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President's Point of View, by Jeff Grube

LIHR President's Message



Happy Summer L.I. Harley Riders,

We have four overnights still in the queue and I personally invite every member to join us on one of the upcoming journeys. A lot of time and effort goes into planning these trips and I've been on every one of them since the 2022 overnights kicked off. They have been great trips and a lot of fun both on and off the bikes. Besides some incredible roads and unique Points of Interests the overnights give our members the opportunity to develop new friendships, strengthen old friendships and share some great meals and libations together. The remaining overnights, by design, require no more than two weekdays off of work so I hope our members will take advantage at least one of these exciting trips.

I'd like to devote the balance of this month's message to our Club Officers, Road Captains, Probie Road Captain and our Road Captains Assists. Our Primary Officers currently include President, Treasurer and Secretary. We meet and plan both as the primary group and with the entire group of officers to monitor and guide the operations of the club as well as disseminate information. Our Asst. Secretary, Editor and Webmaster are charged with keeping the membership up to date on upcoming meetings, rides and events. Our Photographer keeps everyone's smiling faces in the news sent out to the membership. Any ongoing ladies events are coordinated by our Ladies of Harley Director. Similarly, our Public Relations Director keeps the club in touch with various groups that we dedicate time and rides to. The Membership Director keeps track of current membership, renewals and new members along with promoting the club to other groups. Events and coordination for our club meetings are handled by our Activities and Assistant Activities Directors and ride planning for local, off-island and overnights are handled by our Head Road Captain and Assistant Head Road Captain with the help of our other RC's, Probie RC and RC Assists. In my view this is an extraordinary group of folks who are very dedicated to the club and work together to provide the best membership experience possible. The group devotes a lot of their own time to plan and provide information, rides and events to the rest of the membership. Please don't hesitate to let any of our Officers or RC's know if there is something we can do to enhance your membership with L.I. Harley Riders.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the rest of the LIHR family. Without all of you we'd all be out of a job!!

See you on the road.....

Jeff

June Membership Meeting, 6/25

President Jeff opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and led the members with the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States. Jeff welcomed new member Bob Leone, and congratulated Bob Blair on his new 2023 Heritage Classic! Joe G. gave a summary of the Club's finances and the Clubs' anticipated expenses. Jeff reviewed the membership survey conducted at the May Membership Meeting. The Officers will prepare another version of the survey and send to the wider membership who were not included. Hopefully we will receive some constructive feedback that we can use to help better our Club. A huge thank you to Jerry and Betty Small for offering to again host the summer BBQ this year! Our summer party will be at noon on July 30 (with a rain date of August 6th) at Jerry and Betty house, 25 Cherry La east in Syosset. Bring your bathing suit and a towel. There will be a local ride before the BBQ. KSU and location details to follow soon. Please remember to respond on the Facebook event, or call/text our Activities Officer Kelly, 516-456-5763 or at sunflower41230@aol.com, if you will be coming or not so that we may purchase the correct amount of food. Also please notify Kelly if you would like to help with the set-up and/or clean-up, and if you will bring a dish or dessert. We are looking forward to a fun time. After the monthly meeting, RC Assist John Caps lead 14 bikes and 17 members on a 45 mile ride to the Pastrami King in Merrick. We took a scenic ride through the meandering roads of West Hills to the Northern State Parkway. We continued on the highways for a ride on the always beautiful Ocean Parkway up the Meadowbrook Parkway and then to our lunch spot where our club President Jeff finally got to experience the best pastrami sandwich he ever had! Thank you John Cap for leading a great ride.



Sagamore Mindfulness Garden Ceremony, 6/9

LIHR attend the dedication of the Mindfulness Garden at the Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Hospital! We are standing behind the bench dedicated by the LIHR. Weather was perfect, along with lunch provided by Friends of Sagamore! Thank you too all those who were able to attend and those who have donated. Congratulations to our public relations director Dom Mazza for being invited as a featured speaker at the Sagamore Children's Hospital's Mindfulness Garden Dedication.

Dom's tireless work behind the scenes of our club has been a big part in making it a premier riding club on Long Island.



Laconia Road Trip, 6/10-6/13



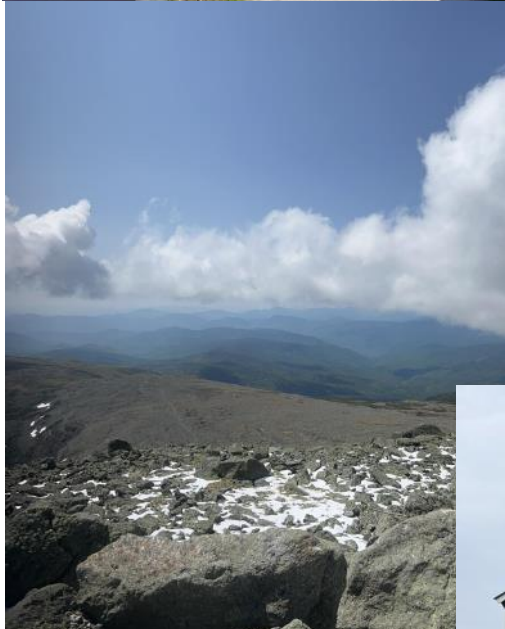
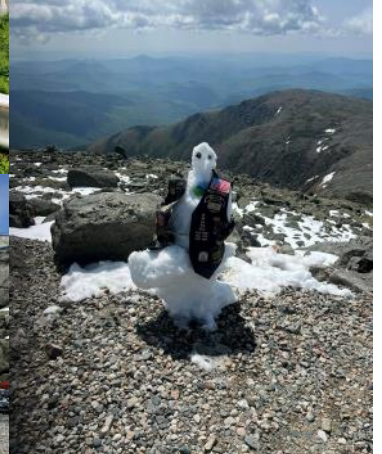
Head R.C. Sal led 14 bikes with 17 Members on a memorable 4-day ride throughout New Hampshire and Vermont while attending the 100-year Anniversary of the Laconia Bike Week and the 120th Harley Motorcycle Anniversary. With the terrific, combined help of Assist. H.R.C. Chris K, and Jeff G., Joe G., Rod M., and John "Cap", our caravan carved the beautiful roads of New Hampshire. One of the highlights of the trip was the ride to Mt. Washington! We were fortunate to have great riding weather and great visibility, so the 30ish degree temperatures were not bad at all. After leaving Mount Washington, the group headed down in elevation to Laconia Harley and Weirs Beach to attend the rally for a couple hours.

The second day was even more memorable. The group traveled through five different covered bridges. We stopped at the Cornish bridge that connects Cornish, New Hampshire to Windsor Vermont. Jeff our president gave us a history lesson on the repair of the bridge that his company completed in the 80s. Wait, can't forget along the way the group rode a few dirt roads. At the end of all the dirt roads the group had a great lunch at Bubbas seafood. After a great lunch the group was all charged up and ready to skirt around all the rain clouds heading back to the hotel.

The third and final day the group faced forecasted rain on the way home, so everyone suited up before leaving the hotel. But to everyone's surprise, the group had only hit 15 minutes of light rain. At the first stop, everyone took their rain gear off and then continued on some amazing back roads. Mid-way down to the Bridgeport Ferry the group stopped in a small town and even smaller pizzeria, but again to everyone's surprise the food and service was amazing. The last leg of the ride to the ferry also had some great backroads and small town roads that we cruised through. The group caught their scheduled 4:45 ferry. We clocked in at 1000 miles for the 4-day trip. Everyone got home safe and sound.



Laconia Road Trip, Cont.



Father's Day Breakfast and Ride, 6/18



The LIHR family met at the Greenlawn Family Restaurant for our annual Father's Day Breakfast. We had 23 members in attendance along with 18 bikes. The staff did a great job getting our breakfast out in a timely fashion and they dished out some tasty offerings. RC Jeff and HRC Sal then led the group on a 30 mile north shore backroad ride to the Village of Port Jefferson. The original plan was to stroll around the Village but the group opted to hang out in the Village parking got trading stories, good conversation and a lot of laughs. We also got to admire Bob Blair's brand new FLHCS Heritage Classic. Great food, great weather, great ride and even better people!! Thanks to everyone that was able to join us.



July Safety Article

The Law Office of Paul Gargiulo, P.C. presents Welcome to the Jungle - The Art of Learning to Ride Skillfully *A column dedicated to your riding survival*

WHAT'S MY LINE AGAIN?

If you have seen actors trying to nail down roles you can understand that it can be a very hard and grinding task. A line is stated to another and there comes a look of first bewilderment and then... almost fear.



In the 1950s through 1967 there was a wonderful television show – one of the first true greats called What's My Line? It ran for a full 767 episodes, and the most famous panelist was husband and wife - Alan Ludden and Betty White. The gist of the show was that four panelists must determine guests' occupations - and,

in the case of famous guests, while blindfolded, their identity - by asking only "yes" or "no" questions.

The very first guest? Marlene Dietrich. Yikes! Others included Julie Andrews, George, and Gracie Allen. The last Mystery Guest was the original host John Daly.

But the line I want to re-address is the line. Your line. My line.

What's My Line Again? The correct one, I hope.

A few months back we had one odd weekend, with zero one day and 50 the next, and I took my Z900 out, as I have been attempting to perfect my lines. Ken Condon was holding Wednesday night Zoom calls and this was a major subject one week. These were very much appreciated.

It got me looking back at the video that he had made of me at Palmer in Massachusetts. I have watched it many times, and truly wish I could have heard Ken live and been able to course-correct. I know that is how Ken does it with his one-on-one courses.



But I have come across something that has helped a touch. The much-maligned Sunday Driver...

Yes, up here we are the place to go driving on Sunday... usually, 5 miles below the posted limit with heads turning and twisting every bit. Oh, look... A cow, Is that a hawk? Wow, look at that waterfall.

I was once in the habit of bombing past them, but now I use it as my excuse to go slower, AND more methodically. Reg Pridmore taught me long ago about the benefits of restraint.

I reached out to Ken on this subject... Could I use him in my ear? Oh, sure you betcha!



When asked for a "Golden Thought" that I could glean from the Coach on choosing and setting that "best line", he got right back to me. Ken responded: "The simplest response to that rather big question is to look toward the exit as your report card. Is your bike heading (pointed more or less) toward safety at the point when you want to get on the gas? Are you more or less done changing direction by the time you're just past the middle (apex) and slowest part of the turn?"

Basically, if you are needing to lean more past the apex, you've likely turned in too early. Bret Tkacs has been arguing lately that a street apex is something he avoids talking about, saying that it is not the goal and that the exit is. I agree that a safe exit is the goal, but I contend that a theoretical "Late" or "Delayed" apex is useful as a breadcrumb that connects the turn-in point and the exit to create a line that hooks the bike in a way where the turning is done early in the curve, making it safe to get on the gas because you're pointed down the road and not at the oncoming lane or guardrail."

He also believed that those Sunday drivers must be respected for their staggering incompetence and lack of situational awareness.

I say let's use them.

I was once asked when a rider should know they are done with a turn? My answer was simplistic – when you are no longer concerned with it. But each turn must be set up, consciously.

Let me throw out another practice tip – that has come from listening and hopefully learning from riders like Ken Condon, Reg Pridmore and others.

We all drive cars. Try to pilot your car... not just sit in it.

Yes, I drive my Durango with far less concern than my WRX... the STi is a beast - the Dodge is transportation.

But, I still try, as best I can, to hit that late apex with both; and I want to be a far better driver than the kid ahead of me on the cell phone, or anyone else for that matter.

Peter Revson I will never be. But I am working on it.

We all should be.

What was my line, again? #



Quote of the month: 'The Best Alarm Clock is Sunshine and Chrome'

July Birthday's

Gil Allen 7/2, Christine Roemer 7/12, George Latchford 7/16, Bob Leone 7/16,
Gary Stone 7/16, Robert Roden 7/21, Helen Dubinsky 7/28



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	Independence Day	5	6	7	Rhode Island Overnighter 8
Rhode Island Overnighter 9	10	11	12	Bike Night Salt Shack Cedar Beach 13	14	15
Daryll's House Ride Pawling, NY 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Membership Meeting 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
LIHR Summer BBQ 30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Holidays and Observances: 4: Independence Day

Homemade
COUNTS WASH DAY

Upcoming Events

- Bike night at the Salt Shack at Cedar Beach in Babylon on Thursday 7/13 at 6 PM
- Summer BBQ at Betty and Jerry Small's July 30th with rain date of August 6.



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

Date	RC	Description	KSU and Location
• 7/16	Chris	Daryl's House in Pawling NY	8:00am-Exit 32
• 7/23	Gary	J&R's Steak House	after meeting
• 7/30	Jeff	Short Ride to Jerry & Betty Smalls	10:30am-Exit 56

**Note: We have replaced the KSU starting point from LIE exit 43,
to LIE Exit 32 for off Island rides**

North side Service Road, west of Little Neck Parkway.



Remember to check the Hotline at (631)406-4170 two hours before KSU to hear updates and cancellations.



2023 'Look Ahead' Overnights

July: 8th-9th, Rhode Island (RC Jeff leading the ride)

August: 10th-13th, Upstate New York two nights overnight, Letchworth State Park (Assist. Head RC Chris leading the ride)

September 9th-12th, St. Mary's PA to view the Annual Elk Rutting (RC Jeff leading the ride)

October 13th-15th, Fall Foliage Ride - Pittsfield, MA (RC Gary leading the ride)

NOTE: Lodging and date details on all overnights will be in the Members Only section on our LIHR website at the appropriate time prior to the event. When the overnights are posted please use the Sign-Up Genius to confirm you are attending. It is really helpful to the R.C.'s to be able to know who's going and to finalize the ride details.

How About a Big Cheer for Our Road Captains?

Head Road Captain: Sal Fino / Asst. Head Road Captain: Chris Kuster

RC's — Jeff Grube, Gary Kinkel, John Hachmann (Probie)

RC Assist's - , Bob Lovdahl & John Capobianco



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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
my name is

See our **Membership Officer** for individual name tags. This way, other members can put a name with a face!

NEXT MEETING July 23, 2023

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