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## President's Point of View, by Jeff Grube

### LIHR President's Message



An August to remember.....

On the eve of autumn, LIHR had an very memorable August. Even though we had a Bike Night rained out earlier in the month, August was topped off by a well-attended event hosted by Joe & Annette on the last day of the month. There were 25 members in attendance and the menu expanded from awesome Sabrett hot dogs to appetizers, additional dinner dishes and lots of sweet treats for dessert. Members also took advantage of the pool and hot tub. Hopefully no one was late for work the next day!!

We also had a room full of members for the August membership meeting. It was an informative and interactive meeting with a new member being announced and another potential associate member in attendance. The upcoming on and off island rides and a preview of the two remaining overnighters for 2023 were provided to those in attendance. We also discussed our upcoming signature rides and events. The Poker Run will be September 24th with the money raised going toward gift cards for the Veterans that we'll visit on November 5th. We also have our Octoberfest event coming up on October 22nd following the membership meeting and a short post-meeting ride. The recent membership survey was also discussed. The survey provided very valuable information for the Officers and Road Captains to work with and some changes have already been made as a result of this important feedback. The survey has been sent out to all members welcoming any feedback or questions that you may have.

Lastly, our elections are coming up and so far there are multiple candidates for the Vice President position. Nominations will take place in September and no later than the close of the October membership meeting. The elections will take place at the November meeting. As a reminder, any member that wishes to vote needs to be an active member of the American Motorcycle Association (AMA). My hope is that we have a significant percentage of the membership taking part in the election process.

See you on the road.....

Jeff

# August Membership Meeting, 8/27

After the Salute to the Flag Jeff opened the meeting and thanked Jerry for opening his home for the BBQ and thanked Kelly for all her efforts in setting up and running the BBQ. Jeff reviewed the results from the membership survey and indicated that overall the results were very positive and there were suggestions that the Board and the Road Captains will review and try to implement. Joe thanked Jeff for running 4 of our 6 overnight rides in 2022, and again this year he will have run another 4 of 6 overnights.

Jeff also spoke about the memberships interest in moving the LIE exit 32 meeting place to a location further east and a little later KSU. The Board and R.C.'s will investigate possibilities. Kelly said that 35 Members attended the BBQ and everyone had a great day with plenty of food and drinks. Kelly thanked all those who helped so much in making the day great.

Kelly reminded everyone to start planning for our Octoberfest that will be held at the October membership meeting. Kelly also told the membership that the Holiday Party will be on Dec. 9th and will be held at the venue "The Other Room" located in the Edgewood Grill in Deer Park.

Jeff asked about any new bikes or equipment; Chris said that he had been struggling for a while with the performance of his bike after having the Screamin-Eagle Stage 2 upgrade and finally had the bike dyno-tuned and found that the original install was done incorrectly, but the bike runs great now; Scott spoke about an upgrade on rear shocks and found a great improvement with the Screamin-Eagle replacement.

Joe reminded everyone that our annual Poker Run will take place right after the September 24th meeting and encouraged members to reach out to families and friends to participate in this event that benefits our local veterans. The actual Veterans Ride will be in November.

Izzy spoke about the Club's participation in the upcoming Long Island Street Rod Association Car Show to be held on Oct. 8th. Our Club will have a booth set up for a membership drive and asked for volunteers to help during the day. The entrance fee is \$10, with proceeds going toward scholarships at Suffolk Community College.

50-50 winners: 1st. place: Karen Imperial; 2nd place: Scott Musorofiti, who donated the funds to the Club.

After the well-attended and interactive membership meeting RC Jeff led 17 bikes and 22 riders on a 30 mile, comfortably paced ride north through some Gold Coast communities and into Bayville along the LI Sound before working our way back to Huntington for lunch at Old Fields BBQ. RC Gary handled the sweep position for the ride. The restaurant had plenty of seating available for us and they did a great job getting us served in a timely fashion. The food was top shelf and no one went away hungry. Thanks to all riders that were able to join us for the scenic ride.





# August Membership Meeting, cont.





# Connecticut Ride, 8/6

Probie Road Captain John H. led 8 bikes and 9 members on an off island ride starting at our exit 32 meet up spot. KSU was promptly at 8:00AM. We traveled through the Bronx to the Bronx River Pkwy, the Sprain Brook Pkwy and the Saw Mill River Pkwy through Westchester County. Our ride took us on numerous roads in Westchester County. These backroads were incredible twisty-turney roads in Bedford and Pound Ridge. We headed East out of New York and into CT towards our first stop. The Dunkin Donuts where we planned to take a break did not exist where it was supposed to be. We decided to turn onto some side roads to take us back and in that area we found a one lane railroad bridge and some very narrow public roads. About 15 minutes later, we found another Dunkin Donuts where we took a much needed rest stop. Once rested we continued North. Running a little behind schedule, we pushed as hard as we could, navigating more scenic roads. Our picnic lunch was to be at the Major Besse State Park in Torrington, CT. Once there we found the park was closed and the entrance impassible probably due to the rain and flooding that CT saw a month or so ago. Our picnic ended up in a Burger King parking lot and at that point el Presidente Jeff decided that we needed to make a route recalculation in order to get to the ferry on time. We shortened the ride a bit and took Route 44 from Winchester to North Canaan where we found the Berkley Iron Furnace State park. After the park we stopped at a Lime stone quarry for a club photo. The quarry was an amazing site to see. Thinking about the total transformation of the topography, absolutely incredible! Onward from the quarry we traveled south to Lake Waramaug and completely encircled the lake. After the scenic ride around the lake we headed to the ferry where we were lucky enough to board the "late" 3:30 ferry and departed Bridgeport about 30 minutes before our intended 4:45 ferry. A long day in the saddle with many new roads encountered and enjoyed by all who came along. We rolled off the ferry in Port Jeff with the odometer registering 259 miles!





# Letchworth N.Y. Overnight Ride

## 8/10 - 8/13

President Jeff G. led a multi-day ride to Letchworth State Park. The trip was one to remember with many beautiful roads in upstate New York. The pictures will demonstrate the spectacular sights and the wonderful points of interest along the way.





# Ride to Upstate NY and CT, 8/20

Head Road Captain Sal led the ride that originally was destined for northern PA but due to bad weather in the area ended up staying in New York going through Harriman State Park and into Connecticut and points further east leading to the Bridgeport Ferry. The Group had a box lunch. The trip ended up being a fun one with many twists and turns throughout once the members got outside the city limits. Approximately 180 miles of roads were ridden. Only one group picture was available from the trip



2023 CVO 121 Road Glide





# Bike Night at Joe and Annette's, 8/31





# September Safety Article

## The Law Office of Paul Gargiulo, P.C. presents Welcome to the Jungle - The Art of Learning to Ride Skillfully

A column dedicated to your riding survival

### LSD

You never know what is around the next bend, so it is best to be alert.

In actuality what was "around the bend" was part of the thought that went into creating this magazine all those years back – but sometimes around the next turn can be unexpected and dangerous.

Life is like that too.

It is always easy to say you should practice as you preach, but life does not always happen according to schedule, or circumstances.

One thing that I think has made a huge difference in riding, and certainly my riding style, is vision.

Over and over again, at every track day, it was put to me that I needed to look further down the road. I wondered how much further down the track I could possibly look?

But I got their point.

As hard as it might seem at times, the ability to look even further is so beneficial. The further you see down the road, the slower things become. Think of it this way...

Take a walk and look down at your feet – things tend to move faster. But just look up ahead and see how it all slows down a bunch.

The truth is bad things can happen in a split second. Even when it seems like there is nothing but clean air in front of everything.

Two quick stories...

We had been cruising along a New York backroad when we spotted an 'Historic Sign' about a ghost. Ghost? How many times do you see a sign that leads off with a ghost? Right. Never.

So we stopped, just for a quick picture, but the truth was Shira was right on the edge of the road. The next car to come by – the first in about an hour, I am sure – drove over the rise and then pulled up to Shira with all sorts of yelling to be had at us... about her bike on the road's shoulder.

He was right. We should have thought it out a bit better. But no hit. No foul.

I think it took a second for him to realize he was scolding a woman...

So, when I crooked a finger to come and talk with me, he did... and not calmly.

While he was clamoring, his large Mercedes totally in the middle of the road, was he not guilty of the same offense? Ironic, right?

Eventually, he huffed and drove on.

Jump forward just a few days...

We were heading down to the annual Memorial Day car show in Hackettstown, New Jersey. A beautiful crisp morning... What could go wrong?

As we approached the intersection of Interstate 80 and County Road 517, we saw flashing red lights and stopped traffic. First Responders were everywhere. This was not good in any way. Spidey-Sense in overload.

Two trucks were crushed. Airbags deployed.

Total mess.

With everything way out in the open, total visibility all about, you have to wonder how this could have happened. Cell phones? Perhaps. It wouldn't shock me.

The amount of carnage was amazing – so speed was most definitely a factor. If you have ever seen how speed works exponentially, you will know.



*Journey's End!*

A sad scene, and I bring this up as I think I just avoided, barely, the same situation. My fault? Maybe.

Now and again you might see a sign that simply says "Limited Sight Distance" – pretty clear, right? For the record... sight distance is the length of roadway visible to a driver. The three types of sight distance common in roadway design are intersection sight distance, stopping sight distance, and passing sight distance.

Forever ago I learned about this sign when my gal, brand new rider, Shira low-sided over a ridge with a clear sign that said Limited Sight Distance just before the dismount.

Those LSD signs tend to stand out to me when I come across them. A painful reminder of what it is that you don't see that'll hurt ya.

But not fast enough, as I rode around a tight turn, on another country road, a few weeks back, and suddenly – VERY SUDDENLY – there was an Amazon truck and a post office vehicle both gobbling up the tiny two-lane country road.

There was no sign, but the lack of view was obvious.

All this happened in milliseconds, and I give the Amazon driver all sorts of kudos as he saw the oncoming bike, and the lack of space, and then put the truck to the roadside.

I aimed for the space between them. I squeaked by. Shocked. Embarrassed. Basically, pooping in my pants. Hearing Shira in my headset.

Was I going too fast? Nope. But shit, and sight-lines, happen; and this time I was lucky.

But who is to know when something like this is going to happen?

The chance of two delivery trucks at the same stop, at the same time?

On top of a blind ridge.

So, it may be easy to simply say always be careful. Always look out for the unseen.

But life isn't like that; and the unthought of, or unexpected, might always occur... in a New York minute. ☹

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Quote of the month: "No road is too long when you have good company"

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 Ride to Goshen CT, AJ Steak House	4	5	6	7	8	9 Ride to PA, Elk Rutting
10 Point Lookout Ride Ride to PA, Elk Rutting	11 Ride to PA, Elk Rutting	12 Ride to PA, Elk Rutting	13	14	15	16
17 Off Island Ride—TBD	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Membership Meeting & Poker Run	25	26	27	28	29	30

### Upcoming Events

- Long Island Street Rod Association car show scheduled for Oct. 8th. Membership Officer Scott Muso and a few participating volunteers will have a pop-up canopy, table, and Membership Drive during the event. HRC Sal will lead a Club ride to the car show in support of the 'Drive' and LIHR. All who attend will be able to enjoy the activities, see many classic cars, hot rods, vendors, food and live music. Dennis aka Izzy and Joe Imperial will be your hosts along with Dennis Manfredo, President of LISRA.



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

Date	RC	Description	KSU and Location
• 9/10	Gary	Point Lookout Clam Bar, Point Lookout	10:00am Exit 56
• 9/17	John	TBD—Off Island Ride	
• 9/24	Chris	Poker Run after Membership Meeting	TBD

**Note: We have replaced the KSU starting point from LIE exit 43,  
to LIE Exit 32 for off Island rides**

North side Service Road, west of Little Neck Parkway.



Remember to check the Hotline at (631)406-4170 two hours  
before KSU to hear updates and cancellations.



## 2023 'Look Ahead' Overnights

September 9th-12th, St. Mary's PA to view the Annual Elk Rutting (RC Jeff leading the ride)

October 13th-15th, Fall Foliage Ride - Pittsfield, MA (RC Gary leading the ride)

NOTE: Lodging and date details on all overnights will be in the Members Only section on our LIHR website at the appropriate time prior to the event. When the overnights are posted please use the Sign-Up Genius to confirm you are attending. It is really helpful to the R.C.'s to be able to know who's going and to finalize the ride details.

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

Head Road Captain: Sal Fino / Asst. Head Road Captain: Chris Kuster

RC's — Jeff Grube, Gary Kinkel, John Hachmann (Probie)

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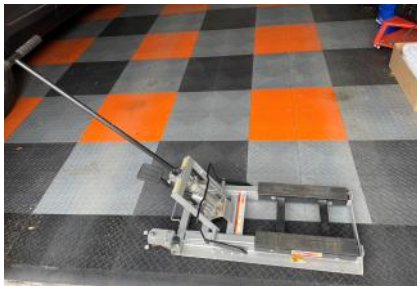


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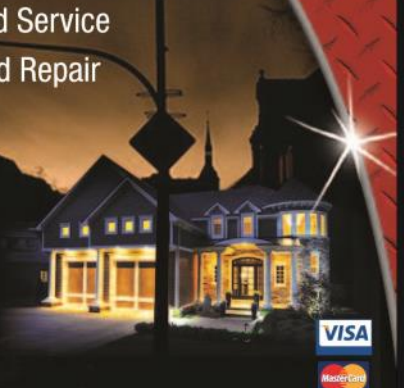
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#### NEXT MEETING

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24, 2023

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