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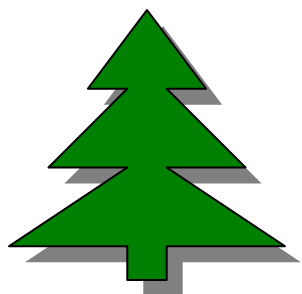
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CHAPTER MEETINGS START AT 7:00PM FOR FOOD AND THE MEETING STARTS AT 7:30PM

NEXT MEETING DATE IS: TUESDAY DECEMBER 8, 2009
 THE RIVERHEAD Elks Lodge 1239 E. Main Street Riverhead, NY
 DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER IS THE 20TH of DECEMBER

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*1 Year Membership in
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To:

From:

President's Page

Our chapter elections were held on November 10th. Our board is comprised of a combination of elected and appointed positions. The following people were elected to the 7 elected positions; myself as President, Joe Billotti as Vice President, Karen Hartmann as Membership Officer, Bill Quinn as Treasurer, Roseann Barr as Secretary, Jim Coon as Sergeant at Arms, and Terry Flanagan as Legislative Officer. A subsequent board meeting was held on November 24th and the following people were appointed to the following positions; Tina Armstrong as Products Officer, Christine Sorensen as Public Relations Officer, Steve Sorensen as Road Captain, Ray Rancourt as Newsletter Editor & Webmaster, Lee Lambertson as Distribution Officer, Manna Cali as Safety Officer and Joe Marchelewski as Chaplain. I would like to congratulate and welcome the new, and returning Officers. Thank you all for volunteering to help improve our chapter!

On a less pleasant note, The New York State Board of ABATE met on November 21st and voted 8 to 2 to Impeach our State President Tim Werner aka Roadkill. The board also instituted a punishment which bars him from seeking, running or holding any office in NY ABATE regardless of its on a state or chapter level for a period of 1 year. The impeachment was uncontested but the punishment was appealed to the State Chapter Representatives. The Chapters voted to uphold the suspension. Therefore, our Vice President, Beth Gorman is now the Acting President until January 1, 2010. At the same meeting she was also elected as the next State President effective January 1, 2010.

We will have a new Regional Coordinator on January 1st. Tanya Cruz was elected to succeed me. It was my pleasure to nominate Tanya for this position! She has been doing an incredible job over the past year fighting for motorcyclists rights and working against 416A. She is in the process of establishing new chapters within the 5 boroughs and will be introducing many sport bike riders to ABATE. I am very confident that she will prove to be a valuable asset to ABATE. Welcome Tanya!

We held our annual Food and Toy Run to St Mary's church on November 8th. I couldn't believe my eyes as the bikes just kept on rolling into the Riverhead Elks that morning! We had an unbelievable 1,100 bikes that participated in the run! Besides the enormous amount of food and gifts that were donated by you, a basket was passed around for voluntary donations and you donated an additional \$3,200. to St Mary's church!! That goes to show you what you get when you combine nice weather and the generosity of the motorcycle community! We had expected a little more police assistance during the run but thanks to our members who stepped up to the plate and assisted in controlling traffic, we ended up with a safe and successful run. The Southampton Police even tracked us down at the church and thanked us for holding such an orderly and safe event. Thank you Joe Billotti for Chairing such a successful event! You can get a sample of the run by going to the front page of our website and viewing the video of the event or by viewing the

many pictures taken by Donna. While you're there, you can also hear the commercial that we have been airing on WRCN and B103 in order to increase awareness about L I ABATE. By the time you read this we should be airing a different commercial on WBAB also. The commercial on the website includes Suffolk County Legislator Jack Eddington stating that he supports Long Island ABATE. There are many other people that have also made the same statement which will be rotated during the airing of it. The others include The Suffolk County Sheriff, other politicians, rock musicians, and other various supporters. Thank you to each of them for proudly aligning themselves with Long Island ABATE!

Our chapter is in the process of organizing 2 social events that should be a lot of fun. The first one will be a limo bus ride in to Brooklyn to view Christmas light displays that have become very popular in certain neighborhoods. As of the writing of this article, we are planning on doing it on Sunday, December 13th. We don't have all the details worked out yet, but you can check our website or email me for updates as they develop.

The second event will be a limo bus ride to BB Kings on 42nd St in Manhattan on January 29th to see The Marshall Tucker Band. Be sure to reserve your spot early.

We are going to try something different next year for our general membership meetings. This year we held meetings on Friday nights at the Wedge in Mt Sinai every other month. But the feedback that we received from you was that you preferred to return to the second Tuesday of the month. Therefore we have scheduled all meetings next year to be on the second Tuesday of every month. However, the odd number months such as 1,3,5,7,9 & 11 will remain at The Riverhead Elks Lodge. But the even numbered months will now be held at The AMVETS Hall located at 115 Church St in Ronkonkoma. We are hoping this new location will be convenient for those that are coming from the west. It is real easy to get to, take the L.I.E to exit 60 and go north on either Hawkins ave or Ronkonkoma ave, to the first light and make a left off Hawkins ave or a right off Ronkonkoma ave. It will be on the north side of the street. Like last year, food will be provided at 7:00pm and the meeting will start at 7:30pm.

This year our Holiday Party will be held at The Blackrock Tavern in Yaphank on Saturday, December 12th. Due to a very profitable year for our chapter, the Board has voted to eliminate the admission fee for all ABATE members and reduce the guest fee to \$10. So come on out and join us for a night of holiday cheer and enjoy some great food and company with your fellow ABATE members. I hope to see you there!

Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones!

Jim Barr

Public Relations

WRAPPING UP 2009

What a fantastic year this has been for Long Island ABATE! We had several successful runs that benefitted local charitable organizations. Our June VETERANS' APPRECIATION RUN raised \$5000 for LI Veterans' organizations and the VETS ROCK CONCERT in October added additional funds for the Vets. Last month's ST. MARY'S FOOD AND TOY RUN had an amazing

turnout of over 1,100 bikes! Through the generosity of all who attended, ABATE raised \$3300 and truckloads of toys and food items for St. Mary's Church in Hampton Bays – to those who attended any of these events, "THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!".



The MYSTERY RUN AND CAMPOUT in August was a 'blast from the past' with a Mini-Woodstock flavor. Over 400 people rocked to the music of the KERRY KEARNEY BAND and LEX GREY AND THE URBAN PIONEERS. There was plenty of great food and the motorcycle games were fun to watch. Check out the pictures of all these events on our website.

We are in the middle of a MEMBERSHIP DRIVE and are asking for your help. We began 2009 with just under 400 members and currently have nearly 600, but our goal is to have ONE THOUSAND MEMBERS. This would give us a STRONG VOICE in the legislative process and earn us more recognition with local law enforcement agencies. Just imagine, if each current member were to sign up only one friend.....OUR MEMBERSHIP WOULD DOUBLE. Are you up to the challenge?

Christine

Vice President's Page

When I was kid my elders would tell me as I get older the years would go faster and boy they were right this year. It seemed like just yesterday Jim was trying to put together a new board of officers to help run this great organization, which most of them are staying on for a second year. I am very proud to have served with them, unfortunately I must step down as second Vice president and camp out chairperson. Although I had a great time the last few years building up our camp out from 40 to 400 while I was doing this Insurance Companies were getting better at stealing my customers from my Collision repair shop. As I was running around hustling camp out tickets my numbers at work slowly were dropping. If any of you own your own business you know it takes constant nurturing to keep it a float. If the group needs me to I would mentor with whoever chairs the camp out so its even a bigger success next year. Camp out tickets can still be able to be picked up at Continental Car Care. I will still attend all the meetings and help when ever I can and I encourage you all to do the same.

Until next time ride safe

Michael Barba

Vice President

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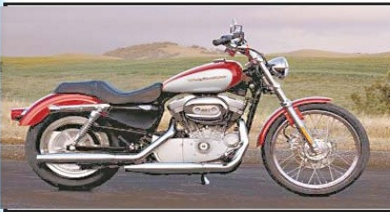
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Meeting Minutes

ABATE membership meeting 11-10-09 at the Riverhead Elks 45 members present. Heroes, salads, coffee and a U.S.M.C. birthday cake served.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence

Presentation of the American Flag and POW Flag to Riverhead Elks in appreciation for all they have done for ABATE.

Old Business

Vets Rock Concert, 10/4, was put on by Brookhaven Town for veterans. LI ABATE was invited to participate and sponsored the Molly Hatchet Band. LI ABATE had great exposure throughout the concert, including frequent mention by the Molly Hatchet Band.

Bus Trips: ABATE recently sponsored 2 bus trips, one to the Skynyrd concert and one to the Charlie Daniels / Marshall Tucker concert at Westbury. A GREAT time was had by all who attended. Thank you to John and Anthony for the party bus. Any ideas for future party bus trips, please let us know.

St. Mary's Food and Toy Run: An unbelievable 1100+ bikes were in attendance with a line over 3 miles long!! In addition to all of the food and toys that were on individual bikes, we filled up 2 pick-up trucks and collected over \$3200 in donations. Thank you to all who attended and opened your hearts to those in need. Thank you to Joe, our vice-president and committee chairperson, for a job well done.



Radio Commercial: ABATE has recently aired a 60 second radio commercial on WRCN and B103 telling about our mission and encouraging new membership. The last 5 seconds of the commercial contain a voice-over from various ABATE supporters in the political, law enforcement and entertainment fields. A special thank you to Rich Rossi of specialized insurance who paid for ABATE's airtime. Listen for future radio commercials and Public Service Announcements.

Full Throttle continues to give LI ABATE exposure with a half

- page article regarding ABATE's meeting with Chief Cuff, the new Chief of Patrol.

It has come to the attention of ABATE that the Suffolk County Police have filed a new application for grant money which will be used for motorcycle safety. For example, the police will speak to various motorcycle organizations regarding motorcycle safety.

2010 meeting dates: As a result of polls taken at membership meetings throughout the year, LI ABATE will alternate meetings in 2010 between Riverhead and Ronkonkoma. All meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Check the newsletter and website for meeting locations.

Officer Reports

Joe (vice-president): If you get a green card in the mail from insurance companies regarding a \$2,000 ABATE member coverage, do not fill out. This information is for solicitation purposes. As a member of ABATE you automatically have this additional motorcycle accident coverage.

Karen (membership): We are currently having a membership drive. Every current ABATE member who signs up a new member will receive a \$5 voucher good for current member's renewal. We also have holiday gift certificates available. The more members we have in our organization, the more successful we will be.

Raybud (newsletter editor / webmaster): Holiday Party will be 12/12 at the Black Rock Tavern. ABATE members are free, non-members \$10.

Ski (chaplain): 12/20 Christmas celebration at Rushing Winds Biker Church. There will be a Christmas play, biker style. Refreshments will be served.

Bill (treasurer): LI ABATE gave away \$9200 to various veteran's and children's charities so far this year.

NOMINATIONS: (second time)

President: Jim Barr (previously nominated, accepted)

Vice-President: Joe Billotti (previously nominated, accepted)

Treasurer: Bill Quinn (previously nominated, accepted)

Secretary: Roseann Barr (previously nominated, accepted)

Membership: Karen Hartmann (accepted)

Legislative Liaison: Terry Flanagan (accepted)

Sergeant at Arms: Jim Coon (previously nominated, accepted)

Bob Laub (accepted)

Motion to cast one ballot for each uncontested nominee (seconded and accepted).

Jim Coon won the position of Sergeant at Arms after membership vote.

Volunteers accepted for various appointed positions.

Motion to adjourn (seconded and accepted), meeting adjourned 10:20

Roseann



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Chaplain's Page

The Glory of the Ride

Riding is a way of life for some. Riding defines life to some. Riding is a drug to others, as real a drug as an antidepressant prescribed by your shrink. (And where does the term shrink come from anyway, I guess by his affect on your bank account.) To some, riding is their identity. So what exactly is it about riding a motorcycle that can make it such an instrumental part of our lives and our makeup? Is it the freedom everyone talks about? Is it the always present danger of having no protection around us as we travel at high speeds surrounded by tons of

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high moving steel being maneuvered mostly by folks we wouldn't trust with our child bicycle? Can we actually put our finger on it or not? I'm not absolutely sure but I think it has something to do with a thing called glory. In and of itself the word glory is kind of an ambiguous word. We think we know what it means but are not quite sure depending on the context it is used in.

Glory, glory hallelujah we sing in the battle hymn of the republic but what actually are you saying? To God be the glory is a phrase we've heard. But what is the glory. Sounds a bit like where's the beef? The thing about Glory is no one can really have the glory or get the glory except God. You see being glorified or demanding glory is egotistical to some observers. And having an ego and having that much self assurance actually diminishes what some people think of you and lessens your, ummmmmmm glory.

But actions and inanimate objects are very capable of receiving and qualifying for glory. We, or at least I experience what I call the glory of the ride all the time. I feel and experience the presence of the living God in what activates the senses while I am out on the road on two wheels. Everything from the scenery, to the scents of nature and Gods creation, to the feel of the cold, the wind, the warmth of the sun. As I cruise the terrain I take it all in and it gives me a thrill of how this was all put

here for our pleasure. I get a deeper and greater appreciation for the symmetry and purpose and collaboration of all aspects of the natural world around me. It makes me just totally amazed how people are blind to why a loving God has put here, and that indeed he is out there caring for all of us. It is the Glory of God that gives us the reason to ride. Everything that we enjoy and experience and see. A sunset or sunrise, the smell of fresh cut grass, cattle on the rolling hills of Pennsylvania, the crashing waves on Pacific Coast Highway, the sight of the Rockies from the continental divide, the buffalo in the black hills of South Dakota, the trade winds in Honolulu, the waves of heat that distorts the road as we ride in the dog days of summer. The sun, moon and the stars that we bikers appreciate more than most because we don't block out God sights and

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smells with steel and plastic and vinyl. Understand, my brothers the why's of why being a biker is so special. Don't take it for granted, and stop taking the one who made you the biker you are for granted. I, for one with shout from the mountain top, To God be the Glory, Great things he has done! Think about it, especially this Christmas season.

God Bless you all. Have a blessed Christmas and holiday season.

I'll see you on the road, shivering, but still on two wheels.

Ski man, Pastor – Rushing Wind Biker Church, and Chaplain for Long Island ABATE

Treasurer's Report

Well the year is winding down. By the time you read this Thanksgiving will be by us and we will be looking forward to Christmas and the New Year. The St. Mary's Run was an unbelievable success. Over 1,000 motorcycles attended. You gave cash donations of \$3,200, 2 full pickup trucks of food and toys and another pile of gifts that were carried on the bikes that filled many tables at the Church. If you figure a conservative \$10 per bike, clearly over \$10,000 was raised on this run. Our chapter does not keep any of this money. All of it goes to help those less fortunate than us during the holidays. The only negative was that for the first time in the history of the St. Mary's Food and Toy Run we had to shell out \$360. in parade permits which the Chapter ate. Hopefully we can meet with the powers that be to get an exemption from these fees next year.

You can be proud of all your generosity during this year. A total of \$9,200 in checks was written from the treasury for charitable causes. We are hoping to exceed this in the coming year. At the officers meeting the other night we came up with a list of next year's runs and events. We have chairpeople for some but not all. Please consider stepping up and chairing one of the runs or volunteering to help. The old adage "many hands make light work" is so true to have a successful event. Please get involved. We need your thoughts and ideas for successful events. Next year we should be able to fund additional



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Our treasury is in great shape. For the first time since I have held this office we have more in the accounts than when I took over. All our reports are up to date and filed with the State.

Hope to see you at the Christmas Party on December 12th at the Black Rock Tavern in Yaphank. It is a free event for all members as a small way of thanking you for making this a very successful year.

As always I thank you for your support of our Chapter. Please let me know if you have any concerns related to the treasury. The books are always open. Contact me at 631-821-8037 or Nevalnut@aol.com.

Your Treasurer

Bill Quinn

Our proposed run list for 2010

March 21st Chili Party
April 11th Bike Blessing
May 17th Freedom Rally
May 22nd ABATE Concert
June 13th Veterans Run
July 24th Nick's Waterfall
August 1st Mystery Card Run
August 21st Campout
September 26th Treasure Run
October 10th Biketober Fest
November 11th St. Mary's
December 14th Holiday Party



Bill Quinn, Joe Billotti, and Ray Rancourt presenting Mother Bernadette, Mrs. Trafford and Don Sherwood from St. Mary's with a check for \$3200 from Long Island ABATE to help needy people on Long Island.

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