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OK, so a happy and healthy new year to everyone. I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season this year. To start out I would like to thank Bill Vultaggio for his service and time donated to the club as vice president. Bill is retiring and moving north to New Hampshire in the next few months. I would also like to welcome Steve Ficalora who is stepping up as vice president. Without our volunteers this club would not be what it is today. Thank you to all who give of their time and effort.



The holiday party turned out to be another great night last year. Thank you for all the donations of gift baskets,

it is always a lot of fun to raffle them off. Thank you to George for the tunes and thanks to Lynne and Stephan for all their hard work to set everything up. Lots of dancing set the tone for a wonderful time.

Now that 2019 is in the rear-view mirror we look forward to all that is coming up. Mario and the road captains are busy planning out all the rides. We have 7 overnight rides planned for this years' riding season. Here is a list of the overnighters:

1—Sunrise ride to Montauk—April 4-5 2—Bill's Biker Barn, PA—May 14-17 3 Bike race, New Hampshire—June 12-15 4—New England—July 11-18 5—Auto auction, PA—July 31-Aug 2 6—Ticonderoga, NY—Aug 14-16 7—Maine—Sep 17-20

Here's to a fun and safe 2020. See you at the Polar Bear ride. Keep the shiny side up.



November Meeting



Another rainy day put a damper on our November meeting. Because of the bad weather RC Dom's ride to Millers Ale house was cancelled but even more upsetting was the cancelling of our Turkey Shoot!. We had a visit from Brad Richmond who is the director of patient services at Sagamore Children's Hospital who reviewed the needs of the children we will be visiting and the new programs going on at the facility. We also heard from Dr Dennis Doobie who discussed the construction of a Meditative Garden and the fund raising to make this a reality. We welcomed two new members Joel Schneiderman and Chris Dara. Joel rides a 2017CVO limited. We also welcomed two new bikes, Dom Mozzone and Chris Kuster have two new 2020 Ultra Limited's. We have two new Probie Road Captains: Jack Scalia and Frank Luciano have stepped up to the plate. Our 50/50 winners were Fred Hartman and Pam Barbieri. We wish all our members a wonderful Holiday Season. We look forward to seeing everyone at the annual holiday party or the events like our Bowling night in January. A special surprise visit from Rich and Ginny Zeier from Texas made this meeting even more special! We honored all our volunteers who worked so hard this past year to make this the best riding club.



New members, Joel and Chris



Our hard working 2019 Volunteers





Our 2019 Road Captains!





This month's 50/50 winners!



Veterans Day Ride



November 10,2019

Our third annual Veterans Day Ride was a great success. RC Fred led 22 bikes and 26 members on a leisurely ride ending at The Veterans Place in Yaphank. The money we raised from our annual Poker Run purchased much needed personal items including sheets, towels, socks and personal grooming items for these men. Our members also donated gently used coats to help them keep warm. As always a big thanks to our President Ed Reiff who organized the ride, all our members who donated items for the raffles, the LOH who helped pack the packages and all our members who attended the ride. After spending some time with the Veterans we enjoyed lunch at Hurricane Wings in Manorville.





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Sagamore Ride December 8, 2019

2019 was the club's 18th year visiting the Sagamore Children's Hospital. Organized by Dom Mazza our members got to visit with the children and provide some holiday cheer. Santa rode in on his Harley escorted by the SCPD to keep him safe! Music was provided by our own Christine Giacalone for a great sing-a-long. The weather was chilly but our members came on two and four wheels to bring smiles to these children. It is the true meaning of the season. A big thanks to Dom Mazza who year after year coordinates this event. A big shout out to the members who bought gifts to make it a joyous holiday for these children and those who took the time to spend time with the kids!





North Shore Ramble



December 15, 2019

On December 15th Probie RC Chris led his first on-island ride. Chris led 19 bikes on the scenic back roads of Dix Hills, East Northport, Centerport ending in Huntington. The ride included Chris being chased by a German Shepherd but all arrived safely and enjoyed a delicious lunch at Old Fields BBQ. As always a big thanks to all our RC who kept us safe out there and all the hard work in planning a great day of riding!















Bills Holiday Ride December 22, 2019



VP Bill Vultaggio led our members on a great holiday ride. Bill led 14 bikes a brisk cold ride on the back roads of the South Shore. Our members bundled up and enjoyed some scenic water views and enjoyed a scrumptious lunch to warm up at Porters in Bellport. Everyone had a refreshing brisk ride to start the holidays off with a ride.







Our New VP Steve Ficalora had the honor of leading 20 bikes and 24 riders on the last ride of the decade. Steve led us on some amazing back roads through Farmingville, Ridge and Calverton. A delicious lunch was enjoyed at Bistro 72 in Riverhead with our own special menu. After lunch we surprised our member Harry Kramer as he recovers at Peconic Medical Center. Harry was so happy to see everyone and we were so pleased with the progress he has made. At Harry's request we did a drive by and got a big thumbs up from Harry. It was a wonderful way to end a great year of riding and can't wait to see why 2020 brings.!









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Holiday Party December 13, 2019



This years Holiday Party was another great success. Our members enjoyed a great time dining and dancing the night away at Smithtown Landing. Music was supplied by our own George Marchelos. His tunes kept everyone up and dancing the night away! Many of our members supplied the great gift baskets for our fundraising efforts. The night would not have been such a great success if it wasn't for all the hard work of our Activities Officer Lynne Ficalora and assistant Activities officer Stefan Efthimiades. These two organized a great time and made sure the night ran smoothly. The highlight of the night was the drawing for the beautiful quilt made by Gertrude O'Neal. The nights big winner was Frank Luciano.







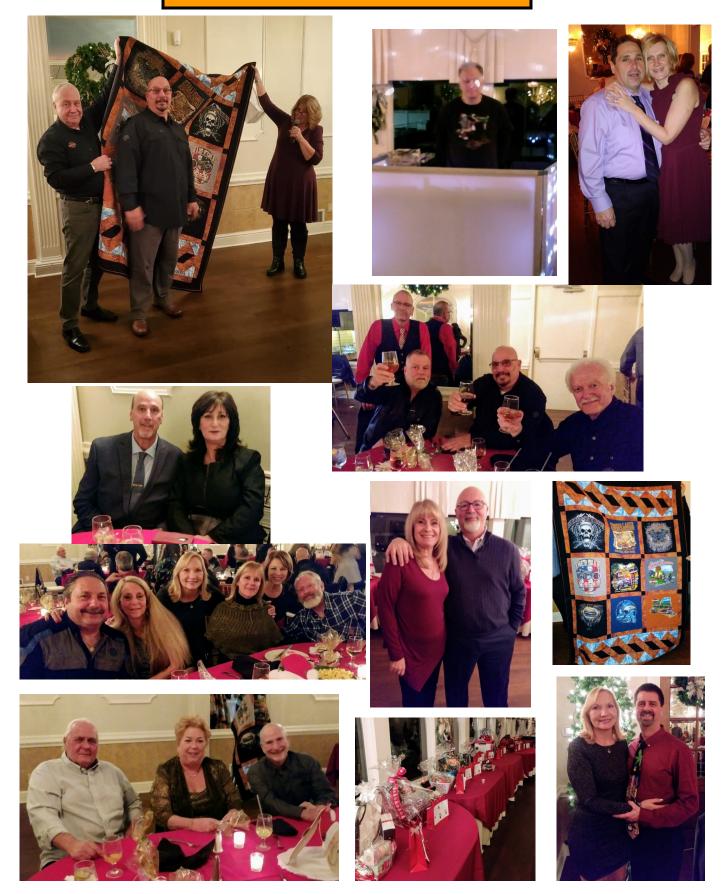








Holiday party 2020



by Dom Mozzone

Winter Riding Smartly

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, e.g., later starts 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. I've compiled some winter riding tips to keep our 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 layering. Base Layers (full leg, full sleeve). Even while riding we sweat, and the base layers allow our skin to breath, 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 happen's 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 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 foolish 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 hazard's 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 Fool; 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 you are riding and you encounter snow, and getting home will be a challenge, you need to find somewhere to stop and get shelter guickly. Better to be uncomfortable sheltering somewhere than laying on the side of the road all busted up because you were a moron and unsafe.

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

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Nonthly Monthly Local Ride	27	28	29	30	31	

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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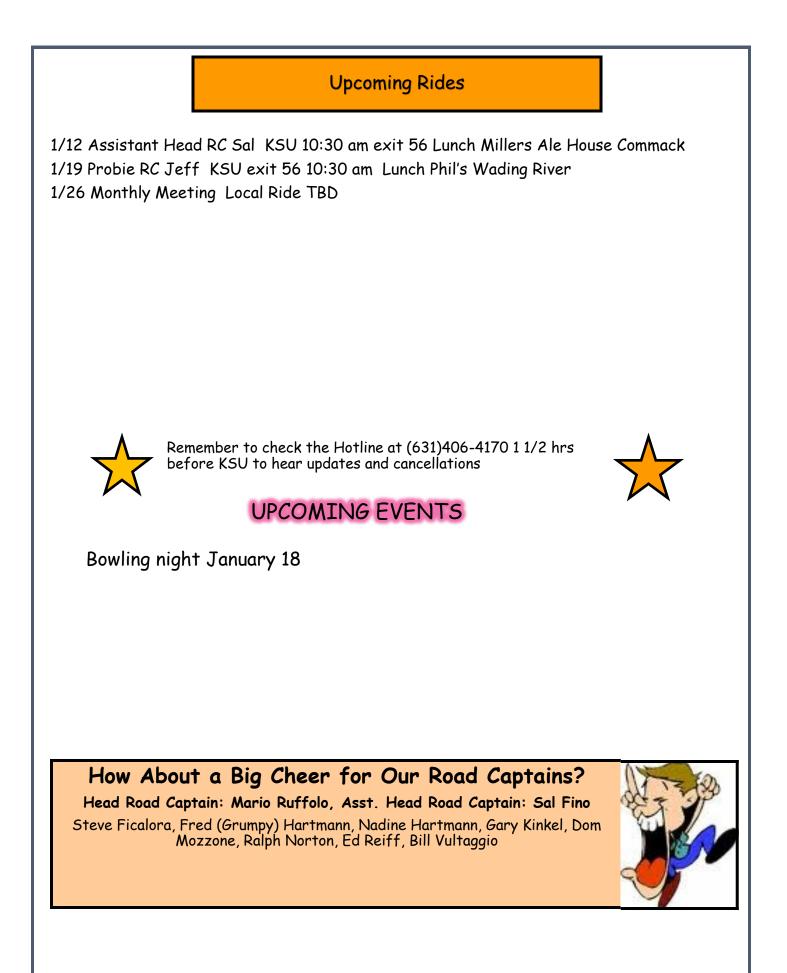
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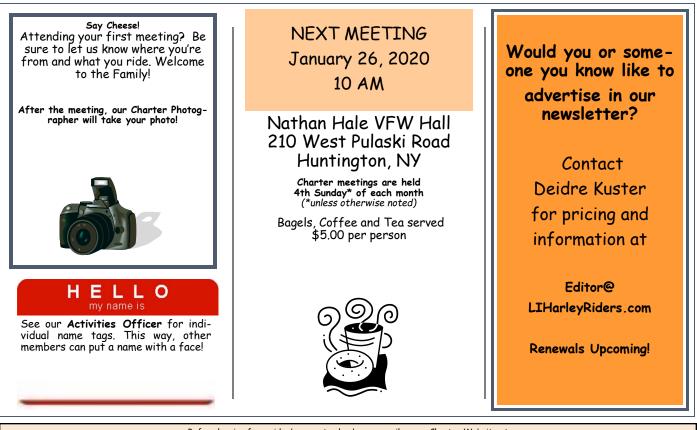


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