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President's Point of View, by Steve Ficalora

LIHR President's Message February 2021



Wow, I was truly excited by the attendance at our January meeting! It was so good to see so many familiar faces as well as some new ones! To all of those who showed up and decide to join us, a BIG WELCOME! I hope everyone was able to dig out of this recent snowfall without issue, and like me are looking forward to Spring. The officers and RC's have taken advantage of this winter's down time to put together a good group of overnight rides. I certainly hope there is a ride or two that piques your interest. In addition, we do ride every weekend (weather permitting), so keep an eye out for the emails and social media posts.

I recently posted a video on our Facebook page of a windmill tour we did as Lighthouse HOG from ten years ago (where has the time gone?). I'd like to repeat this one in the coming riding season provided they are still offering tours. I personally find it very interesting to see the mechanical innovations used to "automate" hard labor with the limited "technology" of the times. While it is always about the ride, interesting destinations make the trip worthwhile, so if there is a destination you would like to suggest don't be shy and let us know!

During the meeting we thanked all the Officers, Road Captains, and Members who volunteered their homes for bike nights with a challenge coin that we designed and commissioned during last riding season. I hope you all had a chance to get a good look at the one we passed around. We are discussing how to award these to volunteers going forward. We love to see the members engaged and volunteer, as that is what makes this club so special.

While we will unfortunately have to put aside our annual chili contest in February, we are hopeful we can hold this event later this year along with all the other special events and signature rides that we do throughout the year. One of these took place in January. Our annual Polar Bear ride was well attended and Sal our head road captain put together a great ride to kick off the new year.

As always, stay safe and sane, and we look forward to seeing everyone at the next monthly meeting!

Find a new road...

Steve



January Meeting



Our first meeting of 2021 was a big success. We had 50 members in attendance for the new year. We also welcomed five new members and one returning member. The pandemic continues to change how we meet and what we eat but we were able to enjoy each others company and a variety of snacks instead of our usual bagel and coffee. Winter weather had cancelled the post meeting ride and several rides planned for January. For safety reasons the new club rule is that rides will be cancelled if the temperature is below 37 degrees 2 hrs before the planned ride. Even with Covid restrictions and winter weather we rode a total 8210 miles in 2020 with 37 rides and only 9 cancellations. We all hope that 2021 will allow us to increase those numbers as our RC's have been busy planning weekly rides and quite a few off island rides for the upcoming year.

Along with our new members we have several new bikes to start off the new year. Janet Peet has a 2004 Road King and John Hochmann added a 2015 Police Road King to his collection!

We said goodbye to our HRC Mario who has started a new job that requires him to work on Sundays. We wish him well in his new job and Thank him for his six years in that role. We also thank Ed Reiff as he steps down as club president and thank him for his 3 1/2 years of service. In those roles we welcome HR Sal Fino and new president Steve Ficalora.

January was the month where we thank all of our officers, discretionary officers, road captains and all our members who stepped up to the plate by offering their homes for bike nights in this past crazy year. They received their 2020 volunteer rockers and our newest addition to the club the beautiful Challenge Coin ! Big shout out to all of our members who have helped make this past difficult year a great one. Please remember we are always looking for volunteers to help.

Remember to read our emails for upcoming rides, hotel reservations and suggestion box for places to visit and eat! Our new members will receive the New member Orientation kit via email. Remember to renew your membership to be able to see all the emails and facebook info.

Our 50/50 winners this month was Pam Barbieri and Bob Natoli. The monthly trivia was a tough one!

Lets hope for warmer weather so we can get back out on the road!!



Welcome our new members



Gregory Berkowitz
2013 Street Glide



Tommy Batas
2016 Road King



Hoss Alem
2000 Road King



Paul Patorno
2002 Heritage



Robert Ruehs
2017 Wide Glide



Peggy Donovan-Ward
2003 Heritage



Scott Adams
2005 Road King



Polar Bear Ride January 10, 2021



Our annual Polar Bear Ride is in the books! After only one reschedule due to rain our 2021 riding season is off and riding! Led by HRC Sal and 19 very brave and bundled members the club rode a 28 mile ride through the back roads of West Hills, Lloyd Neck and Cold Spring. The ride ended for a delicious lunch at Millers Ale House in Commack where we warmed up. Thanks to our members who showed up to earn their 2021 rockers and made our annual Polar Bear Ride a success.





Winter Ride

January 17, 2021

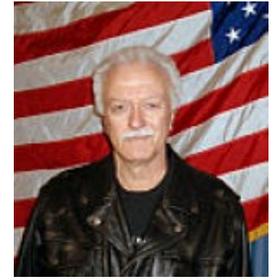


Despite chilly morning temperatures and blustery winds, 17 bikes and 17 members enjoyed a brisk winter ride led by RC Jeff, RC Gary as Pick and RC Steve as Sweep. The ride was 43 miles launching from Exit 56 up through Smithtown, south of Sunken Meadow State Park, Fort Salonga, Northport, Centerport and Huntington before working our way down to the Sagtikos and then the LIE to Smokey Bones in Ronkonkoma. The roads had a plentiful amount of curves and traffic was light! Our members enjoyed lunch while warming up and enjoying some great BBQ. Thanks to all of the Road Captains who helped out, there were many!!



FEBRUARY SAFETY ARTICLE

BY Dom Mozzone



Turning Solutions

Studies have consistently reported for many years that 40%, and in some cases more, of all motorcycle crash fatalities happen in curves. Additionally, those same twisty parts of the road are the main points where bikers have single vehicle crashes. And with the sight of the spring riding season not too far in the horizon, this might be a good time to review proper riding skills through those treacherous turns. Most of us yearn for a great set of twisties, but, unfortunately, too many of us are not living through the turns to enjoy others down the road.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) and other rider education organizations promote the four basic steps for turning a motorcycle to properly execute a curve: slow, look, press, and roll. Performing each step correctly is important to achieving the greatest (and safest) outcome.

SLOW: This means just that - slow down! The possibility of an accident increases dramatically when coming into a curve too fast, due to the potential for losing control of the motorcycle. Always slow to an appropriate entry speed, and do so before the radius of the turn starts. Your speed prior to entering the turn should dictate how much you need to slow down. Rolling off the throttle, using both brakes, downshifting, or a combination of any or all options are prescribed methods for slowing to a safe speed. Whichever way you choose, decelerate as smoothly as you can to help keep the bike's suspension steady, this will allow for a slow, smooth increase of the throttle as you start to exit the turn

LOOK: Physically turn your head and look through the turn to where you want your bike to go. Keep those eyes up, and constantly adjust your line of sight through (and past) the turn as far as possible. When coaching riding students, MSF instructors tell them to look where they want to go and they'll get there. Where do you think you'll wind up if you look down at the road? There are only two things under those tires - pain and misery - so keep those eyes up! Also, set yourself and the bike up in the lane position that gives you the safest and best view of the whole turn.

PRESS: Leaning your motorcycle to get around that turn is where countersteering comes into play. To initiate a lean in either direction, press forward on the hand grip in the direction of the curve. If you want to turn left, press forward on the left handgrip; to turn right, press forward on the right handgrip. Moving at speeds above 12-15 mph, you can no longer turn the motorcycle like a bicycle; you need to countersteer to make it safely through a given curve. This technique seems to confuse new riders, but if you've been riding for some time, you're experienced doing it - maybe not smoothly, but you're still making it through those turns. It's important to remember that you should lean with the bike through the turn. If you ride with a passenger, remind that person to lean with you. An easy way is to ask your riding partner to look over the side of your shoulder in the same direction as the turn.

ROLL: Roll on the throttle throughout the turn. You need to either keep a steady speed through the entire curve, or slightly increase it, to maintain stability and make the bike easier to control. This is why it's important to slow down prior to entering the turn. You'll need to use a little more juice in the turn; when the bike is leaning over, a tire's diameter at contact points decreases. So, due to physics, if you decrease the diameter on a spinning wheel without increasing speed, you're slowing down, which will lead to losing control.

Notice that I never mention the use of brakes while in the turn. Using your brakes, especially the front, can have serious consequences while leaned over. Depending on the model, type of drive system, brake system/setup, etc; a bike will stand up from a lean when the brakes are applied which may cause possible improper handling conditions, or it may be pulled down to the ground extremely quick. In either case, it's going to hurt. Granted there are advanced training programs that can teach you how properly applied brakes can be used when the bike is leaned over in a turn, but as stated - these are advanced skills that need to be taught/learned. There are also some situations where you may use your rear brake in a turn, but that skill too should be learned from a riding instructor.

With the spring season here for most of thunder down those roadways. Practice slow, look, press, and roll. Keep in mind into a turn; you can always give it Practice these steps and you'll soon with confidence.



us, we're eager to get out and once again each turn by skillfully using the four steps of that it's better to err by going too slowly more gas as you roll through that twisty. be carving through another riding season



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

February 2021

February Birthday's

Scott Musoforiti 2/4
 Sandy Pattishall 2/4
 Suzanne Uldal 2/7
 Anette Greco 2/9
 Angela Irizarry 2/13
 Lori Brooks 2/18
 Christopher Dara 2/22
 Shawn Osterloh 2/23
 Robert Titolo 2/23
 Dave Marzola 2/26
 Richard Ramage 2/26
 Pamela Barbieri 2/27

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 RC Dom Sunday's Shinnecock	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 RC Jack Greenport	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 AHRC Ralph Flying Pig Wading River	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Monthly Meeting RC Charlie Local Ride TBD						

Upcoming Events

Easter Bunny Ride to NYU Winthrop Child Life Program 4/3/21

Mother's Day Ride 5/2/21 raindate 5/8/21

Remember to check emails and facebook for updates!



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

Upcoming Rides

Our weekly weekend rides are back on, look for the emails for details!!!!
2/7/21 RC Dom Ride to Shinnecock Lunch at Sunday's KSU exit 56 11 am!
2/14/21 RC Jack Ride to Greenport KSU ext 56 11 am
2/21/21 AHRC Ralph Ride to the Flying Pig KSU 11:30 am Gemini Deli
2/28/21 Monthly Meeting Local ride RC Charlie Lunch TBD



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



2021 Overnighters

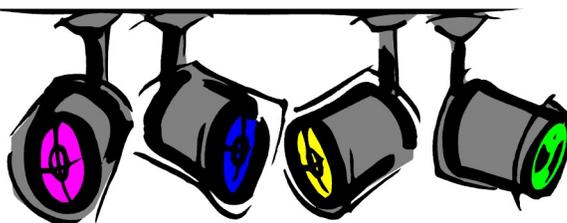
Montauk Sunrise Ride 4/10/21-4/11/21
Nashville TN 5/13/21-5/22/21
Bills Biker Barn Bloomsburg PA 6/3/21-6/6/21
Gettysburg PA 6/25/21-6/27/21
Auto Auction Mecum PA 7/30/21-8/1/21
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland OH 8/21/21-8/16/21
New Hampshire 9/9/21-9/12/21

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Head Road Captain: Sal Fino, Asst. Head Road Captain: Ralph Norton
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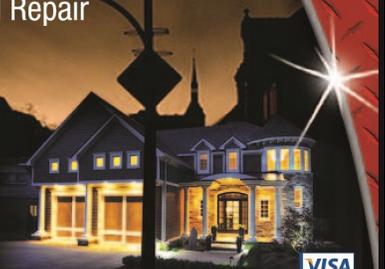
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