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President's Point of View, by Jeff Grube

LIHR President's Message



The Door Is Open, Face Shield Is Up

Greetings Harley Riders and Happy New Year,

I'd like to kick off 2023 by reiterating what I had conveyed to the members that were able to make our January membership meeting.

The point of my message at the meeting was that I'd like everyone to let me know if there is something on your mind, good or bad or simply a question you have. During my short tenure as President I've gotten many positive comments which have delivered to me personally. The challenge comes in where I have heard of some negative comments but those comments have come second hand. Hear-say is not a productive way to communicate and I would strongly encourage anyone to reach out to me directly with any suggestions, comments or just something you feel isn't right.

I'm available at President@LIHarleyRiders.com, jeffgrube126@gmail.com or my cell at 631.831.8926.

We are fortunate that we have a dedicated group of Road Captains and Club Officers and I'm proud to be one of them. I think I can speak for the RC's and Officers that we all want to be the best Club we can be, grow the membership and continue to provide great rides and events. Anyone in our membership can be part of that process and goal. Please don't hesitate to speak up. Thank you for your membership in LI Harley Riders

Looking forward to an enjoyable 2023. We have our overnight rides all set. Consider taking advantage of one or more of the trips. It's a great way to get to know your fellow members better. For those members taking advantage of our bi-weekly local rides through March, please remember to check over your bikes especially tire pressure this time of year. Safety Pays!!

See you on the road,

Jeff

January Membership Meeting, 1/22

Meeting called to order by President Jeff at 10:07 AM with the pledge of allegiance. Jeff introduced Steve Mitchell who discussed the annual memorial motorcycle run and bike blessing to be held on Saturday April 15, 2023 in honor of his late wife Dawn Mitchell. KSU will be at 10AM from the welcome center on the LIE and ending at St Charles Cemetery 2015 Wellwood Ave. in Farmingdale. There will be other groups participating, but each group will stay together with their own. We had a new member roll call. We welcomed Rob Schmauder to the Club. Rob lives in Ridge and rides a 2021 Road Glide. Jeff asked the Membership if there were any new bikes. We were excited to hear that Susan Hachmann has purchased a 2021 Trike and will be riding on her own. We also had the pleasure of meeting and sharing the day with John and Susan's nieces, Olivia and Ciara were in attendance.

A discussion was held on Harley Davidson for 2023 since the launch on the new models. Jeff coined a phrase: 'Door open, Face shield is up'. Jeff asked that if anyone has any comments or complaints to please bring them directly to him. He would rather not hear them from a third party. It was also mentioned by Izzy to use the suggestion box on the website for any ideas to improve. Jeff reiterated that the club is ours. Joe Sabia complimented Jeff on the great job he is doing with the club.

Treasurer Joe G gave the Treasurers report. He reported that \$3275.00 has been collected from membership dues paid. Approximately 80 members have renewed. Scott will be reaching out to members who have not renewed to see if they are returning. Joe also discussed the upcoming expenses which included \$1200.00 for insurance, \$182.00 for our PO Box, \$2200.00 to rent the hall for the meeting, rising cost for the bagels and Website expenses, etc. This is why the meeting door fee has been increased to \$6.00. The Spirit Wear has reaped disappointing sales. Ron will be asked to discuss the merchandise quality with the vender. Joe reminded us that hats are for sale for \$20.00, 10 year patches for \$5.00 and the new club motorcycle flags for \$25.00.

Activities Officer Lynne has setup a bike night for Saturday January 28 7PM at Millers ale House in Commack. Lynne reported that hero's will also be served at the chili contest after the February membership meeting and to bring chili in a Crockpot. Lynne also reminded us that we will be having the St. Patty's Day feast after the March membership meeting and that we will need volunteers the help with setup and cleanup.

Head Road Captain: Sal reports that we had one ride so far this year. The Polar Bear Ride which 11 bikes rode 43 miles. Today's ride will be to Del Fuego in Northport with RC Chris leading the ride. Overnight rides were discussed. Ride and Hotel info will be in weekly emails and on the website. May 7-13 RC Jeff will lead a ride to West Virginia. June 10-13 RC Sal will lead a ride to Laconia. July 8-9 RC Jeff will lead a ride to Rhode Island. A third day might be added. August 10-13 RC Chris will lead a ride to Letchworth Park in upstate New York. September 9-12 RC Jeff will lead a ride to St. Mary's PA to view the annual Elk rutting observations. Gineen is looking into transportation to and from the Elk rutting so no one needs to ride at dawn or dusk which could be dangerous with the wildlife running around. October 13-15 RC Gary will lead a fall foliage ride. Location to be determined.

An extensive discussion took place on the changing dynamic of our charity rides in the wake of covid and that they may never be as personal as they once were. Dom Mazza suggested that we keep online donations open if we don't actually do our charity ride. Dom will reach out the Sagamore to talk about change our ride date to November 12 to hopefully get more member participation before the real cold weather sets in. He will also contact The Child life Foundation to find out details of how we will handle the Easter Bunny Ride to Winthrop hospital on April 8 this year. Dom also discussed trying to find different ideas to gain interest in the club and handed out some great travel maps.

Ladies of Harley: Lynne will talk to Annette about a ladies night out. Jeff asked Rod to setup a skills practice with his people. Jeff will contact On The Road Again to get dates for a class. Jeff has the Ride like a Pro DVD if anyone wants to view it. We will have Zoom meetings every other month for the Officers and Road Captains. This will save travel time for some members and food expenses for the club. Rod will put up the sign up genius three months prior to an event. Having the sign up genius up too early leads to people having to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances later on and not being able to change their sign up genius status. Rod said that if anyone needs to cancel that they may contact him and he can help to change their status if necessary. Motel pricing and more info on overnight rides will be in the members only section on the website. There was no New Business to report from the Membership, and no further business by the officers. The 50/50 was pulled by Olivia and Ciara. 1st prize of \$45.00 went to Gill Allen and 2nd prize of \$25.00 to Bob Titolo. February 26 will be the next membership meeting and chili contest.

January Meeting Pics

Welcome our new member
Rob Schmauder



Annual Holiday Party, 12/3



Sagamore Childrens Center Holiday Run, 12/11

On Sunday, December 11th, the L.I. Harley Riders visited the Sagamore Children's Hospital to help spread some Christmas Cheer for those less privileged than we. Santa Claus led a somewhat disappointing turnout of just 12 bikes and 12 Elves (13 members total). We encountered a few, but very, very few droplets of rain and many, many smiling faces of the children that we visited. We made multiple passes around the building with horns blowing and children cheering. After the 4th time around, Santa Claus and his Elves put down the kick stands and spoke with the kids. Many handshakes and fist bumps had each and every one of them smiling, AND us, smiling from ear to ear! After saying Merry Christmas and our best wishes to the kids, we rode around to the front of the building to meet up with more club members who rode on sleighs to the hospital. The carts were filled with gifts... from volleyballs to pajamas and everything in between. So little means so much for these kids. When you come from nothing, practically everything is a winning lottery ticket! After a cup of hot chocolate and a light snack, we spent some time with the staff from Sagamore and toured the new Meditation Garden where the L.I. Harley Riders bench has been placed. A truly heartfelt "Thank You" and words of appreciation from Dr. Dubey for all the years that we, the L.I. Harley Riders have contributed to this amazing cause. He spoke of the vision for the garden and the education and the relaxation that the kids will get from this new addition to the hospital. What a great idea and a great use of space!



Polar Bear Ride - 1/8

Head Road captain Sal lead 11 bikes and 11 members on our Polar Bear Ride, the first ride of the year. The members rode 43 chilly miles thru some amazing back roads of the north shore. The ride ended in Pt Jeff where everyone ordered hot soup to start off their lunch to warm up. Special Thanks to our members that we're on the ride this very cold Sunday morning.



LIHR Dinner Night at Millers Ale House, 1/28



Spring is right around the corner!



February Safety Article

The Law Office of Paul Gargiulo, P.C. presents Welcome to the Jungle - The Art of Learning to Ride Skillfully *A column dedicated to your riding survival*

Vigilance

vig-i-lance

noun: vigilance • the action or state of keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties.

It was a dark and rainy night...

No, it wasn't. It was really a soggy and wet afternoon and we had left New Jersey Motorsports Park a couple of hours early as the wet rolled in. As we motored up Interstate 287 and just a bit north of the 78 interchange, my eyes picked up a Mercedes SUV rolling onto the highway and into the right lane. I didn't have to think about it... I knew he'd be a couple of car lengths ahead of me and maybe five in front of Shira at my 6. Both of us in the left lane. Then the white car blipped into my right-side



mirror. Unlike too many riders I try to keep a constant grasp of what is around me. Situational Awareness. That combination of scan, look, and digest as much as possible.

The beat-up white car was moving quickly past Shira and then me, before sliding into the far right lane; just as the Mercedes was entering the highway.

The Pauli Exclusion Principle says two identical matter particles can't occupy the same quantum state. In simple terms, you can't have two things taking up the same space.

Indeed.

I sometimes tell people I am ever vigilant. It is usually done in a joking manner about something inconsequential - like historic signs, new restaurants, or great pieces of pavement. Surely, all of these are important in an easy manner - but I am not so light on vigilance when it comes to riding.

I admit this day a combination of vitamins and coffee had me a bit hyper-vigilant, and as I saw the collision about to unfold in front of us I thought of any possible escape route when the two cars hit.

It is amazing how your brain can hit Warp 7 in

an instant and I was predicting the hit, the Mercedes (the protagonist) pushed into the rail and then ricocheting back into the road. The white junker (the antagonist) spinning clockwise.

Both would confirm Wolfgang's Principle when they took us both out - collateral damage as it were. Just bit players in highway drama.

Both Shira and I were on the brakes - as were some of the other more aware drivers this day.

Then it happened... or didn't.

The driver of the Mercedes spotted the incoming hit and made a remarkable evasive move off the road right up to the guard rail and then back a tire width... the German car actually skipping with a puff off the front tires as the ABS kicked in and the wheels turned.

Mr. Junker swung too ... in and out - fish-tailing about wildly but then accelerated into the lane and then back to the center - picking up speed and disappearing into the rain continuing his erratic chess piece moves.

We all let out a collective breath and I looked over at the couple in the Mercedes - they were wide-eyed and making, what I believe to be, a string of colorful metaphors. He glanced at me and I gave him a big thumbs up on his save. It probably saved us as well - as I heard Martha Reeves and the Vadellas singing our tune.

Vigilance... It is certainly easy to say, but hard to keep up and nobody can keep 100% Situational Awareness 100% of the time.

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Stephen Mitchell 1/11, Gerry Roma 1/12, Janet Pattishall 1/19, Rob Udal 1/20, Mary McManus 1/21, Stanley Hoven 1/23, Stephan Efthimiades 1/25, Yelena Irzun 1/25, Sal Fino 1/31, Scott Musorofiti 2/4, William "Sandy" Pattishall 2/4, Suzanne Udal 2/7, Annette Greco-Giacalone 2/9, Paul Patorno 2/13, Angela Irizarry 2/13, Bob Titolo 2/13, Lori Brooks 2/18, Shawn Osterloh 2/23

2023 FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
5 Ride to Regal Deli in Plainview	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 	16	17	18
19	20 President's Day	21	22	23	24	25
26 Monthly Membership Meeting	27	28				

Upcoming Events

February 26th - Monthly meeting & Annual Chili Contest

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

- After Monthly Membership Meeting there will be a short ride around the Huntington/North Shore area and back to Hall for Chili Contest (weather permitting).
- During the months of January, February and March we will be scheduling a ride every-other-weekend. As necessary, the "off" day could become a rain date.

Note: We have replaced the KSU starting point from LIE exit 43, to LIE Exit 32 for off Island rides North side Service Road, west of Little Neck Parkway.



Remember to check the Hotline at (631)406-4170 two hours before KSU to hear updates and cancellations.



2023 'Look Ahead' Overnights

May: 7th-13th, West Virginia week (RC Jeff leading the ride)

June: 10th-13th, Laconia Bike Week 100th Anniversary (Head RC Sal leading the ride)

July: 8th-9th, Rhode Island overnight ride (RC Jeff leading the ride)

Aug: 10th-13th, Upstate New York two nights overnight, Letchworth State Park (Assist. Head RC Chris leading the ride)

September 9th-12th, St. Mary's PA to view the Annual Elk Rutting (RC Jeff leading the ride)

October 13th-15th, Fall Foliage Ride - Location TBD (RC Gary leading the ride)

NOTE: Lodging and date details on all overnights will be in the Members Only section on our LIHR website at the appropriate time prior to the event. When the overnights are posted please use the Sign-Up Genius to confirm you are attending. It is really helpful to the R.C.'s to be able to know who's going and to finalize the ride details.

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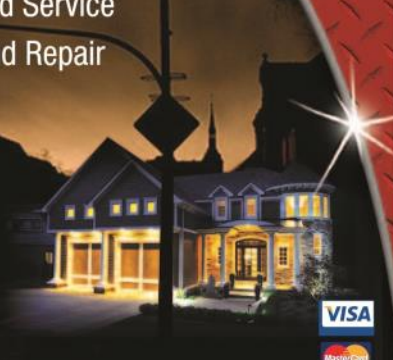
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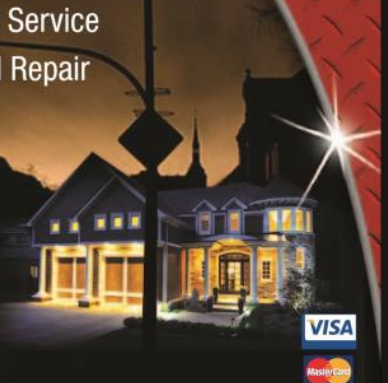
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Say Cheese!

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

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NEXT MEETING
February 26, 2023

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