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## President's Point of View, by Grumpy

Greetings Harley Riders,

At our August meeting, we went through the upcoming election procedures for the Primary Officers, which will be held at the October monthly meeting. By the end of the November meeting, we will have them in place for the next two years. I would just like to say once more that you must be an AMA Member to vote in the upcoming elections, so please check out their website. The benefits you receive are great! (<http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com>)

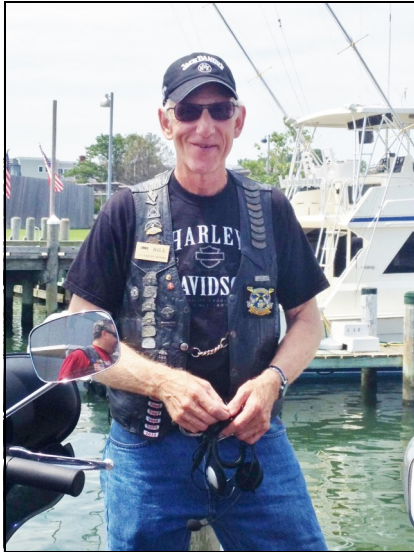
We also discussed the rides and mileage we have done so far this year – too many rides to talk about, but we did 5,217 miles. Rolling Thunder, a 900-mile ride, was not included in that total because it was never listed on the overnight ride list for 2013. However, since 15 members attended the ride to Washington D.C., with one member even traveling up from Florida to join us, a vote was taken by the Board to officially add Rolling Thunder to the list of rides for 2013. Therefore, we have a total of 6,307 miles! With all the rides and overnights still to come, I think we will have no problem doing 10,000 miles this year. Rolling Thunder is now on our 2014 list of overnights. If you have a destination that you think would make a great place to visit, please let us know! We are always looking for new places to go. Tell any Road Captain or Officer and we will check it out.

We had our Bike Night BBQ at the VFW Hall on August 7<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended – and a great time to sit and talk with other members and have a burger or hot dog, cooked by our very own Asst. Head Road Captain Mario Ruffolo. I would like thank Mario and those who helped set up and clean up for this evening. And thank you to our Activities Officers, Stephan and Kathy, for all the planning that is needed to make all this work.

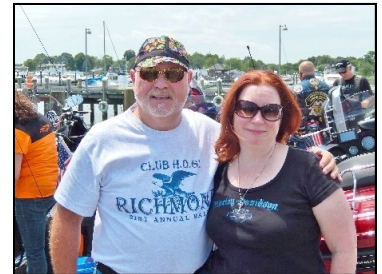
Update: Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center has set up a website, so please check it out and see what you can do to help keep the doors open to this great facility ([www.SaveSagamore.wordpress.com](http://www.SaveSagamore.wordpress.com)).

The Milwaukee 13 ... Kenny Pastor, Susan Ceporano, Frank and Christine DeChiara, Kathy and Stephan Efthimiades, Sal Finocchiaro, Joe Giacalone, Annette Greco, Harry Kramer, George Marchelos, Dave Paduano and Jon Brako ... returned safe and sound from their 10-day trip to the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. I am sure they will have a lot of stories to tell us. I would like to thank Kenny Pastor and Susan Ceporano for all the hard work they did to make this a safe and fun trip.

Ride safe and prosper.



## Bill Vultaggio leads a ride out east to Martha Clara Vineyards & Claudio's Restaurant & Clam Bar 7/28.



**Awesome Ride!!**



# Bike Night at Miller Ale House

7/31/13



# The History of the Motorcycle: 1950-1960

*By Lou Vaccarelli, Historian*

Enter a new decade – one where most of us were born. Although we were too young to ride our own bike, the 50's are what shaped our destiny.

The 1950's were a difficult time for Harley-Davidson. From 1940 until 1945, it was almost impossible to purchase a new Harley-Davidson because the company had signed another large contract with the United States military supplying motorcycles for the war. Many consumers got tired of waiting and started purchasing other brands of motorcycles.

Harley-Davidson was back on top with the introduction of the Sportster in 1957, which was touted as “The Father of the Superbikes” ... the pure big motor. A year later, Harley-Davidson introduced the Duo-Glide, which used a hydraulic rear suspension to complement the front suspension.

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## Some interesting Time-Line Facts

**1950** Arthur Davidson Dies

**1952** Returning servicemen seem to favor the lighter British Twins they saw “over there.” In response, Harley-Davidson creates the 45 c.i. side-valve K model. It's a unit-construction motor – the crankcases and gearbox are one set of castings.



**1953** Indian goes into its long, painful death throes. H-D, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, will be the only real motorcycle manufacturer in the U.S. for the rest of the century. The aging WR and WRTT production racers are no match for the British 500s now invading the dirt tracks of America. The H-D racing department counters with a new racer, the KR. Like the WR, it is a 750cc flat-head.



**1955** The new KR begins a run of seven consecutive Daytona 200 victories, which will include the last race run on the old beach course and first one run at the new Daytona International Speedway.

**1957** The Sportster is introduced. It is basically a larger-displacement version of the K motor, fitted with an OHV head. At 55 c.i., it offers performance to rival anything coming out of England and has a 55 cubic-inch overhead-valve engine.

Harley-Davidson XL883 Sportster 1957



**1958** Hydraulic rear suspensions appear on the Duo-Glide.



Send me your pictures and any experiences you would like to share.  
Email me at [historian@LIHarleyRiders.com](mailto:historian@LIHarleyRiders.com).



**Are you a member of the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA)?**

**Although there is no requirement for AMA membership as an LI Harley Rider, only AMA members will be able to vote for our primary officers or be able to run for office.**

**Please also consider the AMA's advocacy programs and other benefits.  
Learn more about it at: [www.americanmotorcyclist.com](http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com)**



On Sunday, August 4, Steve Ficalora led a ride with 34 bikes and about 40 members out to Montauk with lunch at Gosman's Dock.



The Gosmans family bought the properties in 1950 and additional land in 1958. The restaurant started out as a chowder stand, specializing in lobster rolls.




# Bike Night at the VFW hall 8/7/13



HEYYY, git ur  
rolls hear! ↑

This is what I think  
of your rolls. ↓



Guess who's  
bright blue kicks?  
Enlarge photo  for answer



The PREZ  
Hears all the  
C\*\*P





On Sunday, August 11, Lou Vaccarelli led a ride with 19 Bikes 24 members and a challenging 400 miles, to Steam Town, PA and Electric City Trolley Museum via Scenic highways and back roads. We were treated with a Trolley ride through Scranton past waterfalls and a Coal mine to PNC Stadium where the AAA team for the NY Yankees play.



The Steamtown Collection consists of locomotives, freight cars, passenger cars from several historic railroads. The locomotives range in size from a tiny industrial switcher engine built in 1937 to a huge Union Pacific "Big Boy" built in 1941 by the American Locomotive Company (Alco). The oldest locomotive is a freight engine built by American Locomotive Company in 1903 for the Chicago Union Railway Company.





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

# September 2013

## Sept. Birthdays

Buzzy Farquhar ..... 4  
 Tom Rudzewick ..... 7  
 Irene Beresford ..... 9  
 Frank Palopoli ..... 9  
 Bob Perisi ..... 11  
 Werner Dettmer ..... 13  
 George Marchelos ... 13  
 Wayne Clark ..... 14  
 Kit Marino ..... 16  
 Jeanne York ..... 17  
 Kurt Jahn ..... 21  
 Pat Grant ..... 22  
 Joann McKeon ..... 22  
 Lorraine Vetter ..... 22  
 Georgia Foundotos.. 26  
 Ken Grant ..... 27  
 Diane Perry ..... 27  
 Steve Ficalora ..... 28  
 Lou Vaccarelli ..... 30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Local Ride	2 Labor Day	3	4 Rosh Hashanah Bike Night	5	6	7
8 Local Ride	9	10	11 Bike Night	12	13 Yom Kippur	14
15 Upstate Reservoir Ride	16	17	18 Bike Night	19	20	21
22 Monthly Meeting	23	24	25 Bike Night	26	27	28
29 Wood- stock H-D Ride	30					

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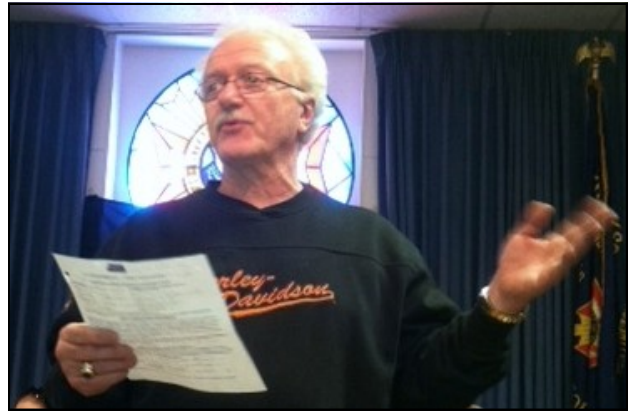
**Plan for our last 2013 overnighter!**  
 October 18-20: Fall Foliage Trip Clifton Park

*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.

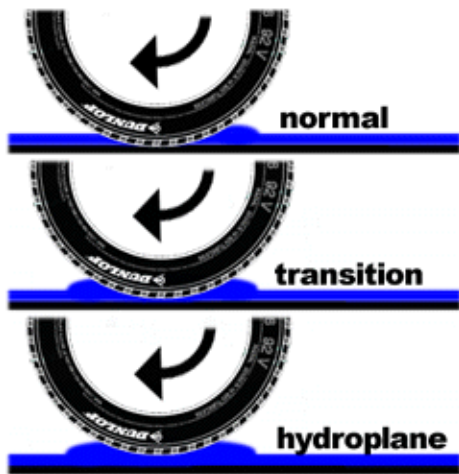
# Understanding Hydroplaning ... and Tire Air Pressure

By Dom Mozzone, Safety Officer



We have all ridden in wet weather from time to time and we bear through it with the same perseverance as riding on a ridiculously hot and humid day. One big difference though is traction on a wet road. Hopefully by now you realize that traction is affected by puddles and our slowing down consciously to keep the ride safe. It's critically important that you know how to minimize the possibility of hydroplaning and how you can avoid experiencing that dreaded condition.

If you know that you are going to be riding in the rain, you should consider adding 3 to 5 psi of pressure in your tires. Note: I am not suggesting that you inflate them in excess of the maximum pressure specified on the tire sidewalls.



The reasoning behind this suggestion is simple:

Increasing the tire pressure makes the contact area smaller. In other words, it increases the weight per square inch of the contact area so that it takes more 'uplift' by water to cause hydroplaning.

Just as increasing tire pressure makes the contact area smaller, it also tends to spread out the tread lines, which in turn, makes it easier to slough water away from the contact area. Note: you **MUST** have good tire tread when riding in the rain.

Clearly it is obvious, but to hydroplane you need a certain minimum depth of water under your tires and, thus, to the extent that you can reduce that depth you can reduce the odds of hydroplaning. Tire wear is critical when riding in wet weather and ensuring proper tread depth is going to help you avoid losing control by hydroplaning.

How do you avoid that? By riding closer to the center of the lane than you normally do. Why? Because normal vehicle traffic actually cuts a trough into the pavement where the wheels ride. Those troughs are essentially where we normally track when riding. The water depths are higher in these troughs so it's best to avoid being surprised.

Remember: Control your ride in wet weather by preparing for it, slowing down, and modifying your riding norms to fit the conditions. If you're ever caught in a downpour, don't even think about continuing. Pull over and wait for it to pass, even if exposed in the open. When wet, always err on the side of caution.

Ride safe and often!!!!

The 'diagonal' thread should generally be pointing towards the direction of the tire's rotation



MC seen from the front



MC seen from the back

## ~~Bike~~ Night at the Beach Hut 8/14/13

### **DRAMA**



## Bike Night at the Black Forest Brew Haus 8/21/13



# AUGUST meeting

Our monthly raffle winners



**Alexander Green**



**Larry Vetter**

**New Member:**



**Alexander Green**  
*(Valley Stream)*

Road King Classic

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

Head Road Captain: Ken Grant, Asst Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo  
Bob Bernstein, Joe Bonura, Bob Corso, Buzzy Farquhar, Steve Ficalora, Fred  
(Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Gary Kinkle, Dick (Judge) Klein, Mike  
Macari, Dave Marzola, Dom Mozzone, Kenny Pastor, Lou  
Vaccarelli & Bill Vultaggio





After the meeting, Road Captain Dom Mozzone led us on a ride to Canz Restaurant, in Patchogue, by way of some great north shore roads. Even with the chance of rain, he had 24 bikes and 30 members.



## NEW RIDES

Michelle Marino  
2005 Softail Heritage



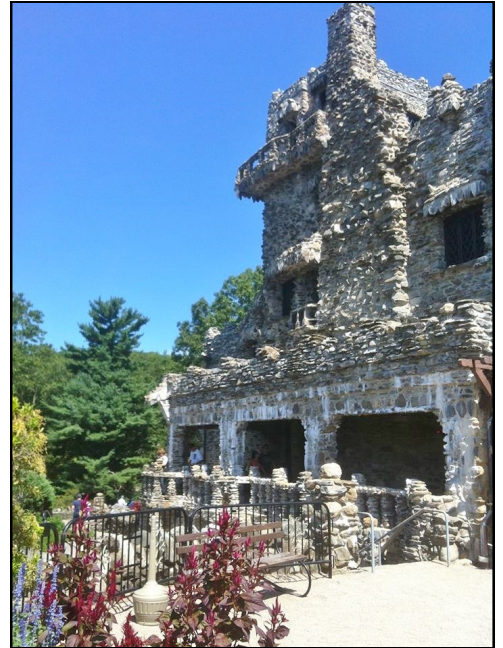
Kathy Efthimiades  
2003 Anniversary Dyna  
Glide





On Sunday, August 25th, Road Captain Bob Bernstein led a ride to the Gillette Castle in CT , first stopping for breakfast at the City Limits Diner.

The castle was built in 1914 and designed by William Gillette, an American actor who is most famous for his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes on stage. There are a number of oddities in the castle personally designed by Gillette, such as unusual doorknobs and locks, and a system of hidden mirrors for surveillance of the public rooms from the master bedroom.





These are just a few things you can find and follow or post to keep members in the loop

The L.I. HARLEY RIDERS were well represented at



2013



Frank & Sandy Palopoli



Mario Cantone & Christie



New member Diane Perry



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Our very own  
**JOE PATTI**  
took first place in the  
Trike category at the  
2013 Iron Adventure  
Run in Ludlow, VT





9/1/13—Asst. Head Road Captain, Mario Ruffolo, led 15 Bikes and 18 members on a semi-rainy ride with some nice backroads to Riverhead. Lunch at Joe's Crab Shack was obviously fun and delicious .



And then there was the debut of our new  
**L.I. HARLEY RIDERS** flag



# 2013 Membership Applications ... Get a friend involved!

*2013 Calendars and rockers  
are on sale!*



**Check out our new Mens and Ladies T-Shirts!**  
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or send an email to Chris at [Membership@LIHarleyRiders.com](mailto:Membership@LIHarleyRiders.com) to request one

**Do you have a story to tell about a special bike ride  
or trip you've taken or a cool product you've used?**  
**We would love to publish it.**

Please send your stories and photos to: [Editor@LIHarleyRiders.com](mailto: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  
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photo!**



**HELLO**  
my name is

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with a face!

**NEXT MEETING**  
**October 27, 2013**  
**10 AM**

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*A Little Help Please ...  
Dom Mazza's sister, Gertrude, has offered  
to make another 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.*

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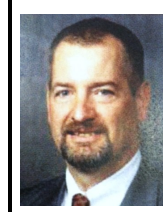
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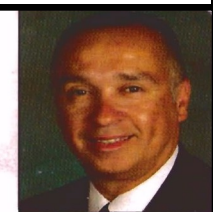
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