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President's Point of View, by Ed Reiff

Welcome spring 2020. It's been a relatively warm winter and we have managed to get our club out there and ride a half dozen times or so. That's good compared to the last few winters. We will be putting our clocks ahead in a couple weeks and that's always a sign of spring. Did someone say Chili Contest? And the winners are Cheryle Bullwinkle in 1st, Deidre Kuster in 2nd and Pam Barbieri in 3rd place.....3 cheers for them. As always, a good time was had by all.

At the March meeting we will be speaking about the Winthrop Easter Bunny Ride which is Saturday April 11th. A representative from the hospital will be there to explain things to us. This will be the 19th year we are doing it, of course we started when we were Lighthouse Harley. We go there to visit the Pediatric Care Unit and the kids get such a kick out of us pulling up on the bikes. Try to make it this year if you can as the more the merrier. Anyone who can't make it and would like to donate a gift can bring it to the March meeting or you can drop them off at my office, 128 Pulaski Rd in Kings Park.

Looking forward to the next few months, our first overnighter is early April where we will be going to Montauk Point to see the sunrise. Great idea RC Steve Ficalora. Our Bike Blessing will be after the April meeting which will be on April 26th. Also, to honor the moms in your life we will be doing our annual Mother's Day ride on Sunday May 3rd. If you would like us to visit with your mom (sister, daughter, etc) please get in touch with Annette or myself and let us know. It's always fun for the mom's when all the bikes pull up to the home and we deliver flowers. (rain date will be Saturday the 9th).

We are working on a "Master Calendar" which will be coming soon. In the calendar will be all the dates of overnight rides, dates for social events such as the summer party and the holiday party. Things like Mother's Day ride, the annual poker run for the vets, bike nights, etc. Keep your eyes open, it will be in the members only area.

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



VP Corner

By Steve Ficalora



LIHR VP Corner - February 2020
"Ghost Rider: Travels on the Healing Road"

Winter is always a bit of a challenge for those of us addicted to Motorcycling. While we have enjoyed some mild weather this season, Winter is when I'm planning new routes, looking for ideas or inspiration for new rides and destinations or trying to find some new music to listen to. On one of the colder days this February, I returned home from work to find a package waiting for me on the Kitchen counter. As I picked it up, it was certainly too heavy to be that new Pat Metheny CD I had pre-ordered months ago. As I opened the package and saw the book title, it all came back to me: *Ghost Rider: Travels on the Healing Road*, by Neil Peart.

A few months prior, I had read with dismay of the passing of Neil Peart in January, drummer and lyricist for the band Rush. Being a music lover and playing in rock bands as a young man, I had followed this band most of their career, playing a Univox copy of the red and white Rickenbacker bass guitar that Geddy Lee had in those early days. Although I had known that Neil was an avid motorcyclist, I somehow never "got around to" reading any of his books on the topic. When he passed in January, I searched the internet to find this book and now it had arrived.

While I am only a few chapters into the book at this point, suffice it to say that his brilliant drumming and lyric writing was only the tip of the iceberg into the intellect of this incredible individual. His depth of thought and genuine writing style will captivate you from the first few sentences. This is the heartfelt story of a man who turned into a self-describe "Ghost" following multiple tragedies that no one person should ever need to endure. He brilliantly chronicles his travels along the "healing road", via Motorcycle of course. When I ordered it, I had hoped that this would not simply be a collection of journal scribbles by a hurried traveler, and it is not. There are original journal entries that are referred to and presented to the reader occasionally for detail, and their targeted placement only solidifies the reality of his journey.

Reading this book has given me a new admiration for this talented and learned man, a new appreciation for all my own wonderful friends, family, and the memories we have made together, as well as providing countless ideas for future riding, including some "Rocky Roads" even I would need to avoid! 😊

Whether you are a fan of the band or not, I strongly urge you to read this book if you have not already done so. You will be taken on a journey of heart, mind, and soul via motorcycle. Below is a link I found of the places he visited on his Journey. It is unfortunately absent of the actual routes taken, however many of these roads are detailed in the book.

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February Meeting



Our February meeting had a good turnout with 51 members attending. We welcomed three new members this month! Paul and Debra Timony who are friends with Jeff Grube and Nancy Johnson. Paul and Debra ride a 2015 Limited. We also welcomed Gordon Bailey, friends with Diane Maiorca. Gordon rides a 2004 Ultra Classic. Harley sales suffered as we welcomed now new bikes! The meeting was led by President Ed Reiff who discussed the upcoming riding season. Our first overnighiter is coming up in early April led by VP Steve Ficalora to Montauk. The 2020 riding season is all planned and we hope to have everything posted on a master calendar on the website for members only. Our webmaster Rod is hard at work setting this up. Please remember to use the sign up genius for rides so our hardworking Road Captains have a list of members. Currently we have 127 active members to keep track of!

Looking forward we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day after the March meeting and any members bringing food or desert will get free entrance to the meeting. There will be a Facebook event for sign up. Our annual Easter Bunny Ride to NYU Winthrop Pediatric unit is April 11. This ride is rain or shine with lunch to follow at Famous Dave's. Our Public Relations Officer Dom Mazza reviewed The Child Life Program and how it benefits the children, siblings and parents of children who are hospitalized. This program benefits children from newborns to teenagers. Dom also discussed the Sagamore meditation garden. The LIHR will be purchasing a commemorative brick for the garden. Our Activities Director Lynne Ficalora has been busy planning some social activities. After our April meeting (4/26) we will have our annual bike Blessing. A dinner night is planned for March 14th at the Parlor House Grille in Oakdale and the LOH have a girls night out at Molly Hatchets with dinner to follow. Our annual Holiday Party is scheduled for December 12th and will be held at the VFW Hall this year! Our annual Mothers Day Ride is be planned by our LOH Director Annette Greco so reach out to her if you have any Moms who would enjoy a visit!

Our Safety Officer Dom was away but VP Steve and Head RC reviewed the importance of passing the hand signals back for every member on the road. VP Steve has made arrangements for a Defensive Driving class for all our members on March 28 at the VFW Hall. The cost will be \$40 pp and is open to all members and friends and family. Dom Mozzone has made arrangements for an advanced riding course with On the Road Again and VP Steve has made arrangements for a CPR and First aid course for our RC and members. Safety is always our priority.

After Pam's monthly trivia contest our 50/50 raffles were won by Past VP Bill Vultaggio and Nancy Johnson who both donated their winnings back to the club to purchase our brick for the Sagamore Memorial Garden.

RC Gary Kinkel led a scenic North Shore ride which was attended by 20 bikes and 23 members with some beautiful views of the Gold Coast. The ride ended back at the VFW for our annual Chili contest. We have had a great start this year with six rides and only one cancellation for a total of 258 miles since January 1st! Here is to a great 2020 riding season!



New members Debra & Paul Timony and Gordon Bailey



This month's 50/50 winners!



Lynne Ficalora gets her 5 year patch!



Super Bowl Ride

February 2, 2020



Congratulations to Probie RC Jeff Grube on his first ride as an probationary RC. Jeff led 16 bikes and members on a scenic ride through the back roads of Suffolk county. Our members enjoyed a brisk ride with only a few wet spots and ended up at Phil's in Wading River for a scrumptious lunch. As always a big shout out to all the RC's who helped Jeffs first ride to be a success and all our members who came out to support him.





Calverton Ride February 9, 2020



RC Gary led our members on a brisk ride in Suffolk County. 13 bikes and 16 members enjoyed a winter ride on some winding roads, some new and some old. Scenic views of sod farms and wooded areas were enjoyed. We stopped for a photo op at the Grumman Memorial Park in Calverton where several planes were on display. After the photos the ride continued on to JC's Restaurant at Mikes PlaceTwo in Mastic for a great lunch. Our Road Captains as always kept us safe on the road.





North Shore Ramble

February 16, 2020



On February 16th RC Chris led 18 bikes and 20 riders on some beautiful North Shore Roads with views of Oyster Bay, Lattingtown, Glen Cove, Mill Neck and Brookville. It was brisk day but sunny and we got some sweeping vistas of the Gold Coast homes and scenery. We enjoyed some windy roads with many pot holes. After enjoying this great Sunday afternoon a delicious lunch was enjoyed at BK Sweeney's Parkside Tavern in Bethpage. As always our Road Captains kept us safe and we arrived with all our parts!



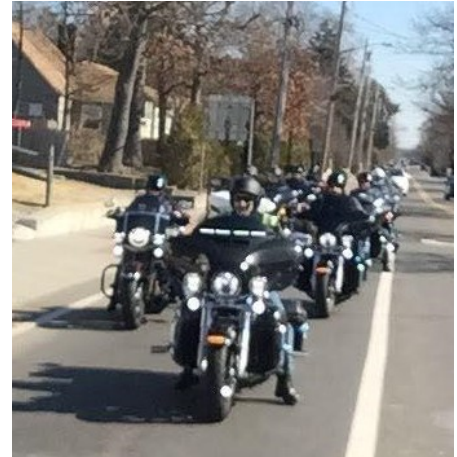


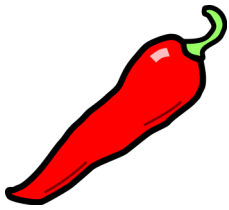
Gary's North Shore Ride

February 23, 2020



RC Gary Kinkel led 20 bikes and 23 members on a scenic North Shore Ride after our monthly meeting. Our members enjoyed some beautiful twisty roads and views of some historic homes. The ride took our members through Syosset, Muttontown, Mill Neck and Cold Spring Harbor. After enjoying a brisk winter ride they returned to the VFW for the annual Chili Contest.

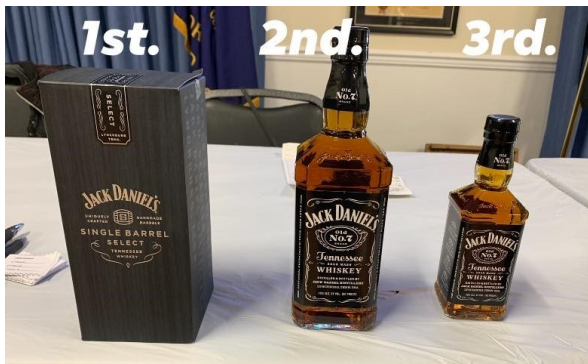




LIHR Annual Chili Contest February 23, 2020



Following our February meeting and a short ride led by RC Gary Kinkel we enjoyed the annual LIHR chili contest. Organized by Activities Director Lynne we had 7 chili entries made by Cheryl Katz Bullwinkel, Deidre Kuster, Pam Barbieri, Steve Ficalora, Ken Pastor, Joe Sabia and Richie Truran. We enjoyed homemade corn bread by Annette Greco and Cheryl Katz Bullwinkel. Our members enjoyed a hero chaser. After a hearty lunch the judging began and First Place went to Cheryl Katz Bullwinkel, 2nd place Deidre Kuster and 3rd Place went to Pam Barbieri. Our prize winners went home with some Jack Daniels and Cheryl will get her picture in the famous toilet bowl frame for the year! Thanks to everyone who entered and congratulations to our winners for the 2020 year.





LOH Axe Throwing February 28, 2020



The first LOH activity of 2020 was a night full of fun. Our LOH Activities Director Annette Greco did a great job organizing a night of axe throwing. 13 ladies met at Molly Hatchets in Ronkonkoma to test their skills with the axes. After a brief safety review by the Ax Masters the ladies got busy hurling axes. A great night with some sharp ladies with good aim. I think the men should be worried! After an exhausting 1 1/2 hours of hurling axes a great dinner was enjoyed at Old City pub.



February Safety Article

by Dom Mozzone

The Importance of Two Second Spacing



Our club has adopted the two second rule that MSF-USA.Org follows. It allows for proper group management safely while providing enough spacing time to control our group's ride. Being the seasoned riders that most of us are we can also easily fall into a pace of complacency on a ride that could have a negative impact on our fellow club members. Have you ever been on a ride where you're constantly trying to catch up and hitting speeds that do not make you comfortable? Of course you have. Its called rubber banding, where someone falls behind our club standard two second spacing then picks it up to catch up. What that does is negatively impact the riders behind the laggard one and exacerbates the impact as the actions progress to the rear of the pack. This can repeat itself multiple times on a ride making it very uncomfortable, unpredictable and yes unsafe!!

It is absolutely imperative that we all respect our fellow club members and maintain a two second spacing, at all speeds, from the motorcycle directly in front of you. How can you do that? Just pick a marker on the road or a pole the motorcycle is passing in front of you and say to yourself in normal speech: One- One Thousand, Two- One Thousand. At the end of the 2nd One Thousand that's two seconds and where your front tire should be behind the bike in front of you. This works at all speeds the same way, the slower you go the closer you will be, the opposite for higher speeds, you'll be farther apart. Keeping alert and checking your spacing periodically will make the ride more enjoyable for all concerned keeping spacing corrections to a minimum. If you zone out and let the distance increase on you and try to catch up, remember, you are negatively impacting everyone behind you.

Also keep in mind for non-highway local rides we as a club have been blocking at certain intersections that the road captain leading the group checked out prior to the ride. When passing these blocked intersections its extremely important for the group to keep consistent spacing or an oncoming car may perceive that the group is completed, if someone is excessively behind, and attempt to make it around one of our road captains prematurely, not good! Remember, be conscience of your spacing at all times to assure a predictable and enjoyable experience.

Ride often, space yourself properly and have a blast riding at any speed.




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

March 2020

March Birthday's

- Robert Beck 3/6
- Arturo Berk 3/25
- John Capobianco 3/13
- Cindy Doerler 3/29
- Kathy Efthmiades 3/12
- Sue Hachmann 3/28
- Fred Hartmann 3/10
- Dennis Irizarry 3/1
- Jim Kowchefski 3/16
- Mark Lentini 3/11
- Kevin Lixfield 3/6

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----|---|-----|-----|-----|--|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Daylight savings begins | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Club Dinner 7pm Parlor House Grill |
| 15 | 16 | 17  | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Defensive Driving Course VFW Hall 9am |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Monthly meeting Local Ride St Patty's celebration | 30 | 31 | | | | |



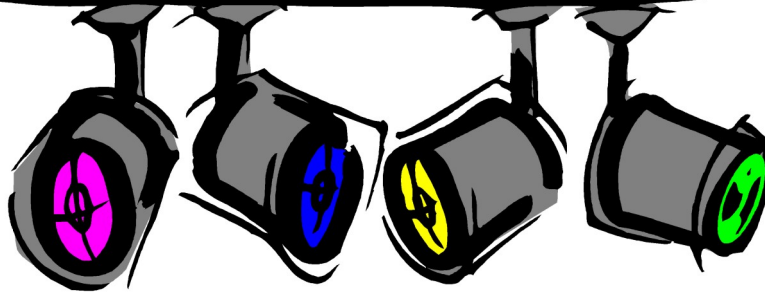
Upcoming Events

- Club Dinner Parlor House Grille 3/14/20
- Montauk Sunrise Ride April 4th-5th (1st Overnighter 2020)
- NYU Winthrop Easter Bunny Ride 4/11/20 (Rain or Shine)
- Mothers Day Ride 5/3/20 (raindate 5/9/20)

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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3/8/20 Head RC Mario KSU Gemini Deli - Green Turtle Smithtown
3/15/20 RC Bill KSU exit 56 - Sundays on the Bay Hampton Bays
3/22 Monthly Meeting Local Ride RC Steve
3/29 RC Nadine TBD



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UPCOMING EVENTS

CPR and First Aid 3/14/20 VFW Hall (contact Steve Ficalora for more info)
Defensive Driving 3/21/20 VFW Hall
Easter Bunny Ride 4/11/20 Rain or Shine
Advance Riding Course @ On the Road Again (Dom Mozzone)
Biker Blessing 4/26/20

How About a Big Cheer for Our Road Captains?

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

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