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President's Point of View, by Jeff Grube

LIHR President's Message
October 2022



Happy Fall Harley Riders,

September was a busy month for the Club with Izzy and Angela hosting a terrific Bike Night at their home. The event was very well attended and they provided lots of great food, desserts and of course lots of adult beverages. A special thanks to Izzy and Angela for putting on a very enjoyable event. Lynne also put together a Bike Night at Salt Shack in Babylon and closed out the month with an awesome and challenging night of mini-golf in Sayville. Feedback for this event was very positive and I'm sure we'll be back there in the future. A big thanks to Lynne for her hard work putting these events together for us throughout the season.

The rides during the month were well attended and included a ride I led to Washington CT with a return by ferry. Sal switched up his ride to CT for an on-island ride to Cooperage Inn in Baiting Hollow due to weather concerns. The following weekend had us in the Catskills putting some wear and tear on the tire sidewalls with some great twisties and enjoyable meal spots as well. We capped off the month with a very successful Poker Run to raise money for our Veteran's Run coming up on November 6th . Thanks to all of the Road Captains for putting these rides together.

There is one more overnighiter to Skyline Drive in VA along with some other POI's. If you have the time I believe this will be an enjoyable journey. We also have a return ride to the '76 House in Tappan NY and this should also be a ride to catch some nice fall foliage. There will also be a ride following the monthly membership meeting back to the VFW for our annual Octoberfest.

A big thank you goes out to our Membership Officer, Scott Musorofiti for putting together a Membership Drive for October 9th at the LI Street Rod Associations Car Show at SCCC in Brentwood. Kudos to Izzy and Joe Imperial for getting us access to the event for the exposure for the drive.

I appreciate all the members who have attended the events and rides so far this season. The membership is what makes the club the best on the island. Looking forward to that continuing. As always, please speak up with any comments or suggestions you may have.

See you on the road....

Jeff

September Meeting, 9/25

President Jeff led us off with the Salute to the Flag and greeted the Club on a beautiful fall day. He welcomed our newest member Greg Blake, riding a Heritage Softail. Sal reported on a total of 27 rides to date, aggregating 7,574 miles logged. Sal also discussed a new pilot program called RC Assist by which certain members will be invited to assist Road Captains on rides, particularly as a result of our road captain shortage.

A Special Presentation by staff of the Veterans group MHAW was introduced. We were happy to host several members representing the Suffolk County United Veterans group to inform us of their valuable mission, especially with our veterans. Ruth McDade, Director of Development for the Association for Mental Health and Wellness (MHAW) and the person we have met over the years at the Veterans Place in Yaphank. Ruth, a Navy brat, spoke to us about MHAW's four principal areas of assistance to our local community. She then introduced Scott Bradley, a vice president of the MHAW Board of Directors and a Marine Corps Desert Storm veteran. He specifically addressed the mission of the Suffolk County United Veterans (SCUV) program and shared his very personal story about suffering PTSD and how SCUV assistance changed his life. Scott then introduced George Stone, a case manager supervising several group homes for the veterans. George is a selfless Navy vet that oversees several of the veterans' group homes. George will help us coordinate our Veteran's Day Ride in November to visit these homes and meet with veterans.

Annette and The Ladies of Harley spoke about their upcoming trip to Salem, MA and the exciting time ahead. Lynne gave an update on our recent club get togethers and the great time had at the final Mini Golf Bike Night. All who attended had a great time. The Club covered New Business and we pulled the raffles to get ready for our Poker Run to help support our Veterans of the year. We pulled our 50/50 and the winners were 1st Place: Jerry Small; 2nd Place: Steve Mitchell.

Rod addressed the membership regarding Marc Briganti's effort to help keep our skills honed. Marc is Nassau County HOG Chapter's Safety Officer who has started a Facebook group called Parking Lot Practice Network. This grass roots effort welcomes all riders to participate in events he schedules across Long Island to practice slow-riding techniques. All members were encouraged to check it out as a free resource.

Dom Mazza addressed the members about the Sagamore Meditation Garden dedication being postponed to the Spring 2023 and his coordination of the Sagamore Psychiatric Children's Center Toy Drive planned for Sunday, November 27th, after our monthly membership meeting. This will be our 21st year of support. We first started in 2002 as the Lighthouse Harley Chapter. Here is a preview of the Meditation Garden at the facility and the bench in our honor.



S|C Sagamore
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September Meeting and Poker Run



50/50
Winners were Jerry & Steve



Bike Night at Izzy and Angela's on 9/2

Izzy and Angela had close to 40 people, mostly members and a few of their family who joined in the festivities. There was designated motorcycle parking out front for those who came on two wheels. Thanks to Sal who brought our flag. We were able to fly it high on the flag pole while the sun still shined. All enjoyed a fun filled evening with good music, yummy food, ice cold beverages, maybe a few too many shots, and bunches of great friends spread out on the deck and patios. There were many laughs and memorable biker conversations. We also celebrated the Birthday of Mark D'Angelo who is now the same age of a famous Route...lol. Izzy and Angela were thankful for all who attended from near and far. Here are some photos taken including at least one with Harley the Mini Golden Doodle.



Jeff's Ride to the Connecticut, 9/4

President/RC Jeff lead 14 bikes and 21 riders for some scenic cruising in the Nutmeg State. Traffic was light heading through NYC and we enjoyed lots of CT backroads with very little traffic. The lunch spot was Marty's Café in Washington CT. They did a decent job considering our original reservation was for 12 and that turned into 21 but they got us out of there in time to enjoy the planned scenic ride into Bridgeport arriving at 3:00 for the 3:30 crossing so no white knuckle riders on the run to the ferry. We had 4 car spots blocked out which would accommodate up to 16 bikes so it worked out well. There were lots of smiling riders on the boat so that's a good sign!! We also got a nice surprise on the ferry as Gineen took the ferry over from Port Jeff to sail back with us to the island. It was sure a wonderful surprise for Jeff!!

Thanks to all riders that were able to make the ride.



Sal's ride to the Cooperage Inn on 9/11

Head RC Sal decided to stay on the island for the ride due to the threat of rain throughout most of Connecticut. The group still managed to cover 138 miles. They traveled some beautiful back roads along the south shore to town of South Hampton. Later on, the group headed across to the North Shore to Cooperage Inn in Baiting Hollow for lunch.



Memory Lane from Dom Mazza

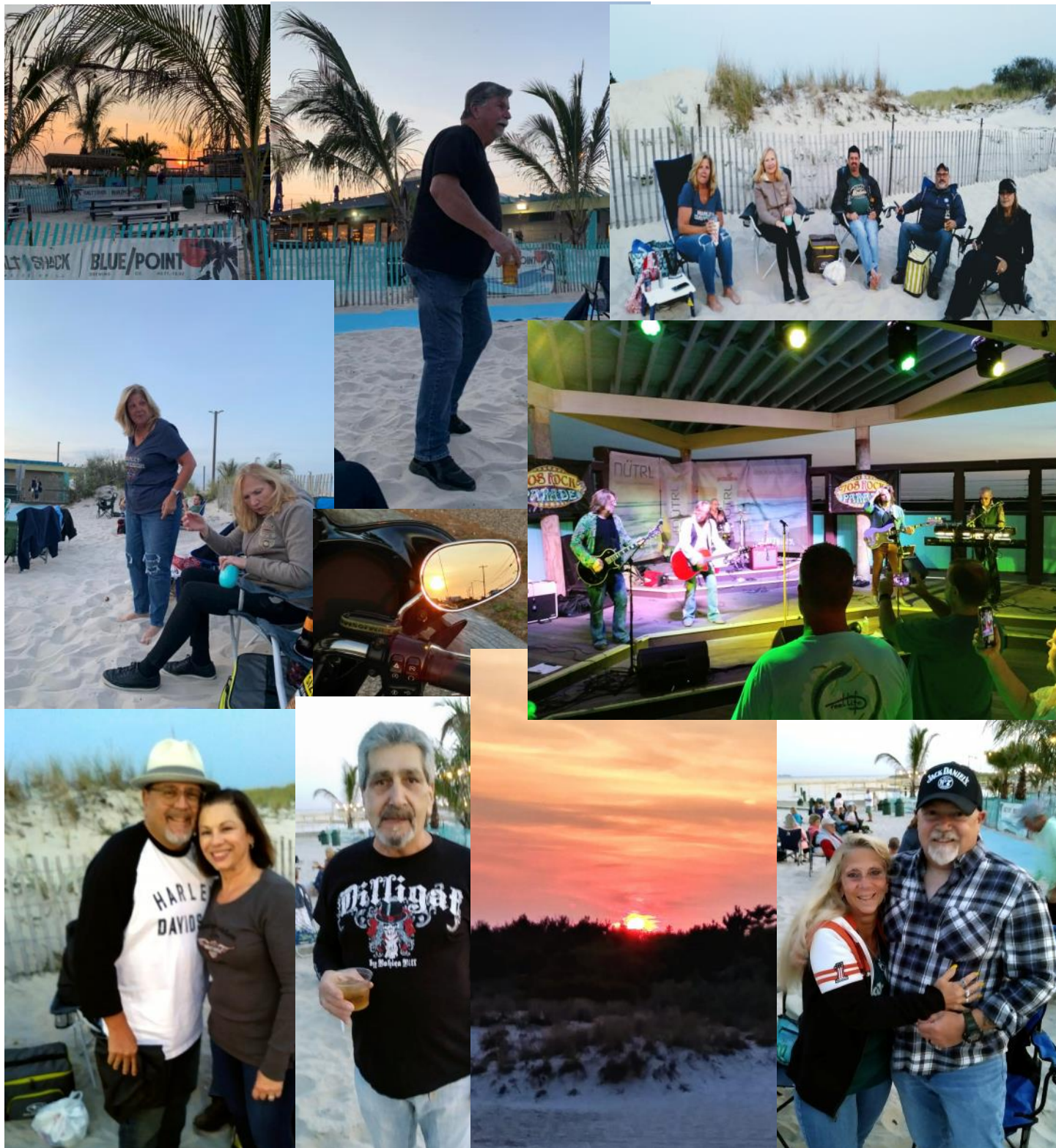
This Photo was taken on Mother's Day about 14 years ago. We were still a Lighthouse Chapter then.

The picture was taken at Dom's step daughters house, She had recently had a baby. This was a great bunch of men and women. At least two are no longer with us and hopefully riding big twins in heaven.....



Bike Night at the Salt Shack, Cedar Beach on 9/16

Another great night at the Salt Shack with the members of the Club enjoying the music of 70's Rock Parade, on the beach, boots in the sand with beverages in hand. The weather was great for this time of year and good times were had by all...and a beautiful sunset as well.



Jeff's ride to the Catskills, 9/17-918

The Catskills ride launched from Exit 43 at 7:30am heading up the Taconic State Pkwy crossing over the Hudson near Saugerties. We made a stop at the Saugerties Autumn Fair for a bit and then headed to the Slide Mountain area of the Catskills. Slide Mountain is the highest elevation in the Catskills. We made our way south on scenic roads down to Wurtsboro to stop into O'Toole's HD for the obligatory Harley stop. From O'Toole's we had some more scenic riding to the hotel.

Sunday's journey took us into eastern NY State and then into CT for some twisty's before working our way down to Bridgeport to catch the ferry back to Long Island.



The Last 'Weekly' Bike Night at Sayville Falls Mini Golf on 9/24

The members had a great night and plenty of laughs. Everybody was focused had a blast. Who said chasing around a little golf ball through the exceptionally well done and challenging course isn't fun. Certainly one to remember and arrange again in the future.



The Ladies of Harley Trip to Salem, 9/30–10/2

Eight LOH ladies made their way via ferry and car to Salem to enjoy the many interesting sights and Halloween season festivities the city had to offer. The Hammond Castle constructed in 1926 on the coast of Gloucester was a big hit. It was built in the style of the medieval times and displayed the owners collection of artifacts from Ancient Rome through the Renaissance. The ladies also went on the Requiem for Salem Ghost Tour visiting some of the ghostly locations associated with demonic hauntings. The atmosphere was just what the mad doctor ordered.



October 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*

WHAT THE FRACK WAS THAT • PART II *Now to the biologicals that can kill us*

Deer is our most prevalent enemy.

According to one statistic, there are over one million vehicular deer incidents and around 25,000 deer are killed by vehicular accidents each year. Another stat states that the state where you're most likely to hit a deer is West Virginia.

Over 10,000 Americans are injured in vehicle accidents involving deer each year and the injury rate with a deer versus motorcycle strike is a high 70% with over 90 percent of vehicle-deer crashes occurring on two-lane roads, between dusk and dawn.

Deer suck. We have been riding in deer-infested areas for decades and the only thing that has helped is The Hornet from Xp3 - a passive electronic deer Avoidance System.

Yes, they are one of our advertisers yet we have found the sharp and irritating pitch the Hornet throws at the road in front of the bike to work remarkably well.



Bambi and friends have never answered any of our surveys, so think of it as an electric "Rabbit's Foot," and, for the \$80 investment, better to have one on your machine than not.

Remember we don't hit deer, deer hit us.

Up north moose is a huge issue - in both size and scope. Moose kill more humans than any other mammal in North America.

Although in some regions of the United States brown bears are more dangerous simply because of their aggressive behavior - the moose population is far greater than any bear population.

Treat moose like a deer on crack or meth as they, unlike deer that usually and happily run away, will happily stomp you into oblivion when enraged. Remarkably, moose seem to not like The Hornet either and we have had moose raise their massive noggins and move off the road and back into the forest while riding in Maine and Newfoundland.

Black bears have run in front of us dozens of times, and getting hit by one is going to be a very bad thing. There have been many motorcycle rider fatalities due to bear strikes over the years.



Avian Issues...

Years back a friend, a professional road racer, was struck hard by a seagull that came out of the blue. He suffered a concussion, and as an experienced racer knew this and wisely parked himself for a few days in the next town he came upon.

In this region Turkey Vultures are often found dining on the aforementioned deer strikes. Startled they can easily fly up and into passing motorcycles. So, if you see a wake of vultures best to slide away from them and be vigilant.

Most birds will fly out of the way, but not always. Depending on the bird's size you will either punt them away or they can cause you to lose control and create a "gravity storm!"

The key here is to try not to panic.

If a bird strike is imminent throttle up and go for the punt rather than the crash. Like deer, birds usually hit us, not the other way around.

Try to avoid condors - they are very big.

Some of the other critters to consider run the small mammal gamut - woodchuck, porcupine, squirrels, opossum, and racoons all seem to cross the road at the wrong times.

Up here in northern New Jersey, we have a lot of other hits and I remember one Amercade riding on a small backroad off of Route 28 and having a large fisher cross our path. Part of the Weasel family - they have been showing up more and more in the northeast in the last few decades. These are really big, but there are plenty of other smaller weasels that can pop out in the more rural areas.

I have mentioned bobcats, but there have been reports of small pumas and coyotes and hybrid coydogs seem to be more and more plentiful these days.



Now let's talk the small stuff.

A wasp, bee, or hornet getting in your jacket or helmet can cause all sorts of mayhem. A mean-looking spider or the like crossing on the inside of your face shield might cause the same reaction.



Being a 'Hornet Stung Veteran' I can tell you to accept you have been stung. Yes, it hurts like hell, but be brave, alright kiddo?

Compartmentalize the pain. DO NOT let it take control as you will probably lose control ... of your bike and matters will just get exponentially worse from there.

There are animals out there - humans for the most part, but that is what this column has always been about. Stay vigilant, never panic and work on your riding skills.

It's a jungle out there. #

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Upcoming Events

October 23rd - Monthly Membership Meeting and Oktoberfest

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>R.C.</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>KSU</u>
10/15-18	Jeff	Skyline Drive, Winchester, VA	7:30am, exit 32
10/23	Gary	Oktoberfest Ride after Meeting	TBD
10/30	Sal	White Horse Country Pub, New Preston, CT	TBD, exit 32

Note: We have replaced the KSU starting point from LIE exit 43, to LIE Exit 32



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



2022 Overnights

10/15-10/18 Winchester VA, Skyline Drive & Cooters & Appalachian Museums - RC Jeff

Holiday Inn Winchester Historic Gateway 333 Front Royal Pike, Winchester VA. 22602 phone: 1-540-667-3300; \$120 /night plus tax; Check in 10/15 check out 10/18; Cut-off 9/15; 72 hour cancellation

NOTE: Lodging and date details on all overnights are now in the Members Only section on our LIHR website> Please use the Sign-Up Genius - it is really helpful to the ride R.C. to be able to know who's going and to finalize the ride details.

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