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President's Point of View, by Steve Ficalora

LIHR President's Message September 2021



Hi everyone!

Wow, what a busy month we had in August!

Closing out July and opening August, Ralph led the trip out to the PA railroad Museum, which was awesome and was recapped last newsletter. In the middle of the month, I led the 5-day, 4-night overnighter to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The third time was definitely the charm as we mostly avoided any serious rainfall and had a perfect weather day for the ride over to the Rock Hall. We also squeezed in a tour of the house from "A Christmas Story" and finally were able to visit the Drake Well Museum in Titusville on the way back. I have to say we were all surprised at the size and complexity of the museum. Titusville is where the petroleum industry started, and we all learned a lot about our nation's history during that era. Even though we had to delay it by a week due to the storm, we then had our monthly meeting and summer house party hosted by Jerry and Betty Small. I do hope Jerry appreciated the "thoughtful" gift we gave him! 😊 But wait, there's more! Diane Maiorca and Scott Musorofiti also opened up their home for Bike night in August.

I really cannot thank all of the members enough for always pitching in and volunteering. Whether it's helping to clean up after a meeting or helping to setup or break down the summer house party, arranging chairs and tables for the party (John Capobianco) or always manning the Barbecue (Joe Sabia) this club is successful only because of everyone who volunteer's their time, and that extends beyond the officers and road captains.

While the summer may be "officially" over, riding season is NOT, and we do have one more overnighter scheduled for the beginning of October.

So, get your fall gear ready, and let's RIDE!

Steve

August Meeting



Hurricane Henri postponed our monthly meeting as well as our annual Summer Party but we are resilient! 27 members showed up on a misty Sunday morning for our annual meeting. President Steve thanked everyone who sent their condolences by phone call, text message or attended the wake for Lynne's mother. We continue to sell raffle tickets for the Jack Daniel Barrel Top which will be raffled at September's meeting. All money raised will go to a bench for the Mindful Garden at Sagamore Children's Hospital. We were unable to celebrate any new members or new bikes this month. Our membership remains at 133 members. Remember to reach out to your friends that ride to increase our membership. The first meeting is free! Also remember that our elections are in November and you must be an AMA member to vote. We are always looking for volunteers and if you are interested speak to any of the officers or RC. Several of our members have been on trips to Sturgis and New Hampshire and the club has been to Cleveland and off island rides to Rhinebeck and Beacon this month. Our last overnighter looks to be a great fall ride to the Berkshires led by RC Gary with rides to Pittsfield MA, Mt Greylock and a day trip to Vermont. Please sign up on the sign up genius so final plans can be made. The design for the new club flag has been finalized with the help of Dom Mozzone daughter Lori and will be presented at September meeting. One of our signature ride the Poker Run follows the September meeting.

Our 50/50 winners this month were 1st prize Christine Vultaggio and 2nd prize went to Mark Lentini (second time in a row) Following the meeting Probie Frank led the club on a local ride ending at Jerry and Betty Small home.



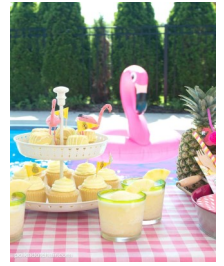
Barrel top Raffle to be drawn in September



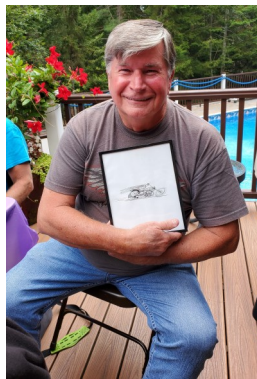
50/50 Winners



SUMMER PARTY 2021



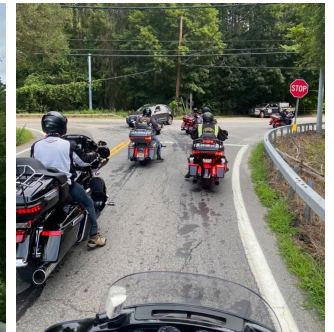
After a week delay due to Hurricane Henri and the pandemic of 2020 our annual summer party was a reality. Once again Jerry and Betty Small graciously offered their beautiful home for our party. Even though the weather was overcast and cool a great time was had by all. As always our members helped with set up and clean up. We enjoyed delicious salads deserts and snacks all made by our members. Joe Sabia once again volunteered to cook and every one enjoyed delicious hamburgers, lots of hot dogs and sausage. Jerry donated two Willy G prints as a door prizes and the winners were Pat Donohue and Mark Lentini (who also won the last two 50/50). It was great time and would not have been such a success without all our great members who volunteered to set up, cook, shop and clean up.



Ride to Rhinebeck

August 7, 2021

AHRC Ralph led the club on off island ride to Rhinebeck NY. Nine bikes and 10 members enjoyed a beautiful back road trip through Dutchess County. A great lunch was had at Fosters Coach House Tavern in Historic Rhinebeck. All total the ride covered 132 miles with great weather and roads. A thank you to RC Chris who planned the ride but could not join as his bike was being repaired at NYC Harley and to Kelly Truly Frain for taking such great pictures.



Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Ride August 12-August 16 2021

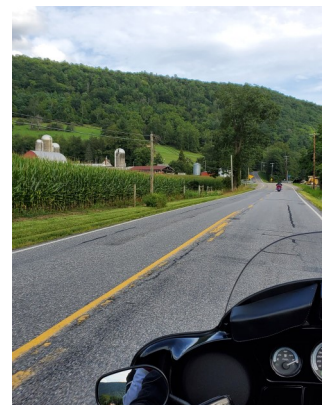
Steve Led 4 bikes and 5 members and 1 guest for 1,200 miles on the R&R Hall of Fame overnigher 8/12- 8/16. We waited out some rain under the porch of a Cracker Barrel on our way to Worlds End state park before arriving in Wellsboro where we enjoyed great food and craft beer at the Wellsboro House. Friday morning, we stopped at the PA Grand Canyon before heading to Cleveland, enjoying Lunch at Gigi's route 6 diner. Saturday was a picture-perfect day, enjoying all the Rock Hall had to offer & touring "A Christmas Story" house before heading to R&R City HD. Sunday's ride was awesome, visiting Drake's Well in Titusville (American oil industry birthplace) & taking routes 666, 948 and 120 through the Allegheny National and Sproul State forests into Williamsport. Our ride home was uneventful with little to no traffic with everyone returning home Monday safe and dry. Thanks to Steve for all his hard work in planning a great trip and the RC who keep us safe!



Taking shelter at Cracker Barrel



Grand Canyon of the East



A Little More from Cleveland....



Front Row Parking at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame





Beacon NY August 15, 2021



Congratulations to Probie RC Frank on his 1st off island ride. On Sunday August 15th Probie RC Frank lead 18 bikes and 15 members on a scenic ride to Beacon NY. The destination was Melzingah's Tap House. Melzingahs would not accept parties over 10 people so some ventured out to have lunch at the Yankee Clipper Diner. Probie RC Cheryl demanded that we make a quick stop at Moo Moos creamery where we enjoyed delicious ice cream before heading home!

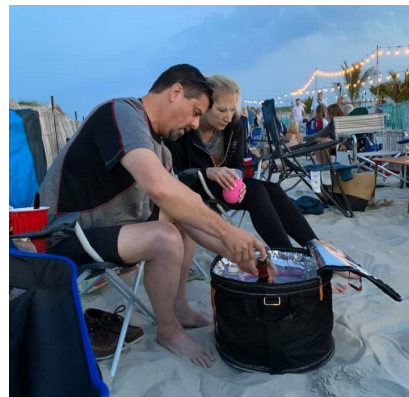




August Bike Nights



Rainy weather has certainly curtailed our riding schedule but our Bike Nights have been abundant. Our Activities Director Lynne has been busy planning and orchestrating some fun get togethers! Our members Diane Maiorca and Scott Musoforiti hosted a great night and we enjoyed a night of music at the beach. Remember to leave any suggestions for places to go in the suggestion box in the members only section of the website or reach out to Lynne if you would like to host a get together



AUGUST SAFETY ARTICLE

By Dom Mozzone



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 ha 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.

Riding in heavy traffic continued:

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 2021

September Birthday's

Mark D'Angelo 9/4

Elina Kinkel 9/5

Debra Haensly 9/6

Tom 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

Kenny Grant 9/27

Steve Ficalora 9/28

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Off Island Ride to Great Bar- rington MA	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
12 Off Island Ride State Line Pizza CT	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Off Island Ride to Billy BBQ Newburg	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Poker Run Monthly Meeting	27	28	29	30		

Upcoming Events

Poker Run 9/26/21

Veterans Ride 11/7/21

Sagamore Children's Hospital Ride 12/5/21



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

Upcoming Rides

9/5 RC Jeff -Great Barrington MA KSU 8:30 am BP Gas station exit 43 LIE
9/12 RC Gary State Line Pizza CT KSU 8 am BP gas station exit 43 LIE
9/19 Probie RC Frank Billy's BBQ Newburg NY KSU 8:30am Exit 43 LIE
9/26 RC Chris Poker Run after monthly meeting



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2021 Overnights

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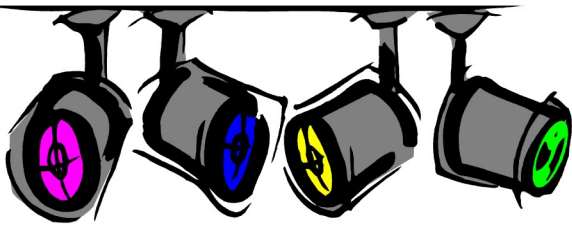
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