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President's Point of View, by Grumpy

Greetings Harley Riders,

I would like to start off by welcoming our new Vice President, Stephan Efthimiades. In addition, I'd like to thank Steve Ficalora for stepping up to fill the Activities Officer position. Welcome aboard!

On April 19, we had our annual ride to Winthrop Children's Hospital. The turnout was great-48 bikes and 54 members. I would like to thank all who attended and give a big thank you to Suffolk County 2nd Pct. for their help in getting us to the L.I.E. entrance. From there our Road Captains, led by Head Road Captain Mario Ruffolo and our very own Easter bunny Dom Mazza, took the lead getting the group to Winthrop safely. Check out the photos on the website to see the happy faces of both the children and members as we entered the children's floor. This was another great job done by L.I. Harley Riders.

Thank you to Deacon Dale Bonocore for performing our biker blessing after the April 27th meeting.

I would like to remind everyone that on May 3rd and 4th the LOH will have an overnight ride to Bethlehem PA. We wish the ladies a safe and fun filled trip.

While the ladies are having fun in PA, we will be participating in the Jacobs Light Poker Run on Sunday, May 4th. Members interested in taking part will meet at Dunkin Donuts at 9:00 A.M. We will then ride to Renegade on Commack Rd. in Deer Park.

With the start of the riding season, it is a good time to check out the bike.... tires, fluid levels and even check for loose bolts. Better you find out now, than on the road, that something needs repair or replacement. Check your Registration and state inspection - If you are not up to date, it's time to take care of it. Ride safe and prosper.

April 27, 2014 Membership Meeting



President "Grumpy" Hartmann
welcomes his new officers.....

<—Stephan Efthimiades,
Vice President

Steve Ficalora,
Activities Officer—>



...and thanks his former officers
for their years of service.

<—Pat Grant,
former Secretary

Ken Grant,
former Head Road Captain—>



<—Lou Viccarelli was presented
with a volunteer patch for going
above and beyond for the club
last year

Deacon Dale Bonocore —>
blessed all the bikes after
the meeting



Are you a member of the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA)?

Although there is no requirement for AMA membership as a LI Harley Rider member, only AMA members will be able to vote for our primary officers or be able to run for office.

Please also consider the AMA's advocacy programs and other benefits.
Learn more about it at: www.americanmotorcyclist.com

50/50 Raffle Winners



The Big Winner!!!

**1st Place
Christine Vultaggio**

**Proof that lightning
can strike twice**



**2nd & 3rd Place
Joe Sabia**

New Rides



**Peggy Burnette
2013 Road King**



**Deacon Dale Bonocore
2014 CVO Limited**

<—Is that
a bird he's
pointing
at???

New Members



**Al Trama &
Leslie Taliercio**



Ron Colby



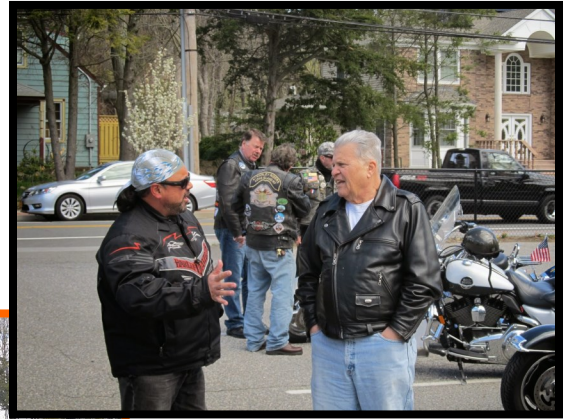
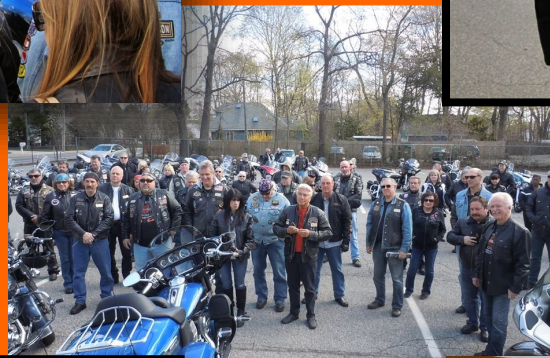
**Debbie &
Brian Hensly**



Frank Cottone



GREAT



TURNOUT!





After the meeting and Bike Blessing, RC Steve Ficalora led 40 bikes, with 53 members on board, on a North Shore ride ending at Beers, Burgers, Desserts in Rocky Point. Thank you Steve for planning such a beautiful ride. As always, our road captains did an awesome job of keeping us safe.



I guess the ride took a lot out of them!

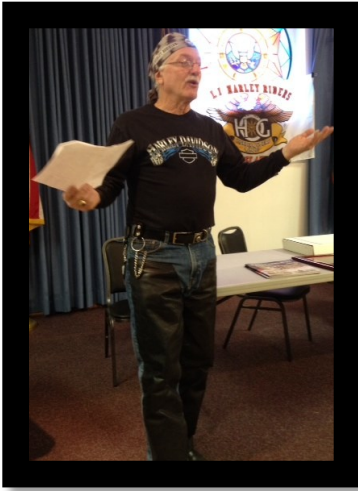


We're happy to see your feeling better Annette!



Do I Ride Out This Thunderstorm????

By Dom Mozzone, Safety Officer



It's springtime and we've all heard the phrase "April showers bring May flowers". So let's be pragmatic. This year April has been a bust but, hopefully, May will warm up a lot! That being said, we can expect a high degree of precipitation going forward into spring and we know it's likely to produce thunderstorms. Where thunderstorms are concerned, we simply don't ride in them, ever, right? Wrong!! Your out in the country and an electrical storm blows in. There is no civilization or shelter for a hundred miles. Should you ride out the storm? If not, what should you do?

We have all heard tires are made of rubber, rubber is not a good electrical conductor and as long as you keep your feet on the pegs lightning will not hit you since it cannot find a path to ground through you and the bike. **WRONG!!!** READ THIS AGAIN...**WRONG!!!**

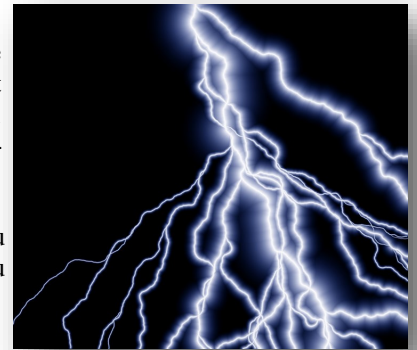
Although rubber is a pretty good insulator at the normal voltage levels it is not very effective against the voltage in a lightning bolt.

You may also have heard that if a lightning bolt hits a car the occupants are safe because the car is riding on rubber tires. Actually, this is almost true! As long as the occupants stay away from anything metal they will more than likely survive a lightning hit without any injury whatsoever.

What protects occupants of a car is not their rubber tires, but the fact that they are enclosed in a metal container. If a lightning bolt hits the surface of the car it spreads around the occupants, *NOT THROUGH THEM*, and goes to ground. Hence the safety of staying in a car during an electrical storm is a wise decision.

A lightning bolt that hits you or your motorcycle is a different matter entirely. We can assume with a high degree of confidence that if that happens you will immediately see a flash and begin to rise up and have an early out of body experience. That is NOT GOOD!!

Here is a good comparison of what can be referenced from this. The master fuse on your bike handles about **30 amps before it blows**. An **average lightning bolt** produces a current of about **20,000 amps**. Even 30 amps can easily kill you because it disrupts your heart's electrical system and your heart simply stops beating. Your heart doesn't stand a chance against a lightning bolt.



Bottom line... if you are out in the open on your bike when *lightning flashes* begin, and if you can hear the *thunder* that accompanies those flashes in *less than three seconds* from when you saw the flash, it's time to **stop your bike and get the hell off** of it *ASAP*, no excuses!!

- Immediately find low ground, but NOT under a single or small group of trees.
- Squat on the ground with your legs together, head lower than back, but NOT touching the ground. DO NOT lay on the ground.
- LET YOUR CLOTHES GET WET!!! (In this way, if you are hit the majority of the electricity will follow the moisture of your wet clothes around your body.)

Do not get up until thunder following a lightning flash is AT LEAST five seconds after the flash. (Which means the lightning struck more than 1 mile away.)

If there are *more than 5 seconds between the lightning flashes* and your *hearing that thunder*, head for shelter. This is the *only time trying to ride out* from under an electrical storm makes any sense. The best shelter is a hard covered surface connected to ground with metal. Get under it and wait out the storm.

Ride safe, ride often, always anticipate stuff happening, execute instinctively and **definitely avoid riding out thunderstorms**.



April 6th was a great day for a ride! RC Joe Bonura led 31 bikes and 36 members on a beautiful ride through the streets of Old Westbury, Laurel Hollow and Oyster Bay ending at Croxley's in Farmingdale. A big thank you to Joe and the rest of our amazing road captains for always keeping us safe.





The big
decision at
Croxley's...



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You know *Spring has Sprung* when the club takes it's first ride of the year to the East End. On April 13th, RC Ken McKay led 37 bikes with 44 members on board on a leisurely ride to Sag Harbor. Once there, members were free to visit the local shops and enjoy lunch in the restaurant or pub of their choice.

Did anyone see a red bike?





The weather was beautiful



and everyone was ready to ride!



It was great to see so many old and new faces!



3rd Annual Easter Basket Ride 2014

By Dom Mazza



On Saturday, April 19th, members of the club met at the VFW to participate in the 3rd annual Easter Basket Ride to benefit the children at the Winthrop University Hospital's Pediatric Unit in Mineola. About 55 members were present for the ride and close to 50 motorcycles. The weather could not have been nicer, sunny and seasonably warm. The ride actually dates back to when our club went under the banner of the Lighthouse Harley Owners Group. So, for many of the group, this would actually be the 11th year. This is one of the two holiday rides that our group does, the other being a visit by Santa at Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center in Dix Hills during the Christmas holidays.

This time the group was led by our own Biker Bunny (yours truly). At about 11 am, with the grateful assistance of the Suffolk County Police 2nd Precinct officers, we were on our way. The group proceeded to Round Swamp Road and the westbound entrance to the Long Island Expressway. At this point Head Road Captain Mario Ruffolo, along with the other road captains, took over. I must say, even though Mario did not have a working CB radio, the road captains just by hand signals knew exactly what to do to keep everyone safe and secure during the 30 minute trip.

Upon arrival at the hospital entrance, the group pulled into an area reserved for our club. The children could be seen in the 5th floor lobby windows waving and jumping up and down. In response, the members waved back. Each of the members carried something for one of the children who would be spending the holiday weekend in the hospital. There were lots of stuffed toys, especially bunnies and chicks. There were games, remote controlled cars and items even the older kids could enjoy. As usual, Biker Bunny carried goodies for the staff including Easter Eggs and, of course, lots of "Peeps".



After a photo op, we were guided into the hospital by Imogene and Gayle, who are members of the Child Life Program. Once inside we met with some of the children in the Pediatric Unit Recreation Room. There the kids got a chance to spend time with the Biker Bunny and members of the club. After that, groups of 5 or so were taken room to room to visit the rest of the kids. Every child got a gift and a visit from the Biker Bunny and bikers. At the end of our hospital visit, I think it was a toss-up as to who enjoyed the visit more, the kids or the bikers! From what I understand, our visit was anticipated by not just the children, but the whole hospital staff. Now... that's cool! For those who wanted, reservations were made at a local Famous Dave's Restaurant for lunch. I am sure, because of this visit, the participating members had just a little bit better holiday. I know the children did. Shortly after our visit, I received an e-mail from Nicole Almeida who is the Director of Child Life Services. In one word she said our visit was "Fantastic." Next stop—Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center at the end of November....mark your calendar.





On April 19th, for the 11th year in a row, the **Easter Bunny** arrived at Winthrop University Hospital's Pediatric Unit. Dom Mazza, our very own Easter Bunny, along with Head RC Mario Ruffolo led the way along the bunny trail followed by 48 bikes and 54 members. Great job by our Road Captains for getting us there safely.



Great Turnout for a Great Cause



They finally got him!



The Easter Bunny showed his safety awareness by wearing his helmet———→





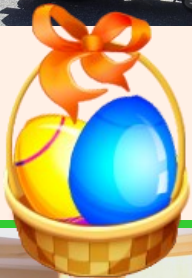
The bikes were loaded with gifts



Grumpy gave a great interview to the press



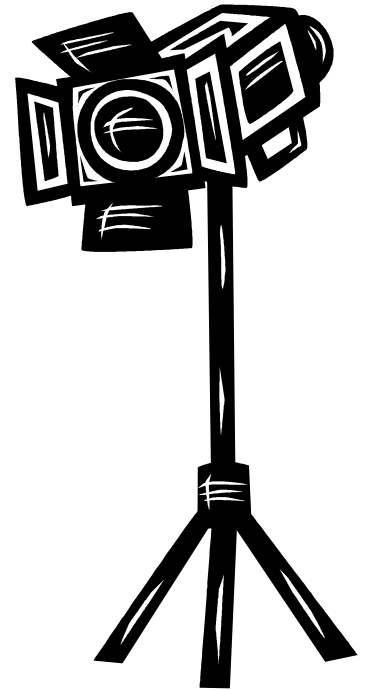
The Easter Bunny was a BIG hit with the children



Nice Tail!



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Up Coming Rides & Events.....



LOH ride to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, Pa May 3rd-4th. KSU 7:30 a.m. at the Gemini Deli, Melville. Annette will have maps and itinerary for those driving "cages".



Don't forget...Jacob's Light Poker Run. Sunday, May 4th, KSU 9 a.m. Dunkin Donuts Jericho Tpke. Huntington. Last bike out from Renegade on Commack Rd. in Deer Park is at 10:30 a.m..



Saturday May 10th is the annual Mother's Day Ride. There are 5 stops totaling 75 miles. If you are interested in participating meet at the Gemini Deli, Melville-KSU 9:30 a.m.



Rolling Thunder in Washington, DC led by HRC Mario Ruffolo May 23rd-26th. Meeting for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the Sweet Hollow Diner on Rte. 110-KSU 9:00 a.m.



Volunteers are needed to plant flags at Pinelawn National Cemetery on Saturday May 24th at 6:00 a.m. Do something special this Memorial Day Weekend for those who gave all.



What a great way to spend the first weekend of summer! RC Steve Ficalora will lead an overnight ride to Seabrook, NH June 20th to 22nd. To join the fun call The Seabrook Inn toll free # 866 386-3078 and mention the L.J.Harley Riders. The cut off date is June 6th. Make 10:00 a.m. reservations for the Orient Point ferry. KSU 8:00 a.m. at Gulf Station at exit 56 om LIE.



Get your cowboy boots shined up....RC Dom Mozzone is leading an over night ride July 19th-27th to Nashville, TN-the music capital of the country. This promises to be a trip to remember. You don't want to miss this one! KSU 6:00 a.m. at the Gemini Deli.

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| 7/19 - Holiday Inn Tanglewood (Roanoke, Va.) | \$89 | 540-774-4400 | (Long Island Harley Riders) |
| 7/20 - Hampton Inn Asheville, NC | \$129 | 828-255-9220 | (LI Harley Riders) |
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| 7/26 - Holiday Inn Harrisonburg, Va. | \$98 | 1-800-652-3705 | (Long Island Harley Riders) |



The annual L.J.Harley Riders House Party will be held at Joe Bonura's house on August 17th—WOO HOO!!!! Poker run starts at 11:00 a.m. followed by the party at 12:00 p.m.. If you are interested in volunteering to help speak with Stephan.



Ever wonder how those big touring bikes are made? Find out September 18th-23rd when RC Bill Vultaggio leads an over night ride to the Harley Davidson Factory in York, PA. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn for reservations call 717 840 1500 Code LIR



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

May 2014

May

Chris Beatty.....May 1st-
 Maryanne Lowry.....May 2nd
 Lynette Radlauer.....May 8th
 Ed Reiff.....May 8th
 Ken Pastor.....May 10th
 Ron Colby.....May 14th
 John Deasy.....May 14th
 George Jenkinson.....May 15th
 John Pesce.....May 18th
 Joe Sabia.....May 22nd
 Terry Miniken.....May 25th
 Sandra Polopoli.....May 25th
 Peggy burnette.....May 31st



Seabrook, NH
 June 20th to 22nd

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 toll free # 866 386-3078
 mention the
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Cut off date is June 6th.



Don't forget your
 reservations for:

Nashville, TN

July 19th -27th
 see p. 14 for specifics

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**Have you checked
 your Bike? May is
 Motorcycle Safety
 Awareness Month.**

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 Mother's
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Rolling

25 Local
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Thunder

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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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2014 Membership Applications Available online!

Applications are available on our website or the weekly e-mail. Download it for your friend , have them fill it out then bring them down to the monthly meeting.

As always, A BIG THANK YOU to our Road Captains for the great rides they plan and for keeping us all safe!

Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo - Asst Head Road Captain: Gary Kinkle
Charlie Abruzzo, Bob Bernstein, Joe Bonura, Buzzy Farquhar, Steve Ficalora, Ken Grant, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Mike Macari, Cisco Mercado, Ken McKay, Dom Mozzone, Kenny Pastor, Lou Vaccarelli & Bill Vultaggio



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

NEXT MEETING
May 18, 2014
10 AM

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*(*unless otherwise noted)*

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