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President's Point of View, by Ed Reiff

Welcome warm weather.....June is here and riding season is here as well. We have been plagued with cool temps and rain, but we seem to have come out of that. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

May brought some good things. We had our Mother's Day ride which is always a fun day. Lot's of mom's got their bouquets of flowers and there were plenty of smiles. Rolling Thunder had 19 bikes and 26 members AND 4 warm, sunny days. The group that went there had a ball. Riding was great, enjoying the Skyline Drive one day. That's a must if you have never done it.



On the horizon are our off-island rides. Some are just the day, some are overnighters and some are a week long. Please pay attention to the weekly emails for all the information. We have our Summer party on July 21st with the rain date of August 18th. John Capobianco and Diane Maiorca have graciously offered their home for us to have the party. There will be a Sign-Up Genius set up so we know how many of the members will be there. Think of a dish you can bring, and Lynne will get a Facebook event page going so we know who is bringing what dish.

Also remember our Veterans Poker Run after the September meeting. There will be a special grand prize this year.

If you haven't heard, fellow member Harry Kramer was in a serious accident and he needs prayers from us. He has had 2 surgeries and remains unconscious at the time I am writing this. I am keeping in touch with his son regarding his condition and will keep you posted.

Ride safe.



May Meeting



VP Bill Vultaggio led this month's meeting while President Ed Reiff was celebrating Pam's mother's 100th birthday! While many of this past month's rides have been cancelled again to the persistent rain, we were able to get in three rides! We keep trying and we won't let this rainy season get us down. Remember to check the emails, Facebook posts and the hotline for changes. Rides may be rescheduled for Saturday depending on the weather reports. Upcoming rides for the rest of the month will include Rolling Thunder in Washington DC and Candlewood Lake in CT. This month we welcomed two new members, Frank Luciano who rides a 2019 Street Glide and returning member George Taylor who rides a 2015 Dresser. In an effort to recruit new members our orange flyers have been placed in several businesses around Long Island; including Renegade and Big Bottom Bikes. A copy is also in Full Throttle Magazine which is now only available in a digital version. Remember to pick up some flyers and keep them in your tour packs to spread the word! We are always looking for new members!

As you read this edition our overnighter to Washington DC was a great success. Several of our members placed flags early on Memorial Day at the National Cemetery to honor our men and women who gave their lives for our country. The annual Mothers Day ride honoring our favorite Moms was a great success! The club enjoyed a great night of bowling and fun! Looking ahead, our annual Bike Blessing is next month after the June meeting. The summer party will be hosted by John Capobianco and Diane Maiorca. The party is planned for July 21st with a rain date of August 18th! Bring your bathing suits and towels for a great time! Looking further ahead, the club's Holiday Party is planned for December 13th at Smittown Landing! With the nicer weather in the future our Bike Nights are in the planning. If you have any ideas for bike nights please let Lynne Ficalora Activities Director know! Our Safety Officer Dom Mozzone reviewed the Zero Tolerance policy for alcohol on any club ride. Dom reviewed a checklist of what to take on an overnighter and a motorcycle checklist. An important reminder to change the batteries on your key fobs before going on any overnight ride.

The 50/50 raffle first prize winner was Jimmy Hernandez and second prize was Deidre Kuster. After the meeting RC Fred led 33 bikes and 33 riders on a North Shore ride ending at Grumpy Jacks in Port Jefferson. Here's to hoping we get more rides in as Spring turns to Summer!

On a sad note we said farewell to Rich and Ginny Zeier as they get ready to start a new adventure in their new home in Conroe Texas. We got to wish them a fond farewell and enjoyed some delicious cake (even after all those bagels)!



New member George Taylor



New Member Frank Luciano

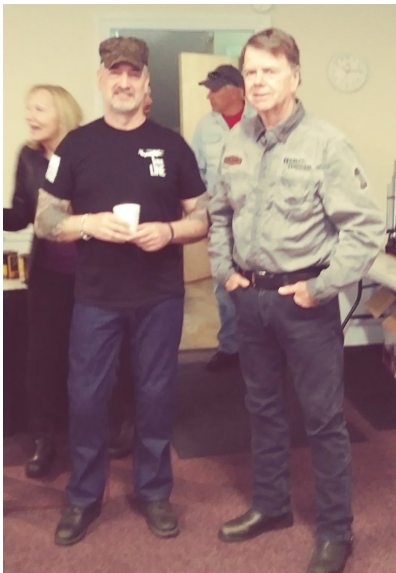
1st prize Winner!



2nd prize Winner!



More May Meeting Fun!





Mothers Day Ride 2019



After another rain cancellation the club's annual Mother's Day Ride was a great success! On May 10 RC Joe G. led 13 bikes and 17 riders to deliver a beautiful bouquet of flowers to our favorite ladies!. We were able to visit 4 very deserving women. Thinking ahead to next year remember we can visit any mother, aunt, sister or friend! As you can see by the pictures it is a really special treat to all involved! Thanks again to Annette Greco and Joe Giacalone for all there hard work and planning.

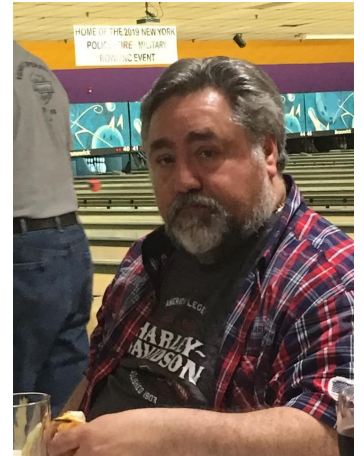




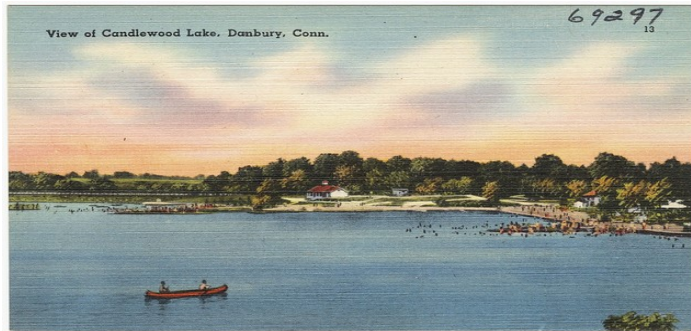
Bowling Night



May 17th was our first Bike Night. 18 members and 14 bowlers got together at the Farmingdale Lanes for a night of fun and laughs! High bowling honors goes to Jimmy Hernandez with a 167. Special mention to several bowlers who hit the ceiling and joined another group 3 lanes over! Big thanks to Activities Director Lynne for organizing a great night!



Candlewood Lake



On Sunday May 26 RC Gary led 6 members on a 21 mile ride to beautiful Candlewood Lake in CT. The ride rode through beautiful back roads of Southern CT. After a delicious lunch the group returned home safely!





Rolling Thunder 2019



Assistant Head RC Sal led 19 bikes and 26 members down to Washington DC to take part in the annual Rolling Thunder motorcycle gathering to honor America's Veterans, POW's and MIA's. This years Ride for Freedom was billed as the last national gathering. An estimated one million+ motorcycles took part in this inspirational event. The group spent Saturday riding the Skyline Drive and exploring the backroads of the Shenandoah Valley. Sunday a number of members took part in the Patriot Ride while others visited the National War Monuments and watched the parade from the streets.



Critter Hazards

This is rare but it can happen while traveling on a road; you can suddenly be confronted with an animal in your path. With our 2019 riding season in full swing we'll be taking multiple overnight trips that will undoubtedly cover many beautiful country roads.

When riding country roads you can occasionally confront five types of animals with some regularity: deer, dogs, cattle, birds and horses in roughly that order of frequency. This should not be a surprise as we've all passed road kill from time to time while riding.

If you see an animal in your path, give plenty of warning to the other riders. The obvious best move is to slow down and give the animal as wide a clearance as possible. Alternatively, in the case of an animal that 'just appeared in front of me out of nowhere' you have an immediate decision to make ... to swerve and try to avoid it, or to panic stop.

To swerve is the false choice to make! If you think that you can figure out where a deer is going to be in the next 2 seconds, you are dead wrong! But more importantly, if you think that you can, in a panic, swerve your motorcycle and retain control of it - not run into oncoming traffic, or off the road, or over steer it into a crash after avoiding the animal, or swerve right into the animal which has jumped into your new path, then you are playing Russian roulette with a full load!

Think about this: if you hit a cement truck at 5 mph you will probably walk away from it. If you hit ANYTHING while traveling at 50 mph or faster, you more than likely will not. The difference is your speed. Swerving does not reduce your speed. What it does is give away some control.

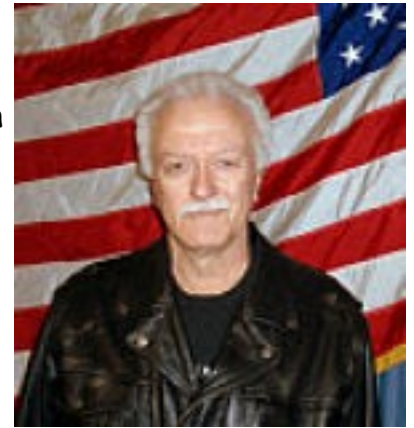
Your best move is almost always to try a CONTROLLED panic stop. Do not lose control of your bike and minimize the speed of impact. If you are good, and practiced, you might not hit anything at all. Even if luck is against you will probably still be able to talk about it as a lesson learned to share with fellow riders.

Yea but: "Even if it's a child?" Absolutely! If that child decides to make a dash for his/her life and chooses, like you, the wrong direction to run in, then you will hit that kid with a faster impact swerving to avoid him/her than if you try to stop the bike.

Think about the following two points regarding kids and their pets:

- You never ride 50 mph or greater on residential streets, right?
- You always cover your front brake while riding on residential streets, right?

Think of the odds in your head before you get into a panic situation. Condition yourself, anticipate, be prepared and above all practice, practice, practice panic stopping.





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

June 2019

June Birthday's

- George Greco 6/23
- Guy Turchiano 6/21
- Joe Bonura 6/4
- Joseph Greco Sr 6/23
- Martin Bogdahn 6/4
- Rich Truran 6/30
- Rich Zeier 6/24
- Rod Solner 6/13

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Hope PA RC Bill
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Orange Cty Choppers KSU Gemini 9am	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Father's Day Breakfast ride KSU 830am ex56	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Monthly Meeting- Bike Blessing	24	25	26	27	28	29
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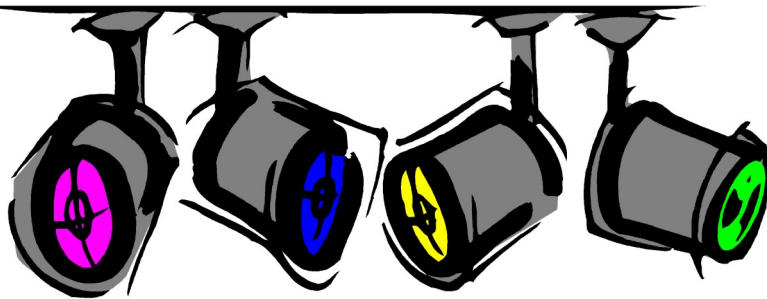
Upcoming Events

- Bike Blessing 6/23/19 (following monthly meeting)
- Summer BBQ 7/21/19 (rain date 8/13/19)
- Poker Run 9/22/19 (to support the Veteran's Place)
- Holiday party 12/13/19

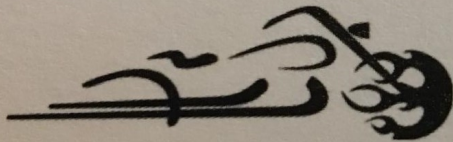
Charter rides that begin and terminate on Long Island are officially over when the destination is reached. If a Charter Ride leaves Long Island, the ride will officially end upon returning to Long Island. Official charter rides are "dry" rides, no alcohol. Helmets are required on all club rides.

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

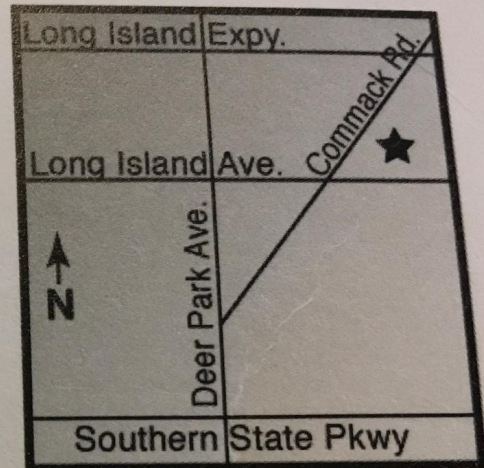
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6/28-6/30 Bay Loop Charleston, RI
7/13-7/14 Nautilus nuclear sub, casino CT
8/3-8/4 Captain's Inn Windham, NY
8/10-8/17 Letchworth State Park Seneca Falls, NY
9/14-9/21 Maggie Valley, NC
10/5-10/6 Eastern States Penitentiary Philadelphia



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Bike Blessing - June 23

How About a Big Cheer for Our Road Captains?

Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo, Asst. Head Road Captain: Sal Fino
Steve Ficalora, Kerry Fletcher, Joe Giacalone, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Gary Kinkel, Dom Mozzone, Ralph Norton, Ed Reiff, Bill Vultaggio



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