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## President's Point of View, by Steve Ficalora

### LIHR President's Message

January, 2022



Happy New Year Everyone, welcome to 2022! The new year certainly didn't wait in "blessing" the NY area with some snowfall. While pretty to look at it can certainly lead to "PMS" (Parked Motorcycle Syndrome). This is a good time to look at maps, destinations and for planning rides for when the mercury is in more favorable territory. It's also a good time to get the bike in for service or modifications and to beat the "seasonal rider" spring time rush for oil changes, etc. While the weather has required us to delay to the first official club ride of the year, the Polar Bear ride, I'm sure this will happen in the next week or two, so stay tuned to email and FaceBook for updates!

We are currently planning the slate of overnight club rides, which we expect to communicate to everyone by the January Monthly meeting. These will reflect the suggestions made by the members over the past few meetings in 2021. We will also be making adjustments to other areas, such as bike nights, as reflected in the survey results. We appreciate everyone's involvement and input. As officers and road captains, we have one simple goal: to provide our members with the rides and events they want, period! We cannot do that without your feedback and involvement, so thank you for making your collective voices heard.

Remember, the best way to volunteer is by becoming an officer or road captain. If you are interested in any of the following open positions, please let myself or one of the officers know: Editor, Safety Officer, Road Captain. Also, keep in mind that the LOH Committee is always looking for ladies' involvement, don't hesitate to reach out to Annette or any of the other Ladies in the club!

Last but not least, we have always been focused on safety when it comes to riding. Please take a look at the Hurt report overview presented in this month's safety corner. While this study was done a long time ago, there has not been one as comprehensive before or since, and the highlights should not surprise you. This is important information to keep in your head when venturing out on two wheels.

Find a new road...

Steve





# Veterans Ride November 7, 2021



HRC Sal led our annual Veterans Ride. 21 bikes and 23 members enjoyed a 37 mile North Shore Ride enjoying the fall scenery along the twisty back roads to the Veterans Headquarters in Ronkonkoma. The future of the Veterans Place is to find permanent housing for our hero's and the temporary facility in Yaphank has been closed. They continue to work hard to find permanent homes for our veterans who continue to appreciate the bedding, towels, pillows and personal items. Thank you to Dennis and Angela Irizarry who drove the XX bags to the new facility. After spending some times at the new headquarters the members enjoyed a delicious lunch at Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza





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December 21, 2021

Steve Ficalora, President, L.I. Harley Riders  
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Dear Steve,



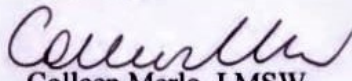
This letter is to thank you for your wonderful support of 23 sets of down alternative comforters, twin XL sheet sets, pillows and 3pc towel sets. You and each member of L.I. Harley Riders made the holiday season extra special for our veterans.

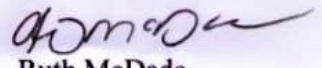


We are proud of the work we do serving our veterans. We offer nine sites of permanent housing with support services; the Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) program providing financial assistance to income eligible veterans and their family members who are facing homelessness, to remain in their home or secure new housing; and the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project, providing peer support to our returning Veterans who are experiencing post service transition issues.

Thank you again for your continued support of our veterans.

Sincerely,

  
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# North Shore Ride



November 14, 2021

Sunday 11/14/21 RC Chris led 11 members on a brisk November ride to Ruggero's Restaurant in Wading River. With fall colors still on display, the group traveled roads throughout the Pine Barrens. The group had to take a big detour when they encountered destruction brought on by Saturday's tornados. After getting back on track, the group finished the ride and made it to the restaurant for some hot coffee and a delicious lunch.



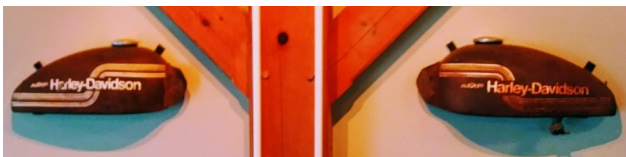




# LI Antique Power Museum Tour November 21, 2021



Sunday, 11/21/21 RC Jeff led 12 bikes and 14 riders on an excursion out to North Fork Roadhouse in Mattituck. We took some nice roads through Yaphank, Shirley, Manorville, Wading River and then cruised Sound Avenue out toward Mattituck. We were fortunate enough to make a stop at Long Island Antique Power Association (LIAPA). It wasn't certain that there would be any members at their facility but we got lucky and there were about a half dozen members present including their President, Steve Barker. Steve showed us around various buildings which housed some really old tractors, engines, trucks and a 100 year old sawmill. It was a great stop and we were enthusiastically invited back next year. Onward to the North Fork Roadhouse where we had a great lunch and timely service. Everyone seemed to enjoy the NFRH offerings. Thanks to all of the riders that came out for the ride.







# Sagamore Children's Ride November 28, 2021



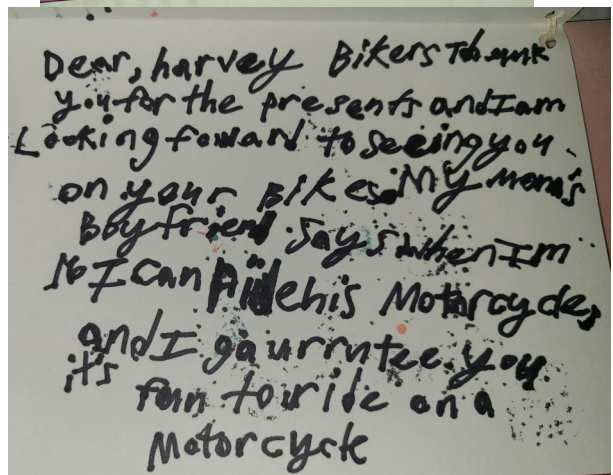
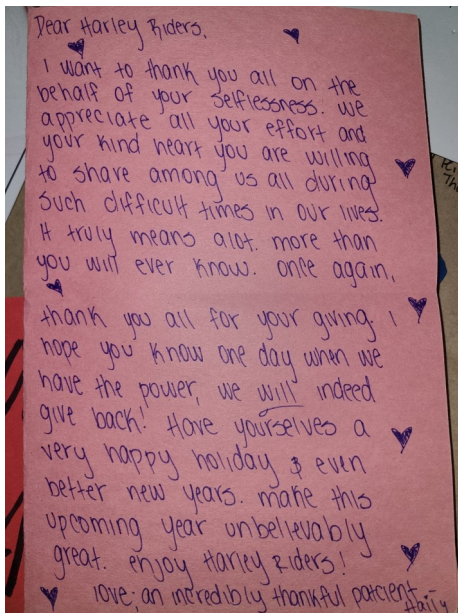
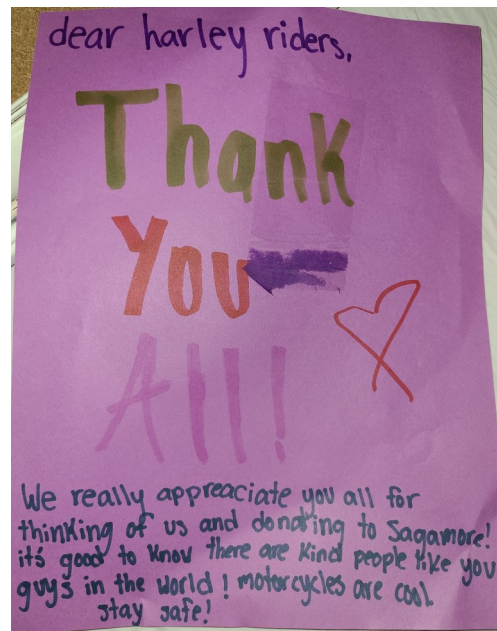
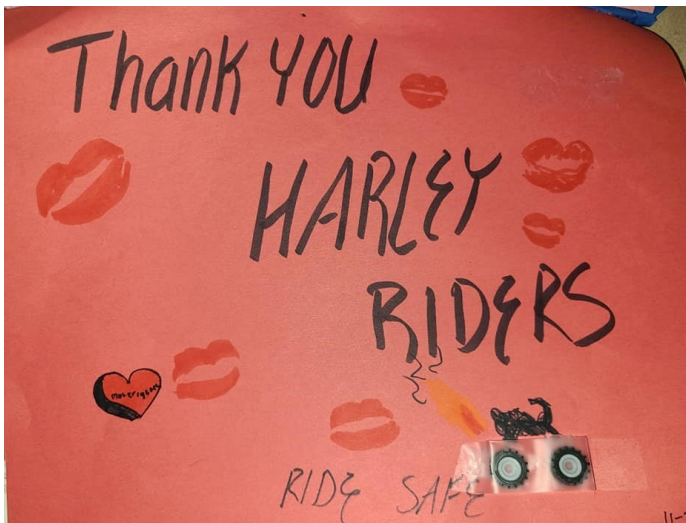
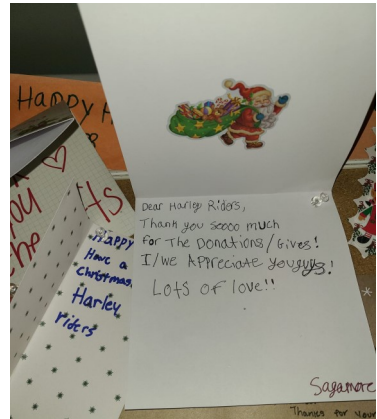
Santa led 17 Elves and 1 brave associate elf on a ride to visit the children at the Sagamore Children's Center. Several more members arrived at the center via their cag-es. Alas, Covid protocol dictated that we were still not allowed inside the building to visit. Not to be deterred however, Santa and his elves looped around the building and were able to wave and toot our horns to the children as we passed by. In the meantime, our gifts were presented to the center to be distributed to the children. Photo ops followed with thank you notes from the kids. We then presented Dr. Doobie with our donation of \$1,250 towards the construction of the Mindfulness Garden. As a result of our donation, we helped them reach their goal of \$30,000! We then continued on a short (very short!) ride (which included some very nifty clover leafs!) and ended up at Miller's Ale House for lunch and lots of hot soup!





# Sagamore Thank You's.....

Just a few from the grateful children of Sagamore.







# Holiday Party December 4, 2021



Our annual Holiday Party was back in swing. After missing a year due to pandemic our party was a great success with the help of all our members. We had volunteers who decorated the VFW Hall the night before, volunteers who donated baskets for our holiday raffle, who stayed to help clean up and with the help of all our members the party was a great success. We enjoyed delicious food catered from Mario's and danced to music supplied by a new DJ as DJ George had a previous engagement. We paid tribute to our secretary Christine Vultaggio who has passed the role to Ron Prwivo. Christine was honored with an AMA service award and a vintage Hog Flag. A big thank you to Jerry Small who made a beautiful wood Harley Sign which was won by Mario and your own editor won the beautiful handmade quilt as the door prize. The VFW hall was a great venue to enjoy our LI Harley Riders family and a good time was had by all!









# JANUARY SAFETY ARTICLE



Way back in January 1981, H.H. Hurt authored what is still viewed today as the definitive set of data regarding Motorcycle accidents and causes. While it may seem ancient in today's internet world, many of the findings still hold true. While the weather is keeping our bikes parked, it is a good time to read through this information, especially if you've never seen it before. Below are just 12 of the 50 major findings of the Hurt report found in section 12.1. The full report can be found [here](#).

1. Approximately three-fourths of these motorcycle accidents involved collision with another vehicle, which was most usually a passenger automobile.
2. Approximately one-fourth of these motorcycle accidents were single vehicle accidents involving the motorcycle colliding with the roadway or some fixed object in the environment.
3. Vehicle failure accounted for less than 3% of these motorcycle accidents, and most of those were single vehicle accidents where control was lost due to a puncture flat.
4. In the single vehicle accidents, motorcycle rider error was present as the accident precipitating factor in about two-thirds of the cases, with the typical error being a slide-out and fall due to overbraking or running wide on a curve due to excess speed or undercornering.
5. Roadway defects (pavement ridges, potholes, etc.) were the accident cause in 2% of the accidents; animal involvement was 1% of the accidents.
6. In the multiple vehicle accidents, the driver of the other vehicle violated the motorcycle right-of-way and caused the accident in two-thirds of those accidents.
7. The failure of motorists to detect and recognize motorcycles in traffic is the predominant cause of motorcycle accidents. The driver of the other vehicle involved in collision with the motorcycle did not see the motorcycle before the collision, or did not see the motorcycle until too late to avoid the collision.
8. Deliberate hostile action by a motorist against a motorcycle rider is a rare accident cause.
9. The most frequent accident configuration is the motorcycle proceeding straight then the automobile makes a left turn in front of the oncoming motorcycle.
10. Intersections are the most likely place for the motorcycle accident, with the other vehicle violating the motorcycle right-of-way, and often violating traffic controls.
11. Weather is not a factor in 98% of motorcycle accidents.
12. Most motorcycle accidents involve a short trip associated with shopping, errands, friends, entertainment or recreation, and the accident is likely to happen in very short time close to the trip origin.





For a complete list of Charter Events and the latest information, visit [www.LIHarleyRiders.com](http://www.LIHarleyRiders.com) for details.

# January 2022

## January Birthday's

Joel Schneiderman 1/3  
 Stephen Mitchell 1/11  
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 Robert Udal 1/20  
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 Sal Finocchiaro 1/31

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16 Polar Bear Ride raindate	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Monthly Meeting Local Ride RC Cheryl	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

## Upcoming Events



Old Field BBQ Huntington RC Cheryl 1/23/22  
 Karver's Grill RC Jeff KSU 10:30 Exit 56 2/6/22

*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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## Upcoming Rides

1/23 RC Cheryl Old Field BBQ Huntington

2/6 RC Jeff Karver's Grill Holbrook KSU 10:30 exit 56



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



## 2022 Overnights

Our RC are busy planning the 2022 overnights . Continue to check emails and website for all the exciting details!

### How About a Big Cheer for Our Road Captains?

Head Road Captain: Sal Fino

Steve Ficalora, Jeff Grube, Gary Kinkel, Chris Kuster, Frank Luciano

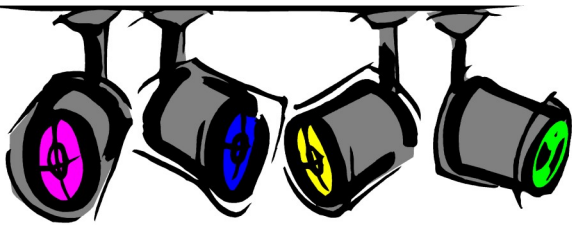
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