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President's Point of View, by Steve Ficalora



Well that sure felt Great! It was good to see so many members attend our first Monthly meeting since February! I want to thank you all for your participation in the Veterans Poker Run, and again for your diligence in adhering to the new rules that we need to follow in order to keep our club riding together. Together we raised \$1,000.00 for the Veterans home in Yaphank, which we will ride to with our donations on Sunday, November 8th. We are already in contact with them and know what they need to sustain this critical facility and keep our veterans comfortable. Thank you all for your generosity, and congratulations to all the winners of the poker run!

I also need to do a shout-out to the officers for pulling together what we needed and how we needed to do it in order to have this meeting at the VFW. The creativity and flexibility shown by our all-volunteer officer corps came up with great solutions to the challenge of this event. As I told the Commander at the VFW, "You tell us the rules and we will make sure we follow them". I also need to thank all the RC's who manned the poker run stops, and particularly Jeff Grube who put together such an enjoyable scenic route that got us back to the VFW in time for some lunch. I do know that the sandwich ran out before everyone got a piece and apologize to anyone who missed out. Trying to predict what we needed is not an easy endeavor and was particularly difficult following such a long absence.

As I mentioned in the meeting, we are looking forward to continuing our rides through the fall and having our October and November meetings. The Sagamore ride in November is scheduled for Sunday the 22nd, with a rain date of the 29th. While this also may wind up being a little different than what we've done in the past, we hope everyone joins us in whatever capacity we can to bring a smile to the kids staying there.

We are also starting to plan the rides for 2021. If you have a favorite ride you'd like to see us repeat, or a new destination to recommend, please let one of the Officers or RC's know. We also need volunteers, so if you'd like to lend a hand, either for an event or as an officer or RC, let us know!

Everything is subject to change, so stay tuned to the weekly emails and Facebook postings.

Find a new road...

Steve



September Meeting



After six long months the LI Harley Riders are BACK!! As everything else has changed so has how we gather! Chairs set six feet apart, face coverings and even how we eat; but we did it. Over 40 of our members attended this month's meeting. We welcomed two new members, Griff Wolz who rides a '01 Fat Boy and associate member Tina Doyle, wife of Jimmy Doyle, joined our ranks. We welcomed two new bikes as well. Joe Sabia added another Springer to his collection and Phyllis Scalia has a new 2020 Street Glide.

Along with new bikes we have new leadership. President Ed Reiff has stepped down and is assuming the role of Vice President. Steve Ficalora has stepped up to the role of President of the LI Harley Riders. We appreciate all the time and effort they contribute to the club, as well as all of our board and discretionary officers to keep this club running. We welcomed two new RC's as Jack Scalia and Jeff Grube received their Road Captain Patches! Three of our members earned their five year patches as well: Jane Pepper, Kerry Fletcher and Elina Kinkel.

Head RC Mario reviewed the past month's rides. As we all know, most of our rides had been cancelled due to the COVID pandemic but as a club we still were able to finish 25 rides for a total of 4,890 miles! We were able to complete two off island rides, the weeklong New England Ride led by Dom Mozzone and Gary Kinkel's four day ride to Maine. Mario discussed the difficulties in planning rides and lunch plans with the restaurants limiting the amount of diners allowed. Our RC are busy planning rides for the 2021 riding season. We are always looking for ideas and your favorite restaurant's; so add your ideas to the suggestion mailbox in our website.

Our Safety Officer Dom Mozzone reviewed Hand Signals and the importance of passing them back to all the members. We reviewed the 2 second rule in spacing and the role of the Sweep, Pick and the Lead for our new members. We reviewed the importance of proper foot wear and being prepared for any weather (it got very cold while in Maine!!!)

Our 50/50 winners this month were Ralph Norton and Phyllis Scalia who both generously donated their winnings to the LI Vets home. After our meeting we enjoyed our Annual Poker Run to support the LI Vets Place in Yaphank. RC Jeff Grube planned a great ride leading us to Kings Park Bluff, Asharoken Beach and Huntington where our members pulled their poker hands ending back at the VFW Hall for lunch. Our winners were best hand Kerry Fletcher, 2nd place Manny Emanuel, 3rd place Frank Luciano and worst hand went to Phyllis Scalia. A great time was had by all.

We are looking forward to the October meeting, planning an Octoberfest and still hoping to have our annual Holiday Party planned for December 12th. Please continue to look for emails and facebook events for any changes. Remember our annual membership drive is on and you will receive a discount if you renew by 12/31/20. Applications are available on our website or reach out to John Hochmann for applications.

Lets Ride!!



5 year members



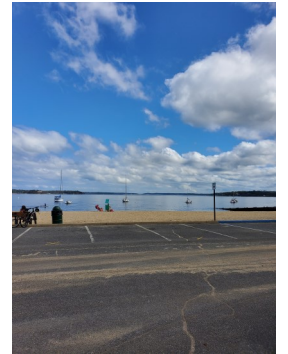
Our new Road Captains



New Members Tina Doyle and Griff Wolz



September Meeting Photos!





Frank Pepe's Pizza September 6, 2020



RC Jack led the club on a ride to Frank Pepe's Pizza in New Haven CT. 29 bikes and 34 riders toured the scenic towns of Armonk, Bedford and Pound Ridge followed by a back roads tour through Greenwich, New Canaan, Wilton, Trumbull and Derby ending in Little Italy of New Haven. The weather was perfect for outdoor dining as our member enjoyed world famous Frank Pepe's Pizza (open since 1925). A scenic ride to the Ferry and a relaxing sail home ended the day. As always big shout out to the RC who kept us safe and Joe Giacalone and Charlie Abruzzi who assisted in keeping us safe.!





North Shore Ride

September 12, 2020



Our new President and RC Steve led a large group on a beautiful North Shore Ride. Weather was looking wet for our planned Sunday Ride so an executive decision was made to change the ride to Saturday. Sun and warm weather was on our side! Steve led 24 bikes and 29 riders on a scenic North Shore Ride through Head of the Harbor, Setauket, Port Jefferson, Mt Sinai and Miller Place. Lunch was enjoyed at Margaritas Café Ole!!! As always a big THANKS to our RC for all the planning and work to keep such a large group safe on an island ride!





Montauk Lighthouse Ride

September 20, 2020



Fall weather came as fast as the Summer flew by! AHRC Sal led a cozy group of 9 bikes and 12 riders on a brisk ride through Sag Harbor, East Hampton and out to Montauk for a photo op in front of the famous Montauk Lighthouse. A delicious lunch and a place to warm up at Gossmans Dock was enjoyed by all!



Maine Weekend

RC Gary led our last overnighter for the season to Maine. 21 bikes and 26 riders enjoyed a great ride to our 1st stop in Portsmouth ME. On Friday Gary led the group to Acadia National Park and Cadillac Mountain. The club enjoyed a delicious lunch in Bar Harbor where they tried to warm up!! The weather turned brisk to say the least, but the scenery and open roads made it all worth while. Saturday the group enjoyed a scenic ride through the White Mountains.. Gary did a great job planning this long weekend and the RC's kept the group safe on the road. All totaled, the ride covered 1,100 miles and three states!



Maine Trip Photo's



OCTOBER SAFETY ARTICLE

BY Dom Mozzone **Autumn Riding**



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 affect 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!!!



Upcoming Rides

Our weekly weekend rides are back on, look for the emails for details!!!!

10/4/20 RC Steve Fall Foliage Ride to Kingston NY KSU Gemini 800a

10/11/20 RC Chris ride to Rhinebeck NY KSU Gemini 8 am

10/18/20 RC Ralph Ride to Kent CT KSU Gemini 9 am

10/25/20 Monthly Meeting 10am Local Ride

Please remember full tank of gas, EZ Pass and an empty bladder!



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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sagamore Children's Hospital 11/22 rain date 11/30

Holiday Party December 12th

How About a Big Cheer for Our Road Captains?

Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo, Asst. Head Road Captain: Sal Fino

Steve Ficalora, Jeff Grube, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Gary Kinkel, Chris Kuster, Dom Mozzone, Ralph Norton, Ed Reiff, Jack Scalia





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

October 2020

October Birthday's

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

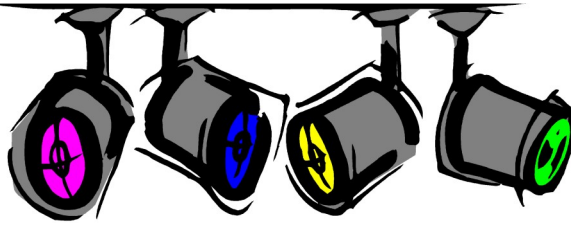
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween 
Monthly Meeting?						



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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