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President's Point of View, by Steve Ficalora

LIHR President's Message

June 2021



Thanks to all the members who attended the May Monthly meeting. If you missed it, well, you missed it! We had a great meeting, followed by a Biker blessing performed by our very own Deacon Dale Bonocore and the weather cooperated for a change so we could also enjoy a nice ride afterwards! Many thanks to Dale for a wonderful heartfelt blessing as always, and also to Gary and the rest of the road captains for leading us on some nice backroads for lunch at Flannigan's.

As I write this it is Sunday of Memorial Day weekend and I'm researching how to build an Ark, just in case...seriously, this rain has got to stop! ☹️. While it looks like the sun may finally come out for Memorial Day Monday, our riding season continues to roll along. Following the trek to Nashville that many members enjoyed, we will kick off June by heading west to Bill's Bike Barn in Bloomsburg PA, led by HRC Sal. I for one am looking forward to this trip as I've somehow missed all prior excursions to this location that the club has done previously. This promises to be a great extended weekend getaway with some nice riding, so if you haven't considered going, now's the time! But wait, there's more! RC Chris will be leading a ride to Gettysburg the end of June, which will include a guided tour of the battlefields. If you've never toured these battlefields before, you owe it to yourself to go on this historical adventure!

As a final reminder (I promise) **we are no longer blocking intersections during the rides.** It is very important to note here that EVERY RC will have the route and there is **NO NEED** to try and catch up to the group ahead of you. This is especially important when changing lanes on the highway. EVERYONE should only change lanes when safe to do so. This group riding document can be viewed by going to the members only section of the web site: http://liharleyriders.com/Documents/LIHR_2021_Riding_Diagrams_V2.pdf

This is an election year, so if you want to have a voice in the future of the club, I urge you to become an AMA member, as only AMA members can vote for the officers this fall. We also need volunteers to keep this club running like the well-oiled machine that it is! Please talk to any officer or RC, or send us an email if you are interested in volunteering your time.

I look forward to seeing all of you very soon. Ride safe and find a new road!



May Meeting



May was another successful meeting. This month's meeting included our annual biker blessing which we had to be cancelled last year due to the Pandemic. Deacon Dale was present and blessed 54 members and their bikes. We had no new members but three new bikes. Congratulations to Jim Kowchefski who has a brand new 2020 Street Glide, Mark D'Angelo has a new 2021 Road Glide Limited and Deacon Dale has a new 2021 CVO limited. May you all have many happy miles on your new rides!

Our Annual Mother's Day ride was blessed by sunshine and smiles as all our Mothers were treated to beautiful flowers and enjoyed all the attention from the club.

Our 1st overnighter was a great success. RC Dom Mozzone led six bikes and eight riders on an amazing trip through 13 states covering over 3000 miles. We had stops in VA, NC, TN, KY, OH and NY. We were met by David Marzola and his wife Sunny in TN who joined us on our adventures and rode back to NY with us. The weather was spectacular with a brief shower and the great gas crisis only affected us in Asheville with the a late night run and a short wait on line to fuel up.

We have a lot of great overnighters coming up so check the emails and remember to use sign up genius so the RC's know who is planning to attend. Bike nights have started so remember to check out the facebook pages as Lynne is setting them up as Facebook events. We are always looking for places to visit and places to dine so leave your ideas in the suggestions box on the website. We are also looking for volunteers which how are club runs and reach out to any of our officers to help.

After the meeting RC Gary led 31 bikes and 35 members on a 32 mile scenic ride ending with a delicious lunch at Flanagan's in Lake Ronkonkoma. Now that summer is almost here lets get out there and ride!



Cindy receives her 5 year patch and Diane gets her challenge coin for hosting the summer party

50/50 Winners



Mother's Day Ride May 2 2021



Our annual Mother's Day Ride was a great success. AHRC Ralph led a group of 19 bikes and 23 riders spreading some love to some very deserving Mother's. Starting in Nassau County we brought flowers to Mothers in Farmingdale, Levittown and Syosset. We visited new mothers, Aunts and Grandmother's. Baby's, nieces and daughters got to sit on some bikes. We left for Suffolk where we delivered beautiful flowers to two new mothers and a grandmother. All our Mom's loved the beautiful flowers and all the attention. After spreading the love we enjoyed a great lunch at Miller's Ale House.





NASHVILLE



May 13 -May22 2021

The first off island overnighter for the 2021 riding season was a great success. Led by RC Dom Mozzone six bikes and eight riders left LI bright and early for the beginning of a great 10 days. The first day was a big push 495 miles to arrive at Natural Bridge VA in time for a visit to this beautiful state park. The second day included @100 miles on the beautiful Blue Ridge Parkway on our way to Ashville NC. Stopping frequently for gas due to the gas shortage we enjoyed a scenic ride to Asheville where we had the one and only worry about fueling up. With some help from the hotel staff the guys took a late night ride to a neighboring town and filled up for the next day of riding to Mt Juliet TN. We were met in Nashville by Gineen who flew in to meet us and Dave and Sonny Marzola who recently moved to TN. We enjoyed a great 4 days exploring this beautiful country. Our visits included a trip to Jack Daniels, a ride on the Cumberland Plateau, a visit to Downtown Nashville's lower Broadway where the music was alive and loud. Some of the members got a visit to the Corvete Museum in Bowling Green KY while the ladies had a day of shopping in Franklin TN compliments of Sunny who drove for a nice afternoon off the bikes. We enjoyed a great night of music at the Grand Ole Opry and a quick trip to Opryland Hotel for drinks! After a great four days in TN Gineen flew home to NY RC Jeff headed off to visit family in NC and Dave Marzola joined the ride back to NY. Our windy way back to NY took us through the horse farms of Lexington KY with an overnight stay in Maysville KY on the banks of the Ohio River and a days ride to Steubenville OH with another overnighter in OH toward Binghamton NY and off to home. All total we traveled through 13 states and covered over 3000 miles. The weather was with us with a brief shower and the gas crisis was a non issue. All Dom's hard work and planning made this an amazing experience with great roads and great friends.



NATURAL BRIDGE VA



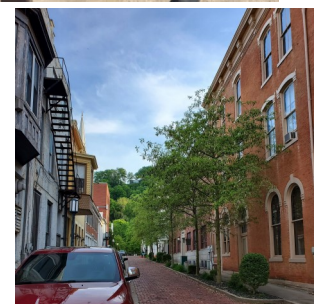
Blue Ridge Parkway



Lunch in KY

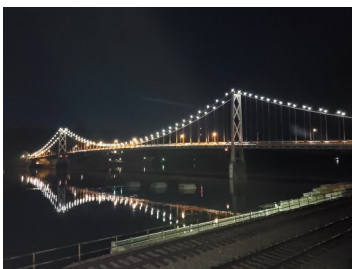
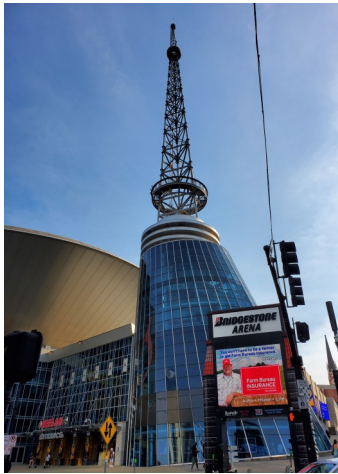


Gas lines in Asheville NC



Maysville KY

Nashville May 13-22, 2021



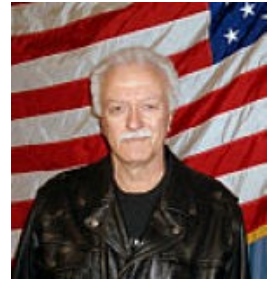
A Little More Nashville....



JUNE SAFETY ARTICLE

SAFE RIDING IN THE RAIN

By Dom Mozzone



.What we all hate and dread when riding: “Rain”

One word that we all hate to hear as a rider is “rain.” As a club we always check weather reports for our weekly rides to avoid rain; but, occasionally we do get wet, like our recent ride to Bill Biker Barn. What can you do to improve your riding in the rain?

The first thing you need to do is be prepared well ahead of the first few drops of rain. Selecting and purchasing a rain suit is something that must be done in advance. Another point is to keep it with you at all times. A rain suit serves two purposes. First, it should keep you dry. Second, and equally important, it should increase your visibility. When your evasive maneuverability is reduced by lack of traction, you want to be sure other drivers see you with reflective rain gear.

Maintaining all your lights also helps you to be seen in the rain. Of course, you must keep your lights clean, but have you checked them all lately to see if any have burned out? Do you carry any spares with you? Next time you take your bike in for service you should restock any spare bulbs you might be missing? Additionally spare fuses are just as important.

The other important items that need maintaining ahead of time are your tires. Have you inspected them lately? If any of the wear bands are showing, it's time to replace the tire. One of the major causes of hydroplaning is worn tires. You clearly don't want to find this out after the rain starts falling. The sole purpose of the tread design on a tire is to carry off the water, but it can't do its job if you don't allow it enough tread depth to work with.

Hydroplaning occurs when the tires are not in full contact with the road. They ride on a thin layer of water, and sometimes oil, on the road. Hydroplaning occurs frequently in light mist or drizzle as soon as it starts. Proper tread depth and tire pressures, slowing down, and riding in the tracks of other vehicles all help reduce the chance of hydroplaning. The cessation of a slushing sound, or any decrease in steering or braking may indicate hydroplaning. If this happens, slow down without braking and avoid any sudden moves.

When we're doing a ride, especially on overnight rides, and it starts raining we assess the planned route for safety in the rain. Scenic, twisty asphalt roads are a lot of fun when it's dry. When the rain starts to pour, the scenery turns gray, the turns aren't nearly as much fun, and the asphalt doesn't provide the traction you need to remain safe. That's when a decision for an alternate route is made along a boring, albeit straighter, highway road.

An optimum situation is to stop prior to the precipitation and prepare yourself for riding in the rain. Doing so while dry and controlled will increase your safety as well as your comfort. Pull off the road as soon as you find a place to suit up; what you don't want to do is suit up in the rain as your getting wet. That totally sucks! Been there, done that, and its not fun. When the water first enters the pores of the road, it forces up the oil that has been collecting there, that's the most dangerous time to be caught in the rain where bad 'stuff' can happen quickly. It's best to wait at least 15 minutes after the rain starts for it to wash the oil off the road.

Though the main danger of rain is hydroplaning, slowing down, increasing your following distance, taking curves more slowly, take precautions when crossing intersections and increasing your scanning distance all helps riding safely in the rain.

Riding in the rain may never be pleasant, but it can be done safely if you're prepared and knowledgeable of what to avoid. Be vigilant, smart, avoid unnecessary risks and always keep your rain gear with you...



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

June 2021

June Birthday's

- Joe Bonura 6/4
- James Glidden 6/12
- Rod Solner 6/13
- Lisa Hernandez 6/14
- Joe Greco SR 6/23
- George Greco 6/23
- Richard Truran 6/30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Bills Biker Barn overnighter leaves	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Ride to New Haven CT KSU 9:30 am	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day Father Day breakfast at Ed/Pam's	21	22	23	24	25 Gettysburg Overnighter leaves	26
27 Monthly Meeting	28	29	30			
30	31					



Upcoming Events
Father's Day Breakfast at Pam and Ed Reiff home KSU 8 am Exit 56

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

Our weekly weekend rides are back on, look for the emails for details!!!!

Bills Biker Barn Overnighter 6/3/21-6/6/21

Ride to New Haven/ Frank Pepe's KSU 9:30 am Gemini RC Dom

Father's Day Breakfast Ride 6/20/21 KSU 8 am exit 56

Gettysburg PA Overnighter RC Chris 6/25/21-6/27/21



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



2021 Overnights

Railroad Museum Strasburg PA 7/30/21-8/1/21

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland, OH 8/12/21-8/16/21

New Hampshire 9/9/21-9/12/21

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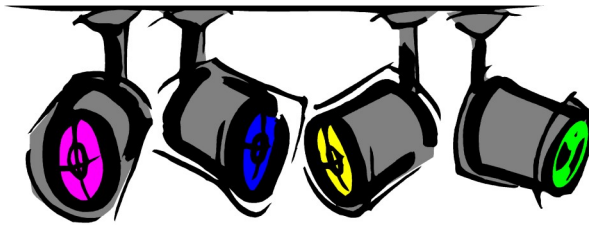
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from and what you ride. Welcome
to the Family!

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my name is

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