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President's Point of View, by Jeff Grube

LIHR President's Message



Hello LI Harley Riders,

We only have a couple weeks left of Winter 2022-2023 which wasn't much of a winter at all. As I'm writing this it's almost 50° outside with plentiful sunshine. As proposed by RC Assist John Hachmann we will be getting away from the 'every other week' schedule of riding we did in January, February and March and soon take advantage of the nicer weather when we have it.

Looking forward to a busy 2023 riding season. Our overnighters and signature rides are all set with most hotels set up for the overnighters. The next signature ride is April 8th to Winthrop Hospital to help the kids there have a little brighter Easter. Gifts can be brought to the March Meeting if you can't make the ride and we also have a fundraiser page on the website if anyone would like to donate monetarily. We have an added ride coming up on April 15th in honor of Steve Mitchell's late wife Dawn.

Last month's membership meeting hosted our annual Chili Contest and this year Susan Hachmann pulled in first place with a very tasty chili recipe. This month's meeting will feature our annual St. Patty's Day Pot Luck Feast. Please contact Lynne if you choose to bring a dish. We typically have a wide variety of ethnic dishes to enjoy.

As we approach the upcoming riding season I just wanted to remind everyone to go over their bikes thoroughly. Don't trust the folks slapping your annual inspection sticker on. All fluids should be checked including coolant for the twin cooled bikes. Tire condition and pressure are critical. Tires are the most important part on any motorcycle in my view. Other items include lights, brake pad condition, horn, etc. Lastly, remember that NYS DMV had a problem getting registration renewals out last year. Registrations expire at the end of April and can be easily renewed online if your renewal does not show up in the mail. Let's hope for a fun and safe riding season for 2023!!

See you on the road,

Jeff

February Membership Meeting, 2/26

President Jeff had the members stand and remove their covers for the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff asked if there were any new members or new motorcycles. Newest members Rob and Patricia Roden and Bob Leone introduced themselves to the Club and were warmly welcomed by the membership. Congratulations to Griff Wolz on the purchase of his 2022 Fat Boy. Congratulations to John and Susan Hachmann on celebrating their 5 Year LIHR. Membership. Treasurer Joe G provided an update on The Clubs cash position, upcoming expenses, etc. Jeff mentioned our Master calendar for 2023 is complete but subject to changes as necessary. The May membership meeting is moved to 5/21/23 to stay clear of the Memorial Day weekend.

Membership Office Scott gave an update on our current renewals for 2023. Membership applications available at the meeting or online. Deadline for renewals has been extended from February 1 to March 1, 2023. Scott has sent emails to non-renewed members and Jeff encouraged members to bring in new prospects. Lynne reviewed the upcoming events including the Chili Contest following the meeting and after a short ride. We will have St. Patty's Day Pot Luck at next month Membership meeting and possibly a e movie night during the month of March. Sal to recapped the rides and logged for 2023. He gave further updates on the RC assists as well. The next signature ride 4/8/2023. Our Annual Easter Bunny Ride to NYU Langone in Mineola is scheduled for Saturday, April 8th. We do not anticipate being able to visit directly with the children as we were able to do many years ago. We are planning once again to ride to the hospital and park in the hospital's "U" shaped driveway. We will bring our gifts to the staff at the front entrance and hopefully we will be able to wave and say hello to the children through the windows. If you can't make the April ride, you can bring your gifts to our March 28 meeting and Dom will bring the gifts to the hospital on the 8th.

We can also donate through Langone website specifically for the Child Life Services: <https://nyulangone.org/give/fundraise/liharleyriders>

As visitation to the pediatric ward remains restricted, we'd like to invite you to consider contributing to the Child Life Services program. The program specifically provides education, emotional support and therapeutic play to help children cope with the challenges of needing medical care. For more information, please click this link <https://nyulangone.org/locations/nyu-langone-hospital-long-island/child-life-services-at-nyu-langone-hospital-long-island>.

Any donation would be greatly appreciated and would greatly benefit the children and their families that depend on the work of NYU Langone's child life specialists.

Jeff: provides detail for the May trip to West Virginia. This years Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center ride moved up to 11/12/23 with a rain date of 11/19/23. Hoping for warmer weather and Greater participation. Joe G has contacted OTRA Motorcycle School and Big Apple Motorcycle School for a spring skills practice. 'Ride Like a Pro' DVD is available to any members who are interested. Zoom meetings are being utilized for 2023 Officer and RC meetings. Officer meeting minutes will now be available in the Members Only section of the website. Od reported the Sign-up Genius will be posted in the Members Only section 3 months prior to overnight trips so members can sign up early. Our LIHR website password to change prior to March 13th. The new password will be in that week's email. Next monthly meeting will be March 26, 2023 with a short ride afterwards and St. Patty's Day Pot Luck meal.

Monthly meeting & Annual Chili Contest



Welcome our newest members
Rob and Patricia Roden



50/50
Winners were Karen Imperial
and Dom Mazza



2023 Chili Contest
Winner
Susan Hachmann



Intermezzo Wood Fired Pizza in Fort Salonga, 2/19

RC-Assist. John lea us on a ride to Intermezzo Wood Fired Pizza in Fort Salonga. The back roads were awesome especially the one dirt road in Nissequogue. We road both sides of the river, enjoyed the great views and enjoyed many twists and turns stopping at Nissequogue State Park. It was a pretty brisk but a nice day considering it was February. All enjoyed each others company and conversations during lunch at Intermezzo.



March Safety Article

The Law Office of Paul Gargiulo, P.C. presents Welcome to the Jungle - The Art of Learning to Ride Skillfully *A column dedicated to your riding survival*

GROUNDING...

SOMETIMES IT'S BEST TO KEEP IT IN THE BARN

A few weeks back our friend Bruce Davis posted a video of the start of the 1998 Belgium Formula 1 Race. From the start of the day, the conditions were wicked, and visibility was almost non-existent.

This race ran entirely in extremely wet weather, and on the first lap, David Coulthard lost control of his McLaren, causing a multiple collision involving thirteen drivers, which led to the race being stopped. After a delay of more than an hour to clear the track, a second attempt was made to start the race, albeit without four of the drivers involved in the incident. At the restart, championship leader and pole-sitter Mika Häkkinen spun his McLaren at the first corner and was hit by the Sauber of Johnny Herbert, forcing them both to retire from the race.

The television announcer's calling of the race says it all...
"YES! Yes, it's go! And...Coulthard drags. Hakkinen gets away well, look at Eddie Irvine coming up on the inside, Villeneuve goes up into second position! Schumacher is down into about 6th position. Bad start by the Ferrari. Great start by Eddie Irvine - Villeneuve! Look at Villeneuve! And into the wall, who was that? It's Coulthard! David Coulthard into the wall! They'll stop the race, they'll stop the race. Oh! This is terrible! Look - Oh this is quite appalling, this is the worst start for a Grand Prix that I have ever seen in the whole of my life!"

Sometimes it is best to take stock of a situation and call it a day, even before it starts, and to constantly and accurately assess the situation.

One of the worst things a pilot ever wants to hear is that "they are grounded;" but sometimes you might want to do a little self-grounding; both figuratively and literally.

Any number of things, events, and circumstances can and should keep us off the bikes.

Like the 1998 Belgium Grand Prix Formula 1 race, it is sometimes a far better idea to call it a day before it starts than to push the Flying Fickle Finger of Fate too hard. She just might end up planted where you don't want her to be!

One look at the film of this race and you can see a race this day was not brave, intrepid, or needed - it was just stupid. All the smashed F1 cars and wheels rolling around freely in the fog clearly show that.

But let's throw out some scenarios when discretion truly is the better part of valor.

Okay, definition time: This is really how the saying went - spoken by

Shakespeare's Sir John Falstaff in Henry IV Act v scene 4... "The better part of valor is discretion, in which better part I have saved my life." The line means that you would be foolish to act like a hero if it is going to disadvantage you and it's better to stop yourself if an action you would like to take is going to hurt you. Kabeesh!

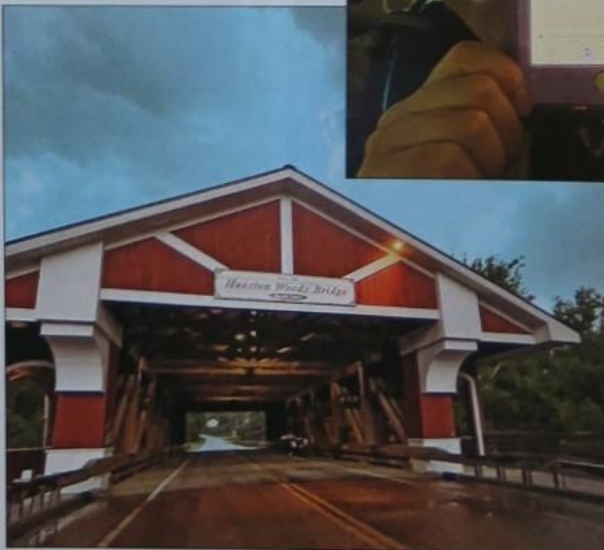
Hold my beer and watch this is never really funny in real life.

Weather.

Mother Earth is as fickle as that finger. There have been times when we have spotted dark skies and lighting approaching. We have seen tornadoes fill the skies. We have woken to a blanket of silent snow that fell overnight.

All these are the universe's way of saying take a day off, relax and ride another day.

This last summer Shira and I ran into a squall line in Ohio heading west toward Indiana. It didn't look good and it was a bit of praying and then divine intervention that led us to the only covered bridge for 50 miles to wait out the ironically ungodly tempest.



Late night, fatigue, BAC...

Most of us tend to think we are in better shape than we really are. Late nights, pitch blackness & windy backroads, sleepiness, and fatigue should ground the best riders.

One night a friend pocketed my bike's keys so I would not go anywhere. I wasn't going to go anywhere anyway - but I still appreciated that he was looking out for me when I possibly might not have looked out for myself. In these situations... we all should stay grounded.

Discretion IS the better part of valor - The Bard was right! #

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Dennis 'Izzy' Irizarry 3/1, Debra Timony 3/2, Robert Beck 3/6, Fred Hartmann 3/10, Mark Lentini 3/11, Kathryn Efthimiades 3/12, John Capobianco 3/13, Jim Kowchfski 3/16, Cindy Poerler 3/29, Susan Hachmann 3/28

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	Movie Night Drake Media Studios
Ride to Empire Harley, Lunch in City Island	13	14	15	16	17	18
Ride TBD	20	21	22	23	24	25
Monthly Meeting and St. Patty's Pot Luck	27	28	29	30	31	

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Upcoming Events

Movie Night this Saturday, 3/11 @ 7:30 PM. Members Donna Drake & Lou Vaccarelli have offered up their media studio so we can watch on the BIG Screen! There is a small kitchen right outside the "theater" equipped with refrigerator, microwave. You are welcome to bring snacks, drinks, cocktails. Location is Drake Media Studios, 270 South Service Rd Suite 55, Melville NY 11747

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

Date	RC	Description	KSU and Location
• 3/12	Gary	Empire Harley, Lunch in City Island	9:00 am Exit 32
• 3/19	John H	TBD	
• 3/26	Bob L	Short Ride after Meeting and back for St Patty's Pot Luck	
• 4/2	Gary	TBD	
• 4/8	Sal	Easter Bunny Ride to NYU Langone	TBD
• 4/15	Jeff	Dawn Mitchell Memorial Ride	TBD
• 4/16	Jeff	Off Island	TBD
• 4/23	Gary	Ride after Monthly Meeting	

Note: We have replaced the KSU starting point from LIE exit 43, to LIE Exit 32 for off Island rides

North side Service Road, west of Little Neck Parkway.

Remember to check the Hotline at (631)406-4170 two hours before KSU to hear updates and cancellations.



2023 'Look Ahead' Overnights

May: 7th-13th, West Virginia week (RC Jeff leading the ride)

June: 10th-13th, Laconia Bike Week 100th Anniversary (Head RC Sal leading the ride)

July: 8th-9th, Rhode Island overnight ride (RC Jeff leading the ride)

Aug: 10th-13th, Upstate New York two nights overnight, Letchworth State Park (Assist. Head RC Chris leading the ride)

September 9th-12th, St. Mary's PA to view the Annual Elk Rutting (RC Jeff leading the ride)

October 13th-15th, Fall Foliage Ride - Location TBD (RC Gary leading the ride)

NOTE: Lodging and date details on all overnights will be in the Members Only section on our LIHR website at the appropriate time prior to the event. When the overnights are posted please use the Sign-Up Genius to confirm you are attending. It is really helpful to the R.C.'s to be able to know who's going and to finalize the ride details.

How About a Big Cheer for Our Road Captains?

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

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

NEXT MEETING March 26, 2023

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