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### A B A T E is American Bikers Aimed Toward Education

The main purpose of the ABATE organization is to work toward continued freedom of the road by insuring that motorcyclist's point of view is presented to our legislators and to promote motorcycle safety, rider education and awareness. We are trying to alleviate the very real possibility of "Big Brother Government". We encourage all our members to be informed registered voters. We write letters to our elected officials and stay aware of what is going on with motorcycle legislation, education, and other transportation issues. We welcome interested persons to any of our activities or to join our organization.



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## LONG ISLAND ABATE EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2010

### All event signups begin at 10am-11am unless otherwise noted.

DATE	EVENT	STARTING POINT	DESTINATION
OCTOBER 10TH	BIKETOBER FEST	<b>RIVERHEAD ELKS</b> 1239 E. MAIN ST. RIVERHEAD	RIVERHEAD ELKS 1239 E. MAIN ST. RIVERHEAD
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DECEMBER 11TH	HOLIDAY PARTY	BRICKHOUSE BREWERY	BRICKHOUSE BREWERY



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# **President's Page**

Wow, where did the year go? I cant believe that its October already. Which reminds me, October starts our election process for chapter Officers for 2011. I would like to thank you for allowing me to represent you for the past 2 years. It was an absolute honor to do so! Now its time for the baton to be passed on to the next person. The way I look at it is that we are in a long relay race and we need to run hard and fast until we start to tire, then we need to pass the baton to the next energetic person so they can run as



hard and fast as they can until its time for them to pass the baton. All offices are up for election. Nominations will be accepted at our membership meeting Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> @ The AMVETS hall in Ronkonkoma. Please come to the meeting and run for an office or support the nomination of someone that you would like to see as an Officer. The nomination process will conclude at our Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting @ the Riverhead ELKS Lodge. After nominations at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting we will hold the election. Anyone wishing to run for office must be at one of

the 2 meetings to accept a nomination. Please don't be afraid to run for an office if you are interested. Don't let the lack of experience deter you. In my opinion, the most important qualification is caring. If you care about motorcyclists rights and are willing to work to improve them, then in my opinion you're qualified. Don't let the fact that there is an existing Officer in a particular title discourage you either. Again, in my opinion, there's nothing personal about 2 or more people offering to represent our membership in a particular office. I think it would be great if we end up with 2 or 3 people running for each office. That would show that there are people interested in furthering ABATE's objective. And that is the most important goal: furthering ABATE's effectiveness! Not who did it, but what is done to improve it. Please come to the membership meetings and be a part of the election process. After all, it is YOUR organization! I hope to see you there.

Jim Barr



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Long Island Chapter Our Annual Food & Toy Run for St. Mary's Church in Hampton Bays, NY

Sunday November 7, 2010 Signup is from 10-11am at The Riverhead Elks Lodge 1239 E. Main St. Riverhead, NY

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# Safety Report

Safety Starts Before The Wheel Makes Its First Revolution!

So I was thinking; before I start my trip to Deal's Gap, what I need to do is make sure my bike's as ready for this adventure as I am. I thought I'd check with my dealer for his suggestions, and then I decided that this could be my next article too! I asked Mike, Todd & Mike from Eastern Harley in Riverhead what their top five items are for riders to check;

1 Tire pressure

2 Battery maintenance

3 Adjust and lube cables

4 Tire condition

5 Bulbs

Then I checked with Chris of Honda/Victory of Riverhead for his top five;

1 Tire pressure,

2 Battery,

3 Chain maintenance,

4 Proper winterization,

5 Fork seal inspections.

He also reminds customers going out of state who now need their NYS inspection done so they can leave.

Ryan and Phil of Maximum Motorsports Riverhead went with :

1 Carb service

2 Chain maintenance

3 Battery

4 Tire pressure



5- Fluids/lights/switches.
So I see a pattern developing here, and after asking a few questions they seem to feel that that ethanol is causing a lot of problems as well as lack of stabilizer over the winter. So to get another view point I decided to ask Walt of Ready Riders in Dix Hills for his choices:

Lack of organization by groups
Tire pressure
Proper mirror positioning and tightness
Loose straps and luggage
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### **President Richard Morano**

And then I asked Manna, our own Safety Officer and owner of the MSF- approved On The Road Again m/c school for her top five:

1 Take a reality check of your skill level and capabilities

2 Resolve all maintenance and repair issues

3 Have your owner's manual with you

4 Consider where, when and whom you are riding with

5 If you ride, don't drink and if you drink, don't ride.

Well, there are a few things for you to think about, and might I add maybe it's time to start doing a pre-ride inspection before each ride? If riding with others, take a look at their rides; you might see something they overlooked and prevent an expensive repair or a nasty fall. And don't forget to check your riding gear; is your helmet in good order, chaps or riding pants intact, boots & gloves fit and ready? What shape is your rain gear in?

So look out for each other, and off to Deals Gap I go; only after I finish my pre-ride inspection that is!

Submitted by Bill Haynes

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## **Treasurer's Report**

The treasury is in good shape. We should be able to get through the lean winter months without any problem. The Biketoberfest and the St. Mary Food and Toy Run are fast approaching. Check your newsletter and the website for details.

A lot went on in September. The general meeting started with a barbeque and ended with your chapter presenting \$6,000. to various Veterans groups. These were the funds raised from the Veterans Appreciation Run we held on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Between the members and guests that attended the room was packed. All of the recipients greatly appreciated the donations.



Our Chapter was invited by Mrs. Mary Langhorn to attend the dedication of the Riverhead Post Office in her son's honor. Her son Garfield M. Langhorn posthumously received the Medal of Honor for his heroics while serving in Vietnam during January of 1969. He gave up his life by smothering a grenade with his body that was thrown amongst his fellow soldiers. Although it was a damp rainy day a group from our chapter attended. We were given the honor of riding with the Patriot Guard Riders in escorting the limousine carrying Mrs. Langhorn from her residence to the dedication. It was a very moving ceremony. It was sad, it was joyous and it was uplifting. One of the speakers was a school teacher from Lindenhurst who brought his class with him. He spoke about how his Dad was with Private First Class Garfield M. Langhorn that day of battle. The grenade landed close enough to his Dad that if Garfield hadn't jumped on it his Father may have been killed. This young teacher has a wife and three children. He said he may not be here if it wasn't for a hero named Garfield M. Langhorn.

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 Nevalnu<u>t@aol.com</u>. The books are always open.

Your Treasurer

Bill Quinn

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# Chaplain's Message

### Ah, the smell of Leather

As we get into the fall and the weather gets a bit cooler and winter (God Forbid) is just around the corner, it's time to break out the leather jackets, the heavier leather gloves, and our chaps. All of a sudden our bikes have to deal with 20 or so extra pounds of animal flesh to protect our sensitive "animal flesh". It is really amazing when you think of it that after all this time we still depend on animal skin to protect us from the elements as we ride. Still the best feel, the best smell. You know, all the animals out there get it naturally, that protection from the wind, the rain, the cold, the snow, etc.

I think God created us to be a lot more sensitive to his created environment, so we could feel the exhilaration of the wind on our skin, the sun on our skin.



The very elements that make a biker smile as he speeds up and gets to cruising velocity. But when the elements get too harsh for our sensitive bodies, we always revert back to animal skin, the only non man made covering that has lasted the test of time.

When God created this planet and all of us, there was to be no extreme elements to need protection from. The perfect environment existed all the time. Imagine a place where it is sunny 75 degrees, a perfect sky, a cool breeze, no pot holes or stop signs to slow us down. A perfect ride every day. When man fell and we forfeited that perfect environment and had to be protected from it, what did God provide for him to wear? What did God himself design, cut to fit, and perfectly tailor for man to wear? In God's word, in the book of Genesis he lets us know. After God said to Adam and his wife, yo man you blew it. You had it all, you had it made. Now your gonna have to work hard for a living, life isn't gonna be a walk in the park (or a garden), anymore. The ground, the earth, the



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environment will no longer be perfect and comfortable all the time. He said I'll still be there, but life is gonna be a lot harder. And what did God give them to protect them from this new, hostile environment. Genesis 3:21 tells us. "The Lord God made garments of animal skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them."

And today, thousands of years later we still wear those God designer clothes to protect us from the harshness of the elements we face as we ride. So the next time you get ready to hit the road. When you pull up your chaps and zip them up, as you put on you leather riding jacket, zip the sleeves, pull the collar up, put on each leather glove to protect those fragile things we call fingers. As you tie or zip those boots that have probably already saved you from much pain. Thank a loving God that designed that protection for you, so you can be safer as you ride through life on two wheels. Those duds were designed 5000+ years ago and not made with human hands. Things God makes last and pass the test of time, unless we try to "improve" it. Remember how a loving God looks out for you and throw up a thanks time to time. He'd appreciate it.

God Bless and I'll see you on the road.

Ski-man, Senior Pastor, Rushing Wind Biker Church Chaplain, Long Island ABATE

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# **Vice President**

### **Hello Members**

Well I decided I would like to write something but wasn't sure about what! It came to me when I was out riding! To be exact, Saturday September 4, 2010, it was one of the best weather days ever. I can so appreciate a perfect day, in the 70s, especially as a biker....Blue Sky, Temps just right to wear a sweat-



shirt (my new ABATE Sweatshirt but of course), some music and back roads, need I explain.

I took off by myself on some back roads Led Zeppelin on the radio then "Blue Sky" by the Allman Brothers, it felt good, I wanted to keep on riding. My mind is clear and then I think, how can people not ride a Motorcycle, how can you go through life not feeling that feeling that you really cannot explain to people unless they enjoy it also. You all know exactly what I am saying!!!

I think how there are so many stereotypical opinions whether it be from law enforcement to your average "Joe" of motorcyclists. I think about laws and rights as a Motorcyclist and how each State is so different, then I say to myself I am glad I am an ABATE member supporting our rights and safety. It is so important to

get the word out, to get people to pay attention, to open there eyes, to make sure you see everything and everybody around you when driving, it feels good to help make a difference, in some shape or form! Just being a part of ABATE is a great thing!

Okay so after that, I just stopped thinking, I smiled, hit the throttle and off to enjoy the smooth paved, curvey road ahead! Its something you can so enjoy with a group or just by yourself! My grin so big anyone looking at me knew I was in a "State of Mind"! You dig what I am saying!!!!

Anyway, just a reminder for October 3rd, Breakfast Ride to Hampton Bays! Meet at Exit 63 Park n Ride at 8:30 am with kick stands up at 9:00. Back roads through Manorville, Riverhead, Flanders, Hampton Bays!

One last thing, at our last meeting, I have to say I was honored to be a part of ABATE! Bill Quinn (Treasurer) did such a great job in honoring Veterans with money we made at the Veterans Run. I just want to say to all of our Veterans, past, present and future, THANK YOU for doing what you do for us!

Doreen President, VP



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The Amvets Hall (map on page 2)

**115 Church St. Ronkonkoma, NY** October 24th Officers Meeting 7pm

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