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President's Point of View, by Grumpy

The year '2012' was about change ... when we became the L. I. Harley Riders. But the name is about all that changed as we moved forward with the plans we had made as Lighthouse HOG. We still had the best rides ever, made it though Hurricane Sandy (some better than others) and we had our first Holiday Party as the L.I. Harley Riders. I could go on and on, but we all rode it together.

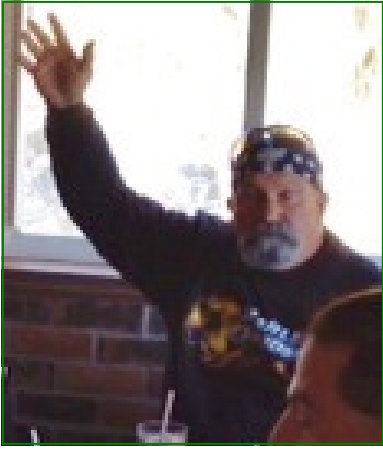


As we start our second year as L.I. Harley Riders, I would like to thank Bill Vultaggio for his many years of hard work and dedication to both the Lighthouse HOG Chapter and L.I. Harley Riders. In the Lighthouse HOG Chapter, Bill served as Secretary, Editor and Asst. Director, and for two years as Director. When Lighthouse Harley-Davidson closed its doors, Bill stepped up to be President of our new A.M.A. Charter ... the L.I. Harley Riders. As you know, Bill has resigned the President's position but will stay on as a Road Captain.

This year, I take on the office of President and Dave Marzola will be our new Vice President. Returning as Treasurer is George Foundotos and, as Secretary, Pat Grant. Also stepping down is our Activities Officer, Nadine Hartmann, my lovely wife. This office will be filled by Stephan Efthimiades, assisted by Kathy, his lovely wife.

I am sure this will be another good year. I know the Road Captains, led by Head Road Captain Ken Grant and Asst. Head Road Captain Mario Ruffolo, have planned some great overnight trips again. We are booked for a trip in May to Connecticut to visit one of the casinos. In June, we'll be going to New Hampshire for the 90th Laconia bike rally. During the summer, we'll head out in July to West Virginia for Mountain Fest and in August to Milwaukee for Harley-Davidson's 110th Anniversary celebration. The fall sends us up north in October for some great roads and fall colors. So, keep an eye on the weekly emails, our Facebook page and our website for information on these and other rides and activities we have planned. If anyone has an idea for a ride destination, please let one of the Officers or Road Captains know. Ride Safe and See you on the Road.

Kenny P's Post-Sandy Ride





Joe B.'s Ride to



November Meeting

Special Thanks to Dom Mazza for coordinating our annual Sagamore Holiday Ride ... and the SCPD 2nd Precinct for their escort!



Bob and Sandy took the Raffle prizes



Stephan and Kathy are excited about taking on their new roles



Nadine was presented an award of appreciation for all of her efforts as Activities Officer



"THE QUILT" was revealed. Thanks again to Dom M.'s sister, Gertrude, for all her hard work.

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Sagamore Holiday Ride

By Dom Mazza

On November 25, 2012, the Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center Holiday Ride brought out over 60 members who braved the wind and cold to bring smiles to the faces of the children at Sagamore. With the help of our friends at the Suffolk County Police - Second Precinct, we arrived safely at the center. Santa (aka VP Fred Hartmann) led the group, followed by bikes carrying holiday gifts for the boys and girls. Each item would later be wrapped and presented by the Sagamore Santa on Christmas morning to a lucky boy or girl.

Upon arrival at the center, the group was greeted by the staff standing under a banner that said "WELCOME BIKERS". Once inside, Sagamore Director Tom McOlvin welcomed us and the children held up cards with letters that spelled out "Thank You". Director of Nursing, Sandy King, told me "Every year I try and make this event, I love it. The children start talking about it a week before and some of the children even tell their families not to come to visit until the afternoon, until after the bikers leave." Director McOlvin stated that the gifts we bring go a long way to make the kids happy and members of the LI Harley Riders are Sagamore's biggest supporters. After some refreshments, our members took a group of the children outside to sit on the bikes. Later, we all got together for an after-ride lunch.

The Sagamore Holiday Ride is the perfect way to start off the holiday season. I think we can all agree on that. A special thank you to the Suffolk County Police - Second Precinct for their continued support and to Ron Starke for allowing us to put a toy box at LI Thunder Bikes (which was filled). Thanks mostly to all the members who made the ride or donated gifts.





Welcome New Members



Jon Berlin—Kings Park
Street Glide



Sal 'Finn'—Smithtown
Street Glide

New Ride

We caught up with Glenn at Long Island Harley-Davidson showing off his 'like-new' Road King Classic. Congratulations!



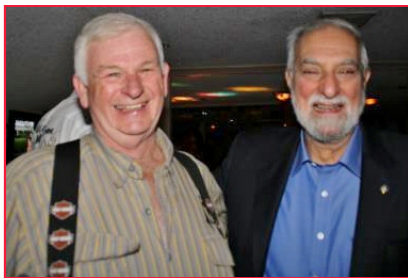
Members renewing at our
Membership Drive
held at Walt's
Ready Riders



L.I. Harley Riders Holiday Party

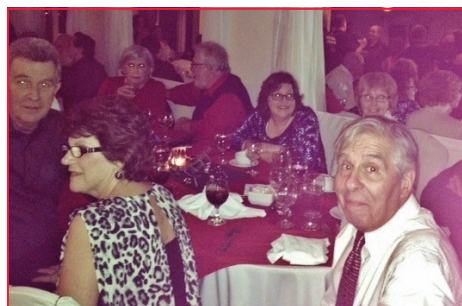
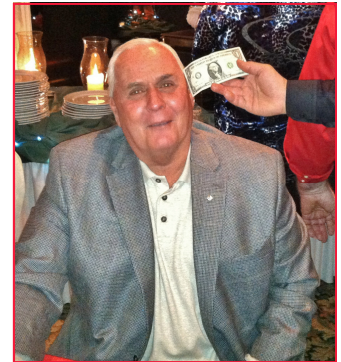
By Dom Mazza

On Saturday, December 1, 2012, we held our first holiday party as the L.I. Harley Riders club. It was held at Windows on the Lake/Beach Club Estate in Lake Ronkonkoma. There were over 100 party-goers in attendance. It is one of those times when those members whose spouses do not attend the rides can meet and party with the group. To say it was a success would be an understatement. It was great to see Rose Davidson who came from Florida to be with her old friends. It was also nice to have



Betty Ney join us, who we haven't seen for a while. If you didn't have a great time, then you didn't really try. I don't think the dance floor was empty all night, thanks to DJ Mario Ruffolo Jr. who seemed to know exactly what this crowd wanted. Both the cocktail hour and buffet dinner were up to speed. At the end of the night, there was the grand prize drawing, which was the Harley Quilt, made by Gertrude O'Neal of High Cotton Quiltworks (If you're interested in having one made, please call her at 423-855-1396). She donated a Lighthouse Harley Pillow for the







Chinese auction too. The winner of the quilt was one of our newest members, Jon Berlin, who posted on Facebook the next day a picture of him under the blanket recuperating from the party. A big thank you goes out to Nadine Hartmann who, assisted by Stephan and Kathy Efthimiades and Dave Marzola, worked very hard on making the party and Chinese auction a success. Also, thanks to all those who donated something to the auction, which included gift baskets, a holiday wreath, a leather jacket, sunglasses, gift cards, Jack Daniels, bike covers, pictures, mirror, Lighthouse Pillow, Jack Daniels barrel top, car/bike detailing, a rider course at Big Apple and other great items. A special mention should be made to those who came early to help set up and those that stayed to clean up. But I guess the most important people to thank are those who attended, to make our first holiday party as a new group a success. See ya'all in 2013. If you want to see more pictures of the holiday party, then go to our website and check them out.





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

January 2013


January Birthdays

David Angelo.....2
 Kenny Grant Jr.....6
 Stavros Dalambakis..10
 Rose Davidson.....11
 Gerry Roma.....12
 Tom Stirnweis.....12
 Ulriki Hirshfelder15
 Vickie Greco17
 Lisa Spatola19
 Jeff Nin.....21
 Stephan Efthimiades.25
 Glen Karuschkat.....25
 Gene DeSantis26
 Susan Saudino.....29
 Cookie Lonigro.....31



**Stay tuned for our
 announcement of
 Bowling Night!**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6  Polar Bear Ride	7	8	9	10	11	12 LOH Ladies Night
13 Local Ride	14	15	16	17	18 NYC Motorcycle Show	19 NYC Motorcycle Show
20 NYC Motorcycle Show	21 Martin Luther King Day 	21	22	23	24	25
26 Monthly Meeting	27	28	29	30	31	

Start planning for our 2013 overnights!

May 4-5: Connecticut Casino — June 12-15: Laconia 90th Rally —
 July 24-28: Mountain Fest in WV — August 25-September 2: Milwaukee "H-D 110th" Rally —
 October 18-20: Fall Foliage Trip TBD

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



Assistant Head Road Captain Mario lead about 20 members on our First L.I. Harley Riders "Hang-Over Ride"



**THIS PICTURE QUALIFIES AS THIS
MONTH'S CRAZIEST!**





Counter Steering and Hard Braking

By Dom Mozzone, Safety Officer

These are two maneuvers that become instinctive as you rack up more mileage and take an advanced riders course, which highlights the areas that are most likely to get us into trouble if we're not paying attention. I've cited a clip that discusses the proper way to counter steer and hard brake. Please take some time to view this short clip (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kTsKIVTftO8>) as the rider explains and demos the proper techniques to address both of these actions.

Riding is fun, but you MUST pay attention to your surroundings and anticipate the next intersection, turn, stop, merge, animals, people, cars, trucks other bikers. Get the picture?

Awareness of your surroundings is a critical element of riding safely. Some '06 stats from the Motorcycle Safety Council are as follows: 46% of all fatal motorcycle accidents occurred during the execution of a turn. The main cause ...

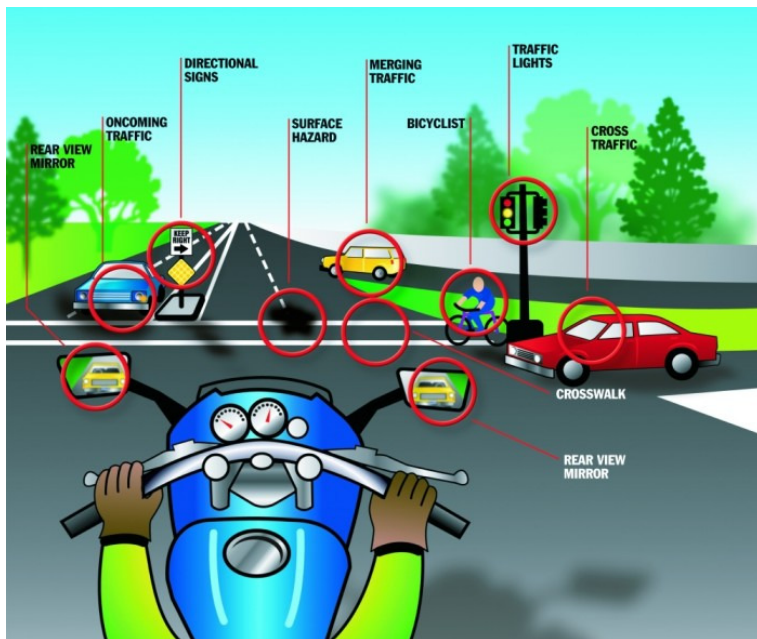
entering the turn at an excessive speed. As I mentioned at one of our previous monthly meetings on turning, it's best to accelerate through a turn in lieu of an 'uh oh' and attempt to hard brake while your leaning into a turn. NOT GOOD!! SLOW DOWN when approaching a turn, especially one that you're not familiar with. The result will cause you to accelerate through the turn which is optimum, fun and the safest way to execute a turn.



Another interesting statistic is the 'numero uno' place where 90% of motorcycle accidents occur ... at intersections. Remember the discussion we had on approaching an intersection? Always approach it as if someone

will run the light or stop sign, or make that left turn in front of you. So you should always be planning your escape route, which will be more instinctive than reactive when you're prepared. This kind of mental activity when riding will improve your reaction time and keep you alert. I call it 'zone out prevention'. Always look way ahead of your path and anticipate the surroundings you're approaching. When doing so, there is a reasonable chance that your escape path, if necessary, will be the one of least resistance and maximum safety.

Ride safe, ride often and anticipate, anticipate, anticipate. Happy New Year everyone.



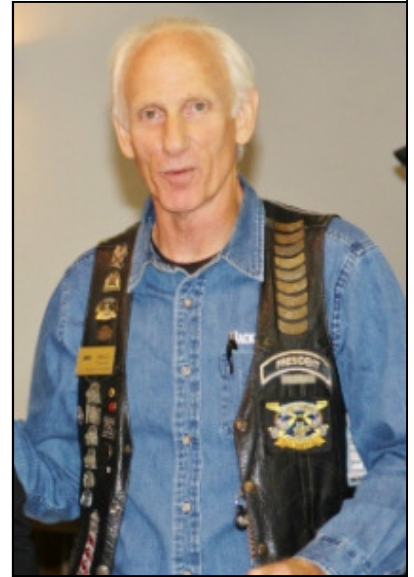
Nadine takes 25 L.I. Harley Riders on the last ride for 2012



We want to take a moment to give a big thank you to Bill Vultaggio for all his caring and hard work to the charter. After many years of dedicated service in various positions, Bill has stepped down as President. Bill will continue to be a Road Captain and



lead us on many more wonderful rides! Another big thank you goes to Nadine Hartmann for her service as Activities Officer. Nadine planned tons of fun events to keep us out of trouble! Nadine will also continue as a Road Captain.



THANK YOU!

WELCOME ...

President

Vice President



**Dave
Marzola**



**Fred
Hartmann**

Activities Officers



**Stephan and Kathy
Efthimiades**

CONGRATULATIONS TO...



Mario Cantone for
winning the last
pillow of the
year

Jon Berlin for
winning the
quilt that
everyone
wanted



This year's winner
of the
Jack Barrel
Joe VP
From Family Jammin' MC

2013 Membership Renewal Drive

**Venues and times to be
announced.**

2013 Calendars will be on sale!



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or send an email to Chris at Membership@LIHarleyRiders.com to request one

**Do you have a story to tell about a special bike ride
or trip you've taken or a cool product you've used?**

We would love to publish it.

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
January 27, 2013
10 AM

Nathan Hale VFW Hall
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**Charter meetings are held
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*(*unless otherwise noted)*

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Before leaving for a ride, be sure to check your email or our Charter Website at
<http://www.LIHarleyRiders.com> for updated information and last minute cancellations.



**Are you a member of the American
Motorcyclist Association (AMA)?**
Learn more about it at: www.americanmotorcyclist.com

Milwaukee 2013—H-D's 110th Anniversary Event

**Thinking about a trip to Milwaukee next year to celebrate H-D's 110th Anniversary?
We are!**

**Let us know if you're interested as we ONLY HAVE A FEW HOTEL ROOMS LEFT!
(~8-9 days, arriving back home on Labor Day 2013)**

Please email Ken Grant at HeadRoadCaptain@LIHarleyRiders.com for information.

How About a Big Cheer for Our Road Captains?

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Ficalora, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Gary Kinkle, Dick
(Judge) Klein, Mike Macari, Dave Marzola, Cisco Mercado, Dom Mozzone, Kenny
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