco, LOH Officer for arranging a fun filled night.



**Don't miss out on the fun.
Renew your membership now!**

Up Coming Rides & Events.....



If the weather Gods are good to us we will have our [Polar Bear Ride on Sunday February 15th](#). Keep your fingers crossed!!!!



Join the LOH after the meeting on Feb. 22 for a **Mardi Gras Party!** If anyone would like to donate their favorite dish contact Annette Greco, LOH Officer at: LadiesOfHarley@LHarleyRiders.com During the meeting a raffle will be held for one of Gertrude O'Neal's custom made H.D. pillows tickets are 3/\$5



Cook up your favorite recipe and compete in our annual **Chili Contest** after the meeting on March 22nd. All contestants get into the meeting free. Be sure to buy your raffle tickets(3/\$10) for our **Jack Daniels Barrel!** The drawing will be during the meeting.



You won't want to miss the annual **Easter Bunny Ride to Winthrop Hospital's Dediatic Unit on Sat. April 4th.**



The [Annual L.I. Harley Riders Biker Blessing](#) will be held immediately after the April meeting.



1st Club Overnigher: Rolling Thunder in Washington, D.C.

FRI. May 22– MON. May 25. Hampton Inn [\(703\) 450-9595](tel:(703)450-9595). Mention LI Harley Riders to get the \$89 rate. **EVERYONE SHOULD DO THIS AT LEAST ONCE IN THEIR LIFE TIME!**



Did you know the northeast has its very own Grand Canyon? June 19th-June 21st RC Steve Ficalora will lead an overnight ride to the beautiful **Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania**. Don't miss out on seeing this wonder of nature!



JUNE 21ST JOIN THE GROUP FOR THE ANNUAL [FATHER'S DAY RIDE!](#)



PACK YOUR FLIP FLOPS! WE WILL BE VISITING **CHARLESTON, NC & THE OUTER BANKS** JULY 11TH -JULY 18TH



In the month of August we will be traveling to **Battleship Cove, Massachusetts** from the 7th thru the 9th. Battleship Cove is a nonprofit maritime museum and war memorial in Fall River, Massachusetts. Featuring the world's largest collection of World War II naval vessels, it is home to the highly decorated battleship USS Massachusetts.



JOIN US SEPT. 10TH-13TH AS WE "ROAR TO THE SHORE" TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW JERSEY STATE HOG RALLY.

****Watch the weekly e-mails for details or changes to up-coming rides and events****

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@LHarleyRiders.com



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

February 2015

February

Feb. 4th....Raymond Alvarez
 Feb. 4th.....Bill Pattishall
 Feb. 9th.....Annette Greco
 Feb. 10th.....Dale Bonacore
 Feb. 16th.....Bob Juliano
 Feb. 18th....Bob Bernstein
 Feb. 21st..George Foundotos
 Feb. 22nd.....Bill Holder
 Feb. 23rd.....Bob Titolo
 Feb. 23rd....Shawn Osterloh
 Feb. 24th.....Lynn McCann
 Feb. 26th.....Dave Marzola
 Feb. 28th.....Sharon Daly
 Feb. 29th....Cisco Mercado



Annual Chili Contest

Sunday
 March 22nd
 after the meeting
 **contestants get into
 the meeting free**



Winthrop Hospital

Annual
 Bunny Ride
 Saturday April 4th



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Polar Bear Ride 	16 	17	18	19	20 Movie Night @ VFW doors open @ 7:30 	21
22 Monthly Meeting & LOH 	23	24	25	26	27	28

Don't miss out on the fun! Renew your membership by downloading an application from our website and bringing it to the next meeting or mailing it to:

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

2015 Membership

Get a friend involved!

Rockers , T-shirts , Sweatshirts, Mugs and Caps are on sale now!

2015 Membership Applications Available online!

Applications are available on our website or the weekly e-mail. Download it for your friend , have them fill it out then bring them down to the monthly meeting.

As always, A BIG THANK YOU to our Road Captains for the great rides they plan and for keeping us all safe!

Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo - Asst Head Road Captain: Gary Kinkle
Charlie Abruzzo, Joe Bonura, Stephan Efthimiades, Buzzy Farquhar, Steve Ficalora, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Cisco Mercado, Ken McKay, Dom Mozzone, Kenny Pastor, Lou Vaccarelli, Bill Vultaggio & Rich Zeier



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 22, 2015
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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