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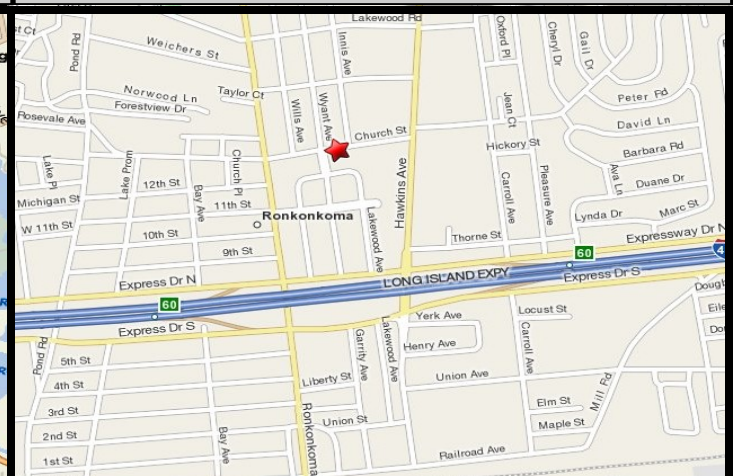
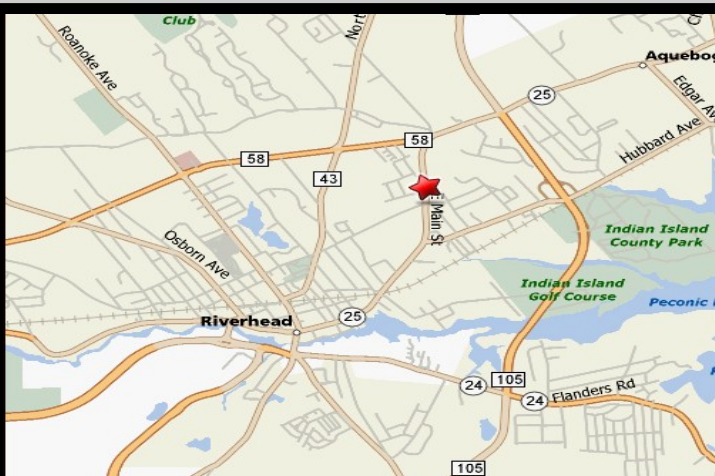
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DATE	EVENT	STARTING POINT	DESTINATION
MAY 17TH	FREEDOM RALLY	Ride to the Capital. All Motorcyclists Welcome. Come fight for your rights! www.abateny.org for more info	ALBANY
JUNE 13TH	VETERANS RUN	Riverhead County Center 210 Center Dr (Rt. 51)	MONTAUK
JULY 24TH	UPSTATE NY RIDE	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW	NICKS WATERFALL HOUSE GILBOG, NY
JULY 31st (New-Date)	MYSTERY CARD RUN	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
AUGUST 21ST	CAMPOUT	CATHEDRAL PINES COUNTY PARK YAPHANK-MIDDLE ISLAND RD.	CATHEDRAL PINES COUNTY PARK MIDDLE ISLAND
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DECEMBER 11TH	HOLIDAY PARTY	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW



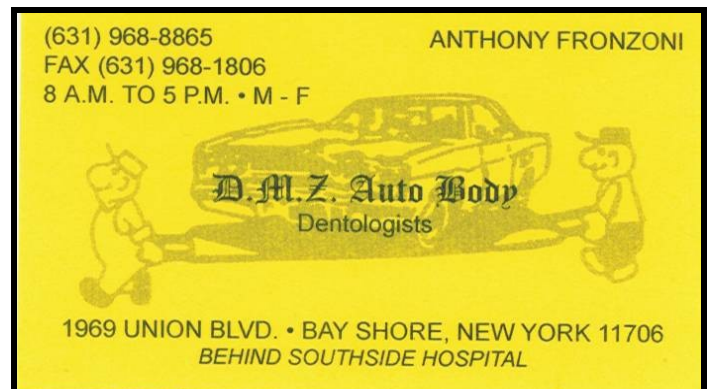
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## President's Page

Hello,

April ended up being a pretty busy month for us. It started out with a bang when we received a copy of an internal document that was circulated to the business owners in Port Jeff. It indicated that the Business Improvement District (BID) was seeking to eliminate parking on main St. They cited that 2 positive results of that would be that there would no longer be motorcycles on main St. and even more reprehensible, that there would be **no unsightly motorcyclists!** I'm proud to say that ABATE members rallied, and attended the scheduled meeting by the BID Board. Unfortunately when they learned of our plans to attend, they canceled the meeting. But the person that is widely believed to be the author of the letter agreed to address the 100+ members that showed up. His name is George Wallace and he is the owner of the Steam Room restaurant on the corner of Main St and 25A. You know the place; it's the restaurant with the **NO MOTORCYCLE PARKING** sign mounted on the pole! **One way or another, that sign has to go!** George Wallace attempted to plead his case to us as to why he doesn't want us on his property. He said that **we lower his property value.** The amazing thing to me is that he doesn't understand why we don't agree with him. ABATE brought attorney Mitch Proner, from Proner & Proner, who is an NCOM Attorney (National Coalition of Motorcyclists) Mitch made it perfectly clear that if the board takes any action that in any way violates the rights of motorcyclists, that he would represent us in a class action suit against everyone involved with the action. It should be noted that the President of BID has publicly denounced the letter and said that it was done without authorization by him or the Board.

Mayor Garrant showed up about an hour or so after it started (not to imply she was late. She wasn't scheduled to attend) and it was reassuring to hear her say that she in no way supports or agrees with the author of the letter. She has committed to meet with ABATE and work together to improve the conditions for the motorcyclists in the village.

A few of us attempted to talk with Mr Wallace after the meeting to try to reason with him. His solution is to build a gazebo out of his sight, by the SCWA building in the Brookhaven parking lot area. He said he would pay for it if we would agree to stay away from his store. I would compare that with the same warped and twisted logic of installing a nice new chrome water fountain in the alley near the dumpster for us to use. Just as long as we don't drink from the water fountain that was intended for "acceptable" people.

The next item was much more gratifying. We held our first annual "Share The Road Ride" on April 11<sup>th</sup>. This event was estab-

lished as a result of a committee that was established by legislator Jack Eddington and Lee & Greg Sheridan of Full Throttle Magazine. I would like to publicly thank them for inviting LI ABATE to be a member of this committee. The committee decided to join in with ABATE's annual Bike Blessing and as a result, we had almost 300 bikes at the event. The event included educational and safety demonstrations by the SCPD, On The Road Again MC School and others, in order to help educate riders to improve safety. Then we rode as a group from Hauppauge to the Brickhouse Brewery in Patchogue who hosted the after party. They did a great job supplying food to all us hungry people! We were escorted there by a Deputy Sheriff on his bike, while the SCPD controlled traffic intersections to the LIE, where more Deputies met us and safely directed us into the HOV lane. We traveled from exit 56 to 63 and then they got us off safely at exit 63. Then the SCPD took over again and controlled every intersection from there to the Brickhouse. It was a great ride! And most importantly, a SAFE ride! The intent of the proceeds was to be shared with LI ABATE and with the dedicated fund that we had opened to be used exclusively for motorcycle awareness and safety. At the last ABATE membership meeting it was decided that ABATE would forgo any money from the run and donate it all into the safety fund. As a result, the fund received approximately \$3,600. **THANK YOU TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE THAT HELPED TO MAKE THIS EVENT SO SUCCESSFUL!!** This money will go to fund the "Litter Removal" signs that I explained about last month. The NYS DOT ended up disapproving our request to have our signs read "WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES". It has to be a business name only. As a result, LI ABATE opened up a new company in NYS. It is officially named "L.I. ABATE WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES". By the time you read this article they should be installed. They will be on RT27 eastbound in Oakdale, on RT 347 eastbound just north of RT 25, and the new 3<sup>rd</sup> sign that we rented due to the success of the run is on the Northern State Pkwy westbound near the Meadowbrook Pkwy.

Please try to come to our next membership meeting. It is Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at The Riverhead Elks. Food is served at 7:00pm.

Once again, thank you to all of you for helping our organization grow and make a difference in the motorcycle community!

Jim Barr

# Attending ABATE of New York's

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Rally??

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Kickstands up at 11:30am

**AFTER PARTY AT**

**THE MEMORY MOTEL**

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE RUN WILL BE DONATED  
TO VETERAN AND SOLDIER ORGANIZATIONS





## Membership Report

We have had an outstanding April for membership! We alone sent up 51 new members and 12 renewals, and that does not include anyone that sent their paperwork directly upstate. I'd like to Welcome all of the new members that joined this month and thank you for your support. I'd like to also thank those of you that are taking advantage of the membership program, and signing up new members. Last month, I had a member that paid for his membership with five coupons. (Thanks, Steve!) Our membership has now climbed up to 618 members strong! Hoping we can do the same or better next month! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Freedom Rally!

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Raybud, Stavros, Carmella, Jim & Roseann, and all who attended the Share the Road Ride.

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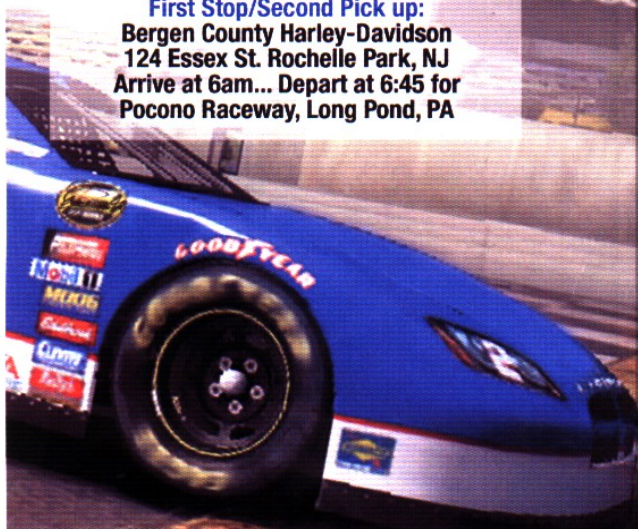
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## NY Motorcycle Related Legislative Bills

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### **New York State pending motorcycle legislation.**

[A00691](#) Exempts motorcycles from tolls collected from the New York state thruway authority

[A00720](#) Requires motorcycle user to wear helmets that meet the requirements of the US department of transportation

[A00874](#) Increases the fine for operating a motorcycle with a muffler that produces excessive or unusual noise from one hundred dollars to seven hundred dollars

[A01933](#) & [S01298](#) Provides that ownership of unidentifiable part in identifiable motorcycle, other than stolen motorcycle shall be returned to owner after investigation

[A02178](#) & [S03239](#) Exempts bicycle, motorcycle, snowmobile and equestrian helmets from sales and use tax

[A02802](#) & [S02633](#) Expedites return of stolen motor [vehicles](#)

[A03304](#) & [S04271](#) Relates to improving safety requirements for operators of motorcycles

[A03410](#) Requires any passenger-type motor vehicles to be equipped with an outside passenger mirror

[A04210](#) Permits the proration of vehicle [registration](#) fees for stolen vehicles

[A04384](#) Prohibits a person from operating a motorcycle on a public highway, road or street in this state with a child under the age of twelve on such motorcycle

[A04541](#) & [S02403](#) Provides that motorcyclists under the age of twenty-one shall wear protective helmets of a type approved by the commissioner when operating or riding a motorcycle

[A05980](#) Provides for penalties for operation of a motor vehicle without required equipment

[A06203](#) Authorizes the commissioner of motor vehicles to refuse to [register](#) or renew a registration of a motor vehicle for a person in default in paying child support

[A08320](#) Allows for distinctive plates to be issued for members of the New York city fire riders motorcycle club

[A09467](#) Requires inspections of motorcycles to include a sound level test

### **Senate only legislation**

[S02707](#) Requires five days notice after repossession or retaking of motor vehicle or motorcycle pursuant to the provisions of article nine of the uniform commercial code

[S05092](#) Prohibits persons under the age of ten from being a passenger on a motorcycle

[S05136](#) Allows for distinctive plates to be issued for members of the New York city fire riders motorcycle club

## Safety Report

Don't Leave Your Brain Under the Cover All Winter Too!

It's the later days of March, and we've managed to get a few nice days where we have been able to enjoy a ride or two. For the vast majority of us, the bikes have been tucked away in the garage under their trusted covers and waiting till the springtime weather returns. We spend some time making improvements and repairs. All the fluids have been checked, air pressures adjusted, we've inspected our rides thoroughly and made sure the trickle charger is working properly. But what have we done to prepare *ourselves* for our next ride?

As some of you who might have read what I wrote in "It's not just the metal that gets twisted" (last newsletter) this Spring season is the perfect time to sit down and give your mind a little tune up also. What good is all the work we put into our rides if we don't prepare ourselves mentally as well? Some of us become complacent and no longer feel that there's anything we can learn. We've been there, done that and in some cases have the T-shirt to prove it! Well in my case I've got the scars to prove it and hate the thought of another rider having to go through what I had to endure.

When I signed up for my classes I was given a copy of the "MSF Guide to Motorcycling Excellence" and read it cover to cover a few times as I was taking my classes. After getting my license out in Riverhead, I thought I was doing pretty



good for somebody who hadn't ridden in over thirty years. I received a copy of Proficient Motorcycling by David Hough as a gift for passing my road test, and with it, words of advice encouraging me to use any and all means to improve my riding and prepare my mind for each ride; that it would make me a better rider, make me safer and have me better

prepared for the unexpected. I understood what my instructors meant all too well, having had the privilege of working as a tactical instructor with the NYPD for the last few years in my career. Knowing that one has to be mentally prepared as well as physically prepared for anything was not a new concept for me, and I enjoyed doing my reading. I felt that it provided positive reinforcement to what I was learning in my classes.

After my crash, I was committed to the idea that I would ride again. I started reading the two books I had over and over again, trying to get my head straight and figure out what I did wrong, and why, so that I wouldn't repeat the same mistakes. And then the day came when the Doctors said I could resume any activity I could tolerate. I contacted my prior instructor and made an appointment to get back on a school bike. Was my dream crushed, or would I ride again?

As we talked on that afternoon waiting to see if the weather was going to clear, she took out a copy of "Riding in the Zone" by Ken Condon and told me that it would be good reading for me. Now even

I am beginning to see a pattern here; that even the people I trust to teach me to ride are still reading books to improve their riding. There must be something to it!

My lessons continued to bring my confidence back and helped me to make the decision on whether I should go out shopping for the replacement bike. My reading increased, and more importantly, I was making a conscious effort to apply what I was reading to each ride I took. I reviewed my rides afterwards, and made sure that I could objectively see that my reading had made for safer rides. I noticed the change and embraced the knowledge I was getting from reading. I went shopping and picked up a copy of "More Proficient Motorcycling" by David Hough, and a copy of "Total Control" by Lee Parks. I have read all of these books over and over from cover to cover, and have made it a point to go and read a chapter or two before a ride. If reading is not your thing, maybe watching a DVD will work for you. Check out any of the "Ride Like A Pro" DVD's by Jerry "Motorman" Palladino. Instead of sitting down and planning your next weekend away or your next rally, maybe you will consider an MSF Advanced Riders Course or a half day Skills Day Course. This will reinforce the skills you already have, and be a reminder that there's always room for improvement. It's a great way to see if your skills have remained high or if you have

let them slip over the years. And besides, it's a great way to meet new riders and start new friendships!

Submitted by Bill Haynes

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# Meeting Minutes

ABATE membership meeting 4-13-10 at the AM VETS in Ronkonkoma 51 members present. Hot foods catered by Bucci's Pizza.

Meeting began 7:50 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Old Business

6/6 NASCAR Race at Pocono Speedway: A ride to Pocono is being put together by an ABATE member, Phil. LI ABATE is not sponsoring this ride but would encourage members to participate as a social event. Tickets to the race are now available @ \$135 per person, and include the race and pre-race activities (food, live music, VIP motorcycle parking, giveaways, etc.). All proceeds will benefit the Victory Junction Camp.

5/17 NYS ABATE Freedom Rally: Ride to the Capitol in Albany where we will have the opportunity to converge on the Capitol steps, hear guest speakers then meet with individual politicians to lobby for motorcycle issues. This is an important event in our efforts to fight for motorcycle rights. The Blackthorne Hotel will be hosting this event for the weekend. Rooms are available @ \$60 per night.

5/22 Long Island Southern Jam: Tickets are now available on line @ LISouthernJam.com. The concert will be held at Overlook Beach in Babylon. 75% of the proceeds from this event will go to charities, and Long Island ABATE will be heavily promoted.

4/11 "Share the Road Ride in conjunction with our bike blessing was a success. Thank you to our chaplain, Ski, and his volunteers from the Rushing Wind Biker Church who performed a personal blessing for each motorcycle. A safety seminar was also included with presenters from the SCPD, On The Road Again Motorcycle School, and New Beginnings Head Trauma. A full police and sheriff escorted run to the Brickhouse Brewery followed for great food and music. We were able to raise over \$3,000 for our dedicated motorcycle awareness fund, which we will use to promote motorcycle safety and awareness. In addition over 30 new members signed up.

## New Business

Litter Removal Signs: LI ABATE has rented 2 signs for 3 months each to promote motorcycle awareness on our roads and highways. The locations of these signs are Eastbound Sunrise Highway by Locust Avenue (which will be seen by 100,000 motorists each day) and Rt 347 just east of Rt 25 (which will be seen by 45,000 motorists each day). The cost of these signs is \$150 per month. ABATE will be looking for sponsors to offset this cost.

Port Jefferson Scandal: It was brought to the attention of LI ABATE that a flyer was circulating which included an offensive reference to motorcyclists. The flyer was on BID (Business Improvement District) stationary, but it is widely believed that the attack is being advanced by one single board member, George Wallace, owner of the Steam Room. Motorcyclists were called to action and over 100 motorcyclists attended the recent BID meeting to voice their opposition to the language and policies being promoted on this flyer. LI ABATE brought in Attorney Mitch Proner from Proner & Proner who put BID committee members and Port Jefferson board members on notice that his law firm will represent the motorcycle community in a

class action lawsuit should any discriminatory actions be taken against the motorcyclist community. Members of the BID committee and the mayor of Port Jefferson made it clear that they do **NOT** support the actions of this one member. The mayor has offered to sit down with representatives from LI ABATE to further discuss the concerns of residents and the motorcycle community.

New Sergeant At Arms: Jim Coon had to resign due to other commitments. Bob Laub volunteered and was appointed to fulfill Jim's term. Bob asks for volunteers to help him during our runs and events.

New Products Person: Due to increased hours at her job, Tina has stepped down from the products position. Kim Piro has volunteered to handle products. **Motion 4:10 to appoint Kim Piro as new products person. (seconded) All in favor.**

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Vacancy for Vice President: Due to personal and health related issues, Joe Billoti had to step down as Vice President at this time. Jim stated that Joe believes in and cares greatly about ABATE, and will continue to help out in any capacity that he can. Doreen Pesce was asked to fulfill Joe's term and she agreed. **Motion 5:10 to appoint Doreen Pesce as succeeding Vice President. (seconded) All in favor.**

MRF Renewal: LI ABATE is a sustaining member of the MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation). The \$100 annual membership is due. **Motion 6:10 to pay the \$100 annual dues to the MRF. (seconded) All in favor.**

6/13 Veterans Appreciation Run will begin at the Riverhead County Center and end at the Montauk Village Green. Bill (committee chairperson / treasurer) asks for volunteers to help him with this run. If you can help, please give Bill your name, phone # and e-mail.

7/24 Ride to Nick's Waterfall House Come take a ride to upstate NY, interact with members from other ABATE chapters, enjoy BBQ and beautiful mountain riding. Campgrounds nearby for those who wish to stay overnight.

8/21, 8/22 Annual Campout: Tickets are now available. The first 200 tickets sold are discounted at \$25. If you attended last year, you will want to come back!

Motion to adjourn (seconded) Meeting adjourned at 9:54

# Treasurer's Report

We had around 300 participate on the Awareness / Blessing Run last month. Thanks to all those that came forward to help. It was a great success on all levels and should only grow in the coming years. It was decided at the last members meeting that since the treasury was in good shape that all of the net proceeds from this run would go to the account we set up ear marked for only Motorcycle Awareness, Safety and Education. LI ABATE has contracted to have 3 adopt a highway signs put up with a message alerting motorist to be aware of motorcycles. We will use some of the money from this awareness fund as long as practical to keep the signs up.

The Veterans Appreciation Run is starting to shape up. See the flyer in this issue. All the permits have been approved. Its almost 100% certain at this time that we will have a color guard made up of veterans that will be able to do a 21 gun salute for the flag presentation and memorial we are planning at the Village Green in Montauk.

Call for Volunteers on the Vets Run! Thanks to those that came forward to help. More are needed. We need help at sign up, help out at Montauk and everything in between. Please contact me I can use all the help I can get. If you would like to serve on the committee let me know. We plan on meeting 4 or 5 times before the run to kick around ideas to make this a quality safe run for all.

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](mailto:Nevalnut@aol.com). The books are always open.

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## The History of ABATE the Organization

Back in June of 1971, a new and exciting motorcycle publication was introduced--EASYRIDERS--a motorcycle magazine for the entertainment of adult bikers. This came into existence by the hard work of Lou Kimzey, the Editor, along with the owner of Paisano Publications. Along with Lou were Mil (Hog Expert) Blair, Editor-at-Large, and Joe Teresi, Senior Editor. Joe was the one who came up with the needed funding to get things running smoothly. He was owner of D&D Distributor, later known as Jammer.

About the same time that EASYRIDERS got underway an organization by the name of N.C.C.S.I. (National Custom Cycle Safety Institute) got going. Joe Teresi was Vice President of this group. This organization was for manufacturers and distributors. Their main function--was to come out with their own safety standards for custom parts. They concentrated mainly on custom front ends and frames with raked necks. They are credited for keeping a lot of junk off the market and were able to keep Big Brother at arm's length.

In Issue No. 3, October 1971, EASYRIDERS started a non-profit organization just for bikers. It was called NCCA (National Custom Cycle Association). At the time, dues were \$3 for a one-year membership. One must keep in mind that back in 1971 no other motorcycle magazine except Roger Hall's "Road Rider" was even giving an inch of space to anti-bike legislation. Yet Lou Kimzey saw fit to take on the extra burden of starting a motorcycle rights organization.

It wasn't long until Lou changed the NCCA to ABATE (A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments). Lou came about the Eagle logo in an old civil war publication. The eagle is one of the largest birds, and a strong flier. It has long been used as a sign of power, courage, and freedom. The American Bald Eagle is not only our logo but it is the official emblem of the United States. Its picture is on the Great Seal of the U.S., the President's flag, some coins and paper money. Our logo with the 13 star shield is truly worthy of our cause, and our founder foresight.

In early 1972, Keith Ball arrived on the scene at EASYRIDERS. He became Associate Editor of EASYRIDERS and Director of ABATE. Through the work of Keith and the guidance of Lou, ABATE started area coordinators in different states to help organize bikers so that they could better represent ABATE on the local level. This also helped form a better line of communication. From this mushroomed a sophisticated network of state and county chapters.

It should be noted that the little funds that ABATE had in the early days went to hiring an engineering firm to determine whether a raked front end or an extended front end was safe. This resulted in two lengthy documented reports, complete with engineering drawings that established proof that they were safe. This allowed bikers to fight in court "unsafe vehicle" tickets with scientific facts--not just opinions. EASYRIDERS, on behalf of ABATE, also picked up the tab on a test case concerning an extended front end being unsafe. From 1971-1974 most of ABATE's efforts went into fighting such laws. Had it not been for the efforts of ABATE-EASYRIDERS in the early 1970s, choppers would have been outlawed.

In March of 1977, ABATE, through the help of the staff at EASYRIDERS, held a State Coordinators meeting in Daytona, Florida. It was decided as a matter of policy that ABATE, nationwide, as a lobbying organization would discourage back patches on cut-offs. This was decided as necessary in order not to be misjudged as a "club," either by outlaw groups, police, or Joe Citizen. At this meeting it was also decided that it was about time ABATE got organized, with a charter, bylaws, etc. Nominations were held, and five State Coordinators were elected as a steering committee to take ideas from all the members and chapters, and boil the results down to a charter and bylaws. Fuzzy Davy from ABATE of Virginia was elected spokesman of the steering committee along with Donna Oaks from ABATE of Kansas, Russell Davis (Padre) from ABATE of Pennsylvania, Wanda Hummell from ABATE of Indiana, John (Rogue) Herlihy from ABATE of Connecticut. A meeting was set up for Labor Day at the second national ABATE get-together in Lake Perry, Kansas. This gave the new

steering committee seven months to get everything together.

At the Kansas meeting, Lou Kimzey could not make it because of a sudden illness. In his place he sent Keith Ball, Joe Teresi, Pat Coughlin, a union organizer, and Ron Roliff, business agent of the M.M.A. A hall was rented by EASYRIDERS so that a professional meeting could be conducted. At this meeting a proposal for a new national was presented by the people from EASYRIDERS. In this proposal was a five-member board of directors. A problem arose when it was learned that none of the board would be made up of any of the state coordinators or any ABATE people, but would be composed of people from California, led by Ron Roliff of the M.M.A. This intimidated a lot of hard working ABATE people. Also, none of the recommendations of the ABATE steering committee were considered.

After a lot of in-fighting, the state coordinators were asked to send what they thought should be changed and to submit their ideas to Lou Kimzey. Lou had sent around a letter explaining that he was sorry that he had missed the meeting in Kansas and that he was scheduling a meeting in Sacramento in October 1977. Lou paid the air fares of the steering committee members (5), put them up in a hotel, and then attempted to explain how and why things had gotten out of hand. Unfortunately, ABATE people who had not been invited to this meeting provoked uncalculated-for attacks against Lou and EASYRIDERS. Lou had tolerated a lot of mud slinging concerning forming a national organization; thus he stated to the people attending the meeting that he and EASYRIDERS were relinquishing the organization to the people attending the meeting in Sacramento.

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Out of this mess two national organizations were formed: one in Sacramento; the other in Washington, D.C.; the latter being formed by all the state ABATE organizations. In March of 1978, ABATE chapters held another meeting in Daytona. The Sacramento people sent Pat Coughlin with another proposal. It was rejected by the ABATE organizations attending. 'At this meeting the ABATE chapters were told that the Sacramento group was not going to change its name (National ABATE) and was going to go on doing business as usual. It was decided that the D.C. base national that was formed by the state organizations should be dissolved, thus doing away with a lot of the hassles taking up everybody's time, and that the states should get back to doing the business they were formed to do--fight state anti-motorcycle legislation.

ABATE formed five regions in the country, each region having about 10 states. Each region has a Regional Coordinator who coordinates information between the state ABATE organizations. Each ABATE state organization is now independent and on its own. Because of all the hassles of trying to form a national organization. The trust and funds needed, the probability of another attempt at forming a nation is most unlikely.

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**MAIL TO: LONG ISLAND ABATE**  
**ATTN: MEMBERSHIP**  
**P.O. BOX 22, YAPHANK, NY 11980**

**\_\_\_ FULL MEMBER \$25.00 PER YEAR-INCLUDES MEMBERSHIP PACKET, NEWSLETTER, AND ALL BENEFITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE BY-LAWS.**

**\_\_\_ ASSOCIATE MEMBER \$20.00 PER YEAR-SAME BENEFITS EXCEPT NO NEWSLETTER. AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF FULL MEMBERS HOUSEHOLD.**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH\_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_\_ CHAPTER: LONG ISLAND**

**ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_**

**STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_**

**E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_**

**I agree to comply with ABATE of New York by-laws, and promote motorcycle education, legislation and activities in accordance with ABATE of New York, Inc.**

**DATE \_\_\_\_\_ APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_**

**NEW \_\_\_ RENEW \_\_\_ PATCH \_\_\_ PIN \_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_ MEMBER # \_\_\_ SIGNED BY # \_\_\_\_\_**