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President's Point of View, by Grumpy

September is here which means summer is coming to an end. But, there is still some great riding weather ahead of us. Besides the local and off-island rides, there are still two overnight rides to enjoy: September 18 - 21, York PA and October 3 - 5, Sturbridge MA. Be sure to book your rooms ASAP.

Our annual house party was held August 17th at Joe and Joanne Bonura's home. What can I say? We did it again! A great party, thanks to all the volunteers who shopped, set up, cleaned up, kept the grill going and donated their specialty dishes for us to enjoy. Teamwork is what makes events like this a success, so again a big THANK YOU to all.

Annette Greco, our LOH officer, is organizing an Italian Feast for after our September 28th monthly meeting. We will have our meeting, do a short ride then return to the VFW hall to enjoy the feast. Weather permitting, we will set up outside. We are looking for members to make their favorite Italian dish or dessert. So if you would like to make something to bring, please drop Annette an email at:

Ladiesofharley@liharleyriders.com.

I feel like a salesman at times, but to keep these things going we have to keep reminding you of upcoming events:

Our Jack Daniels Single Barrel sale is up and running. The price this year is \$50.00 per bottle, please contact Christine Vultaggio at liridermembership@yahoo.com to get your order in. Last year's sale went so well that some of the members were unable to purchase a bottle, so do not miss your chance!

Tickets for our Annual Holiday Party are now available. Please contact Steve Ficalora at activities@liharleyriders.com. Tickets are \$65.00 per person and includes an open bar, great food, music, dancing, a chance to win the door prize (a custom-made quilt) and some fun time with club members. This year's party will be held on December 6 at the Holiday Inn in Plainview. If you have never come to one of our holiday parties, this is the year to have some fun.

Ride safe and prosper.

August 24, 2014 Membership Meeting



President Grumpy Hartmann thanked Joe and Joanne Bonura for the use of their home for the annual house party. Grumpy also thanked all the volunteers who had worked hard to make the party a success. Upcoming overnight rides, the LOH weekend at the Pocono Manor Inn, the Sagamore Toy Ride and the annual Holiday Party were also discussed.



In addition, Larry Vetter spoke about his accident while on the Tennessee trip. Larry expressed his gratitude to the L.I. Harley Rider family for all the concern they had shown him. Grumpy also reported a Visa gift card and 2 L.I. Harley Riders mugs were sent to Jimmy and Dee Summers to thank them for their compassion and opening their home to our members after the accident.



After the meeting, RC Nadine Hartmann led 33 bikes & 36 members on a 61 mile ride down the South Shore. The ride on Ocean Pkwy. had us enjoying blue skies, warm weather & an ocean breeze. We made a stop at Oak Beach for a group picture. The ride ended at the Dublin Deck for lunch & some fun. Thanks Nadine, for a great ride on a beautiful day! Thanks to our road captains who always work so hard to keep us safe and together.



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

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

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Learn more about it at: www.americanmotorcyclist.com

New Rides



Head RC Mario Ruffolo
2014 Ultra Limited



Ed Reiff
2003 Heritage Springer



Dave Radlauer
2014 Switchback

50/50 Raffle Winners



1st Place
John



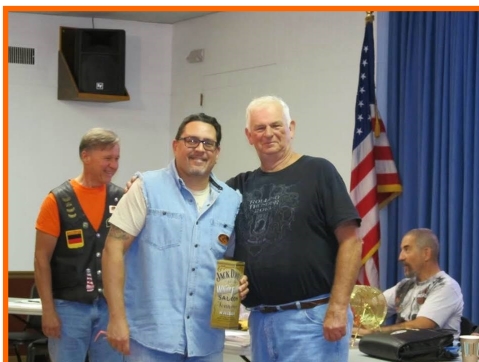
2nd Place
Mario Ruffolo



Charlie Abruzzo
2014 Ultra Limited

Welcome to Our New Member

Jack Daniels Winner



Dennis Irizarry



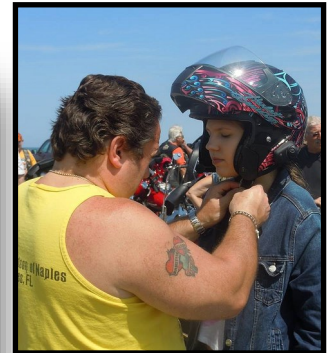
Rod Solner



On Sunday, Aug. 10th, RC Ken Pastor led 28 bikes and 35 members on a great, 56 mile ride along the North Shore with a stop at The Steel Pier Beach. The weather was beautiful & the roads were fine. The ride ended in Riverhead at Joe's Garage for lunch. A great day of riding with great people! Thank you, Ken! Thanks also to our road captains for another job well done!



It was a beautiful day to ride!



She'll always be his little girl!



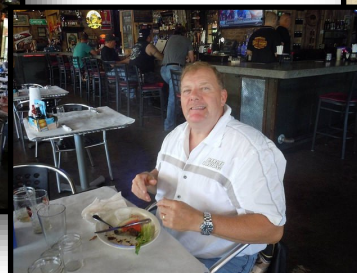
Great day...



...with a great group of people!



Thanks Ken!





On August 17th the club held a Poker Run followed by the annual house party. A big thank you to: Joe and Joanne Bonura, for opening their home to us, to Head RC Mario Ruffolo and RC Charlie Abruzzo, for organizing the Poker Run, to Bill, Will and Joe, for keeping the grill going all day and to all those who shopped, cooked, set up and cleaned up. The weather was great, the food was delicious and the fun was abundant!



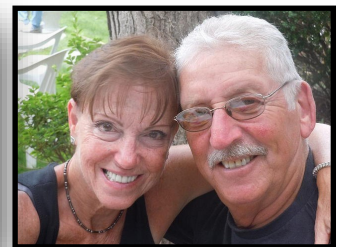
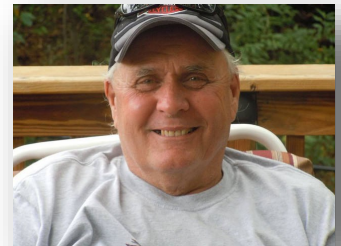
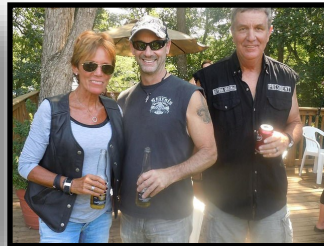
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Great photo bomb Lou!

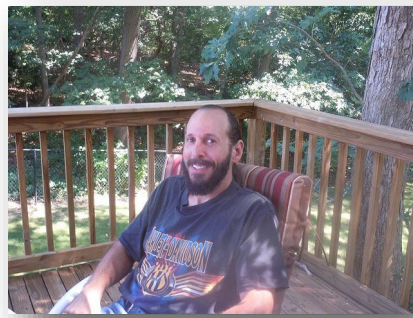


Who now Larry was such a ladies man?





That water is 5 ft deep..DO NOT let go of Joannz!!!



Poker Run

Best Hand
← Brian Hagzslg

Worst Hand
Ed Reiff & Barbara D'Amato→



Congratulations to Joe, Helen, Annette & Kathryn for being brave enough to participate in the ALS Ice Challenge!





Riding in Heavy Traffic

By Domenic Mozzone, Safety Officer

To prepare yourself for heavy traffic there are 14 smart strategies for dealing with traffic-choked streets that we all need to do instinctively. These items need to be ingrained, automatic and part of your riding habits to improve your chances to avoid that “ah sh*t” moment. We’ve all been stuck in heavy traffic, in particular during hot weather when tempers are

short and people are preoccupied with cell phones, screaming kids, texting (God forbid as well as zoning out and not paying attention. Imagine the vehicles surrounding you, crowding you, cutting you off. Imagine yourself monitoring closing speeds, reading street signs, noticing and anticipating traffic lights. Then imagine guessing what pedestrians will do, or how slippery that painted line might be and don’t forget those drivers with cell phones, newspapers or screaming kids to deal with. Imagine trying to guess what they’re going to do; these 14 points will keep surprises in check. One other thing, make it a point to read these points at least once a month.....they are that important!

Watch drivers' heads and mirrors

Watching the head movements of drivers through their windows and mirrors is an excellent way to anticipate sudden moves. Most drivers won't lunge left or right without first moving their heads one way or another (even if they don't check their mirrors). Above all stay out of their blind spots!!

Trust your mirrors, but not totally

Your bike's mirrors can be lifesavers, but they don't always tell the entire story even if they're adjusted properly. In traffic, always buttress your mirror-generated rear view with a glance over the appropriate shoulder. Do it quickly and you'll add an extra measure of rear-view and blind-spot avoidance.

Never get between a vehicle and an off ramp

This one is a no brainer, but drivers who decide to exit at the last minute kill plenty of riders each year. The simple rule is to never position your self between a vehicle and an off ramp. Passing on the right is generally a no-no; but, at times, is necessary. So if you do it, do so between exits or cross-streets.

Cover your brakes

In traffic you must often react extra quickly, which means not fumbling for the brake lever or pedal. To minimize reach time, always keep a finger or two on the brake lever and your right toe close to the rear brake pedal. Always when crossing an intersection; for when that cell phone-yakking idiot cuts across your path trying to get to an exit you'll be ready.

Job One: Be noticed

Make sure drivers and pedestrians can see you, even from a distance. Ride with your high beam on during the day (turn it off when sitting behind someone at a light) and wear brightly colored gear, especially your helmet and jacket.

Be ready with the power

In traffic, ride in a gear lower than you normally would so your bike is ready to jump forward instantly if asked. Doing so gives you the option of leaping ahead instead of being limited to just using the brakes when that pickup suddenly moves over. The higher rev sound may also alert more people to your presence.

Traffic slowing? Stay left (or right)

When traffic slows suddenly, stay to the left or right of the car in front of you. This will give you an escape route if needed. It will also help keep you from becoming a hood ornament if the car behind you fails to stop in time. Once you've stopped short, be ready--clutch in, your bike in gear and your eyes on the mirrors. You never know you may need to pull over to prevent getting hit.

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Practice the scan

Constantly scanning your entire environment while riding--from instruments to mirrors to the road ahead to blind spots to your left and right rear--keeps you aware and in touch with your situation and, therefore, better able to react. Scanning as a matter of practice will prevent the dreaded zone out and surprises.

The Infamous Left-turn

When approaching an oncoming car that's stopped and about to turn left, be ready. Your brights should be on so the driver can see you (during the day) but, don't rely on this to save you. Watch the car's wheels or the driver's hands on the steering wheel; if you see movement, be ready to brake, swerve or accelerate, whichever seems best for the situation.

Study the surface

Add road conditions to your scan. Be on the lookout for spilled oil, antifreeze or fuel; it'll usually show up as shiny pavement. Also keep an eye out for gravel and/or sand, which is usually more difficult to see. Always try to avoid those impediments but if you can't, and the situation arises, don't panic and above all don't over steer or hard brake as bad stuff can happen.

Ride in open zones

Use your bike's power and maneuverability to ride in open zones in traffic. In any grouping of vehicles there are always some gaps; find these and ride in them. Doing so will separate you from four-wheelers, give you additional room to maneuver and allow you to keep away from dangerous blind spots. Be sure to vary your speed. Riding along with the flow can make you invisible to other drivers, especially in heavy traffic.

Use your thumb

Get into the habit of canceling your turn signals often regardless of the traffic situation. A blinking signal might tell drivers, waiting to pull into the road or turning left in front of you, that you're about to turn when you aren't. So if you need to push it a few times each minute then so be it. Better to keep other drivers from anticipating false moves.

Anticipate a way out

Don't just brake hard in a sudden situation. There's almost always an escape route. So you should always be anticipating what's going on around you and what would you do IF. Swerving into someone's front yard could be a lot better than center punching the Buick that turned left in front of you. Always have an escape route planned, and update it minute by minute.

Running interference

This one's easy and I'll bet most of you already do it: let larger vehicles run interference for you when negotiating intersections. If the idiot coming toward you from the left or right is going to blow the light, better they hit the box truck next to you, right? For the same reason, don't lunge through an intersection as soon as the light turns green. Be patient and use the vehicles next to you as cover.

These items outlined are sensible, will become instinctive once fully understood and above all will help avoid the unthinkable from happening as we enjoy our passion: riding. Read these 14 points often, practice them always and have a blast riding safely in all conditions.

Bike

*Riverhead Classic Car Cruise Night
August 7th*



Nights

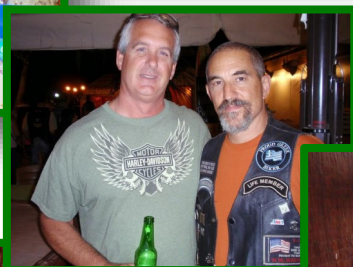
*Venetian Shores
August 14th*



*Miller's Ale House
August 20th*



*Last Bike Night-Off Key Tiki
August 27th*



*Thanks, Steve, for putting together all the
great Bike Nights this summer. We can't wait
to see what you do next year!*

The Spotlight is on.... Our Sponsor of the Month

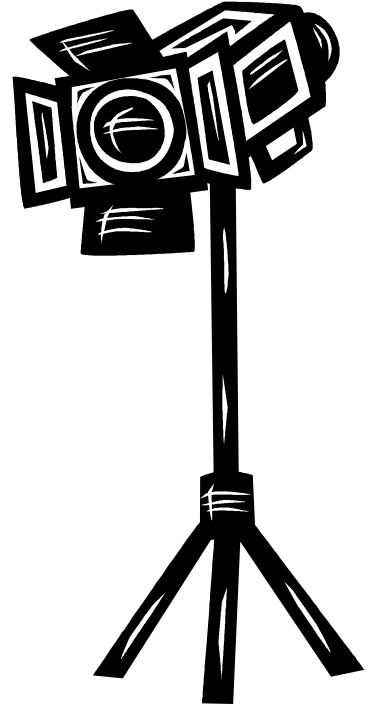


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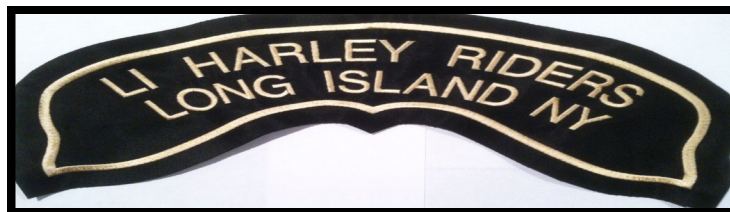
SAVE THE DATE!!!! **SAGAMORE CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC CENTER** IS STILL OPEN AND ONCE AGAIN SANTA AND THE L.I. HARLEY RIDERS ELVES WILL BE VISITING THE CHILDREN. THE RIDE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, NOV. 23RD AFTER THE MONTHLY MEETING.



Save the date... **L.I. Harley Riders Holiday Party** Saturday, December 6th, at the *****Holiday Inn***** 215 Sunnyside Blvd. Plainview. Rooms are available for **\$119** for the night. Gertrude will be making another beautiful quilt for the door prize. We need some t-shirts. If you have any in new or good condition that you'd like to contribute, bring them to the meeting. Watch for details. Tickets are \$65 per person. If interested contact Steve : activities@liharleyriders.com



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As always, A BIG THANK YOU to our Road Captains for the great rides they plan and for keeping us all safe!

Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo - Asst Head Road Captain: Gary Kinkle

Charlie Abruzzo, Bob Bernstein, Joe Bonura, Buzzy Farquhar, Steve Ficalora, Ken Grant, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Mike Macari, Cisco Mercado, Ken McKay, Dom Mozzone, Kenny Pastor, Lou Vaccarelli & Bill Vultaggio



Say Cheese!

Attending your first meeting?
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you're from and what you
ride. Welcome to the Family!

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10 AM

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