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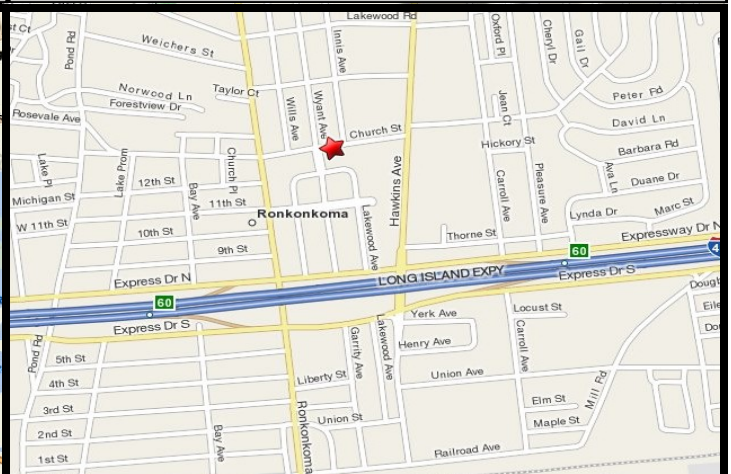
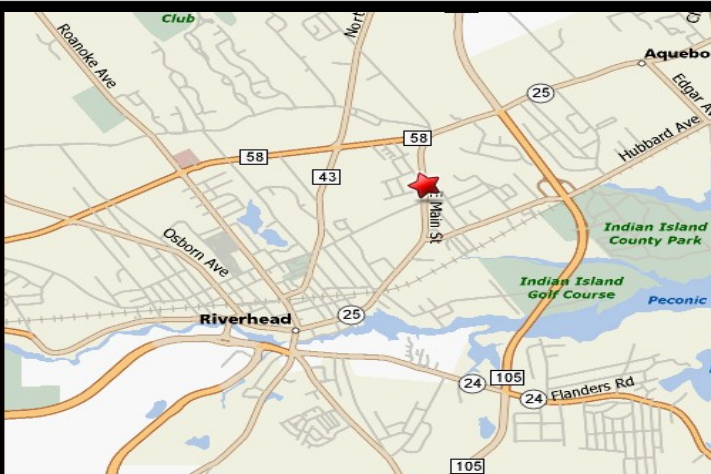
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**CHAPTER MEETINGS START AT 7:00PM FOR FOOD
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EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2010

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DATE	EVENT	STARTING POINT	DESTINATION
JUNE 13TH	VETERANS RUN	Riverhead County Center 210 Center Dr (Rt. 51) Riverhead, NY 11901	MONTAUK
JULY 24TH	UPSTATE NY RIDE	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW	NICKS WATERFALL HOUSE GILBOG, NY
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President's Page

Talk about a busy month! I can't believe May is over already. I'm under the gun from Raybud to get him this article. I apologize in advance for the roughness of it. I'm just trying to avoid a beating from him for holding up the newsletter. Seriously, thank you Ray for doing such an outstanding job on the newsletter and website!!

I'm happy to report that we have 3 "watch for motorcycles" signs posted on major roadways. Rt. 27 in Oakdale, Rt. 347 in Smithtown and on the Northern State Pkwy near the Meadowbrook Pkwy. 200,000 motorists per day will see our message. These signs are available for sponsoring by others on a monthly basis if anyone is interested.

May 17th was our Freedom Rally in Albany. Most of us went up earlier and spent the weekend at Blackthorne and The Weldon House in East Durham. The resorts are owned by ABATE members and they catered to us the whole weekend. We enjoyed the evening bonfire while we interacted with members from all over the state. On Monday we rode up toward Albany as a group and met the others at the Holy Cow in Schodack. Then at 12:00 we all rode in to the Capital with a police escort. Shortly after arriving we broke up in groups and lobbied our elected Officials. Our Chapter Legislative Officer, Terry Flanagan had made appointments for us in advance and it helped us get in to see several Officials or their representatives. Unfortunately we weren't able to make an appointment to see Senator Foley as he failed to respond to our request for an appointment. We had a productive talk with Senator Lavalle who is very interested in the motorcycle issue in Port Jefferson. I requested that he help us set up a meeting with the appropriate people in order to work together to resolve the



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conflicts that exist between the motorcyclists and the Village. He said he would work on that for us.

May 22nd was the LI Southern Jam at Overlook Beach in Babylon. For those that don't know, this event started out as a fund raiser for LI ABATE and grew out of control! I had asked Big John if he would ask Doug Gray of Marshall Tucker if he would perform a concert as a fund raiser for us. Doug was more than happy to do so but there are management companies and booking agents involved in the process and as a result, the cost to hire the band was outside the financial means of ABATE. Then me, Big John and Steve Sorensen (our Road Captain) agreed to open a corporation in order to host the concert and give the proceeds to LI ABATE. When we asked Doug Gray to perform on May 22nd he indicated that it was his birthday and he has never performed on that day before. We offered to pick another date but he said he would like to perform for us on that day. To show our appreciation for him agreeing to this, we decided to throw a surprise birthday party for him. We reached out to Chris Hicks who played with Doug for years then went on his own last year. Chris jumped on

board and advised us the rest of the way in order to make this a special event for Doug. (For those that don't know, Doug experienced a very tragic incident in his immediate family last year that would have destroyed most people. We wanted to give him something to focus his attention on) We then reached out to The Outlaws and asked them to perform and they were happy to participate. Then we called Phil (lead singer) from Molly Hatchet and he was thrilled about the idea, so we booked them also. Then we wanted to bring up an outstanding up and coming band from Atlanta that currently has the #1 song on CMT, Blackberry Smoke. We first saw them on the Sixthman- Lynyrd Skynyrd cruise and became instant fans! We were convinced that people would love them and we were right! They were an instant hit with the crowd! The next thing we knew, we were hosting a 5 band event and we outgrew the PAL facility that we were going to use. We then tried the Brookhaven Amphitheatre but that didn't work out and we became desperate to find a venue. We then approached Babylon Town Supervisor Steve Bellone and asked him if we could use a town park. He said because it is a charity event that we could have it at Overlook Beach and he requested that we include The Wounded Warriors Project as a recipient of the proceeds. We were very happy to add them. Now that this was such a large event we included other charity's such as Autism Awareness (John's request) and St Charles Hospice (Steve's request) and Shriner's Children's Hospitals (John and I are Shriner's). Unfortunately for us, we didn't know the first thing about promoting a concert, never mind a 5 band event! The cost for this event ended up being much more than we expected and unfortunately we didn't sell anywhere near the amount of tickets that we needed to in order for it to be profitable. We have not completed the final report yet but in rough numbers, we spent about \$100,000. and only brought in about \$80,000. As a result, we are unable to make the desired donations to these great organizations as we had hoped. Just to be clear- there was no financial risk to ABATE at anytime. ABATE stood to gain, but had no risk or any part of funding the event. That is why we opened a private corporation and funded it ourselves with the assistance of a very special ABATE member who loaned us a very large amount of start up cash so we could attempt this. All losses are being absorbed by the individuals involved only. While this was not a financial success, I am very proud to have been a part of this and it feels good to know that everyone there had a great time! I am also glad that Doug enjoyed himself so much! We provided Doug a birthday cake on stage and while Fingers of WBAB lead the crowd in singing happy birthday, Miss Full Throttle popped out of the cake and danced with Doug. There was an airplane circling the concert before that, carrying a banner that read "Happy Birthday to Doug Gray of Marshall Tucker" He enjoyed that very much!

The bands all raved about the event and requested to be invited back next time. They want this to be an annual event. Personally I think it would be a shame to not attempt this again with all that we learned during this one. I think we would be able to receive sponsorships next time due to how well this one went. The jury is still out on whether we try it again or not. Thank you very much to all my family members and all the ABATE members that volunteered to help out at the event! We couldn't have done it without you! Our products table brought in more than \$700 for our chapter and several new members were signed up.

The last item I want to mention is; please read Bill Quinn's article and support our Veterans Appreciation Run on June 13th! He has made arrangements for an outstanding show of respect and support for our Veterans! He has also secured A MATCHING GRANT FOR ALL MONEY RAISED FROM THIS EVENT! How incredible is that! Please support this event. All the registration fees and donations will be donated to our Veterans!!

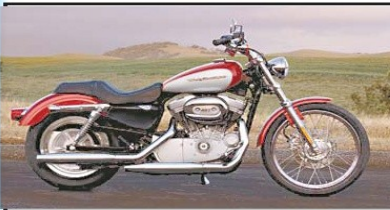
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Jim Barr

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A Message To All Who Wear The Uniform

Written by a Vietnam Veteran and one of our American Heroes

This is for you Soldier ..!! And for you Marine ..!! The Navy and the Coast Guard are not left out ..! And the Air Force is welcomed ...!

BECAUSE YOU'RE OUR HEROES ...!!!

All of you ... men and women ... who wear the uniforms of this nation ..!! You are the heroes ..! Whether you're manning an Abram's Tank, loading bombs on airplanes, stopping suspect boats on the high seas or cooking for six hundred in a Mess Hall at Ft. Benning, Georgia,

YOU ARE OUR HEROES ...!!

This letter is dedicated to you and the work you do. We want to hear from you. We want to post your pictures and your stories as a way of telling America how vitally important our nation's military is to our safety and our greatness as a nation.

YOU'RE PART OF A LONG, LONG LINE

They came from the farms of Kentucky; the hills of West Virginia. From the shores of Maine and California, the plains of the Mid-West and the bayous of Louisiana. Men in olive drab and khaki and blue and white and brown uniforms.

And they stood their ground ..! At Lexington and Germantown; on the high seas of 1812; at Gettysburg and San Juan Hill ..!! In the trenches of Chateau-Thierry and Verdun; the blood-soaked sands of Normandy and the death-laden islands of Iwo Jima and Tarawa. In the frozen hills of Korea and the steamy jungles of Vietnam, they stood their ground. Americans who said to evil, "It's enough ..!! To get to our people you'll have to go over me ...! And you're not going over me ..!!"

And those men and women of the past, whether firing a machine gun or turning the wrench on a jeep, keeping personnel records or guarding a gate in Biloxi, are endeared to our nation's life for they kept us safe and free ...!

AND TODAY, THOSE MEN AND WOMEN ARE ... YOU!

Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard!

YOU ARE OUR HEROES ...!!!

Chaplain's Message

Riding Season

We have two seasons to deal with as bikers in the northeast. We have the riding season, and not the riding season. Now these will differ in lengths of time depending on what type of "biker" you really are. A few of us have only one season, riding season. We ride all year long, just more often some parts of the year than others depending on precipitation, but rarely temperature. And opposite extreme is the weekend RUBs who wait for the perfect weekend with the temperature at least 65 or so, happened to be not working that weekend, with no activities for the kids or nothing on the honey-do list scheduled. Along with the majority somewhere between those extremes. I don't know about you, but for me living each year begins with the time I can get my bike out of the garage more regularly. During that time of year you seem to enjoy life more, life has more meaning. There is more peace in your mind and soul because your life is more complete, because you can enjoy the thing you love most in life. You still have the issues and situations that come up in your life any time of year, but during the riding season they just don't seem to bother you nearly as much. It is as though you have some sort of barrier between you and your problems that make them affect you less, even though they aren't any smaller. And the things you enjoy other than riding just seem to be more enjoyable during the riding season. You are much less irritable, nicer to people around you. Life is just plain much more fulfilling during the riding season. So we are on that roller coaster ride every year, sometimes short seasons, and sometimes long seasons. It varies from year to year. And then you dread

the coming of the winter, because you know what that means, so you start getting irritable sometime around Thanksgiving, if you're lucky.

Well you don't have to ride that roller coaster every year. You could have that feeling all year long, regardless of the weather or precipitation. I have found the secret to being in peace and content, and joyful all year long, regardless of problems, issues, situations or anything else that comes into your life that could throw you off a bit. That is being in tune with what God's plan is for your life and being busy doing it. Now that doesn't mean everyone gets into the business I'm called to do, but whatever you do, you do it with the enjoyment or attitude that you're doing what God had really meant you to do. Whatever your profession is, your hobby is, how you live life with your family, you do it in that mindset. Then, he will give you the protection in your spirit to shrug off any situations or problems that may creep up on you. He shows you just how to deal with absolutely anything that comes into your life to sidetrack your happiness and peace. Because that is the life he wanted for us and created us for. Our creator wants our riding season to be 24/7/365. We're just too stubborn in our ways to figure out how to get there.

If that all sounds good to you, it's there, Bro, for the taking. If you want to find out more about my never ending riding season, let me know. We'll get you there.

Just something to think about.

See you on the road.

Skiman,

Senior Pastor, Rushing Wind Biker Church
and Chaplain of Long Island ABATE

Safety Report

Sometimes it's worth taking my own advice!

In the last article I submitted I wrote how we should use any way we can to improve our riding skills. And I mentioned signing up for a class instead of planning a trip. Well I followed my own advice and enrolled in the Lee Parks Total Control class, Part One, up in Troy N.Y. for the first Saturday in May. Well it's the Friday morning before the class I load up my bike and ride over to the Port Jeff Ferry to catch the 9 o'clock ride to Bridgeport and start my little adventure. On the Ferry I'm reading a few pages of Total Control and a guy introduces himself to me and says he's heading up to the class also. Great; now I don't have to make the trip alone and better yet, he's a nice guy. Saturday morning arrives and I ride over to the class site.

The class has 9 students and 2 instructors and we fill out our paperwork, provide copies of our licenses and proof of insurance.

The classroom part consisted of throttle control and the need to maintain a smooth suspension during turn entry and exiting, and now it's time to put what has been discussed to use. As we are suiting up it's decided to not allow one bike to continue with the class, due to poor tire treads. Poor my ass! The front tire was as bald as can be and the rear tire was not much better than the front. Afterwards it's on to the course and 8 laps scrubbing up some heat into the tires. The exercises on throttle control show how the suspension is affected and the instructors have us accelerating and decelerating now with minimal movement to the suspension. We use this to work us into entering turns smoother and exiting them faster with minimal suspension movements. The importance of looking through the turn, floodlight verses spotlight vision is brought up again, the



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need to always pick a line going into a turn. And the always popular look where you want to go as well as the "look down, go down" theory. Things that have been told to me by my instructors when I took my classes to get my license. And then the fun starts: next thing I know they have me going into turns faster than I've done before maintaining a tighter line, and I have to say with less fear than I'm

used to. I'm even beginning to get confidence back! Next thing I know we're being shown how to hang off going into turns, now this is something I never thought I would even try, but hell I already spent the money let me get all I can get out of this! And sure enough next thing I know I'm hanging over the side going into turns almost dragging a knee and amazingly not the least bit concerned! I was comfortable doing this and going through figure eights tighter, faster and doing transitions into full leans like I've done them a hundred times before! I'm amazed at what I've already picked up in this class! And I'm even more amazed at how much more confident I feel going into a turn, or series of them. Well the class ends with all the students pleased with the progress that has been made by us and some pointers given to us by the instructors on what to work on in the future rides. The real proof of the class came on Sunday morning when we started our ride home. It was a much different ride home than coming here, so much more relaxed, the turns where so smooth and there was no concerns like I've had before. I was automatically picking my entry point, my apex and exit point. And seeing what I needed to see to be safe! Not second guessing myself, and mostly enjoying each second of the ride. No doubt about it I got my money's worth out of this class! So think about challenging yourself to become a better rider, and a safer rider; take a class, brush up on your skills and maybe even surprise yourself with an increase in knowledge. A lot can be learned when we are willing to watch, listen and read. Be safe and enjoy!

Submitted by Bill Haynes



Meeting Minutes

ABATE membership meeting 5-11-10 at the Riverhead Elks

33 members present. Heroes / salads served.

Meeting began 7:52 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business

Liter Removal Signs are currently being made up with our name "LI ABATE Watch For Motorcycles". These signs will be posted on Sunrise Hwy, Route 347, and Northern State Pkwy. Our signs will be **seen** by a combined total of over 200,000 motorists daily in effort to promote motorcycle safety and awareness. We are currently seeking sponsors to help with the monthly cost of keeping these signs.

Manna Cali apologized, but she had to step down as our safety officer due to her increased business needs. Manna, ("On the Road Again") is now a certified MSF instructor, and will be offering advanced motorcycle rider classes. We also thank Manna for donating \$100 to our motorcycle safety and awareness fund. *An additional thank you also goes to member Ken Ruffino for also donating \$100 to this fund.*

Share the Road / Bike Blessing on 4/11 earned \$3600 for our dedicated motorcycle safety and awareness fund. A proclamation was presented to LI ABATE by Legislator Jack Eddington for our efforts to keep motorcyclists safe. Coverage of this run is in the latest edition of Full Throttle magazine.

NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcycles) was created by Richard Lester, an attorney from CA who is dedicated to fighting for motorcyclists' rights. He recruited attorneys from across the country to represent motorcyclists. A percentage of award settlements from these AIM attorneys (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) goes to NCOM. Mitch Proner, an attorney from New York, is an AIM attorney. The COC (Confederation of Clubs) was established to try to get **all** bikers to work together. They are putting out a call to action, an organized network, to fight anti-motorcycle legislation across the country. The recent NCOM convention, held 5/6 – 5/9 in Orlando, was attended by some LI ABATE and NYS ABATE board members to gather information, share ideas and network with other motorcycle activists throughout the country. Expenses were incurred by Mitch Proner, through his AIM fund.

Follow up on the Port Jefferson issue: It is the general feeling that the Port Jefferson Village board does not wish to harass motorcyclists. LI ABATE looks forward to continuing discussions with the mayor of Port Jefferson regarding motorcycle issues.

5/15 Wounded Warrior Run will be meeting at Bald Hill. LI ABATE will have a booth to sign up new members and disperse information.

5/17 Freedom Rally ride to the Capitol Building in Albany to lobby for pro-motorcycle legislation. There will be a group leaving the rest area, exit 52 on LIE Sunday @ 7:30.

6/13 Veterans Run permits have been obtained. We will be gathering at the Riverhead County Center for opening ceremonies, then take an escorted ride to Montauk where closing ceremonies will take place, which will include a bag piper, flag ceremony, reading of names and a 21 gun salute. Please participate in this run as all proceeds will go to our

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veterans. **Motion to allow for \$300 - \$500 to purchase supplies for this event. (seconded) All in favor.** Run T-shirts will also be available.

6/27 Mortal Skulls Run to benefit Stony Brook Hospital's Child Life Program.

8/1 Mystery Card Run has been changed to a Saturday evening run on 7/31. Details to follow.

8/21, 8/22 Campout at Cathedral Pines. Discount tickets @ \$25 are going fast. Lex Grey and the Urban Pioneers will be playing.

Guest speaker, Ray Negron, an ABATE member and veteran of Desert Storm, Afghanistan and this past year has prosecuted detainees in Cuba, announced that he wishes to run for the State Assembly. He needs signatures to allow his candidacy and asks LI ABATE members to help him obtain a spot on the ballot.

An apology by Raybud to the I Don't Know Motorcycle Club for unintentionally omitting a flyer for their "Lend A Hand Run" from our previous newsletter.

Suggestion from the floor to hold a Miss LI ABATE contest. Anyone interested?

Motion to adjourn (seconded) All in favor.



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Treasurer's Report

I can not believe we are already into June. The year is just flying by. Our treasury remains sound in both our Regular and MC Awareness / Safety accounts. Financially we should be solid through the end of the summer. A successful Camp-out in August will pull us through the end of the year and into 2011. I also want to mention that at our last members meeting Ken Ruffino donated \$100 to the Awareness account and Jim Hartman donated \$61 to the Veterans Run.

Right now all of our efforts are focused on the Veterans Appreciation Run to Montauk.

many of our fellow riders on the run. Please get the word out to your friends and families to support this event. If you are unable to make the run please consider a donation. To date we have received over \$200. The more riders the more we raise the more gets matched the more we can get to the Vets. They have kept us free and deserve all of our gratitude and support.

At the last officers meeting we spent a great deal of time going over the details of the run. A committee was formed to improve the run. Some great ideas are being kicked around. A firing detail will be at Montauk for a 21 gun salute. I don't know about you but last year I felt sad that we did not have a WW II vet to accept their flag at the presentation on the Village Green. Then I realized that they are into their eighties and beyond and it may be difficult for them to get out there. This year that will not happen. We are going to bring some of these treasured Veterans out with us. If you have someone in mind let me know. I will be sure they are

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

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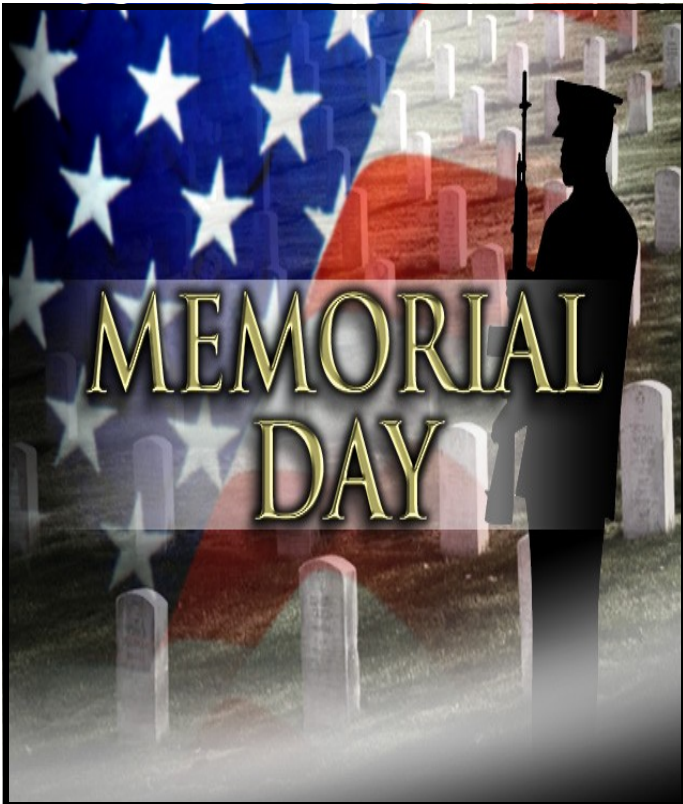
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