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President's Point of View, by Ed Reiff



From the president.

And so, we persist with this shutdown. I hope everybody is not as stir crazy as I am. Although my business is considered essential, we did take about 5 weeks off in order to wrap our heads around what is going on. I do estimates and contracts virtually now and I am saving plenty of time and lots of gas LOL.

So, we need to keep away from meetings and gatherings of more than 10 people. Here's what I have for us.

We are going to do a weekly scavenger hunt via motorcycles. Members will go out on their own or with a few others. Try to find what we are asking for as follows:

A restaurant sign with the word "clam" in it.

A statue.

A gasoline sign with the price under \$ 2.00.

A sign thanking essential workers.

When you find it take a selfie of you and the bike and the item. Email them to me at ed@GetGenReady.com

and I will collect them and get them out on our website for everyone to see.

VP Corner

By Steve Ficalora



VP Corner
April, 2020

Last month in the "what's your spark" article, I introduced everyone to the first motorized two-wheeler I ever rode, I hope you enjoyed it. This month I'll continue that theme with the story behind my first Harley.

Back in the "Y2K days", as I refer to it being a computer guy, we had settled into our second home during that cusp when everyone thought all the computers would come crashing down and chaos would reign. Who knew we would have to wait for a real virus to do that to us instead of a computer-born one...anyway, during that time, I was working in NYC, commuting every day, and was at that age that I was feeling restless. Normally I would buy a new guitar and that would usually help for a while, but this time I really felt like I needed *something else*. During one of our many trips down to Melbourne FL to visit Lynne's parents, I started to sense what that *something else* was: a motorcycle!

Being the family-oriented, cost-conscious man, I am, I was looking at the Victory bikes. They were fairly new at the time, had a V-twin, were American made and were priced far lower than the Harley's. The discussions with Lynne did not go well... Of course, I joked a bit when she stated "you're just having a mid-life crisis", replying with "well a bike is better than an affair!" still not going well. What's a guy to do? "F" it, I thought, I'll buy the Harley! I eventually found myself looking at bikes at Lighthouse Harley Davidson, looking for a blue and white Deluxe that had caught my eye online. It reminded me of a distant uncle who was a motorcycle cop, and loved hanging around his garage when we visited. They didn't have any. I honestly forget the sales guy's name, but he was trying hard to sell me on the red one. Meanwhile, I'm looking at a Heritage, a Fatboy, a Road King, nothing seems to be grabbing my attention. Finally, he comes back and says "come outside and look at the bike in the sun". And the rest is history...man did that bike sparkle! Where do I sign?

Later that week, while I'm secretly trying to figure out how to break the news, Lynne is looking at the wall calendar where all our lives are neatly organized into events, saying "...and next Saturday we're going over my parents' house". I stopped her and said, "I can't make it that day, I'm picking up my Harley that morning". The kids never heard so many four-letter words come flying out of Mom's mouth before! Holy crap, what did dad do??? "He bought a *motorcycle!!!*"... "Cool Dad!"... "Quick, run!!" LOL. This is why you may hear me refer to my first Harley as being a surprise anniversary gift, Lynne was very surprised!

True Story,
Ride Safe!



May Safety Article

Courtesy of Empire State Motorcycle Safety Education Program



Time to Wake Up!

Believe it or not, a new riding season is nearly here (though it seems Mother Nature keeps messing with us); ready to be taken advantage of. Many of us have been eagerly anticipating the ever-elusive season for months. We've spent the past winter dreaming of new adventures, destinations, and roads not traveled. Some of us have spent the downtime shining our motorcycles, while others have added new supplements of chrome or gadgetry that are just waiting to be shown off, praised and used. Now the time has arrived for us to swing our legs over our majestic machines, crank those mills of power, and crack the throttle to let our rides once again breathe..... but wait, what kind of safety skills column would this be if we didn't go over some items to consider before we settle in and roll down the paved path to new journeys? Before I give you a chance to answer, let's dive right into some discussion.

We need to realize that it may have been up to six months for some since our last ride, and the time lapsed should be at the top of our consideration list. After not using our riding skills for a long while, we have a tendency to lose our sharpness and edge. We're not on top of our game as we were when we put our rides away for their winter naps, and our mental and physical skills have weakened. What can we do about this you ask? To start with, keep your initial rides short. Let your muscles redevelop the movements and muscle memory they need, not only for riding, but perhaps for survival. Your wrists and hands probably didn't do much riding-related movement over the dark season. Don't forget those legs and the rest of your body either. Not many of us work or relax in the same position as we ride, so muscles tend to become tired and sore during the "re-training" process.

Fatigue is a form of impairment, and you could put yourself in a dangerous situation without even realizing it. Anything that takes away from riding at 100 percent of your ability should be considered impairment. The problem with fatigue is that it sneaks up slowly, and you may find out at the wrong time that your body and brain cannot react properly because of fatigue-induced impairment. Not good. So, consider building up your riding "strength" slowly and steadily. Riding experience and saddle time should relate to each new season as well as your overall riding history

Okay, we understand the need to practice, retrain ourselves, and just take things slowly at first, but what about those other risks and dangers like cars, trucks, and SUVs? Research has gathered plenty of information evidencing an excessive amount of accidents each spring. And, in some cases, statistics show that there are more accidents (percentage-wise) with motorcycles and cars during the first few weeks of spring and summer than throughout the whole riding season. Some reasons for these stats include what we've discussed - fatigue and riding skills insufficient to prevent a conflict - while others relate to other vehicles.

We've all heard the number one statement from car drivers: "I didn't see him/her." Even after hearing this over and over, most of us still find it a poor excuse - and though it is, there are some valid reasons for it. Many of us take for granted that we can be seen. "I see every motorcycle I drive by" is a statement I've heard a lot. That's because we are bikers; we're in tune to bikes and love not only riding them but seeing them. Being in tune enhances our sense of awareness, like buying a new car and then noticing the same model everywhere, or quitting smoking and then feeling surrounded by smokers. We're in tune to motorcycling and other riders, but most drivers aren't, and it shows in the statistics. So what can we do to prevent the infamous left-turner or that eager from ruining our day by pulling out from a side street? First, remember that you and the rest of the riding population have been absent from the roads for many months. Just like we have to take time to retrain ourselves, it takes time for the driving population to "see" us again ... At least, we hope they will. Bottom line is we all know that car drivers for the most part do not recognize us no matter what time of year it is. Be vigilant with scanning for potential risks and do what you need to adjust for them. Something as simple as covering your controls while riding in congested areas or approaching intersections can reduce reaction time; remember time equals distance - there may be a situation that inches can make the difference between a conflict or not.

There are other simple things we can do to help the process. Lane positioning is a great way to avoid a potential mishap. Ride within the lane that gives the best view for you and those around you. Constantly adjust position and speed for changing conditions. Another way to be seen is to wear bright gear. Trust me: Black may be cool, sleek, sexy, mysterious, and rebellious, but black is not a bright color. Consider a light-colored helmet or riding gear for increased visibility.

Also consider taking a safety skills course. You can find one in your area for less money than your last billet piece or whatever gadget. You can check out www.nysmsp.org for schools in your area and even consider attending one of ESMSEP's Seminars - They're **FREE**.

Finally, don't forget to make sure your motorcycle is ready for the road and riding. Taking the steps to be ready for riding includes both ourselves and our machines ([CLICK HERE for the MSF TCLOCS PRE RIDE INSPECTION CHECKLIST](#))

So head out there and remember to keep those eyes up and the rubber down. Consider the risks, adjust for them and keep learning. The more you know, the better it gets.

Have a safe, enjoyable and memorable riding season!

Letter from the Editor!

What a difference a day makes! Our world has been rocked by an invisible foe and changed every aspect of our lives. I hope this letter finds everyone well and healthy. Please stay safe, follow the new rules of social distancing, covering your face and wash your hands often. Get your information from reputable sources. Get out and ride safely enjoy the wind in your face, enjoy the scenery and remember we are NY tough and we will get together soon! Enjoy some pictures of past rides and look forward to the rides to come.



ative all of our members are.



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

May 2020

May Birthday's

- Lynette Radlauer 5/8
- Kenny Pastor 5/10
- Ed Reiff 5/8
- Joe Sabia 5/22
- Bob Lovdahl 5/26
- Michael Emmanuel 5/28
- Peggy Brunette 5/31

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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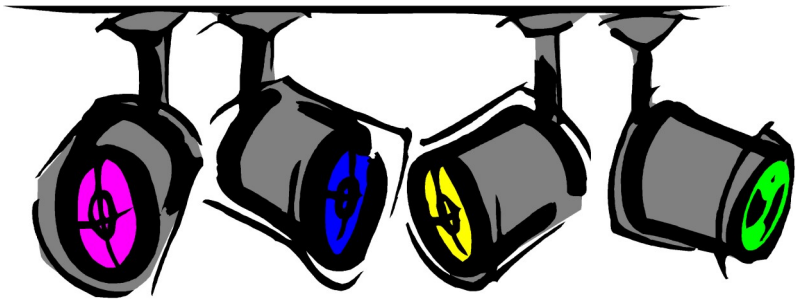
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