

ABATE membership meeting 3-9-10 at the Riverhead Elks

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

Meeting began 7:40 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business

3/21 Chili Run and party @ Finnegan's Wake in Jamesport. Prizes awarded in our chili contest.

4/11 Bike Blessing: The "Share the Road Run", a motorcycle safety and awareness campaign, will be combined with our bike blessing. Sign up and blessing will be from 9 – 12 at the H. Lee Dennison Building in Hauppauge. A safety seminar will begin at 11:00. Presenters will include SCPD, On The Road Again Motorcycle School, and New Beginnings Head Trauma. An escorted run to the Brickhouse Brewery will follow.

5/15 Wounded Warrior Run will be leaving out of Bald Hill. ABATE will set up a booth to sign up new members and to pass out literature.

5/17 NYS ABATE Freedom Rally: Ride to the Capitol in Albany where we will have the opportunity to converge on the Capitol steps, hear guest speakers then meet with individual politicians to lobby for motorcycle issues. This is an important event in our efforts to fight for motorcycle rights.

3/19 Governor's Traffic and Safety Board Meeting in Albany: Jim, our president, was invited to attend to offer input on how this board and NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles could promote motorcycle awareness. At last Suffolk County Traffic and Safety Board Meeting, Manna, our safety officer, suggested airing a "Share the Road" commercial on the monitors in DMV.

6/6 NASCAR Race at Pocono Speedway: A ride to Pocono is being put together by an ABATE member, Phil. LI ABATE is not sponsoring this ride but would encourage members to participate as a social event. Tickets to the race as well as pre-race activities and tailgate party will be included in cost.

7/24 Ride to Nick's Waterfall House: Come take a ride to upstate NY, interact with members from other ABATE chapters, enjoy BBQ and beautiful mountain riding. Campgrounds nearby for those who wish to stay overnight.

Officer's Reports

Joe (Vice-President) advised members **not** to fill out insurance cards received in the mail detailing a \$2000 ABATE accident benefit. These cards are used for solicitation purposes only. All current ABATE members automatically receive this benefit. Joe also asks for **reliable** volunteers to help at LI ABATE events, including upcoming bike runs, campout, ABATE booths, etc. If you can help, please sign up at any ABATE meeting or e-mail us with your name and phone number. Campout tickets are now available. Contact Joe to purchase your tickets (the first 100 sold are only \$25 each!)

Karen (Membership) reports that 5 new members signed up at tonight's meeting!

Manna (Safety Officer) is optimistic about increased motorcycle safety and safer road conditions due to feedback from her attendance at the Suffolk County Traffic and Safety Board. Remember, please call local towns to report potholes and excessive sand on the road. In Brookhaven the highway superintendent's # is 732 – 3571. To report potholes on state roads, the # is 1 – 800 – POTHOLE.

Steve (Road Captain) asks for volunteers to be road guards during our runs. Please contact Steve if interested.

Bill (Treasurer) is also our chairperson for the Veterans run 6/13. He asks for volunteers specifically for this run. Please help to make this event a great success for our Veterans. All proceeds from this run will go directly to our Veterans.

Next meeting will be 4/13 @ AmVets in Ronkonkoma.

Motion to Adjourn (seconded). Meeting adjourned @ 9:06