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

THE RIVERHEAD ELKS LODGE RT 25, RIVERHEAD, NY - Tuesday's - 9/8, 11/10.

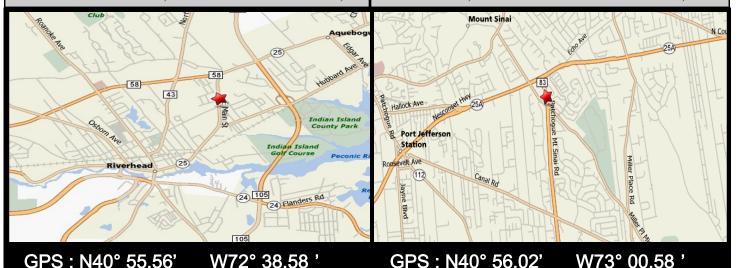
THE WEDGE 633 MT. SINAI/CORAM RD., MT.SINAI, NY - Friday's - 8/07, 10/02 and 12/04.

NEXT MEETING DATE IS: FRIDAY AUGUST 7, 2009

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER IS THE 20TH of AUGUST

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ABATE of LONG ISLAND

EVENT SCHEDULE FOR "2009"

DATE: EVENT: LOCATION:





Sat & Sun Aug 22nd & 23rd ** 5th Annual Campout Cathedral Pines County Park

Sunday September 13th Mystery Card Run Maples, Manorville

Sunday Oct 11th Octoberfest Riverhead Elks Lodge

Sunday November 8th Toy & Food Run St. Mary's Hampton Bay's

Saturday December 12th** Christmas Party Black Rock Tavern, Yaphank

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President's Page

Charlie Daniels / Marshall Tucker concert at Westbury Music Fair for October 23, 2009. All the seats are within the first 5 rows! We are selling the tickets for \$100. each. The proceeds will go to our chapter. The price includes the show, a great tailgate party, transportation to and from the show in an incredible limousine bus equipped with 7 flat screen TV's, an incredible sound system, and yes, it also has the one thing that is usually missing at a tailgate party, a bathroom! ABATE will furnish



the food, snacks, soda and water. (you may add your own refreshments into the coolers). The bus will leave The Maples in Manorville at 5:00pm, the park and ride at exit 63 of the L.I.E. at 5:20pm and the Park & Ride at exit 49 at 5:45pm. The tickets are being sold on a first come basis. They are available to ABATE members only; however a member may purchase an additional ticket for a guest. Anyone interested can call the ABATE hotline at 1 888 LIABATE to purchase tickets or email me at LongislandABATE@aol.com. If these tickets sell out

quickly we will try to purchase an additional block of tickets in the same area, but those will not include transportation. So come on out and support L.I. ABATE purchased 30 tickets to the LIABATE and have a great time in the process!

> We had an information booth at the Great South Bay Music Festival from July 10-12th, We signed up about a dozen new members and also informed several hundred people about who we are and what we do. I would like to think that as a result we may gain some future members or much more importantly, save someone's life by making people more aware of motorcyclists on the road! I would like to thank the Officers that helped out at the booth, but I would like to especially thank Joe Billotti for all his hard work and dedication that weekend! He made all the arrangements and oversaw the entire event all weekend! Thanks Joe!!

> Our annual camp out is quickly approaching. Make sure you get your tickets; I believe there are only about 100 tickets left. You will be sorry if you miss this great event!

> Make sure you call Michael Barba to get yours. He can usually be reached at Continental Car Care in Ronkonkoma, 631 981-0101.

> Our next membership meeting is Friday, August 7th @ The Wedge in Mt Sinai. Food is available at 7:00pm and the meeting starts at 7:30pm. Please continue your support of our organization and come to the meeting if you can. Hopefully it won't rain that night and we can go for a ride afterward. I hope to see you there. Thank you!

Jim Barr



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Vice President

As I write my article it dawned on me it's only one month till our 5th annual Mystery Run and Camp Out. With every ones help this should be the best year yet. Besides our committee and our board I also have a list of about 15 members who have contacted me and are willing to help out that weekend. The effort to get sponsors is going well there will be a list of sponsors at the bottom of this letter like last month. I was very excited to hear that some one already contacted my friend and Holistic Nutritionist Barbara Ann Grova, who helps keep this old fat guy in shape. Who ever you are that called her Thank You for using our sponsors!

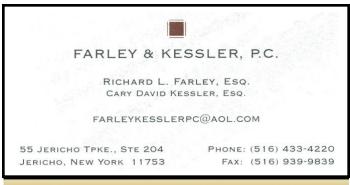
For those of you who are not familiar with our entertainment The Kerry Kearny Band or Lex Grey & The Urban Pioneers They can be found on You Tube on your computer. I think you will be pleasantly surprised that we could bring you this kind of talent at our event. If you plan on camping early please contact me and let me know. I will be at the camp ground by Thursday morning weather permitting. If enough of us are there I have some idea's for Thursday and Friday. By the time you get this newsletter I should have about 100 tickets left. I believe we will sell out before the day of the event so please do not wait, I'd hate to see you or your friends not get in because you thought you had time left. If you need more tickets you can pick them up at my collision shop. Continental Car Care, 654 Portion Rd, Lake Ronkonkoma NY 11779. 631-981-0101. If that is too far you can mail me a check and I will mail you back tickets.

Camp Out Sponsors so far

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Until next time, ride safe Michael Barba

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Treasurer's Report

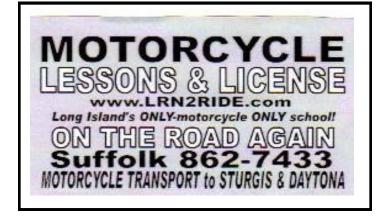
As promised last month, here are the financial details of the Veterans Appreciation Run:

DONATIONS	
Arlene Perillo	100.
Raymond Rancourt	100.
Run Proceeds	2300.
Total Raised	2500.
Matching Grant	2500.
Total Raised	5000.
Donations to be made:	
Northport VA	2500.
Northport VA through Riverhead Elks	1800.
911 Veterans	500.
Riverhead VFW	200.
Total Donations	5000.

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



Meeting Minutes

ABATE membership meeting 7-14-09 at the Riverhead Elks

33 members present, heroes/salads served, ABATE products available

7:43 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business

<u>Television commercial</u>: the final seconds of the ABATE television commercial are being completed. The funding to air this commercial on cable tv will be coming through the Sheriff's Department for the month of August.

ABATE Proclamation: Sheriff DeMarco held a press conference and presented ABATE of Long Island with a proclamation for promoting motorcycle safety and awareness. The Suffolk County public relations office published this press release, which went out to over 11,000 Suffolk County employees, giving ABATE additional exposure.



<u>Legislator Jack Eddington</u> is very publicly speaking for motorcycle rights. He wrote a letter to the Commissioner of DPW asking for a study to be done on county roadways to determine which roadways present higher risk to motorcycles so that "Share the Road " signs could be posted there. (Suffolk County Traffic Safety Board says there are federal regulations in order to post traffic signs.) If anyone sees these signs posted, please bring it to our attention.

<u>Marshall Tucker concert</u>: ABATE continues to seek a venue for this event. Thank you for the suggestions made. ABATE will follow up on any suggestions.

<u>Charlie Daniels concert tickets</u> are now available through ABATE at \$100 each. (This includes admission to the show in rows 2, 3, 4, and 5 party bus ride to and from Westbury and food.) The concert is October 23. There are only 30 tickets available to ABATE members on a first pay, first served basis.

<u>Port Jefferson Parking:</u> The candidates for mayor and the trustees that supported ABATE did not win their elec-

tions. Once the new board takes office, ABATE will attend board meetings and introduce ourselves, hoping to build a working relationship with these new officials. Jim has been in contact with the Brookhaven Town Supervisor's office and the local council representative, Steve Fiore Rosenfeld, to work out a mutually acceptable agreement regarding parking fees.

New Business

<u>WMIR:</u> Ed Turney, operator of this radio station has offered to promote ABATE and advertise ABATE events. Tune in to WMIR 100.9 FM and WMIR 1009.com. Thank you Ed.

1st Annual Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet unfortunately has been canceled for this year. We thank Steve for all of his efforts in obtaining sponsors for this show. (All money will be returned.)

<u>Legislator Jack Eddington</u> has written a letter to Police Commissioner Dormer regarding the motorcycle stops that continue to occur. He stated it was previously understood that these illegal motorcycle stops would not occur. He further states that he would like to ride along next time there is a motorcycle stop, so he could determine that the Police Department is abiding by the agreement reached previously.

Frank Pace Jr. Foundation Inc. Jim read a letter from the Frank Pace Jr. Foundation Inc, telling of a \$2500 contribution they were making to the Long Island Chapter of ABATE. Our treasurer, Bill Quinn, was instrumental in getting this contribution (which will be added to the total money raised from our Veterans Run).

Great South Bay Music Festival: ABATE had a booth at this festival. A lot of interest was expressed in ABATE and new members were signed up. A special thank you to Joe Billotti for covering this booth each day, all day.

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Officer's / Committee Reports

Michael (vice president /campout chairperson) Our 5th annual campout is 8/22 and 8/23. 245 tickets already sold. ABATE is looking for sponsors for the campout.

Bill (treasurer / co-chair Veterans Run) ABATE netted \$2500 + contribution of \$2500 to make \$5000 for our veterans. Bill thanks everyone who helped out on this run.

Manna (safety officer) approximately 40 red light intersections were reported that were not sensitive to motorcycles. Please continue to let Manna know if you come across additional lights that are not working especially since red light cameras are being implemented. Also to report pot holes, call 1-800-POTHOLE or 952-6702 for pot holes on state roads. Manna is offering a "skills day" for experienced motorcycle riders through On The Road Again Motorcycle School. The cost is \$20 for ABATE members and will consist of 12 riders to 2 instructors for a 3-4 hour class.

Ski (chaplain) reminds us that Rushing Winds Biker Church has services Sunday @ 5:30 for anyone who wishes



to attend. For more information, please contact Ski.

Marty (sergeant at arms) asks if anyone is interested in helping with security at our campout, please let him know.

Karen (membership) reports 20 new members signed up this month.

Thank you to Raybud for his dedication and hard work on our website. Anyone who uses this website, please sign our guestbook.

Motion to adjourn (seconded). Meeting ended at 9:29.

Roseann

SUMMERTIME AND THE RIDING IS EASY

Hope everyone has been enjoying the awesome weather these past few weeks! I guess it



was worth waiting for, now that the terrible rainy days of June are only a soggy memory. Did anyone else take a ride out to Sag Harbor to see the 20th Century Cycle exhibit at the Christy Gallery before it closed? It was a great display of some really beautiful bikes and a good opportunity to meet other motorcycle enthusiasts (and possibly recruit some new ABATE members).

If you enjoy viewing motorcycle collections, check out the Wheels Through Time motorcycle museum in Maggie Valley, N.C. They have an amazing exhibit of unique vintage and antique motorcycles. Visit their website at:

www.wheelsthroughtime.com. While you're in the area you could tour the Biltmore Estate, the largest home in America

(<u>www.biltmoreestate.com</u>). The mansion alone covers 6 acres of land. There is a winery on the property where you get to sample wines produced from their own grapes. And for the ultimate riding experience, you could cruise over to the "Tail of the Dragon". Check out the website at www.dealsgapnc.com.

Did you get your tickets yet for the campout in August? Don't miss out – tickets are selling fast and there's a limited amount available. This is going to be the biggest ABATE event of the year. Remember, summer's almost half over so stop procrastinating and start riding!

Christine PR Officer

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Rider Safety

REAR-END ACCIDENTS

A rider is sitting at a traffic light waiting for the light to change, when BOOM! They get rear-ended by a car.

I don't have to tell you how much more serious this is with a bike than with a car. This may have happened to someone you know, or even to you. It is happening far too often. This month's AMA magazine has an article about a lady rider who was killed this way. The car driver that hit her was allegedly painting her fingernails while driving. The rider's son has painted his nails black as a reminder, and has formed the Black Nail Brigade Foundation Against Distracted Driving

(<u>www.BlackNailBrigade.org</u>) to raise awareness about distracted driving and impose stiffer penalties. As riders, we can do more to prevent these

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accidents. At night, we are less visible. We can increase conspicuity by using reflective material on our helmets, clothing, and bikes, and we can add lights to our bikes. We can ride with a buddy. We can flash our brake-lights for cars coming up behind. But probably even more effective than that are these three items:

- 1. PAY ATTENTION
- 2. HAVE AN ESCAPE ROUTE
- 3. BE READY TO MOVE

Keep an eye in your rear-view mirror; do you know

what's coming up behind you?

If you are right on top of the car in front of you, or on or over the stop line, where are you going to go if you need to scoot out of the way? Remember your bike can fit places in the traffic situation that a car can't. You can give yourself options.

If you are sitting there in neutral with your arms folded, that few seconds it will take to get your hands and foot to the controls and do something with them could cost you your life. Keep your clutch in, and your bike in gear. This is not some remote hypothetical situation; rear-enders are happening regularly. By paying attention, having an "out", and being ready to move, you can help yourself to avoid this type of collision. Legislation for stiffer penalties for offenders is great, but it won't get you your life back. Be proactive; protect yourself.

Ride safe, have fun!

Manna

P.S. REPORT FROM THE POTHOLE

Some of us have had success with reporting potholes and getting them repaired. I reported the big hole by Eastern Harley Davidson in Riverhead, and by the next week it was fixed. For state roads, dial 631-952-6702, all other roads 1-800-POTHOLE. Put it right in your cell phone!







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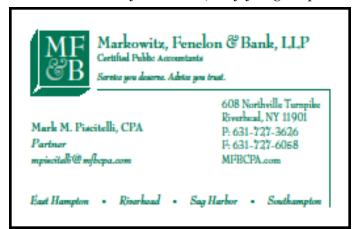




Chaplain's Page

Somebody cut me off!

You're cruising on Sunrise Highway heading east for a great day of riding and cruising and enjoying the sun, the wind, the heat on your arms and you just feel like you got life by the tail and taking it wherever it wants to take you. You're feeling great and the day is developing into one fantastic day to be a biker. What you live for, why you get up in the



morning. You just hit 85 mph and the wind in your face just hit the ecstasy range. When out of nowhere that woman in the minivan in the middle lane on your right decides she not only wants your lane, but the exact spot in your lane that you happen to be occupying at the time. You know you're in her blind spot and she is oblivious to the fact that you're there. You hit the brakes hard, grab the handle bars with a death grip and just as you drop back you feel the presence of her box of steel almost engulf you as your front wheel comes within millimeters of the left side of her rear bumper. You've come a millisecond from becoming a statistic, another reason for the brotherhood to assemble at vet another hospital room or funeral home. Your heart is beating so hard it feels like it is going to jump right out of your chest. You drop back a bit to get away from not just her vehicle, but away from anything that has even the slightest chance of duplicating the experience you have just gone through. You're trembling and you can't quite think straight at the moment. You have to pull over and get your bearings again. You're almost in a state of shock,

your life just flashed before your eyes. You have to pull over for a minute.

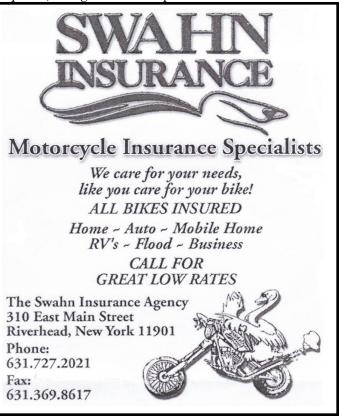
You get off the road and realize you breathing uncontrollably heavy. You slowly gain your composure and rethink the situation. You don't exactly know why you weren't taken out by that van. Everything seemed headed for a disastrous conclusion and you go over it and over it in your head, and know what should have been. You can't for the life of you work out how you got out of that situation alive and in one piece.

Some of you, maybe a lot of you have experienced what I have just described. I also have gone through this experience. If you haven't, one day you could. What I have just described and what many of you have experienced in a situation like this, in a very real and tangible way is God's grace. Some of you may understand this and some of you may not. But it is the truth. If you need it explained, ask someone who knows. If you already understand, think about it and try to understand why this was extended to you.

See you on the road,

Ski man,

Chaplain, Long Island chapter of Abate



Legislative News



I'm on the road this month. The NYS congressional session is over till January. In that time I'll be seeking sponsors for biker friendly legislation. Unfortunately the one person I had in mind is stepping down from the assembly this election cycle but I'll try floating my ideas past some other lawmakers. To fill this space I'll leave you with a poem I penned back in the 1970's. I submitted it to both Easyriders & Supercycle magazines. To my knowledge it was never published. Hope you enjoy it...... ~Flash~

"Broken Wings"

They see him glide thru life I their own lives begin to depress them.

They envy his freedom I fear his ways, so they make new laws to suppress them...

With the gradual reduction of human rights I his elimination their ultimate goal, through corrupted gavels they hammer at him but they cannot put bars on his soul...

They say their laws are "for your own good" while they hit up another power injection. So big brother can watch over the human herd & kill you for your own protection...

They do not know that their war is lost. That a bell of freedom still rings. In the hearts of the last American heroes, the eagle flies on with broken wings.....



For other NYS motorcycle specific legislation dial in to these links:

http://www.longislandabate.org/legislation.html http://www.amadirectlink.com/legisltn/rapidresponse.asp http://www.newyorkfreedomriders.com/2009%20New%20Y ork%20Legislation.htm

Check out the new skier's helmet law proposal!



AUGUST 2009

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