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President's Point of View, by Bill Vultaggio

Why is it we so look forward to the change of a season and, before we realize it's over, we are on to the next season? Sheesh! What happened to summer this year? Seems like yesterday it was Memorial Day and here it is ... Labor Day weekend. Is it me, or does it seem like the days and months are just flying by? Before you know it, we'll be seeing displays for Holiday shopping in the malls! All too often, we find ourselves chasing the clock ... got to do this ... got to do that. When you stop to think about it, all you've "got" to do is breathe! We can go without food and drink for a short while, but hold your breath? Yup, breathing ... way up at the top of the list. So, we need to be reminded periodically to take a deep breath and relax. Grab a moment or two for ourselves. Get away, if only for a short while. And, for many of us, that answer is in the garage. Swing a leg over the "Milwaukee Vibrator." Grab a fist full of throttle and put your knees in the breeze. It's as simple as that!

As the summer starts to wind down, we have the Fall season to look forward to ... accompanied with the "foliage" - not to mention the change in temperatures where we find ourselves with the need of a layer or two in the morning/evenings. After this past summer, the prospect of riding in cooler temps is a welcome relief! And another consolation is the air-cooled motors on our bikes tend to run better in cooler temps. As we look to the changing of the next season, so too are we presented with a reoccurring obstacle - falling leaves! Leaves (like any adverse surface condition that impacts proper tire traction to the road) present a hazard to those of us on two wheels. While we have a few good weeks of summer-like weather ahead of us, we need to be mindful as the Fall approaches to be conscious of the potential safety hazard falling leaves present.

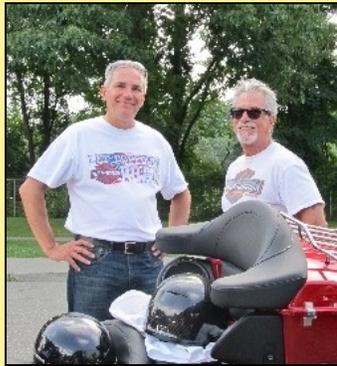
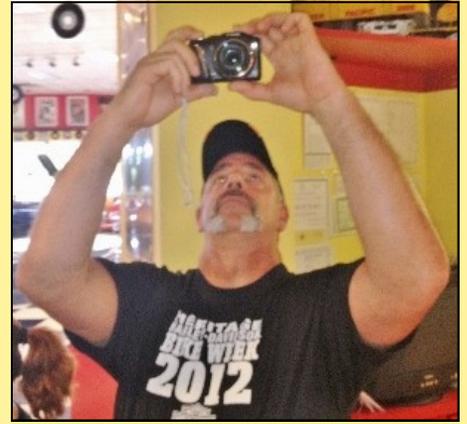
We have many exciting rides on tap for the next few months and have a few off-island rides and overnights planned. We will visit the Woodstock Museum - up in Bethel, NY - which is where the Woodstock concert actually was held back in 1969. In addition, there are two more overnight trips planned. One will be to the Open House event at the Harley-Davidson Factory in York, PA at the end of September, followed by a weekend getaway up to Newport, RI in the third week in October. So, if you find yourself chasing the clock and need to get away, know you have those options ... as well as a number of GREAT club rides to look forward to before we kiss 2012 goodbye.

And speaking of goodbyes ... we must take the opportunity to say goodbye and farewell to one of our long-standing members - Rose Davidson. Rose has been a dedicated member for over 8 years. During that time, she has graciously taken on the responsibility as Membership Officer and Secretary. Rose also spearheaded our Lighthouse H.O.G. 10th Anniversary Celebration in 2011. We are forever grateful to Rose for her compassionate support and dedication to the Lighthouse H.O.G. and LI Harley Riders groups and we wish her well with her new endeavors as she heads south for a "new beginning". And if you find yourself in or around the Daytona area (Biketoberfest is right around the corner ...), she would welcome a visit from her old "Yankee" friends. We Love You Rose!! Too Many Roads ... Too Little Time.





GARY'S RIDE TO NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT



HE'D BETTER STOP SINGING ON THE COUNT OF THREE!



BIKE NIGHT



SO STEVE, ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY MY BURGERS AREN'T WHAT THEY SHOULD BE ?

THESE BUNS ARE A BIT CHEWEY, HUH?

Oh boy!



Sturgis 2012

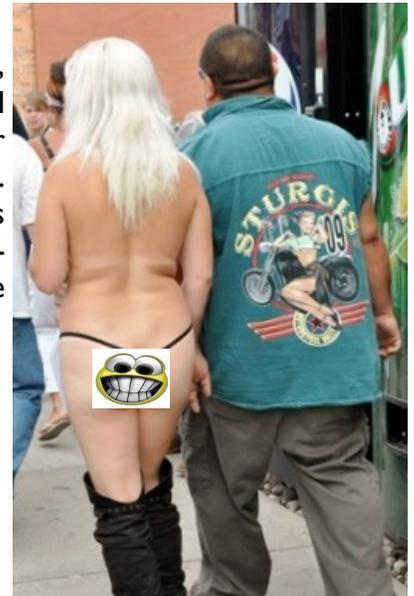
By Sandy Palopoli

Frank and I just came home from three weeks of a wonderful trip out West. This was our 4th trip to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally ... which we love. We stayed in Deadwood, SD at the new "Lodge at Deadwood" ... which was the place to be. The property was beautiful with great amenities and the largest casino in Deadwood. There were many trailers just like Frank's and some even larger, so the parking lot was very fascinating with all the toys from all over the country. Obviously, we met very interesting people who share our love for the West, including a couple from Italy.



Staying in Deadwood works well for us because it's a great location to venture in all directions with beautiful places to ride. Spearfish Canyon is probably one of the most beautiful, scenic rides here. Custer's Park is also another awesome ride ... seeing all the buffaloes roaming with some getting very friendly! Riding to Devil's Tower in Wyoming and then visiting Sundance was also great. The largest city in the area is Rapid City, which is not far from Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse, which are also very great places to visit. East of Rapid City is another great place that we never miss ... Wall's Drugs ... a favorite roadside attraction that is very close to the Badlands. But watch out, the grasshoppers there are very aggressive! I have a picture of Frank with one speared on his sunglasses!

This year we didn't go to Cody, Wyoming or Yellowstone National Park. I was sad because I love Cody and riding Bear Tooth in Cook City. Well, maybe next year. Too many roads, too little time ... that's very true Bill!! Already made our reservations for next year! Can't get enough of the West!



“Having missed STEVE’S WINDMILL RIDE last year, I was really looking forward to this.” - Annette



I CAME ACROSS AN ANTIQUE POOPER SCOOPER ...



JOE CHECKED OUT A PAIR OF ANTIQUE TRUCKNUTZ



AS WE WALKED THROUGH THIS QUIANT TOWN IN OUR BOOTS AND LEATHERS, WE DREW SOME STARES FROM PEOPLE WHO LOOKED LIKE THEY JUST JUMPED OUT OF A LANDS END CATALOG. FRED WAS ACTING AS CLUB AMBASSADOR TO THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (never hurts). ALTOGETHER, WE SAW 7 WINDMILLS, INCLUDING A “MODERN” AND A “MINI”. THEN THERE WAS THE PRIVATE GOLF CLUB WE UNINTENTIONALLY PULLED INTO SO WE COULD PUT OUR RAIN GEAR ON. NO SOONER DID WE TURN OUR ENGINES OFF WHEN A CLUB STEWARD APPROACHED US, THINKING WE HAD IDEAS OF HAVING LUNCH AT THE HALF-WAY HOUSE! ... NOT! INSTEAD, WE ENJOYED FINE DINING “HOG-STYLE” WITH WHITE TABLE LINENS, FOLDED CLOTH NAPKINS AND 6 PIECES OF SILVERWARE PER PERSON AT A BEAUTIFUL WATERSIDE RESTAURANT.



Bill also practiced his texting skills when time allotted. OMG!



KEN threw together a terrific impromptu ride. Some super roads led the group to Greenport. It's a great place to walk around and Claudios is always a good time.



BRC2 Advanced Rider Class was a private class, open only to LI Harley Riders.





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

September 2012

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9 Jacob's Light Poker Run LOH Susan G.Komen Ride	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Shelter Island Ride	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Monthly Meeting & Ride	24	25	26	27 York, PA H-D Open House	28 York, PA H-D Open House	29 York, PA H-D Open House
30 York Off-Island Breakfast Ride						



Don't Forget ...
Mark Your
Calendars



Join us Saturday, December 1st, for our Holiday Party at Windows on the Lake—\$65 pp—Open Bar—DJ
Tickets go on sales at the next 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.

Check the HOTLINE at 631-427-0382 x7 for last minute changes. Full tank of gas and empty bladder required for all Rides



*A Little Help Please ...
Dom Mazza's sister, Gertrude, has offered
to make a throw Harley-Davidson T-shirt
quilt for our Holiday Party raffle.*

*She is asking for colorful H-D T-shirt dona-
tions for the quilt. She cannot guarantee
your T-shirt will be used and they will not
be returned. Please help by bringing an
H-D T-shirt to the next monthly meeting.*



*Congratulations
Cat & Cisco
on your Nuptials!*





GRUMPY'S Chatterbox Ride



This road got its name in the 1920's & 1930's after there were 3 brutal murders on it.

A 50's/60's style restaurant where you can order and eat from your car window. Great Malts and Egg Creams! All that was missing was the roller-skating waitress.

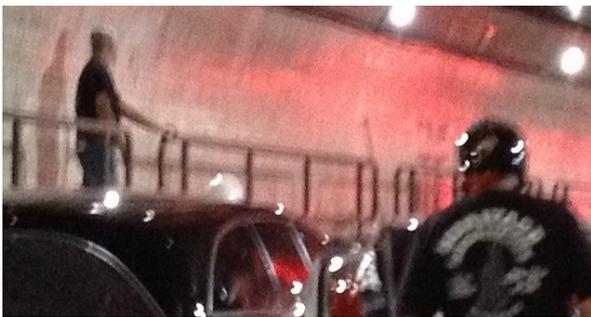
It was a perfect venue for robberies by highwaymen who would hide in the shade of the large trees. Often, there was lynching of these men by the locals. In the 1850's, the area was also know for wildcat attacks and an unusually high mortality rate from malaria. There have also been many reported ghost sightings.



PARTY IN THE LINCOLN TUNNEL!!!!



WHO ELSE BUT US!!!!





The Infamous Exit Ramp

By Dom Mozzone, Safety Officer

We've probably all done this after a long ride on the highway when we're thirsty, tired, need gas and need a trip to the restroom. The plan is to get off at the next probable area that will satisfy all of the above. Scenario: You're going at a speed of 65-75 MPH and approaching an unfamiliar exit. Entering the exit lane after a lengthy ride at 70 MPH tends to dampen your senses regarding the right speed to safely exit. You're passing a 'curve sign' on the exit ramp with a 25 MPH speed limit on it and you're going around 40-50 MPH, which seems like you're standing still after 1 1/2 hours of doing 70 MPH. All of a sudden, you see that arching curve ahead and think S*&T and you brake hard, hopefully going straight, so you can slow down and not overshoot the curve into an oncoming lane and/or slide off the road. Sound familiar? Most of us have probably experienced similar close calls ... causing us to change our underwear once we safely stopped at our destination.

Improper speed when entering a curve or approaching an object is the 2nd highest cause of motorcycle accidents. Many factors need to be considered and ingrained in the way you ride to avoid situations that can rapidly turn ugly. Managing your speed on the road and being able to assess changing conditions to modify your approach is critical to keeping safe. Wet roads with leaves, sewer covers, sand and road condition signs all require attention and appropriate riding modifications to safely enter and exit each ramp.



Wet roads, in particular, require acute attention at exit ramps since oil slicks will be hard to see and can come up quickly causing you to go down. This happened to one of our experienced members a few years ago while riding to meet the club in Vermont. It was early morning and he was riding double with his spouse when he entered an exit ramp that was wet and slick after riding on a dry highway. He was going straight, attempted to downshift and brake when the motorcycle lost its rear traction and slid from under them ... throwing them both off the bike onto a grassy area. The rider broke his shoulder and was in a cast for several months. Fortunately, his wife obtained only a few bruises.



Dry roads at exits can give us a false sense of security after a long ride as well. Two years ago, I was leading a ride back from NJ when we were exiting a ramp into a rest area on the NJ Turnpike when one of our new rider members went down after approaching the ramp too fast and slid on sand entering a curve. Fortunately, he only received a few minor scrapes and bruises. The bottom line is: Be aware of your speed and road conditions entering an exit ramp and follow signage MPH posts to ensure your safety. It's a hell of a lot safer to have to accelerate through a turn than to approach it too fast. The consequences of the latter are completely avoidable if you scan, approach and execute your speed accordingly.

As you can see from these two examples I referenced, whether you're an experienced rider or a new rider, 'stuff happens' when the speed approaching an exit ramp exceeds the limit of the conditions you're riding on. Be on your best game when entering an exit ramp! Ride safe all!!!





FIRST STOP ...THE LOBSTER ROLL IN RIVERHEAD. We browsed the quaint shops (Nadine made some purchases), then ate lunch.

We then headed over to the DUCK WALK WINERY in Southold where we met a very nice doorman.



Despite the drunkard that tried to put the moves on Nadine, and the stalker with the camera, we enjoyed some romantic leftovers in the vineyard ...



And We Toasted The Day!



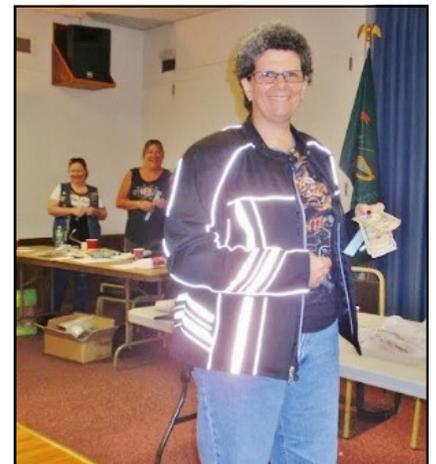
AUGUST MEETING

Special Thanks to Diane Ortiz for her safety tips and presentation of her Big Apple Motorcycle School.

Also, thanks to Dom Mazza's sister, Gertrude, for providing the handcrafted H-D pillows for our raffle.



Sue won this month's pillow. Pat and Angela won the 50/50.





CHARLIE'S post-meeting ride took us to the North Shore. As we rode past that spot in the picture above, you could see both the Throgs Neck and Whitestone Bridges, the Manhattan skyline, City Island and Connecticut. It was quite a view!



Welcome New Members



Rich & Ginny Zeier - Holtsville

Rich rides an '04 Ultra Classic and has been riding for 40 years. He and Ginny recently celebrated their 1st wedding anniversary. He is a Transport Supervisor at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital. He likes to golf and his favorite places to ride are ones without sidewalks and street lights.

Stuart Silverman—Medford

Stuart rides a Road King Classic and has been riding for 8 years. He is married to Irene and is a retired dentist. His hobbies include radio-controlled model airplanes and boats. His most memorable ride was to Sturgis in 2007. He suggests future rides to the northern peninsula of Michigan, Nova Scotia and the shoreline of Maine.



Do you know someone that rides a Harley and is looking for a great riding and social experience?

Then introduce them to our Club!



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or send an email to Chris at Membership@LIHarleyRiders.com to request one

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Please send your stories and photos to: Editor@LIHarleyRiders.com

Say Cheese!

Attending your first meeting? Be sure to let us know where you're from and what you ride. Welcome to the Family!

After the meeting, our Charter Photographer will take your photo!



HELLO
my name is

See our **Activities Officer** for individual name tags. This way, other members can put a name with a face!

NEXT MEETING
September 23, 2012
10 AM

Nathan Hale VFW Hall
210 West Pulaski Road
Huntington, NY

Charter meetings are held
4th Sunday* of each month
(*unless otherwise noted)

Bagels, Coffee and Tea
served
\$5.00 per person



We would like to express our deepest sympathies to Joe Sabia and his family on the loss of his wife, Valerie.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Joe.

Before leaving for a ride, be sure to call our **Hotline** 631-427-0382 x7 or check the Charter Website at <http://www.LIHarleyRiders.com> for updated information and last minute cancellations.



Are you a member of the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA)?
 Learn more about it at: www.americanmotorcyclist.com

2012 Overnight Trips

Mark your Calendars! Make your Reservations!

There is still time to join us!

York, PA - HD Open House: 3-Night Stay –Sep. 27th (Thu) Return Sep. 30 (Sun)

Newport, RI: 2-Night Stay – Oct. 19th (Fri) Return Oct. 21st (Sun)

Please email Nadine at Activities@LIHarleyRiders.com for hotel information.



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