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President's Point of View, by Ed Reiff

Here we are in May and it seems like we are just starting to warm up. We are finally seeing temps in the 70's. March and April were unusually cold. 4 Nor Easters in 3 weeks, lots of canceled rides. At least we are underway now with riding season.

This past month we had our Bike Blessing with the Blue Knights. They have been accompanying us on our Easter Ride and our Sagamore Children's Ride so we decided to participate and support them with their Bike Blessing Ride. Everything went as planned and 20 bikes were on hand to participate. The Shrine in Eastport is a beautiful place.



Our Ladies of Harley went for a long day's ride to celebrate International Woman's Riding Week. They rode out east to the south fork and then to Shelter Island for lunch and then over to the north fork finally ending at The Maples to end a great day. It was a long ride and a lot of fun. Thanks to Annette and her assistant Ginny for setting it all up.

Our first off island overnighter will be underway as you are reading this, and we wish them warm weather and dry skies. Members are off to Lake George area and a couple days riding in the mountains led by RC Dom.

And how about those road captains? They put themselves on the line weekly to insure the safe arrival to our destinations. They give lots of extra time every week. They are busy on Saturday mornings and some week day mornings doing pre-rides. Every on island and 1 day off island ride has a mandatory pre-ride to check road conditions, intersections, and problematic areas that might have an effect on the safety of the club. There is a lot of time, effort and imagination that goes into every ride.

Keep the shiny side up.

April 2018 Meeting

We had a great turnout for our April meeting as our members look forward to the nice weather and riding. President Ed Reiff discussed upcoming rides and events. The club is still looking for ideas for a Fly and Ride next year. Remember all members can access the suggestion box on our website. Ed spoke about a cruise called Hogs on the High Seas planned for 11/30/19 through 12/6/19. The cruise fills up fast and reservations begin on May 5th. Look for more info on the website.

Unfortunately, the club ride to Rolling Thunder over Memorial Day weekend has been cancelled but several members have decided to go anyway. You can sign up on the Sign Up Genius if you are interested in joining. RC Rich Zeier is planning to plant flags at Pinelawn Cemetery to honor our veterans on Saturday May 26th, KSU at the Gemini Deli at 6AM. Rich reminds everyone who plans to attend to bring gloves to protect their hands. A free patch will be issued to all those who participate. Light refreshments will be provided.

Looking forward to the summer, Jerry Smalls has generously offered his home again for our summer bash. The party is planned for July 29th with tentative rain dates for 8/16 or 8/23. More info to follow.

Members of the club participated in an Advanced Riders Class given by On the Road Motorcycle school. The class gave the members the opportunity to sharpen their skills and work on overcoming bad habits we tend to acquire as we ride.

Two more of our members earned their 5-year patch, Mike and Joanne McKeon who also became grandparents again to a beautiful grandson.

We had no new members this month but two new bikes. Congratulations to Jimmy Hernandez on his new 2016 Road Glide Ultra and John and Susan Hachmann on their 2018 Road Glide Ultra. May they enjoy many, many miles on their new rides.



April 2018 Meeting

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners:
1st Prize Janet Pepper
2nd Prize Lynne Ficalora



Remember to buy your yellow raffle tickets at the monthly meetings for the Jack Daniels Barrel. Raffle to be drawn at the May Meeting. \$10 per ticket



City Island April 14, 2018

Spring finally sprung and the LI Harley Riders first off-island ride was a success. Because of bad weather predictions for Sunday the ride took place on a beautiful warm Saturday. RC Gary led nine bikes and 11 riders on a warm and beautiful ride. All enjoyed a great lunch at Tony's Pier.



Barry's Big Ride

April 22, 2018

After our monthly meeting RC Barry led 34 bikes and 38 members on a beautiful springtime ride through the back roads of Old Field, Stony Brook, Setauket and many other beautiful towns of the North Shore. We ended in Port Jefferson with a great lunch at Schafers.





Ladies of Harley Ride



In honor of International Female Riders Day our own LOH took a beautiful ride on April 28th. Wonderful planning and hard work by Annette Greco and Ginny Nugent-Zeier paid off as they led 6 riders and a chase car with four of our nonrider members driven by Lynne Ficalora. The morning started off with some dense fog but started to clear as we drove through the beautiful roads of the South Shore to the Shinnecock Inlet. Next was a trip on the ferry from Sag Harbor over to Shelter Island. After a great lunch at Marias our caravan took the ferry to the North Shore and enjoyed the beautiful roads of the North Fork. The ride ended at the Maples. Thanks again to Annette and Ginny for a great day with some great ladies.



Blue Knights Bike Blessing April 29th

The club joined the Blue Knights for their annual Bike Blessing at our Lady of Island Shrine. Members of the LI Harley Riders joined the Blue Knights at Islip Beach riding together to the Shrine where following a short benediction each bike and rider were blessed. We would like to thank the Blue Knights for inviting us to this traditional riding season kick off event.



Profile on two wheels



This month's profile on two wheels are our new members John and Susan Hachmann. John and Susan joined the LI Harley Riders several months ago after finding our club online and they have become active members. They were interviewed by News 12 while on our Winthrop Ride and have participated in many of our Sunday rides.

John bought his first bike, a Honda Night Hawk 450, in 1985 right after they got married. John rode for another year and eventually sold the bike as their family and obligations grew. He did not ride again till 1999 when he bought a Kawasaki Super Sherpa. John taught his son to ride and they enjoyed riding dirt bikes together, but again his motorcycling was put on hold. John's son still rides dirt bikes but John has moved on to bigger and better things!

In 2015 while browsing through Craig's List John bought a 1968 Norton Matchless that hadn't been ridden for over 30 years. It was delivered in pieces and after restoring the Matchless and riding it for several years he sold it for a nice profit which he used to buy his first Harley a 2006 Road King.... John is a member of the Antique Motorcycle Association. Which leads us to the LI Harley Riders.

Susan was also bit by the riding "bug", but after an accident while taking lessons that has been on hold. She enjoys being a Lady of Harley and hopes to join us in our LOH activities. Susan works for the Nassau County Police Department and John works for Energy Kinetics which provides heating equipment for NY, LI and the Westchester area.

Both John and Susan have said that since they came to their first LI Harley meeting they have felt welcome and included. They both commented on how everyone introduced themselves and how excited they are to do their first off island weekend trip to Lake George. After our Winthrop Ride John and Susan decided to "just take a look" at a new bike at Miracle Mile Harley and they (and the bank) are proud owners of a new 2018 Road Glide Ultra which will enjoy its first off island ride to Lake George this May.



May Safety Information

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Keeping that in mind this month's safety reminder is a review of the basic checklist we all should strive to follow before we hit the road.

T-CLOCSSM Inspection Checklist



T-CLOCS ITEM	WHAT TO CHECK	WHAT TO LOOK FOR	CHECK-OFF	
T-TIRES & WHEELS				
Tires	Condition	Tread depth, wear, weathering, evenly seated, bulges, embedded objects.	Front	Rear
	Air Pressure	Check when cold, adjust to load.	Front	Rear
Wheels	Spokes	Bent, broken, missing, tension, check at top of wheel: "ring" = OK — "thud" = loose spoke.	Front	Rear
	Cast	Cracks, dents.	Front	Rear
	Rims	Out of round/true = 5mm. Spin wheel, index against stationary pointer.	Front	Rear
	Bearings	Grab top and bottom of tire and flex: No freeplay (click) between hub and axle, no growl when spinning.	Front	Rear
	Seals	Cracked, cut or torn, excessive grease on outside, reddish-brown around outside.	Front	Rear
Brakes	Function	Each brake alone keeps bike from rolling.	Front	Rear
	Condition	Check pads and discs for wear.	Front	Rear
C-CONTROLS				
Handlebars	Condition	Bars are straight, turn freely, handgrips and bar ends are secure.		
Levers and Pedal	Condition	Broken, bent, cracked, mounts tight, ball ends on handlebar levers, proper adjustment.		
	Pivots	Lubricated.		
Cables	Condition	Fraying, kinks, lubrication: ends and interior.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, wire supports in place.		
Hoses	Condition	Cuts, cracks, leaks, bulges, chafing, deterioration.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, hose supports in place.		
Throttle	Operation	Moves freely, snaps closed, no revving when handlebars are turned.		
L-LIGHTS & ELECTRICS				
Battery	Condition	Terminals; clean and tight, electrolyte level, held down securely.		
	Vent Tube	Not kinked, routed properly, not plugged.		
Headlamp	Condition	Cracks, reflector, mounting and adjustment system.		
	Aim	Height and right/left.		
Tail lamp/brake lamp	Condition	Cracks, clean and tight.		
	Operation	Activates upon front brake/rear brake application.		
Turn signals	Operation	Flashes correctly.	Front left Rear left	Front right Rear right
Switches	Operation	All switches function correctly: engine cut-off, hi/low beam, turn signal.		
Mirrors	Condition	Cracks, clean, tight mounts and swivel joints.		
	Aim	Adjust when seated on bike.		
Lenses & Reflectors	Condition	Cracked, broken, securely mounted, excessive condensation.		
Wiring	Condition	Fraying, chafing, insulation.		
	Routing	Pinched, no interference or pulling at steering head or suspension, wire looms and ties in place, connectors tight, clean.		
O-OIL & OTHER FLUIDS				
Levels	Engine Oil	Check warm on center stand on level ground, dipstick, sight glass.		
	Gear Oil, Shaft Drive	Transmission, rear drive, shaft.		
	Hydraulic Fluid	Brakes, clutch, reservoir or sight glass.		
	Coolant	Reservoir and/or coolant recovery tank — check only when cool.		
	Fuel	Tank or gauge.		
Leaks	Engine Oil	Gaskets, housings, seals.		
	Gear Oil, Shaft Drive	Gaskets, seals, breathers.		
	Hydraulic Fluid	Hoses, master cylinders, calipers.		
	Coolant	Radiator, hoses, tanks, fittings, pipes.		
	Fuel	Lines, fuel valve, carbs.		
C-CHASSIS				
Frame	Condition	Cracks at gussets, accessory mounts, look for paint lifting.		
	Steering-Head Bearings	No detent or tight spots through full travel, raise front wheel, check for play by pulling/pushing forks.		
	Swingarm Bushings	Raise rear wheel, check for play by pushing/pulling swingarm.		
Suspension	Front Forks	Smooth travel, equal air pressure/damping, anti-dive settings.	Left	Right
	Rear Shock(s)	Smooth travel, equal pre-load/air pressure/damping settings, linkage moves freely and is lubricated.	Left	Right
Chain or Belt	Tension	Check at tightest point.		
	Lubrication	Side plates when hot. Note: do not lubricate belts.		
	Sprockets	Teeth not hooked, securely mounted		
Fasteners	Threaded	Tight, missing bolts, nuts.		
	Clips & Cotter Pins	Broken, missing.		
S-STANDS				
Center stand	Condition	Cracks, bent.		
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position.		
Side stand	Condition	Cracks, bent (safety cut-out switch or pad equipped).		
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position.		

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May 2018

May Birthdays

- Peggy Brunette 5/31
- Bob Lovdahl 5/26
- Ken Pastor 5/10
- Lynette Radlauer 5/8
- Ed Reiff 5/8
- Joe Sabia 5/22

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Lake George	5 Int'l Lady Riders Day Lake George
6 Mother's Day Ride Lake George	7	8	9	10	11	12 On-island ride KSU exit 56 10:30
13 No ride for Mothers Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Monthly meeting On island ride- RC Nadine	21	22	23	24	25	26 Flag Planting KSU - 6:30am Gemini
27 On island ride RC—Ed KSU 10:30 Exit 56	28 Memorial Day 	29	30	31		



Start planning for our 2018 overnights!
 Lake George 5/4 - 5/7 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame 6/21 - 6/25
 Rolling Thunder 5/25 - 5/28

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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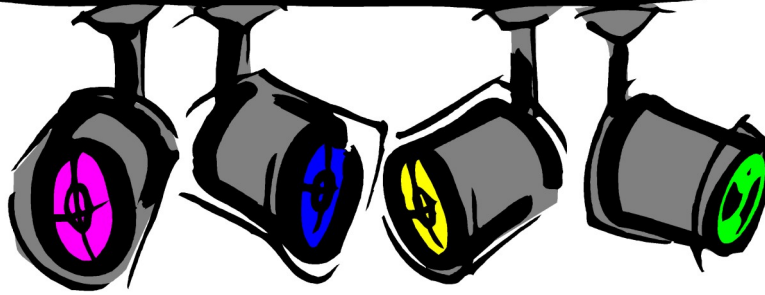
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