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President's Point of View, by Grumpy

On April 4th, we held our 13th annual ride to Winthrop Hospital. I would like to thank everyone that attended and extend an extra BIG thank you to our very own Easter bunny, Dom Mazza, and the SCPD for the police escort. At the March meeting we had the host of the TV show Live it up, Donna Drake. Well, Dom stopped at the studio to watch one of tapings, at Donnas invite, at the end of that taping Donna asked Dom if he would like to say a few words about motorcycling and the L.I. Harley Riders. To see the answer go to our web site liharleyriders.com and watch the great interview Dom gave. The club has the best Public Relations officer there is!

Last month I told you about a change to the club overnight ride to the Grand Canyon, PA. The ride had to be moved up one week because of hotel rooms. Well, **we are changing the Sept. 10 th-13th ride, from Roar to the Shore, NJ to an overnight ride to Lake George, NY.** We will have more details at a later date. So make the change on your calendar.

At April's meeting we held our Biker Blessing. I would like to thank Deacon Dale Bonocore again for the performing the blessing. I asked the members that attended the meeting if we should have another house party this year. The answer was YES so we are looking for a member that is willing to let us use their backyard for this year's house party. We were thinking Aug 16, but the actual date in August would be up to whoever offers to "host" the party. Please speak to one of the officers if you would to host this annual event. The club sets up, cleans up and brings everything that is needed.

On April 25th, 9 members attend an advanced rider course, I heard nothing but good things about On the Road Again. There will be a second class on May 9th, please contact safety officer Dom Mozzone at Safetydirector@liharleyriders.com to see if there are any openings, the fee is \$100.00 but Harley Davidson will credit you a with \$50.00 gift card and you also receive a discount on your insurance.

Ride safe and prosper.

April 27, 2015 Membership Meeting



This month's meeting was well attended. The Spring weather brought out some faces we haven't seen all winter. President "Grumpy" Hartmann led the meeting. Upcoming overnight rides were reviewed. Members were asked if there was anyone willing to "host" the annual summer house party. If you are interested, please contact Steve Ficalora, Activities Officer at Activities@LIHarleyRiders.com

Treasurer George Foundatos announced he will step down at the end of this term. George has done an excellent job of keeping the books for the last 7 years. If anyone is interested in seeking the Treasurer position please contact Grumpy. George has offered to stay on in an advisory capacity to help the new Treasurer.



Are You a Member of the American Motorcycle 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.

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The sun and God were both shining on us after the monthly meeting. Deacon Dale Bonacore was present to preside over the Annual L.I. Harley Riders Biker Blessing.

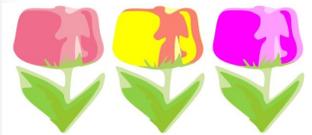




The weather was great and we were able to make our Annual Easter Ride to Winthrop Hospital on Saturday, April 4th. Thirty bikes, 36 riders and a few cars rode to Winthrop Hospital to see the kids. Our own personal Easter Bunny, Public Relations Officer Dom Mazza and Head RL Captain Mario Ruffolo led the way. There were many excited faces as the Easter Bunny and L.I. Harley Riders members made their way into the halls of the Pediatric Care Unit with gifts & candy. Not only did the kids get some treats but so did the nurses! Thank you to all the members who participated in this ride, the Suffolk County PD, our Road Captains and to Dom Mazza for organizing this event with Winthrop Hospital.



*Whether it was a L.I. Harley Riders member, a child, a family member or a staff member,...
everyone was smiling that day!*



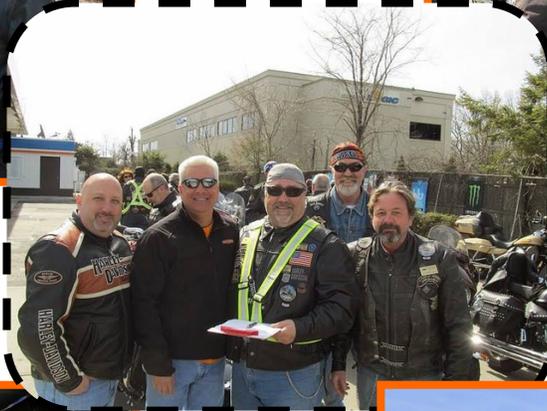


FINALLY! We had some great riding weather. On Sunday, April 12th RC Joe Bonura led 32 bikes and 35 members along the south shore via Ocean Pkwy. Then Joe headed the group north into Oyster Bay along some nice, twisty roads. The ride ended at Joe's Burgers for lunch. Thanks to Joe for organizing the ride and, as always, thanks to our RC's for keeping us all safe!





On Sunday, April 19th, Assistant Head RC Gary led 28 bikes and 31 members on a great ride along the South Shore beaches stopping at the Fire Island Lighthouse for some pictures. After leaving the lighthouse, the group rode along Ocean Pkwy. to Jones Beach taking a ride through field West End 2, which brought back teenage memories for some of the riders, before ending at McCanns Pub in Massapequa for lunch. The sun was out and the food was great! Thanks to Gary for planning the ride and to our RC's for doing what they do best...keeping our members safe!





After the meeting, on April 26th, R.C. Nadine Hartmann led 40 bikes and 47 members on a beautiful North Shore back road ride ending in Port Jefferson. Unfortunately, we found a few pot holes but that's what's to be expected for this time of year. So, be careful when out riding. Once in Port Jefferson, the members were free to stroll through the village or have lunch in a restaurant of their choice. A big thank you to Nadine for leading such a nice ride and our Road Captains for working so hard to keep us all safe.





Tips for Safe Riding

By Dom Mozzone, Safety Officer

With the '15 riding season finally arrived now is a good time to read this article that I wrote last year to stay on top of your game when riding. There are many diversions that keep drivers from focusing the way we want them to be focused as we ride among them. Like anything else, a good defense against the careless driver is a good offense when it comes to instinctively practicing the 14 points below while riding.

We've all been stuck in heavy traffic, in particular during hot weather when tempers are short and people are preoccupied with cell phones, screaming kids, texting (God forbid) as well as zoning out and not paying attention. Imagine the vehicles surrounding you, crowding you, cutting you off. Imagine yourself monitoring closing speeds, reading street signs, noticing and anticipating traffic lights. Then imagine guessing what pedestrians will do, or how slippery that painted line might be and all those drivers with cell phones, newspapers or screaming kids to deal with. Imagine trying to guess what they're going to do. So prepare yourself with these 14 defensive strategies for dealing with traffic-choked streets that we all are subjected to.

Watch drivers' heads and mirrors

Watching the head movements of drivers through their windows and mirrors is an excellent way to anticipate sudden moves. Most drivers won't lunge left or right without first moving their heads one way or another (even if they don't check their mirrors). Above all stay out of their blind spots!!

Trust your mirrors, but not totally

Your bike's mirrors can be lifesavers, but they don't always tell the entire story even if they're adjusted properly. In traffic, always buttress your mirror-generated rear view with a glance over the appropriate shoulder. Do it quickly and you'll add an extra measure of rear-view and blind-spot avoidance.

Never get between a vehicle and an off ramp

This one is a no brainer, but drivers who decide to exit at the last minute kill plenty of riders each year. The simple rule, then, is never position your self between a vehicle and an off ramp. Passing on the right is generally a no-no, but, at times necessary. So if you do it, do so between exits or cross-streets.

Cover your brakes

In traffic you must often react extra quickly, which means not fumbling for the brake lever or pedal. To minimize reach time, always keep a finger or two on the brake lever and your right toe close to the rear brake pedal. Always when crossing an intersection and for when that cell phone-yakking idiot cuts across your path trying to get to an exit. You'll be ready.

Job One: Be noticed

Make sure drivers and pedestrians can see you, even from a distance. Ride with your high beam on during the day (turn it off when sitting behind someone at a light) and wear brightly colored gear, especially your helmet and jacket.

Be ready with the power

In traffic, ride in a gear lower than you normally would so your bike is ready to jump forward instantly if asked. Doing so gives you the option of leaping ahead instead of being limited to just using the brakes when that pickup suddenly moves over. The higher rev sound may also alert more people to your presence.

Traffic slowing? Stay left (or right)

When traffic slows suddenly, stay to the left or right of the car in front of you. This will give you an escape route if needed. It will also help keep you from becoming a hood ornament if the car behind you fails to stop in time. Once you've stopped short, be ready--clutch in, your bike in gear and your eyes on the mirrors. You never know you may need to pull over to prevent getting hit.

Practice the scan

Constantly scan your entire environment while riding--from instruments to mirrors to the road ahead to blind spots to your left and right rear--keeps you aware and in touch with your situation, and therefore better able to react. Scanning as a matter of practice will prevent the dreaded zone out and surprises.

The Infamous Left-turn

When approaching an oncoming car that's stopped and about to turn left, be ready. Your brights should be on so the driver can see you (during the day), but don't rely on this to save you. Watch the car's wheels or the driver's hands on the steering wheel; if you see movement, be ready to brake, swerve or accelerate, whichever seems best for the situation.

Study the surface

Add road conditions to your scan. Be on the lookout for spilled oil, antifreeze or fuel; it'll usually show up as shiny pavement. Also keep an eye out for gravel and/or sand, which is usually more difficult to see. Always try to avoid those impediments but if you can't and the situation arises don't panic and above all don't over steer or hard brake as bad stuff can happen.

Ride in open zones

Use your bike's power and maneuverability to ride in open zones in traffic. In any grouping of vehicles there are always some gaps; find these and ride in them. Doing so will separate you from four-wheelers, give you additional room to maneuver and allow you to keep away from dangerous blind spots. And vary your speed. Riding along with the flow can make you invisible to other drivers, especially in heavy traffic.

Use your thumb

Get into the habit of canceling your turn signals often regardless of the traffic situation. A blinking signal might tell drivers waiting to pull into the road or turning left in front of you that you're about to turn when you aren't. So if you need to push it a few times each minute then so be it. Better to keep other drivers from anticipating false moves.

Anticipate a way out

Don't just brake hard in a sudden situation. There's almost always is an escape route so you should always be anticipating what's going on around you and what would you do if..... Swerving into someone's front yard could be a lot better than center punching the Buick that turned left in front of you. Always have an escape route planned, and update it minute by minute.

Running interference

This one's easy, and we'll bet most of you already do it: Let larger vehicles run interference for you when negotiating intersections. If the idiot coming toward you from the left or right is going to blow the light, better they hit the box truck next to you, right? For the same reasons, don't lunge through an intersection as soon as the light turns green. Be patient, and use the vehicles next to you as cover.

These items outlined are sensible, will become instinctive once fully understood and above all it will help us avoid the unthinkable from happening as we enjoy our passion: riding. Read these 14 points often, practice them always and have a blast riding safely in all conditions.



9 members participated in an advanced riders safety course given by On the Road Again. All who participated found the information to be valuable. If you missed this class and are interested in taking a course Dom Mozzone, Safety Officer has scheduled another one for Saturday, May 9th from 1:00-6:00 pm at Suffolk County Community College. If interested contact Dom at Mozzoned@gmail.com



Up Coming Rides & Events.....



Join us on May 9th for our annual *Mother's Day Ride*. If you have a special Mom you'd like honored, contact our LOH Officer, Annette Greco @ LadiesofHarley@LIHarleyRiders.com asap. This ride is limited to 6 stops.

1st Club Overnighter: Rolling Thunder in Washington, D.C.



FRI. May 22– MON. May 25. Hampton Inn [\(703\) 450-9595](tel:(703)450-9595). Mention LI Harley Riders to get the \$79 rate. **KSU 5:30 A.M. GEMENI DELI. EVERYONE SHOULD DO THIS AT LEAST ONCE IN THEIR LIFE TIME!**



Did you know the northeast has its very own Grand Canyon? June 12th-June 14th RC Steve Ficalora will lead an overnight ride to the beautiful *Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania*. Don't miss out on seeing this wonder of nature! Sherwood Motel [\(570\) 724-3424](tel:(570)724-3424)



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****THE ROAR TO THE SHORE TRIP HAS BEEN CANCELLED****

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May 2015



May

Chris Beatty.....May 1st
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 Ken Pastor....May 10th
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 Joe Sabia.....May 22nd
 Peggy Brunette....May 31st

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10 Local Ride	11	12	13	14	15	16
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As always, A BIG THANK YOU to our Road Captains for the great rides they plan and for keeping us all safe!

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Charlie Abruzzo, Stephan Efthimiades, Steve Ficalora, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann,
Nadine Hartmann, Cisco Mercado, Ken McKay,
Dom Mozzone, Kenny Pastor, Lou Vaccarelli, Bill Vultaggio & Rich Zeier



Say Cheese!

Attending your first meeting? Be sure to let us know where you're from and what you ride. Welcome to the Family!

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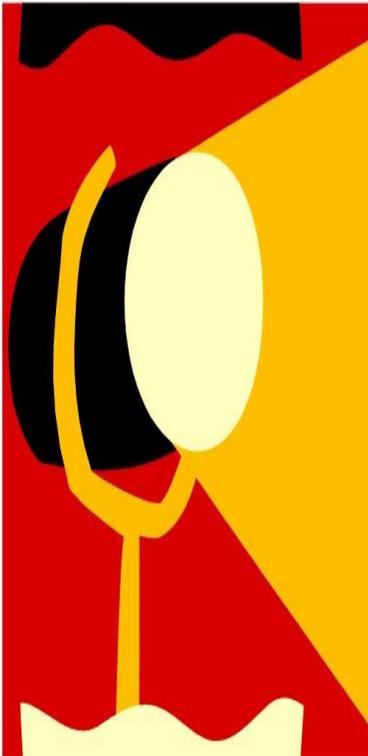
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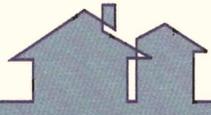
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