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President's Point of View, by Steve Ficalora

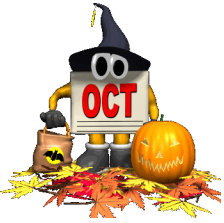


Hello Everyone and Welcome to Fall! It's that lovely time of year when you're not certain if you'll need heated gear or a mesh jacket, LOL. Seriously though, as the weather changes we do need to be prepared clothing-wise. It's important to be comfortable while riding to keep you from becoming distracted, focusing on how uncomfortable you are versus focusing on the road in front of you. On that note it is extremely important we do stay focused on the road during this time of year to watch out for wet leaves, which are as treacherous as ice, as well as that invisible black ice that can form from overnight freezing.

Thanks to everyone who attended the October Meeting and especially to the swarm of members who cleaned up the VFW so quickly! It was so nice to be able to make our own coffee again! (ahh the little things). I also want to thank everyone that came on the ride for our surprise visit to Harry. By all accounts we truly made his day. As we head into November, we have two of my favorite events. First on the 8th we will be donating all of the materials to the Veterans Home in Yaphank, purchased through everyone's generous "donations" via the poker run in September. This included above and beyond efforts by Anette's family to canvass/harass their friends into donating to our cause.

Towards the end of the month we have the Sagamore visit along with Santa, his elves and the reindeer! This is scheduled for the 22nd following the Monthly meeting, with a rain date of the 29th. We are waiting to receive the updated list of acceptable gifts for this year and will distribute as soon as we have it. Our understanding is that this may just be a drive-by due to the Covid restrictions, so we are forgoing the PD escort and will head out to a lunch spot following our "whistle stop" at Sagamore. We will also work out the logistics of delivering these gifts to Sagamore. This may be a bulk delivery via four wheels, so be prepared to bring the gifts to the meeting on the 22nd. I will unfortunately miss this year's Sagamore ride as I will be in Florida taking care of important personal business, which will include some riding of course! While we will not be having our Holiday Party this year due to the catering restrictions, please keep the 12/12 date open as our Activities Officers are planning a movie night at the VFW.

Once again, I want to remind everyone that our club runs solely through the efforts of volunteers. If you are interested in understanding how to contribute, ask any officer or Road Captain. Our Road Captains are busy putting together the 2021 overnight rides, so don't be shy if there is a favorite destination you think the club would enjoy, speak up!



October Meeting



We successfully had our 2nd monthly meeting since COVID. Following the rules of the VFW all our members wore masks and sat six feet apart; but we were TOGETHER! We welcomed a new member Ken Relavid from Bellmore. Ken rides a trike. There were no new bikes this month. Our weekly rides have been a success and with good weather and beautiful foliage on our side we have been to Tannersville NY, Rhinebeck NY and Kent CT.

Our next meeting on November 22 will be followed by our annual Santa ride to Sagamore Children's Hospital. Because of the COVID epidemic we will not be able to enter the facility but the kids are looking forward to our visit. Please continue to monitor the clubs emails for the much needed items. The rain date for this ride is 11/29/20

Our annual ride to the Veterans Place in Yaphank is planned for 11/8. That ride will be led by Head RC Mario. Our Poker run raised over \$1000 and Annette our Ladies of Harley officer purchased comforters, towels sheets and pillows at their request. We were able to make 24 care packages to help the homeless Veterans who receive help from this great organization. Our VP Ed Reiff donated the additional money to make up the difference to get the supplies needed. Our 50/50 winners this month Diane Mauro and Kristen Roemer donated their winnings back to support the Veterans. Due to the health precautions we will not be able to visit these great men but a drive by is planned. They are very glad to announce that they have not had any cases of COVID at the facility.

Our Safety Officer Dom Mozzone reviewed safety rules for riding in a group. He reviewed the role of the Pick and Sweep. The importance of passing the hand signals back and maintaining the 2 second rule were stressed.

Our annual membership drive is going strong. Discounted membership continues till 12/31/20. If you register early the fee continues to be \$40 for member and \$20 for an associate member. See our membership officer at any meeting. The applications are available on our website and can be mailed to the PO box. You can also find our suggestion box on the website if you have a favorite restaurant or destination you would like to visit! We are always looking for volunteers so reach out to any of our officers if you want to join.



Welcome our new member Ken Redavid



Our 50/50 winners! Thanks Ladies for donating your winnings back to the Veterans Place

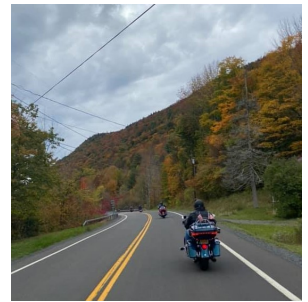
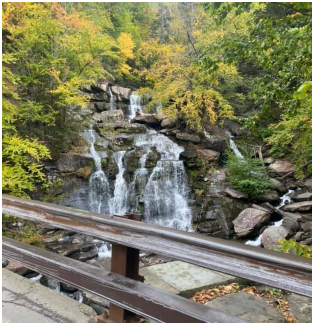




Fall Foliage Ride October 4, 2020



President Steve led the club on a scenic fall foliage ride on the 1st weekend of October. 18 bikes and 24 riders bundled up and enjoyed a ride through the scenic Catskills. Our journey brought us by Katterskill Falls on the way to Tannersville. We enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Last Chance Cheese and Antiques Café. After filling our belly's and warming up a bit the ride continued through Phoenicia, Mt Temper and the Roundabout Reservoir. We drove through many scenic towns including Ellenville and enjoyed the vista of the Shawangunk State Forest. We covered 336 miles of Fall scenery to get us in the Fall Spirit. A big shout out to Steve for all his hard work and planning such a great ride and as always the Road Captain who keep us safe.





Ride to Rhinebeck

October 11, 2020



RC Chris led a group of 14 bikes and 15 riders on a beautiful sunny Fall Day. The members rode along the NY CT Border winding around and through Dutchess County. The roads took us along ridgelines and rolling hills ablaze with bright oranges and red of fall foliage. A delicious lunch and some needed warming up was enjoyed at Fosters Coach House Tavern. Because of predicted rain the club shot home on the Taconic Parkway with surprisingly little traffic. A big shout out to Chris for all his planning and our RC who keep us safe. A big Thank You to everyone who takes pictures on these trips who make my job as editor so much easier!

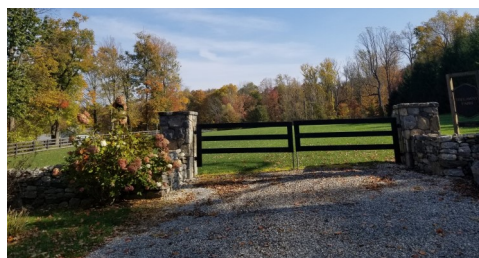




Kent CT Ride October 18 2020



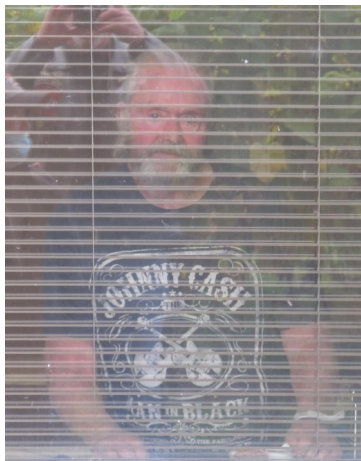
On another beautiful Fall Day RC Ralph led 18 bikes and 21 members on a scenic ride to Kent CT. The sun was shining and the roads were dry. Fall foliage was in full color as our members enjoyed a leisurely ride to Kent. Lunch plans had to be changed on a dime as everyone had the same idea to enjoy this beautiful fall day. We split up and enjoyed lunch in several different restaurants in Kent. Because lunch took longer than expected the Ferry ride home was scrapped and the members enjoyed the long way home. All totaled the ride covered 264 miles. As always a big Thank You to Ralph for his planning and all the RC who keep us safe. Another big thanks to Charlie and Dennis Irizarry who assisted in keep the ride safe



A Visit to Harry

October 25, 2020

After our October Meeting RC Dom led our members on a ride out east to visit our member Harry Kramer. As most of us know Harry was in a terrible car accident in 2019 and continues to recover at Peconic Bay Medical Center. He continues to work hard and gain strength so he can join us again on the road. Because of the pandemic we were not able to go inside but we did our best to make our visit memorable to boost Harry's spirits. With the help of security and the nursing staff we were able to speak to Harry via phone. We presented Harry with the 1st challenge coin for the LI Harley Riders. Keep up the hard work Harry and we will be back to see you!!!! After our visit lunch was enjoyed at Bistro 72.





Octoberfest

October 3 & 10 2020



We were not able to have our usual club Oktoberfest but as always our members stepped up to the plate. Members Pelly and his lovely wife Marilyn opened their home and provided us with a night of good food and fun! The night was topped off with a beautiful fireworks display. The following Saturday our VP Ed and Pam opened their home for our members where we enjoyed BBQ brats, knockwurst and hot dogs. Side dishes included homemade cole slaw and German potato salad. The pictures are from our first Oktoberfest at Pelly's. I guess everyone was too busy eating and having fun at Ed and Pam's. Thanks again for opening your homes to allow us to enjoy good food and good friends.



NOVEMBER SAFETY ARTICLE

BY Dom Mozzone



Winter Riding

It seems to happen every year: we get accustomed to riding in nice weather and then, before we know it, winter is here. Somehow, I feel that I never get any decent riding in during the season, but when I take a moment to reflect, I realize that there were plenty of memorable rides. It just feels like the winter season comes up faster each year - must be associated with that age thing.

Although it's a time of year that many opt to put their ride into storage and not deal with the effects of the cold, there are many of us (myself included) who try to ride year round. We all need to be aware of what cold can do to us. A quick recap on hypothermia: When your body temp goes down, it can, without a doubt, affect your mental processing, which can delay physical reactions and turn everything into a possible mess. Along with that, being cold is no joy. Take the proper steps to keep yourself warm while still being able to move freely. You may be bundled up with tons of layers, but if you wind up looking like the Michelin Man, you're not going to be able to move, and that can lead to problems as well. This is where heated gear and microfiber thermos can be a big plus.

Though most of us know to keep warm in frigid temperatures, we sometimes forget some things to consider, seeing it's been almost a year since we last rode during the freezing months. With cold temps, we need to check our tire pressure far more frequently than during the normal riding season. Also, with tires, keep in mind it will take them longer travel time to warm up for better traction. We may also need to change the grade of our oils to deal with the temps as well. Heading out for a ride during these months can be enjoyable, and can certainly develop some interesting conversations with people during your rest stops (besides the standard "You must be crazy"). One person you should really listen to this time of year is the weatherman. Granted, we might always feel he gets things wrong, but checking out the forecast for the day can really be a benefit.

When it comes to temperatures at or below the freezing mark, you really have to consider the infamous, invisible black ice, especially if there have been recent moisture conditions such as rain, snow, or warm enough temps a few days before that may have melted snow by the roadside. If you have ever rolled on black ice, either in a car or motorcycle, it was probably memorable, and not in a good way. The big problem with black ice is loss of stability. This is when two wheels don't ease the soul; they cause control issues that may have you hitting the roadway at a rapid speed - not easing at all. Another reason to check forecasts is to make sure you won't have to deal with possible rain, snow, or ice while on the road and away from home. Having to ride in snow is extremely challenging and nerve racking. If you do need to attempt riding in snow, go through the fresh snow and stay out of the tracks of others because that snow is packed, which makes it more slippery. Better yet is to call Uber and put your bike somewhere safe until you can come back and ride it home safely.

Yes winter sucks for us riders; but, it's challenges and smart cold management will still put a smile on your face as others look at you with that look of OMG



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

November 2020

October Birthday's

Charlie Abruzzo 11/5

Paul Timony 11/6

Bill Vultaggio 11/6

Lynne Ficalora 11/7

Mark York 11/18

Christine Vultaggio
11/20

Joe Imperial 11/21

Harry Kramer 11/21

Dennis Holz 11/24

Maura Turner 11/28

Sal Barbaro 11/29

Ron Prwivo 11/30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Veterans Ride	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 RC Gary Port Jeff	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Monthly Meeting Sagamore	23	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving 	27	28
29 Sagamore rain date	30					



Upcoming Events

Until further notice all club events are cancelled. Keep looking for updates via emails or facebook.

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!!!!

11/1/20 RC Jack ride to Greenport and Shelter Island KSU 9am exit 56

11/8/20 HRC Mario Veterans Ride Lunch at Smoky Bones KSU exit 56 10 am

11/15 RC Gary Ride to Port Jeff Lunch at Grumpy Jacks KSU Exit 56 10 am

11/22 Monthly Meeting Ride to Sagamore



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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sagamore Children Hospital Ride 11/22/20 rain date 11/29/20

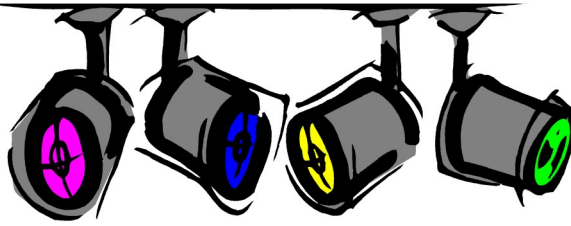
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