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Welcome LI Harley Riders. Well haven't we been busy! The month of June was full of great rides and adventures. Our own Vice President not only leads rides but, Ed and Pam host Father's Day brunch at their house. I was told their ride was great and the food was even better. I was not there, so I missed it, but I was off helping RC Charlie Abruzzo lead one of, if not the best trip, of our live's.

Nine LIHR members left on a fifteen day, nineteen state and SEVEN THOUSAND miles trip to the Grand Canyon with a return stop in Arkansas. Another eight members flew out and rented bikes to meet us. If you have never been in the western part of our country, you do not know what you are missing. The thrill and beauty of riding through the mountains of Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona left me speechless. The Grand Canyon and surrounding area is Mother Nature at her best.

On our trip home, RC Dom Mozzone arranged for us to have a two-day guided tour of the Ozark Mountains by Pig Tail HOG chapter. WE went from big red and dry mountains of Arizona to the green and lush Ozark Mountains. Chuck and Scott the head RC's from Pig Tail took us on some of the hardest switchback roads in the country. They even have their own little dragon. A great big thank you to Charlie and Dom for putting it together.

Looking forward to July should also be great. We have the LOH trip to the Dutchess County Balloon Festival. VP Ed Reiff will be taking us to Greylock Mountain in Massachusetts. RC Dom Mozzone will be taking us on a one week trip to Mountainfest in West Virginia. I was their once, boy, you are in for a real treat. You do not want to miss any of these great trips!

Ride it like you stole it. Be Safe



# Monthly Meeting June 25, 2017

The monthly meeting took place this past Sunday. We heard all about the Grand Canyon adventures. From the stories, it was a trip of a lifetime!

After the meeting, RC Charlie Abruzzo led a ride followed by 17 bikes and 20 members. They rode the back roads through Cold Spring Harbor, Oyster Bay and Old Brookville. The group did some highway riding down the Meadowbrook Pkwy. to Freeport's Nautical Mile. What a day for lunch on the water! Thank you to Charlie for planning the ride. Thank you to all our amazing RC's for the great job they do!

## 1st Place



**Charlie Abruzzo**

## 2nd Place



**Janet Pepper**

## New Member



**Steve Bruckner**

**Are You a Member of the American Motorcycle 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](http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com)



Sunday, June 4th, was another beautiful day for riding! RC Nadine Hartmann led 23 bikes and 26 members through the beautiful, tree lined roads of Smithtown, Nissequague, Wading River and Riverhead. Sometimes the roads of Long Island are a great surprise. There were twists and turns, hills and rivers. A great variety for a Sunday Thank you to Nadine for planning the ride and to our amazing RC's. You are the best!



Congratulations on your first ride Lynne!





On Sunday, June 11th, five bikes and 6 members met to take a ride. Due to the heat, they decided to change the ride to a local one. RC Gary Kinkle led the group along Ocean Pkwy. to Oak Beach where they got to see some classic cars. After that they took a South Shore ride ending at Friendly's in Sayville for breakfast.

Thank you to Gary for his flexibility in a hot situation and Rich Zeier, RC extraordinaire!



Happy Father's Day to all our wonderful dads! It was a dreary start but the day turned beautiful as RC Ed Reiff led 6 bikes on an early morning Father's Day ride. It was a north shore ride going through Yaphank, Rocky Point and Wading River just to name a few places. We rode some great roads and found some new ones. It was a little misty in spots but for the most part it was a great day. We ended at Ed and Pam's house for a Father's Day brunch.

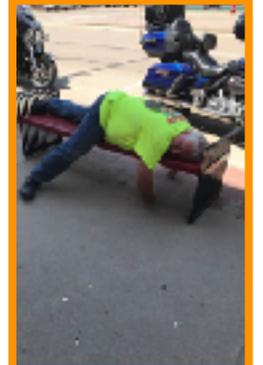
Thank you to Ed and Pam for opening their home to us. Thanks to Ed for planning the ride. As always, thank you to our amazing RC's!





On Saturday June 3rd, 9 members, led by RC Charlie Abruzzo left the lush green of Long Island on a 16 day ride to see the beautiful dessert scenery of the Southwest. When they got out to Flagstaff they were met by an additional 9 members who had flown into Phoenix where they rented bikes. They visited Sedona and the Grand Canyon, rode Route 66 and visited some HOG friends in the Ozarks of Arkansas on the way home.

It was the trip of a life time!

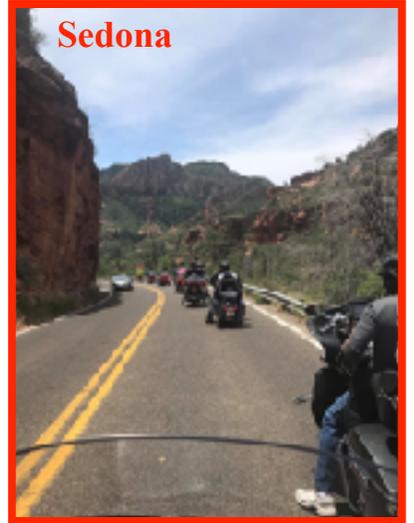


June 7th - 11th

Flagstaff



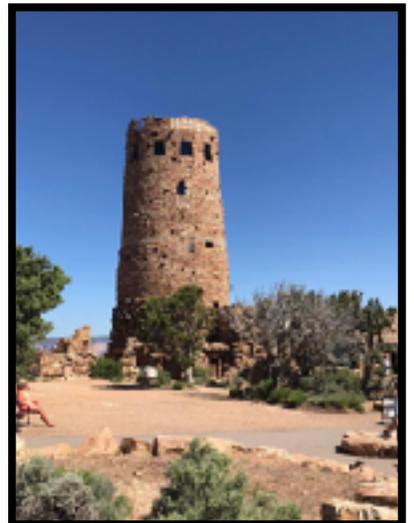
Sedona



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Grand Canyon



June 12th - 17th

Texas



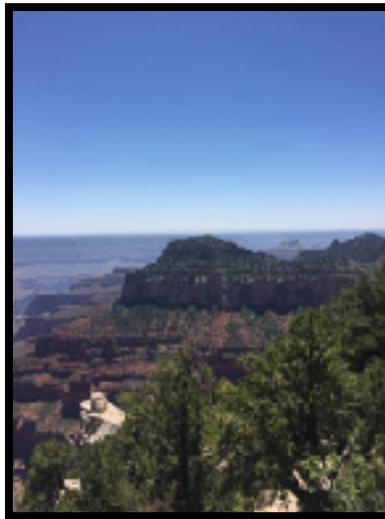
Pig Tail HOG RC's



Devil's Den Park



*A few of the ladies pictures from the trip*



# Bike Nights

## June 8th



## June 15th



# This 'n That

**ELECTRONIC SIGN-UP:** Rod Morgenweck, Webmaster is working on an electronic sign-up system for our overnight trips. If you are not currently on Face Book, please notify Rod via email. You can answer the weekly email and the message will be forwarded to Rod.

**In Case of Emergency Forms (ICE):** If you routinely ride with someone, on club rides, please do not use them as your emergency contact person on your ICE form.



## What we all hate and dread when riding: “Rain”

by Dom Mozzone, Safety Officer

One word that we all hate to hear as a rider is “rain.” As a club we always check weather reports for our weekly rides to avoid rain; but, occasionally we do get wet. What can you do to improve your riding in the rain?

The first thing you need to do is be prepared well ahead of the first few drops of rain. Selecting and purchasing a rain suit is something that must be done in advance. Another point is to keep it with you at all times. A rain suit serves two purposes. First, it should keep you dry. Second, and equally important, it should increase your visibility. When your evasive maneuverability is reduced by lack of traction, you want to be sure other

drivers see you with reflective rain gear.

Maintaining all your lights also helps you to be seen in the rain. Of course, you must keep your lights clean, but have you checked them all lately to see if any have burned out? Do you carry any spares with you? Next time you take your bike in for service you should restock any spare bulbs you might be missing? Additionally spare fuses are just as important.

The other important items that need maintaining ahead of time are your tires. Have you inspected them lately? If any of the wear bands are showing, it’s time to replace the tire. One of the major causes of hydroplaning is: worn tires. You clearly don’t want to find this out after the rain starts falling. The sole purpose of the tread design on a tire is to carry off the water, but it can’t do its job if you don’t allow it enough tread depth to work with.

Hydroplaning occurs when the tires are not in full contact with the road. They ride on a thin layer of water, and sometimes oil, on the road. Hydroplaning occurs frequently in light mist or drizzle as soon as it starts. Proper tread depth and tire pressures, slowing down, and riding in the tracks of other vehicles all help reduce the chance of hydroplaning. The cessation of a slushing sound, or any decrease in steering or braking may indicate hydroplaning. If this happens, slow down without braking and avoid any sudden moves.



When we’re doing a ride, especially on over night rides, and it starts raining we assess the planned route for safety in the rain. Scenic, twisty asphalt roads are a lot of fun when it’s dry. When the rain starts to pour, the scenery turns gray, the turns aren’t nearly as much fun, and the asphalt doesn’t provide the traction you need to remain safe. That’s when a decision for an alternate route is made along a boring, albeit straighter, concrete road.

An optimum situation is to stop prior to the precipitation and prepare yourself for riding in the rain. Doing so while dry and controlled will increase your safety as well as your comfort. Pull off the road as soon as you find a place to suit up; what you don’t want to do is suit up in the rain as your getting wet. That totally sucks! Been there, done that, and its not fun. When the water first enters the pores of the road, it forces up the oil that has been collecting there, that’s the most dangerous time to be caught in the rain where bad ‘stuff’ can happen quickly. Its best to wait at least 15 minutes after the rain starts for it to wash the oil off the road.

Though the main danger of rain is hydroplaning, slowing down, increasing your following distance, taking curves more slowly, take precautions when crossing intersections and increasing your scanning distance all helps riding safely in the rain.

Riding in the rain may never be pleasant, but it can be done safely if you’re prepared and knowledgeable of what to avoid. Be vigilant, smart, avoid unnecessary risks and always keep your rain gear with you...



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# Upcoming Rides and Events



## Up Coming Overnight Trips:

July 15th -22nd      **Mountainfest Rally, WV**  
Sept 8th-10th      **Lewisburg, PA**

\*\*\*\*\*As most of you know, I will be resigning my position as Editor effective Dec. 31st. If anyone is interested in replacing me in that position, please send an e-mail to: [liheditor@optonline.net](mailto:liheditor@optonline.net). I will be happy to go over what is involved in the position and help you transition into it.\*\*\*\*\*

**Our Road Captain's plan some great rides! If there are **places you would like to go and things you want to see**, please contact Mario or Gary with your ideas for day, overnight and extended rides.**

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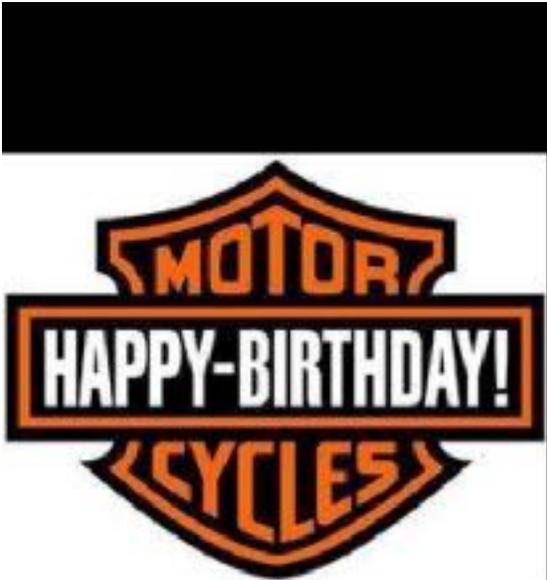
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2017</h1>						1
2 Off Island Ride	3	4 	5	6	7	8 LOH & Greylock, MA
9 Local Ride	10	11	12	13	14	15 Lv Mtn. Fest
16 Off Island Ride	17	18	19	20	21	22 Ret. Mtn. Fest
23 Meeting/ Local Ride	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Notes				

Blank July 2017 Calendar Printable calendars available from [www.blankcalendarprintout.com](http://www.blankcalendarprintout.com)



*Say Happy Birthday to...*

- Joe Patti...July 13th
- Chris Armata....July 14th
- Harley Cole...July 16th
- Gary Stone...July 16th
- John Obermeier...July 20th
- Tom DiBenedetto..July 22nd
- Eric Rosenthal...July 22nd
- Rod Luccioni....July 23rd
- Helen Dubinsky...July 28th



**July 15th - 22nd**



**September 8th-10th**

## 2017 Membership Get a friend involved!

*Sweatshirts, T-shirts, Rockers, Mugs and Caps are on sale now!*

Membership dues for 2017 are \$35 for a full membership and \$15 for an associate membership. You can complete your application on-line then copy it and mail it to:  
L.I. Harley Riders P.O. Box 2203 St. James, NY 11780-0607 Attn: Membership

**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: Sal Fino, RC's: Charlie Abruzzo, Jon Berlin, Steve Ficalora, Joe Giacalone, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Gary Kinkle, Dom Mozzone, Ken Pastore, Ed Reiff & Rich Zeier.

### Say Cheese!

Attending your first meeting?

Be sure to let us know where your from and what you ride.

### Welcome to the Family!

After the meeting, our Chapter Photographer will take your photo.

### Next Meeting July 23, 2017 10 AM

Nathan Hale VFW Hall  
210 West Pulaski Road  
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**Charter meetings are held the  
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