

ABATE membership meeting 6-8-10 at the Am Vets, Ronkonkoma

38 members present. Heroes / salads served.

Meeting began 7:37 with the Pledge of Allegiance. *Jim was in Tennessee and was not present for this meeting. Meeting was run by Vice President, Doreen Pesce.*

Old Business

Freedom Rally 5/17: Members from Long Island ABATE were able to meet with Senator LaValle, and representatives for Senator Flannaghan and Thiele, to discuss current motorcycle legislation and continued motorcycle issues. Senator LaValle also brought up the recent discord in Port Jefferson and stated he will set up a meeting with Port Jefferson officials and Long Island ABATE to establish a relationship with newly elected officials and further discuss motorcycle concerns in Port Jefferson. Members from Long Island ABATE also attended the Governor's Traffic and Safety Board meeting in Albany. Included in our discussion was ABATE's hope to get a motorcycle safety and awareness course included in all automobile pre-licensing courses.

6/13 Veterans Run: Bill Quinn, our treasurer and committee chairperson for this run stated "We (ABATE) fight for motorcycle safety and freedom, but we wouldn't have any freedoms if it weren't for our Veterans". Bill was able to get a grant from a private foundation that will match all money raised on this run for our veterans. There will be an opening ceremony at the Riverhead County Center (sign up location) and additional ceremony on the Village Green in Montauk. Suffolk County Legislators Eddington, Romaine and Schneiderman will speak. There will be one United States Marine saluting as we ride over the bridge in Sag Harbor, which was named for Jordan Hurtner who gave up his life in Iraq for our country.

7/24 Ride to Nick's Waterfall House in the Catskills, where we can meet with other local ABATE chapters, enjoy music, food and great riding for the day. The nearby Blackthorne Resort is one location available for those choosing to stay overnight.

8/21, 8/22 Campout at Cathedral Pines is currently being planned. We are looking for volunteers to get sponsors for this event. *Jack from Deadwood Choppers will be sponsoring our bike show.* Lex Grey and the Urban Pioneers will be playing. Tickets are now available at ABATE chapter meetings or call the LIABATE hotline.

New Business

ABATE of NY State Board Meeting: Each chapter was asked to bring two motions that were made at the last state board meeting to our membership. These motions were initiated due to ABATE of NY's financial hardship. **Motion to cease chapter incentive programs.** Each member's dues money is sent to the state. If a representative from each chapter attends 3/4 of the state board meetings in Binghamton, \$5 per member will be reimbursed to that chapter. *By a show of hands, no members present were in favor of this motion.* **Motion to raise membership dues from \$25 to \$30.** *After discussions and alternate suggestions, approval for this motion appears to be split.*

Suffolk County Legislator Jack Eddington has initiated the application for a grant in the amount of \$1,000 to be used for motorcycle safety and awareness.

Raybud (newsletter editor/webmaster) reported that Deadwood Choppers has built a motorcycle that is being raffled off to raise money for the Victory Junction Camp. This camp is for children with cancer who will have the opportunity to enjoy some time just being kids at no cost to their families. This camp is run by NASCAR's Petty family. All proceeds from this raffle will go to Victory Junction. Kyle Petty signed the gas tank and amongst other stickers on the gas tank is one from Long Island ABATE! Go to www.forthecamp.com to purchase raffles (\$20 each or 3 for \$50).

Kim (products) reported that \$700 worth of ABATE products were sold at the Long Island Southern Jam concert. She also reports that ladies Long Island ABATE tank tops are now available.

Ski (chaplin) encourages anyone to visit the Rushing Winds Biker Church and is grateful for the exposure his church received in Newsday, Sunday 6/6 edition.

Motion to adjourn (seconded). Meeting adjourned at 8:14.