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President's Point of View, by Steve Ficalora



LIHR President's Message March 2022

Hello everyone! Wow, it seems like just yesterday there was snow everywhere and it looked like we would never get the Polar Bear ride in, and wham, just like that, the Polar Bear ride is in the books and we're looking at longer days and warmer weather (hopefully) as February turns to March and April is hiding just around the corner. I'm sure we're all looking forward to riding being an actual activity and not just wishful thinking!

I want to sincerely thank everyone who came out for movie night and the February meeting and Chili contest. Not only did all of the chili disappear but also the sandwiches and salads lived a short life too! Thanks also to the members for another lively meeting and a big congratulations to Cheryl for leading here first official ride as a Road Captain! I would like thank Joe for giving a detailed accounting of our finances, which was another one of the membership requests from last year. I also want to give a big shout out to VP Jeff, who has certainly hit the ground running. He has setup a Defensive driving course, reached out to On the Road again and Big Apple for both training and to work with them to allow us to introduce LIHR to their graduates. We're hoping this can translate into gaining a few new members as we progress through the 2022 riding season, however the best advertisement is one coming directly from a member. Next time you're out riding and meet other riders, invite them to the next Monthly meeting!

Sal took us through all of the weekly rides planned thus far as well as the coming year's overnighters. All of the overnight rides have been scheduled and hotels reserved with the exception of one, which we are in the process of modifying. As we mentioned during the meeting, if you are interested in any of the overnighters, please book a room. Most of our group reservations have liberal cancellation policies, and remember, if you are planning to go but cannot make it, please reach out to the membership first before cancelling your room, as other's may be interested in taking the room off of your hands. All of the details for every overnight ride including hotel information are in the weekly emails.

I would like to also encourage everyone to continue providing the open/honest feedback to the officers and road captains. This club is committed to providing the best, safest riding experience for our members, and we cannot do that without your input. As we ask in every weekly email, if you have a ride idea, a destination, or an event suggestion, please speak up, and remember the best way to help yourself and your club is to volunteer and get involved. We're always looking for Road Captains and we are currently in need of an editor and safety officer. Even if you're not sure, reach out and talk to one of us. odds are, it is not as difficult or time consuming as you may think!

Find a new road...

Steve



February Meeting



February saw the club host it's annual chili contest. We had no new members but we welcomed back our newest members Steve Lund and Steve Mitchell. Congratulations to Richie Truran on the purchase of his Vintage '74 Bultaco 360 Persang. Richie raced a Bultaco for 10 years doing Motocross and bought the classic bike at Mecum Auto Auction. Looking forward, President Steve discussed the club's signature rides, including the upcoming Easter Bunny Ride to benefit the Child Life Program at NYU Langone. Unfortunately, since visitors are still not permitted in the hospital the club will have to again make alternate plans. This will be the club's 22^{nd} year supporting this wonderful program. Last year we held a virtual fundraiser where we raised \$1,000. Dom Mazza has been in contact with Nicole at NYU to gather a wish list for the children. The list will be presented to the club at the next meeting and via email. May brings our Mothers Day Ride so start thinking of the women in your lives who deserve a little pampering! Fathers Day festivities are in the planning stages. Our Summer Party dates have been locked in for 7/31 with a rain date 8/7. We are looking for volunteers to offer their home for the party (the only requirement is a pool and availability for both dates).

September brings our annual Poker Run to benefit the Veterans Place. Following the Poker Run, the club purchases needed supplies and delivers them in November. Our annual Sagamore Children's Ride is in December and we hope to be able to interact with the kids this year. Through fundraising efforts the club has purchased a memorial bench for the Mindfulness Garden planned for the grounds at Sagamore. The club plans to be on hand for the dedication. Stay tuned.

Joe G reviewed the financial status of the club. He discussed the fixed costs that the club covers including rent and insurance. We are looking for new advertisers! Our cost has not changed so if you would like to advertise reach out to me. A business card \$100, 1/2 page ad \$150 and a full page ad is \$250.

VP Jeff has made arrangements for a defensive driving course to be held on 4/9. Sign up will be through sign-up Genius. He also made arrangements for a Skills Riding course through Big Apple. The class will be held at Heckscher State Park on 4/30 from 1:00p- 6:30p. Sign up is at BigApplemoto.com for \$175 but LIHR get a \$25 discount and receive a \$50 HOG gift card for completing the class.

After the meeting Probie RC Cheryl lead her first ride. Cheryl led the group through the back roads to Lloyd Harbor and back to the VFW Hall for the annual Chili contest. We enjoyed four delicious chilis including a Pheasant chili by Richie Truran. Our 1st place went to our President Steve, 2nd place to Cheryl B, 3rd place to Richie Truran. We also enjoyed a delicious hero and salads.

Our 50/50 winners 1st place to Ron Prwivo and 2nd place to Gil Allan. Diane Maiorca received her 5 year patch!

Remember to check our Facebook page and weekly emails for updates and events. Have a great month and lets ride!



Diane Maiorca earned her 5 year patch



Chris Kuster gets his AHRC Patch





50/50 Winners

February Monthly meeting and Chili contest

































Polar Bear Ride February 12, 2022



HRC Sal led our annual Polar Bear Ride which is traditionally the first ride of the New Year. After many cancellations due to weather and poor road conditions our members enjoyed a beautiful spring-like day. Temperature was in the 50's which it made a very comfortable ride. We enjoyed scenic back roads along the Nissequoge River traveling through Head of the Harbor, Nissequoge and Port Jefferson. A delicious lunch at PJ's Lobster House ended a great day of riding! Thanks to Sal for his persistence in planning the first ride and changing the date as we got right back to winter with snow and 17 degrees on Sunday

















MARCH SAFETY ARTICLE

From Backroads Magazine February 2022

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 now wintered for a bit 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.





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March 2022

March Birthday's
Dennis Irizarry 3/1
Debra Timony 3/2
Robert Bech 3/6
Fred Hartmann 3/10
Mark Lentini 3/11
John Capobianco 3/12
Kathy Efthimiades
3/12
Cindy Doerler 3/29

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4	5
2	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13 On Island Ride RC Jeff KSU exit 56 10:30	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20 On Island Ride ARC Chris KSU exit 56 10:30	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Monthly Meeting Local Ride St Patty's	28	30	31			

Upcoming Events



St Patty's Day Pot Luck 3/27 monthly meeting

Defensive Driving Class 4/9 register at Sign up genius

Easter Bunny ride 4/16 tentative date

Big Apple Motorcycle School 4/30 register at bigapplemoto.com

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

3/13 On Island Ride RC Jeff KSU exit 56 10:30 Lunch at Karvers 3/20 On Island Ride AHRC Chris exit 56 10:30 Lunch at BK Sweeney's



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



2022 Overnighters

5/15-5/21 Maggie Valley NC RC Jeff Grube 6/11-6/14 Cooperstown NY RC Steve 7/16-7/19 Grand Canyon PA RC Frank 8/13-8/18 Salamanca NY RC Jeff 9/17-9/18 Mt Greylock MA RC Chris 9/30-10/2 LOH trip to Salem MA 10/15-10/18 Skyline Drive Prob RC Cheryl

How About a Big Cheer for Our Road Captains?

Head Road Captain: Sal Fino Asst. Head Road Captain: Chris Kuster

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Probie RC's

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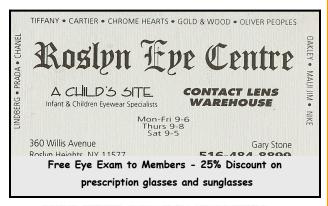
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Do you have a story to tell about a special bike ride or trip you've taken or a cool product you've used?

We would love to publish it.

Please send your stories and photos to: Editor@LIHarleyRiders.com

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!



H E L L O

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

NEXT MEETING March 27, 2022

Nathan Hale VFW Hall 210 West Pulaski Road Huntington, NY

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