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President's Point of View, by Grumpy

Greetings Harley Riders,

Well March is here and Spring is right around the corner - March 20th to be exact. I hope all the snow will be gone by then - at this time we have had over 50 inches! We only had one club ride in the month of February. Well, better safe than sorry! Most of the roads have pot holes the size of craters on the moon and I think there is more sand on our roads than at Jones Beach. I am hoping in March we will NOT have to post "Ride Cancelled because of road conditions".

On February 11th, we received a Proclamation from the Suffolk County Legislature for our 12 years of service with Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center. The Proclamation was presented to us by Legislator William Spencer. I have been told that Sagamore has been given a one year extension, so we will have a toy run to Sagamore in 2014. New York State is going to review the closing of Sagamore. As most of you know, Sagamore is the only long-term hospital on Long Island to help children with mental health problems.

At the February 27th general meeting we held our famous Chili contest. The winners were: 3rd place and a bottle of Tums went to Pork, 2nd place and a \$25.00 gift card to Harley Davidson went to Joanne McKeon and our 1st place winner was Lorraine & Larry Vetter, who received a bottle of our very own Single Barrel Jack Daniels. I would like to thank everyone that made their favorite chili and VFW commander Bruce Brennan, for being our judge. I know it had to be a hard job picking three winners out of all the great choices.

Reminder: May 23rd to May 26th - Rolling Thunder, in Washington D.C. Book your room because they will go fast! Reservations can be made at the Hampton Inn (703) 450-9595. Tell them you are with the L.I. Harley Riders.

Ride safe and prosper.

February 23, 2014 Membership Meeting



President Grumpy Hartmann presents Loraine & Larry Vetter with volunteer patches for going above and beyond for the club in 2013.



New Rides



**Ed Reiff
2014 Street Glide**

Pillow Raffle Winner



Christine Vultaggio

50/50 Raffle Winners



**1st Place
Gerry Roma**



**2nd Place
Steve Ficalora**

New Members



<—John Bates



Rick Greco—>



Deidre Kustes



<—Nick Klepsis



Chris Kustes—>

**Welcome to the best riding group on
Long Island!**

**Are you a member of the American
Motorcyclist Association (AMA)?**

**Although there is no requirement for AMA membership as an LI Harley Rider, only
AMA members will be able to vote for our primary officers or be able to run for
office.**

**Please also consider the AMA's advocacy programs and other benefits.
Learn more about it at: www.americanmotorcyclist.com**



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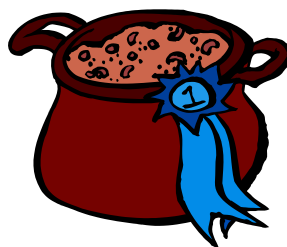
<—The Competitors

Front L->R: Eileen Hoberg, Nadine Hartmann, Joanne McKeon, Lorraine Vetter **Back L->R:** Rick Zeier, Steve Ficalora, Pork, Larry Vetter, Dave Paduano



The Winners—->

L->R: 3rd place -Pork, 2nd place- Joanne McKeon, 1st place- Lorraine & Larry Vetter



**Congratulations to 1st place winners
Lorraine & Larry Vetter**



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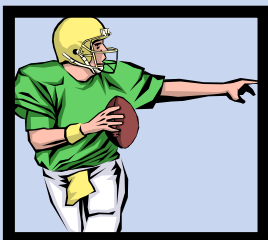


Day!



As
usual
!





On February 2nd, **SUPERBOWL SUNDAY**, Asst. HRC Gary Kinkle led 13 bikes, with 14 members on board, on a beautiful 42 mile North Shore ride ending at the Post Office Café in Babylon. Gary called an audible early that morning due to the fog. It was the play of the day! By the time the ride left Gemini Deli, it was partly sunny and the temperature had warmed to over 40 degrees. The trip through a frozen Lloyd Harbor was spectacular. Way to go Gary!



Which way did they go?





Suffolk County Legislature Honors L.I. Harley Riders

By Dom Mazza

On Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at the Suffolk County Legislature Building in Hauppauge Legislator Dr. William R. Spencer (MD), from the 18th District, presented the L.I. Harley Riders with a proclamation. The proclamation was signed by all members of the legislature. Accepting for the group was President Fred Hartmann. To quote Legislator Spencer "...their dedication to the patients of Sagamore demonstrates a deep affection for those who are in need and a heartwarming service to their community."

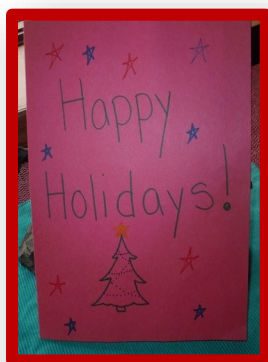
Also present were members of the L.I. Harley Riders, Sagamore Director Tom McOlvin, Past Director Dennis Dubey, Director of Nursing Sandy King and Risk Management Officer at Sagamore Mabul Ruggerio RN.

Director Tom McOlvin spoke before the legislature and told them about our yearly visits and what it means to the children and the staff as well. He mentioned the closing of Sagamore. But, he said, they have received an extension of at least one year. He hopes that the group will be coming for many more years to come.



This proclamation is a testament to the members of the L.I. Harley Riders who year after year return to Sagamore and do what we do.

The reason.....



.....we do
what we do!





On the road with.....*Barbara & Ed*



In August, Ed and I headed out for a 9 day, 2,000 mile road trip. Although Ed has done this many times, it was my longest trip yet. First stop – Carlisle, PA. Carlisle is little town with lots to see and do. We stayed in a bed and breakfast that is listed in the National Select Registry and really enjoyed our stay. We visited the first restaurant on our list of places to try. We like to sit at the bar rather than a table because it's more comfortable and we always have a nice visit with the locals. In the morning, we were treated to a great breakfast (it's all about the food lol). After one night in Carlisle, we headed out to Cleveland, Ohio for a visit to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

What fun! After finding our way to downtown Cleveland we stopped off in front of the Cleveland Indian Stadium for a photo opp. We then found our next hotel and tried to figure out where to park the bike.....ugh.....a parking garage is better than the street. The following day (we aren't talking about last night's restaurant...Eww!) we went to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. What a trip down memory lane. Many bands that we grew up listening to – The featured band was the Rolling Stones. All Mick Jagger's outfits, the instruments, etc. Definitely put this on your to-do list. That night we had dinner at one of Michael Symon's restaurants.....Lola. Now that was a great place! Cleveland is a gem of a city with many good restaurants within walking distance of the Hyatt.



After Cleveland we headed down to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia for a stay at the Greenbrier. A little drizzle when we were leaving, but, all in all a pleasant ride. Once we hit West Virginia we found some wonderful roads. Riding through the mountains was a treat – beautiful vistas! And then there was that emergency “Oh shit, I think it's starting to rain” pit stop. We had actually just gotten gas about 20 miles before so we headed for the BP station at the next exit. Ed made believe he was filling up the tank for about 10 minutes or so and we took our sweet time washing the windshield. Fortunately it stopped pretty quickly and we were off again on the road. When we got to the Greenbrier and pulled up to the gate house, the guard said “Can I help you?” and we said “Sure, we are staying here”. He quickly explained that they don't allow motorcycles on the property. He said to turn around and that we could go in the driveway across the street and down about 1/8 mile. “Turn in there and there is a big green garage”. So off we went and when we pulled into the garage, there were 5 or 6 Mercedes Benz so we knew the bike would be safe there. Another plus was that no one was going to back into the bike in that garage. At the Greenbrier, Ed got to golf and I got to sit poolside. NOW we are talking great restaurants and service! The Greenbrier is the epitome of luxury! Each day we were there was very relaxing and Ed actually played golf on a course that the pros play on TV.



We stayed at the Greenbrier for four days and then headed out toward home. We got the shuttle to the garage across the street and found the bike in good order, right where we left it in good company with all those fancy cars. We got in some great riding through West Virginia and Virginia and found many places we would like to explore further. Put them on the list!!

Our last night on the road was in Lancaster, PA and then home. We had a great time! Nine days on the road and all good weather!

Submitted and written by.....Barbara D'Amato & Ed Reiff

Traction on Wet Roads by Dom Mozzone, Safety Officer

Although loss of traction may be obvious to most of you, it's not that obvious to riders who usually avoid riding when wet roads are expected. When you're on a trip with the club wet roads can come up on you quickly from above. You can run into that dreaded word 'rain' or suddenly ride onto a wet road after a down pour that you were lucky enough to miss.



With wet roads, the question becomes how much traction will be compromised during circumstances of: moderate rain with no standing water, rain with standing water, when it's damp but not raining, entering a curve or braking in a turn on wet surfaces. There are many variables to take into consideration and there are no set answers. But, there are some 'rules of physics' that we should all be aware of under all of those circumstances.



On dry pavement

- Your tire traction can handle up to about 1.1 g of traction

When your tire demands exceed that amount of traction you skid which reduces their ability to handle traction by about 25%

On wet (not standing water or with depth less than about 1/4 inch)

- Your tire can usually handle up to about .8 g of traction

When your tire demands exceed that amount of traction you will skid which reduces your tires' ability to handle control by about 50%

In standing water or depth greater than about 1/4 inch

- Traction available at speeds less than about 50 MPH remains able to handle about .8 g (we ride slower than that in standing rain water, I don't trust that 50 MPH estimate)

When your tire demands exceed that amount of traction you will **HYDROPLANE** which reduces your tires' ability to handle control to essentially **ZERO** and should not be tested under any circumstances.

Hydroplaning is more probable

- The faster you go
- The wider your tires or worn tread will reduce the speed you can go before hydroplaning
- The lower the air pressure in your tires (hence its imperative to keep your tire pressure correct)
- The deeper the water

This is true regardless of whether you are accelerating, in a straight line or turning.

It is most likely that your front tire will hydroplane before the rear one does because you ride a single-track vehicle. That is, the front tire squeezes most of the water off the roadway by the time the rear tire gets there. But those of us who have a wider tire on the rear wheel will find that the dynamics have changed. The odds of the rear tire hydroplaning first in that scenario can rise dramatically.

One last thought... water drainage on a highway, any wide roadway actually, drains to the right and that means that the depth of that water is greatest in the **SLOWEST LANES**. That suggests that the odds of hydroplaning are about equal in every lane. Slower movement but greater depth make the slow lanes as dangerous as the faster lanes. Bottom line- when it's raining **slow down**, when it's not raining and the road is wet **slow down** and especially if you're approaching a curve or an exit **slow down even more**. Ride safe, ride often, be aware of road conditions, anticipate, and most of all have a blast!!!

Up Coming.....



The *Easter Bunny Run* to Winthrop University Hospital's Pediatric Unit is scheduled for Saturday April 19th. This is a rain or shine event. For those of you who have never participated, this is a truly rewarding experience!



EVERYONE IN HUNTINGTON WILL BE IRISH ON *SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH*. ONCE AGAIN, WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR *ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE*. SO, *BREAK OUT YOUR GREEN, DECORATE YOUR BIKES AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION!*



Attention ladies! Annette Greco has arranged a *LOH* ride to the *Sands Casino in Bethlehem, Pa* May 3rd-4th. We will be staying at the *Holiday Inn Express* for reservations call 610 838-6110 Code *LJH* \$109 includes breakfast and shuttle to/from the casino. This rate is guaranteed until April 3 so **BOOK NOW!** This ride is open to all female members. Rooms are double occupancy. Non-riders might want to consider carpooling.



Mark your calendars. Our first over-night club ride for 2014 will be to *Rolling Thunder* in Washington, DC led by HRC Mario Ruffolo May 23rd-26th. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn for reservations call 703 450-9595. What better way to spend *Memorial Day Weekend* than honoring those that have fought and given so much for our freedom!



Get your cowboy boots shined up... RC Dom Mozzone is leading an over night ride *July 19th-27th* to *Nashville, TN*-the music capital of the world. This promises to be a ride to remember. You don't want to miss this one!



Ever wonder how those big touring bikes are made? Find out September 18th-23rd when RC Bill Vultaggio leads an over night ride to the *Harley Davidson Factory in York, PA*. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn for reservations call 717 840 1500 Code *LIR*



THERE'S NO PLACE MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN *NEW ENGLAND* IN THE FALL. JOIN RC NADINE HARTMAN FOR A TRIP TO *STURBRIDGE, MA* OCTOBER 3RD THRU 5TH. DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERAS, YOU'LL WANT TO CAPTURE THE BEAUTY OF THE FALL FOLIAGE!

******Watch the weekly e-mails for details on all up-coming rides and activities******

Did you know LI Harley Riders participated in 47 club rides consisting of 10,383 miles last year!!!

If you have a favorite ride, place you've visited or product you've used...why not share it with your friends? Just send a brief article and/or photo to: Editor@LIHarleyRiders.com

Did you know there is a LI Harley Riders banner you can borrow for your own trip? If you are interested speak with President Grumpy Hartmann.



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

March 2014

March Birthdays

Dennis Trizzary.....March 1
 Diane Ladigan.....March 1
 Martin Meise.....March 5
 Robert Beck.....March 6
 Fred Hartmann.....March 10
 Kathy Efthimiades...March 12
 Carolyn Maggiore.....March 13
 Jim Kowchewski.....March 16
 Mario Catone.....March 18
 John Ehlich.....March 19
 Angela Dallojacona.....March 23
 Ginny Nugent-Zeier...March 28



"Wearing of the green"

Originally, the color associated with Saint Patrick was **blue**. Over the years the color green and its association with Saint Patrick's Day grew. Green ribbons and shamrocks were worn in celebration of St. Patrick's Day as early as the 17th century. Saint Patrick is said to have used the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagan Irish, and the ubiquitous wearing and display of shamrocks and shamrock-inspired designs has become a feature of the day. In the 1798 rebellion, to make a political statement, Irish soldiers wore full green uniforms on March 17 in hopes of catching public attention. The phrase "the wearing of the green", meaning to wear a shamrock on one's clothing, derives from a song of the same name. (Wikipedia)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Local Ride	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Local Ride/ Daylight Saving's 	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 st Patrick's Day Parade Huntington 	17 	18	19	20 	21	22
23 Monthly Meeting/ Local Ride	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Local Ride	31					

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.

2014 Membership Get a friend involved!

Rockers , T-shirts , Sweatshirts, Mugs and Caps are on sale now!

2014 Membership Applications Available online!

Applications are available on our website or the weekly e-mail. Download it for your friend , have them fill it out then bring them down to the monthly meeting.

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, Bob Bernstein, Joe Bonura, Bob Corso, Buzzy Farquhar, Steve Ficalora, Ken Grant, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Mike Macari, Dave Marzola, Ken McKay, Dom Mozzone, Kenny Pastor, Lou Vaccarelli & Bill Vultaggio

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

NEXT MEETING
March 23, 2014
10 AM

Nathan Hale VFW Hall
210 West Pulaski Road
Huntington, NY

**Charter meetings are held
4th Sunday* of each month**
*(*unless otherwise noted)*

Bagels, Coffee and Tea
served
\$5.00 per person



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