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President's Point of View, by Ed Reiff

Well everyone, we seem to be getting out for more rides these days. It was a slow start to the riding season with all the rain, but the sun is shining now and it's clear sailing (riding). We are looking forward to our last overnight ride October 5th to 6th to the Eastern States Penitentiary. It's a fun place to visit with daytime self-guided tours and an incredible haunted house at night. Check out their website as some tours sell out and if you think you want to go it may pay to book it early.



Looking forward to next month's meeting, we will be having our 3rd 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 the last 2 years. Last year we raised \$1,800.00 for the home which we used to purchase many necessary items for the vets including towels, socks, toiletries, underwear, soap; all things they needed at that particular time. This year the prizes are being donated by GenReady (6500-watt portable generator), Bellmore Nassau HD, Suffolk Oakdale HD, Robkes in Northport and Dunkin Donuts. These generous donations allow all the proceeds to directly to the home and allow for us to offer many prizes and enjoy the day. We then deliver on Veteran's Day the goods we purchase. It is a very rewarding and fulfilling day when you meet the veterans. 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.

There will be refreshments after the run while the prizes are being distributed. Please make your best effort to attend the meeting and help our Veterans, a great cause.

For more information visit their website:

www.MHAW.org/programs/scuv/what-we-do/



August Meeting



We had another great meeting this month. We had 46 members attend and gained one new member. We welcome Jim Glidden. Jim, who rides a 2011 Street Glide, was referred by Kristen Romero. Remember we get most of our new members by word of mouth so tell all your Harley-riding friends! Joe G reviewed his week long adventure to Letchworth State Park and Elmira, N.Y.. The ride covered over 1,500 miles and had very little rain! The intimate group toured Niagara Falls, Letchworth Park and the Finger Lakes. They visited Corning Glass, historic houses and even did some cheese tasting.

Our VP Bill Vultaggio discussed the clubs' participation in Dee Snider's ride to support Melissa's Wish. This great organization helps supports the family and caregivers of those in need. Preregistration enters the member for free concert tickets.

Our own Veteran's Poker Run is planned for September 22. Once again we have some great prizes for those who attend. The money we raise goes directly to the Veterans Place in Yaphank. Our President Ed has generously donated a generator and other gifts include gift certificates to Robkes and some great Harley Gear. Last year we raised \$1800 and purchased much needed personal items, pillows, sheets and comforters. Help us support these vets who have helped defend our great country.



50/50 winners



Head RC Mario was the winner of the wall hanging!



Welcome our new member Jim Glidden



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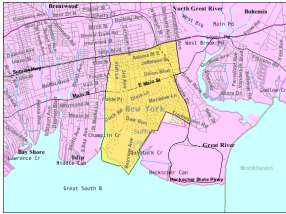
Townline BBQ

August 4, 2019



RC Fred "Grumpy" Hartman led a big group on a South Shore ride. The off island ride scheduled to Windham was cancelled due to heavy rain, however our disappointed members got to enjoy some beautiful South Shore sights. RC Fred led 22 bikes and 28 members through Riverhead, Shinnecock Hills and the Great Peconic Bay. After a short break at the Bird Sanctuary in Sag Harbor for a much needed stretch the ride ended at Townline BBQ in Sagaponack. A great ride when weather is on our side! As always a big thanks to Fred for planning the day and all the RC who keep us safe.





Jackson Hall

August 11 2019



On August 11th, RC Nadine led 18 bikes and 20 riders on a beautiful ride. The sun was shining as we rode through the back roads of Farmingville, Patchogue, Oakdale and Sayville. The ride ended at Jackson Hall in east Islip for a delicious lunch. Thank you Nadine for another great ride with good friends and food!

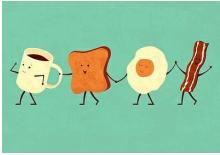


Letchworth/ Finger Lakes Ride

August 10- August 17

RC Joe G led an intimate group of 4 on a week long adventure to upstate NY. The ride included stays in Elmira and a stay in Cayuga They enjoyed the scenery at Letchworth and a ride on the Maid of the Mist at Niagara Falls. The group visited museums, historic homes and Watkins Glen. There is always a stop in the local Harley Dealerships as well. All totaled the ride was over 1,500 miles. Big thanks to Joe G for all his hard work in planning such a perfect trip!





Steve's Big Brunch Ride August 18



After a cloudy start our RC Steve led 20 bikes and 26 riders on an off island ride to Fishkill NY. Our members enjoyed a delicious brunch at the Tomato Café. After brunch and some scenic roads the ride stopped for dessert at Moo Moo Creamery in Cold Spring NY. While enjoying their creamy desert they enjoyed some views of the Hudson River. Steve worked his magic again and got all our members home safe with little traffic issues!



GREENPORT BREWING COMPANY

August 25

After the August meeting VP Bill led a 19 bikes and 25 riders on a great ride through the North Fork. The ride took us past the farmlands and vineyards of the North Fork. Bill was able to bypass some nasty traffic jams through some even more scenic roads ending at the Greenport Brewery. Unfortunately there was quite a crowd and the kitchen closed down before food was ordered! Some members headed home or to different lunch destinations. RC Steve with some quick thinking and his cell phone found a great alternative at Spicy's BBQ in Riverhead where we enjoyed some fried chicken and collard greens. After 2 hours and 68 miles good soul food fed our souls!





Bike Nights 2019



Bike nights are in full swing and our Activities Director Lynne has been hard at work in planning some great get togethers. So far we have met at the Salt Shack at Cedar Beach , Tiki Joes in Mt Sinai , Lily Flanagan's and Millers Ale House for some great music and fun events!



September Safety Article

Riding in Heavy Traffic

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 all 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, then, 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 and 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.

Practice the scan

Constantly scan 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. And 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 is 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 we'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 reasons, 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 it will help us 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.



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

September 2019

September Birthday's

Mark D'Angelo 9/4
 James Doyle 9/26
 Steve Ficalora 9/28
 Kerry Fletcher 9/9
 Georgia Foundotos 9/26
 Kenny Grant 9/27
 Patricia Grant 9/22
 Brian Haensly 9/23
 Debbie Haensly 9/6
 Andrea Holder 9/24
 Lynne Johnson 9/15
 Elina Kinkel 9/5
 Adam Klenosky 9/3
 George Marchelos 9/13
 Joanne McKeon 9/22
 Thomas Rudzewick 9/7
 Loraine Vetter 9/22
 Joanne York 9/17

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22 Monthly meeting	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



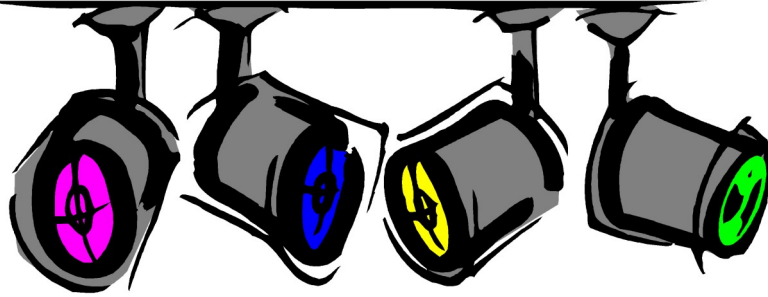
Upcoming Events

Poker Run 9/22/19 to support the Veteran's Place (following the Sept. meeting)
 October Meeting 10/20/19
 Holiday party 12/13/19

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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Upcoming Rides

- 9/1 RC Ralph Local Ride to Maui Chop House
- 9/8 No ride
- 9/15 Head RC Mario Local Ride to Elbow Room East
- 9/22 Monthly Meeting - Poker Run
- 9/29 Melissa's Wish - No club ride
- 10/5-10/6 Eastern States Penitentiary - Philadelphia



Remember to check the Hotline at (631)406-4170 1 1/2 hrs before KSU to hear updates and cancellations



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Annual Poker Run to support LI Veterans home September 22
- October meeting October 20 (meeting is 1 week early)
- Sagamore Holiday Ride December 8 (rain date December 15)
- Holiday party December 13

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