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### President's Point of View, by Grumpy

Greeting Harley Riders!

I hope all had an enjoyable Holiday and a Happy New Year. Due to bad weather in November, we had to postpone the Sagamore Toy Run to December  $1^{\rm st}$ . But even with the change, we did our L.I. Harley Riders thing ... having a great turnout for the run, giving a lot of children something to smile about and showing that there are people that care. Special thanks go to Suffolk County Police Dept's  $2^{\rm nd}$  Precinct for getting the group there safely. We were able to talk with the children, have cookies and juice, and then go out in to the courtyard where the kids were able to sit and look at some of the bikes. In all, it was a GREAT day ... something I hope we get to do again in 2014.

I wish to welcome our new officers: Kathy Efthimiades, Secretary; Ginny Zeier, Editor; Mario Ruffolo, moving up from Asst. Head Road Captain to Head Road Captain; and Gary Kinkle, Asst. Head Road Captain. A big thank you to Pat Grant, Ken Grant and Joe Giacalone for their hard work and service to the club.

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, we held our second annual Holiday Party as LIHR. This year, we used the Holiday Inn in Plainview where I must say there was great food, service, friends and our DJ ... club member George Marchelos ... who donated both his time and equipment. We had a great turnout again for this affair. I'm sorry to say that I didn't win the quilt, but Frank Pellegrino went home with a queen-size quilt beautifully made by Dom Mazza's sister, Gertrude. We will have a chance to win one of her hand-made pillows at our January and February meetings.

We have our first overnight ride planned. We are going back to Washington D.C. for Rolling Thunder. We will be leaving on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and returning home on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. So keep an eye out for the hotel information, because if you have never gone to this one, you don't know what you are missing and it's time for you to see it for yourself.

It's also time to renew your membership so you don't miss out on all our great plans for 2014 and by staying on the club weekly email list. Please mail your renewals to L.I. Harley Riders, PO Box 2033, St. James, NY 11780-0607.

Ride safe and prosper.

# November MEETING

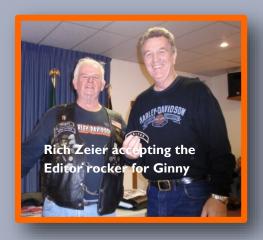
Grumpy thanks his former officers...







...and welcomes the new







### November Meeting cont'd.



Ken Grant, in his last responsibility as Head Road Captain, promotes Kenny McKay to the position of Road Captain.

Congratulations to Gary Kinkle on being named Assist. Head Road Capt. By Mario Ruffolo, Head Road Captain.





50/50 Raffle Winners





# Are you a member of the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA)?

Although there is no requirement for AMA membership as an LI Harley Rider, only AMA members will be able to vote for our primary officers or be able to run for office.

Please also consider the AMA's advocacy programs and other benefits. Learn more about it at: www.americanmotorcyclist.com



# Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center 12th Annual Holiday Toy Ride

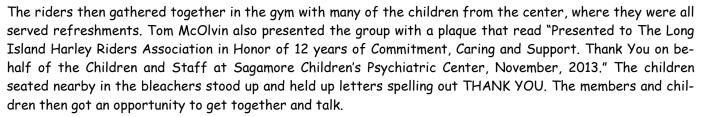
By Dom Mazza

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, over 75 L.I. Harley Riders and their friends gathered at The Nathan Hale VFW Hall in Huntington to participate in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual ride to benefit the children at the Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center in Dix Hills. This is one of the two charity rides that have been carried over from when many of the same members were members of the (defunct) Lighthouse HOG Chapter. The ride had originally been scheduled for the week prior, however because of high winds and severe cold, it had to be rescheduled.

In addition to bringing the children at the center gifts that would be given out on Christmas morning, many members were showing their personal support for the center, because of its intended closing next year.

Fred Hartmann, our president, was dressed as he has been for many years as Santa and took the lead, as the group assisted by members of the Suffolk County Police Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct left the VFW Hall. Many of the bikes, which were over 60, had toys and stuffed animals strapped too them.

Behind Santa was his (road captain) reindeer escort. As the ride snaked through Huntington, the public response was often to wave and smile as the group passed. Upon arrival, the group was met at the front entrance by Executive Director Tom McOlvin and many of the staff. Many of the gifts, which included toys, dolls, clothing and anything that a member felt a young man or woman would like for Christmas, were unloaded and brought into the center gymnasium. The rest of the gifts (in a pickup truck) and some of the motorcycles were led to a secure courtyard area. There the remaining gifts were unloaded and the bikes left to cool down.



The last part of our visit was to take the children out to the courtyard area and let them sit on the bikes and ask questions of the riders about themselves and their steeds.

A great day ended with the group having lunch at a nearby Applebee's. Much of the talk was about the day's events.

In closing, let's hope that the New York State Department of Health does not close the facility next year and we will be returning. This is a very important part of Long Island and part of our quality of life here, especially for Long Island children. Our next scheduled charity toy ride will be to visit the children at Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola the day before Easter Sunday 2014. This always brings smiles to not only the kids, the staff, but to those who attend.







### Winter Riding

By Dom Mozzone, Safety Officer



Since the LI Harley Riders is essentially a 12-month riding club, we've become accustomed to modifying our clothing gear, as well as how we ride during the cold weather (eg., later starts and earlier shut downs). What occasionally happens during the winter are rapid changes in temperature when you're not expecting it. Being on a

road trip with changing elevations makes keeping an eye out for weather all the more important. I've compiled some winter riding tips to keep your riding enjoyable and safe this winter.

### 1. Wear Appropriate Riding Gear in a Layering Fashion

Riding comfortably in cold weather begins with correct gear choice, and it's all about base layering (full leg, full sleeve). Even while riding, we sweat and the base layers allow our skin to breathe, wicking away moisture. This helps sweat evaporate rather than turning into cold perspiration on the body. Socks that wick away moisture are also essential.

Next is your outer gear which must completely cover your exposed skin to avoid frost bite. A good neck warmer is also a required staple to have for those really cold rides. Gloves should be the type that will cover to your forearms, including your jacket's wrist area. These kinds of gloves prevent wind from finding its way up your sleeve. Heated gear is another way to go as you can throttle the heat up or down to accommodate your comfort zone. But, like all technological marvels, s\*#t happens. So it's best to have back up layers with you in case the heated gear fails.

### 2. Cold Weather Equals Colder Tires

It's that simple – cold weather means colder tires. And as everyone should know by now, cold tires equate to limited traction. Riding helps increase heat in the tire, but even the briefest stop can quickly cool the tires down causing a lack of traction. Also, make sure you have adequate tread on your tires for winter riding. Penny pinching on tires is about as stupid as buying the cheapest motorcycle helmet and this is even more true during the winter riding season. It may snow unexpectedly and you'll need to channel water/snow more than ever on wet roads that are cold. Always be sure to check your tire pressure as this is extremely crucial during the winter months when optimal traction is needed.

### 3. Watch for Salt, Fresh Cracks due to Plows and Black Ice

Salt is not only an enemy to metal, but also to traction. Treat salt like ice. If you see crystalized appearances on the side of the road, stay away! Also remember that those plow trucks destroy roads causing new cracks, sometimes huge and able to chew up rims. Once again, remember to run correct tire pressure because you don't want to bend a rim or pinch a tube.

Black ice, if it even remotely looks like ice, stay away! Since I mentioned salt, remember that motorcycles weren't designed for winter riding. Like salt from the ocean, motorcycles can quickly succumb to rust. Whenever the sun is out and the roads are clear, thoroughly wash your bike to free it from as much salt as possible. This will also afford you the opportunity to closely inspect your bike as well.

#### 4. Increase Visibility and Following Distance

While riding in the winter, increase your visibility and space. Increasing visibility simply means looking further down the road which helps you to recognize hazards before they occur. Increased visibility allows you to react to a potential threat well in advanced. This is essential in winter when traction is limited due to cold roads. As a rule, always look 15 seconds ahead.

As for following distance... open it up. Maintain a few car lengths of space ahead of you allowing more time to react to hazards, such as, cars ahead stopping or being able to see something on the road. Tailgating in winter is completely stupid. Just think for a moment. In dry conditions, it takes an experienced rider about 85 feet to stop a bike traveling at 35 mph. An average car is around 16 feet long, so it would take about five car lengths to stop. Think! It's cold out! Do the math... the faster you're riding, the more distance you need to maintain.

#### 5. Join a Motorcycle-Specific Towing Service

Accidents happen and are more likely to happen in cold weather riding due to, once again, lack of traction. Make sure you have a towing service that is readily available. An out-of-pocket tow is extremely expensive, so, be prepared if you need to be towed.

As a member of the American Motorcyclist Association I have the organization's Roadside Assistance, it comes as a comp with my annual membership. HOG has similar services if you prefer.

### 6. Don't be a Moron; If Snow Starts Falling, Get Your Ass Home

The title says it all. If it begins snowing... get home! The white stuff can accumulate quickly providing the slickest conditions. Keep an eye on the forecasts if there's even a threat of snow... keep the bike home! If for some reason you're riding and you encounter snow, getting home will be a challenge and you need to find somewhere to stop and get shelter quickly. Better to be uncomfortable sheltering somewhere than lying on the side of the road all busted up because you were a moron and unsafe.

Riding safely in the winter is challenging and fun. Doing it smartly and often will make riding the winter months like any other time of the year. Ride safe, ride often, have a blast!!





The 2nd Annual L.I. Harley Riders Holiday party was held on December 7, 2013 and was a hage success. Kudos to Stephan and Kathryn Efthimiades for patting together such a wonderful evening. The venue was beautiful, the food was delicious, the drinks flowed and "spinning the vinyl" was our vey own George Markelos who kept the dance floor full all night. In Addition, thank you to all those members

who "stepped-up" to help make the night one









A big thank you to Dom Mazza's sister, Gertrude O'Neal, for hand sewing this beautiful, one of a kind, quilt which was the Grand Prize of the evening.







### And the winner is.....





# up Coming....

January 12...Local ride led by RC Mike Macari Info to follow

January 19...Local ride lead by Pres. Grumpy. Leaves from Dunkin' Donuts (across from the old Light House HD) KSU 10:30 a.m. ending @ The Good Steer in Lake Grove.

Are you tired, listless, constantly checking the weather channel or find yourself in the garage gazing longingly at your bike? You could be suffering from Motorcycle Riding Withdrawal Syndrome or MRWS. **Don't suffer alone!!** Get yourself down to the next L.I.Harley Riders meeting on Sunday, January 26th, at 10:00 a.m. and share your feelings with fellow MRWS sufferers. While there, you can also purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win this beautiful pillow, handmade just for us, by Gertrude O'Neal. It's the perfect pillow to comfort you while you lay on the couch, watching the games on TV, praying for a break in the weather.



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The Chili Cook Off is back! It will be held Sunday, February 23rd, after the monthly meeting. Bring down you're your favorite home made chili and see if it stands up to last years winner... Venison Chili made by Richie Truran.

# Membership....

There are no membership renewal dates scheduled at this time.

Avoid stopping for those annoying stop signs and red lights, perilously entering highways or changing lanes and worst of all...aaaaaargh...eating lunch alone!!!!!!!! If you haven't already renewed, go to the website, download an application form, fill it in and mail it and a check to: L.I.Harley Riders, Inc./Membership PO Box 2203 St. James, NY 11780-0607. Full membership: \$30.00 Assoc. Member: \$15.00 (non-rider/passenger)



January Birthdays

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

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**BOWLING NIGHT!** SATURDAY, **JANUARY 18TH** 7PM \$42.50 PP—3 hrs. unlimited bowling-Salad, pizza, wings & soda included-Cash bar



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**SAVE THE DATE-LADIES NIGHT OUT!** SATURDAY, JANUARY 11th DINNER AND DANCING

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.



### 2014 Membership Enrollment is NOW ... Get a friend involved!

Rockers , T-shirts , Sweatshirts, Mugs and Caps are on sale now!

### **2014 Membership Applications Available online!**

or send an email to Chris at Membership@LIHarleyRiders.com to request one (Mail applications to LIHR, PO Box 2033, St. James, NY 11780-0607)

January enrollment dates, time & venues to be announced

### A BIG THANK YOU to our Road Captains!!

Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo - Asst Head Road Captain: Gary Kinkle

Charlie Abruzzo, Bob Bernstein, Joe Bonura, Bob Corso, Buzzy Farquhar, Steve Ficalora, Ken Grant, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Mike Macari, Dave Marzola, Ken McKay, Dom Mozzone, Kenny Pastor, Lou Vaccarelli & Bill Vultaggio

### 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

See our **Activities Officer** for individual name tags. This way, other members can put a name with a face!

NEXT MEETING January 26, 2014 10 AM

Nathan Hale VFW Hall 210 West Pulaski Road Huntington, NY Charter meetings are held 4th Sunday\* of each month (\*unless otherwise noted)

Bagels, Coffee and Tea served \$5.00 per person



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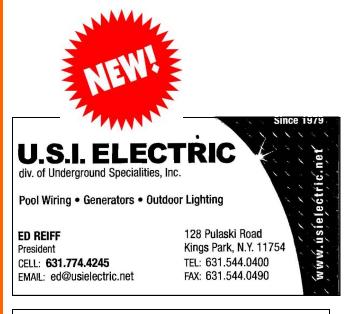
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Before leaving for a ride, be sure to check your email or our Charter Website at **http://www.LIHarleyRiders.com** for updated information and last minute cancellations.

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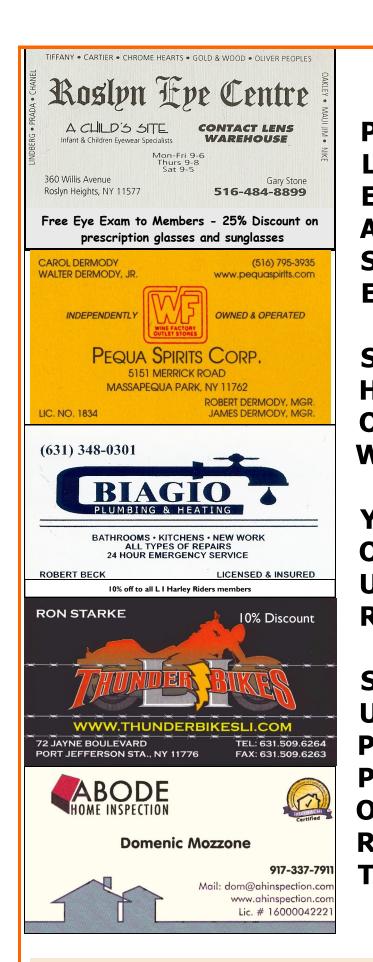




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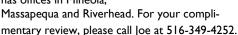
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