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President's Point of View, by Grumpy

I hope you all had an enjoyable Holiday and a Happy New Year. On November 23, 2014 we had our 13th Sagamore Toy Run. We did our L.I. Harley Riders thing: having a great turn out for the run, giving a lot of children something to smile about and showing that there are people that care. A thank you to the Suffolk County Police Depts. 2nd pct and our road captains for getting the group there safely. We were able to talk with the children and have cookies and juice. Then, go out in to the court yard where they were able to sit on and look at some of the bikes. In all it was a GREAT day... something I hope we get to do again in 2015.

I am happy to welcome back all the charter officers from 2014, because without their help and time all the things we enjoy..... the rides, bike nights, overnight trips and all the parties would not be possible. The bottom line is we all work together as a TEAM, to make this the great club it is. I do not want to forget our Road Captains. They work very hard planning all our rides, week after week. I know it takes a lot of time and planning to make them safe and enjoyable events.

On December 6th we held our third Holiday Party as LIHR. This year, once again, we used the Holiday Inn in Plainview. I must say there was great food, service and friends. Our DJ was club member, George Marchelos who donated both his time and equipment. We had a great turn out again for this affair and we thank all the volunteers and members that donated items for our auction. I'm sorry to say I did not win the quilt, but Ed Reiff went home with a custom queen size quilt made by Dom Mazza's sister, Gertrude. We will have a chance to win one of her hand made pillows at our February meeting.

On December 20, 2014, our Jack Daniels distribution party was held at the VFW hall. This year's barrel winner was from the Bikers of Brooklyn MC.

We have our first over night ride planned. We are going back to Washington D.C. for Rolling Thunder. We will be leaving on Friday May 22nd and returning home on the May 25th, so keep an eye out for the hotel information, because if you have never gone on this one, you don't know what you are missing and it's time to see for yourself.

Renew your membership NOW or you will miss out on all our great plans for 2015. Please mail your renewals to L.I. Harley Riders, PO Box 2033, St. James NY 11780-0607.

Ride Safe and Prosper!

November 23, 2014 Membership Meeting



This month's meeting was brief as everyone was anxious to get on their bikes and follow Santa Grumpy, his sweet elf Nadine and the Road Captain reindeers to Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center.



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

Although there is no requirement for AMA membership as a LI Harley Rider member, 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

50/50 Raffle Winners



**1st Place
Dom Mazza**



**2nd Place
Victoria Christian**

**Way to go Larry!!!
That's Larry Vetter up on 2
wheels again.
Congratulations!!!
We all hope to see you back in
the group soon!!!**





AFTER THE NOVEMBER MEETING, WE HAD A GREAT TURN OUT OF 60 BIKES FOR OUR RIDE TO SAGAMORE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. THIS EVENT IS VERY SPECIAL FOR US, AS WELL AS THE KIDS. THE GIFTS WE BRING HELP TO MAKE THEIR HOLIDAY A LITTLE MORE FESTIVE. THE LOOKS ON THE KID'S FACES ALWAYS LET US KNOW HOW MUCH OUR EFFORTS ARE APPRECIATED.



←—Looks like she's caught the bug. Did anyone give her a membership application?



L.I. Harley Riders 13 Annual Holiday Ride to Sagamore

By Dom Mazza, Public Relations Officer

On Nov. 23rd, for the 13th year, members of the group showed up at the VFW Hall on what turned out to be a beautiful Sunday morning. Our President, Fred Hartmann, suited up in his Santa suit after the monthly meeting and joined over 50 members of our club to ride over to Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center in Dix Hills for our annual holiday toy ride. Fred has been doing this for more years than I remember and has become known as "the" Santa by the staff at Sagamore. Fred not only fits the part physically, but also really has the personality to go with it and the kids just love when he walks into the gym with a "ho, ho, ho" and a big wave. With an escort by the Suffolk Police Second Precinct, Santa in the lead and his road captain reindeers escorting him (antlers and all) we were on our way.

At Sagamore we spent a brief time with some of the staff at the front entrance to the hospital and then a number of the riders went around back and parked their bikes inside and outside of a secure courtyard area. From there the group went into the gym with their holiday gifts. They were greeted enthusiastically by the resident kids, but when Santa arrived there was an outburst of applause. The gifts were distributed on a mat in one area of the gym, so that the kids could check them out, and those that are staying for the holiday could make a wish list for Christmas morning.

After some social time with the kids and some refreshments, everyone went out to the enclosed courtyard. There some members of group allowed the kids to sit on the bikes and even play with the radio's. Some of the staff even joined in the fun. In addition to the unwrapped gifts (to be wrapped later by the girl scouts) we delivered, at their request, 173 used books and 186 magazines/periodicals as the first phase of our book drive. The staff and children are always appreciative of our efforts and this little visit means more than we realize.

As the final fate of Sagamore is still unknown, let's hope the news we get is good and we will be returning next year. As the contact person for our group, let me say thank you to all those who took the time out of their Sunday to make someone else happy. A special thank you to the members who unselfishly placed their (very expensive) bikes in the courtyard to make the kids day.





On November 9th, President and RC Fred Hartmann led 20 bikes & 24 members on a ride through the east end of L.I. We rode a total of 75 miles on highways and back roads through Manorville and into the Hamptons. We ended in Sagaponack for a lip smackin' lunch at Townline BBQ. It was a beautiful day for a ride! Thank you to Fred for planning the ride and to our RC's for the great job they always do!



← S. O. A. has nothing on our guys!





**Thirteen bikes & 13 members turned out for RC Cisco's ride on November 16th. They took a brisk, morning ride through the North Shore's back roads ending at the L.J. Pour House in Port Jefferson Station. Thanks to Cisco for planning the ride and all the Road Captain's who assisted
In keeping everyone safe!**



It was time to shake off the moth balls and get the cold weather gear out!





Of course, it was all guys on Sunday's ride because the girls were at their spa weekend! Breakfast at Cracker Barrel was a new experience for some. After breakfast it was on to the Pocono Manor Inn for a day of relaxation & pampering! The afternoon and evening were filled with eating, drinking & lots of fun. We spent a few hours the next day at the outlets leaving with some goodies & great memories.

The RC's will be happy to know that we utilized our hand signals on the ride. (Some may not have been so ladylike but it was all in fun) We've perfected our left & u turns also. Many thanks to Annette for organizing this great trip! We've already started bugging her to plan the next one!



Cracker Barrel isn't just for breakfast!



Remember ladies...what happened in the Poconos...STAYED in the Poconos!





Congratulations to Probationary RC Sal Fino on his first lead ride! On Nov. 30th Sal led a group of 26 bikes & 30 members on a beautiful ride along some of the nicest roads on the North Shore. We stopped at the beach in Bayville for a group photo and ended in Plainview at the Regal Deli for delicious lunch. Thank you Sal for planning a great ride and our RC's for the great job you do.



Can anyone interpret Bill's sign language?



We had a great turnout for our Holiday Party on Dec. 6th! It was a night filled with food, fun, & dancing. A big thank you to Steve & Lynne for taking care of all the details that go along with organizing a party like that. From the tables to the baskets to the favors, everything was well orchestrated. Congratulations to Ed & Barbara who won the beautiful quilt made by Gertrude. A party isn't a party without George playing the music. He was spinning the tunes that kept us movin', groovin' & snugglin' close to the ones we love!! Thank you Larry & Lorraine for getting everyone checked in with a smile! And, last but certainly not least, thank you to all who donated baskets for the Chinese auction, your generosity was very appreciated!



The winners of Roslyn Eye Center's exclusive A.S.S. glasses!



Joe's got the moves!





It was a group effort that took 23 bikes & 25 members to the Holtsville Ecology Center on Dec. 14th . There we warmed up and were able to get some nice holiday shots. Lunch was at Joe's Sirloin Burger Grill where we had delicious burgers. Thanks to Stephan, Steve and all the RC's who assisted in getting us to where we had to go!



Winter Riding Smartly

by *Domenic Mozzone, Safety Officer*

Since the LI Harley Riders is a year round riding club, we've become accustomed to modifying our clothing gear, how we ride and when we ride during the cold weather, e.g., later starts and earlier shut downs. What occasionally happens during the winter is 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. Here are some winter riding tips to keep our riding enjoyable and safe this winter wherever you ride.

1. Wear Appropriate Layered Riding Gear

Riding comfortably in cold weather begins with correct gear choice and it's all about layering. Base Layers are especially important (full leg, full sleeve). Even while riding we sweat. The base layers allow our skin to breathe, and wick away moisture. This helps sweat evaporate rather than turning to cold perspiration on the body. Also, wear socks that wick away moisture.

Next is your outer gear which must completely cover your exposed skin to avoid frost bite. A good neck warmer is 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. This kind 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 its best to have back up layers, or hand warmers to put in your gloves, 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, providing 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 truer-than-ever 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. Also, check your tire pressure; 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 traction. Treat salt like ice; if you see crystalized material 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 the correct tire pressure; you don't want to bend a rim or pinch a tube.

Black ice, if it even remotely looks like ice, stay away from it. 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, helping you recognize hazards before they occur. Increased visibility allows you to react to a potential threat well in advanced, and this is more than needed in winter when traction is limited by the 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. Tail gating in winter is completely stupid. Just think for a moment; in dry conditions it takes an experience rider about 85 feet to stop a bike traveling at 35 mph. An average car is around 16 feet, so it would take about five car lengths to stop. Think! Its cold out! Do the math...and of course, 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 expense is extremely expensive so be prepared if you need to be towed. As a member of the American Motorcyclist Association I have the organizations 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, and if there's even a threat of snow, keep the bike home. If for some reason your riding and you encounter snow, and getting home will be a challenge, you need to find somewhere to stop and get shelter quickly. Better to be uncomfortable sheltering somewhere than laying 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!!

Up Coming Rides & Events.....



Be sure to bundle up your favorite cutie and bring them on the **Annual Sweetheart Ride** Sunday February 15th.



Join the LOH after the meeting on Feb. 22 for a **Mardi Gras Party!** If anyone would like to donate their favorite dish contact Annette Greco, LOH Officer at: LadiesOfHarley@LIHarleyRiders.com



Cook up your favorite recipe and compete in our annual **Chili Contest** after the meeting on March 22nd.



You won't want to miss the annual **Easter Bunny Ride** to Winthrop Hospital's Pediatric Unit on Sat. April 4th.



1st Club Overnighter: Rolling Thunder in Washington, D.C.

FRI. MAY 22ND-MON. MAY 25TH. EVERYONE SHOULD DO THIS AT LEAST ONCE IN THEIR LIFE TIME!



June 19th-June 21st RC Steve Ficalora will lead an overnight ride to the *Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania.*



JUNE 21ST JOIN THE GROUP FOR THE ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY RIDE!



PACK YOUR FLIP FLOPS! WE WILL BE VISITING **CHARLESTON, NC & THE OUTER BANKS** JULY 11TH -JULY 18TH



In the month of August we will be traveling to Battleship Cove, Massachusetts from the 7th thru the 9th.



JOIN US SEPT. 10TH-13TH AS WE **"ROAR TO THE SHORE"** TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW JERSEY STATE HOG RALLY.



If you have a favorite ride, place you've visited or product you've used...why not share it with your friends? Just send a brief article and/or photo to: Editor@LIHarleyRiders.com



LOH Mardi Gras

Sunday
February 22nd
Following the
Monthly meeting



**Annual Chili
Contest**

Sunday
March 22nd
after the meeting



**Winthrop
Hospital**

Annual
Bunny Ride
Saturday April 4th



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

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Don't miss out on the fun! Renew your membership by downloading an application from our website and bringing it to the next meeting or mailing it to:

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Watch the weekly e-mails for details or changes to up-coming rides and events

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Applications are available on our website or the weekly e-mail. Download it for your friend , have them fill it out then bring them down to the monthly meeting.

As always, A BIG THANK YOU to our Road Captains for the great rides they plan and for keeping us all safe!

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

Charlie Abruzzo, Joe Bonura, Stephan Efthimiades, Buzzy Farquhar, Steve Ficalora, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Cisco Mercado, Ken McKay, Dom Mozzone, Kenny Pastor, Lou Vaccarelli, Bill Vultaggio & Rich Zeier



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 25 , 2015
10 AM

Nathan Hale VFW Hall
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