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President's Point of View, by Ed Reiff

Well Happy New Year to everyone. I hope this year brings everyone happiness, good health and plenty of riding.

Mario and his merry band of road captains are planning all the rides for next year as this letter is going out. I believe there will be 6 over nighters and loads of rides every Sunday taking us meandering on and off island that will be enjoyed by everyone. Keep your eyes peeled for the weekly emails and facebook postings where everything is broadcast for you, so you don't miss out on anything.



If you weren't at this year's Holiday party you missed a great time. The new venue is great. The food was delicious, the dancing was plentiful, the gift baskets brought a lot of fun and lucky members who won enjoyed them. Many thanks to Lynne and Stephan for putting this all together for us. A big thank you to George for all the tunes. Three cheers to all the members who contributed the gift baskets, you out did yourselves once again. And one last thank you to all who helped and participated in the evening.....a great time was had by all.

Last year we managed to surpass 11,000 miles in one of the rainiest years I remember. About 1/3 of the rides were canceled due to weather. Let's hope that does not repeat itself this year. I look forward to the Polar Bear ride. It's the first ride each year; and of course I look forward to seeing everybody there. A big thanks to the RC's who keep us on the move.

Ride safe keep the shiny side up



Sagamore Children's Ride December 9



The 17th annual Sagamore Children's Ride was another great success. Escorted by the SCPD the members of the LI Harley Riders were led by Santa Claus on motorcycles laden with presents for the children. Organized by Dom Mazza, gifts of clothing, toys, personal items and stationery were generously donated by our members. We were able to spend time with the kids and staff discussing sports, dancing and Christmas wishes. The kids were able to check out and sit on some of the bikes in the courtyard. The ride was seen on News 12 and written up in Newsday. Thanks to Dom for all his hard work and planning making this event a success and to all our members who donated presents and their time to this charity event. It reminds us of the true meaning of the holiday season!





Wreaths Across America



On December 15th members of the LI Harley joined with people across the country in honoring our fallen military heroes by participating in Wreaths Across America at the National Cemetery in Farmingdale.



Holiday Party 2018



The LI Harley Riders annual Holiday Party was a great success. This year's event was held at Smithtown Landing. The members enjoyed great food, music and drink. DJ George once again donated his time and talent and had the members dancing the night away! A great big thanks to Lynne and Stefan for all their hard work and planning to make this evening a success. The annual Chinese Auction was a great success with many members donating some great gift baskets. This years beautiful quilt was won by Bob Titolo.





Holiday Party 2018



Winter Riding Smartly

By Dom Mozzone - Safety Officer



Since the LI Harley Riders is a 12 month riding club we've become accustomed to modifying our clothing gear as well as how we ride during the cold weather, e.g., later starts, shorter rides and earlier shut downs. What can occasionally happen 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. Here are some winter riding tips to keep our riding enjoyable and safe this winter wherever you ride.

1. Wear Appropriate Riding Gear in a Layering Fashion

Riding comfortably in cold weather begins with correct gear choice, and it's all about layering. Base Layers (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 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 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 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 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 now 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 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; 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!!



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

January 2019

January Birthdays

Stefan Efthimiades
1/25
Sal Finocchiaro
1/31
Elena Irzun 1/25
Gerry Roma 1/12

December Birthdays

Gary Kinkel 12/14
Celine Liefbrig 12/10
Rob Romano 12/12
Mario Ruffolo 12/14
Jerry Small 12/18

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Polar Bear Ride KSU 10:30 Gemini Deli	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Local Ride RC Steve KSU 10:30 exit 56	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Monthly Meeting	28	29	30	31		



Upcoming Events

Winthrop Child Life Ride 4/28

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.

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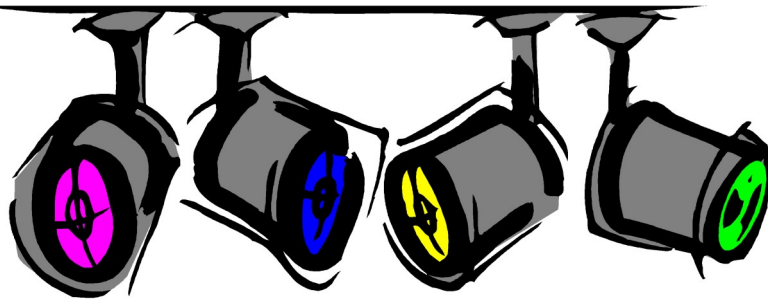
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January Upcoming Rides

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January 6 Polar Bear ride Lunch at JR Steakhouse

January 13 On Island ride RC Steve Lunch at Parlor House Grill



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



UPCOMING EVENTS

NYU/Winthrop Child Life Ride April 28

How About a Big Cheer for Our Road Captains?

Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo, Asst. Head Road Captain: Sal Fino
Steve Ficalora, Kerry Fletcher, Joe Giacalone, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Gary Kinkel, Dom Mozzone, Ralph Norton, Bill Vultaggio, Ed Reiff



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Say Cheese!

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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, 2019
10 AM

Nathan Hale VFW Hall
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