Welcome LI Harley Riders. It is June and our riding season is in full gear. The weather is getting warmer (I hope) and we will be out there in full force. As most of you already know, our Asst. Head RC Gary Kinkle has stepped down as and RC Sal Fino has stepped up to fill his shoes. Gary has done a great job over the past few years and his hard work will be missed. Sal has a big job in front of him but we have the up most confidence that he will do a great job. Thank you, Sal, for stepping up.

Our bike nights have begun. For those who wanted a ride, Head RC Mario Ruffolo led the way to the Steam Room in Port Jefferson. I know our Activities officers have lots of great bike nights planned ahead so, come out and join us. When everyone is reading this newsletter myself and about 15 fellow members will be on our first overnighter of the year and what a trip it will be. RC Charlie Abruzzo will be leading us out west for a two week 6,800-mile ride to the Grand Canyon. What a ride it is going to be. I cannot wait to be part of all the stories that are going to come out of this trip. If you have to miss this one there are many more coming up. The LOH have a July overnighter that sounds great so all you ladies, whether you ride or drive, make plans to go on this one.

Save the dates: August 6th for our summer pool and BBQ party and December 16th for our annual holiday party. It is going to be a great summer for riding so join us. I want to see all of our members on the rides.

Ride it like you stole it. Be safe.
Monthly Meeting
May 21, 2017

Our VP Ed Reiff did a great job running the monthly meeting on Sunday. RC Sal received his Assistant Head RC patch. Congratulations, Sal! Dom read us a thank you letter that was sent from the Child Life Program at Winthrop Hospital. They were very appreciative of our being there. Upcoming events and rides were discussed.
Fred Hartmann  
L.I. Harley Riders  
P.O. Box 2203  
St. James, NY 11780-0607

April 25, 2017

Dear President Hartmann and the L.I. Harley Riders,

Once again, please accept my heartfelt thanks on behalf of the children, families and staff of Winthrop University Hospital for your recent visit and donation to the Child Life Program. The Child Life Program strives to improve the lives of hospitalized children, infants through adolescents. Your recent donation of stuffed animals and gifts was a welcomed addition to our program, as always. We would like to tell you once again that you have played a very important part in brightening the lives of hospitalized children over the Easter holiday weekend. The patients, their families, and our staff always get such a kick out of seeing you all ride up with the Harley outfitted Easter Bunny on the back of a bike. We are especially grateful for your very generous monetary donation as well! It will go far in purchasing new supplies and toys for the kids.

The child life program relies on generous donors like you to help make our program successful. Each year we are so thankful for your continued support of the Child Life program through your Easter Bunny ride and donation. We look forward to it as soon as we get the official date! The children who were in the hospital during your visit were happy to see the Easter Bunny dressed in his Harley gear and receive a gift. As you know, your donation provides distraction to children receiving treatment on the pediatric floor and the PICU.

It is difficult to be in the hospital for any length of time, especially during a holiday. Because of your generosity, we are able to provide the children with fun and diversion during their stay. Your thoughtfulness has brought and will continue to bring many smiles to the children’s faces. We truly appreciate your continued support of the child life program!

Warm regards,

Melanie Bucholtz, MS, CCLS  
Director, Child Life Program

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New Bikes

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2016 Ultra Limited
Saturday, May 6th, was International Female Ride Day. Ginny Zeier our Editor did an awesome job of leading 4 bikes and our “sweep & recover car” on a 76 mile ride, without a GPS, through the back roads of Suffolk, with a stop at Wildwood State Park. The ride ended at Claudio’s in Greenport for lunch.

Thank you to Annette, LOH Officer and Ginny for planning the day!
On Saturday, May 6th, Dom Mozzone our Safety Officer arranged for a group of LIHR members to participate in the Advanced Rider's Course given by On the Road Again Motorcycle School. Whether it's been a couple of years or you're a seasoned rider this course pushes you to challenge and tone up your skills. Thank you to Dom for arranging the class.

On Sunday, May 7th, RC Joe Giacalone led 21 bikes and 27 members on a relaxing ride through western Suffolk. There were twists and turns that led you to the Brownstone Brewery in Lake Ronkonkoma for lunch. Thank you to Joe for planning the ride and to our wonderful road captains for all they do to keep us safe. Unfortunately, everyone was having such a good time they forgot to take pictures!
After the May 21st meeting RC Steve Ficalora led 36 bikes and 42 members on a ride that took us on the Sagtikos & Southern State Pkwy, over the Robert Moses Bridge to the Ocean & Loop Pkwy to Point Lookout and finally Long Beach. There, we ate at the Das Biergarten Restaurant. What a unique and delicious lunch! Thank you to Steve for planning the ride and finding such a good place to eat. Thanks also to our Road Captains for the amazing job they always do!
Bike Nights

**THE STEAM ROOM**

Friday May 19th

**Cedar Beach BEACH HUT**

Friday May 26th

Website: [www.LIHaleyRiders.com](http://www.LIHaleyRiders.com)

Hotline: 631 406-4170
On Saturday, May 27th, RC Rich Zeier led a group of LIHR members to join the Boy Scouts, LI Hog and many others in placing flags at Pinelawn National Cemetery. We would like to thank Brian Haensley for the inspirational music he played while the flags were being placed at the graves.

Annette Greco’s son, LCpl Chistian Austin, met us at the cemetery to honor those who gave all.
On Sunday, May 28th, RC Fred Hartmann led 20 bikes and 25 members on a scenic south shore ride through Riverhead, Southampton & Sag Harbor just to name a few places. It was a beautiful day for a great ride. The ride ended in Sagaponak at the Town line BBQ for a delicious lunch. Thank you to Fred for planning the ride. Thank you to our amazing Road Captains for the amazing job they do!
Passing Without A Lane Change
by Dom Mozzone, Safety Officer

Sometimes, while riding, there comes an opportunity where you want to pass the vehicle in front of you.

When we pass a vehicle in a two-way environment, we generally do so as fast as we safely can - we want to get back in the lane quickly and we want to get out of harms way just as quickly, Especially in cases where there is a curve ahead or another vehicle approaching.

But what about when we are on multiple lane roads? For example, we are in the fast lane on the LIE and passing cars continuously. Or, worse case scenario, we are not in the fast lane and there is a slowdown or severe traffic restriction (say at a congested off-ramp) in the lane next to us.

In the first example, if we are moving at normal traffic speeds - that is, if we are moving at about the same speed as other vehicles in our lane, there should be a minimal speed difference between your motorcycle and those vehicles you are passing (10 - 15 MPH). The biggest risk is that a vehicle we are about to pass decides to change lanes without noticing us. Been there done that, a few times, and clearly you need to pay close attention with lane speed differences that can create a crisis for you very quickly.

In the second example, the speed differential between your motorcycle and the vehicles you are passing is usually much greater than in the first example. Additionally, many of the drivers of the vehicles we are passing do not want to be 'trapped' in the lane they are in and are looking for an opportunity to dart into our lane. You need to be VERY conscience of this and assume that it will happen. Position yourself accordingly in the lane you’re in and remember to anticipate “stuff” happening. You don’t want to zone out or get too complacent when riding next to a lane in excess of a 10 MPH speed difference.
I suggest that any time you are moving faster than 5-10 MPH over the speed of the vehicles you are passing, you are at significant risk of not having enough time to react to and avoid potential accidents.

Getting jammed up in those type of situations, is not worth any time you might gain.

• If you find yourself in the fast lane and it is traveling at a significantly faster speed than vehicles in the adjacent lane, get out of the fast lane and move right.

• If you are in a lane adjacent to one that is restricted, for any reason, and find yourself traveling at a substantial speed difference - move away from that unnecessary danger.

You should always avoid riding in situations where the speed differential can bring a critical situation upon you very quickly. Once I was in the HOV lane on the LIE in my car doing about 50 MPH and a car darted out in front of me across the double line to get out of traffic. I had to jam on the brakes and veer left to avoid hitting him, if I was on my motorcycle, with a lot less rubber grabbing the road, the outcome could have been a lot worse. I thought to myself, what if I was on my motorcycle ugh……not good!

So keep in mind: Always anticipate that someone will pull out in front of you. Only do a speed your comfortable with while positioning yourself in the lane to maximize your avenue of escape if stuff happens.

Ride safe, often and have a blast doing so!!!!
Join RC Rich Zeier for a Saturday ride

KSU 9:00 am....Gemini Deli
Upcoming Rides and Events

LOH Duchess County Balloon Festival Ride- Saturday July 8th through Sunday July 9th *open to riders and non-riders*

Up Coming Overnight Trips:

- June 3rd-18th: The Grand Canyon
- July 8th-9th: Greylock Mtn., MA
- July 15th -22nd: Mountainfest Rally, WV
- Sept 8th-10th: Lewisburg, PA

Don’t miss our Annual House Party on Sunday August 6th. Make your favorite dish and head on over to Ralph Norton’s house....don’t forget to let Helen Rott, Activities Director know what you plan to make.

*****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. 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.

Mario-Headroadcaptain@ LIHarleyriders.com
Gary-Assistantheadroadcaptain@ LIHarleyriders.com
Sponsor of the Month

FYI.....Gertrude makes the beautiful custom quilt door prize for our Annual Holiday Party and the pillows we occasionally raffle at meetings.
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**Say Happy Birthday to...**

- Rod Solner.....June 1st
- Joe Bonura...June 4th
- Martin Bogdahn...June 11th
- Mike Mannino....June 13th
- Bob Read...June 15th
- Anthony Anzalon.June 18th
- Guy Turchiano...June 21st
- George Greco....June 23rd
- Joe Greco....June 23rd
- Rich Zeier...June 24th
- Rich Truran...June 30th

**LOH Duchess County Balloon Festival**

July 8th-9th

**Open to Riders and non-riders**

Check your email for details
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: Gary Kinkle
Charlie Abruzzo, Jon Berlin, Steve Ficalora, Sal Fino, Joe Giacalone, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Dom Mozzone, Ken Pastore, Ed Reiff & Rich Zeier.

Next Meeting
June 25, 2017
10 AM

Nathan Hale VFW Hall
210 West Pulaski Road
Huntington, NY

Charter meetings are held the 4th Sunday* of each month
(*unless otherwise noted)
Bagels, Coffee and Tea served
$5.00 per person

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.

Would you or someone you know like to advertise in our newsletter?

Please contact Ginny Zeier for pricing and information at:

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Before leaving for a ride, be sure to check your e-mail or Charter Website 1 1/2 hr before KSU at: http://www.LIHarleyRiders.com for updated ride information and last minute cancellations.
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WE HAVE YOUR 6
Music Festival

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PLEDGE FOR THE PLEDGE RUN
Saturday, June 3, 2017

The Pledge for the Pledge Run is Saturday, June 3rd, 2017 KSU 11 AM
The Run will go from Woodstock Harley-Davidson to the Eagles Nest Two

Woodstock Harley-Davidson
949 State Route 28
Kingston, NY 12401

to

Eagles Nest Two
5371 Albany Post Road
Staatsburg, NY 12580

BANDS PERFORMING:
Kristen Capolino
Heavy Gauge
Wildside

TICKETS: $25 + SERVICE FEE
Registration is at 9-10:30 AM
Pledge Tickets/includes show/food

www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2915945

My friendship with Cpl. Keith A. Miller was that of ages. The saying “Blood doesn’t make you family, loyalty does!” couldn’t stand when it came to my brothership or rather our brotherhood. The man is a legend to me. He showed me true friendship and brotherhood. He proved to me that wrong is right, and vice versa; that you defend and stand up for the people you love, regardless of circumstances.

Keith fell in love with riding his Harley. He wanted the two of us to take a cross country ride from Yuma, Arizona back to his home in East Holly, New York. He never got to fulfill that dream, so I’ve decided to fulfill it for him. This ride isn’t just for Cpl. Keith A. Miller, it’s for every Vietnam and active duty service member who lost the battle to their demons and died by suicide. And to every man and woman that is still stuck in darkness, this ride is for you. I, along with many other people, care about your life and want to understand the struggles you are going through. I witnessed Keith’s family go through hell and I understand what you may feel on a daily basis. So, I will ride this bike across the country for all of those who feel lost, that are trapped in darkness and cannot see the light. I will ride into that darkness with the hope of bringing you back into the light so that your silent voice can be heard. It only takes one person, but one person can create a massive chain of events and that is the goal of this mission, to bring awareness to this serious issue.

Every day twenty two Veterans and an active duty service member die by suicide. So it’s up to us, the people that care, and the every organization put together to stand up and fight with those of you that feel as if you have no voice. We need an army to fight a war and we will continue to build one for this cause. That is the point of this ride. It is a cry out, to bring truth every person that has lost a son, daughter, mother, father, husband and wife to suicide and to honor and remember the 22 kids. It’s time to stand up and show that this tragedy will no longer be tolerated. Just one more is unacceptable.” - JR Matzer
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