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President's Point of View, by Steve Ficalora



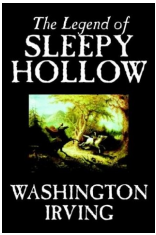
Good day my L.I.H.R. Brothers and Sisters! Hard to believe that it is September and we are staring down the official end of Summer: Labor Day weekend. I certainly hope you all have some great BBQ events to attend, and if not be sure to attend RC Jack's ride to Frank Pepe's Pizza on Sunday! While I am on the subject, I want to give a huge shout-out to all the RC's who have stepped up in this difficult riding season to get us out riding together: Social Distancing at its best! Also, a huge thank you to all the members who opened their homes this summer for the multiple Bike Nights. **YOU ALL ROCK!**

As you know, Ed has stepped down and I am assuming the President's role while he stays on as VP to assist in the transition. While this has been a difficult year for all of us, our goal is to return our club to some sense of pre-covid normalcy. The officers and I are working to have our monthly meetings resume, hopefully starting on September 27th. We all miss the comradery that only occurs during face-to-face meetings (or should I say mask-to-mask), and we are trying our best to make this happen before the end of the year 😊. Stay tuned to the weekly emails, Facebook, and www.liharleyriders.com for when and where our next monthly meeting will take place. For the October meeting scheduled for 10/25, we are also working on an alternative to our traditional Octoberfest, just in case we cannot pull that off. Again, stay tuned for the details.

We have several events coming up that you should be aware of. Firstly, if you are itching to get away, look no further than Gary's ride to Maine (9/17 - 9/20) I believe we have 20 or so folks signed up, including myself. This is bound to be one for the records!

On September 27th (with or without the monthly meeting) we will have the Poker Run we do in advance of the Veteran's day ride, which will take place this year on 11/8. Also in November, we still plan to support the Sagamore Children's Psychiatric facility in whatever way they deem appropriate. The logistics are still being discussed, so stay tuned for the details including the date & time.

Last but not least, the Holiday Party is still scheduled for 12/12, so mark you calendars, and we will provide updates to all of these upcoming events as the details become clearer.



Beacon New York August 9, 2020



New RC Jack Scalia led a group of 17 bikes and 21 riders on a scenic ride up Route 9 through the Hudson Valley and quaint town of Sleepy Hollow. After enjoying the beautiful vistas the club enjoyed a delicious lunch at Melzingah Tap Room. The ride home included the back roads back to the Bridgeport Ferry. Congratulations to Jack on his first official ride as a RC and all the RC who keep these rides moving smoothly and safely



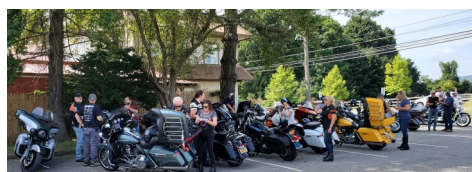
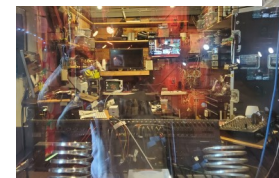
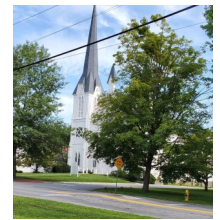


Daryl's House

August 23, 2020



RC Chris led a group of 19 bikes and 22 riders on a scenic ride through the foot hills of the Berkshires. We passed by the mansions of Greenwich CT, historic towns, horse farms and cattle enjoying thick forests and lakes and ponds. We had one unfortunate incident when member Lynnette Radlauer's bike broke down and she had to turn home. After being towed to Empire Harley she took care of her problem by trading it in for a newer bike which she rode home! After a brief 108 miles we enjoyed a yummy lunch at Daryl's House owned by Daryl Hall of Hall and Oates fame. A quick phone call found us unable to take the Ferry home and with the quick thinking of the RC's a beautiful ride home was planned on the fly passing the rolling hills of Putnam County. The traffic gods were on our side and we had smooth sailing all the way back to the Island. As always a big THANKS to Chris for planning such a great day and all the RC's who got us there and back safely!





North Fork Roadhouse Restaurant August 30, 2020



On the last Sunday of August, with a sunny but cool day upon us, Head RC Mario led our largest attended ride for the year out to the North Fork. Mario led 32 bikes and 37 riders on a leisurely ride through East Port, West Hampton and Quogue. Our members enjoyed the back roads through Riverhead to enjoy a delicious lunch at The North Fork Roadhouse Restaurant. After enjoying the BBQ some of our members took a ride to McNulty's in Patchogue for ice cream. As always a big shout out to Mario for all his planning all our RC's who keep us safe and for Charlie who helped keeping us moving safely.





Panic Attack

August 2, 2020

Our first Bike Night in August was a musical success. Our Hosts Lynne and Steve Ficalora were gracious enough to lead the month off with a bang. Our own member Christine Giacalone and the band Panic Attack provided us with a night of great music and friends. As the pandemic has changed where we can have our bike nights many of our members have opened their homes for fun and friendship! If you would like to host one our bike nights reach out to Lynne Ficalora.





August Bike Nights



Our Bike Nights are in full swing. As the pandemic has changed the way we socialize it also has changed the way we gather! Many members have offered their home and yard for us to get together. Big thanks to Lynne and Steve who hosted our Panic Attack gathering. John Capobianco and Kelly Frain opened their home for a great time as well as Dennis and Angela Irizarry. Cheryl and Bill Bullwinkel also hosted a great night. The hosts provided light snacks and soft drinks and as always our members stepped up to the plate with drinks, appetizers and dessert! We even had a quick get together at the Cheesecake Factory but had to sit at separate tables for social distancing. If you would like to host a bike night please reach out to Lynne Ficalora our Activities Director.



Riding the Rockies by Steve Ficalora

As some of you may have seen from My Personal FB posts, I flew out to Colorado to ride with three very close friends and wound up visiting a fourth while I was there. While We've ridden in Colorado previously, this was our "Plan B" as our original trip planned for July was to fly out to Seattle and ride into Banff national Park was cancelled due to the Canadian border being closed and the unsafe conditions in the Northwest.

We were able to get non-stop flights to Denver out of LaGuardia, which is always a plus. If you've never done a "Fly and Rent" trip, there are certain additional logistics that need to be addressed. Besides the route planning, hotel bookings and bike rentals, you need to make sure you bring all of those items that are normally on your bike at home: water bottle, rain gear, GPS routes, maps, and tools, unless of course you want your trip to be cut short waiting for roadside assistance. I also have a set of cheap portable highway pegs to make the rental a little more comfortable. The other challenge is space: You can only bring what will fit on the rental if you plan to travel to different towns. You'll also need to find somewhere to store that suitcase you brought on the plane. Normally we stay at the same hotel at the start and end of a trip such as this and just leave them there, but this time we needed to ask Eagle Riders to hold onto our bags, which they did for us without an issue.

I cannot say enough about Colorado and the amazing places we rode and saw during this 1,800 mile journey. Starting out from Denver we rode through Rocky Mountain National Park, which was breathtaking. Getting there was also half the fun as we avoided highway's as much as possible. We stopped in Leadville and stayed at the historic Delaware Hotel.

The next day we spent most of the day on the Top of the Rockies Scenic Byway, stopping in Aspen for coffee, and ending the day in Montrose. On day three we rode from Montrose to Durango along the Gunnison river, passing by the Blue Mesa Dam and reservoir. Durango is a very cool town and as we had been here previously, we planned to stay 2 nights. The next day was a planned day ride of the Million Dollar Highway (AKA San Juan Skyway & US 550) with a stop in Telluride for lunch and a different scenic ride back to the hotel. Telluride was a lot of fun and I enjoyed parking the bike and taking the free sky tram into town, which also avoided any potential parking issues. I will definitely go back to Durango again one day as there's a scenic railway tour I'd like to go on!

Leaving Durango bound for Trinidad on Day 5, the highlight of this day's riding was the San Isabel National forest which had some of the bluest lakes I've ever seen. On this day we rode through Colorado and into New Mexico arriving back in Colorado. I can tell you that Colorado maintains its roads and New Mexico does not! The following day we spent some additional riding time in San Isabel National forest on our way to Manitou Springs, stopping in Florence at the Pour House, one of the best coffee houses I've been to! After getting recharged, we then proceeded on our own charge up Pikes Peak. What an amazing experience. This is definitely the most challenging road I've ever ridden on two wheels.

On the last riding day, we rode through Pike national forest on our way back to Denver. I split off about half-way to go visit a childhood friend and next-door neighbor I had not seen in years (ok, decades?). Catching up for 3 hours still wasn't enough, but as the skies began to darken I knew it was high time to "get out of Dodge", so to speak, or risk getting wet (which I did, but didn't care). After returning the bike I caught up with the rest of the group and we enjoyed the Denver area that night and the following day, opting to have a rest day before flying home.

SEPTEMBER SAFETY ARTICLE

BY Dom Mozzone SAFE INTERSECTIONS



Crossing Intersections:

Earlier this week I got a new notice on my phone that a motorcyclist was seriously injured on Middle Country Road when a car facing westbound was making a left turn at 5:50 PM in front of the oncoming bike and struck it sending the rider into the air. He survived this crash but is in critical condition. Keep in mind the sun sets in the west and this car was facing west into a setting sun. With vision possibly obstructed a bit the on-coming bike has a small visual signature and broadsided the car when the left turn was executed. Always be aware of your environment, including time of day, direction and anticipate blind spots etc. The story made me re-think of the #1 cause of injuries and death we all face when riding, crossing intersections. Bases on this man's tragedy I am reiterating an article I wrote last year. It's that important!!

Whenever crossing an intersection you MUST anticipate that someone will do something that will create a major problem for you. Some examples: Stopping mid way into a turn or intersection, on coming left turns and people ignoring stop signs and red lights. Its been determined that the best ways to avoid an accident in these situations is: First, look at least 12 seconds ahead of your motorcycle. Your eyes should be scanning from left to right and up and down especially at intersections. The sooner you see the potential hazard, the more time you'll have to react instinctively and plan your approach. Second, since most accidents happen at intersections, slow down when approaching one, check to see if anyone is about to pass that red light or stop sign. Cover both your front and rear brakes as you get closer to the intersection. Position your bike to the left side of your lane. If you're going to have to swerve around the left turning vehicle, your swerve will usually be to the left around the back of the vehicle and then quickly back to the right. However, most of the time in that situation, your only course of action will be to stop quickly using both your front and rear brakes. That's why it is so important to take a safety course where they drill you through emergency stops and to practice emergency braking using both brakes. The average rider never practices emergency braking, consequently, in the situation I described, the average rider slams on the rear brake, locks the tire and skids right into the vehicle. Even if he misses the vehicle, he still slides onto the ground which can cause serious injury. This could have been an avoidable accident using awareness of an approaching hazard and instinctively preparing for a possible evasive maneuver. The bottom line is to always anticipate and be prepared for others who unintentionally; or, due to their intoxication, cause us grief.

Don't be a statistic. Remember, when approaching intersections assume that someone will do something to cause you grief and be prepared to react in time to avoid it. Ride safe, ride often and have a blast!

Upcoming Rides

Our weekly weekend rides are back on, look for the emails for details!!!!

9/6/20 RC Jack ride to Frank Pepe's Pizza New Haven CT KSU Gemini 900a

9/13/20 RC Steve Margarita's Cafe Smithtown

9/17/20 RC Gary leads ride to Bar Harbor ME

9/19/20 RC Sal Ride to High Point State Park NJ ***Saturday Ride***

Please remember full tank of gas, EZ Pass and an empty bladder!



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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Bar Harbor ME ride 9/17/20 -9/20/20 led by Gary Kinkel

How About a Big Cheer for Our Road Captains?

Head Road Captain: Mario Ruffolo, Asst. Head Road Captain: Sal Fino
Steve Ficalora, Jeff Grube, Fred (Grumpy) Hartmann, Nadine Hartmann, Gary Kinkel, Chris Kuster, Dom Mozzone, Ralph Norton, Ed Reiff, Jack Scalia





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

September 2020

September Birthday's

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Bar Harbor Maine Trip Leaves!!!	18 Rush Hashanah	19
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27 Yom Kippur Monthly Meeting?	28	29	30			



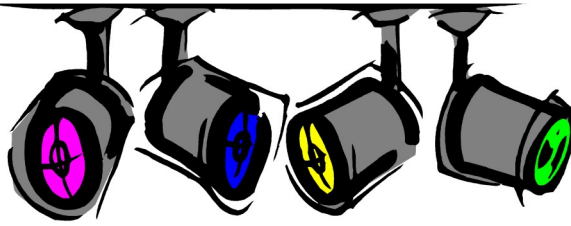
Upcoming Events

Until further notice all club events are cancelled. Keep looking for updates via emails or facebook.

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