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

Greetings Harley Riders,

Two of the club's overnight rides are behind us: Rolling Thunder and New Hampshire. I heard Road Captain Steve Ficalora's ride to Seabrook, NH was enjoyed by all who attended. Steve even gave a lesson on tire repair. We are thankful all went well with the lesson! Steve avoided dirt roads on this one but did find some great paved back roads. All agreed it was a very well-planned ride. We thank you, Steve, and the Road Captains who attended.

The next overnight ride is to Nashville, TN: It leaves on July 19<sup>th</sup> and returns home on July 27<sup>th</sup>. I know Road Captains Dom Mozzone and Ken Pastor have been working very hard on this one - a lot of planning and hours go into making the club rides great. So if you are attending the Nashville ride, please make sure you have all your hotel reservations made. Dom and Ken will be having a pre-ride meeting on July 10th at the V.F.W. hall.

I am happy to say we got our Father's Day ride in. 36 bikes joined me on a breakfast ride to Cutchogue, leaving the rest of the day for all your other Father's Day activities. I hope all who attended enjoyed the ride.

Our Vice President, Stephan Efthimiades, led his first off-Island ride to the Lost Caverns in Hellertown PA. It was a fun-filled day with some great back roads. He even arranged for a private tour guide for the group- job well done!

A safety note: I have noticed some members wearing sneakers on rides. This is a bad idea! Wear boots or shoes that are sturdy and high enough to protect your ankles. If sneakers are your choice, I know Harley Davidson makes a pair of riding sneakers - I wear a pair myself. We all want to be comfortable riding, but safety does come first.

At this month's meeting we raffled off another one of Don Mazza's sister Gertrude's custom made pillows. The winner was John Capobianco. I congratulate the winner and thank Gertrude for another fabulous pillow.

Ride safe and prosper.

## June 29, 2014 Membership Meeting



Junes' meeting was all about motorcycle safety. President Grumpy Hartman, Head RC Mario Ruffolo and RC Steve Ficalora discussed safety Issues. The membership listened intently as several issues Including: road rage-avoid contributing to it, foot wear-no sneakers except those made specifically for motorcycles, hand



signals-pass them back, cars changing lanes—let them and motorcycle maintenance-T-CLOCKS-see p.10 were discussed.

After the meeting RC Ken Grant lead 33 bikes with 40 members on a ride out to the Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyard. Thank you Ken, for planning such a beautiful route, and the rest of the road captains for keeping us all safe.







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## 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

## Pillow Raffle Winner



Ist Place Bob Blair

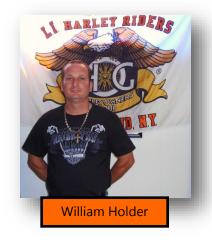




John Capobianco

## **Welcome to Our New Members**















That bumble bee sure stands out!









Looks like Joe has his hands full!















Congratulations to Probationary RC Rich Zeier on his first ride as a lead. On June 1st the club came out in force to support Rich. The 37 bikes with 43 members on board were not disappointed. Rich led them on a beautiful ride through the villages and hamlets along the South Shore from Patchogue to East Quogue for a photo op in the village green, then back to Eastport for lunch at the Triangle Pub. As always, thank you to our Road Captains for working hard to keep us all safe.















Uh...did he say we were heading east or west on the LIE?









On June 8th Road Captain Bill Vultaggio led a spectacular ride through the Delaware Water Gap Recreational area up to Port Jervis. The beautiful sights

didn't end there. After lunch Bill led 24 bikes with 30 members back home via the Bear Mountain Bridge and down the Eagles Nest. A big thank you to our Road Captains for the incredible job they did of getting us through the traffic as we got on the Cross Bronx Pkwy and approached the Throgs Neck Bridge.







It was perfect riding weather on Fathers Day, June 15th, when President Grumpy Hartmann led 35 bikes with 37members on a scenic North Shore ride to the Country Deli in Cutchogue for breakfast. The early start left enough time for everyone to enjoy any other festivities their families had planned for the day.



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Someone came prepared to eat!



#### **Overnight Trip Preparation**

By Domenic Mozzone, Safety Officer

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Finally our overnight riding season is upon us. YES!!!! FUN, FUN, FUN riding with the LI Harley Riders through tunnels, over bridges, ferries, oh those great back roads and any interstate where our plans take us. The diversity of the destinations we embark on are all carefully scripted for safety and fun. We're all pretty much used to our weekend ride preparations averaging a few hours a week with a planned and organized lunch stop. That's because the lead road captain for that Sunday's ride most likely has done a pre ride of the route to inspect the road conditions and how he/she will manage the ride

once its underway, including making arrangements with the restaurant in advance of us walking in the door.

The overnight rides are another story as a pre ride is usually impossible. So, we investigate all planned stops along the way via on-line sources and load them accordingly onto our GPSs. This adds another dimension to making the ride as seamless as possible when you're taking off on a multi state trip and racking up enough miles in a few days that took you months to do at home. This type of trip requires all of us to prepare accordingly to ensure your own safety and that of your fellow club members. Case in point: Would you want to ride behind someone who has a bald tire? Hell no!! Everyone should be aware of their tire condition and prepare accordingly to avoid unnecessary problems due to an oversight of proper motorcycle maintenance.

Trip preparation can be done easily if you follow a list of items most commonly used while riding long distances. After many trips taken by yours truly, along with stopping to shop for things I should have packed, I've compiled a list of must haves when you prepare for a long trip. It is as follows:

Flash light/extra batteries
First aid kit
Flat repair kit with air to inflate tire

Check tire pressure per manual

Tire pressure tool

Adjust rear shock pressure

Windshield cleaner

Tools

Pocket knife

Bungie cords

Map routes loaded onto GPS with manual directions and associated state maps

Extra oil & check levels

**Toiletries** 

Clothes for # of days, include a bathing suit for hotel play

Glasses for riding night/day

Reading glasses if over 50

Passport if going international

Insurance cards

HOG/AMA emergency # and policy #

Emergency contact numbers – to be collected at trip meeting

Medical insurance card

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HOG/AMA membership card

Two credit cards, keep separate

ATM card and cash (1/2 cash separate)

**EZ-Pass** 

Small rags

Gun and ammo \*

Cell phone with charger

Camera with extra battery/memory/charger

Hotel reservation information

Water and snacks

Riding buddies cell numbers

Ensure bike recently serviced and/or lubed

Bike owners manual

Notepad and pen

**HOG/AMA** Event tickets

Ferry per directions – to be provided at trip meeting

Identification/license

Kick stand plate when on dirt

Extra bike key kept separate

Bike cover

Bug spray

Sunscreen

Rain gear

Doo rags - hat

Gentleman's Jack for evening consumption

\* Only kidding

Our club always has a pre trip meeting of all members planning to attend the long distance rides to go over routes and general information, guidelines etc. so that once under way we're all on the same page. If you're planning to go on one of these rides, and there is a pre trip meeting, definitely plan on attending it.

Your probably wondering WTF! How in hell am I going to fit all this onto my motorcycle. Trust me, you can do it, and if you don't and take this advice passively you'll wish you didn't when stuff comes your way and you need to be prepared for everything and anything. Been there, done that and learned from it!! .....Ride safe and often and have a blast!!!!





\*\*Reminder-Nashville,TN

pre trip meeting is

July 10th at the VFW Hall at

7p.m.\*\*

### T-CLOCS<sup>™</sup> Inspection Checklist



T-CLOCS ITEM	WHAT TO CHECK	WHAT TO LOOK FOR	CHECK	-OFF
T-TIRES & WHEE	LS			
Tires	Condition	Tread depth, wear, weathering, evenly seated, bulges, embedded objects.	Front	Rear
	Air Pressure	Check when cold, adjust to load.	Front	Rear
Wheels	Spokes	Bent, broken, missing, tension, check at top of wheel: "ring" = OK — "thud" = loose spoke	Front	Rear
	Cast	Cracks, dents.	Front	Rear
	Rims	Out of round/true = 5mm. Spin wheel, index against stationary pointer.	Front	Rear
	Bearings	Grab top and bottom of tire and flex: No freeplay (click) between hub and axle,	Front	Rear
		no growl when spinning.	- Frank	Dana
	Seals	Cracked, cut or torn, excessive grease on outside, reddish-brown around outside.	Front	Rear
Brakes	Function	Each brake alone keeps bike from rolling.	Front	Rear
C-CONTROLS				
Levers and Pedal	Condition	Broken, bent, cracked, mounts tight, ball ends on handlebar levers, proper adjustment.		
	Pivots	Lubricated.		ii .
Cables	Condition	Fraying, kinks, lubrication: ends and interior.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, wire supports in place.		
Hoses	Condition	Cuts, cracks, leaks, bulges, chafing, deterioration.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, hose supports in place.		
Throttle	Operation	Moves freely, snaps closed, no revving when handlebars are turned.		
L-LIGHTS				
Battery	Condition	Terminals; clean and tight, electrolyte level, held down securely.		
	Vent Tube	Not kinked, routed properly, not plugged.		1
Headlamp	Condition	Cracks, reflector, mounting and adjustment system.		
•	Aim	Height and right/left.		
	Operation	Hi beam/low beam operation.		
Tail lamp/brake lamp Turn signals	Condition	Cracks, clean and tight.		
	Operation	Activates upon front brake/rear brake application.		
	Operation	Flashes correctly.	Front left	Front rigi
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Mirrors	Condition	Cracks, clean, tight mounts and swivel joints.		
	Aim	Adjust when seated on bike.		
Lenses & Reflectors	Condition	Cracked, broken, securely mounted, excessive condensation.		
Wiring	Condition	Fraying, chafing, insulation.		
	Routing	Pinched, no interference or pulling at steering head or suspension, wire looms and ties in place,		
		connectors tight, clean.		
O-OIL		T	Ι	
Levels	Engine Oil	Check warm on center stand on level ground, dipstick, sight glass.		
	Hypoid Gear Oil, Shaft Drive	Transmission, rear drive, shaft.		
	Hydraulic Fluid	Brakes, clutch, reservoir or sight glass.		
	Coolant	Reservoir and/or coolant recovery tank — check only when cool.		
	Fuel	Tank or gauge.		
Leaks	Engine Oil	Gaskets, housings, seals.		
Leaks	Hypoid Gear Oil, Shaft	Gaskets, seals, breathers.		
	Drive	ounces, seeing breathers		
	Hydraulic Fluid	Hoses, master cylinders, calipers.		
	Coolant	Radiator, hoses, tanks, fittings, pipes.		
	Fuel	Lines, fuel valve, carbs.		
C-CHASSIS	Tracking the			
Frame	Condition	Cracks at gussets, accessory mounts, look for paint lifting.		
	Steering-Head Bear-	No detent or tight spots through full travel, raise front wheel, check for play by pulling/pushing forks.		
	ings Swingarm Bushings/	Raise rear wheel, check for play by pushing/pulling swingarm.		
	Bearings		l	T
Suspension	Front Forks	Smooth travel, equal air pressure/damping, anti-dive settings.	Left	Right
	Rear Shock(s)	Smooth travel, equal pre-load/air pressure/damping settings, linkage moves freely and is lubricated.	Left	Right
Chain or Belt	Tension	Check at tightest point.		
	Lubrication	Side plates when hot. Note: do not lubricate belts.		
	Sprockets	Teeth not hooked, securely mounted		
Fasteners	Threaded	Tight, missing bolts, nuts.		
	Clips	Broken, missing.		
	Cotter Pins	Broken, missing.	1	
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S-STANDS		T	1	
Center stand	Condition	Cracks, bent.	-	
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position.	100	
Side stand	Condition	Cracks, bent (safety cut-out switch or pad equipped).	-	
Side stand	Condition Retention	Cracks, bent (safety cut-out switch or pad equipped).  Springs in place, tension to hold position.		



From June 20th–22nd RC Steve Ficalora led 14 bikes & 16 LIHR members on a beautiful, 707 mile over night trip to Seabrook, NH.

You couldn't ask for better weather or better people to spend time with. They also spent some time in Maine. From the ferry to the scenic winding roads (except the one with the huge nail!) the group enjoyed a fabulous trip. Thanks to Steve for planning it all!







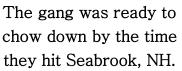














tutor the group on tire repair. 4 plugs and a 1/2 hour later they were back on the road. Thank God our guys come prepared for any

emergency!



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#### New Hampshire continued







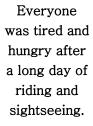






the sign!









The perfect end to a perfect weekend!!!!







Hi ho, hi ho to the Lost Caverns we did go! On his first off-island ride as a lead, Probationary RC Stephan Efthimiades led 19 bikes and 22 LIHR members on a great 240 mile ride to Bethlehem, PA to see the caverns. The tour took place 116ft underground & everyone learned interesting information about rock formations.













They're always prepared! Our guys had just what was needed to fix Diane's headlight.





## Nights









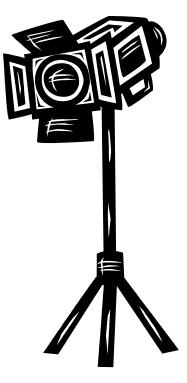




## The Spotlight is on.... Our Sponsor of the Month



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Remember.....Be smart....Be Prepared....Be GenReady

## Up Coming Rides & Events....



Don't miss the NYS HOG Rally in Middletown, NY <u>Saturday</u> July 12th, KSU 8:00 a.m. Gemini Deli.

\*\*Don't forget your E-Z Pass\*\*



**Get your** COWBOY boots shined up....RC Dom Mozzone is leading an over night ride July 19th-27th to Nashville, TN-the music capital of the country. This promises to be a trip to remember. You don't want to miss this one! **KSU 6:00 a.m.** at the Gemini Deli.

Hotel Information for the Tennessee Trip in July

7/19 - Holiday Inn Tanglewood (Roanoke, Va.) \$89 540-774-4400 (Long Island Harley Riders)

Everyone going books this one.

7/20 - Hampton Inn Asheville, NC \$129 828-255-9220 (LI HarleyRiders)

Only members going with Dom, for the scenic route book this

7/21-25~ Holiday Inn Express Mt. Juliet, TN \$96 (\*) 615-553-5200(Long Island Harley Riders)

Members going with Ken straight to Nashville book this from, 7/20 to 7/25. Members going with Dom book 7/21 to 7/25

7/26 - Holiday Inn Harrisonburg, Va. \$98 1-800-652-3705 (LongIsland Harley Riders) Everyone books this for the ride home. **Pre-ride meeting July 10th at the VFW Hall 7:00 p.m.** 



The annual LJ.Harley Riders House Party will be held at Joe Bonnra's house on August 17th—W00 H00!!!!

The Poker Run starts at 11:00 a.m. followed by the party at 12:00 p.m.. If you are interested in volunteering to help-speak with Stephan. Committee meeting August 2nd.



Ever wonder how those big touring bikes are made? Find out September 18th-23rd when RC Bill Vultaggio leads an over night ride to the Harley Davidson Factory in York, PA. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn for reservations call 717 840 1500 Code LIR



THERE'S NO PLACE MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN NEW ENGLAND IN THE FALL. JOIN RC NADINE HARTMANN FOR A TRIP TO STURBRIDGE, MA OCTOBER 3RD THRU 5TH. DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERAS, YOU'LL WANT TO CAPTURE THE BEAUTY OF THE FALL FOLIAGE! FOR RESERVATIONS CALL: HAMPTON INN 328 MAIN ST. STURBRIDGE, MA 01566 (508) 347-6466. ALL ROOMS MUST BE RESERVED BY SEPT. 2ND.



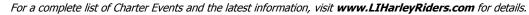
Save the date... the planning has begun!!!!! L.I.Harley <mark>Riders Holiday Party</mark> Saturday, December 6th, at the \*\*\*Ho<mark>liday Inn\*\*\*</mark> 215 Sunnyside Blvd. Plainview. Watch for details.



Do your holiday shopping early. Order your Single Barrel Jack Daniels now! \$50 per bottle - if interested E-mail Christine: membershipdirector@liharleyriders.com

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

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July	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Paul SaudinoJuly 6th			1	2	3		5
John BollJuly 13th							
Lynn O'ConnorJuly 13th Joseph PattiJuly 13th George Latcford.July16th Gary StoneJuly 16th John Obermeier.July 20th	<b>6</b> Local Ride	7	8	9	10	11	12 <sub>Off</sub>
Helen DubinskyJuly 28th Betty NeyJuly 31st							
Don't forget your reservations for:	13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Tennessee Trip Leaves
Nashville, M							
July 19th—27th see p. 15 for specifics	20Local Ride	21	22	23	24	25	26
Harley Davidson Factory							
Fork, Pa Sept. 18th-23rd Hampton Unn for reservations call: 717 840 1500 Code LIR	27 Meeting/ Local Ride/ TN Trip Ret.	28	29	30	31		

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Rockers, T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Mugs and Caps are on sale now! 2014 Membership Applications Available online!

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, Bob Bernstein, Joe Bonura, Buzzy Farquhar, Steve Ficalora, Ken Grant,
Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Mike Macari, Cisco Mercado, 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 July 27, 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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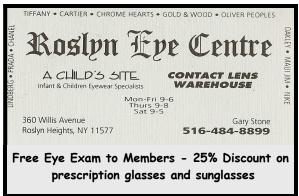
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