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## President's Point of View, by Ed Reiff

Hello everyone, happy winter. Well we managed to get the Polar Bear Ride in on the first Sunday of the year. That has not happened in recent years. There was a nice turnout as the temperature was in the forties. It was nice to see everyone and of course it's nice to ride in the winter without sand and salt on the roads. Newbies to that ride got their Polar Bear patch and everyone got a 2019 rocker.



This year we have 8 overnight trips on the drawing board. The first will be Rolling Thunder which as you know is over Memorial Day weekend. Those hotel plans are made, and you can check for the info in our weekly emails. The others are not quite finalized and will be announced as soon as we have plans for the hotels and the rides underway.

February's meeting will be our annual Chili Contest. Bring it on. Yes, bring your best chili and see if you can win the grand prize.....3 prizes in all. It's hard to decide which is best, and don't forget if you bring chili you get in the door at no charge.

Dom our safety officer is putting together another experienced rider course through "On the Road Again" riding school. He will be announcing the date shortly. If you haven't taken this class, it's a good refresher on your riding skills. They are also including a bar-b-que after the class this time.

Last year we tried to get together on the Sunday's that our rides are canceled. We did one already this season. If the ride is canceled, we may still meet for lunch. Stay informed via weekly emails and facebook for this and other activities. Our activities officers Lynne and Stephan are planning things for the winter doldrums' so that we can get together.

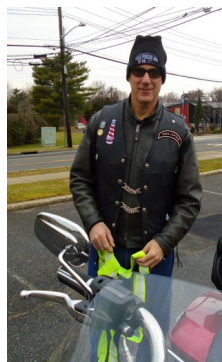
Looking forward to a great and "dry" riding season. Keep the shiny side up.



# Polar Bear Ride 2019



The clubs' annual Polar Bear ride was a great success! After many years of cancellations due to weather the ride went off as planned. Head RC Mario led the club on its first ride of the year. Mario led 24 bikes and 26 members on a brisk ride through the back roads of Northport, Kings Park, Stony Brook and Holbrook. The ride ended in Medford where the members warmed up and enjoyed some juicy steaks at JR Steakhouse.





# Parlor House Grill



Winter weather once again cancelled the Clubs ride scheduled on January 13th. Even though we couldn't get out and ride 26 members enjoyed a great lunch at the Parlor House Grill. Good Food and good friends were enjoyed by all! Thanks to our Activities Director Lynne for organizing a great afternoon.



# January Meeting



BEST BOOTS



Welcome our New members and New Bikes!!





# January Meeting



The first meeting of 2019 was well attended. Our members got together over coffee and bagels and rehashed the holidays and the bad weather affecting our ability to ride. The Polar Bear ride was a great success and even went off on its scheduled day for a change. Many of the clubs' rides have been cancelled due to cold weather and poor road conditions, but as a club we rode almost 10,000 miles in 2018. Looking forward, our Road Captains are busy planning for the 2019 riding season. At the present time we have 2 week-long trips planned to Maggie Valley NC and Letchworth State Park in upstate NY. There are several long weekend rides and some overnights in the works. The sign-up genius with the information for Rolling Thunder May 24—May 26 has been posted on the clubs' website. President Ed Reiff is already planning for a fly and drive to San Antonio in 2020. Remember to check the website and look for emails for the upcoming 2019 riding season!

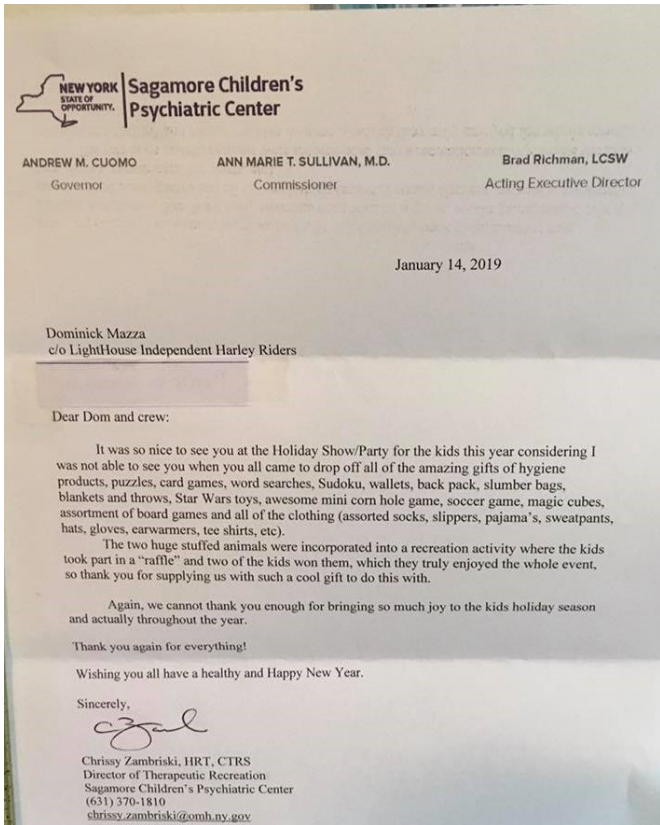
Dom Mazza read a letter from Chrissy Zambrisky, the Director of Activities at Sagamore Children's Hospital, thanking the LI Harley Riders for the continued support in providing the children with clothing, stationary and personal items. We received many handwritten cards from the children. Dom attended the holiday party at Sagamore and was able to meet some of the families whose children are receiving services at Sagamore. Dom is busy planning the annual ride to NYU Winthrop Child Life program on April 20th.

We welcomed three new members this month. Janet Peet who rides a 18 Low Rider; Bridget Fitzpatrick who rides an Iron 883 and Joyce Dunn who rides a 03 Low rider. Congratulations to Sal Fino on his new 2019 Ultra Limited.

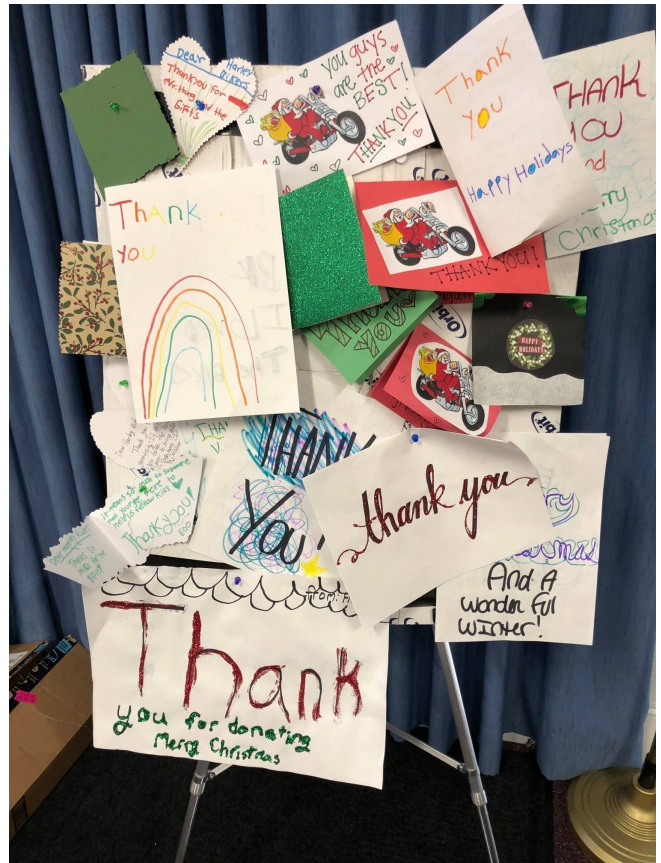
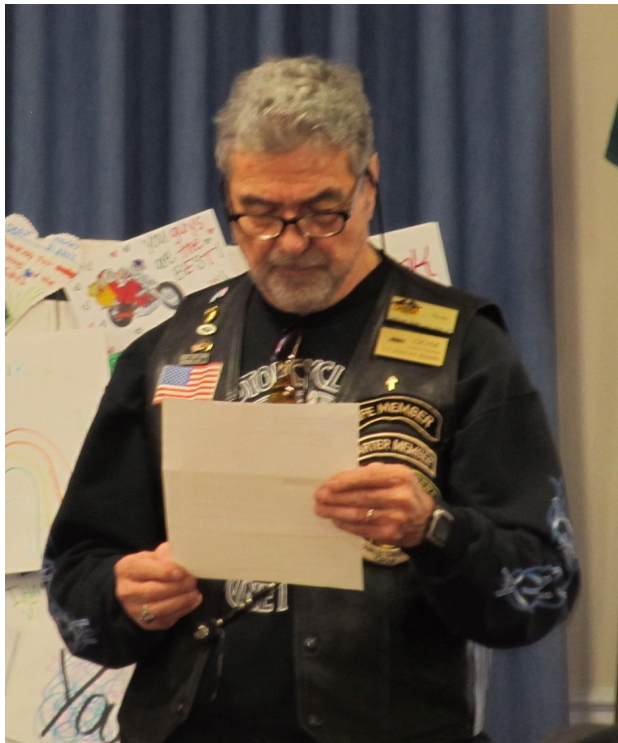
The Clubs Bike Blessing is scheduled for April 28th, Deacon Dale will be present to bless our members and their Bikes.

The 50/50 raffles were won by Kathy Efthimiades and Diane Maiorca. A special award was given to Kristen Roemer for the best motorcycle boots!

After the meeting RC Joe G led some very hardy members to a great lunch at the Main Event in Farmingdale.



A Big Thanks to all our members who contributed their time or gifts to support Sagamore Children's Hospital.



# Traction on Wet Roads

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.

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!!!



For a complete list of Charter Events and the latest information, visit [www.LIHarleyRiders.com](http://www.LIHarleyRiders.com) for details.

# February 2019

## February Birthday's

- Pamela Barbieri
- Dale Bonocore
- Lori Brooks
- Tom Byrne
- George Fondotos
- Annette Greco
- Will Holder
- Angela Irizarry
- Gary Johnson
- David Marzola
- Shawn Osterloh
- William Pattishall
- Robert Titolo
- Suzanne Uldal

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Local Ride RC Kerry	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Local Ride RC Fred KSU 10:30 Exit 56 Port Jeff	11	12	13	14 Valentines Day 	15	16
17 Local Ride RC Nadine KSU 1030 Exit 56	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Monthly Meeting  Chili Contest	25	26	27	28		



### Upcoming Events

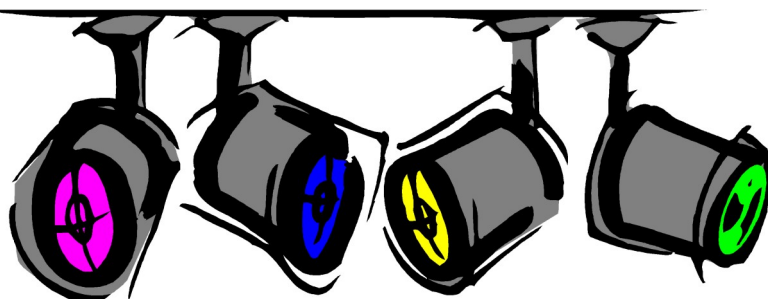
Winthrop Child Life Ride 4/28

*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



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## February Upcoming Rides

### Upcoming Rides

February 3 RC Kerry

February 10 RC Fred KSU 10:30 exit 56 Port Jefferson

February 17 RC Nadine

February 24 RC Gary



Remember to check the Hotline at (631)406-4170 1 1/2 hrs before KSU to hear updates and cancellations



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Chili Contest Feb 24

NYU/Winthrop Child Life Ride April 20

Mothers Day Ride May 5

Rolling Thunder May 24-May 26

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

Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo, Asst. Head Road Captain: Sal Fino

Steve Ficalora, Kerry Fletcher, Joe Giacalone, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Gary Kinkel, Dom Mozzone, Ralph Norton, Ed Reiff, Bill Vultaggio



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ship@LIHarleyRiders.com to request one



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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, 2019  
10 AM

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