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#### President's Point of View, by Ed Reiff

Happy Spring to all. The year has been rainy, cloudy and cool so far but at last the riding season is here. The club travelled to Winthrop Hospital on Saturday, April 20th to drop off the toys and the money donated by generous club members. We had 15 members and the Easter Bunny attend our annual trip. We had to leave the bikes home and go by car as the weather was once again a washout. The children and their parents were excited to see the Easter Bunny with many taking photos. The staff was happy to see us as well and everyone thanked us for our generosity.



Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our annual Bike Blessing. Deacon Dale, who is a member, has been called out of town as there is a medical emergency he needs to deal with. We have re scheduled it for after the June meeting. The meeting is June 23<sup>rd</sup> so plan on being at that meeting.

This year our Mother's Day ride is Sunday May  $5^{th}$ . We have a nice long ride planned to visit 6 moms and drop off their flowers. If it rains that day we will be going Saturday May  $11^{th}$ . This ride is always a blast and should take about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours, so remember to bring water and a snack.

Start looking on the Signup Genius for the overnighters. Most of them are up there now. A couple are still in the planning stage. Rolling Thunder is the end of May over Memorial Day weekend. We will be leaving 6 AM that Friday morning from Gemini. Listed in the weekly emails you will see the other overnighters: 2 are 1-week long, 1 is 2 nights, and 3 are overnight trips. See which ones fit into your schedule and start making plans. April was license plate renewal month so make sure you renewed yours and get those inspection stickers updated.

Ride safe.



## April Meeting



RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY, COME AGAIN ANOTHER DAY! Once again the weather and road conditions have cancelled most of our planned rides. Steve's Parlor House Ride on April 7 was the clubs only ride at the time of the meeting. Our 18th annual NYU Winthrop Child Life Ride was a success but the Easter Bunny and the members had to go by 4 wheels! We had one new member, we welcome Sheryl Bullwinkel and one new bike! Charlie Abruzzo has a brand new 2019 Ultra Limited. A new policy will hopefully allow us more chances to ride. A decision will be made between President Ed and Head RC Mario to decide if the weather will be better to ride on Saturday; another reason to check the hotline and emails for any changes.

The Advanced Riders course was a great success and everyone who attended went away with sharper riding skills. Safety officer Dom reviewed the importance of the club hand signals. Our Road Captains will review the hand signals before every ride. A special ride will be done for our newer members who may not be so comfortable riding in large groups.

Three of our members received their 5 year patches, Guy Turchiano, Debbie and Brian Haensly. Our chili contest winner Steve Ficalora got his picture in the "Ring of Honor". The 50/50 winners this month were 1st prize Christine Vultaggio and 2nd prize Debbie Haensly! Our next ride is the Mothers Day Ride scheduled for May 5th.

Our Activities Director Lynne has been busy planning. Bowling Night is scheduled for May 17th and the Christmas Party is planned for December 13th. Bike Nights are set to begin in June.

Just a reminder the next meeting is scheduled for May 19th and the Bike Blessing has been rescheduled for June 23rd.







One tough member braved the rain!





Celebrating Pam's Mother's 100th birthday!



# **Harley Shrine**

We know we are true Harley Fans and some of us take that love to extremes. It may be the clothes we wear or how we decorate our homes and yards. Some of our members have shared their Man or Women Harley shrines so if you have a Harley shrine just send us your pictures and you may find them in an upcoming edition of our newsletter. This month our safety officer Dom Mozzone shares his HD bathroom theme and monogramed towels!









# 2019 Easter Ride



The club's annual Easter Ride to support NYU/Winthrop Child Life Program was another success. This was the club's 18th year for this inspirational event and the Easter Bunny was at his best bringing toys and smiles to some of the patients who were spending Easter in the hospital. The weather once again was not shining down on us and the Easter Bunny arrived on 4 wheels. No worries, the smiles from the children chased away the clouds. The club was met by Imogene who runs the program and escorted us through the pediatric unit and the Pediatric ICU where we got to meet some very special patients and their families. Along with stuffed animals, board games and arts and crafts the club presented the Child Life Program with a check for \$750 that was generously donated by our members. Thanks to Dom Mazza whose hard work year after year makes this event a success





















# Steve's Parlor House Ride



On April 7th RC Steve Ficalora led 28 bikes and 32 members along back roads through Medford, Yaphank, Middle Island, Selden, Blue Point and Bayport. The sunshine and warm weather made it a great ride! Lunch was enjoyed at the Parlor House Grill in Sayville.



















# Another Blast from the Past



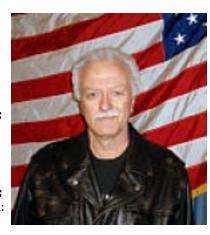


Thanks to Chris Kuster who provided this months Blast from the Past Picture. This was taken in July 2014 when the club visited Nashville Tennessee.

#### **Turning Principals**

Studies have consistently reported for many years that 40%, and in some cases more, of all motorcycle crash fatalities happen in curves. Additionally, those same twisty parts of the road are the main points where bikers have single vehicle crashes. With the sight of the Spring riding season not too far in the horizon, this might be a good time to review proper riding skills through those treacherous turns, especially for those of us headed off the island on long rides. Most of us yearn for a great set of twisties, but, unfortunately, too many of us are not living through the turns to enjoy others down the road.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) and other rider education organizations promote the four basic steps for turning a motorcycle to properly execute a curve: slow, look, press, and roll. Performing each step correctly is important to achieving the greatest (and safest) outcome.



SLOW: This means just that - slow down! The possibility of an accident increases dramatically when coming into a curve too fast, due to the potential for losing control of the motorcycle. Always slow to an appropriate entry speed, and do so before the radius of the turn starts. Your speed prior to entering the turn should dictate how much you need to slow down. Rolling off the throttle, using both brakes, downshifting, or a combination of any or all options are prescribed methods for slowing to a safe speed. Whichever way you choose, decelerate as smoothly as you can to help keep the bike's suspension steady, this will allow for a slow, smooth increase of the throttle as you start to exit the turn.

LOOK: Physically turn your head and look through the turn to where you want your bike to go. Keep those eyes up, and constantly adjust your line of sight through (and past) the turn as far as possible. When coaching riding students, MSF instructors tell them to look where they want to go and they'll get there. Where do you think you'll wind up if you look down at the road? There are only two things under those tires - pain and misery - so keep those eyes up! Also, set yourself and the bike up in the lane position that gives you the safest and best view of the whole turn.

PRESS: Leaning your motorcycle to get around that turn is where counter steering comes into play. To initiate a lean in either direction, press forward on the hand grip in the direction of the curve. If you want to turn left, press forward on the left handgrip; to turn right, press forward on the right handgrip. Moving at speeds above 12-15 mph, you can no longer turn the motorcycle like a bicycle; you need to counter steer to make it safely through a given curve. This technique seems to confuse new riders, but if you've been riding for some time, you're experienced doing it - maybe not smoothly, but you're still making it through those turns. It's important to remember that you should lean with the bike through the turn. If you ride with a passenger, remind that person to lean with you. An easy way is to ask your riding partner to look over the side of your shoulder in the same direction as the turn.

ROLL: Roll on the throttle throughout the turn. You need to either keep a steady speed through the entire curve, or slightly increase it, to maintain stability and make the bike easier to control. This is why it's important to slow down prior to entering the turn. You'll need to use a little more juice in the turn; when the bike is leaning over, a tire's diameter at contact points decreases. So, due to physics, if you decrease the diameter on a spinning wheel without increasing speed, you're slowing down, which will lead to losing control.

Notice that I never mention the use of brakes while in the turn. Using your brakes, especially the front, can have serious consequences while leaned over. Depending on the model, type of drive system, brake system/setup, etc; a bike will stand up from a lean when the brakes are applied which may cause possible improper handling conditions, or it may be pulled down to the ground extremely quickly. In either case, it's going to hurt. Granted there are advanced training programs that can teach you how properly applied brakes can be used when the bike is leaned over in a turn, but as stated - these are advanced skills that need to be taught/learned. There are also some situations where you may use your rear brake in a turn, but that skill too should be learned from a riding instructor.

With the spring season here for most of us, we're eager to get out and once again thunder down those roadways. Practice each turn by skillfully using the four steps of slow, look, press, and roll. Keep in mind that it's better to err by going too slowly into a turn; you can always give it more gas as you roll through that twisty. Practice these steps and you'll soon be carving through another riding season with confidence.



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

# May 2019

May Birthday's
Peggy Brunette 5/31
Michael Emanuel
5/28
Bob Lovdahl 5/26
Kenny Pastor 5/10
Lynette Radlauer 5/8
Ed Reiff 5/8

Joe Sabia 5/22

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Mothers Day Ride	6	7	8	9	10	11 Mother's Day Ride raindate!
12	13	14	15	16	Bowling Night	18
19 Monthly Meeting Local Ride	20	21	22	23	24 Rolling Thunder trip	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	





#### **Upcoming Events**

Mother's Day ride 5/5 (rain date 5/11) Bowling night 5/17

Rolling Thunder 5/24-5/27

Bike Blessing 6/23

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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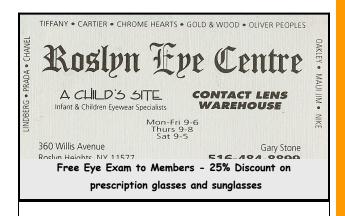
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#### May Rides

#### **Upcoming Rides**

May 5 RC Joe KSU 9:30 Exit 56 Gemini Deli Mothers Day Ride

May 11 Raindate for Mothers Day Ride

May 19th Monthly Meeting Local Ride RC Nadine

May 24th RC Sal Rolling Thunder KSU 6 am Gemini Deli

May 26th RC Gary KSU Gemini Deli 9am Candlewood Lake



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



#### UPCOMING FVFNTS

Mothers Day Ride - May 5 Bowling night - May 17 Farmingdale Lanes Rolling Thunder - May 24-May 26 Bike Blessing - June 23

#### How About a Big Cheer for Our Road Captains?

Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo, Asst. Head Road Captain: Sal Fino Steve Ficalora, Kerry Fletcher, Joe Giacalone, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Gary Kinkel, Dom Mozzone, Ralph Norton, Ed Reiff, Bill Vultaggio



#### 2019 Membership Renewal Drive

# Renewal Applications Available online NOW!

or send an email to John at Membership@LIHarleyRiders.com to request one



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!



#### 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 19, 2019 10 AM

Nathan Hale VFW Hall 210 West Pulaski Road Huntington, NY

> Charter meetings are held 4th Sunday\* of each month (\*unless otherwise noted)

Bagels, Coffee and Tea served \$5.00 per person



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