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President's Point of View, by Jeff Grube

LIHR President's Message



I'd like to start by thanking the folks that attended our May Membership Meeting and Bike Blessing. Many thanks to Joe & Melanie Kennedy to conducting the blessing. They have offered to do it for us again next year as well. We also passed out a short survey to all members in attendance to get feedback on various topics and increasing member participation in the club. The survey was compiled by the Club Officers and results will be shared with the membership at this month's meeting which takes place on June 25th at the VFW at 10:00 am.

Kelly is off to a solid start as our new Activities Director putting together a well-attended club dinner at Miko Japanese Steakhouse. It was a fun night, the chef was great and the meal was top shelf. Next up will be the Led Zeppelin Laser Light Show at Vanderbilt Planetarium on June 23rd.

Our first overnight ride had us on a week long, 2,000+ miles journey down to WV. Everyone enjoyed the trip, incredible roads and many points of interest. Next up is Sal's overnighter to the Laconia Rally in NH. I encourage everyone to take advantage of one or more of the remaining overnights. The Road Captains put a lot of time and effort into putting these rides together and they are a lot of fun and a great way to get to know your fellow members on a more personal level.

Single day rides for May included our annual Mother's Day ride, RC Assist Bob Lovdahl leading us to Old City Public House for lunch after the monthly meeting and RC Probie John Hachmann leading us up to Westchester and Putnam Counties and a touch of CT to view a windmill farm and a tasty lunch at Red Rooster Drive-In in Brewster NY. June rides and events include a Skills Practice session conducted by On The Road Again Motorcycle School, Sal's overnighter to NH, our annual Father's Day breakfast and ride and then RC Assist John Capobianco will be leading us to lunch after the June membership meeting. Details can be found in the weekly emails and on the club website.

As always, please speak up to myself or any of our officers with and comments or suggestions you may have. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event or ride.

See you on the road.....

Jeff

May Membership Meeting, 5/21

President Jeff led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reminded everyone that members Joe and Melanie Kennedy would perform the Bike Blessing after the meeting.

Jeff mentioned to the membership that this is an election year for the Club and that you must be an AMA member in order to vote. Jeff provided a Membership Survey to the members with bullet points for preferences on Club rides and members ideas and comments.

Treasurer Joe G gave an update on the Club's financials and up-coming expenses. Joe asked members to search their closets for Harley T-Shirts that they would like to donate to the Club to be used in the next quilt.

Activities Officer Kelly spoke about the Friday Night-Bike Night we had at Miko Hibachi and Sushi Restaurant and the wonderful dinner enjoyed by all, and the upcoming bike night on June 23 to the Vanderbilt Planetarium in Centerport to see the Led Zeppelin Light Show.

Sal gave an update on the 2,257 Club Riding miles to date, with 12 completed rides and 3 cancelled rides. John H. gave a preview of his upcoming off-island ride through upstate New York and Connecticut on May 28. Sal gave an update on his over-night ride to Laconia on June 10-13.

Publish Relations Officer Dom spoke about the dedication for the Sagamore Meditation Garden on June 9 and asked how many members would be able to participate. He was hoping for a decent showing understanding that the event is on a Friday.

Jeff also mentioned the Rider Skills with On The Road Again. It is scheduled for Sunday 6/4 bright and early at 7:30am through 1:00pm Selden SCCC location. A discounted cost of \$125 for our members. The completed course can be used toward a HOG gift certificate for HOG members. You must sign up individually yourself for the course.

The 50 - 50 Winners were: 1st place: Bob Titolo 2nd Place: Susan Hachmann.

After the meeting and the Biker Blessing Bob Lovdahl led 16 bikes and 17 riders through back roads of Huntington, Halesite and Northport, riding through Nissequogue before heading down to Ronkonkoma and the Old City Public House where we shared a great lunch and a great time with our LIHR Friends.



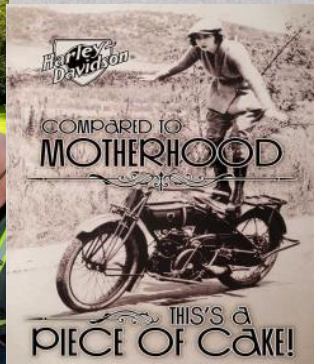
May Biker Blessing





Annual Mother's Day Ride, 5/6

Another successful Mother's Day ride was well orchestrated on a beautiful sunny day. All the "Mom's" were so thrilled when we arrived, and a couple surprised. It was a memorable day for all the "Mom's". Many happy faces and a great tribute on a special day.



West Virginia Road Trip, 5/7—5/13

RC Jeff and RC Probie John Hachmann led 5 bikes and 5 riders on a 7 day excursion to Lewisburg WV. Jeff led 5 of the 7 days and John H led the group for days 5 & 6 of the trip. John did a great job for his first two off-island ride leads. Our first day took us down to Winchester VA for the night. It was a 50/50 mix of interstate and backroads to work our way down to Winchester. Mother Nature dampened Day 1 for the last couple of hours of the ride but the group enjoyed the route nonetheless. We made a lunch stop at the top of Tuscarora Mountain with some awesome views and then made a stop at Prospect Overlook along the Potomac River .

Day 2 took us from Winchester into Lewisburg WV with stops at Blackwater Falls, Seneca Rocks and a unique lunch spot called High's Restaurant, a former brothel believe it or not. All of the booths had signatures from all over the country so we got to add our LIHR name brand to the collection. The hotel in Lewisburg was very accommodating and they allowed us to keep the bikes under the portico to keep them out of the weather.

Days 3, 4 & 5 were all scenic loops returning back to the Lewisburg hotel. Day 3 took us to Babcock State Park which included a grist mill, a small waterfall and a picturesque lake. We also made stops at Sandstone Falls and the Greenbrier Resort Hotel which is an incredible facility steeped in a historic past. We got caught off guard by a significant rain storm between Babcock and Sandstone Falls but we regrouped, suited up and everyone pretty well dried out by days end. Lunch was a treat also at a small town diner with very friendly staff and some tasty desserts. Day 4 was a true highlight of the trip riding along some incredible roads with a stop at Cathedral Falls for many photos before continuing on to New River Gorge Bridge which is such an impressive site. The bridge is the 3rd tallest in the U.S. and 13th highest in the world. While we were taking photos of the bridge we also had two freight trains come through that run along the river. One heading northbound and another heading southbound on the opposite sides of the river. It was an impressive touch to the photo stop. On the way back along this loop we were fortunate enough to ride along Highlands Scenic Highway. A long stretch of road at 3,000-4,000 feet in elevation and truly spectacular view at overlooks where we felt we had 100 mile visibility. Day 5, the last scenic loop of the trip, took us along more incredible WV roads to the Cass Scenic Railroad yard and General Store, the Greenbank Observatory which includes a 2.3 acre telescope to monitor signs of alien life and then up to Spruce Knob which is the highest point in WV at just under 4,900'. Lunch was at the base of the mountain and it didn't disappoint. Coming out of the restaurant we were treated to a local yahoo with a hopped up old Ford pickup doing smoky donuts right in front of the restaurant and then exited the area with a 1,000' burnout. Gotta love those hillbillies!!

Heading toward home on Day 6 was a combination of interstate and backroads with a stop in Harpers Ferry WV, a very historic and storied little town. We ended the day at Harley Davidson of York PA before checking into the hotel for the night. The last day of this very enjoyable overnighter started out with a little light rain that we rode out of before stopping along the NJ Turnpike. After getting up, reality set in as we had to contend with NY traffic along the Belt Parkway and the Southern State Parkway. All in all just an awesome trip to kick off the 2023 overnighter season. Thanks to all of the riders that took part in the trip.



West Virginia Road Trip, Cont.



Miko Hibachi and Sushi, 5/19

The Club had it's first night out. All who were able to attend enjoyed the laughs and the food as well. I think almost everybody had a chance at catching something in their mouth...I am not sure how many food items were caught or dropped or spilled. A great time was had by all.



Off Island Ride to Brewster NY, 5/28

RC Assist John Hachmann led 12 bikes and 15 riders on an Off-Island Ride from Exit 32, heading north through Westchester and Connecticut and beyond all the way to Brewster, NY. The group had lunch at the Red Rooster Drive-In Restaurant. The trip was approximately 108 miles with many scenic backroads. Heading home John took on the Taconic Pkwy for a leisurely ride south. They took the bridge home with not too much traffic the rest of the way.



June Safety Article



WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

Sight

When riding, where are you looking? What do you see when you look down the road? It is a pretty serious question. You go where you look. Shira seems to see to infinity. I watch my wife go through tight turns left, right, right, left... with the grace of God. Me, not so much. I am not bitter about this. I got it... she is far faster than me and I have my place in this world. But I can write. Many cannot. So now you have to deal with me and my drivel. Gawd... I adjust her chain and still change her oil. Husbandry duties and all that - you know what that is all about 'old man.' Have any of you men realized your women are better than you. They are much better than you.. us. Frack me!

But, let's talk about vision. I have better vision than a space shuttle pilot. Shira cannot see squat without her specs... Looking up. Looking forward can make or break your ride. We have talked about what we call The Flow. Do you want some of this? I think you would. This is an easy thing. A few years back I was following the redhead through Walpack Valley, one of the most remote places in New Jersey, and a dozen deer crossed her path. She brilliantly piloted the Suzuki, threading her bike in and around the deer that were scattering across the rural road.

Awesome...But how could we get by this? She was in the Flow. THE FLOW possibly can be the weapon against unforeseen and terrible mishaps. Backroads, and especially Welcome to the Jungle, is here to help us be the best riders we can be. Follow us. We can all get better... I certainly need constant betterment. Especially at this time of year. Most of us are not riding nearly as much as the warmer months and riding is a perishable skill. So, although some of us are over the winter I thought perhaps I would try to pick up some tips from Ben Collins. Ben is one of the greatest car drivers on the planet. All those cool James Bond stunts? Ben. That crazy 2017 Range Rover flying down the ski slope? Ben. Top Gear... The Stig? Ben Collins, so picking a bit off his superb book "How to Drive" seems like a good thing.

Improving your car driving helps your motorcycle riding, and Ben's book has some serious thoughts and quotes about vision from some of the very best. "If you are in a good state, psychologically speaking, your sensitivity of vision is so much greater, so much more accurate, it makes everything else much more natural and easy." Ayrton Senna - 3-Time Formula One Champion. Taking the vision thought a bit further they actually talk about juggling to improve your peripheral eye acuity. Yikes, I bought soft juggling balls years back and they have gathered dust since. Maybe I'll see if Spenser hasn't hidden them somewhere.

And, as we have talked about numerous times, Ben brings up the fighter pilot. The need, at that speed, to pick up the "Big Picture" and not get trapped by having your attention drawn into things that should not be running into your attention and focus. Fighter pilots call it "Target Fixation." Collins talks about how, on numerous occasions, pilots have followed their own bombs into the ground, or got caught up taking the Iceman's advice by literally following the wingman into the ground during formation flying. Ben Collins' hope is that we all begin to look at the bigger picture when we drive, we hope that we all do that when we ride. Take the time to get your mind right when you get going for a ride. During the winter, when in the car, try driving like you are riding the bike. It will keep you a bit sharper and make for a better spring for us all.

Quote of the month: 'Sometimes it Takes a Whole Tank of Fuel Before You Can Think Straight.'

June Birthday's

Lisa Hernandez 6/14, Robert Schmauder 6/20, George Greco 6/23, Donna Drake 6/23,
Greg Blake 6/25, Rich Truran 6/30

JUNE



2023

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11 Laconia Bike Trip	12 Laconia Bike Trip	13 Laconia Bike Trip	14 Flag Day	15	16	17
18 Father's Day Breakfast and Ride Father's Day	19 Juneteenth	20	21	22	23 Led Zeppelin Light Show —Vanderbilt Planetarium	24
25 Monthly Membership Meeting	26	27	28	29	30	

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Upcoming Events

- Mindfulness Garden Dedication at Sagamore Children's Center on June 9 at 12:00pm
- Father's Day Ride is June 18, breakfast at Greenlawn Family Restaurant 7:30am and ride to Port Jefferson Village afterwards.
- Vanderbilt Planetarium for Led Zeppelin Laser Light Show June 23 at 9:00pm
- Summer BBQ at Betty and Jerry Small's July 30th with rain date of August 6.



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

Date	RC	Description	KSU and Location
• 6/18	Jeff	Father's Day Ride, Breakfast at Greenlawn Family Restaurant @ 7:15am and ride to Port Jeff afterwards	TBD from GFR
• 6/25	John C.	Pastrami King after Meeting	TBD from VFW
• 7/2	Chris	Daryl's House in Pawling NY	TBD

Note: We have replaced the KSU starting point from LIE exit 43, to LIE Exit 32 for off Island rides North side Service Road, west of Little Neck Parkway.



Remember to check the Hotline at (631)406-4170 two hours before KSU to hear updates and cancellations.



2023 'Look Ahead' Overnights

June: 10th-13th, Laconia Bike Week 100th Anniversary (Head RC Sal leading the ride)

July: 8th-9th, Rhode Island overnight ride (RC Jeff leading the ride)

Aug: 10th-13th, Upstate New York two nights overnight, Letchworth State Park (Assist. Head RC Chris leading the ride)

September 9th-12th, St. Mary's PA to view the Annual Elk Rutting (RC Jeff leading the ride)

October 13th-15th, Fall Foliage Ride - Pittsfield, MA (RC Gary leading the ride)

NOTE: Lodging and date details on all overnights will be in the Members Only section on our LIHR website at the appropriate time prior to the event. When the overnights are posted please use the Sign-Up Genius to confirm you are attending. It is really helpful to the R.C.'s to be able to know who's going and to finalize the ride details.

How About a Big Cheer for Our Road Captains?

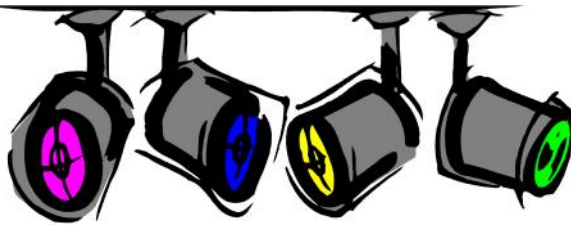
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Say Cheese!

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

NEXT MEETING June 25, 2023

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