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President's Point of View, by Grumpy

This being my last article for 2014, I would like to start by thanking all the officers, road captains and members that volunteer each year to make my job easier. Without their help, we would not have all the great events and rides that we do and, in my opinion, do well. To name a few: the over-night rides, bike nights, parties, etc.. I could go on and on so, I say again, THANK YOU to all! Planning has already begun for some 2015 events. So fill out that membership renewal application... you don't want to miss out. One is included in each weekly email. So print it and mail it to L.I. Harley Riders PO Box 2203 St. James, NY 11780-0607. The good news is we have not increased the membership fees. Lotto says "You have to be in it to win it". We say join so you can enjoy it all!

I am sorry to say, we had to cancel the ride to Sturbridge MA. because of rain. I, for one, think we made a good call on this one. The weatherman was actually right this time!

At the October meeting, Kathy O'Keefe and Karen King, from Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center, discussed the details of our November 23th Toy Run. The main item was the acceptable gifts to bring. We have included this list in the weekly emails and a copy is included in this newsletter. Please mark your calendar so do not forget this ride. This could be our last Toy Ride to Sagamore. Hopefully that won't be the case.

The Holiday Party is coming up fast. December 6th is right around the corner. We have a guaranteed minimum number of people we have to meet or the party will have to be cancelled. This is something none of us want to see. Please contact our activities office, Steve Ficalora, at:

Activities@LIHarleyRiders.com to purchase your ticket at \$65.00 per person. There will be an open bar, great food, music and a Chinese auction, plus a night out with members and friends. The party will be held, once again, at The Holiday Inn in Plainview from 7 PM to 11:00 PM.

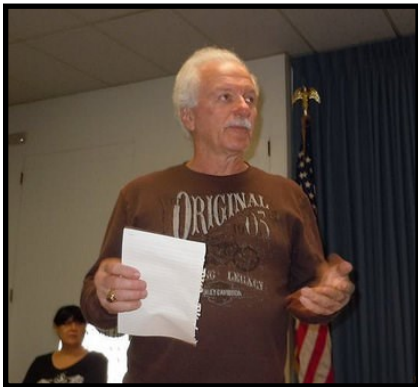
The only ride I will tell you about, for 2015, is the club's annual Polar Bear ride. This year, weather permitting, it will take place on January 4th. All who attend this ride will receive a "2015" rocker to add to their Polar Bear patch. If you do not have a Polar Bear patch, one can be purchased for \$5.00.

Ride safe and prosper.

October 26, 2014 Membership Meeting



Kathy O'Keefe, Exec. Director and Karen King from Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center attended the meeting to explain how much our visit means to the children, as well as the staff, at the center. Pres. Grumpy Hartmann went over up-coming events, Safety Officer, Dom Mozzone reviewed some fall riding tips, Chris Vultaggio, Membership Officer up-dated us on the Jack Daniels sales and Head RC Mario Ruffolo went over up-coming rides.



Are you a member of the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA)?

Although there is no requirement for AMA membership as a LI Harley Rider member, only AMA members will be able to vote for our primary officers or be able to run for office.

Please also consider the AMA's advocacy programs and other benefits.
Learn more about it at: www.americanmotorcyclist.com

50/50 Raffle Winners



**1st Place
Lynn O'Connor**



**2nd Place
Rich Zeier**



After the meeting, RC Steve led 30 bikes & 36 members on a beautiful ride along the North Shore. We rode a few new roads and enjoyed the look of fall. We ended at Dixie's Smokehouse- where everyone raved about the excellent barbeque lunch! A big thank you to Steve for planning a great ride & to our road captains for the terrific job they do!





It was a beautiful fall day for Road Captain Ken Pastore's ride on Oct. 5th. Ken led 26 bikes & 30 members on a scenic South Shore ride along the waters edge. They saw some beautiful homes and even a salt water lake! The ride ended in East Moriches at the Water's Edge Restaurant. The food was delicious! Many thanks to Ken for this planning this beautiful ride & to the road captains for always keeping us safe.



On Oct. 12th Road Captain Cisco led 26 bikes & 30 members to the dam at Croton on Hudson. Not only was the view from the bottom of the dam breathtaking but Cisco, with the help of Cat, took pictures of each of our members in front of the dam. The roads leading up to the dam were some of the best we've ridden. The changing leaves were just icing on the cake. Our road captains did an awesome job of guiding us on the many roads we traveled. Watching how our riders and road captains move is a sight to see!



The scenery...



...was spectacular!



The camaraderie...



...was wonderful!





Unfortunately, our fall foliage trip was canceled earlier in the month. Luckily, Rich Zeier's first ride as a Road Captain, on October 19th, was during the peak of the season on Long Island's North Fork. Rich led 23 bikes with 27 members on board through the woods of Manorville before heading out to the south side of the North Fork arriving at Legends, in New Suffolk, just in time for a delicious lunch. On the way out, Rich managed to find some roads even our most seasoned riders had never ridden. As always, a big thank you to our Road Captains for assisting Rich in keeping us all safe.



Don't ya just LOVE the radios in those 2014's... when they work!!!!



Increase Your Safety Crossing Intersections

By Domenic Mozzone, Safety Officer

Over a three year fifty state study, the Motorcycle Safety Council research has determined that 73% of all motorcycle accidents occur at or near intersections.

It stands to reason, when you reflect on it, drivers have to:

1. properly signal
2. stop at lights (Of course, no one ever runs a light when motorcycles are around right?)
3. merge properly
4. signal for lane changes
5. make those asinine left turns in front of us (Which is the greatest incident at intersections causing accidents.)



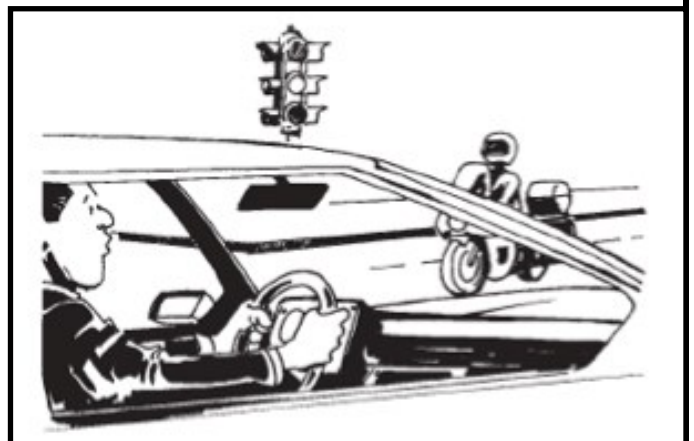
All this, while the sun is in their eyes in the early a.m. or early p.m.. Get the picture?

There are a myriad of things that can go wrong based on someone else's decision when you're riding through an intersection. It becomes critically important to be AWARE that you are about to cross an intersection and prepare accordingly EVERYTIME you enter one. Whenever crossing an intersection you MUST anticipate that someone will do something that will create a major problem for you. Some examples are: stopping midway into a turn or intersection, on coming left turns or people ignoring stop signs and red lights.

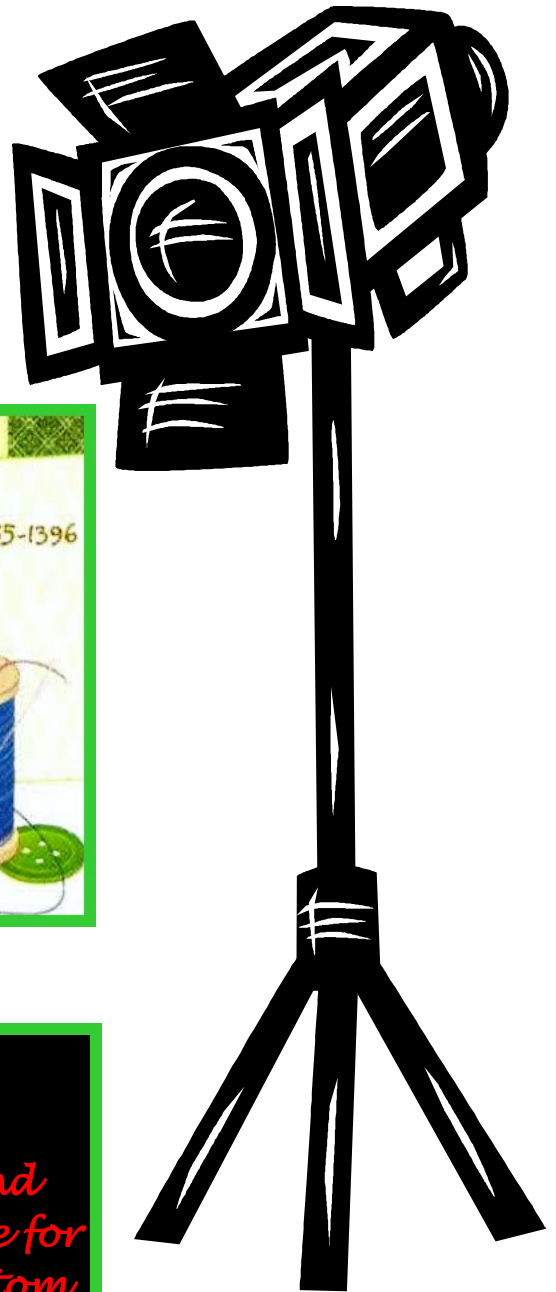
It's been determined that the best ways to avoid an accident in these situations is to look at least 12 seconds ahead of your motorcycle. Your eyes should be scanning from left to right and up and down especially at intersections. The sooner you see the potential hazard, the more time you'll have to react instinctively and plan your approach. Secondly, since most accidents happen at intersections, slow down when approaching one, check to see if anyone is about to pass that red light or stop sign. Cover both your front and rear brakes as you get closer to the intersection. Position your bike to the left side of your lane. If you're going to have to swerve around the left turning vehicle, your swerve will usually be to the left around the back of the vehicle and then quickly back to the right. However, most of the time, in that situation, your only course of action will be to stop quickly using both your front and rear brakes. That's why it is so important to take a safety course where they will drill you through emergency stops and practice emergency braking using both brakes.

The average rider never practices emergency braking, consequently, in the situation I described, the average rider slams on the rear brake, locks the tire and skids right into the vehicle. Even if you miss the vehicle, you'll still slide onto the ground which can cause serious injury. This could have been an avoidable accident using awareness of an approaching hazard and instinctively preparing for a possible evasive maneuver. The bottom line is to always anticipate and be prepared for others who unintentionally or, due to their intoxication or stupidity, cause us grief.

Don't be a statistic! Remember, when approaching intersections ALWAYS assume that someone will do something to cause an accident and be prepared to react in time to avoid it. Ride safe, ride often and have a blast!



The Spotlight is on.... Our Sponsor of the Month



*Buy a ticket to the Holiday Party and
automatically be entered into a raffle for
a chance to win one of Gertrudes custom
designed Harley Davidson quilts*

Up Coming Rides & Events.....



ATTENTION ALL LADY MEMBERS...before the holiday rush begins, enjoy a relaxing spa weekend with the Ladies of Harley at the Pocono Manor Inn Rte. 314, Pocono Manor, PA 18349 800-233-8150 or 570-839-7111 November 15th-16th. For further info contact Annette Greco, LOH Officer: LadiesofHarley@LIHarleyRiders.com



SAVE THE DATE!!!! **SAGAMORE CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC CENTER** IS STILL OPEN AND ONCE AGAIN SANTA AND THE L.I.HARLEY RIDERS ELVES WILL BE VISITING THE CHILDREN. THE RIDE WILL TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 23RD AFTER THE MONTHLY MEETING. SEE THE GIFT SUGGESTION LIST ON THE P. 10.



Save the date... **L.I. Harley Riders Holiday Party** Saturday, December 6th, at the *****Holiday Inn***** 215 Sunnyside Blvd. Plainview. Rooms are available at **\$119** for the night. Gertrude will be making another beautiful quilt for the door prize. Watch for details. Tickets are \$65 per person. If interested contact Steve : activities@liharleyriders.com



Brrrrrrr...Put your woolies, thermals or heated gear on January 4th for the Polar Bear Ride! Watch the emails for details.



Be sure to bundle up your favorite cutie and bring them on the Annual Sweetheart Ride Sunday February 15th. Watch the emails for details.



Join the LOH after the meeting on Feb. 22 for a **Mardi Gras Party!** If anyone would like to donate their favorite dish contact Annette Greco, LOH Officer at: LadiesOfHarley@LIHarleyRiders.com



Watch the weekly e-mails for details or changes to up-coming rides and events

If you have a favorite ride, place you've visited or product you've used...why not share it with your friends? Just send a brief article and/or photo to: Editor@LIHarleyRiders.com



Gift ideas for the children



Sweatshirts without hoods men's sizes X-large & XX-large
Socks (sports)
Sporting goods- football, basketball; No hard balls
Board games
Stationary writing supplies (no spiral/wires)
DVD movies rating cannot be more than PG13
Drawing pads (no spiral/wires)
Board games- Dominos, Monopoly, Life, Checkers, Chess
Playing cards, UNO cards
Chap stick, lip gloss
Lotions for hand/body Boys like Axe products
Shower gels, shampoo, conditioner, body sprays, deodorant
Make up kits without mirrors
Jig saw puzzles
Lounging pants for boys & girls (large sizes)
Hat/ gloves
Fuzzy slippers lg/xl
Art supplies

They cannot have:

Aerosol cans
Glass items
Sharps
Metal containers

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

November 2014

November

Mike Davidson.....Nov. 2nd
 Dave Paduano.....Nov. 4th
 Charlie Abruzzo....Nov. 5th
 Bill Vultaggio.....Nov. 6th
 Bill Rowland.....Nov. 12th
 Paul Wilson.....Nov. 12th
 Cathy Domen.....Nov. 15th
 Tony Wuestman.....Nov. 15th
 Lelsie Taliercio....Nov. 17th
 Mark York.....Nov. 18th
 Frank Pelligrino..Nov. 19th
 Chris Vultaggio....Nov. 20th
 Joe Imperial.....Nov. 21st
 Harry Kramer.....Nov. 21st
 Joe Beltrani.....Nov. 23rd
 Rich Massari.....Nov. 27th
 Ron Priviro.....Nov. 30th

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Local Ride



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Local Ride

23 Meeting
Sagamore
Toy Ride

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Jacob's
Light
Packing

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Thanksgiving
Day

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**Santa and his
L.I. Harley Rider
Elves**
will be visiting
**Sagamore Children's
Psychiatric Hospital**

Sunday November 23rd
after the monthly meeting



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2015 Membership Get a friend involved!

Rockers , T-shirts , Sweatshirts, Mugs and Caps are on sale now!

2015 Membership Applications Available online!

Applications are available on our website or the weekly e-mail. Download it for your friend , have them fill it out then bring them down to the monthly meeting.

As always, A BIG THANK YOU to our Road Captains for the great rides they plan and for keeping us all safe!

Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo - Asst Head Road Captain: Gary Kinkle
Charlie Abruzzo, Joe Bonura, Stephan Efthimiades, Buzzy Farquhar, Steve Ficalora, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Mike Macari, Cisco Mercado, Ken McKay, Dom Mozzone, Kenny Pastor, Lou Vaccarelli, Bill Vultaggio & Rich Zeier



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
November 23, 2014
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
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