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

### LIHR President's Message



**Damned if you do, damned if you don't.....**

Remember the old television commercial, "You can't fool Mother Nature". How true it is. We consciencely moved the Sagamore Ride up a month in hopes of milder temperatures but Mom has a different plan. Overnight temps Saturday are forecast to be down around freezing with highs for Sunday in the mid-forties. This is still a critically important ride for our club and for the kids of Sagamore.

I hope we'll still get a good turnout of bikes and hopefully Santa doesn't freeze his chestnuts off!! For those who don't have the gear to safely take part in the ride, please consider driving to the facility so we can maximize the gifts we gather for the kids. The riders will arrive at Sagamore around 10:30 Sunday morning. The facility is located at 197 Half Hollow Road in Dix Hills. Let's make this an extraordinary year for the kids in spite of the weather!!

**See you on the road.....**

**Jeff**

# October Membership Meeting, 10/22

Meeting called to order by President Jeff at 10:08 AM with the pledge of allegiance. President Jeff Nominated Ron Prwivo for Secretary. Seconded by Joe Sabia. As Ron was unable to attend due to family issues, Jeff called Ron and asked if he accepted the nomination. Over speaker phone Ron accepted. The membership sent Ron well wishes.

President Jeff explained that two groups will leave in separate directions. The groups will crisscross each other and end up back at the VFW for the October fest. Secretary Joe G. Explained how the hands and drawing of cards will work. President Jeff asked the membership in the audience but there were no new members and no new bikes. Treasurer Joe G. Reports a cash position of \$4372.00 as of September 30 with no major expenses coming up and all bills paid. Dues for 2024 will remain the same.

President Jeff reports that we have 103 members at this time. Activities Officer Kelly reports that the last bike night at Kelly and John's was a big success with 27 members in attendance. The Holiday party venue is set. Ticket price will be \$80.00 per person with a cash bar. Dress code was discussed and members can dress casual or as dressed up as they please. We will look to plan a bowling night in November. Izzy is helping with the bowling venue. Details will follow once all factors are considered. It was mentioned the Gineen will be setting up Super Bowl boxes at \$10 each. The membership can select and pay for boxes at the next monthly meeting

Assistant Head Road Captain Chris reports that we have ridden 8538 miles with 31 rides completed and 7 rides canceled. Gary's Pittsfield ride was reviewed. A discussion was held on how Gary does his rides completely from memory. Joe G and the members gave kudos to Gary for his ability to do that the old school way. Next week's ride will be to Daryl's House. Its our third attempt and hoping for the weather to cooperate. On 11/5 Jeff will lead the Vets ride. The money the membership collected will be distributed amongst the veterans we meet at each location. On 11/12 will be the Sagamore Childrens Psychiatric Center ride. We are expected a big turnout. Gifts or check donations can be made. On 11/24 the ride to Darien CT will be held in support of the Wounded Warrior Project. The RC's are working on the roster for next years rides. Thunder in the Valley is being explored and Maggie Valley will possibly be back on the list. Chris also talked about hand signals during rides. Make sure we continue to pass them back and obey the safety rules.

John Hachmann was named an official Road Captain. Griff Wolz and Manny were presented with their five year patches. Dom Mazza encouraged the membership to bring gifts or checks for the Sagamore ride and he will take care of them. Dom will confirm the time we will arrive at Sagamore. Keep an eye on emails and other announcements on Facebook. There was no report from the Ladies of Harley.

Primary Officer Nominations, the floor was opened again to any further nominations. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. All nominees have accepted their respective nominations.

- Jeff G. nomination for President by Dom Mazza
- Izzy Withdrew his nomination for VP
- John C. nominated for Vice President by Gary Kinkle.
- Joe G. nominated for Treasurer by Joe Sabia.
- Ron P. nominated for Secretary.

Elections will take place at the November monthly membership meeting.

Jeff reminded the membership that the Officers Meeting Minutes are available in the members only section on the website which begin with the February minutes. The 50/50 winners were: 1st prize Mary McManus 2nd prize Griff Wolz. November 26 will be the next monthly membership meeting. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM







# Ride to Rhinebeck, NY, 10/1

Head RC Sal will be leading an Off-Island Ride up to Rhinebeck, N.Y. Lunch will be at Foster's Coach House Tavern with a stop at Moo Moo in Cold Spring for ice cream. The weather was perfect throughout the day, and everyone had a great time. The total mileage for the day was 301 miles.





# Membership Drive at the LISRA Car Show Brentwood NY, 10/8

Membership Officer Scott Musso hosted a Membership Drive. Our Club had a booth set up with a few of our members bikes on display. The Long Island Street Rod Association Car Show and Swap Meet was the venue. President RC Jeff led a ride to the car show. Our members met up with Scott and the others who volunteered their time and bikes; Henry D'Elia, Bob Blair, Chris Faley, and Jim Hernandez. All riders were also able to enjoy the show and other festivities. Joe Imperial and Izzy also members of the LISRA were there to greet everyone as well.





# Overnighter to Pittsfield PA, 10/13-10/15

RC Gary led a ride to Pittsfield, MA for the Fall Foliage. Six motorcycles and seven riders were able to make it. There were many beautiful roads through Connecticut and Massachusetts. The group visited various interesting POIs and vistas including Mount Greylock, covered bridge and so much more. The views and journey were awesome, and the colors did not disappoint. Gary also found many twisties along along the way but they were able to relax for a short while, on the ferry ride back to reality.





# Bike Night at Kelly and John's, 10/20





# Ride to Daryl's House, Pawling, NY, 10/28

What a day for a ride to Daryl's House the weather was spectacular, the views incredible, the company, wonderful & Daryl's, cool & the food was great. We missed a bunch of members & RC Chris K. who was expected to lead but thanks to Chris for planning a great ride. President RC Jeff stepped in and led us through all the back roads and safely ventured to the Port Jeff Ferry afterwards.





# November Safety Article

## The Law Office of Paul Gargiulo, P.C. presents Welcome to the Jungle - The Art of Learning to Ride Skillfully *A column dedicated to your riding survival*

### LET'S GET YOU THINKING... PART I

The next few months of *Welcome to the Jungle* are mixed from several emails that were bandied back and forth about motorcycle safety, Situational Awareness, and the lack of SA being pushed strongly during motorcycle courses – be they in a parking lot, the street, or racetrack.

The three riders involved were David Hough well-known riding safety maven, Tim "Wedge" O'Toole, U.S. Fighter Pilot and your humble publisher, Brian Rathjen. Read on!

#### From David Hough:

Your "guru" comments from a few issues back got me thinking. Having been involved in rider training, curriculum development, magazine articles, etc. for decades, I've finally come to realize that managing the danger isn't so much a matter of being skillful, but of being observant. In other words, the secret to managing danger is having good situational awareness. And that's true whether it's motorcycling, law enforcement, warfare, or flying airplanes.



Of course, if your only tool is a hammer, everything begins to look like a nail. The 'Big Dog' rider training folks, who were professional racers, see the problem as a failure to corner. And, when a corner-trained rider then crashes into something, the track expert doesn't know what to do. On the track, people aren't allowed to drive against traffic, make left turns, or suddenly stop on the freeway. Their answer is to hit the nail by teaching better-stopping tactics, eh?

Or, maybe we need to enhance our conspicuity.

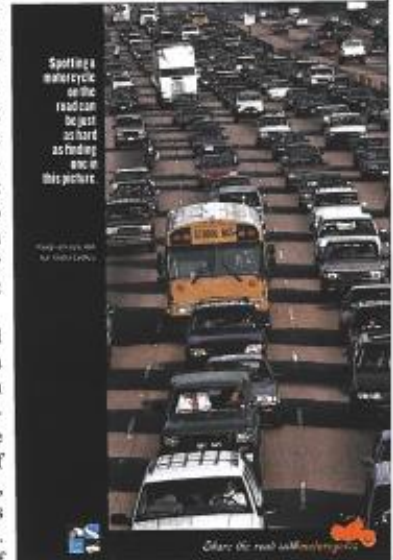
The more scientific answer lies in plain sight, ergo, in crashes the motorcycle is the striking vehicle about 97% of the time. Of course, our biker egos resist the reality that we could be responsible. "It wasn't my fault. The stupid cage driver pulled right in front of me, so I hit him." That excuse may have a kernel of truth in it, but the scenario of riding into a tree or power pole is harder to pass off. "I was riding along minding my own business when this tree jumped out in front of me, so I hit it."

Of course, managing the dangers in the traffic jungle saps a lot of energy. I suspect that more than a few riders who give it up do so because they have learned so much about the resident dangers that they can't just ride along enjoying the breeze anymore. Sometimes constantly scrutinizing the situation saps the fun out of riding.

Even for those who can maintain a sustainable level of situational awareness without getting fatigued, there are some interesting issues involving human behavior. One is the way a homo sapiens fails to "see" something that's in plain sight, say a motorcycle in traffic. About 20 years ago, psych researchers discovered "inattention blindness." That is if a person is not thinking about (attending to) something, his or her brain can just ignore the image. There's a famous video clip of an inattention blindness experiment known as "The Gorilla in our midst." Someone who has not seen this can fail to see a hairy gorilla wandering through the scene.

The issue here is that human eyes are not like cameras that record a nice upside-down clear image that can't be disputed. Human eyes merely pass along images to the brain, which (in the interests of avoiding sensory overload) just filters out images calculated to be of no interest to the "viewer". Thus, a driver who has just been hit by a motorcycle can say "I didn't see the bike coming."


While mental issues should have obvious importance to a motorcyclist riding around in traffic, it's hard to teach to motorcyclists, new or veteran. The bottom line is that about half of other drivers are blind to you, but you can't tell their status just by looking at the vehicle. You can only make a point of



not running into all other vehicles (rocks, trees, poles, et al.) or allowing them to run into you; and there are several such mental conundrums.

I'm not aware of any rider training courses that teach situational awareness. Police and military combat training often teach SA in simulated environments, teaching soldiers or cops to make split-second decisions about what's a danger and what's not, and deciding whether to shoot or hold.

I've long felt that the computer game industry is amiss in not developing "motorcycling jungle" games where a rider faces a succession of dangers, and learns split-second responses. I'd think that AI could quickly come up with scenes once the concept was introduced. I once captured a Honda rep in an elevator at an SMSA conference. I convinced him that a motorcycling SA simulator would be not only useful but profitable. He never reported back to me, but eventually, Honda did come out with a stupid little sit-down thing. And wouldn't you know? It focused on control skills rather than situational dangers. ☹



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## November Birthday's

Paul Timony 11/6, Bill Vultaggio 11/6, Lynne Ficalora 11/7, Susanne Ewald 11/8,  
Gineen Crerend 11/11, Gerald Papile 11/18, Mark York 11/18, Maria Romano 11/19,  
Christine Vultaggio 11/20, Joe Imperial 11/21, Dennis Holz 11/24, Ron Prwivo 11/30

# NOVEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 Veterans Ride
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day
12 Sagamore Ride	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Sagamore Ride—Rain Date	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24 Wounded Warriors Ride	25
26 Monthly Membership Meeting	27	28	29	30		

### Upcoming Events

- Sagamore Ride, our longest running signature ride is Sunday 11/12. Lunch afterwards at Inter-Mezzo Ristorante.
- Annual Holiday Party, held at The Other Room, 511A Commack Rd, Deer Park. Tickets are \$80 per person. There will be a buffet dinner, a cash bar, and DJ. No tickets will be sold at the door. 7:00pm on Saturday 12/9.



*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

Date	RC	Description	KSU and Location
• 11/12	John H	Sagamore Ride—Details to follow	10:00am, VFW
• 11/19	John H	Sagamore Ride—Rain date	TBD
• 11/24	Jeff	Wounded Warriors Benefit Ride, Darien CT	9:30am, Exit 32
• 11/26	Gary	Ride after Membership Meeting	TBD
• 12/3	Sal	Off Island Ride—TBD	TBD
• 12/10	No Ride		

**Note: We have replaced the KSU starting point from LIE exit 43, to LIE Exit 32 for off Island rides North side Service Road, west of Little Neck Parkway.**



Remember to check the Hotline at (631)406-4170 two hours before KSU to hear updates and cancellations.



## 2024 'Look Ahead' Overnighters

Looking forward to hitting the road in 2024. Road Captains are making plans and will distribute to the Members soon.

NOTE: Lodging and date details on all overnigher's will be in the Members Only section on our LIHR website at the appropriate time prior to the event. When the overnighers are posted please use the Sign-Up Genius to confirm you are attending. It is really helpful to the R.C.'s to be able to know who's going and to finalize the ride details.

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

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