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President's Point of View, by Ed Reiff



Greetings LI Harley Riders. The status quo is seemingly starting to change, thank God. We have had 2 off island rides the last 2 weekends and both days saw great weather and great roads. We had 26 bikes on Sunday the 31st of May. Thank you, Ralph, for putting this together.

At this point in time, we are planning a June meeting which will be held in the parking lot of the VFW Hall. Depending on when the State of New York is in releasing us from this nightmare will determine whether or not we can even have the meeting. The State of New York will also determine that if we can have the meeting whether or not we can open up the VFW Hall just to use the bathrooms. It may still be that if we did open up for the bathrooms that the entire building would need to be cleaned. So that's where we are with that.

As of now we are doing local and off island rides, but you need to bring your lunch along with you. Bring an adequate supply of water as the warm months are upon us. And don't forget to use a cooler. The road captains are doing the best they can to make the rides interesting, but we also need to find public facilities that are open.

Looking forward we still have 2 overnights planned. One in July and one in September. All that info is in the weekly emails so watch for that info and if you have not gotten your rooms please do so ASAP so you don't miss out.

Ride safe and keep the shiny side up

VP Corner

By Steve Ficalora



VP Corner

May 2020

"Light 'em up!"

I hope everyone is staying safe and sane during these insane times. As I sit down to type this, I am in our condo in Tampa this last day of May, and there is a curfew due to the violent protests sweeping the country following the tragic death of George Floyd. First the Corona virus pandemic and subsequent quarantine and now this. Perhaps the next stimulus package could give everyone a motorcycle as a mental health benefit?

Getting back to the title of this column, of course I'm not speaking about "peeling out" or "Leaving rubber". We like to ride and have fun in this club and the biggest part of that is riding safely. Adding additional lights to your bike is one way to help keep you safe by making other's notice you. Loud pipes also help, but that's a topic for another column...

I "escaped" the NY quarantine and headed to FLA to take advantage of the opportunity of working remotely and to take care of a few things down here. One of the items on the list was to finally "finish" the "project bike", as I've called it, that I keep down here (are we ever done modifying our bikes?). One of the last pieces to this puzzle was the addition of a run/brake/turn light bar that I had purchased from Custom Dynamics last year. Now before you start calling me lazy, which is true occasionally, when you only get 4 days every 3-4 months and you run into problems, things do tend to take a bit longer to complete.

"Zoro", a 2009 street glide, has had a number of lighting upgrades since I "Stole" this bike in 2015 (according to a friend and hence the name). Starting with the Headlight and passing lamps, these were upgraded to blacked out LED lights. I continued this theme, replacing all the directional and brake lights with blacked out LED's. This also required the purchase of a Custom Dynamics load equalizer since this model year was not setup for LED lighting and without it, you'll get a hyper-flash, much like when one of the regular bulbs goes out in your car. When I received the detachable tour-pak as a gift from Lynne and put it on the bike (some assembly required, of course), I knew that it needed lights to get the attention of the people behind me. It already had the run/brake/turn module from HD for the fender-mounted brake and directional lights, but they now seemed a bit overshadowed by the tour-pak.

I knew what I wanted but needed assistance and the folks at Custom Dynamics were a big help. I called them and ordered the blacked-out run/brake/turn light bar, a universal adapter to allow easy connection to the right/left directional and ground wires, and two sets of quick-disconnects. All these components flew back and forth a few times between NY and FLA while trying to troubleshoot with the technicians on the phone. The last time in NY I figured I would need to send everything back as nothing seemed to be working. After a simple test of connecting each side of the light bar directly to my NY car battery proved the bar worked. Talking with the technician through every component and how to connect it properly, I was psyched to come down and get everything connected.

Nuthin! Zip, Zero, Nada! Arghhh!!! Back on the phone. Everything's connected properly. I'm having visions again of returning everything when the technician calls me back. I talk through how everything is connected, and he says, "In some model years HD changes the ground wire placement in the harness mid-year, please try connecting the ground to the frame". That did the trick. I was amazed, the bike was finally going to be "done". Once I tested everything about a dozen times, I finally measured and drilled the holes for the wires in the tour Pak and mounted the light. I must have sat there for 20 minutes playing with the left/right directional and brake lights!!!





Jacks Freedom Ride

May 24, 2020



After 74 days of isolation the LI Harley riders are on the road again! While practicing safe social distancing and face masks the club had their first off island ride for the year. Led by Probie RC Jack Scalia for his first off island ride as a RC our members had a great day, great weather and world famous pizza at Frank Pepe's in New Haven CT. Our members were told to bring a full tank of gas, EZ pass and an empty bladder (bathrooms are hard to find!!) After a delicious lunch we had a great ride back to the Ferry and a relaxing voyage home. It was great to see our friends. Congratulations to Jack on a successful ride and our RC's who keep us safe. Here's to our upcoming rides and warmer weather!





Greenwood Lake Ride

May 31, 2020



The LI Harley Riders are on the road again. Our 2nd post pandemic ride was a great success. Obviously we are all going a little stir crazy. RC Ralph led 26 bikes and 34 riders on a scenic trip along the New York New Jersey border to beautiful Greenwood Lake. Traffic was light which made the trip smoother. The pandemic has added an additional burden on our RC who now have to find a destination, plan the trip, find a place for members to eat their own lunches and where our members can use the rest rooms. We enjoyed beautiful weather and the pristine lake. One of our members suffered a flat tire but as a well oiled machine our members stepped up to the plate with a can of "Fix a Flat" and a patch kit. Our trip home even included our members trying two separate bridges to get back to LI and meeting up safely at the same time on the Cross Island Parkway! A big shout out to RC Ralph for this great day and our RC's who keep us safe. Thanks to Charlie Abrruzo for acting as sweep and minding our backs! Just remember we are following health safety rules including masks and social distancing off the bikes





Scavenger Hunt

Spring 2020



Because of the recent pandemic all club activities have been cancelled since March. Even though we could not ride together as a club our members still got out on the roads. Our President Ed Reiff had a great idea and posted weekly ideas for a scavenger hunt. After getting the hints our members went out and took pictures of their finds. Here are some of the photos!





This is what our first Primary Officers meeting and RC meeting looked like with the COVID 19 Crisis! Can you name these masked men!!!!

JUNE SAFETY ARTICLE

BY Dom Mozzone



Passing Without A Lane Change

Sometimes while riding there comes an opportunity whereas 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 prudently can - we want to get back in the lane quickly and we want to get out of harms way just as quickly, especially if 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 we are passing cars continuously. Or, more ominously, 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, then there should be a reasonably small speed difference between your motorcycle and those vehicles you are passing. 10 - 15 MPH is pretty normal. Our 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 differentials that can create a crisis for you very quickly.

In the second example the speed differential between our motorcycle and the vehicles we 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 conscious of this and assume that it will happen and 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 differential.

I suggest that any time you are moving faster than about 5-10 MPH over the speed of the vehicles you're passing you are at significant risk of not having enough time to react to and avoid potential accidents.

It's not worth any time you might gain and to get jammed up in those kinds of situations.

- 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, thus, you are traveling at a substantial speed differential - move left and away from that unnecessary danger.

You should always avoid riding in those 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!



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

June 2020

June Birthday's

- Joe Bonura 6/4
- Christine McKeivitt 6/12
- James Glidden 6/12
- Rod Solner 6/13
- Lisa Hernandez 6/14
- Donald Blumhagen 6/19
- Joseph Greco 6/23
- George Greco 6/23
- Rich Truran 6/30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14  FLAG DAY	15	16	17	18	19	20 First Day of Summer 
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28	29	30				

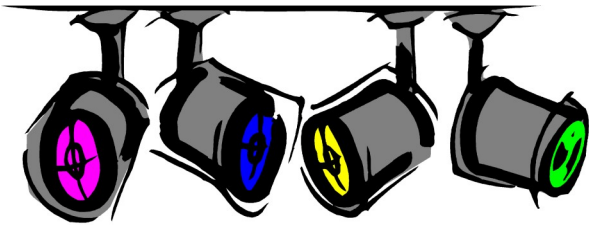


Upcoming Events
 Until further notice all club event are cancelled. Keep looking for updates via emails or facebook.

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.

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6/14 Probie RC Jack ride to Greenport KSU Exit 56 10:30am

6/21 RC Steve Father's Day Breakfast Ride KSU Exit 56 9am ending at President Ed Reiff home for breakfast!

Please remember to pack your lunch, full tank of gas, EZ Pass and an empty bladder!



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



UPCOMING EVENTS

All upcoming events are on hold till further notice

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Steve Ficalora, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Gary Kinkel,
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