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PRESIDENTS POINT OF VIEW

by Fred " Grumpy" Hartmann

Well we got the Polar Ride in then the weather changed but, all in all, I think we have been lucky with the weather. I am hoping with the warm weather they are talking about for the next few days will remove the snow, salt and sand so we can get back to what we do so well… get on our motorcycles and ride. I know the Road Captains have been busy working on some great rides.

Coming up is our annual ride to Washington D.C. for Rolling Thunder. Road Captain Steve Ficalora, will be leading the ride this year. If you have not already done so, book a room at the Hampton Inn in Sterling VA, (703) 667-2132 tell them you are with the L.I. Harley riders, group code LHR to receive the $79.00 per night rate. The dates are May 27 to May 30.

Friday night, February 12th, we will be having movie night at the V.F.W. hall. The movie starts at 8 PM, so drop Steve an email so we know how much pop corn we will need. There will also be a cash bar. **Activitiesdirector@liharleyriders.com**

It's that time of the year, break out the cooking utensils and start making your best pot of chili. After the February 28th meeting, we will be holding our chili contest. Please let Annette Greco, LOH Officer know if you will be bringing an entry at: Ladiesofharley@liharleyriders.com. Even though the Jack Daniels sold out this year, we set aside a bottle for the 1st place winner.

It is time to renew your membership for 2016. If you have not already done so, please mail in an application or bring one to the February meeting. Any members who have not renewed by March 1st will be removed from the weekly email list and and you will miss out on all the great up-coming rides and events.

Monthly Meeting
January 24, 2015

Are You a Member of the American Motorcycle 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

Our Polar Bear Ride for 2016 was on Jan. 3rd and went off without a hitch! Head RC Mario led 40 bikes and 47 members on a brisk but pleasant ride east. We hit the roads of Manorville, Rocky Point, and Stony Brook. Famous Dave's in Smithtown was our lunch stop and it was a delicious way to end the first ride of the new year.Thank you to Mario for planning such a nice ride and to our RC's for the great job they do!!

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On Sunday, Jan. 17, RC Cisco Mercado led 10 bikes and 13 members on a bone chilling ride out to the North Fork stopping at the Horton Lighthouse. The ride continued to the Country Corner Cafe in Southold for lunch. On their way home, the group had the pleasure of riding in some blinding snow (ok, maybe just some flurries). It just goes to show you nothing holds the LIHR back. We ride no matter what. That's what makes us a great group. Thanks to Cisco for planning a great ride and thank you to the RC's for the great job they do!

Thanks for the beautiful aerial photos Cisco!

Rides for January 10th
January 24th
January 31st
Were cancelled due to the weather

Traction on Wet Roads

by Dom Mozzone, Safety Officer

Although it may be obvious to most of you it's not that obvious to some riders who usually avoid riding when wet roads are expected. When your on a trip with the club wet roads can come up on you quickly from above, as in that dreaded word 'rain', or riding onto a wet road after a down pour that you luckily happen to have missed.

With wet roads the question becomes how much traction will be compromised during circumstances of moderate rain with no standing water, when there is standing water, when its damp and not raining, as your entering a curve or turn and braking. There are many variables to take into consideration and there are no set answers but there are some 'rules of physics' that we should be aware of under all of those situations:

On dry pavement

- Your tire traction can handle up to about 1.1 g of traction
- When your tire demands exceed that amount of traction you skid which reduces their ability to handle traction by about **25%**

On wet (not standing water or with depth less than about 1/4 inch)

- Your tire can usually handle up to about .8 g of traction
- When your tire demands exceed that amount of traction you will skid which reduces their ability to handle control by about **HALF**

If standing water or depth greater than about 1/4 inch

- Traction available at speeds less than about 50 MPH remains able to handle about .8 g (we ride slower than that in standing rain water, I don't trust that 50 MPH estimate)
- When your tire demands exceed that amount of traction you will HYDROPLANE which reduces their ability to handle control to essentially **ZERO** and should not be tested under any circumstances.

Hydroplaning is more probable

- The faster you go
- The wider your tires and worn tread will reduce the speed you can go before hydroplaning
- The lower the air pressure in your tires (hence its imperative to keep your tire pressure correct)
- The deeper the water is

This is true regardless of whether you are accelerating (in a straight line or turning) or not.

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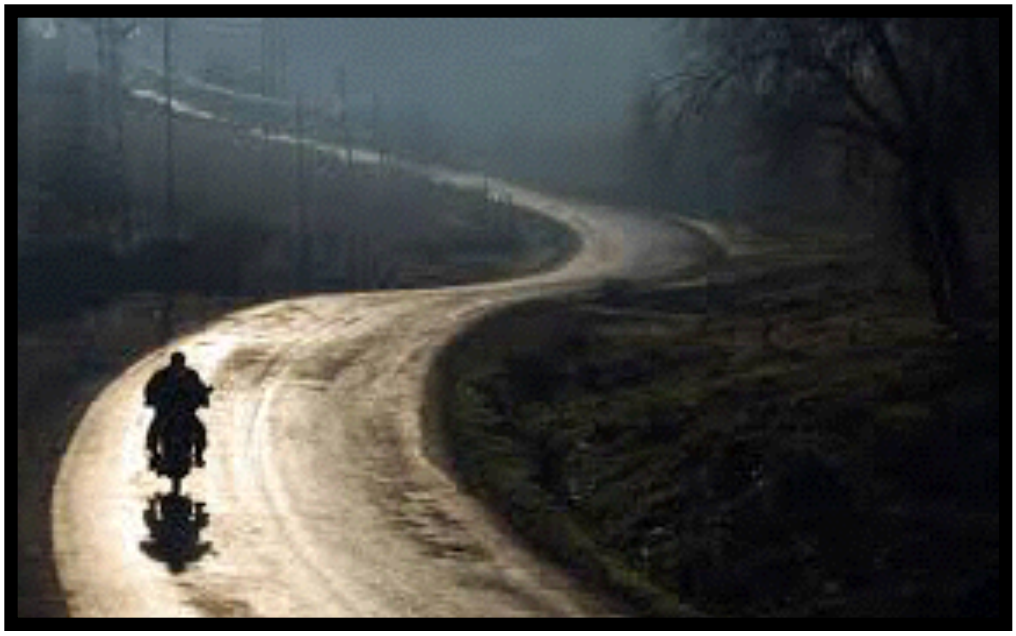

It is most likely that your front tire will hydroplane before the rear one does because you ride a single-track vehicle. That is, the front tire squeezes most of the water off the roadway by the time the rear tire gets there. But those of us who have a wider tire on the rear wheel will find that the dynamics have changed; the odds of the rear tire hydroplaning first in that scenario can rise dramatically.

One last thought... water drainage on a highway (any wide roadway, actually) drains to the right and that means that the depth of that water is greatest in the SLOWEST LANES. That suggests that the odds of hydroplaning is about equal in every lane (slower movement but greater depth makes the slow lanes as dangerous as the faster lanes.) Bottom line: When its raining slow down, when its not raining and the road is wet slow down, especially if your approaching a curve or an exit you will need to slow down even more. Ride safe, ride often, be aware of road conditions, anticipate, and most of all have a blast!!!

Upcoming Rides and Events

Movie Night. *Friday, Feb. 12th at the VFW 8:00 p.m.*
Movie TBD. Come hang out with friends, watch movie and just relax!

Cook up your favorite recipe and compete in our annual **Chili Contest, after the meeting, on February 28th.** All contestants get into the meeting free. Be sure to buy

Rolling Thunder Friday May 27th thru Monday May 30th
This is something everyone should experience at least once in their life time.
****See the website for room reservation information****

Yellowstone Saturday June 11th thru Sunday June 26th
Experience nature in one of our nations most beautiful national parks.
****see pg. 9-10 for hotel information****

Cooperstown Friday July 8th thru Sunday July 10th
Enjoy the beautiful scenery of upstate New York while learning about baseball's history.

Mountain Fest, WV Thursday July 28th thru Sunday July 31st
This is a great motorcycle rally in a state with some of the prettiest roads in the country.

Adirondak Mountains Friday August 19th thru Sunday August 21st
What better way to spend one of the last weekends of summer than riding through the beautiful Adirondack Mountains?

OZAARKS RIDE SATURDAY SEPT. 10 THRU SATURDAY SEPT. 17TH
If you missed all the other overnight trips, you won't want to miss this one! We're finishing up our off-island riding season with a trip down south to the beautiful Ozarks.

Watch the weekly e-mails and the L.I. Harley Rider website for hotel reservation information.

Hotel List for Yellowstone Trip

Day	Date	Hotel
1	6/11/2016	Comfort Inn – Kent 4423 State Route 43 Kent OH 330-673-1888
2	6/12/	Best Western Joliet Inn 4380 Enterprise Dr Joliet IL 815-730-7500
3	6/13/	Holiday Inn Express – Freemont 2415 N. Lincoln Ave Freemont NE 402-753-3850
4	6/14/	Best Western Plains Motel 712 Glenn St Wall SD 605-279-2145
5 – 7	6/15 - 6/17 3 Nights	Holiday Inn Express 2721 Lazelle St Sturgis SD 605-347-4140
8	6/18	Comfort Inn Red Lodge 612 N Broadway Ave Red Lodge MT 406-446-4469
9-10	6/19 and 6/20 2 Nights	Days Inn West Yellowstone MT 1-406-646-7656 OR Best Western 1-406-646-7376
11	6/21	Best Western Laramie Inn 1767 N Banner Rd Laramie WY 307-745-5700

Yellowstone Trip Continued

Hotel List for Yellowstone Trip

Day	Date	Hotel
12	6/22	Best Western Butter field Inn 1010 E 41st St Hays KS 785-621-4337
13	6/23	Holiday Inn Express 3098 Elm Point Industrial Dr St. Charles MO 636-757-6100
14	6/24	Hampton Inn Huntington 175 Kinetic Park Huntington WV 304-523-8001
15	6/25	Quality Inn – Harrisburg 200 N. Mountain Rd Harrisburg PA 717-540-9339
16	6/26	Home

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Local Ride						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sweetheart Ride						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Local Ride						
28	29	1	2	3	4	5
Meeting/Chili Contest						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Say Happy Birthday to...

Ray Alvarez.....February 4th
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Annette Greco.....February 9th
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Lynn Mc Cann.....February 24th
Dave Marzola.....February 26th
Sharon Daly.....February 28th
Cisco Mercado.....February 29th

1st Overnight/Off-Island Ride

Rolling Thunder Washington, DC

Friday May 27th
thru
Monday May 30th

see website for details

2016 Membership

Get a friend involved!

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

2016 Membership Applications are Available on Line!

Applications are available on our website or the weekly e-mail. Download it for a 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, Steve Ficalora, Sal Fino, Joe Giacalone, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Cisco Mercado, Ken McKay, Dom Mozzone, Kenny Pastor, Ed Reiff, Lou Vaccarelli & Rich Zeier.

Say Cheese!
Attending your first meeting?

Be sure to let us know where your from and what you ride.

Welcome to the Family!

After the meeting, our Chapter Photographer will take your photo.

Next Meeting
February 28 , 2016
10 AM

Nathan Hale VFW Hall
210 West Pulaski Road
Huntington, NY

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

Bagels, Coffee and Tea served
$5.00 per person

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