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President's Point of View, by Steve Ficalora

LIHR President's Message

July 2021



Hello everyone, Welcome to Summer 2021!

I sincerely hope everyone is enjoying their Summer thus far. We've had a couple of overnight rides this month, one to Bills Bike Barn and another to Gettysburg. I'm so glad I was finally able to visit Bill's Bike barn, as I had always missed this ride in years past. It is simply amazing how many items can be collected over the course of a lifetime. Seriously a walk down memory lane, not only in the form of motorcycles either although they are still the main attraction. While I could not personally attend the Gettysburg trip this year, I have toured the grounds several times. The history is both amazing and astonishing, with much of it rooted locally in NY and on Long Island. From the members I've spoken with it was an awesome trip, and having a personalized tour guide really made it special. Many thanks to Rod Morgenweck who put together an awesome video commemorating the experience.

While many Officers and RC's were away, we were doing our best to have the June meeting as scheduled but unfortunately we could not pull it off. I had personally planned to run the meeting and lead the ride myself, but when Lynne's dad passed away, we simply could not proceed with those plans. Many thanks to everyone who called, sent condolences via FB or text, and/or came to the wake. My father-in-law was a great, hardworking man who always found time to help others. On that note, I want to personally thank all of the officers and RC's who consistently volunteer their time to keep LIHR running for all of the members. If you'd like to help your fellow LIHR riders, talk to any RC or officer about volunteering. It's a great way to get your personal input into the rides, meetings, and day-to-day club functions.

Looking forward to the rest of the summer, we have an overnight ride to the railroad museum in July, the Rock & Roll Hall of fame overnight ride and summer house party in August, and of course we will have weekly rides in between these overnight trips.

I hope everyone enjoys their Independence Day weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on the next ride, meeting, or overnight trip!

Ride Safe, and Find a new road!

Steve



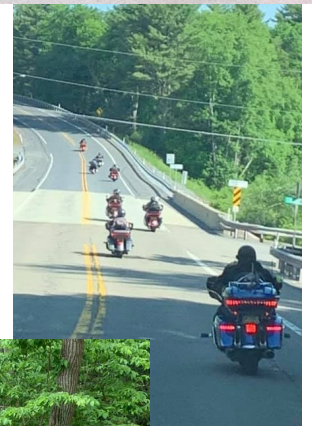
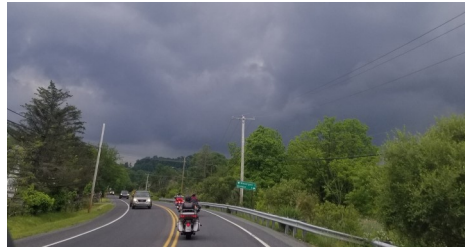
Bills Biker Barn Ride June 3-6th 2021



Our second overnighiter was a huge success. Eight bikes and one chase car led by HRC Sal Fino left LI on a potentially rainy day and escaped the deluge and enjoyed an amazing ride through the rolling countryside of PA and NY. Only one rainy patch requiring rain suits could not put a damper on all the fun. The members got to enjoy Bills Biker Barn while the skies opened up, getting to view not only bikes but all types of fun memorabilia! The members also got to enjoy the Lackawanna Coal Mine tour 300 ft below ground wearing miners helmets instead of motorcycle helmets. Great friends, good food and drinks were enjoyed by all. "Phenomenal planning" and hard work were the description from our President Steve. The ride covered 675 miles over four days and a fun time was had by the 14 members who attended!



A Little More from the Biker Barn....



Frank Pepe's Pizza, Waterbury CT



June 12, 2021

Another wonderful off-island was led by our Safety Officer and RC Dom as 9 bikes and 11 members enjoyed a back-roads ride covering 170 miles along the border of NY and CT. Lunch was enjoyed at Frank Pepe Pizzeria in Waterbury CT, where the pizza was delicious and service quick and efficient. Frank Pepe's is thought to be the original home of Napolitano pizza. The members enjoyed the day and had a leisurely ride home, catching an early ferry.





Father's Day Ride June 20, 2021



Our annual Father's Day ride was another success. RC Jeff led 15 bikes and 19 members on a leisurely 38 mile ride through scenic Nesconset, St James and Head of the Harbor. Once again our VP Ed Reiff and Pam hosted a delicious brunch in their beautiful home and landscaped yard. All our Dad's received a red rose and enjoyed a relaxing morning before heading off to spend the day with family and friends





Gettysburg Battlefield June 25-27, 2021



RC Chris led 14 members and 10 bikes for a trip to Gettysburg PA. The group left LI early on Friday to beat the traffic, stopping at the Clinton Station Diner in NJ for breakfast. Following breakfast the group rode through western NJ into Buck's County PA. After riding beautiful back roads the group headed into Lancaster County riding through Valley Forge and the iconic towns of Intercourse and Bird in Hand before arriving in York. We passed Amish families in their buggies, Mennonite children on scooters and even a gentleman on a horse in full gallop down Rte. 340. Saturday morning the group headed to Gettysburg for a motorcycle tour of the battlefield by given by Jim Roubal who was riding his 1993 wide glide. Jim led the club on a 3 hour tour of the historic battlefield. Jim is a certified tour guide with over 30 years of experience and offered many insights into the battle as well as many stories about what it was like for the soldiers who fought there. Following the tour the group had lunch at a local micro brewery and then visited Battlefield Harley for some retail therapy. On Sunday, the group got an early start and arrived home safely encountering only minimal delays. We covered over 580 miles of scenic back roads and historic towns.

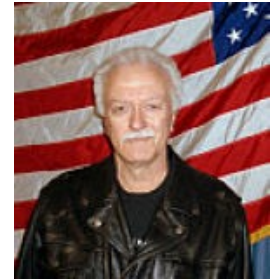


More from Gettysburg



JULY SAFETY ARTICLE

By Dom Mozzone



Negotiating Curves

Studies have consistently reported for many years that 40%, and in some cases more, of all motorcycle crash fatalities happen in curves. Additionally, those same twisty parts of the road are the main points where bikers have single vehicle crashes. And with the sight of the Summer riding season not too far in the horizon, this might be a good time to review proper riding skills through those treacherous turns, especially for those of us headed off the island on long rides. Most of us yearn for a great set of twisties, but, unfortunately, too many of us are not living through the turns to enjoy others down the road.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) and other rider education organizations promote the four basic steps for turning a motorcycle to properly execute a curve: slow, look, press, and roll. Performing each step correctly is important to achieving the greatest (and safest) outcome.

SLOW: This means just that - slow down! The possibility of an accident increases dramatically when coming into a curve too fast, due to the potential for losing control of the motorcycle. Always slow to an appropriate entry speed, and do so before the radius of the turn starts. Your speed prior to entering the turn should dictate how much you need to slow down. Rolling off the throttle, using both brakes, downshifting, or a combination of any or all options are prescribed methods for slowing to a safe speed. Whichever way you choose, decelerate as smoothly as you can to help keep the bike's suspension steady, this will allow for a slow, smooth increase of the throttle as you start to exit the turn.

LOOK: Physically turn your head and look through the turn to where you want your bike to go. Keep those eyes up, and constantly adjust your line of sight through (and past) the turn as far as possible. When coaching riding students, MSF instructors tell them to look where they want to go and they'll get there. Where do you think you'll wind up if you look down at the road? There are only two things under those tires - pain and misery - so keep those eyes up! Also, set yourself and the bike up in the lane position that gives you the safest and best view of the whole turn.

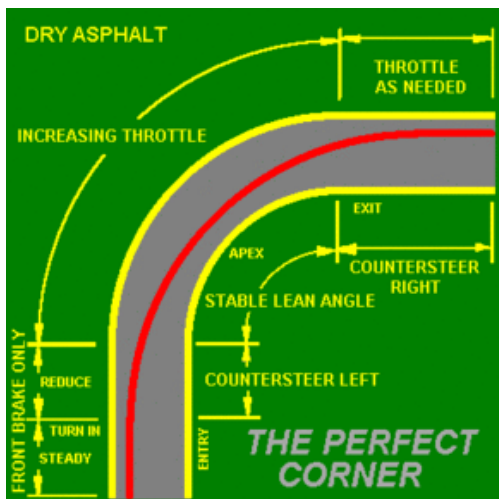
PRESS: Leaning your motorcycle to get around that turn is where counter steering comes into play. To initiate a lean in either direction, press forward on the hand grip in the direction of the curve. If you want to turn left, press forward on the left handgrip; to turn right, press forward on the right handgrip. Moving at speeds above 12-15 mph, you can no longer turn the motorcycle like a bicycle; you need to counter steer to make it safely through a given curve. This technique seems to confuse new riders, but if you've been riding for some time, you're experienced doing it - maybe not smoothly, but you're still making it through those turns. It's important to remember that you should lean with the bike through the turn. If you ride with a passenger, remind that person to lean with you. An easy way is to ask your riding partner to look over the side of your shoulder in the same direction as the turn.

ROLL: Roll on the throttle throughout the turn. You need to either keep a steady speed through the entire curve, or slightly increase it, to maintain stability and make the bike easier to control. This is why it's important to slow down prior to entering the turn. You'll need to use a little more juice in the turn; when the bike is leaning over, a tire's diameter at contact points decreases. So, due to physics, if you decrease the diameter on a spinning wheel without increasing speed, you're slowing down, which will lead to losing control.

Negotiating Curves, cont.

Notice that I never mention the use of brakes while in the turn. Using your brakes, especially the front, can have serious consequences while leaned over. Depending on the model, type of drive system, brake system/setup, etc; a bike will stand up from a lean when the brakes are applied which may cause possible improper handling conditions, or it may be pulled down to the ground extremely quick. In either case, it's going to hurt. Granted there are advanced training programs that can teach you how properly applied brakes can be used when the bike is leaned over in a turn, but as stated - these are advanced skills that need to be taught/learned. There are also some situations where you may use your rear brake in a turn, but that skill too should be learned from a riding instructor.

With the summer season here for most of us, we're eager to get out and once again thunder down those roadways. Practice each turn by skillfully using the four steps of slow, look, press, and roll. Keep in mind that it's better to err by going too slowly into a turn; you can always give it more gas as you roll through that twisty. Practice these steps and you'll soon be carving through another riding season with confidence.





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

July 2021

July Birthday's

- Kristen Roemer 7/12
- Chris Armata 7/14
- George Latchford Jr 7/16
- Gary Stone 7/16
- Rod Luccioni 7/23
- Kathleen Amodeo 7/25
- Helen Dubinsky 7/28
- Patricia Ramage 7/30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 4th of July	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Ride to State Line Pizza Salisbury CT	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Ride to Melzingah Tap House Beacon NY	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Monthly Meeting Ride to Town Line BBQ E Setauket	26	27	28	29	30 Off Island Ride to PA Railroad Museum leaves	31

Upcoming Events

Summer Party 8/22/21 Rain Date 8/29/21



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.

Check your email, our website or facebook for last minute changes. Full tank of gas and empty bladder required for all Rides

Upcoming Rides

7/11 RC Gary -Salisbury CT State Line Pizza KSU 8 am BP Gas station exit 43 LIE
7/18 AHRC Ralph ride to Melzingah Tap House Beacon NY KSU exit 43 LIE
7/25 Meeting RC Dom to Town Line BBQ in East Setauket
7/30 AHRC Ralph ride to Railroad Museum PA no Sunday ride



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



2021 Overnights

Railroad Museum Strasburg PA 7/30/21-8/1/21
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland, OH 8/12/21—8/16/21
New Hampshire 9/9/21—9/12/21

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Head Road Captain: Sal Fino, Asst. Head Road Captain: Ralph Norton

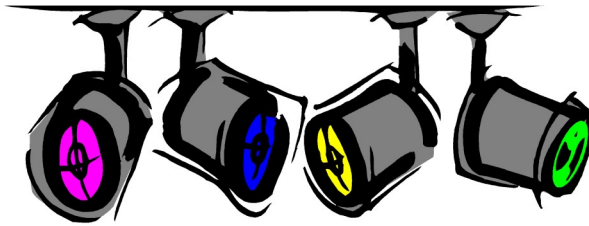
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to the Family!

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July 25, 2021

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