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President's Point of View, by Steve Ficalora

LIHR March President's Message



Hello Everybody! While I was not in attendance, I heard from all the officers and saw all the pictures from the February meeting. I'm so happy to see so many members engaged, it means a lot to everyone in this club. I think we're all itching for spring to arrive. Okay, okay, I cheated and escaped down to Florida for a few weeks. Believe me the weather has been incredible, and while I was able to get out a few times on the '09 Street Glide I keep down here, most of the time I've been working my @\$\$ off in front of the computer and staring at the sunshine through the window, escaping only for a workout at the gym or a walk around the community at lunchtime. I'm really not sure what's worse, being stuck inside during the winter, or

when it's beautiful out? OK, winter is definitely worse 😊

The good news is that not only is Spring just around the corner, but so is our first overnight ride! I'm really praying that the weather cooperates and we have a nice weekend to escape out to Montauk for the Sunrise Ride. While it is designed to be an overnight ride, as Sal mentioned in the meeting, we will work out the ride details so that those that just want to make it a day trip will be able to do so. All of our overnight rides and Hotel accommodations are available on the website, so take look and get your reservations in to lock in our group rate before the deadline. Montauk, Nashville, Bills Bike Barn, Gettysburg, Mecum Auto Auction, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, New Hampshire. There's something here for everyone!

Another ride idea we have for this spring will be the "Bring a buddy" ride. While all our rides are open to guests, we will be targeting a particular ride or meeting to encourage current members to invite a riding friend who is not a member to join us to experience LIHR first hand. We all have them, myself included, friends who ride but don't feel comfortable riding in a big group, or perhaps they've had a bad experience with a different club. All we ask is for our members to bring along a guest so they can see what LIHR is all about, which is riding of course!

We are also discussing the annual Easter bunny ride with Nicole from Child Life services at Winthrop. While we do appear to be turning the corner on the Pandemic, we will most likely not be allowed inside the hospital, so we are putting our heads together to come up with an alternative plan. There are many options on the table but too early to make a call on this so stay tuned. This spring we are also planning to have our annual biker blessing and are working to get those details finalized so we can communicate it out to all of you.

I look forward to seeing all of you very soon. Ride Safe!

Find a new road...

Steve



February Meeting



Winter has been curtailing our ability to ride. Every planned ride for February has been cancelled due to snow, ice and poor road conditions. As of the beginning of the year we have only had two rides for a total of 71 miles! That means it will only get better! Our RC's are hard at work planning our on and off-island rides and we have seven overnight rides planned. The first ride is in April led by President Steve to Montauk for a sunrise ride. Remember to check the website as our Assistant Activity director Stephan has made hotel reservations with the group rates in place.

We had a great turnout for the February Meeting. We had 47 attendees. We had one new member Paul Patorno. Paul attended our January meeting and decided to officially join us this month. John Capobianco traded his "ole yeller" in for a beautiful 2021 Ultra Limited. Unfortunately our annual Chili Contest had to be cancelled due to ongoing pandemic rules so Cheryl Bullwinkel continues to be our reigning champion for another year. We are hoping to have the chili contest in the Summer. VP Ed ran the meeting and asked everyone to add to our suggestion box in the website for places to visit or a restaurant to enjoy. We discussed the clubs' signature rides including the Easter Bunny Ride, Mother's Day ride in May, the Poker Run in September and the Sagamore Children's Ride in November. We are hoping to have a Biker's Blessing in the late Spring. As always the rides are tentative due to the current pandemic rules. Also looking ahead our Elections are going to be held in the Fall. To be eligible to vote you must be an AMA member. If you would like to run for a primary office you must be an AMA member and have been a discretionary officer for one year. This club is run by volunteers and we are always looking for more! If you would like to volunteer in any way reach out to any of the officers.

We honored two of our members with the brand new Challenge Coin. George Marchelos who has volunteered as our DJ at many of our Holiday Partys and Stefan Efthimiades who has volunteered as Activities Director and now as Assistant Activities director received the Challenge Coin. We ended the meeting with our monthly Trivia contest with this month's theme was Nature Parks, trails and State Forests. Our 50/50 winners were 1st prize Gerry Romano and 2nd place to Bob Uldal. Lets hope we ride together real soon!



John's New Ride



Challenge Coin Honoree's



50/50 winners



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 two of our past members who are enjoying life and riding this winter. I reached out to our past RC Rich Zeier and Past Editor Ginny Zeier who are enjoying their retirement in Conroe TX. They survived with little trouble the terrible winter freeze this past month that most of Texas suffered. Rich and Ginny retired to Texas in 2019 and are enjoying the warm weather and beautiful country. Rich still rides every day whether to visit his son and granddaughters or 2 days a week where he works at local hospital! Rich is riding a 2019 Electria Glide Standard and Ginny is riding her beautiful "Moe" a 2012 Dyna Switch Back. She recently added 12" ape hangers and changed up her saddle bags.

They have been busy traveling; either riding or trailering to different destinations. This past June they visited Nashville where they were joined by Kathy and Stefan Efthimiades and Mike and Joanne McKeon. They also enjoyed lunch with our past member Dave Mazzola who moved to TN. In August they visited Arkansas where they were joined by The Efthimiades and Annette and Joe. They rode the Twisted Sisters and visited Devils Den Park and the Mystic Caverns to name a few. October it was off the Florida where they took in Biketoberfest in Daytona. They are planning to visit Vegas and Sturgis in the upcoming months.

We miss them terribly but we are jealous about all the riding they have been doing! We hope to see them back in NY when the pandemic and travel restrictions improve.



MARCH SAFETY ARTICLE

By Dom Mozzone



Infamous Left Turns

The infamous vehicle making a left turn into your lane is definitely an ah s&\$t moment that you need to prepare for every time you approach an intersection. By far more accidents occur at intersections due to vehicles turning left into your lane because they didn't see you!! The statistics are compelling to heighten our awareness when approaching cars at intersections preparing to make left turns in front of you. It seems simple enough, but these collisions make up **42%** of all accidents that involve a motorcycle and another vehicle.

The turning car usually hits the motorcycle when going straight through an intersection, trying to pass the car, or overtaking it.

These accidents are pretty common among passenger vehicles as well, but the smaller size and the less visibility with motorcycles make these accidents even more common.

In a vast majority of these cases, the vehicle making the left turn will be found at fault for the accident.

There are certain situations where the motorcycle could be found at least partially fault, like if they were speeding or in the wrong lane.

The following points will help to prevent an accident.

1. Run with your high beam on during the day. This catches other drivers' eyes and makes you appear closer. It also helps separate you from the increasing number of cars with daytime running lights.
2. Wear a brightly colored—Day-Glo, yellow, orange, white or red—jacket.
3. Wear a helmet painted a single bright color or has conspicuous reflective material on it.
4. Position yourself where drivers waiting at an intersection can see you as you approach.
5. Use large vehicles, such as trucks and buses, as shields and pass through the intersection next to them. Cross-traffic might not see you, but they will see a bus—and they won't turn in front of it.
6. Be aware of what you can't see. A larger vehicle ahead of you, even an SUV or mini-van—can conceal a small car that's about to turn in front of you. Never commit yourself to an intersection until you can see all potential threats.
7. Unless you believe a car may turn in front of you, maintain a constant (but prudent) or very slightly slowing speed as you approach the intersection. Drivers may not anticipate acceleration and feel there's room to get in front of you. If they perceive that you're slowing, they may believe you're going to turn or stop and that it's okay to pull out.
8. Don't signal for any turn you plan to make immediately after the intersection until you are clear of the intersection and be sure to cancel your signals immediately after any turn, since a forgotten signal tells a driver that you're going to turn and he can pull out.
9. If there's only one potential threat in the intersection, gradually move to the opposite side of your lane or an adjacent same-direction lane.
10. Don't proceed just because you believe you have made eye contact with the driver who was beginning to turn in front of you. Many riders have said, "We made eye contact, but he just kept turning...."
11. Be cognizant of the time of day and the sun's position, i.e., if you headed east at sunset the car facing you at an intersection wants to make a left turn has the sun in his eyes. Extra caution needs to be taken during those conditions.



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

March 2021

March Birthday's

Dennis Irizarry 3/1

Jill Dara 3/2

Debra Timony 3/2

Robert Beck 3/6

Fred Hartmann 3/10

Mark Lentini 3/11

Kathy Efthimiades
3/12

John Capobianco
3/13

Tracey Nathel 3/15

Jim Kowchefski
3/16

Susan Hachmann
3/28

Cindy Doerler 3/29

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 RC Jeff Phil's in Wading River	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 HRC Sal Del Fuego Northport	15	16	17 St Patrick Day 	18	19	20
21 Pres Steve Napper Tandy's Smithtown	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Monthly Meeting RC Gary Local Ride	29	30	31			



Upcoming Events

Easter Bunny Ride to NYU Winthrop Child Life Program 4/3/21

Mother's Day Ride 5/2/21 raindate 5/8/21

Remember to check emails and facebook for updates!

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!!!!

3/7/21 RC Jeff Ride to Phil's Wading River KSU exit 56 10:30 am

3/14/21 HRC Sal Ride to Del Fuego Northport KSU exit 56 10:30 am

3/21/21 Pres. Steve Ride to Napper Tandy's KSU 11 am exit 56

3/28/21 Monthly Meeting Local ride RC Gary Lunch TBD



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



2021 Overnighters

Montauk Sunrise Ride 4/10/21-4/11/21

Nashville TN 5/13/21-5/22/21

Bills Biker Barn Bloomsburg PA 6/3/21-6/6/21

Gettysburg PA 6/25/21-6/27/21

Auto Auction Mecum PA 7/30/21-8/1/21

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

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

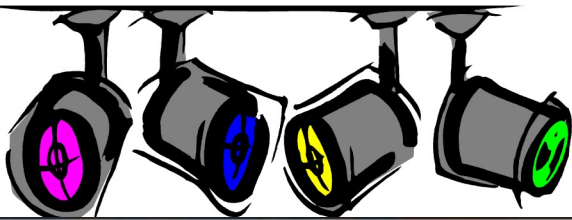
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HELLO
my name is

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**NEXT MEETING
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