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## President's Point of View, by Ed Reiff

Well spring is around the corner HAHHAHA. There is snow and more freezing temps on the way. Let's put our clocks ahead and see what happens. So three cheers for the chili contest winners. Steve Ficalora took 1<sup>st</sup> place, Annette Greco took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Cindy Doerler took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Tough decisions but somebody has to do it. Everyone had a great time. And movie night is Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendar.

Dominic Mozzone has set up an experienced rider course for us on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Contact Dom at [safetydirector@liharleyriders.com](mailto:safetydirector@liharleyriders.com) to get instructions where to apply. This date will go fast, and they are giving a B-B-Q lunch afterwards. This is a great refresher course to give your skills a tune-up.

At the March meeting we will be running over our Easter Bunny Ride to Winthrop Hospital. Dom Mazza our public relations officer will be letting us know all the particulars and he usually brings along a representative from the hospital. This is such a great thing we do, and this will be the 18<sup>th</sup> year we are doing it. The kids that are infirmed there and their parents as well are so appreciative and they all just love to see and hear the bikes as we pull in with the bunny leading. Try to make it this year if you can as the more bikes the better. If you can't be at the meeting and would like to donate a gift you can email me, and you can drop it at my office or I can pick it up from you.

Our road captains have planned out for 8 weekend and overnight trips for this riding season. Check out the weekly emails so you can plan on one or two of these. On a weekly basis they do an amazing job keeping us riding all over the island and the 4 or 5 states that are close by. If you haven't taken an over night trip with us, you should as it's well planned and we have a great time. The club is 7 year's old this month and we plan on reaching our 10,000 mile goal (if it would get nice on Sundays would help). There is a ride on St. Patrick's Day this year so let's get our green on.

Our Bike Blessing will be after the April meeting which will be the 28<sup>th</sup>. Deacon Dale will be at the meeting and give us his blessing for another safe year on the bike. Also, to honor the moms in your life we will be doing our annual Mother's Day ride on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like us to visit with any mom please get in touch with me and let me know. It's always fun for them when all the bikers pull up to the home and deliver flowers (rain date will be Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>).

So that's it for now, see you on the road. Keep the shiny side up.





# February Meeting



Once again the winter weather has curtailed our rides but our February meeting and annual Chili contest was another success. President Ed Reiff led the meeting and had a mind challenging Trivia contest. The club welcomed a new member. Jason McKeivitt rides a 2009 Fat Boy. We hope Jason gets a chance to ride with us very soon. We congratulated Head RC Mario on his new bike; a 2019 Ultra Limited. Big welcome to Richie and Ginny Zeier's two new grandchildren. Both were born within a week of each other, welcome Vaughn and Amelia! Our ex-Treasure George Foundotos celebrated his 80th birthday with the club singing a rousing Happy Birthday Tribute. Chris and Deidre received their Five year patches (our first meeting was the annual Chili contest in 2014). Our dedicated volunteer members received their 2018 Volunteer Rocker. Our volunteers from the board members to our Road Captains donate their time and talent to make this club great!

Head RC Mario discussed the upcoming rides, The Polar Bear ride went off as planned but the last four rides have been cancelled due to cold weather and bad road conditions. Ed discussed the poor road conditions and pot holes. Remember to check emails and the hotline for updates on ride information. Looking forward we have 8 overnighters planned,. The first is the Rolling Thunder in May. Hotel reservations and info are on sign up genius. April 20th is our annual Easter Bunny Ride to NYU/Winthrop Hospital Child Life program. Next month's meeting we will have a representative from the program giving us info on ideas for the kids! The Clubs Mother's Day Ride is planned for May 5th (rain date May 11), There will be a sign up sheet for anyone who would like their mother's, daughters, sisters etc. who would like a visit from the club with plenty of time for pictures and flowers.

Activities Director Lynne has a Movie Night Planned for March 15th. A Facebook event will be created. Popcorn will be served! Annette discussed plans for a LOH overnigher. The LOH enjoyed a great night with dinner and drinks at Butterfields last month. Ed is looking for T-shirt donations for a wall hanging to be raffled off at an upcoming meeting. The 50/50 raffle was won by Christine Vultaggio for 1st place and Joe Giacalone in 2nd.

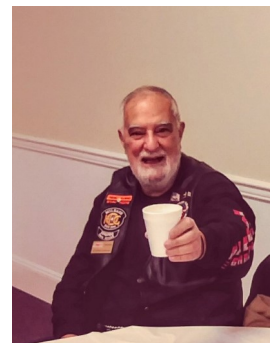
Here's to hoping there will be warmer weather and lots of rides in the near future!!



# February Meeting



Big Thanks to our Terrific Volunteers!!!!



Happy Birthday George!



Mario's New Ride



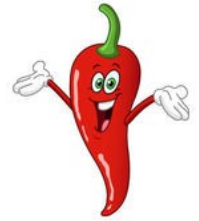
New Member Jason McKeivitt







# LIHR Chili Contest



The Club's annual Chili Contest was another great success. This year we had six entries of delicious chili including white chicken chili, pheasant Chili, bacon chili and Game Day chili. Members enjoyed homemade corn bread, Italian hero and an amazing apple strudel. First place went to RC Steve Ficalora with his chili with cayenne glazed bacon tidbits, 2nd Place went to Annette Greco for her delicious chili and Cindy Doerler for her Game Day Chili. Our winners enjoyed some Jack Daniels and a bag of LIHR goodies. Congrats and a big thanks to all our members who provided their best chili and cornbread.





# Profile on two wheels



Even though the club's riding has been severely curtailed due to winter weather and poor road conditions I thought it would be nice to touch base with one of our members who is enjoying life and riding this winter. Our wandering club member Bill Meneely and his wife Patty are wintering in sunny southwest Arizona. They are currently hunkered down on BLM land in Courtside Arizona. With their solar panels on top of their RV they are able to set up house for months at a time "off the grid". Bill, Patty and their two dogs have traveled across the country twice and have stayed in 17 states. They traveled the famed Route 66 from California to Missouri. After setting up house they are able to take his Harley and visit some of the off the beaten path sites most people don't get to see when most are so busy running from place to place! They pick a destination, research places to park the RV, amazing routes and off they go. Planning ahead they are plotting travels to the Black Hills of South Dakota, Yellowstone, Mount Rushmore and Brice Canyon in Utah! Bill and Patty got to spend some time with Richie and Ginny Zeier when they were visiting family in Arizona. When we are stuck inside watching the winter weather follow Bill's amazing travels on Facebook!



## Emergency Braking

By Dom Mozzone - Safety Officer



In my neighborhood some of my neighbors are buying scooters to sport around with during the summer. They know that I ride and one day I was approached with the question of what is the most important thing about riding? I immediately responded: to know your bikes capabilities and know how to properly brake. They looked at me like I had two heads and I heard the comment, its simple you just squeeze the brakes and you'll stop.

So I turned it around and asked how would you do an evasive emergency stop? The silence was deafening. I then said it's a snap. Practice emergency, maximum braking. But, first there's a couple of things you need to know. Number 1: The front brake is 70% of your braking force. Due to that fact, you must put more pressure on the front brake than the rear brake. If you happen to lock the front tire, you must release it immediately then reapply it. Squeeze the front brake and apply increasing pressure, don't grab it. If you lock the rear tire, don't release it. If you do, there's a good chance you will high side and be thrown off the motorcycle. With a motorcycle, you can still steer when the rear tire is locked and skidding, if you should lock up the rear tire remember to keep it locked and steer accordingly until you've stopped. You must also remember that the motorcycle must be straight up when performing maximum braking. This is not to say that you can't brake with the bike leaned over in a turn, you can lightly brake with both brakes in that situation, but maximum braking must be done with the bike straight up. Guess what, I got their attention after explaining the issues of braking.

The points made were that you must learn to modulate your brakes to keep from locking them and the only way to do that is to practice, practice, practice. Keep repeating to yourself, use that front brake with controlled increasing pressure and don't grab it. That will assist you in putting more pressure on the front brake than the rear brake.

You should practice maximum braking from whatever speed you normally ride. If you practice, then in an emergency situation, you will revert to your training to maximize your chances of a successful hard stop. Another alternative is to buy a bike with anti-lock brakes, just remember, even with anti-lock brakes, the bike still has to be straight up to perform maximum braking.



For a complete list of Charter Events and the latest information, visit [www.LIHarleyRiders.com](http://www.LIHarleyRiders.com) for details.

# March 2019

March Birthday's

- Robert Beck 3/6
- Arturo Berke 3/25
- John Capobianco 3/13
- Cindy Doerler 3/29
- Kathy Efthimiades 3/12
- Susan Hachmann 3/22
- Fred Hartmann 3/10
- Dennis Irizarry 3/1
- Jim Kowchefski 3/16
- Mark Lentini 3/11
- Kevin Lixfield 3/6

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Local Ride RC Ralph Rocky PT KSU 10:30 Gemini	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Local Ride RC Dom KSU 10:30 Exit 56 East Port	11	12	13	14	15 Movie Night	16
17 Local Ride RC Ed KSU 10:30 Exit 56 Sayville	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Monthly Meeting  Local Ride RC Mario	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Local Ride RC Bill KSU 10:30 Exit 56 Greenport Brewery						



Upcoming Events

**Winthrop Child Life Ride 4/20**

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## March Upcoming Rides

### Upcoming Rides

March 3 RC Ralph KSU 10:30 Gemini Maui Chophouse Rocky Point  
March 10 RC Dom KSU 10:30 exit 56 Tri-Angle Pub East Port  
March 17 RC Ed KSU exit 56 Café Joel Sayville  
March 24 RC Mario Monthly Meeting  
March 31 RC Bill KSU exit 56 Greenport Brewing



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Movie night March 15 7:00pm (check Facebook)  
NYU/Winthrop Child Life Ride April 20  
Mothers Day Ride May 5  
Rolling Thunder May 24-May 26

### How About a Big Cheer for Our Road Captains?

Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo, Asst. Head Road Captain: Sal Fino  
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