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## President's Point of View, by Jeff Grube

### LIHR President's Message

May 2022



Hello L.I. Harley Riders,

I'd like to start by once again thanking Steve for all that he's done for the Club in all of his roles and most recently as President. I look forward to Steve's continued contributions as a Road Captain. Steve does a great job at routing trips and I certainly look forward to his Cooperstown ride coming up in June. I will do my best to fill his 'boots' going forward!!

May is upon us and we're starting to get some decent weather for a change. Our level of ride successes have been dismal to date due to Mother Nature but the calendar is in our favor. We have many overnights on the calendar and I hope you all can make at least one of these trips. I feel we have some good ones planned. All the details are on the website and in the weekly emails but I'll provide a quick rundown. We have Maggie Valley NC coming up this month, Cooperstown NY in mid-June, Wellsboro PA in mid-July, Salamanca NY in mid-August then in mid-September we have our elusive mystery ride which will just be a Saturday/Sunday run and finally in mid-October we have our last overnights of the season down to Skyline Drive VA.

We've had many events whether they be coupled with a membership meeting or a stand alone event. Next up is our bowling night this Saturday put together by Izzy. Many thanks to him for putting this together. He has arranged free use of the lanes along with bowling shoes. Food and drink are available for purchase at the lanes. Scott and Diane will be hosting our annual Summer Party scheduled for 7/31 with a rain date of 8/7. Thanks to both of them for hosting this event!! Bike nights will also start in June. Details to follow. We also just had five members complete the MSF Skills Practice through Big Apple Motorcycle School this past weekend.

As always, I'd like to thank all of our Officers and Road Captains for their dedication and hard work for the club. Most recently Janet Pepper has volunteered to assist Ron Prwivo in the Secretary position and Izzy has volunteered to work into the Editor position giving Deidre a very deserved break from this role.

Lastly, please keep safety in mind when it comes to our bikes. Proper maintenance is key to a safe riding season. Be advised that NYS has not gotten registration renewals out in a timely fashion if at all. Registrations expired on 4/30/2022. You can renew online if you haven't received your renewal by mail. During the online renewal you can also print out a temporary registration until the real one comes in the mail. Mine arrived in less than a week after the online renewal.

Until next time.....see you on the road



# April Meeting



We had a great turnout for April's meeting. Over 40 of our members attended the monthly meeting and our annual Biker Blessing. We say goodbye to President Steve who has been living part time in Florida for work and he has passed the Presidency to our VP Jeff Grube. We thank Steve for all his hard work over the last past 2 years and for designing our challenge coins and the new club flag. Steve has been an active member for over 17 years and has had many roles including VP, activity officer, membership officer, assistant director and Road Captain. He plans to stay a road captain and is leading the Cooperstown Ride this June. We welcome a new Deacon Mike Romano for our annual biker blessing this year. Pastor Mike arrived on a souped-up Honda Goldwing!

Our New President Jeff reviewed the annual fundraiser for the NYU Langone Child life program. Donations are accepted online till 4/30. We had a moment of silence for HOG Member Mike Simeone who died in a motorcycle accident. We thank members Dennis Irizarry for attending the services and Joe for sending flowers from the club. We welcome our new volunteers Dennis Irizarry who takes over as editor and Janet Pepper as assistant secretary. We welcome Mary McManus as an associate member.

Our Activities Director Lynne has been busy planning upcoming bike nights as the warmer weather approaches. The annual Mothers day ride is scheduled for May 1st with a rain date of May 7th. Our new editor Izzy has made arrangements for a club bowling night with free bowling and shoes on May 7th at Bowlero. Our members Diane Maiorca and Scott Musorofiti have volunteered their home for our annual summer party scheduled for July 1st and rain date August 7th! Assistant RC Chris reviewed the year to date rides. Weather has not been our friend but we were able to complete 5 rides with 8 cancellations for a total of 215 miles. Our treasure Joe reviewed club finances. We have raised over \$700 from advertisers. Scott reviewed membership and currently we have 128 members. Our public relations officer Dom Mazza has been in touch with Sagamore Children's Hospital and reports ground has been broken on the meditation garden and the club will join them for the dedication.

Our 50/50 winners this month were 1st prize winner Ron Prwivo and 2nd place winner Lynne Ficalora. After the meeting we welcomed back RC Gary Kinkel for his 1st ride with his new hip. He lead the club on a back roads ride through the North Shore. Lunch was enjoyed at NapperTandy's in Northport.

This is my last edition of LI Harley Riders newsletter and I want to say THANK YOU to everyone who helped me put it together, posted their pictures and answered my computer questions. A special thank you to Chris who has put up with me and acted as my proof reader. It has been an honor to promote this club and participate in all the wonderful activities it offers.



Pastor Mike and his patriotic Gold Wing



## Upcoming Raffles by Gertrude



Our new assistant secretary Janet Pepper



2nd Prize Lynne Ficalora

1st prize Ron Prwivo

50/50 Winners

# More from the monthly meeting and Biker Blessing





# Molly Hatchets Axe Throwing

## April 10, 2022



A great night of fun was had by the club at Molly Hatchets in Ronkonkoma. 23 members practiced their skills with the help of the "Axe Master". Some of our members sharpened their skills while others wished they had sharper axes. After a night of fun 13 members enjoyed good food and drinks at Kelly's Ale house.





# Cheryl's Brisk Ride April 10, 2022



On Sunday, Cheryl lead 13 Bikes and 14 members on a 52 mile ride. Members traveled along the north shore from Syosset out to East Northport . Then across to the south shore to Amityville heading back west to Seaford for Lunch. After warming up the club enjoyed lunch at Dang BBQ.





# Gary's Ride with his new Hip!

## April 24, 2022



We welcome back RC Gary! Gary led the club on a short but very scenic ride through Huntington, Huntington Bay, Centerport and Northport. We enjoyed winding roads and beautiful views with Spring weather at our back. A delicious lunch at Napper Tandy's followed.



# May Safety Article

Borrowed from Backroads Magazine May 2022

## YOUR OTHER SENSES

SMELL, TASTE, TOUCH... AND THAT OTHER ONE

*For the last few months we have been discussing the Human Senses and how they affect us as riders; sometimes to our benefit and other times to our detriment.*

### Smell

Our sense of smell is called the process of olfaction.

Olfaction is the sensation of smell that results from the detection of odorous substances aerosolized in the environment. Along with vision, taste, hearing, and balance, olfaction is a special sense. Humans are able to detect odors through the components of the olfactory system.

I think that smell is one of the least thought of and yet one of the most remarkable of the senses.

Have you ever had an aroma pass

your way and have it bring back a long-forgotten memory?

Many studies have found a connection between odors and powerful memories and scientists believe that smell and memory are so closely linked because the anatomy of the brain allows olfactory signals get to the limbic system very quickly. Experts say the memories associated with smells tend to be older and thought about less often, meaning the recollection is very vivid when it happens.

We have all had this happen to us at one point or another.

But when riding our nose knows! You are aware of the dead skunk on the road a ½ mile before it comes into view. The smell of manure after it is spread on the farm fields greets us each spring as we ride the tiny backroads where our office is located.

When Shira was coming down with COVID in May of 2020, I was put on red alert when the aroma of the recently shat spread farm we were passing was undetectable to her, while over-powering to me. Like many things, you might not ever think of your sense of smell until it's gone. It was months till she got her nose back.

Your olfactory sense can alert you to dangers while riding too. Who has not had a whiff of diesel and then spotted the greasy streak left by a poorly maintained truck. Sense of smell saving the day.

Although we may not have as great a sense of smell as other creatures, we still have a decent thing going here – so think about it and pay attention when something evil smelling drifts your way.



### Taste

These two senses are very closely related and in fact, flavor is mostly related to smell. This is why, when someone has nasal obstruction from the common cold, they often experience a dramatically altered sense of flavor. Like smell, taste also has a medical name – Gustation.

Since they are so loosely related there is not much to say about taste and riding.

Well, except if you follow a Great All American Diner Run to someplace special – using all six senses to arrive happy with the ride and hungry like a bear in spring. Then taste is most definitely a part of motorcycle riding!

### Touch

Now here is a sense that is incredibly important to we riders.

A subset of the sensory nervous system, which also represents visual, auditory, olfactory, and gustatory stimuli. The somatosensory system is the network of neural structures in the brain and body that produce the perception of touch, as well as temperature, body position, and pain.

Touch plays a far more important role in our daily riding than you have probably realized.

In discussions with other, and far more talented and experienced riders than ourselves, about the most important part of a motorcycle a number of subjects were touched. Tires, brakes, suspension all were brought



up and all of them will circle around like a White House Press Secretary to what we are talking about now – touch.

Many riders simply go out and ride. They really are unaware or simply don't care about their tires. We all know proper inflation is important – but even with this there are many schools of thought on what proper is. I set pressure for the occasion. For me, less is more – as in more traction, grip and, most important, feel or touch.

Different tires will give your touch different feedback. Softer

compounds versus harder make a huge difference in what your touch feels.

The same goes with the brakes. Different pads, levers and machines themselves offer you touch and feel of the brakes on different levels.

Suspension was our all-around choice for most important for the entire feel of a motorcycle.

When you swap out from stock or tired suspension to something new, modern and well thought out, and you have it correctly set-up, you will be amazed at how well your machine suddenly handles, reacts and feels to the touch.

That feeling is through the three points that your body is in contact with your machine. Your fingers gently on the grips, your butt comfortable sitting on the saddle and your feet on the pegs are all pouring "Touch Info" into your brain. It is good to be aware of this and use it to your advantage.

Just don't get on your bike and ride off without a thought.

Think about your touch and feel and your ride will be that much better for it.

*Next month – your sixth sense. ☺*





For a complete list of Charter Events and the latest information, visit [www.LIHarleyRiders.com](http://www.LIHarleyRiders.com) for details.

# May 2022

## May Birthday's

- Greg Berkowitz  
5/3
- Raymond Skelly  
5/6
- Lynette Radlauer  
5/8
- Ed Reiff 5/8
- Ken Pastor 5/10
- Frank Pizzichemi  
5/20
- Joe Sabia 5/22
- Robert Ruehs  
5/25
- Bob Lovdahl 5/26
- Michael Emanuel  
5/28
- Peggy Brunette  
5/31

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Mothers Day Ride	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Bowling Night 7pm
<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Maggie Valley Ride leaves Local Ride Phil's Wading River	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Maggie Valley Ride Returns
<b>22</b> Monthly Meeting Local Ride Das Beer Garden	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Off Island Ride Motorcycle Museum Newburgh NY	<b>30</b> Memorial Day 	<b>31</b>				

## Upcoming Events



Night of Bowling

5/7 Bowlero Patchogue 7:30pm

*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

5/15 Local Ride RC Gary Phil's Wading River KSU 10am exit 56

5/22 Local Ride RC Gary after meeting Das Beer Garden Long Beach (cash only)

5/29 Off Island Ride HRC Sal Motorcycle Museum Newburgh NY Exit 43 KSU TBD



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



## 2022 Overnighters

5/15-5/21 Maggie Valley NC RC Jeff Grube

6/11-6/14 Cooperstown NY RC Steve

7/16-7/19 Grand Canyon PA RC Frank

8/13-8/18 Salamanca NY RC Jeff

9/17-9/18 TBD

9/30-10/2 LOH trip to Salem MA

10/15-10/18 Skyline Drive Prob RC Cheryl

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

Head Road Captain: Sal Fino Asst. Head Road Captain: Chris Kuster

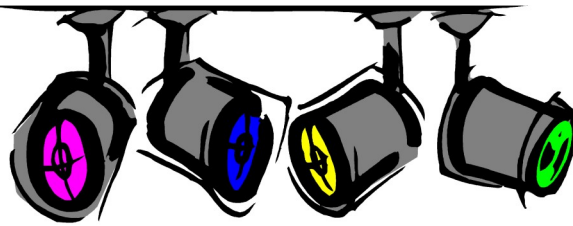
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### Say Cheese!

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 22, 2022

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(\*unless otherwise noted)

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