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## President's Point of View, by Ed Reiff

Welcome to the fall. Let's start thinking about leather jackets and heated gear UGH. Road conditions start changing and leaves start falling. But it's a pleasure riding in the cooler weather especially when the leaves start changing color. We have a few rides going off island coming up so plan on joining in. Be careful out there.

I would like to thank all that participated in the Poker Run for the Vets. Thank you to all that donated their time to help out. We had a lot of fun and a lot of nice prizes, and we raised \$ 1300.00 for a great cause. Ruth McDade from the Vets place let us know that if we get the same items for the Vets this year as we did last year, they would appreciate it. There will be a ride to The Vets Place on November 10, 2019 to deliver all the things we purchased.



October's meeting is fast approaching and this meeting will be Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> which is one week earlier than normal. We will be holding nominations for the 4 primary officer positions: president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. You must be an AMA member to run and you also must have been an officer or a discretionary officer for at least 1 year to run for a primary position. You must also be an AMA member to nominate someone. Please be sure to attend this meeting.

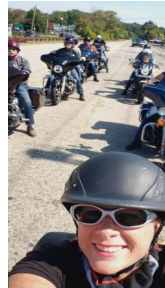
Ride safe.



# September Meeting

Our September meeting was another great success. 67 members attended this months meeting. The development director of the Yaphank Veterans Place Ruth McDade spoke about the mission of the Veterans place and their plans for the future. The current location has 23 beds for homeless veterans in Suffolk County. Going forward this great organization plans to purchase 3 homes to service veterans including the elderly veteran and families struggling with PTSD. In the past years the LI Harley riders Poker Run has helped purchase a security system and renovate the shelter to include an elevator for those vets who struggle with stairs. Last year our organization raised over \$1300 and purchase needed personal items including towels, sheets and personal items. VP Bill Vultaggio discussed Melissa's wish ride which is planned for 9/29. Dom Mazza discussed the annual Sagamore Children's Hospital ride which is planned for 12/8 (rain date 12/15) This is another great organization that the LI Harley Riders support. Sagamore has also expanded their programs for the increasing needs of the autistic children. Donations can be brought to the November meeting if you can't attend the ride or dropped off at Ed Reiff office anytime! During our October meeting Dom will discuss the items needed for the children.

We welcomed one new member Pete Montana. Pete rides a 2016 Road Glide. Congratulations to our member Dennis Holz who has a brand new 2020 Street Glide! Our 50/50 winners were Pam Barbieri who donated her winnings to the Poker Run and Nadine Hartmann. Please remember next months meeting is scheduled for October 20th. Nominations for the executive board are planned. Remember you must be an AMA member to vote. If you are interested in running you must have been a discretionary officer for a year or have been on the executive board. We are always looking for volunteers! We need road captains and our LOH director is looking for an assistant to take over her position next year. Our membership drive is in progress and there is a discount for early registration. Please see John Hachmann at the next meeting to renew or see our website for the application



Meet our newest member Pete Montana



This month's 50/50 win-





# Maui Chop House

September 1, 2019

# MAUI

RC Ralph led 28 bikes and 34 members on a great ride around the north shore. We took some scenic roads winding through Huntington, Stony Brook, St James and Port Jefferson. The weather was in our favor and a delicious lunch was enjoyed as well. Rave reviews for the attentive staff and yummy food will keep this destination on our list!





# Montauk Ride September 8, 2019



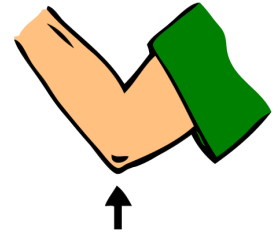
Big thanks to Charlie Abruzzo for leading 11 riders on a scenic ride out to Montauk. The members stopped to enjoy nature at the Elizabeth Norton Wildlife Refuge and a little stretch before they continued on for lunch at Gosman's Dock.



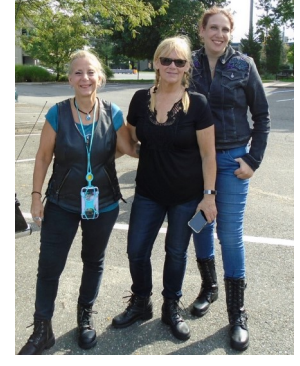


# Elbow Room

September 15, 2019



On September 15th Head RC Mario led a big group of our members to the Elbow Room in Southold. 29 bikes and 32 members enjoyed and backroads in some beautiful weather ending with a delicious lunch with a water view. Thanks to Rod Morgenweck who acted as pick for this ride. As always our RC kept us safe and helped us enjoy another great day. Some of our members made a special stop to visit Harry as he recovers in Peconic rehab.



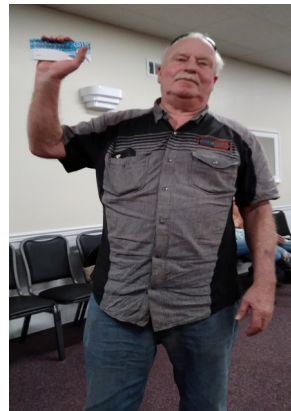


# Poker Run

## September 22, 2019



The 3rd annual LI Harley Riders Poker Run to support the Veterans Place was another success! Enjoying some beautiful sunny skies and warm weather, our members enjoyed a North Shore ride with stops at West Neck Beach, Theodore Roosevelt Beach, Bayville Beach and back to the VFW Hall for the final draw. We enjoyed a delicious lunch while the cards were tallied and the winners announced! Big thanks to our sponsors, which included our President Ed Reiff's donation of a generator, Joe Giacalone for his Dunkin Donuts gift cards, Robkes gift certificate, Shipwreck Diner gift certificate. We also would like to thank Suffolk Harley Davidson, and Bellmore Harley Davidson for their donations. Prizes included HD horse-shoes, HD floor mats and an HD gift basket. We raised \$1300 during this year's poker run. Another big thank you to all our volunteers who made this event a great success, kept us safe on the roads and fed us!





# Melissa's Wish

## September 29, 2019



Once again the LI Harley Riders supported this wonderful organization by providing support by blocking entrances to Ocean Parkway so the riders could participate safely. Some of our other members volunteered by helping out with registration as well. Our VP Bill Vultaggio works very closely with this organization which provides financial assistance to the care givers of families dealing with life changing illnesses. A good time was had by everyone who participated and they enjoyed good weather, a BBQ and music to end the event.





# Bike Nights 2019



Bike nights are in full swing and our Activities Director Lynne has been hard at work planning some great get-togethers. We continue to gather at local restaurants and pubs for some great music with friends. Steve and Lynne graciously opened their home for a great get together with good food, music and a roaring fire! Keeping looking for emails and facebook for upcoming events.





# October Safety Article

by Dom Mozzone

## Autumn Riding Is Upon Us



Ah yes Autumn, the time of year when cool days make our engines purr and the changing leaf colors add another dimension to our riding pleasure. It's a great time for riding up north for the day after planning and tracking the foliage maps for that maximum color experience. Autumn leaf changes are like sunsets, if you don't plan and catch them right the foliage line moves and then we track it like storm chasers looking for those perfect full colored autumn leaf pictures.

All is well while the leaves are still in the trees and off the roads we ride on. Once they start falling our riding experience and training must come into focus and prepare us for the hazard that leaves in the road present to us as riders. Surely some of us have experienced an occasional slip of the front or rear tire as we passed over leaves during the autumn season. It's a chilling and humbling feeling for that split second that a loss of control causes when riding a motorcycle. When riding on a road with leaves falling you need to be aware of your speed, road dampness and the turns you will be executing while riding. Trying to turn on wet leaves may as well be ice because that's exactly how wet leaves effect traction and cause the loss of control with potentially lethal consequences. If you come across leaves and must ride through them assume they are wet, control your speed accordingly and keep your motorcycle going straight until the leaf hazard is behind you.

A few years ago after an autumn ride upstate I was going home and when I arrived it was wet out and as I began to execute the turn onto my driveway, over a cobble stone curb, my front wheel traction was compromised by some leaves and I went down in an instant. Fortunately for me I was going very slowly and was able to hop off unharmed as the bike went down. Talk about being embarrassed and humbled by that incident; thinking afterwards I couldn't even imagine how it would have ended if I was going 15 MPH or God forbid 40 MPH or faster. We should always try to avoid riding on a group of fallen leaves; but if the situation presents itself it is imperative to be on your maximum guard, be aware of your surroundings and keep the motorcycle going as straight as possible. Early morning riding is particularly hazardous as the morning dew in shaded areas soaks into the leaves causing excessively slippery conditions.

Since autumn is upon us now and as this season progresses so will its potential dangers. Our job #1 is to be acutely aware of our surroundings, be prepared, dress accordingly, ride cautiously and do what we do best...have a blast riding safely together and alone as well!!





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

# October 2019

## October Birthday's

- Dom Mazza 10/17
- Lance Margolin 10/22
- Steve Metzler 10/1
- Colleen Barenzano 10/20
- Nancy Lee Johnson 10/22
- Kenny McKay 10/28
- Ralph Norton 10/30
- Frank Luciano 10/24
- John Hachmann 10/2
- Eric Frohnen 10/22
- Jack Scalia 10/29
- Peter Montana 10/30
- Joe Giacalone 10/3
- Janet Pepper 10/4
- Jaime Nugent 10/6
- Cindy Drzewiucki 10/13
- Jason McKeivitt 10/24

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Eastern Penitentiary ride
6 Candlewood Lake RC Gary K	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Off-island RC Sal	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Monthly meeting Octoberfest	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 		



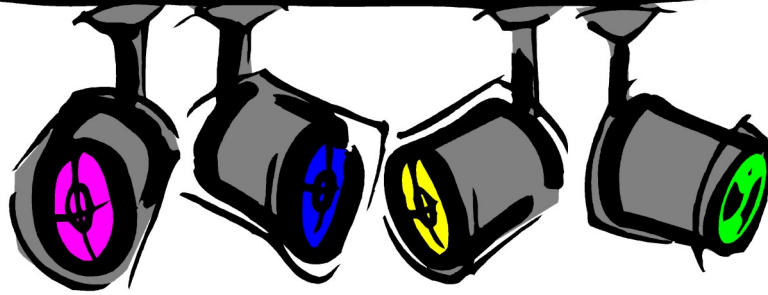
### Upcoming Events)

- October Meeting 10/20/19 Nominations and Oktoberfest
- Sagamore Children's Ride 12/8/19 (rain date 12/15/19)
- Holiday party 12/13/19

*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.*

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## Upcoming Rides

10/5-10/6 Eastern States Penitentiary - Philadelphia  
10/6 RC Gary rides to Candlewood Lake  
10/13 RC Sal leads off-island ride  
10/20 Monthly Meeting - Oktoberfest  
10/27 TBA



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

October meeting October 20 (meeting is 1 week early)  
Sagamore Holiday Ride December 8 (rain date December 15)  
Holiday party December 13

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

**Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo, Asst. Head Road Captain: Sal Fino**  
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my name is

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