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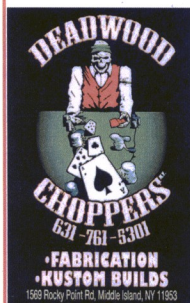
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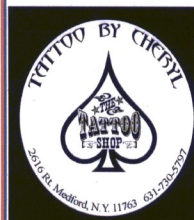
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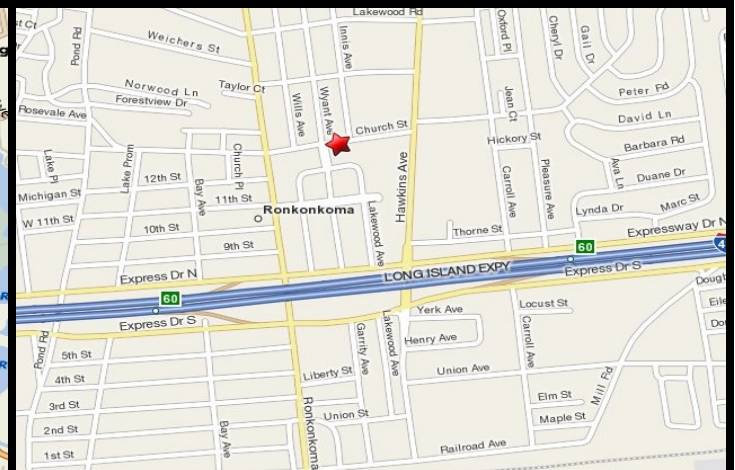
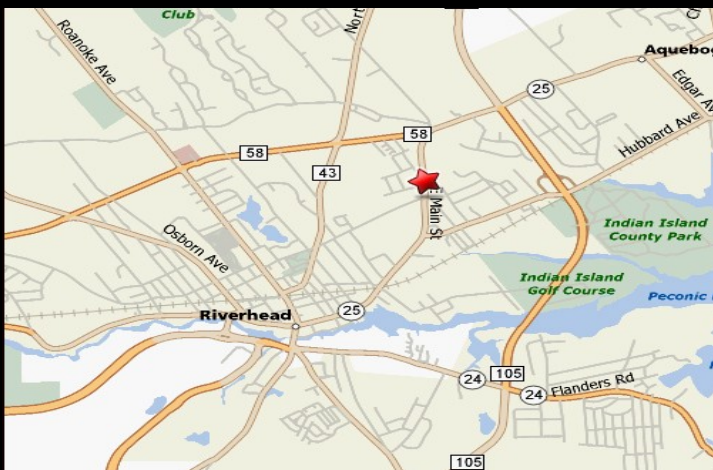
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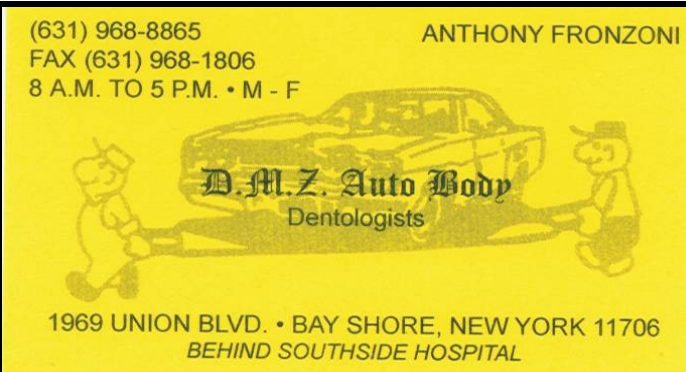
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President's Page

We tried a couple of new social rides in August. They were not as well attended as we hoped, but those that participated had a great time! We will continue to try new things in order to get your feedback so we can plan events that you enjoy. So please provide feedback, whether its good or bad, we want to hear it so we can make adjustments. The first one was a weekend ride in the Catskill Mountains. The majority of us rode up together on Saturday morning. Some had gone up on Friday and met us at Nicks Waterfall House. We took a scenic ride around several water reservoirs and various back roads. We arrived at Nicks about 12:00noon. Nick immediately turned on the barbeque and cooked for us all afternoon. He served nice, thick hamburgers (my personal favorite) and some sort of steak and chicken. I only paid attention to the burgers! He also put out pasta and salads etc. You couldn't beat the deal he gave us at \$7 per head for all you can eat! There was a great view out the window as Nicks place is built adjacent to a magnificent waterfall. Not many people took advantage of the beautiful views outside. Instead they seemed to enjoy the view behind the bar where Jules made us all feel welcome and saw to it that we never went thirsty. Thank you to Nick and Jules for making us feel so welcome! And especially to Jimbo Timms who put the whole event together for us!

My parents (who belong to Delaware Chapter ABATE) met us at Nicks and led us to their Bed & Breakfast (Boncranna B&B in Hobart) where my father gave everyone a tour of his Antique Telephone Museum. And my Mother invited everyone back to the B&B the next morning for breakfast. Then we all rode to Bellaeyre Mountain and attended a Charlie Daniels concert for \$25. It would have been better if it didn't rain, but we still enjoyed the show! We left Bellaeyre Mountain about 11:00pm and headed back to Nicks. The ride back was incredible. As we climbed the mountain roads the fog increased tremendously. There were times that we had to slow to 10 MPH as there was only 10' of visibility. I have rode in heavy fog a number of times, but this is the first time that I rode into a solid wall of fog while I was looking at a perfect shadow of me & Roseann on our bike directly ahead of us. The headlights behind us cast a perfectly clear shadow on the fog wall. It was awesome! It was like we were part of a David Mann painting *Ghostrider*.

The next morning about a dozen of us went to Boncranna B&B for a delicious breakfast! Thanks Mom!

Those of us that went upstate had so much fun that we decided to return next month for Thunder in The Mountains @ Blackthorne. Send me an email if you intend on going and we will try to coordinate to meet up as a group if you're interested.

The other experimental ride was our Saturday night Mystery Card Run. We received a lot of positive feedback about doing a Saturday night ride. We started at Lighthouse Harley-Davidson in Huntington. Our Road Guard, Steve Sorensen, mapped out a great scenic route along the Nissequogue River and to 25A into Port Jeff to the Steamroom. I was only kidding about the Steamroom. Were not stupid enough to patronize that place! Instead we went to Kenny's Port Jefferson Motorcycle Store where he graciously supplied us with discount coupons for area stores. Kenny also asked me to let all ABATE members know that they are always entitled to a 10% discount in his store. Then we went to The Tattoo Shop in Medford which is operated by Cheryl (formerly of Cliffs in Patchogue). I got my second tattoo in there 31 years ago when JC Fly owned it.

The next stop was Bucci's Pizza on RT 101 in E Patchogue. Then we headed to The Blackrock Tavern on Main St in Yaphank where Rick very graciously supplied several trays of food for us. Congratulations to Barbara Juliano who won the first prize \$100. P C Richard gift certificate which was donated by Richard from Specialized Insurance on RT 112 in Patchogue. Thank you to Steve for putting everything together and to all the vendors who helped us out with this event! Thanks to you, it was a success for our chapter.

Don't forget about our campout coming up on August 21st & 22nd. **Lex Grey** has agreed to headline again this year as well as a new opening act called **Wildflower**. Wildflower performs every other Monday night at The Beach Hut @ Cupsogue Beach. Morgan and Tracy have also agreed to return this year and cook their butts off for us as they have for the last 5 years.

There are about 100 tickets still available. Take advantage of the \$5 coupon in this newsletter or in the August edition of Full Throttle Magazine. Keep in mind that the coupon is valid for presale purchases ONLY. It is not valid at the door! If you need tickets, call the hotline or Michael Barba at 981-0101.

The next General membership meeting will be at the AMVETS hall in Ronkonkoma @ 7:00 on Tuesday, August 10th. I'm sorry to say that I won't be able to be there. Roseann is taking a week vacation and we will spend it on the bike somewhere other than Long Island. As of now, we will either be in South Dakota or Tennessee. The good part for you is that Doreen promises to not ramble on like I do and there will be plenty of time for you to go for a ride after the meeting!

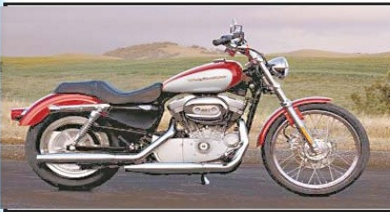
I look forward to seeing everyone at the campout!

Jim Barr

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Meeting Minutes

ABATE membership meeting 7-13-10 at the Riverhead Elks
45 members present. Heroes / salads served.

Meeting began 7:39 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business

Veterans Run: Although we did not have as many people show up as we had hoped, this run was a success thanks to the generosity of those who attended. We were able to raise \$3000. Bill Quinn, treasurer and Veterans Run chairperson, was able to find a foundation willing to match this amount, raising the total amount to \$6000, which will be donated in its entirety to various veterans organizations. Three Suffolk County Legislators, Eddington, Romaine and Schneiderman were present at this event and LI ABATE appreciates their participation and support. *Bill read a thank you letter from Mary Langhorn in memory of her son Garfield Langhorn who sacrificed his life in Vietnam to save his comrades. A flag was given to Mary Langhorn at the Veterans Run service to honor her son. It was also mentioned that the Riverhead Post Office will be named after PFC Garfield Langhorn.*

Governor's Traffic Safety Board / DMV: LI ABATE continues to attend monthly Suffolk County Traffic Safety Board meetings, where we were able to make contacts with representatives from the Governor's Traffic Safety Board and Department of Motor Vehicles. One of the responsibilities of the GTSB is to make motorcycle riding safer in NYS. GTSB recognizes that this is ABATE's goal as well and has implemented some ideas proposed by ABATE members along with disseminating information through ABATE. The GTSB funded a TV commercial public service announcement to be aired during the summer riding season. LI ABATE is looking for sponsors to air this PSA more often.

Liter Removal Signs are in place and positive feedback has been provided for their visibility. The sign on the Northern State Pkwy. will be moved in effort to get additional exposure. *The sign was moved to RT.27 westbound just west of Nicholls rd.*

Deadwood Choppers have generously built a custom motorcycle to be raffled off. Proceeds to benefit the Victory Junction Camp for children with cancer. (This camp is run by NASCAR's Petty family.) Each person who participated in the building of this motorcycle put a moment on the bike. Raybud put a LI ABATE sticker which was sealed on the gas tank, along with other stickers in NASCAR fashion. Raffle tickets will be available at Deadwoodchoppersny.com

7/24 Nick's Waterfall Run in the Catskills. BBQ at Nick's and great upstate riding.

7/31 Evening Mystery Card Run Starting point is at Lighthouse Harley and ends at the Black Rock Tavern.

8/1 Queensboro 100th Anniversary Rodeo

8/21 and 8/22 LI ABATE Campout: Tickets are \$35 each and include all events, live bands (Lex Grey will be back), food and camping fees. Jack from Deadwood Choppers will be judging the bike show, Cheryl's tattoo will be judging the tattoo contest and Ski from the Rushing Winds Biker Church, will be leading a Sunday morning service. Call hotline for tickets. We are seeking sponsors @ \$200. Sponsor signs will be visibly positioned on the field.

New Business

ABATE member Kathy Pfeil has proposed running motorcycle safety courses as a community service to be hosted at local fire departments. Kathy is also an instructor for the motor vehicle defensive driving course, where she would also like to include motorcycle safety as part of this course. A discussion ensued on other ways we could offer this course within our communities and schools.

Terry Flanagan (legislative coordinator) suggested that ABATE put forth a motorcycle safety and awareness program which we can advocate for at our next Freedom Rally. If all ABATE chapters back this *one* item, we may be able to advance our cause and gain credibility as well.

Women In the Wind: LI ABATE Vice President, Doreen Pesce, is also the current President of the local chapter of Women In the Wind. Her chapter recently hosted a national Women In the Wind event in Newburg, NY. This was the largest national in Women In the Wind history. Congratulations Doreen, who said it was a lot of work, but also a lot of fun.

Motion to adjourn (seconded). All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:24

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Chaplain's Report

The Road We All Travel

As we travel and ride, it seems like life is this never ending travel experience we are living out. The long and winding road, on the road again, thunder road, and on and on. We are on a road but what kind of road, what is the destination? Is it a long road, short road, smooth road, bumpy road? What is more important, the trip or the destination? Many questions, so few answers. Why did we even get on this road and who put us there in the first place? We wonder who decided what road we've been put on, why this road and not that road? As bikers, we all agree on one thing, the ride is at least as important as the destination, and more often than not the important thing. We view the ride as the variable we can control, get the most out of, decide whether we want it long and hard, short and comfy, or some combination of all those things.

I know and believe the destination AND the road to it are equally important. Yes, the ride is to be experienced to the utmost, but never forget when you get to the destination you are there, the decisions have been made and there is no turning back and getting on the road again. There are no u-turns once you get to the end of the road that is our life. We have the opportunity while we are on this road to change direction, change destination, but once the ride is done, it's done. We can choose the ride, we can choose the road, we can choose how hard we ride, how fast we ride.

Man, I do love to ride. Nothing brings me to the place being in the wind, on the road, with a bro or two side by side cruisin with the sun bakin us. While we are here, we can get to our destination, and if we need to cruise some more, we just get back on our rides and get to it. The ride of life doesn't work quite that way. We don't get to choose when the ride through life ends. We don't get to choose if it is a long or short ride. What we can do

is preset the destination on our spiritual GPS with God being our satellite tracking system. Jesus said, and put it in a very simple and plain way. "Wide is the gate and broad is the road to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life and only a few find it."



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See you on the road.

Ski man, Chaplin Long Island ABATE

Senior Pastor, Rushing Wind Biker Church

Membership Report

Hope that everyone is enjoying the heat this summer! This weekend was our trip to Nicks Waterfall House, and it was a great day for a ride upstate. The weather was just perfect and the mountains were beautiful. The group took a scenic ride up, just in time for the barbeque hosted by Nicks. After our meal and a lot of laughs, we headed up to the Charlie Daniels Concert, along with a little rain. Sunday morning we were invited to an outstanding breakfast, hosted by our friends, Marcy and Jim Barr, Sr. Jim's telephone museum was also quite unique, and we have to remember to give him a ring!! Our ride home was a little wet, but I was told, riding is always an adventure! During the summer, membership seems to be a little slow, but we are holding our own at about 600 members. Please remember to send in your renewals, as you receive them. Again, our membership incentive program is still in effect, so encourage a friend to join.

Looking forward to the Campout, hope to see you all there!

Karen



ABATE member and advocate, Suffolk County Legislator Jack Eddington (right) sits down with fellow ABATE member Stavros "The Greek" to eat lobster and talk motorcycles. Leg Eddington's Lobsterfest fundraiser took place Morgan's Swan River Marina in Patchogue.



Doreen Pesce (L.I. ABATE VP) with Barbara Juliano the winner of our Mystery Card Run held on July 31, 2010, Barbara received a \$100. P.C. Richard's Gift Certificate. We would like to thank Lighthouse Harley-Davidson, Port Jefferson Motorcycle Store, Tattoo by Cheryl, Bucci's Pizza and The Blackrock Tavern for allowing us to have our 1st evening run be so successful.

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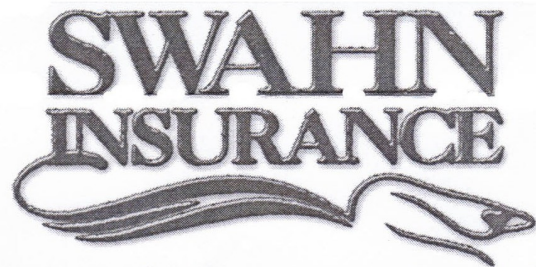
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