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## President's Point of View, by Ed Reiff

Greetings everyone, I hope this newsletter finds you well. As mentioned at the last meeting we are struggling through a very wet riding season. About 1/3 of our rides have been cancelled but, somehow, we are over 10,000 miles as a club and when we add Domenic's club ride out west we get over 21,000 miles total. We manage to get it done.

Looking forward to next month's meeting, we will be having our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Poker Run for the Veteran's Home in Yaphank. Suffolk County United Veterans, a Project of the Association for Mental Health and Wellness was the recipient of our donation last year. [www.MHAW.org/programs/scuv/what-we-do/](http://www.MHAW.org/programs/scuv/what-we-do/) We managed to put together \$1,200.00 for the home and made the donation so they could have a security system installed. We went out on the poker run the morning of November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day when it was 22 degrees out. Many members did the run and once back at the VFW we then rode out to the home and presented the donation. It's a very rewarding and fulfilling day when you meet the vets that are there. This is the first stop for many of them as they are homeless. They get meals, basic care and personal items so they can begin a new life.



This year the prizes are being donated by Miracle Mile HD, Bellmore Nassau HD, Suffolk Oakdale HD, Robkes in Northport, Dunkin Donuts, and Roslyn Eye Center. These generous donations allow all the proceeds to be given to the home and allow for us to have many prizes and enjoy the day. There will be refreshments after the run while the prizes are being distributed. Once collected the funds will be used to purchase items that the home needs. We are in touch with them already and are making plans to bring them there on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> this year.

Please use the SignUpGenius so that we can have a good idea of how many members will attend. We need to plan out for the sandwiches and things we need for everyone.

## August 2018 Meeting

We had another great turnout for our August Meeting. Led by President Ed Reiff the club reviewed the past month's riding. The summer weather has not been on our side. We had 2 rides rained out and a ride cancelled due to excessive heat. Probie RC Ralph Norton led a group of members up to Greenwood Lake CT and Ed Reiff led a great weekend off Island ride to the Martin Guitar Factory.

Ed presented our past president Kenny McKay with a past president patch and a beautiful Harley Pillow to show our appreciation for his service to the club. He also thanked member John Capobianco for providing the club with the table and chairs for the annual Summer BBQ. John is a member of the Syosset Fire Department and he delivered and picked up the tables and chairs. A special Thank You to Jerry and Betty Small for letting us use their beautiful house for a second year. The BBQ was a smashing success and many of our members enjoyed good food and great friends. A big shout out for Stefan and Kathy Efthimiades for all their hard work in organizing and planning, and to Lynne Ficalora and Annette Greco for the shopping. Also a big thank you to Joe Sabia and Bill Vultaggio for cooking those hot dogs, burgers and sausages. A final big thank you to all the members who brought delicious appetizers and desserts.

Ed discussed the club protocol in case of an accident. The club had two members involved in an accident. Fortunately the members are on the mend and they were able to walk away from the accident. As per protocol the sweep will stay with any member in need, the other riders will continue to ride till it is safe to pull over and a RC will be posted to direct the other members. Only the sweep will call the Lead RC to prevent too many unnecessary phone calls. Our club protocol of a two second rule between riders prevented further trouble.

The club dues will be increased for the 2019 riding season. The new cost will be \$50 for members and \$25 for associates. The extra money will help support the club to cover insurance fees and subsidize the club functions such as the monthly bagels and coffee, the Summer BBQ and the annual Christmas Party. The good news is that if the member pays his or her dues before 1/1/19 we will be offering a discounted rate of \$40 for members and \$20 for associate member—so lets all pay early!!

The Club's 2nd annual Poker Run for the veterans is planned for 9/23/18 following the monthly meeting. Each game sheet is \$20 and we have some great prizes from Miracle Mile Harley, Bellmore Harley, Dunkin Donuts, Robke's Restaurant and Roslyn Eye Center. Come out and enjoy a great day for a wonderful cause. Last year's Poker Run raised \$1,200 for the Suffolk County United Veterans Home in Yaphank,. Let's see if we can top that this year. Bill Vultaggio discussed the Dee Snider ride to support Melissa's wish which provides financial assistance to the caregivers assisting those afflicted with catastrophic illness or end of life issues. Looking forward, the club is planning their annual charity ride to the Sagamore Children's Hospital on 12/2/18.

Head RC Mario reviewed the importance of passing the hand signals all the way back to end of the group. Please remember to call the RC if you are unable to make a ride you have signed up for. This year the club has completed 25 rides, 16 were cancelled for a total of 21,018 miles. Safety Officer Dom discussed the importance of the two second rule between riders and not to go around cars to stay with the ride. No member will be left behind or get lost!. Ginny discussed the importance of proper riding gear to prevent injuries in an accident such as gloves to protect your hands and fingers, a jacket and of course the proper helmet. Ginny thanked everyone for their well wishes and offers of help while she recuperates.

Our 50/50 winners were Richie Truran and George Foundotos who both graciously donated their winnings back to the club. This months pillow was won by Joe Giacalone.

Remember to check for our weekly emails, our website and use Sign Up Genius for upcoming rides. Have a great rest of the Summer.



# August Meeting and Ride 8/26/18



Many Thanks to our Past President Ken McKay

Congratulations to the newlyweds Jimmy and Lisa !

After a very full monthly meeting RC Steve led the club on a beautiful ride through the back roads of eastern Long Island ending at the Farm Country Kitchen in Riverhead. The club enjoyed a great lunch with a beautiful view. Thanks to Steve for all his hard work and planning.





# Bike Nights



A great big shout out to our Assistant Activities Director Lynne Ficalora for organizing an amazing number of bike nights this Summer. Our members met for great music, food and fun all over the island. Whether we met for ice cream, music at the beach or for dinner a great time was had by all. Lynne did a great job finding the music, the places and organizing it all!!!



# Greenwood Lake Ride August 5 2018

Congratulations to Probie Ralph Norton on his first off island ride. Ralph led 32 bikes and 35 riders on the beautiful windy back roads around Greenwood Lake through Harriman State Park. A delicious lunch with a view was enjoyed by all. With an anticipated 1 1/2 hr. delay Ralph was able to get the group to the Bridgeport Ferry on time to end a great day of riding.





# Martin Guitar Ride August 10th - August 12th



Our President Ed Reiff led 14 bikes and 16 riders on a great weekend trip to the Martin Guitar Factory and some Pennsylvania back roads. The group had a tour of the factory and were able to see how the guitars are made. Unfortunately Mother Nature changed the plans to visit Bill's Biker Barn but Ed was able to find some beautiful winding roads and skirt the rain. A return trip is in the works to visit the Biker Barn. Once again a big thank to Ed Reiff for all his planning and the RC's who keep us safe on and off the island!



## Passing Without A Lane Change

Sometimes while riding there come a need to pass the vehicle in front of you.

When we pass a vehicle in a two-way environment we generally do so as fast as we prudently can - we want to get back in the lane quickly and we want to get out of harms way just as quickly, especially if there is a curve ahead or another vehicle approaching.

But what about when we are on multiple lane roads? For example, we are in the fast lane on the LIE and we are passing cars continuously. Or, more ominously, we are not in the fast lane and there is a slowdown or severe traffic restriction (say at a congested off-ramp) in the lane next to us.

In the first example, if we are moving at normal traffic speeds - that is, if we are moving at about the same speed as other vehicles in our lane, then there should be a reasonably small speed difference between your motorcycle and those vehicles you are passing. 10 - 15 MPH is pretty normal. Our biggest risk is that a vehicle we are about to pass decides to change lanes without noticing us. Been there done that a few times and clearly you need to pay close attention with lane speed differentials that can create a crisis for you very quickly.

In the second example the speed differential between our motorcycle and the vehicles we are passing is usually much greater than in the first example. Additionally, many of the drivers of the vehicles we are passing do not want to be 'trapped' in the lane they are in and are looking for an opportunity to dart into our lane. You need to be VERY conscience of this and assume that it will happen and position yourself accordingly in the lane you are in and remember to anticipate Stuff happening. You don't want to zone out or get too complacent when riding next to a lane in excess of a 10 MPH speed differential.

I suggest that any time you are moving faster than about 5-10 MPH over the speed of the vehicles your are passing you are at significant risk of not having enough time to react to and avoid potential accidents.

It's not worth any time you might gain and to get jammed up in those kinds of situations.

- If you find yourself in the fast lane and it is traveling at a significantly faster speed than vehicles in the adjacent lane, get out of the fast lane and move right.
- If you are in a lane adjacent to one that is restricted for any reason and, thus, you are traveling at a substantial speed differential - move left and away from that unnecessary danger.

You should always avoid riding in those situations where the speed differential can bring a critical situation upon you very quickly. Actually, about three weeks ago I was in the HOV lane on the LIE in my car doing about 50 MPH and a car darted out in front of me across the double line to get out of traffic. I had to jam on the brakes and veer left to avoid hitting him, if I was on my motorcycle, with a lot less rubber grabbing the road, the outcome could have been a lot worse. I thought to myself, what if I was on my motorcycle ugh, not good!

So keep in mind: Always anticipate that some moron will pull out in front of you and only do a speed you're comfortable with while positioning yourself in that lane to maximize your avenue of escape if stuff happens.





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

# September 2018

## September Birthdays

Mark D'Angelo 9/4  
 James Doyle 9/26  
 Steve Ficalora 9/28  
 Kerry Fletcher 9/9  
 Georgia Foundotos 9/26  
 Kenneth Grant 9/27  
 Patricia Grant 9/22  
 Brian Haensly 9/23  
 Debra Haensly 9/6  
 Andrea Holder 9/24  
 Elina Kinkel 9/5  
 Lynne Johnson 9/15  
 George Marchelos 9/13  
 Joanne McKeon 9/22  
 Thomas Rudzewick 9/7  
 Loraine Vetter 9/22  
 Jeanne York 9/17

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2 Local Ride RC Ed KSU 930 Exit56	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Off Island Ride RC Mario KSU 7am Gemini Deli	10	11	12	13	14 New Hampshire Ride RC Joe Exit 56 KSU 630
15	16 Off Island Ride RC Kerry Kent CT KSU 8am Gemini	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Monthly Meeting Poker Run	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Melissa's Wish					



**Upcoming Rides**  
 Laconia 9/14-9/17 LOH Pocono Manor Ride 10/5-10/7 Melissa's Wish 9/30  
 Sagamore Ride 12/2

*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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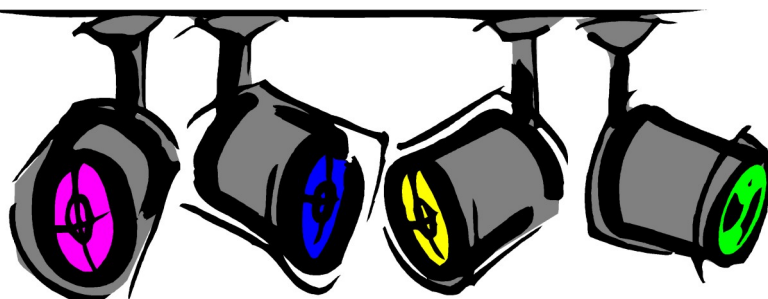
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## September Upcoming Rides

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Sept 2 Local Ride to Southold Lunch at O'Malley's and Ice Cream at McNulty's KSU 930am exit 56

Sept 9 Off Island Ride to Eastern State Penitentiary KSU 7am Gemini Deli

Sept 14 Off Island Ride to New Hampshire KSU 630 am exit 56

Sept 16 Off Island Ride to Kent CT KSU 8 am Gemini Deli

Sept 23 Poker Run to benefit Veterans Home

October 5 LOH ride to Pocono Manor



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 Ride 12/2

Club Christmas Party 12/14

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

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

Barry Boom, Steve Ficalora, Joe Giacalone, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Gary Kinkel, Dom Mozzone, Bill Vultaggio, Ed Reiff and Rich Zeier



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



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my name is

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