

ABATE membership meeting 3-13-12 at the Riverhead Elks

7:38 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance; Moment of silence

Welcome new members John (Ronkonkoma) and Bill (Centereach). *Thank you to Bill, who is the activities director for LI HOG. They changed one of their scheduled runs in order to attend and support LI ABATE on our upcoming Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run.*

Congratulations to **Jean Saunders** for 20 years in ABATE. We thank her for her active involvement.

### Correspondence

Thank you letters were read from the following organizations conveying their appreciation for the donations given to them from our Veterans Run: Vietnam Veterans of America, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Northport, US Veterans MA, Long Island

### New Business

**Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run**, April 15 at the H. Lee Dennison Building, Hauppauge. Pre-registration flyers are out. We encourage riders to pre-register to receive a \$5 rider discount and a \$5 passenger discount. Pre-registration also expedites admission into the run. **Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone**, who is a co-sponsor of this event, will also be in attendance at the run. **Lee from Full Throttle Magazine**, also a co-sponsor, has met with WRCN who will be set up and playing music at the Dennison Building. WRCN will sponsor the run with radio commercials. *Thank you to the **Riders of Fire** for rescheduling their bike blessing to free up the April 15<sup>th</sup> date for this event.*

**Lawn signs** are now available. Voluntary donations are accepted to offset the purchase of additional signs.

**LI ABATE Handbook** advertising is going strong. (Advertising rates are \$50 for a business card ad, 3 business cards per page, or \$100 for a full page ad.) We are

anticipating approximately 40 pages. The deadline for sales is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Handbooks will be distributed at the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run.

**Chili Run**, March 25. We will meet at the Riverhead Elks from 10:00-11:30, then ride to Finnigan's Wake in Jamesport for a chili contest.

**NYS Senator John Flanagan's** office reached out to LI ABATE to further discuss the issue of the NY State Troopers performing motorcycle only roadblocks. A meeting has been scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>. (This issue was brought up by LI ABATE at Senator Flanagan's recent town hall meeting.)

A few LI ABATE board members met at **Senator Lee Zeldin's** office, asking for his assistance with the matter of NY State Troopers motorcycle only roadblocks. Board members discussed the model in Suffolk County, to use grant money for education and awareness, as an alternative for implementation on a state level.

LI ABATE has also reached out to **Assemblyman Dan LoSquadro** to discuss motorcyclist concerns and legislation. *We wish to extend our thanks to Assemblyman LoSquadro for interceding on the motorcyclist's behalf at assembly committee meetings.*

**Federal H.R. 904**, proposed legislation, prohibits grant money to be used for the purpose of motorcycle only checkpoints. LI ABATE will reach out to **Congressman Bishop**, who is on the transportation committee, to try and stop this funding.

**Lynyrd Skynyrd Concert 7/8 @ Westbury.** LI ABATE purchased 50 tickets (sold out) to this show. There will be a hospitality tent in the parking lot before the show. LI ABATE is profiting \$6 per ticket.

**Travis Tritt Concert 7/27 @ Westbury.** LI ABATE has purchased 20 tickets for this show. Contact LI ABATE for ticket information or purchase.

**NCOM** (National Coalition of Motorcycles), 5/10-5/13, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Motorcyclists working *together* for the benefit of the motorcycle community.

**Beast of the East, MRF 4/13-4/15, Atlanta, Georgia**

**Bikers Inside the Beltway, MRF 5/17 Washington D.C.**

## **NYS ABATE Freedom Rally, Monday 5/21**

### Officer's Reports

Bill/Treasurer discussed receiving a community grant of \$2000, which was initiated last year by retired **Suffolk County Legislator Jack Eddington**. This grant was used for reimbursement for our highway road signs and cablevision motorcycle awareness spots.

WayneO./Co-Road Captain asked if anyone was is interested in volunteering to be a road guard on our runs, please contact him.

Kim/Membership said membership is up to the 600 mark. If any member is having a problem, such as not receiving a newsletter, membership card, etc., please let her know.

Ski/Chaplin Rushing Wind Biker Church will perform a blessing for each motorcycle at the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run. April 8<sup>th</sup> will be the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Easter Sunrise Ride to Smithpoint Beach. There will be a service at the beach. Please contact Ski for more information. On 6/23 there will be a "downed biker run", proceeds to go to a fund for injured motorcyclists.

LI ABATE member **Kathy Pfeile** suggests contacting commissioners from local fire departments for permission to use their signs to post our message "Look twice, save a life, watch for motorcycles" during the month of May.

**Motion 5-2012: Motion to adjourn. (seconded)** Meeting adjourned 9:28.