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President's Point of View, by Steve Ficalora

LIHR President's Message

May 2021



So, we've had many April showers, and I'm sincerely hoping that these now give way to May Flowers! Honestly, I still feel like it hasn't really warmed up yet, am I right? Maybe I have developed "Florida blood" after all...

Thanks to all who showed up at the April Monthly meeting. In case you missed it BAGELS ARE BACK! We had a great meeting and turnout (ok the weather did not cooperate) and great conversation between the members, the officers and the Road captains. This is YOUR club and we need to hear from you to continue to make LIHR the premier riding group on Long Island.

As you know we've been working on polishing the no-blocking approach to group riding and provided diagrams of how we will line up going forward. The short version is that we will line up in 2-3 rows with 2 RC's at the head of each group, with each group following the next. This places the RC's within the larger group and any separation due to lights or traffic can easily be led by one of the RC's. It is very important to note here that EVERY RC will have the route and there is NO NEED to try and catch up to the group ahead of you. This is especially important when changing lanes on the highway. EVERYONE should only change lanes when safe to do so. This group riding document can be viewed by going to the members only section of the web site: http://liharleyriders.com/Documents/LIHR_2021_Riding_Diagrams_V2.pdf

Riding safely is something we promote heavily within LIHR, and we practice what we preach. In April, most of the Road captains and Officers participated in the Experienced Rider course given by On the Road Again. This is a great course and we encourage all of you to sign up for the second-class Dom has arranged for September. We are partnering with OTRA to introduce LIHR to some of their classes in hopes of gaining a few new like-minded riders as LIHR members.

This past weekend, we had a wonderful Mother's Day ride with good weather, led by our Assistant Head Road Captain Ralph. We stopped at 6 houses and treated all of the Mother's to flowers courtesy of Annette, our Ladies of Harley Officer. Thanks to all who participated in the ride, to Ralph and all the RC's and officers for planning, and of course to all the Mom's for, well you know, for doing awesome Mom stuff! I'm flying back down to FL this weekend to surprise my own Mom for Mother's Day (Shhhh it's a secret!)

Looking forward to May, the group will be heading out on a 10-day adventure to Nashville, meticulously planned and led by Domenic our Safety Officer. This will include some phenomenal back roads and scenery, including a visit to the one, the ONLY Grand Ole Opry! My hat's off to Dom and to all who are going on this adventure. I'll be toasting you all with a Glass of wine from Sunny FL! At the May Monthly meeting we will be welcoming Deacon Dale for our Biker Blessing, and we encourage all members to "Bring a buddy" to the May meeting. All Guests will have free entry to the meeting.

I look forward to seeing all of you very soon. Ride safe and find a new road!

April Meeting



April saw another successful meeting.

We had 44 members attend the April Meeting. We welcome 2 new members! Please welcome William and Eileen Caulfield. William rides a Ultra Limited and was referred by HRC Sal Fino. The weather again was not on our side and the rain cancelled our Sunday Ride. As of January we have a total of 134 members; 104 full and 28 associate members. We are always looking for ways to increase our membership so spread the word. Bring a buddy to the May meeting; the biker blessing is a great way to introduce riders to our great club!

In April President Steve led our 1st overnighiter out to Montauk. The ride out on Saturday was a beautiful day and many of our members enjoyed a day ride out and a leisurely ride back through Shelter Island. Unfortunately our hope to see a beautiful sunrise was dashed by thick fog, but the hearty members who enjoyed an overnight stay were able to get home before the rain. As per HRC Sal we have enjoyed 4 rides in April for a total of 429 miles. Our Safety Officer Dom Mozzone led our 1st off island ride of the year to Kent CT where 20 bikes and 22 riders enjoyed beautiful scenery and back roads with a leisurely picnic lunch and the ferry ride home.

Our RC's are busy planning this years overnighiters. RC Dom has been hard at work planning the clubs Nashville trip. The 10 day trip will cover more than 2,700 miles, many of them back roads and side trips including the Grand Ole Opry and the Jack Daniels Distillery to name a few. We also heard from RC Sal who is busy planning his June trip to Bills Biker Barn, RC Chris' trip to Gettysburg which will include a motorcycle tour of the battlefield, RC Steve's trip in August to Cleveland to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and RC Gary's Sept trip to New Hampshire. Our Webmaster Rod has posted the Sign Up Genius for all the overnight trips planned for this year so if you are planning to attend any or all please sign up so our RC can plan these trips. The Biker blessing scheduled after the May meeting, the Fathers Day Ride and Brunch will be hosted by our VP Ed Reiff. Looking even further in the year we have the Poker Run to raise money for the Veterans Place and our annual Sagamore Children's Hospital ride in November. We are looking to raise funds to sponsor a memorial bench for the Reflection Garden at Sagamore. Unfortunately our annual Ride to NYU Winthrop Hospital's Child Life Program had to be cancelled due to the pandemic but our outstanding members raised over \$1000 to fund this wonderful program and we hope that 2022 will allow the Easter Bunny to make his annual visit!

We celebrated two of our members as well. We welcomed back Jerry Smalls from his winter home in FL and presented him with a Challenge Coin for hosting the clubs Summer parties at his beautiful home. We also celebrated Angela Irizarry with her 5 year patch. Our monthly trivia contest was all about April and our 50/50 winners this month were 1st place Joe Imperial and 2nd place Mark D'Angelo.



Angela receives her 5 year patch and Jerry gets his challenge coin!



New Members William and Eileen Caulfield



50/50 Winners



Chris' Easter Ride April 3 2021



What should have been the club annual Easter Ride to NYU Winthrop Child Life Ride had to be cancelled for a second year but RC Chris led a hearty group of 12 bikes and 14 Riders on a chilly early spring ride starting on the South Shore and ending on the North Shore. The temperature was just 37 degrees when we took off for a brisk 50 mile ride. We rode the back roads through Coram, Yaphank, South Manor, Manorville and Wading River. We ended the ride at The Shops at East Wind where we were joined by many families waiting to see the Easter Bunny for pictures, face painting and a bounce house. We enjoyed a delicious lunch at Ruggero's.





Steve's Montauk Overnighter



April 10-11, 2021

Steve led 20 bikes and 21 members out to Montauk leaving from Exit 56 with a second pickup point at exit 70. As the sun and the temperature rose we headed to the back roads off of Sunrise Highway, unfortunately accompanied by many cars as there was an accident ahead which diverted all the 4-wheel vehicles onto our back road route, but only for a short time. After riding through North Sea and Noyac, we stopped at the Elizabeth A Morton Bird sanctuary for a rest stop. From there we continued on through Sag Harbor on back roads through the Northwest Harbor and Springs hamlets of East Hampton before arriving at Fresh Pond Park in Amamgenset for a picnic lunch overlooking Napeague Bay. After lunch the group rode out for a photo op at the Montauk Lighthouse before the Day trippers headed home courtesy of RC Jack and the Shelter Island ferries, and RC Steve led the overnight crew to Daunte's Albatross Motel.

We all enjoyed a nice dinner together along with the "four-wheelers" (Lynne, Susan and Jeannine) at the Montauk Lobster House followed by a few hours of socializing in the courtyard, and then in the Master Suite that Jeff had secured, complete with a wood burning stove! While the fire never really got going, even with Lynne burning, of all things, the "sacred" toilet paper, we enjoyed each other's company and it was still much warmer than the courtyard. Having decided to get an early departure to beat the impending rain, we enjoyed a hearty breakfast at Anthony's Pancake house at 7AM and were rolling homewards at 8:15AM. We all arrived home safe and dry (with the exception of some mist from the fog) by 10:30AM.



Montauk Sunrise Ride April 10-11, 2021



Dom's Kent CT Ride

April 18, 2021

Our 1st off island ride for the 2021 season was a great success. 20 bikes and 22 members enjoyed a sunny spring day. Led by RC and Safety Officer Dom, the group left Gemini Deli early in the morning for a 107 mile 3-hour ride up the Hutch and the back roads of Western CT and Eastern NY. The winding back roads had the group straddling the borders of both states. After enjoying a leisurely picnic lunch where no one had to wait for the food or pay their checks the group enjoyed an additional 62 miles of back roads towards the Bridgeport Ferry. Judging by the smiles on everyone face the ride was a success!



MAY SAFETY ARTICLE

CRITTER HAZARDS AND MOTORCYCLES

By Dom Mozzone



Critter Hazards And Motorcycles

This is rare but it can happen while traveling on a road, you can suddenly be confronted with an animal in your path. With the '21 riding season now in full swing we'll be taking multiple overnight trips that will undoubtedly cover many beautiful roads.

When riding country roads you can occasionally confront five types of animals with some regularity: deer, raccoon, squirrel, dogs, cats, birds and horses in roughly that order of frequency. This should not be a surprise as we've all passed road kill from time to time while riding.

If you see an animal in your path, give plenty of warning to the other riders, the obvious best move is to slow down and give the animal as wide a clearance as possible. Alternatively, in the case of an animal that 'just appeared in front of me out of nowhere' you have an immediate decision to make ... to swerve and try to avoid it, or to panic stop.

To swerve is the wrong choice to make! If you think that you can figure out where a deer is going to be in the next 2 seconds, you are dead wrong! But more importantly, if you think that you can, in a panic, swerve your motorcycle and retain control of it - not run into oncoming traffic, or off the road, or over steer it into a crash after avoiding the animal, or swerve right into the animal which has jumped into your new path, then you are playing Russian roulette with a full load!

Think about this: if you hit a cement truck at 5 mph you will probably walk away from it. If you hit ANYTHING while traveling at 50 mph or faster, you more than likely will not. The difference is your speed. Swerving does not reduce your speed. What it does is give away some control.

Your best move is almost always to try a CONTROLLED panic stop using the progressive braking technique, e.g., applying increased progressive pressure on your front and rear brakes until you stop. Never jam on your brakes hard as it can cause a skid even with ABS brakes. Do not lose control of your bike and minimize the speed of impact. If you are good, and practiced, you might not hit anything at all. Even if luck is against you, you will probably still be able to talk about it as a lesson learned to share with fellow riders.

Yea but: "Even if it's a child?" Absolutely! If that child decides to make a dash for his/her life and chooses, like you, the wrong direction to run in, then you will hit that kid with a faster impact swerving to avoid him/her than if you try to stop the bike.

Think about the following two points regarding kids and their pets:

-You never speed on residential streets, right?

-You always cover your front brake while riding on residential streets, right?

Think of the odds in your head before you get into a panic situation. Condition yourself, anticipate, be prepared and above all practice, practice, practice panic stopping.





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

May 2021

May Birthday's

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 National Women's Rider Day
2 Mother's Day Ride	3	4	5	6	7	8 Mother's Day Ride Raindate
9 Happy Mother's Day Mother's Day	10	11	12	13 Nashville Overnighter Leaves	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Monthly Meeting Biker Blessing Bring a Buddy	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



Upcoming Events
Biker Blessing 5/23/21

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.

Check your email, our website or facebook for last minute changes. Full tank of gas and empty bladder required for all Rides

Upcoming Rides

Our weekly weekend rides are back on, look for the emails for details!!!!

5/2/21 AHRC Ralph Mother's Day Ride KSU 9am Gemini Deli (rain date 5/8/21)

5/9/21 Mother's Day No Ride Planned

5/13/21 Club Ride to Tennessee Leaves

5/23/21 Monthly Meeting Biker Blessing Bring a Buddy Local Ride



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



2021 Overnights

Nashville, TN 5/13/21—5/22/21

Bills Biker Barn Bloomsburg, PA 6/3/21-6/6/21

Gettysburg, PA 6/25/21—6/27/21

Ride to PA (Railroad Museum/York Tour) 7/30/21-8/1/21

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland, OH 8/12/21—8/16/21

New Hampshire 9/9/21—9/12/21

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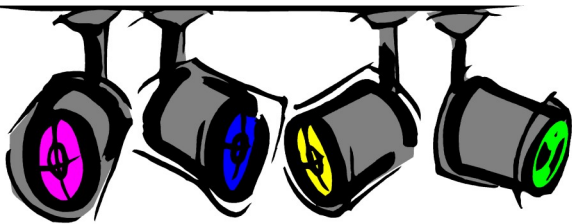
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