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## President's Point of View, by Grumpy

Greetings Harley Riders.

This year we participated in Jacob's Light Poker Run. We had a great turnout for both the breakfast ride led by Mario Ruffolo, our Asst. Head Road Captain, and for the Poker run. We started out at Ready Riders in Dix Hills, followed a route to pick our poker hand and it ended in Islandia where food and beverages were served. Sorry to say I did not win, but all the funds went to a great organization.

The weather was great for our first overnight ride, led by Road Captain Bob Bernstein, to Mohegan Sun Casino in CT. Based on the photos we posted, it looks like all who attended had a good time. They even stopped to see dinosaurs! I don't know if anyone was a big winner at the casino, but I don't think there were any big losers. Everyone came back on their bikes and not by bus.

We had to cancel our Mother's Day Ride because of the weather, but I am sure all the Mothers had a great day ... even without seeing our happy faces.

On June 12<sup>th</sup> we leave for Laconia, returning on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> so we will be home for Father's Day. Road Captain Bob Read will have the lead on this overnighter and I am sure he has some great rides planned for our visit to New Hampshire. Check out the weekly email and our website for all the hotel information on this trip.

I hope you all have or applied for an E Z pass. Like I said before, it makes an off-island ride that much easier going through the toll booths with a large group. (<https://www.e-zpassny.com/en/home/index.shtml>)

We are starting to get ready for our house party on July 7<sup>th</sup> and could use some volunteers to help with setting up, shopping, cleaning up or maybe you would like to bring one of your favorite BBQ dishes for the members to sample. Please contact our Activities Officer at [activities@liharleyriders.com](mailto:activities@liharleyriders.com).

Ride long and prosper.



Bob Bernstein led 17 bikes and 21 members on the Casino Ride, our first overnight ride of the season, that also included a stop at the Dinosaur State Park in CT that contains one of the largest sites of early Jurassic period fossil tracks (about 200 million years ago) in North America. At present, 500 tracks are enclosed within a 55,000 s.f. area, with the remaining 1,500 buried for preservation.



## QUESTION???

How many L.I. Harley Riders does it take to operate a penny souvenir machine?







We toured Chateau-sur-Mer, a Newport, RI mansion built in 1851, which was the only palatial type residence in Newport until the Vanderbilt houses in the 1890's.



We couldn't keep those darn kids off the cell phone ↙



→  
Fortunately, this wasn't  
**DINO POOP!**



## The History of the Motorcycle: 1920-1930

By Lou Vaccarelli, Historian

OK – let's get on with our history lesson.

By the 1920s, the First World War was over and industry started to get into peace time pursuits. Harley Davidson is the world's largest motorcycle manufacturer. Harleys can be purchased from over 2,000 dealers in 67 countries around the world.

In the 1920s, Harley published a magazine called *The Enthusiast*. It sponsored Vivian Wales on a 5,000 mile trip to a Harley factory. Another early motorcycle heroine was Bessie Stringfield, a.k.a. the Motorcycle Queen of Miami. She made 8 solo-cross country trips and was a motorcycle dispatch rider.

Leslie "Red" Parkhurst breaks 23 speed records on a Harley-Davidson 61 cubic inch racing motorcycle. Also, the "hog" association starts when the racing team's mascot, a pig, is carried on a victory lap after each race won by the team.

In 1925, the distinctive "Tear Drop" gas tank is introduced and has been with us ever since. And then in 1928 came the addition of the front break. What would we do without that!



1920 – Racer Ray Weishaar with Pig Mascot

By 1929, the 45 cubic inch V-twin engine (later to be known as the "flathead") is introduced on the D model. The engine proves to be so reliable that variations of it are available on Harley-Davidson motorcycles as late as 1973.



1925 with the "Tear Drop" Gas Tank 9562

1929 brought the start of the Great Depression. Dozens of motorcycle manufacturers went out of business. Harley-Davidson suffered along with everyone else, but through a strong dealer network, established advertising programs, quality products, and conservative business management practices, the company prevailed.

The 1930 line of Harley-Davidson motorcycles were hailed as being without comparison in the industry, more about that next month when we review the years 1930 to 1940.



# **Because we have so many dedicated Road Captains and so many enthusiastic riders... our weekly local rides continue in conjunction with our overnights ...**

Mario led a breakfast ride with 15 members, ending at the Dix Hills Diner. Following breakfast, many went across the street to meet up with other members that signed up for the Jacob's Light Foundation Poker Run. We had a total of 35+ do the Poker Run.





**MAY meeting. OUR BIKER  
Blessing was UNFORTUNATELY cancelled due  
to the RAIN ... stay tuned next month.**



Our monthly raffle winners  
were John ↑ and KEN →



New members for the  
month are...

MICHELE

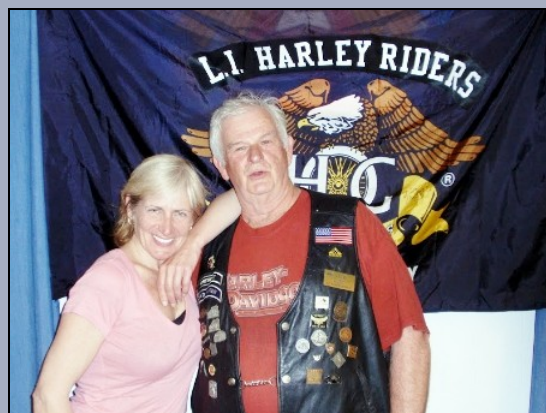
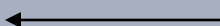


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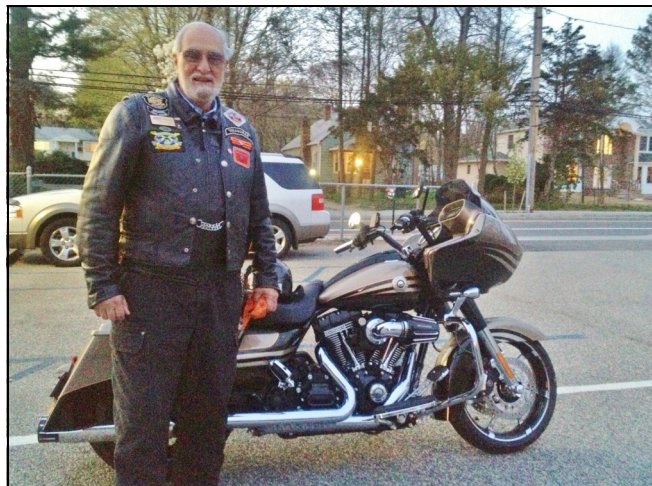
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PAUL





# NEW RIDES



George and his 2013 CVO Road Glide  
*Sweet!*

Ed and Barbara and their second 2003 Anniversary Edition Road King Classic ...  
twins!



Larry on his 2013 Road King Classic.  
*Lorraine is going to love riding in comfort and style!*



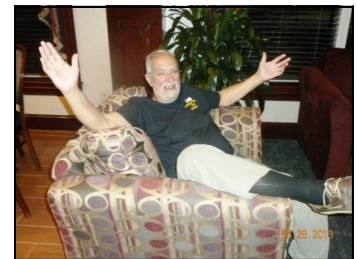
John with his 2013 Street Glide  
*Great color!*







Memorial Day weekend, approximately 18 members rode to Rolling Thunder in Washington, DC to pay their respects to the service men and women who paid the ultimate price for our country.



ROSE rode up from the Sunshine State



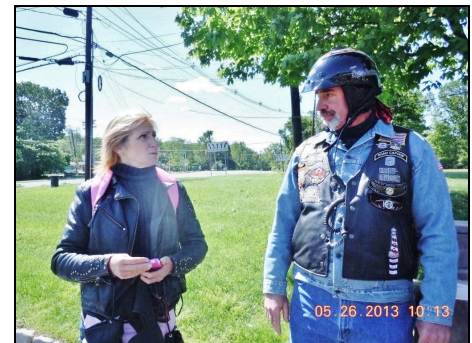




Ex-Prez **Bill V.** led 20 members off-island to the Ringing Rocks County Park in PA, and back through some covered bridges into French Town, NJ.



Coincidentally, Ringing Rocks were formed during the same period as the Dino tracks in CT about 200 million years ago (Early Jurassic Period). Stretching of the earth's crust allowed magma to travel up from the upper mantle and inject as sills into a series of shale formations of the Newark Basin. Broken up during the last ice age, they were pushed into PA. Their unique mineral composition is what makes them 'ring' when struck.



There will be **NO** more primping on this ride!



**He went  
over  
there...  
BEHIND  
that  
rock**





# Bike Night at







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

# June 2013

## June Birthdays

Joe Bonura.....4  
 Alec Lynch.....6  
 Tricia Keane .....8  
 Elaine Farquhar .....10  
 Martin Bogdahn .....11  
 Bob Read.....15  
 Nick Mavros.....16  
 Guy Turchiano.....21  
 Joe Greco .....23  
 Rich Zeier .....24  
 Rich Truran .....30

**Mark your calendars for our Summer House Party at Lou's**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Out-East Ride	3	4	5 Bike Night	6	7	8
9 Big Buddha Ride	10	11	12 Bike Night	13	14	15
16 Father's Day Ride	17	18	19 Bike Night	20	21	22
23 Monthly Meeting & Biker Blessing	24 Million Mile Monday Lake George Ride	25	26 Bike Night	27	28	29
30 Off-island Ride						

## Plan for one or more of our 2013 overnights!

July 24-28: Mountain Fest in WV — August 25-September 2: Milwaukee "H-D 110th" Rally — October 18-20: Fall Foliage Trip Clifton Park

*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.



**Are you a member of the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA)?**

**Although there is no requirement for AMA membership as an LI Harley Rider, 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)**

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

**Head Road Captain: Ken Grant, Asst Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo**  
 Charlie Abruzzo, Bob Bernstein, Joe Bonura, Bob Corso, Buzzy Farquhar, Steve Ficalora, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Gary Kinkle, Dick (Judge) Klein, Mike Macari, Dave Marzola, Dom Mozzone, Kenny Pastor, Bob Read, Lou Vaccarelli & Bill Vultaggio



## **the potty thing never gets old**





# 2013 Membership Applications ... Get a friend involved!

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will be on sale!*



**Check out our new Mens and Ladies T-Shirts!**  
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or send an email to Chris at [Membership@LIHarleyRiders.com](mailto:Membership@LIHarleyRiders.com) to request one

**Do you have a story to tell about a special bike ride  
or trip you've taken or a cool product you've used?**  
**We would love to publish it.**

Please send your stories and photos to: [Editor@LIHarleyRiders.com](mailto:Editor@LIHarleyRiders.com)

## **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 **Activities Officer** for  
individual name tags. This way,  
other members can put a name  
with a face!

**NEXT MEETING**  
**June 23, 2013**  
**10 AM**

Nathan Hale VFW Hall  
210 West Pulaski Road  
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**Charter meetings are held  
4th Sunday\* of each month**  
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Before leaving for a ride, be sure to check your email or our Charter Website at  
<http://www.LIHarleyRiders.com> for updated information and last minute cancellations.





## Milwaukee 2013—H-D's 110th Anniversary Event

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Thinking about a trip to Milwaukee next year to celebrate H-D's 110th Anniversary? We are! Let us know if you're interested as we **ONLY HAVE A FEW HOTEL ROOMS LEFT!** (~8-9 days, arriving back home on Labor Day 2013)  
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