

ABATE membership meeting 7-10-12 at the Riverhead Elks

7:47 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance; Moment of silence

Welcome new members / guests: **Al, Todd** (new member LIRides.com), **Mark** (VP I Don't Know MC), **Chris** (past member, looks forward to helping out), **Christine** (visiting member from Onondaga Chapter).

Old Business:

Federal Highway Bill H.R.7 passed through Congress. MRF lobbied for language in this bill to prohibit the use of government funding for motorcycle only roadblocks. Representative Sensenbrenner submitted this language to committee, however it was not adopted in this bill. This was our best chance to stop these roadblocks on a national level. LI ABATE will continue to lobby local and state legislators.

SCPD utilized a portion of their motorcycle safety and awareness grant money to come to our last membership meeting and speak to us regarding current standards and violations. They did state that they would continue to enforce violations for illegal helmets, exhaust and handlebars. Last weekend (7/7, 7/8) appears to have been a statewide enforcement, with riders violating these standards being ticketed. *Anyone who was pulled over without probable cause, please let us know.*

7/8 Lynyrd Skynyrd Concert @ Westbury: 50 tickets ordered / sold out. There was an additional \$5 per ticket charge to provide hospitality tent before the show. Everyone had a great time!

7/27 Travis Tritt Concert @ Westbury: 20 tickets ordered, again a hospitality tent will be set up in the parking lot.

7/28 Greene County ABATE Pig Roast: There will be many LI ABATE members riding upstate to this event. We will be meeting 8:00am at the exit 63 Park and Ride. We will be riding through the Catskills and have lunch at Nick's Waterfall House. The Pig Roast starts at 5pm at the Blackthorne Resort. There is a \$15 charge per person.

9/2 Marshall Tucker Concert @ Westbury: 30 tickets were purchased. This will be a bus trip with food and drinks available on the bus. We will also have a meet and greet with the band. *Please e-mail Jim at LongIslandABATE@aol.com if you are interested in tickets for this event.*

9/9 Charlie Daniels Concert @ Westbury: *Again, please e-mail Jim if you are interested.*

Motion 11-2012: Motion to accept membership meeting minutes as printed in the June newsletter. (seconded) All in favor.

Meeting location: The Am Vets, Ronkonkoma will be moving in September. A new proposed meeting location for even numbered months is Bruno's in Ronkonkoma (they have a separate meeting room which is not part of the bar). **Motion 12-2012: Motion to have even numbered months meetings at Bruno's. (seconded) All in favor. (start date to be determined)**

****The August membership meeting will still be at the AM Vets, Ronkonkoma****

If anyone is aware of any red lights that are not sensitive to motorcycles, please call 888-LIABATE and identify intersection. Members from LI ABATE attend Traffic Safety Board Meetings monthly, and they will address this issue immediately when brought to their attention.

Officer's Reports

Bill / Treasurer reports that our treasury is in good shape. Bill also apologized for voicing his objection at the way Lynyrd Skynyrd displayed the American Flag (which was knotted around the microphone). *Bill, no apology necessary.* It was also stated that the ABATE booth at Marty Dick's fundraiser raised an additional \$400 from a raffle.

Stavros / Vice-President asked for volunteers for our campout. Campout tickets are now available. Tickets are \$35 each and include food, music (Pamela Betty), camping fees, bike games, etc. Ski will be holding a service Sunday morning.

Wayne / Vice President expressed his appreciation over the relationship HOG has developed with ABATE. He also stated that a driver's education program contacted LI ABATE to provide a motorcycle safety course within their program. NYSDOT and the Governor's Traffic Safety Board are very interested in the motorcycle awareness program Wayne and Gina have been presenting in area high schools. Our hope is to set up a model for the state.

Wayne O./ Road Captain spoke of the Mystery Card Run which will be 7/21. The run starts at Cliff's Elbow Too in Laurel. Sign up is from 5-6pm. Wayne is looking for volunteers to be stationed at each stop.

Ski / Chaplin spoke of the "coffee house" which is held from 7 – 10:30 on the last Saturday of each month at the Rushing Wind Biker Church. This is a great event for anyone who wants to socialize outside of the bar environment.

Nancy / photographer discussed a recent conversation she had with someone who still perceives ABATE to be solely focused on the helmet law. She volunteered to write an article about ABATE, describing our purpose, and submit this article to Full Throttle Magazine.

Motion 13-2012: Motion to adjourn. (seconded) All in favor. Meeting adjourned 9:26