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President's Point of View, by John Capobianco

LIHR President's Message:



Once again, I would like to thank Jeff for all his hard work as President of the club. I also thank again the past officers for all of their hard work and I am looking forward to working with the new slate of officers. Thank you for accepting your positions. And of course our Road Captains. Arguably the hardest working group among us. Thank you for all you do. Without you we would not be a riding club. I suppose we'd just be walking around aimlessly somewhere. lol. My transition to President has essentially been uneventful because of the eventful weather we had. From canceled rides to the unprecedented decision to cancel the January membership meeting. February's meeting was questionable but we pulled it off. Then we had severe weather on the evening of the March officers meeting causing us to pivot to a zoom meeting. However, the events have slowly started!! We have a few rides under our belts, we have had a couple of bike nights and our beautiful ladies of Harley have some events on the docket and are raring to go. Head road Captain Chris K. has the ride schedule well in hand as we are looking forward to some pretty awesome rides coming up. Thank you Stephan for setting up the hotels. Last but not least, we can't praise Rod and Bob Blair enough for saving our website. You guys rock!!! We look forward to seeing everyone out on the road.

Regards,
John Capobianco

1/10/26, Bike Night at Butera's

Even Though the kickstands never went up on our 2026 KSU kickoff party, 2026 is off to a good start. On Saturday 1/10/26 15 members enjoyed a delicious meal at Buteras in Sayville. There was plenty of food, drink and a lot of laughs to go around. Thank you Kelly for the pivot and getting that setup.



BUTERA'S



2026 Polar Bear Ride

Sunday January 11, HRC Chris started off the 2026 riding season with a trip through the Gold Coast area of Nassau County. We had 7 members come out for the annual Polar Bear ride. Leaving from exit 56 we headed West before turning North towards Huntington and Syosset. With the trees stripped of their foliage we had unobstructed views of the Mansions and estates as we rode along scenic roads through towns like Old Brookville, Matinecock, Locust Valley, Lattingtown and Oyster Bay. We rode past ponds, creeks and Oyster Bay harbor before a quick photo op at Ransom Beach in Bayville. The ride ended at Teddy's Bully Bar in Oyster Bay, where we were joined by one more member for an enjoyable lunch.



2/21/26 Bike Night

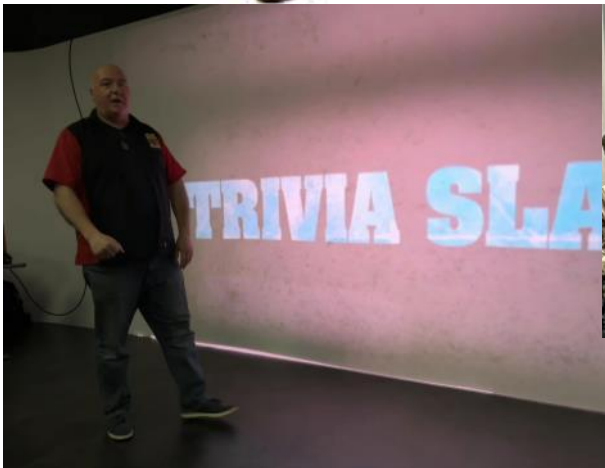
Movie Night @ Donna Drake Studio

A great time was had by all!!

22 members enjoyed an interesting biker movie on our movie night. Prior to the movie we had a fun trivia competition with Steve from Super Trivia Mega Slam. Maria Romano was the big winner coming away with a bag of goodies including a very handy toilet mirror. Thank you Donna for the use once again of your very cool studio and for setting up the trivia game.



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LIVE IT UP!

2/22/26

Our First Membership Meeting Of The New Year!

I would like to thank all the members who came out to our first meeting of 2026 even with the anticipation of the impending blizzard. And what a storm it was. I hope everyone faired well and has gotten dug out. That said, our annual chili contest was a tasty time as usual with Jeff taking first prize, Susan H. taking second prize, Annette taking third prize and Donna D. walking away with the coveted bottle of tums!!! Thank you again to all the participants and those who brought other snacks and dishes to enjoy.

Regards,
John Capobianco





3/14/26 — Finally, Its Been A Long Time Coming!!

RC Chris R. led 8 bikes and 10 members on a long overdue ride up to and along the North shore which included the scenic and twisty Nissequogue River Rd. in route to Harbor Rd. which was narrow and really cool to ride (felt like we were riding on a path through the park.) We continued our way East along Sheep Pasture and N. Country Roads around Port Jefferson Station and through Mt. Sinai where we headed south through Middle Island and eventually back West towards Karvers Grille in Holbrook, our lunch destination. I must say that the entire experience with Karvers Grille from making and changing reservations to the service and quality of food was second to none!! Thank you to AHRC Jeff for the sweep and to all who ventured out today to make this another enjoyable and safe LIHR ride. Looking forward to another amazing year!!



Continuation 3/14/26's Ride



3/21/26 Bike Night— It was another great get together! 14 members whooped it up with three funny comedians Saturday night at McGuire's Comedy Shop. The jokes were funny, the food service not so funny. But as usual we always have a good time when we are together. We also learned how hugging is always a friendly gesture..... or is it?? You be the judge. lol.



MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING!! 3/22/26

The meeting was well attended as we discussed upcoming and past events and rides including our annual Easter Bunny Ride to Angela's House(s) this upcoming weekend. The Blessing Of The Bikes ride on 4/19. We also reminded everyone of our scheduled safety class with "On The Road Again" 4/11 and that the class is limited to 12 members so sign-up.

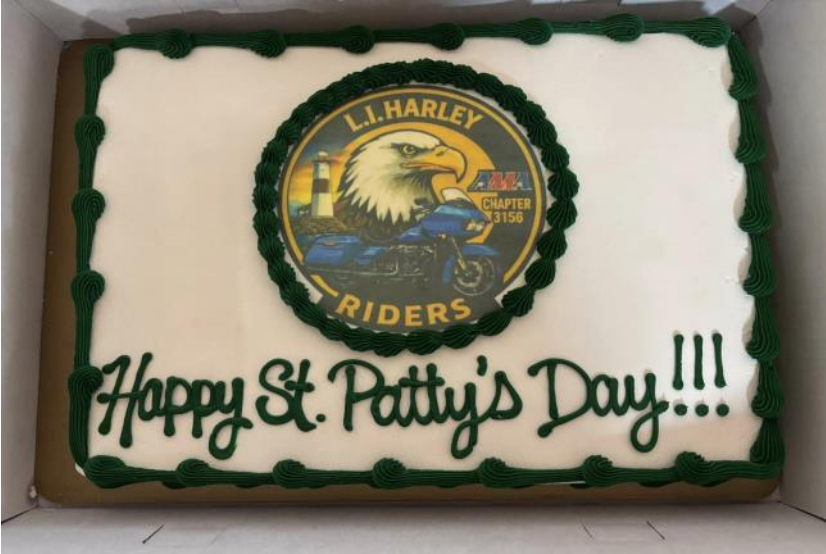
Let's not forget the 50/50 — First Place John C. & Second Place Jeff G. While some members set up the hall after the meeting for the party, RC Sal led 12 members on 11 bikes for a short North Shore circle ride to work up an appetite for the homemade St. Patty's Day Feast. Thank you to all who contributed to this delicious meal as well as set-up and clean-up.



3/22/26 Continuation of St Patty's Day Feast



Sal's Ride and St Patty's Feast



Bingo Loco for the most Loco of the Ladies! On Saturday, March 28th I awoke to celebrate my birthday! Yes it was my birthday and the fun I had planned for this day was "Bingo Loco" with the Ladies of Harley! Unfortunately, minimally attended, the day was planned well in advance and we made the best of the low attendance. Karen, Maria, MaryJo and I had a great time and those memories will live on for a long time to come. Unfortunately, Deidre was under the weather and Donna needed to make last minute changes to her plans. We certainly missed you both and hope that Deidre is feeling much better by now. By 2:00PM the party was in full swing and what a party it was. Anyone thinking that this was Granny's afternoon Bingo had better think again! This was a full scale, let's say disco party with some Bingo thrown in. Always a plus when cocktails, dancing and music is combined together as an afternoon "Bingo", lol. We played about six different games of Bingo but our group was only fortunate enough to enjoy each others company. The big winner of the day received a trip for two to Las Vegas but that was not to be for the Ladies of Harley. Congratulations to whomever won the trip, we will avenge next time! Those lovely ladies brought a birthday cake to help me celebrate my special day. Thank you ladies, I loved spending the afternoon with each of you!! 3/28/26



HAPPY BIRTHDAY Sue!!



LONG ISLAND'S HOME OF

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Our 3rd Annual Angela's House Benefit Ride 3/29/26

On Sunday LIHR members, led by the Easter Bunny, headed out to visit with the children of Angela's House. Arriving at the first house in East Moriches we found the children outside, all dressed up to go riding. They were sporting leather motorcycle jackets and sporting dark shades, it was quite a sight! The Easter Bunny and his helpers passed out Squishmellows to the children and posed for pictures. There were a couple of grandparents who spoke with us and told us how much it meant to the kids just to see us roll up with our bikes. It was a wonderful start to a day that would mean so much to the children as well as to those of us who attended. Leaving East Moriches we headed up to Stony Brook, the Easter Bunny leading the way in his Easter Sunday best. There were a number of children traveling the same route who looked quite surprised to see the Easter Bunny ride past on his motorcycle! We arrived at the Stony Brook house to find that Dom M. had arranged with a photographer to document our visit for a local paper. At Stony Brook the children were decked out with bunny ears to celebrate our arrival! Stuffedies were again given out to the children in the care of Angela's House. We mingled with the kids and took photos that they will share with their parents. We met with Bob Policastro, the founder and Executive Director of Angela's House, to whom we presented a check funded by the generous donations of LIHR members. Bob shared the news that there is legislation in Albany that would provide funding to build a new, additional home to provide services to more children in need. Look for further information regarding these bills and how you can act to help ensure their passage. We said goodbye to the children and headed out to our last stop in Smithtown. Arriving at the Smithtown house we found that Dom had arranged to have News 12 document our last visit! From recording our arrival, to documenting our interactions with the children and finally an interview with our president John Capobianco, News 12 covered it all! It was quite a scene as gifts were handed out, photos were taken and high-fives were thrown. It was a great way to end our day. It was also a treat to find that News 12 aired a segment that documented our visit. You can view it on News 12 or on the News 12 app.

I would like to thank Kelly who collected the donations, purchased the gifts, transported the gifts (as well as the Easter Bunny suit) and helped dress the Easter Bunny (with the help of Maria R.). I would also like to thank Pat for traveling with us and documenting our encounters. Finally, a big shout out to Dom M. for arranging the terrific media coverage.

HRC Chris

A Big Thank You From Our President!

"I would like to personally thank all the members who donated and participated in the Angela's House Easter Bunny Ride. The day turned out to be a spectacular one. With your big hearts we were able to help support the much needed and hard work that they do to take care of these children, because as I have said. At the end of the day, it's all about the kids. I can't thank Dom M. enough for all the work he did to get the media involved and for HRC Chris K. for staying closely in the loop with Dom and Angela's house to make sure the day was a success. The media coverage has yielded one email asking about membership thus far; hopefully we will get a few more. My appearance on News 12 also yielded a pizza lunch for the entire building at my job. Lol. Thank you all again for being an awesome club to be a part of!!"

Regards
John Capobianco





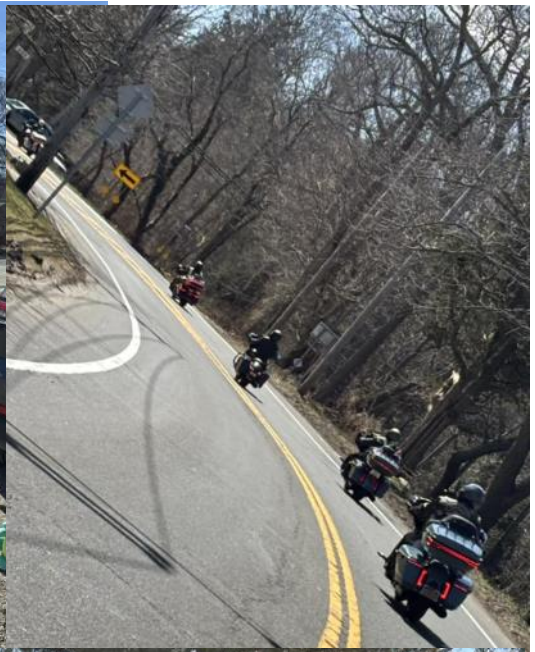
Continuation Angela's House



Second Home of Angela's House



Third Home of Angela's House



- 4/4/26 — Angela's House Rain Date - HRC Chris at 10:45 Exit 56
- 4/12/26 — HRC Chris Towline BBQ Sagaponack—10:00am Exit 56
- 4/19/26 — RC Chris R. Pre-Ride "Blessing of th Bikes" - Time, TBD Exit 56
- 4/26/26 — AHRC Jeff - Membership Meeting — TBD

April Birthday's

Charles Torzilli 4/6, Kelly Frain 4/12, Deidre Kuster 4/20,
Michael Sweeney 4/25, Rod Morgenweck 4/26, Chris Kuster 4/29

Happy Birthday One and All



APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  	2	3 	4 Rain Date 
5 	6	7	8	9	10	11 Skills Practice On The Road
12  Townline BBQ Ride	13	14	15	16	17	18 LOH Spa Day East Wind
19 	20	21	22 	23	24	25
26 Monthly Membership Meeting	27	28	29	30		



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Upcoming Events, May

- 5/3/26— RC Sal — Mother's Day Ride
- 5/9/26 - RC Sal Rain Date, Mother's Day Ride
- 5/16 thru 5/19 — HRC Chris—Overnighter — Getty'sburg, PA
- 5/31/26—Membership Meeting - TBD

May Birthday's




Joseph Sabia 5/22, Bob McEvoy 5/24, Robert Lovdahl 5/26, Michael Emanuel 5/28

Happy Birthday One and All

Wishing You All A Very Happy Birthday!!



MAY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Mother's Day Ride	4	5 	6	7	8	9 Rain Date Mother's Day Ride
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Upcoming Events, June

- 6/8 thru 6/13/26 - AHRC Jeff — Overnighter to Wytheville, Va
- 6/28 — Monthly Membership Meeting - Ride to follow TBD

June Birthday's

Donna Drake 6/3, Lisa Hernandez 6/14, Kenny Mizzi 6/21, George Greco 6/23,
Greg Blake 6/28, Louie Feis 6/28



Wishing You All A Very Happy Birthday!!

JUNE 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Wytheville, VA Overnighter						
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						
28	29	30				
Monthly Membership Meeting						



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Spring has Sprung—Safety Tips

Prepare for spring motorcycle riding by performing a full "T-CLOCS" inspection Essential Spring Safety Tips:

A "T-CLOCS" Check: Before your first ride, inspect your bike for tire pressure, tread wear, brake fluid levels, and electrical functions (headlights/signals).

(Tires, Controls, Lights, Oil, Chassis, Stand), wearing bright, layered protective gear, and practicing defensive skills like emergency braking. Clean road debris, watch for wet leaves and potholes, and stay visible to drivers who are not yet used to seeing motorcycles.

Gear Up for Changing Weather: Wear bright, high-visibility clothing and a light-colored helmet. Use layered clothing for fluctuating spring temperatures and carry rain gear.

Watch for Road Hazards: Early spring roads often have leftover sand, salt, gravel, and potholes. Watch for wet leaves and oil slicks, which are common and treacherous.

Ride Defensively: Assume drivers do not see you. Avoid riding in vehicle blind spots, and be particularly cautious at intersections, where the majority of accidents occur.

Practice Bike Control: Take time to re-familiarize yourself with your bike by practicing slow-speed maneuvers, quick stops, and swerving in a parking lot before riding in heavy traffic.

Check Weather Forecasts: Avoid riding in heavy rain or high winds, and know your route's conditions beforehand.

Increase Following Distance: Use the "two-second rule" to allow yourself more time to react to hazards, especially in slippery or damp conditions.

Protect your melon! Always wear a DOT-approved helmet and eye protection. "Novelty Helmets" are not approved and offer little protection to the rider in a crash. In fact, they are illegal to wear on New York roadways.



Upcoming Weekly Rides

Date	RC	Description	KSU and Location
• 4/4	HRC Chris	Angela's House (Rain Date)	10:45am Exit 56 LIE
• 4/12	HRC Chris	Townline BBQ	10am, Exit 56 LIE
• 4/19	RC Chris R.	Pre-Ride "Blessing of the Bikes"	TBD Exit 56 LIE
• 4/26	AHRC Jeff	TBD	Post Meeting
• 5/3	RC Sal	Mother's Day Ride	TBD
• 5/9	RC Sal	Mother's Day (Rain Date)	TBD

Note: Westbound rides leave from LIE exit 32; North side Service Road, west of Little Neck Parkway

Changes will be sent out by text messages, emails, posted on Facebook and on the website



Remember to check for email & text notifications two hours before KSU to hear updates and cancellations.



2026 Overnights

Gettysburg, PA	5/16 thru 5/19	HRC Chris
Wytheville, VA	6/8 thru 6/13	AHRC Jeff
Finger Lakes Region	7/11 thru 7/14	RC Chris R.
Salamanca, NY	8/2 thru 8/7	AHRC Jeff

Please use the respective Sign-up Genius Links in the weekly emails (When they become Available)

NOTE: Lodging and date details on all overnights will be in the Members Only section on our LIHR website and the weekly emails 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 & Road Captain Assists:

Head Road Captain: Chris Kuster, Asst. Head Road Captain: Jeff Grube

Road Captains: John Hachmann, Sal Finocchiaro, Chris Richardson

RC Assists — John Capiobianco & Bob Lovdahl



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NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED!



Do you have a **ROAD WARRIORS** story to tell, about a special bike ride or trip you've taken or a cool product you've used?

I would love to publish it. Send to or contact Maria., I will interview you as well if preferred.

Please send your stories and photos to: Editor@LIHarleyRiders.com or text me @ 631-394-9144 for help.

Say Cheese!

Attending your first meeting? Be sure to let us know where you're from and what you ride. Welcome to the Family!

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



HELLO
my name is

See our **Membership Officer** for individual name tags. This way, other members can put a name with a face!

NEXT MEETING

April
26, 2026

Nathan Hale VFW Hall
210 West Pulaski Road
Huntington, NY

Charter meetings are held
4th Sunday* of each month
(*unless otherwise noted)

Bagels, Coffee and Tea served
\$6.00 per person



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