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President's Point of View, by Steve Ficalora

LIHR President's Message

October, 2021



Wow, I truly cannot believe that another month has gone by. There are candy-seeking children dressed in costume ringing the bell as I write this, so my thoughts may get interrupted more than once! I want to thank everyone who attended the October meeting and especially those who helped setup, clean up, and/or brought their homemade goodies to ensure that Oktoberfest made a triumphant return to LIHR!

The meeting itself was invigorating. I'm glad to see and participate in so much interaction and discussion with everyone. From the time I was the membership officer with our predecessor club, Lighthouse HOG, my perspective has always been that this club belongs to the members. Based upon the lengthy discussion around member involvement and the member poll we just performed, I do hope that everyone feels our actions reflect that. If anyone feels differently or thinks their voice is not being heard I urge you to call, email or message me directly. We will be reviewing the poll results and placing them on the web site for everyone to see. We appreciate everyone that took the time to provide their input!

As we head into November, we have two of my favorite club events! The first is the Veterans ride where we present the fruits of our poker run donations to the Veterans. One point to note here is that they have changed their mission from providing temporary housing to providing permanent housing, which I thoroughly applaud. As such, we will be delivering the "goodies" to a new location. Secondly, we will ride to Sagamore, along with Santa and his reindeer to deliver presents to all the children following the November Monthly meeting on the 28th.

Last but not least, getting back to member involvement, this club does not exist without it. I want to thank Frank Luciano for becoming our newest Road Captain. Since there were no nominations other than those presented by the board, there will not be any elections taking place during the November meeting. The Board nominated Steve, Jeff, Joe and Ron to the positions of President, V.P., Treasurer and Secretary respectively. We want to thank Chris Vultaggio for her dedication over the many years she's served as club Secretary, keeping club minutes, sending weekly emails, and ensuring that last minute changes to rides are communicated to the members. We welcome Ron Prwivo as our new club Secretary and look forward to working together. We also want to welcome Scott Musorofiti as the club's new Membership officer! Deidre will be stepping down as Editor, so we want to thank her for all of her efforts to bring the club this awesome newsletter every month, and for tolerating the President's tardiness in getting his article done on time! 😊

As we discussed during the meeting, we are approaching L.O.H. as a committee going forward, so any ladies interested in joining the fun please reach out to Annette.

Anyone interested in any of the following open positions, please let myself or one of the officers know:

Editor, Safety Officer, Road Captain.

Find a new road...

Steve



October Meeting



October was a busy meeting. We welcomed a new member Gil Allen but no new bikes this month. There was a lot of discussion about the club membership involvement and the recent survey. Our club runs on volunteers and input from our members. Please feel reach out to any officer with ideas or drop a line in our members only suggestion box on the website. We welcome our new RC Frank Luciano and our new membership officer Scott Musorofiti.. We thank Christine Vultaggio for all her help as she resigns as club secretary and welcome Ron Prwivo as our new secretary. Since there were no challenges to the current board there will be no elections at the November meeting. Our board will continue with Steve Ficalora as President, Jeff Grube as VP, Joe Giacalone as Treasurer. We are looking for members to take over editor, LOH and RC. Please reach out to any officer RC or discretionary officers to help. Our club runs on volunteers!

After the meeting HRC Sal led our 15 bikes and 17 members on a back road ride through Woodbury, Old Bethpage and Melville returning to the VFW for our annual Octoberfest! Our members provided delicious foods and deserts and always stepped up to the plate with set up and clean up.

Looking forward we have the Veterans Ride on 11/7 where we bring the bedding sets and personal items to The Veterans Place in Yaphank. Our annual ride to Sagamore Children's Hospital is after the November meeting (11/28) and our Holiday Party is at the VFW on 12/4. Tickets will be available at the next meeting and on the website. Our annual membership drive is in full swing and we are offering the discounted rate if you sign up before 12/31! This year every member will need to fill out a rider profile and proof of insurance. These forms are available at the meeting or online.



50/50 Winners



Octoberfest 2021



Our annual Octoberfest was a another success. Following the monthly meeting and a local ride led by HRC Sal the festivities began. Our members prepared delicious food including bratwurst, noodles and cabbage etc. Desserts included German Chocolate cake and other yummy sweets! A big thank you to Activity Director Lynne and LOH Annette for organizing the event and all our members who helped set up and clean up and made such wonderful dishes!





Berkshire Overnighiter October 1 -3rd, 2021

On Sunday HRC Sal returned from a three day trip to the Berkshires. Day one Sal led the three members to the top of Mt Greylock for some spectacular views of the Berkshire MTs with fall foliage in prime form. Day two included a day ride including five different covered bridges with a ride to Manchester Vermont for lunch. Day three was the warmest day as the members enjoyed a ride on the Mohawk Trail into CT to catch the ferry home. Big thanks to RC Gary (who was unable to go on the ride) for all his hard work in planning a great trip and HRC Sal who led this very personal group on a wonderful weekend.





Fall Foliage Tour



October 9, 2021

The Fall Foliage Run was moved to a beautiful Saturday morning with poor weather predicted for Sunday the 10th. RC Jeff led 7 bikes and 8 riders on a beautiful into Westchester and Putnam Counties. We enjoyed plenty of nice twisty roads and a mid morning stop at Croton Gorge Park which was a great experience for those who have never been there. We headed out of the park for more twisty roads with great views of several reservoirs. The colors may not have been at their peak but they were more than enough to enjoy the beginning of Fall. Lunch was at the Red Rooster Drive Inn with quick service and good food. The ride home included some more scenic views and a surprisingly pleasant and uneventful ride home through NYC without delays. As always, a big thank you to RC Jeff for planning a great ride and the RC who keep us safe.

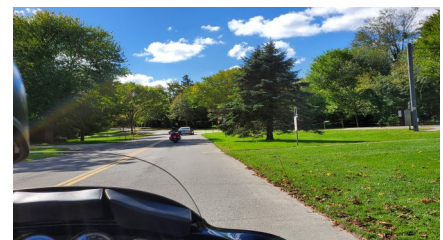
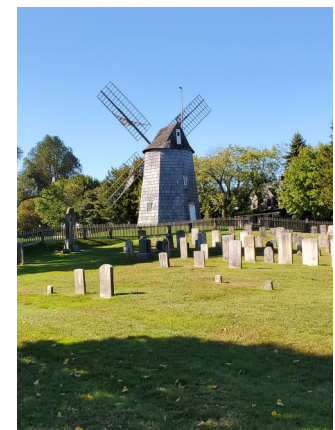




Hamptons Windmill Tour October 17, 2021



On Sunday 10/17 RC Steve led 10 bikes and 15 members on a beautiful back-road ride through the Hamptons, touring 6 of the 11 surviving Windmills on Long Island. In order, the club stopped at the Southampton Windmill on SUNY Stony Brook's campus, which is currently having it's vanes re-stored, the Old Hook Mill in East Hampton, the Pantigo Windmill at the Home Sweet Home Museum also in East Hampton (where we were able to tour the inside of this magnificent machine as well as getting a historical tour of the Home Sweet Home museum from our wonderful host Francine). From there we passed the Gardiner Windmill on our way to the Beebe Windmill in Bridgehampton and the Corwith Windmill in Watermill, stopping at both for more pictures and historical information. We then worked our way through some beautiful back roads passing by Mill Pond, Little & Big Fresh ponds, passing by one more Windmill located at the US Golf Links in Tuckahoe before arriving for lunch at The Station Bar in Hampton Bays, where we were treated to live music and a Pig Roast!





Halloween Day Ride October 31, 2021



Sunday 10/31 RC Chris led 11 bikes and 12 members on a beautiful Fall ride around the Gold Coast communities of Northern Nassau County. Riding carefully on some still wet roads we toured Brookville, Old Brookville, Muttontown, Matinecock, and several others. In Sea Cliff the group rode past the beautiful Victorian homes that make the town so unique. In other communities we passed the homes of the rich and famous. After a rest stop at Teddy Roosevelt Beach in Oyster Bay we headed south to Seaford for lunch at Dang BBQ. In a nod to Halloween, we rode past 3 cemeteries on our trip.



NOVEMBER SAFETY ARTICLE

With all of the riding that we do individually and with the club, We need to ensure that we keep our bikes well maintained. The T-CLOCS list presented this month is a great checklist for making certain you will not experience any issues the next time you head out on the bike. I try to do this whenever I'm washing/cleaning the bike, checking for wear and tear on the tires and brakes as well as anything that may have jarred loose from rumbling down the road.



T-CLOCS™ Inspection Checklist

T-CLOCS ITEM	WHAT TO CHECK	WHAT TO LOOK FOR	CHECK-OFF	
T-TIRES & WHEELS				
Tires	Condition	Tread depth, wear, weathering, evenly seated, bulges, embedded objects.	Front	Rear
	Air Pressure	Check when cold, adjust to load.	Front	Rear
Whools	Spokes	Bent, broken, missing, tension, check at top of wheel: "ring" = OK — "thud" = loose spoke	Front	Rear
	Cast	Cracks, dents.	Front	Rear
	Rims	Out of round/true = 5mm. Spin wheel, index against stationary pointer.	Front	Rear
	Bearings	Grab top and bottom of tire and flex: No freeplay (click) between hub and axle, no growl when spinning.	Front	Rear
Brakes	Seals	Cracked, cut or torn, excessive grease on outside, reddish-brown around outside.	Front	Rear
	Function	Each brake alone keeps bike from rolling.	Front	Rear
C-CONTROLS				
Levers and Pedal	Condition	Broken, bent, cracked, mounts tight, ball ends on handlebar levers, proper adjustment.		
	Pivots	Lubricated.		
Cables	Condition	Fraying, kinks, lubrication: ends and interior.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, wire supports in place.		
Hoses	Condition	Cuts, cracks, leaks, bulges, chafing, deterioration.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, hose supports in place.		
Throttle	Operation	Moves freely, snaps closed, no revving when handlebars are turned.		
L-LIGHTS				
Battery	Condition	Terminals; clean and tight, electrolyte level, held down securely.		
	Vent Tube	Not kinked, routed properly, not plugged.		
Headlamp	Condition	Cracks, reflector, mounting and adjustment system.		
	Aim	Height and right/left.		
	Operation	Hi beam/low beam operation.		
Tail lamp/brake lamp	Condition	Cracks, clean and tight.		
	Operation	Activates upon front brake/rear brake application.		
Turn signals	Operation	Flashes correctly.	Front left Rear left	Front right Rear right
Mirrors	Condition	Cracks, clean, tight mounts and swivel joints.		
	Aim	Adjust when seated on bike.		
Lenses & Reflectors	Condition	Cracked, broken, securely mounted, excessive condensation.		
Wiring	Condition	Fraying, chafing, insulation.		
	Routing	Pinched, no interference or pulling at steering head or suspension, wire looms and ties in place, connectors tight, clean.		
O-OIL				
Levels	Engine Oil	Check warm on center stand on level ground, dipstick, sight glass.		
	Hypoid Gear Oil, Shaft Drive	Transmission, rear drive, shaft.		
	Hydraulic Fluid	Brakes, clutch, reservoir or sight glass.		
	Coolant	Reservoir and/or coolant recovery tank — check only when cool.		
Leaks	Fuel	Tank or gauge.		
	Engine Oil	Gaskets, housings, seals.		
	Hypoid Gear Oil, Shaft Drive	Gaskets, seals, breathers.		
	Hydraulic Fluid	Hoses, master cylinders, calipers.		
	Coolant	Radiator, hoses, tanks, fittings, pipes.		
	Fuel	Lines, fuel valve, carbs.		
C-CHASSIS				
Frame	Condition	Cracks at gussets, accessory mounts, look for paint lifting.		
	Steering-Head Bearings	No detent or tight spots through full travel, raise front wheel, check for play by pulling/pushing forks.		
	Swingarm Bushings/Bearings	Raise rear wheel, check for play by pushing/pulling swingarm.		
Suspension	Front Forks	Smooth travel, equal air pressure/damping, anti-dive settings.	Left	Right
	Rear Shock(s)	Smooth travel, equal pre-load/air pressure/damping settings, linkage moves freely and is lubricated.	Left	Right
Chain or Belt	Tension	Check at tightest point.		
	Lubrication	Side plates when hot. Note: do not lubricate belts.		
	Sprockets	Teeth not hooked, securely mounted		
Fasteners	Threaded	Tight, missing bolts, nuts.		
	Clips	Broken, missing.		
	Cotter Pins	Broken, missing.		
S-STANDS				
Center stand	Condition	Cracks, bent.		
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position.		
Side stand	Condition	Cracks, bent (safety cut-out switch or pad equipped).		
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position.		



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

November 2021

November Birthday's

Charlie Abruzzo 11/5
 Sal Barbaro 11/29
 Lynne Ficalora 11/7
 Dennis Holz 11/24
 Joe Imperial 11/21
 Harry Kramer 11/21
 Dave Paduano 11/4
 Ron Prwivo 11/30
 Christine Vultaggio 11/20
 Bill Vultaggio 11/6
 Mark York 11/18

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Veterans day ride 	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Ruggeros's—Wading River	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 North Fork Ride	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving 	26	27
28 Monthly Meeting Sagamore ride	29	30				

Upcoming Events

Veterans Ride 11/7/21
 Sagamore Childrens Ride 11/28 Raindate 12/12
 Holiday Party 12/4



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

11/7 RC Cheryl Veterans Ride KSU TBD at VFW Hall

11/14 RC Chris Ruggero's Wading River KSU exit 56 TBD

11/21 RC Jeff North Fork Ride Lunch at North Fork Roadhouse KSU 10a ex 56

11/28 RC Frank Sagamore Children's Hospital Ride



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



2021 Overnighters

We are all done with the 2021 Overnighters - 2022 here we come!

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Head Road Captain: Sal Fino

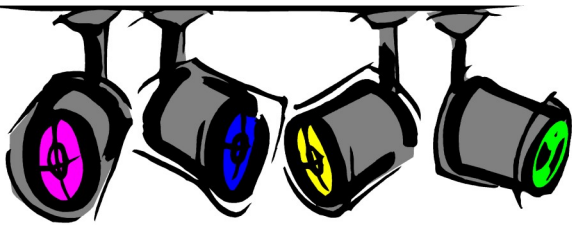
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November 28, 2021

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