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President's Point of View, by Steve Ficalora

LIHR President's Message

February, 2022



Hello from "not so sunny" Florida everyone! Seriously, it has been cold and damp more days than I care to think about the past few weeks, including today. No, I don't expect to get any sympathy from the club on this one as we certainly did not have any snow, and I have been able to get out a few times on two wheels. I also know that the Polar Bear ride keeps getting pushed back, although it is looking better for this coming weekend, fingers crossed! Speaking of crossed, I will be "crossing over" the NY state line later this week. I will be back in time for our February meeting & chili contest, and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone. I know that we are also working on getting a movie night scheduled for this month, so stay tuned for that as well!

I hope that everyone has had a chance to think about the list of overnight club rides scheduled for the coming year, as we are working on hotel reservations for each one and these should be out to you by the time you read this if not sooner. The RC's do a great job putting together these rides, so I'm hoping you can find one or two that piques your interest and fits your schedule. We are also planning to put together a few 1-night weekend overnights. These are TBD and may suddenly appear on a weekly email, so try to keep your schedule flexible! 😊

Although the weather has not been very cooperative for riding this winter, you may want to think about having your bike serviced now, prior to heading into a new riding year. It definitely pays to beat the rush in Spring when everyone wants to ride and needs an oil change and then you have to wait a week or two to get a timeslot with your preferred dealer. While many of us may do our own oil changes, it's always a good idea to get it over to a professional occasionally to give it the once over, perhaps having them do the 10K, 20K, or 30K mile service. Remember, we only have two small patches of rubber connecting us to the road so it's imperative we ensure that everything is in proper working order.

This Month's Safety article is from the rideapart.com website, which I've found to be a very good all-around source for motorcycle-related information. It talks about reading the road and other drivers around you. How many times when either riding or driving you just "knew" that one car was going to cut you off? I also have a personal theory (unproven/unstudied) that we should be wary of people with damage on their vehicle by where you are. My theory is that if they messed up in that direction once, they're liable to do it again! Now this could simply have been the result of someone else's action, but I'd rather be safe than sorry! I may have to request a study on this! 😊

I sincerely hope that everyone is keeping safe and warm this Winter and I'm looking forward to our next ride together!

Find a new road...

Steve



January Meeting



Welcome 2022!!! As we enter the new year we look back at the 2021 riding season. We rode a total of 9735 miles encompassing 35 rides. We had a total of 7 overnights and 14 weather cancellations. Our RC have been busy planning our upcoming overnights and we plan to visit some favorites including Cooperstown NY, Wellsboro PA and Skyline Drive for a fall foliage run. Bob Blair recommended a ride to Salamanca NY to visit the Allegheny National Forest and a visit to the Kinzua Bridge State Park.

We welcomed two new members in 2022 Steve Lund and Anthony Petrunti joined at this month's meeting. No new bikes to announce but we are so excited to congratulate Joe and Karen Imperial on their recent marriage!! The meeting was led by our VP Jeff (while President Steve is working in FL). Jeff discussed a local motorcycle riding class dedicated to our members and he recommended an on-line motorcycle class at <https://streetskills.thinkific.com/courses/CorneringConfidence> that will improve our safe maneuvering.

Mother Nature continues to plague our Polar Bear Ride which has been rescheduled again and again but we are always hopeful. Remember to check the emails and facebook for updates.

Our 50/50 winners this month were first place Gil Allen and the newlywed Karen Imperial took home second place!



Welcome our new members Steve Lund and Anthony Petrunti

50/50 Winners

FEBRUARY SAFETY ARTICLE



New Study Finds That Riders and Drivers See the Road Differently

Might don't make right, but it attracts sight.

By: Dustin Wheelen

Every time a rider throws a leg over a street motorcycle, they acknowledge the risk that comes with the territory. From road hazards to distracted drivers, there's no shortage of danger on modern roadways. To help motorcyclists navigate the treacherous streets, England's Bournemouth University studied just how drivers and riders process visual information on public roads.

Bournemouth University Ph.D. Researcher (and BMW rider) Shel Silva led the study, utilizing eye-track technology and interviews to assess the cognitive and neurological influences of both parties. While motorists and riders certainly see the road differently, they both view larger objects as threats. That means that car drivers and motorcycle pilots notice big rigs and commercial vehicles on an equal basis, but motorcycles don't command the same amount of attention.

In addition to the eye-tracking data, the study found that a natural blind spot in the human eye can contribute to drivers not seeing motorcyclists alongside their vehicle. Silva also states that saccadic masking, a phenomenon when the brain selective blocks visual data during eye movements, could also play a part in drivers' visual habits.

"The research is suggesting that by understanding motorcyclists' knowledge and identification of risks it is possible to better inform training and materials which appeal to motorcyclists," noted Silva. "It is key to understand that motorcyclists do not need training about how to ride a motorcycle but would benefit from more skills regarding how to read the road and other road users."

While the research shows that drivers should look take a more vigilant approach on the road, motorcyclists can't always rely on the visual skill and attention span of motorists for their safety. After studying the data, Silva recommends making minor lane adjustments prior to a maneuver or turn. This will allow the motorcyclist to capture drivers' attention and alert them to the rider's intentions.

"I know friends and people who have died or suffered life-changing injuries after being in motorcycle collisions," Silva concluded. "This research is really important to me and having the opportunity to help save motorcyclists' lives is a personal honor."

<https://www.rideapart.com/news/562846/bournemouth-drivers-riders-visual-study/>



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

February 2022

February Birthday's

Scott Musorofiti 2/4
 Sandy Pattishall 2/4
 Suzanne Uldal 2/7
 Annette Greco 2/9
 Angela Irizarry 2/13
 Paul Patorno 2/13
 Shawn Osterloh 2/23
 Robert Titolo 2/23
 Dave Marzola 2/26

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| 27 Monthly Meeting Local Ride RC Cheryl | 28 | | | | | |
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Upcoming Events

Movie Night 2/18 VFW Hall Movie to be determined!
 Chili Contest 2/27 following the monthly meeting ride
 St Patty's Day Pot Luck 3/27 monthly meeting
 Easter Bunny ride 4/16 tentative date



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

2022 Polar Bear ride TBD first rideable weekend—check weekly email
2/27/22 Local Ride after Monthly Meeting Chili Contest to follow!



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



2022 Overnighters

5/16-5/21 Maggie Valley NC RC Jeff Grube
6/11-6/14 Cooperstown NY RC Steve
7/16-7/19 Grand Canyon PA RC Frank
8/13-8/18 Salamanca NY RC Jeff
9/17-9/18 Mt Greylock MA RC Chris
10/15-10/18 Skyline Drive Prob RC Cheryl

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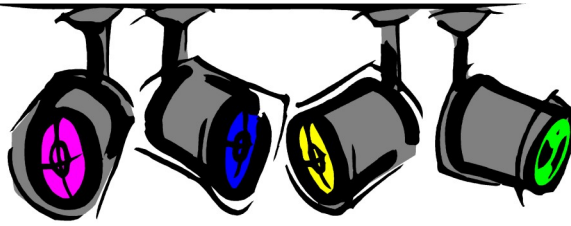
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rapher will take your photo!



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