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

### LIHR President's Message:



Happy New Year to all L.I. Harley Rider members and their families. Our 2025

riding season was very successful in my view with about 11,000 miles logged and many great rides, overnights and signature rides

accomplished. Most importantly the miles we logged were done safely thanks to the proficiency of our members and good planning by our Road Captains. Many of our members also took advantage of the numerous events we had throughout the year.

Our last two signature rides of the year, the Veterans Ride and the Sagamore Ride were well attended, successful and rewarding. Sagamore was especially fun with the kids, staff and members having a blast with the bikes in Sagamore's paved courtyard.

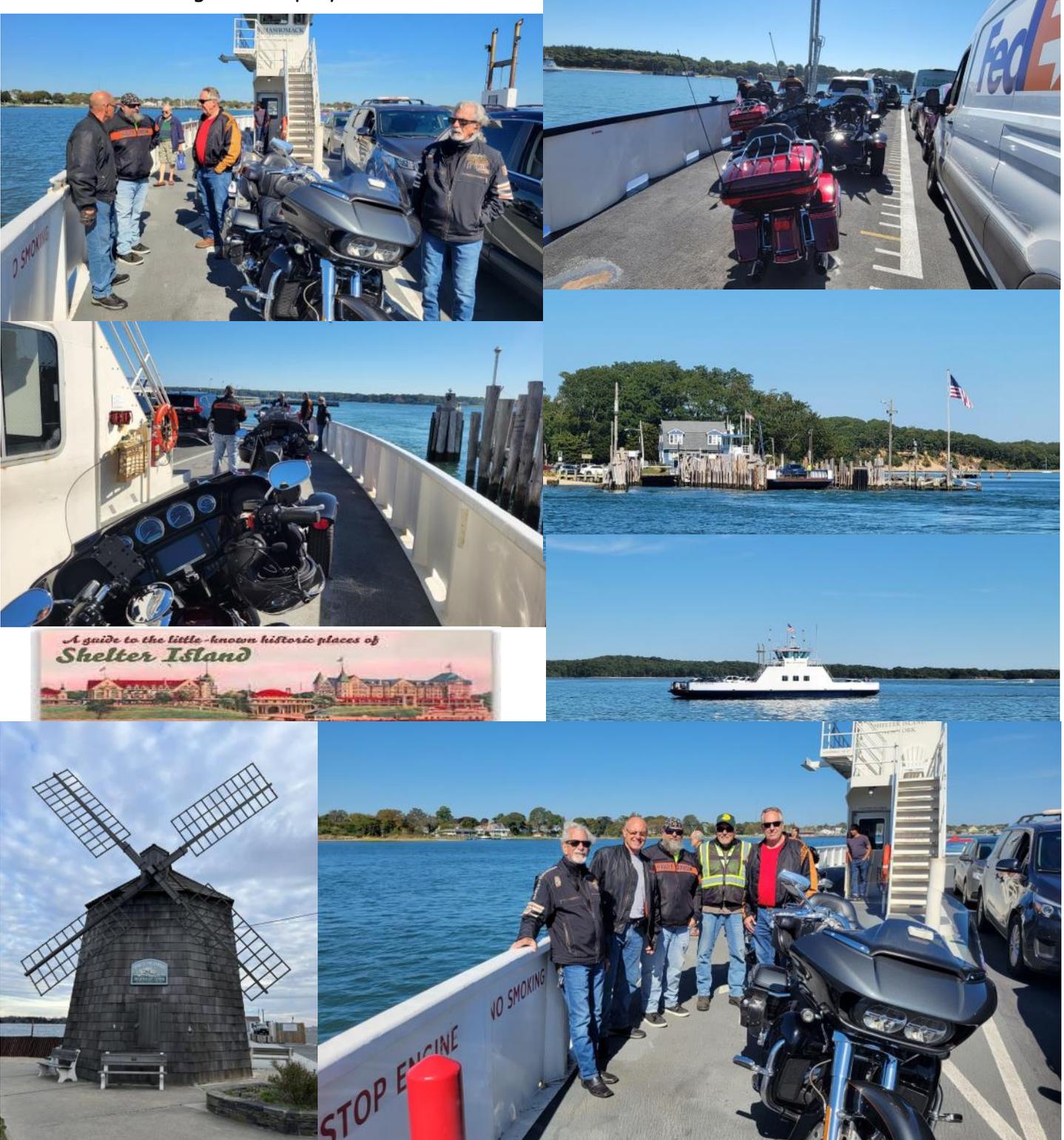
With 2025 in the rearview mirror it's time for me to pass the baton to John Capobianco as our new President. John has been a dedicated member of the club for many years and I'm sure he will do an amazing job in his new role. Alongside John will be Joe Giacalone as our Vice President, Karen Imperial as our Treasurer and Chris Richardson as our Secretary. Please join me in welcoming these folks into their new roles and thanking them for their dedication and commitment to the continuing the tradition and mission of the L.I. Harley Riders.

I thank everyone involved for allowing me to serve as President of the club for the last few years and I look forward to continuing as one of our Road Captains and planning many interesting and enjoyable miles of rides and overnights for years to come. Stay safe and healthy in 2026!!

See you on the road,

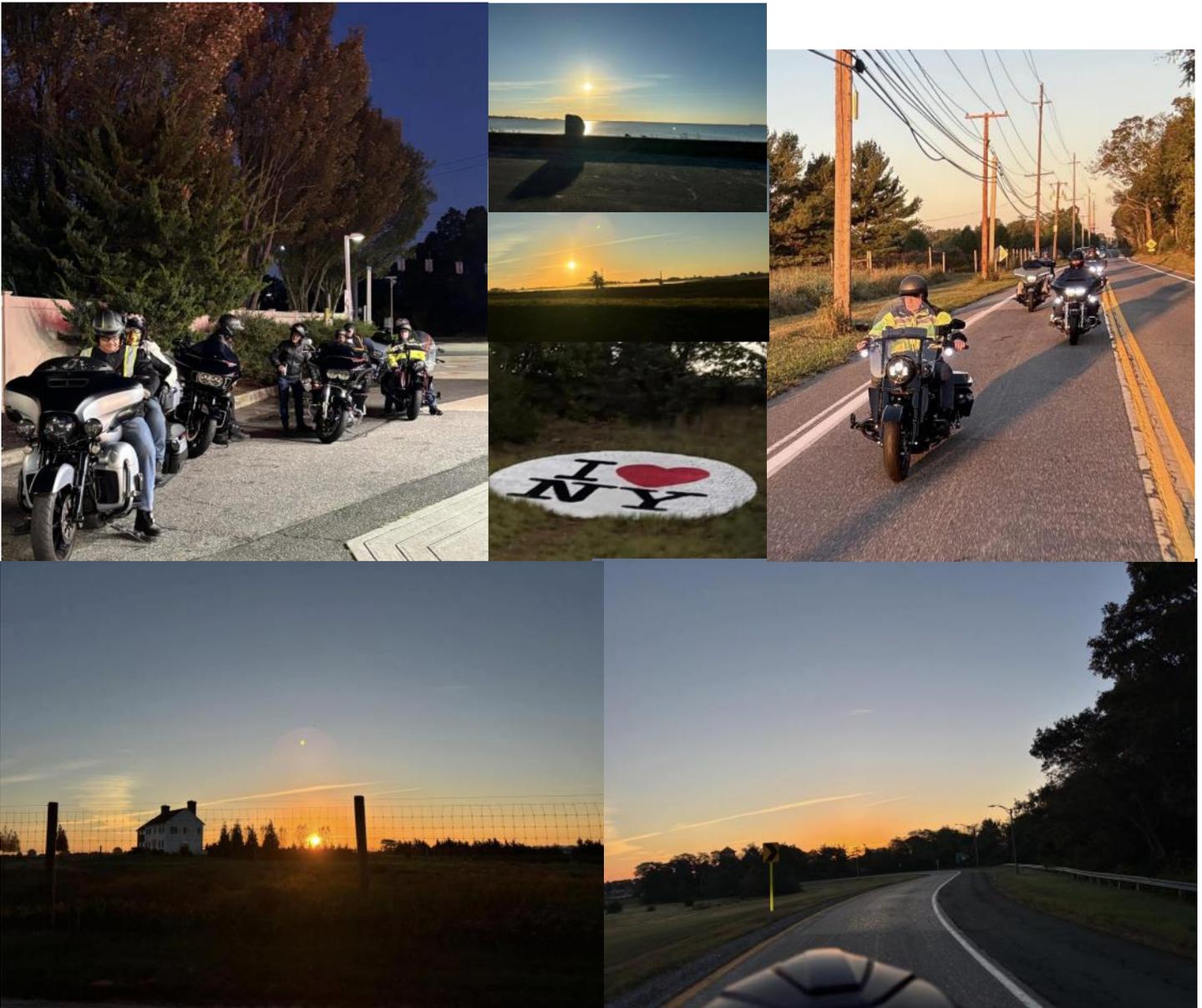
Jeff

**10/4/25** -Nice LIHR Saturday ride to Shelter Island and Sag Harbor. We left Exit 56 around 9:30, headed out the LIE for a stop at Eastern HD in Riverhead. Spent about an hour there talking with the owner and admiring their bikes, then headed up to Sound Ave for a nice leisurely ride out to the Shelter Island Ferry. Surprisingly light traffic for this beautiful Saturday, we took the short ferry ride over to Shelter Island where we did a complete tour of this beautiful little island. Took the second ferry over to Sag Harbor where, in spite of the crowds we found parking and enjoyed a nice pizza lunch and some good conversation. After leaving Sag we headed north away from the main roads and Joe led us on some scenic and twisty side roads until we reached the LIE and eventually headed our separate ways towards home. Thanks to Joe S. for organizing and leading the ride and thanks to Jerry, Steve and Richie for the great company.



10/4/25 Eastern Ct/Newport RI

Day 1 began under the cover of darkness as some of our group launched from Nassau at 6:00am headed out on the expressway towards exit 63 to meet the bulk of the group. Along the way we collected Rod, who slid in behind us as we passed him as he waited along the expressway. We met a group at exit 63 where RC Chris got to work connecting the headsets into a group (which worked great for the entire trip). We headed out for the Orient Point Ferry, stopping for gas and to pick up another member along the way. Arriving at the ferry we hooked up with the last of our group and began our journey. Weather was spectacular and the Sound was calm as we sailed to Connecticut. The riding got underway after I decided to switch up the itinerary so we could include a dealer stop. Unfortunately, it took a couple of U-turns and help from RC Chris with the Garmin to get on track. Along the way we rode some beautiful coastal roads before stopping for a nice seafood lunch in Narragansett. Following lunch we headed up towards Newport and Fall River MA for a visit to Battleship HD. T-shirts were purchased, helmets were purchased and we may have a new bike (or 2) to talk about! It was already a full day with an hour to go to get to our hotel, but I still made time to stop for ice cream. Newport is famous for its milk shakes they call Awful Awful's, they are actually delicious. We headed out to the hotel heading West into the setting sun which made for some beautiful scenes. Dinner was delightful as we were serenaded by the sounds of karaoke night (which were not exactly delightful)! We couldn't convince any of our group to join in, which was probably for the better!



Continuation day 1



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Day 2 began as we headed out towards Fall River and a visit to Battleship Cove, home to several WW II ships. Not long into the ride, one of our group started experiencing mechanical issues. As we were not too far into the ride they decided to head back to the hotel to drop the bike, escorted by RC Chris who was riding sweep. It was decided the group would continue on and we would all meet at the ships. We took a nice ride along some scenic roads (some 2x) as I tried to deal with my revised plan. It worked out well and both groups arrived at the ships within a few minutes of each other. There are 3 ships available to tour, the Battleship Massachusetts, the submarine Lionfish and the Joseph P. Kennedy. We toured the Massachusetts which is an awesome ship featuring 16 inch guns. We toured as much of the ship as possible, up and down an incredible number of stairs. It must have been an overwhelming experience to be on board during a battle. Some of the work spaces produced temperatures of up to 125 degrees! The 16 inch projectiles were impressive as well as the choreography involved in loading and firing them. We moved on to the submarine where you are immediately struck by the small spaces you have to work in. Every available space is utilized with bunks over torpedoes! Not a place for the claustrophobic. Following our visit we headed into Newport for another nice seafood lunch. After lunch we headed south through the heart of Newport on our way to Rough Point, one of the Mansions now operated as a museum. Along the way we were treated to a parade of exquisite automobiles as there was a Concourse event in town. The visit to Rough Point was wonderful. The home was originally built for the Vanderbilt family but made famous as the home of the philanthropist Doris Duke. It sits on the southernmost point of Newport with spectacular views. We took a self guided tour of this beautiful home before stepping outside to enjoy the views and fresh sea air. After a final coastal ride we headed back to the hotel into another setting sun. Our resident mechanics Jim H. and Rob U. worked on Annette's bike and all seemed well. Dinner was back again at Mr. Z's, this time minus the karaoke serenade. After dinner we had time for a few drinks and a round of LEFT, right, center with VP Capo outlasting everyone to walk away with the pot.



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Day 2 10/5/25



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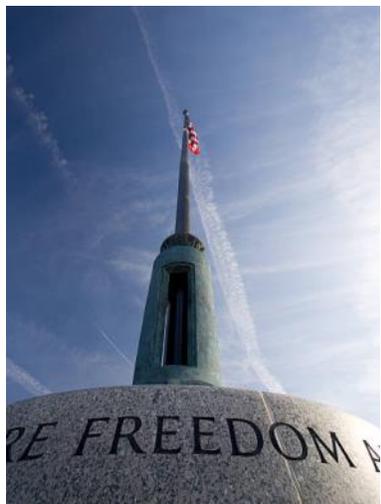


Cap winner of LRC!!

**Day 3** started out warm but foggy as we headed out on our way home. The sun burned off the fog and we rode some scenic roads, traveling through Storrs CT, home to UConn (famous as the Alma mater of Kelly's son) and beautiful scenery. We made a photo op stop at a WWII memorial tower where Annette decided that she wanted to head straight back to ferry as she was still unsure of her bikes performance. We wished she and Joe well as they headed to the ferry and we continued on our way. There were miles of beautiful roads that we traveled as we headed to lunch in Winsted CT. After lunch we made one last stop at Saville Dam for some beautiful views from atop the dam. It was then off to the ferry along some final backroads and the final push down route 8. We heard from Joe that he and Annette had made it safely home as we boarded the ferry.

It was a fantastic weekend and We couldn't have asked for more beautiful weather. I want to thank RC Chris for all work he put in getting the Cardo system working and tutoring me on my new Garmin unit. This was on top of the great job he did as sweep. Thanks also to Capo who filled in as sweep when Chris rode back with Annette and Joe as we headed to the Battleships. Capo and Rod both helped out with communications as we had a large group and we frequently got strung out on the backroads. Thanks also to all the members who came out with us on these overnight trips and enjoy themselves and participate in the things we plan. This was our last overnight trip of 2025 and the RC's are working on plans for 2026.  
HRC Chris K.

A big Thank You Chris.  
Homeward bound today from a 3 day overnighter led by HRC Chris K.  
We had an awesome time, lots of laughs, great roads, beautiful views, weather fabulous, some fog this morning but ultimately great.  
Thank you Chris for a fun time & getting us all around safely with Chris R as sweep & the rest of the group stepping in when/if needed.  
We are home safely!!



Day 3 10/6/25



Part 2 day 3 10/6/25



## 10/11/25 Highlights from Saturdays Ride

On Saturday RC Chris R. led 10 bikes with 11 members on a ride East from exit 56 around Lake Ronkonkoma and then out to Yaphank where we headed up North toward Miller Place to North Country Rd. and then West along Sheep Pasture Rd. on our way to Long Island State Veterans Home in Stony Brook to visit one of our own Harry K. It was a surprise visit for Harry and he was very happy to see some of his long time friends and riding partners. After our visit, a few of us met for lunch at Burgerology in Stony Brook. It was another great day to be a member of LIHR. A big thank you to John H. for assisting as the sweep.



Continue 10/11/25's Ride



10/18/25 LOH Northfork Wineries

On Oct. 18, a few of our LOH enjoyed a great time visiting a few of our local wineries. Thanks to our designated drivers Joe I. and John H. that allowed us to really "sample" our favorite wines!



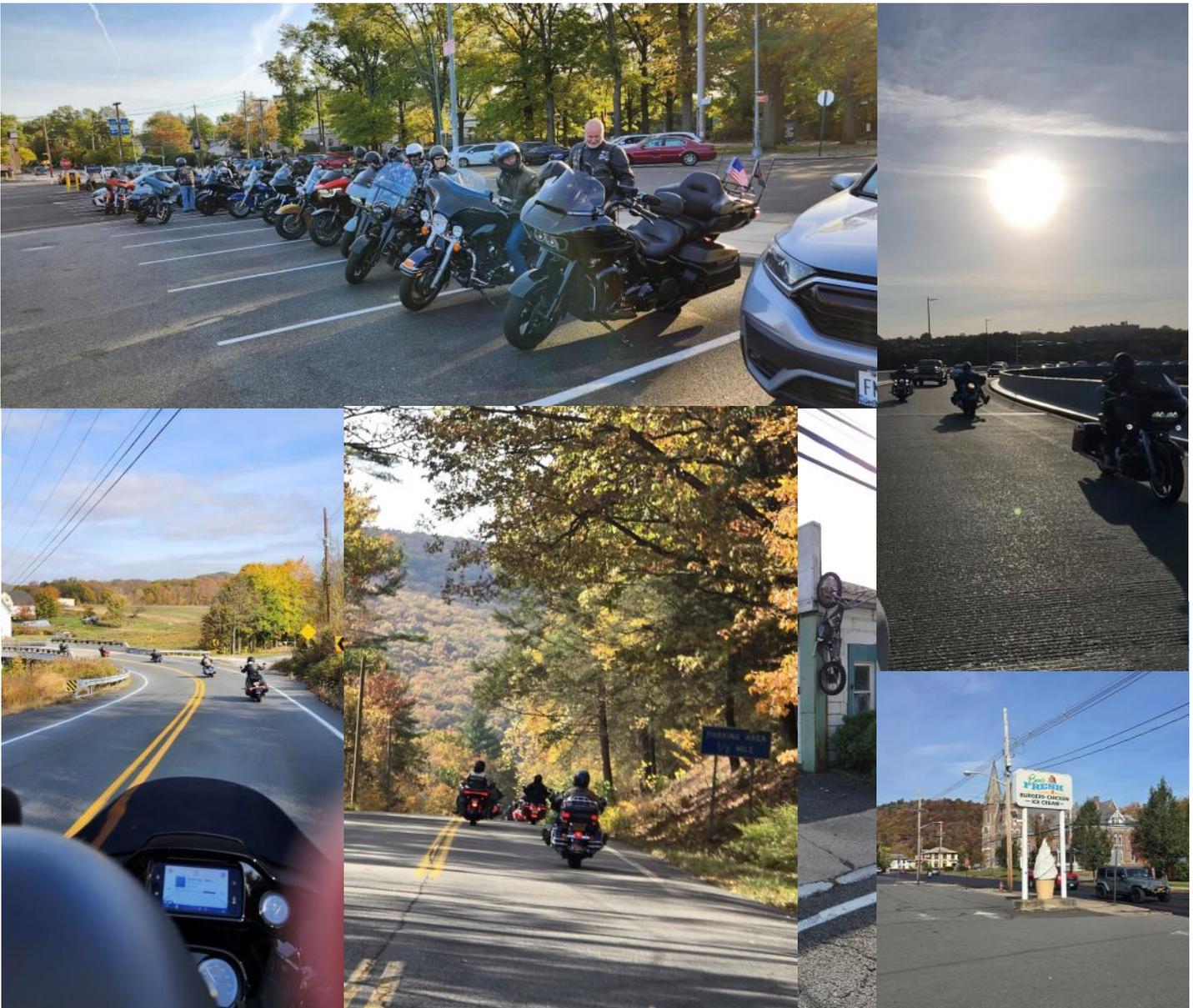
## 10/19/25—Highlights from Sunday's Ride

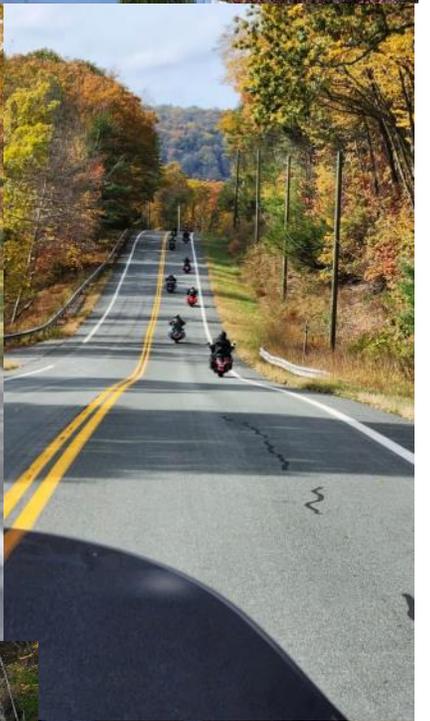
RC Chris R. led 14 bike's with 17 members on what turned out to be a really nice ride on a beautiful day! We ran into a little traffic on the Cross Bronx (so what else is new) but we quickly made up some time once we hit I80 to Rt. 15 where we made a quick Bio stop before heading Northeast through some nice back roads that flowed seamlessly back towards Rt. 23 which brought us to our scheduled lunch stop at Ben's Fresh, we all enjoyed some good food and conversation. Next we headed North on Rt. 97 past the Hawks Nest (Beautiful Views of the Delaware Valley) and another 20 miles where we crossed over into PA for a brief but beautiful twisty ride along Twin Lakes Rd. Headed back South toward I84 East.

We made a quick gas and Bio stop along I84 and continued making our way toward the ferry and just when everyone thought the fun stuff was over, we exited I84 at Rt. 7 for a short ride to some back roads that led to Rt. 53 and Valley Forge road (some more adventurous twisties) to Rt. 58 (Black Rock TPKE) for a great finish to a great day! We made the 3:45pm ferry w/ time to spare.

I would like to thank everyone who came out to join me on this ride and cooperated with time management in order to get the whole ride in as planned.

Thank you to RC Sal F. for assisting with the sweep and HRC Chris K. along with RC John C. for assisting throughout the day!





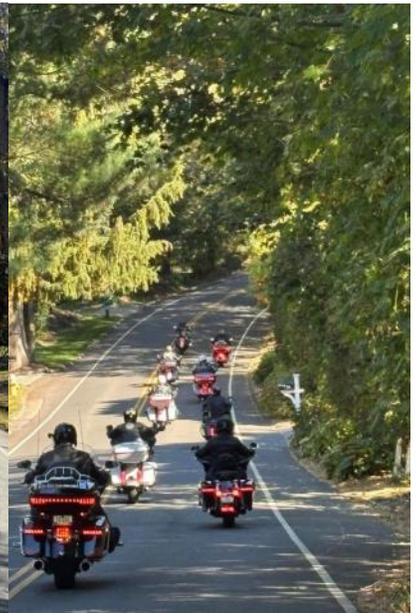
## 10/26/25—Highlights from Sunday's Membership Meeting and Oktoberfest

From Pres. Jeff:

Thanks to all of the members that were able to join us Sunday for our monthly membership meeting and annual Oktoberfest event. Many chefs and bakers from our membership ranks provided an extraordinary selection of ethnic food and dessert for all to enjoy. Kelly did an admirable job in pulling the event together making it another club success. With many members helping out to clean up, the hall was back to normal in no time. That is much appreciated!!

The meeting was very interactive with various topics including maintenance, safety, the state of HDMC, upcoming events, etc. It was discussed that we have many more veterans for this year's Veterans Run, and Al Richards donated an additional \$20 with many members in attendance following suit. Between the members who joined Al's generosity and a donation from Joe & Annette's family we quickly raised an additional \$660!! A sincere thank you goes out to everyone. We are blessed to have such a terrific group of people in this club.





## Bike night 11/1/25

On Saturday November 1, 18 members had a fun bike night at John and Susan H.'s beautiful home.

John and Sue once again out did themselves with a delicious meal for all of us to enjoy, don't forget Karen I.'s awesome Sangria!!!

Thank you again John and Susan for a great night!!



# 11/2/25 – Highlights from Sunday's Veterans Ride

From Pres. Jeff:

A big thank you to all of the members who came out Sunday for our annual Veterans Ride. We had an impressive amount of bikes on the ride and terrific interaction with the veterans at four different homes.

Between our Poker Run and additional donations this was very successful event thanks to our generous LIHR members.



Continuation 11/2/25's Ride



11/2/25 continued



# LADIES OF HARLEY 11/8/25

Highlights from LOH Craft Fair Saturday Nov. 8, another great time out with the Ladies of Harley. We did some shopping, got to visit Santa and shared great conversation over dinner and drinks!!! Fun time had by all.



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From Pres. Jeff: 11/16/25

A sincere thank you to all of the members that came out this weekend for our annual Sagamore Ride.

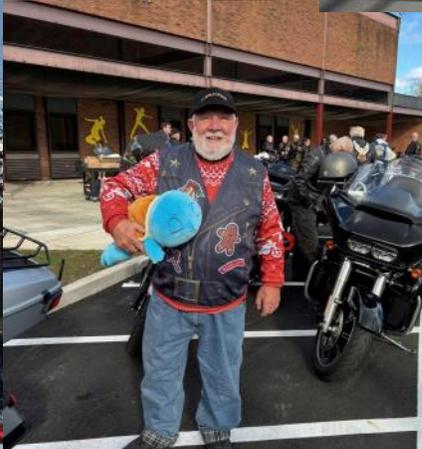
**The turnout was outstanding!!  
Thank you and have a Happy Thanksgiving!!**

On Sunday, Nov.16 we had a great turn-out for our ride to the Sagamore Children's Hospital. We had 25 bikes with 32 members escorted by the S.C.P.D. to Sagamore. Our very own Santa led the way with the lovely Mrs. Claus, followed by the LIHR members bringing gifts of all types for the children. We were once again able to interact with many of the children and staff.

It's hard to say who had the most fun, the children, absolutely, the staff, really interacted with us, and our members who provided their motorcycles for the children to sit on and to rev those engines to their delight.

What a truly wonderful day for all!





HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS



**From Pres. Jeff: 11/23/25**

On behalf of all L.I. Harley Riders Officers, Road Captains and Road Captain Assists we'd like to wish all members and their families a very Happy Thanksgiving!!

**Highlights from Sunday's Membership Meeting**

Dom M. read a few thank-you letters from Sagamore children that were so genuine and heartening. The children really enjoyed watching us ride around the building and then being able to sit on the bikes in the courtyard revving the engines to their hearts delight. Just an outstanding day enjoyed by all.

Joe G. reported that we have finally received the new rockers. Please contact Kelly to purchase your tickets.

HRC Chris K thanked Gary K. for his 17 years as a Road Captain. Chris spoke about our 36 completed rides and 10,898 miles to date, with two rides still scheduled. Chris advised that that "Sign-up Genius" is available for two of our 2026 overnight rides. Chris spoke about the overall success with the Cardo communication system and noted a few reminders including that the system uses an "Open-Mike" so all conversations are broadcast and can interfere with ride control between the ride leader and the sweep.

LOH Susan H. reminded our LOH members to look for her communications for the 2026 Spa day at East Wind in Wading River.

Secretary Ron cast one vote for each of our new 2026 Primary Officers. Congratulations to all.

**The 2026 Primary Officers:**

President: John Capobianco  
Vice President: Joe Giacalone  
Treasurer: Karen Imperial  
Secretary: Chris Richardson

Jeff provided new rockers for the incoming Primary Officers; and Joe G. gave Jeff the past president rocker.

Jeff thanked all of the Primary and Secondary Officers, as well as the HRC and R.C. and R.C. Assists for their efforts in supporting our Club and keeping our rides so well organized and safe.

**50-50 Winners:      1st place: Gerry R      2nd Place: Jeff G**

After the meeting RC Chris R. led the ride to the Refuge Restaurant in Melville.





No road is too long when you have good company/friends!!

## 12/6/25 Bike Night

Highlights from the Hibachi Bike Night 22 members plus Donna Drake's lovely daughter Elise enjoyed our Hibachi bike night where the saki was flowing and the broccoli was flying!! After dinner we broke out in happy Birthday song for our President Jeff and enjoyed a birthday cake dessert brought by Jeff's awesome better half Gineen.

Thank you Kelly for making it happen.



Continuation 12/6/25's Bike Night

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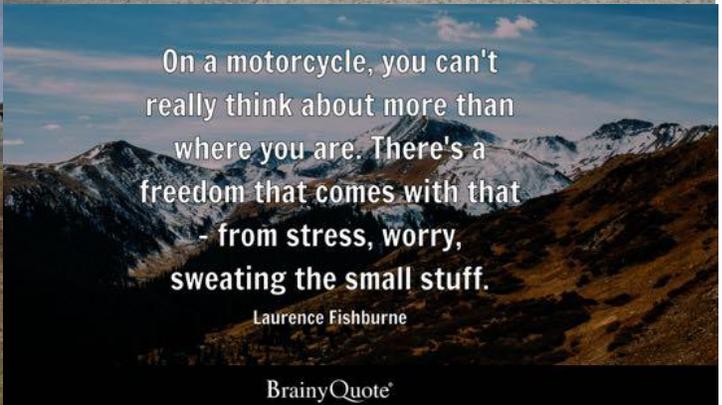
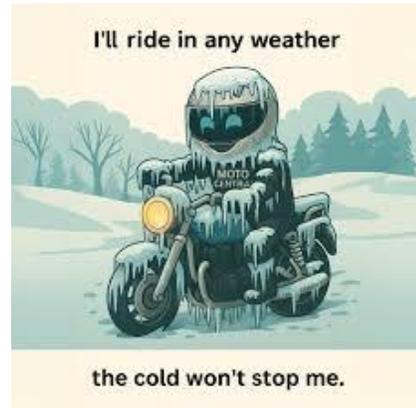
SUSHI & HIBACHI STEAKHOUSE



## 12/7/25's Ride

Summary of the Dec. 7 Ride, RC Jeff lead eight bikes and eight members for a chilly but invigorating ride from the Exit 56 meetup to Tucker's Taproom & Smokehouse in Mattituck. HRC Chris provided the sweep duties and the Cardo communicators worked well. The ride headed north right from the meetup and after cruising along Nissequogue River Rd. we stayed along the north shore through Stony Brook, Port Jeff, Mt. Sinai, Rocky Point, Wading River and then a stop at Iron Pier Beach in Riverhead for a photo op.

Traffic, road conditions and even traffic lights were in our favor for most of the ride. After saddling back up at the beach, it was only about a ten minute ride to lunch. Our waitress Jennie was all set for us when we arrived and we enjoyed a good lunch in surprisingly quick fashion. There was a small band playing at the venue and they were a bit loud for the amount of people in the place so the quick service worked out well. We logged 114 miles for the day.



## Greeting's HARLEY RIDERS

Aside from wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season I'd like to recognize the service of three distinguished members.

Gary K. has served the club for 17 years as a Road Captain. That's an awful lot of miles, planning and great times.

Ron P. has served as Assistant Secretary and Secretary of the club for over six years and Joe G. has served as our treasurer for six years as well. Joe will continue serving as a primary officer beginning in 2026 as our Vice President.

I hope you'll join me in thanking these guys for their terrific dedication and commitment to our club.

Happy & Healthy New Year to all of our members and their families!!

Jeff



## 12/21/25's Ride Highlights from Sunday's Ride

On a sunny but cold day, HRC Chris led 9 members on a winter ride out to the North Fork. After blasting out East on the expressway we settled in for some scenic backroads riding. We rode through Manorville and Calverton before wrapping around Riverhead and riding along the North Fork's south shore. There were beautiful views of Peconic Bay as we headed out towards Mattituck. Open spaces let the winds bounce us around bit, but it was a beautiful day to be on our bikes. Before leaving the shoreline we stopped in New Suffolk for a photo op at the home of the first US submarine base. Following our photo stop we swung a big U-turn to head back west on Sound Ave where we passed a gigantic cow and observed a couple of hawks hunting for lunch. We were met at our lunch stop by another member who must have had trouble getting out of his jammies in time to ride with us. Lunch was very good with plenty of hot coffee and friendly conversation. Following lunch it was discovered that one of the bikes had been left on and now had a dead battery. No problem, we had no shortage of equipment to start a dead bike, none of which worked unfortunately! Luckily one of us had a friend not too far away who came by with a car to jump the bike. A big thanks to Dennis for making the call. Thanks to Sal for sweeping and for all the members who come out each week to spend their day with us.







## New Member "Spotlight"

Member's Name: Kenny M. & Nancy R.

When did you join? September 2025

Where did you hear about LIHR? Rob M.

What bike do you ride? 2024 Road Glide

Thoughts on the club? We enjoy the rides and camaraderie of the group. We are looking forward to next year's riding season.



## Upcoming Events, January

1/4- Polar Bear Ride - Destination Teddy's Bully Bar, Oyster Bay

KSU 10:30am Exit 56

1/25- Monthly Membership Meeting

## January Birthday's

Stephen M 1/11, Gerry R. 1/12, Bill B. 1/17, Janet P. 1/19,  
Robert U. 1/20, Mary M. 1/21, Dennis L. 1/22,  
Stephan E. & Yelena I. 1/25, Cathy P. 1/28,  
Sal F. 1/31



**Wishing You All A Very Happy Birthday!!**

# JANUARY 2026

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18	19  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20	21	22	23	24
25 Monthly Membership Meeting	26	27	28	29	30	31



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Upcoming Events, February

2/22- Monthly Membership Meeting

February Birthday's

Suzanne U. 2/7, Annette G. 2/9, Lori B. 2/18,  
Shawn O. 2/23, David M. 2/26



Wishing You All A Very Happy Birthday!!

FEBRUARY 2026

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## Upcoming Events, March

**3/29- Monthly Membership Meeting**

### March Birthday's

Fred H. 3/10, Mark L. 3/11, Kathryn E. 3/12, John C. & Nancy R. 3/13, Tracey N. 3/15,  
Sherry F. 3/24, Rosemarie P. 3/25, Susan H. 3/28,  
Cindy D. 3/29



**Wishing You All A Very Happy Birthday!!**



# MARCH 2026

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## Winter Safety Tips

To ride a motorcycle safely in winter, dress in warm, layered, waterproof gear, use heated accessories like grips, and ensure your bike is properly maintained with good tires and antifreeze. You must also adjust your riding style by slowing down, increasing your following distance, and being extra cautious of road conditions like ice and salt.

### Rider and gear:

**Layer your clothing:** Wear thermal base layers, a thick insulating layer, and a windproof, waterproof outer shell like a textile or leather jacket.

**Stay warm from the extremities:** Use heated grips and waterproof, insulated gloves. Heated gear like gloves, pants, and jackets can also make a big difference.

**Protect your head:** Wear a full-face or modular helmet with a fog-resistant visor, possibly a pinlock insert, and a neck gaiter or balaclava to prevent fogging and seal out the cold.

### Motorcycle preparation

**Check your tires:** Ensure your tires have good tread and are properly inflated. Some tires are specifically designed for winter conditions.

**Ensure fluids are winter-ready:** Make sure your bike has fresh antifreeze and check all other fluids.

**Wash after riding:** Salt on the roads can cause rust. Wash your motorcycle after riding on salted roads to remove the salt, and consider applying anti-rust spray or lubricating your chain.

**Add wind protection:** Install a windscreen and lower fairings to block cold air from hitting your body and legs.

### Riding adjustments

**Increase following distance:** Brakes are less effective in cold and slippery conditions, so keep a wider gap between you and other vehicles.

**Slow down and be gentle:** Reduce your speed and accelerate, brake, and turn more slowly. Avoid accelerating through turns, as this can cause wheel-spin.

**Watch for hazards:** Be extra aware of ice, especially in shaded areas, on bridges, or in areas where temperatures drop quickly.

**Use low-beam headlights:** This helps other drivers see you more easily.



# 10 Winter Riding Tips for Staying Safe on A Two-wheeler

Whether you are commuting to work, or going on a long-distance winter road trip, it is very important to stay safe when the mercury drops because this is when road conditions change drastically, and coupled with the mechanical changes brought by the cold temperature, it becomes very important for you to take extra precautions when you're riding. Here are 10 of the most useful winter riding tips that will keep you safe on the two-wheeler.

## **Low Tire Pressure, Better Traction**

Two-wheelers stay connected with the road through two tiny patches of rubber, therefore logic dictates that if the patches are wider, the vehicle will have a better grip on the road surface. That is why many experience motorcyclists prefer to keep the tyre pressure slightly lower than optimal during winters for enhanced grip on the road. If you do not know the right amount of tyre pressure that you should maintain for your bike, speak to a mechanic and find out more about it. This is more effective on heavier motorcycles especially tourers and adventure bikes but there is a definite advantage even for smaller commuter motorcycles. One thing that you need to know about lowering the tire pressure is that it might slightly affect the fuel efficiency. Keep a fine balance between both the fuel efficiency and good tire grip.

## **Complete Weather Protection**

There's nothing worse than having frozen fingers and shivering when you're riding a motorcycle. This can compromise your control over the vehicle, and also make you very uncomfortable. Thankfully, this is easily remedied by wearing a full-face motorcycle helmet or a modular helmet. We recommend using a full-face helmet or a modular helmet over an open face helmet in the winter because the previous two options are better at keeping the wind out of your face. In addition to helmets, you will also need a pair of motorcycle riding gloves and boots, and for added protection consider investing in a good quality windcheater or motorcycle riding jacket.

## **Take Slow Turns**

Like we mentioned earlier, the motorcycle stays connected with the road through two tiny patches of rubber, and when you take a turn the surface area of those patches reduce even further! On top of that, when the road surface is cold and the tire temperature is also low, traction reduces naturally. There is also the additional hazard after road surface being wet because of dew drops. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you take turns very slowly and carefully to prevent any unpleasant incident. Don't break when you are navigating the turn, instead reduce the speed of the motorcycle before entering the turn.

## **Keep A Wider Gap Between Vehicles**

With reduced traction in winter, the brakes become less effective compared to when the temperature is hot outside. This means that you need to maintain a wider distance between the vehicle in front of you so that if the vehicle in front of you has to apply emergency brakes, you get enough time to bring the motorcycle to a safe stop without hitting anybody. Tailgating is a bad practice even in summer, but in winter it becomes extremely dangerous. If you see a vehicle tailgating in the rear-view mirrors, get out of its way as safely as possible and let it overtake you.

## **Use Low-beam Headlights All The Time**

Visibility is usually low in winter because of thick fog. Being on a motorcycle increases the hazard of becoming completely invisible to other motorists on the road. Consider wearing brightly colored riding gear and using reflective tapes on the motorcycle to make yourself clearly visible from afar. In addition to that, use the low beam headlights at all times so that other vehicle drivers can see you from a distance and take evasive action as necessary.

## **Don't Use Cruise Control (for specific bike models)**

Some adventure tourers and cruiser motorcycles come with the facility of cruise control which is very useful when you are munching the miles on an open highway. However, it is advisable not to use cruise control in winter because you need more fine-tuned control of the vehicle and quicker response times, both of which may become impaired by the use of cruise control.

## **Wear Boots With Good Grips**

In addition to putting winter tires on the motorcycle, you also need to wear proper riding boots with good grip so that you can control the weight of the motorcycle when it is stationary. There may be mud or sludge on the road because of melting ice or because of water accumulation caused by heavy fog, leading to the risk of slipping and dropping the motorcycle.

## **Avoid Accelerating In Turns**

Overtaking other vehicles on a curvy road, especially in winter has to be done with extra precaution. Do not change gears or accelerate in the middle of the overtaking maneuver. If your motorcycle does not have a meaty mid-range, consider dropping a gear and revving the engine high before overtaking any other vehicle. Avoid accelerating in the middle of turn because it may lead to a wheel-spin and increase the risk of an accident.

## **Increase Situational Awareness**

Incidences of road mishaps caused by drunken driving increase in the winters because people think that consuming alcohol will keep them warm. Keep your situational awareness high and keep an eye out for vehicles swerving uncontrollably or erratically on the road. Do your best to getting out their way as safely as possible. Before making any lane change, be sure to check the rear-view mirrors. Do not cover your ears with earmuffs or listen to music on earphones because that can reduce situational awareness and impair the sense of hearing. Keep the visors clean. To prevent it from fogging, invest in a motorcycle helmet with Pinlock® technology.

## **Consider The Alternatives**

While we strongly believe that nothing should stop you from enjoying the joys of motorcycling, your safety is sacrosanct to us. That is why we recommend you to consider the alternative of taking a car, or hiring a cab is the temperature is too cold outside, or if you are not completely confident of handling the challenging road condition in winter. Stay safe, make the safest choice.



## Upcoming Weekly Rides

Date	RC	Description	Lunch	KSU and Location
• 1/4	HRC Chris K.	Polar Bear Ride	Teddy's Bully Bar	10:30 Exit 56

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Gettysburg	Planning 5/16-5/19	Chris K.
Wytheville VA	6/8-6/13	Jeff
Finger Lakes	Planning arnd 7/11	Chris R.
Salamanca	8/2-8/7	Jeff

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

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