

ABATE membership meeting 2-9-10 at the AMVETS in Ronkonkoma

34 members present. Heroes, salads, coffee and soda served.

Meeting began 7:37 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business

Bus Trip to BB King's : All who attended had a great time and Doug Gray of the Marshall Tucker Band gave LI ABATE an honorable mention multiple times.

In the future a deposit will be required for ticket reservations. Those who reserved tickets but decided not to attend cost our chapter \$300.

New Business

State Seminar: ABATE of NY hosted a state seminar January 22 – 24 in Owego, NY. Six officers from the Long Island Chapter attended for training and networking.

Javits Center: This year the ABATE booth was organized by Tanya Cruise, our local regional coordinator. Tanya is working diligently to include sport bikes in ABATE. Due to her efforts, 2 new ABATE chapters in Brooklyn and Manhattan were started in January.

Dedicated Fund for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness: Jim proposed a dedicated fund for the purpose of promoting motorcycle safety and awareness through billboards, road signs, radio advertisements, bumper stickers, etc. Donations will be sought from individuals, politicians and businesses. Bill (Treasurer): Proposed to open a separate account for purpose. **Motion 2:10 to authorize Bill to open a separate checking account for dedicated funds for motorcycle safety / awareness (seconded). All in favor.** Raybud donated \$100 and Stavros donated \$50 to this newly established account. **Motion 3:10 to loan dedicated account \$1000 from LI ABATE's treasury, to be reimbursed at a later date (seconded). All in favor.**

New Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Committee : A diverse committee was formed, which includes Suffolk County Legislator Jack Eddington, Lee and Greg Sheridan from Full Throttle Magazine, Manna Cali and Jim Barr from LI ABATE and Maude from the Brickhouse Brewery. This committee will help to raise money for this dedicated fund and members also offered to co-sponsor LI ABATE's bike blessing, April 11, combining it with a "motorcycle safety season kickoff". A safety seminar will be included prior to an escorted run to the Shrine in Manorville, then to the Brickhouse Brewery in Patchogue.

NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists) meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida 5/7 – 5/9. Registration fee is \$80. If anyone is interested in attending, please see Jim for additional information.

Officer's Reports

Joe (Vice-President): Campout tickets are now available. Campout dates are 8/21 – 8/22. The first 200 tickets are \$25. Additional tickets are \$35. Volunteers are needed for the campout committee. *Those attending do not have to stay overnight.*

Terry (Legislative Liaison): Special elections are coming up in the Town of Brookhaven for Town Council and an Assembly Seat. There are also local town board elections in Southhampton. There is a fundraiser for Legislator Jack Eddington on March 10 @ Cavanaugh's from 5-7pm. Tickets are \$150 each.

Manna (Safety Officer): Pothole reporting call 952-6702 (in Suffolk County) or 1-800-POT HOLE. Additionally to report any road hazards in Brookhaven Town, call 654-TOWN

Lee (Distribution Officer): Flyers available for our March 21 Chili Run and Party at Finnegan's Wake in Jamesport. Bring your best chili for our chili contest (\$100 gift certificate for first prize).

Tina (Products): For those that ordered additional St. Mary's Food and Toy Run shirts, they are now available.

Raybud (newsletter editor / webmaster) *Special thank you to Raybud, and Christine, for putting together our special edition February newsletter highlighting LI ABATE events in 2009.* If any member wants to submit an article about a motorcycle experience or trip, please contact Raybud.

Ski (Chaplin): Bands will be playing 2/28 at the Rushing Winds Biker Church in Middle Island. Also an Easter morning sunrise bike run is planned. For more information go to their website: RushingWindsBikerChurchLI.org

Discussion

ABATE of NY Freedom Rally: to Albany, 5/17. Information to follow.

Long Island Southern Jam: 5/22, concert to include benefit to LI ABATE. See website LISouthernJam.com

Motion to adjourn (seconded). Meeting adjourned 9:13.