

ABATE membership meeting 11-10-09 at the Riverhead Elks

45 members present. Heroes, salads. coffee and cake served.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence

Presentation of the American Flag and POW Flag to Riverhead Elks in appreciation for all they have done for ABATE.

Old Business

Vets Rock Concert , 10/2, was put on by Brookhaven Town for veterans. LI ABATE was invited to participate and sponsored the Molly Hatchet Band. LI ABATE had great exposure throughout the concert, including frequent mention by the Molly Hatchet Band.

Bus Trips: ABATE recently sponsored 2 bus trips, one to the Skynyrd concert and one to the Charlie Daniels / Marshall Tucker concert at Westbury. A GREAT time was had by all who attended. Thank you to John and Anthony for the party bus. Any ideas for future party bus trips, please let us know.

St. Mary's Food and Toy Run: An unbelievable 1100+ bikes were in attendance with a line over 3 miles long!! In addition to all of the food and toys that were on individual bikes, we filled up 2 pick-up trucks and collected over \$3200 in donations. Thank you to all who attended and opened your hearts to those in need. Thank you to Joe, our vice-president and committee chairperson, for a job well done.

Radio Commercial: ABATE has recently aired a 60 second radio commercial on WRCN and B103 telling about our mission and encouraging new membership. The last 5 seconds of the commercial contain a voice-over from various ABATE supporters in the political, law enforcement and entertainment fields. A special thank you to Rich Rossi of specialized insurance who paid for ABATE's airtime. Listen for future radio commercials and Public Service Announcements.

Full Throttle continues to give LI ABATE exposure with a half- page article regarding ABATE's meeting with Chief Cuff, the new Chief of Patrol.

It has come to the attention of ABATE that the Suffolk County Police have filed a new application for grant money which will be used for motorcycle safety. For example, the police will speak to various motorcycle organizations regarding motorcycle safety.

2010 meeting dates: As a result of polls taken at membership meetings throughout the year, LI ABATE will alternate meetings in 2010 between Riverhead and Ronkonkoma. All meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Check the newsletter and website for meeting locations.

Officer Reports

Joe (vice-president): If you get a green card in the mail from insurance companies regarding a \$2000 ABATE member coverage, do not fill out. This information is for solicitation purposes only. As a member of ABATE you automatically have this additional motorcycle accident coverage.

Karen (membership): We are currently having a membership drive. Every current ABATE member who signs up a new member will receive a \$5 voucher good for current member's renewal. We also have holiday gift certificates available. The more members we have in our organization, the more successful we will be.

Raybud (newsletter editor / webmaster): Holiday Party will be 12/12 at the Black Rock Tavern. ABATE members are free, non-members \$10.

Ski (chaplin): 12/20 Christmas celebration at Rushing Winds Biker Church. There will be a Christmas play, biker style. Refreshments will be served.

Bill (treasurer): LI ABATE gave away \$9200 to various veteran's and children's charities so far this year.

NOMINATIONS: (second time)

President: Jim Barr (previously nominated, accepted)

Vice-President: Joe Biloti (previously nominated, accepted)

Treasurer: Bill Quinn (previously nominated, accepted)

Secretary: Roseann Barr (previously nominated, accepted)

Membership: Karen Hartman (accepted)

Legislative Liason: Terry Flanagan (accepted)

Sargeant at Arms: Jim Coon (previously nominated, accepted)

Bob Laub (accepted)

Motion to cast one ballot for each uncontested nominee (seconded and accepted).

Jim Coon won the position of Sargeant at Arms after membership vote.

Volunteers accepted for various appointed positions.

Motion to adjourn (seconded and accepted), meeting adjourned 10:20.