

ABATE membership meeting 7-13-10 at the Riverhead Elks

45 members present. Heroes / salads served.

Meeting began 7:39 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business

Veterans Run: Although we did not have as many people show up as we had hoped, this run was a success thanks to the generosity of those who attended. We were able to raise \$3000. Bill Quinn, treasurer and Veterans Run chairperson, was able to find a foundation willing to match this amount, raising the total amount to \$6000, which will be donated in its entirety to various veterans organizations. Three Suffolk County Legislators, Eddington, Romaine and Schneiderman were present at this event and LI ABATE appreciates their participation and support. *Bill read a thank you letter from Mary Langhorn in memory of her son Garfield Langhorn who sacrificed his life in Vietnam to save his comrades. A flag was given to Mary Langhorn at the Veterans Run service to honor her son. It was also mentioned that the Riverhead Post Office will be named after PFC Garfield Langhorn.*

Governor's Traffic Safety Board / DMV: LI ABATE continues to attend monthly Suffolk County Traffic Safety Board meetings, where we were able to make contacts with representatives from the Governor's Traffic Safety Board and Department of Motor Vehicles. One of the responsibilities of the GTSB is to make motorcycle riding safer in NYS. GTSB recognizes that this is ABATE's goal as well and has implemented some ideas proposed by ABATE members along with disseminating information through ABATE. The GTSB funded a radio public service announcement to be aired during the summer riding season. LI ABATE is looking for sponsors to air this PSA more often.

Liter Removal Signs are in place and positive feedback has been provided for their visibility. The sign on the Northern State Pkwy. will be moved in effort to get additional exposure. New location to follow.

Deadwood Choppers have generously built a custom motorcycle to be raffled off. Proceeds to benefit the Victory Junction Camp for children with cancer. (This camp is run by NASCAR's Petty family.) Each person who participated in the building of this motorcycle put a memento on the bike. Raybud put a LI ABATE sticker which was sealed on the gas tank, along with other stickers in NASCAR fashion. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 3 / \$50 and are available at Deadwoodchoppersny.com and www.forthecamp.com. Raffle will be held at the 8/1 NASCAR race at Pocono.

7/24 Nick's Waterfall Run in the Catskills. BBQ at Nick's and great upstate riding.

7/31 Evening Mystery Card Run Starting point is at Lighthouse Harley and ends at the Black Rock Tavern.

8/1 Queensboro 100th Anniversary Rodeo

8/21 and 8/22 LI ABATE Campout: Tickets are \$35 each and include all events, live bands (Lex Grey will be back), food and camping fees. Jack from Deadwood Choppers will be judging the bike show, Cheryl's tattoo will be judging the tattoo contest and Ski from the Rushing Winds Biker Church, will be leading a Sunday morning service. Call hotline for tickets. We are seeking sponsors @ \$200. Sponsor signs will be visibly positioned on the field.

New Business

ABATE member Kathy Pfeil has proposed running motorcycle safety courses as a community service to be hosted at local fire departments. Kathy is also an instructor for the motor vehicle defensive driving course, where she would also like to include motorcycle safety as part of this course. A discussion ensued on other ways we could offer this course within our communities and schools.

Terry Flanagan (legislative coordinator) suggested that ABATE put forth a motorcycle safety and awareness program which we can advocate for at our next Freedom Rally. If all ABATE chapters back this *one* item, we may be able to advance our cause and gain credibility as well.

Women In the Wind: LI ABATE Vice President, Doreen Pesce, is also the current President of the local chapter of Women In the Wind. Her chapter recently hosted a national Women In the Wind event in Newburg, NY. This was the largest national in Women In the Wind history. Congratulations Doreen, who said it was a lot of work, but also a lot of fun.

Motion to adjourn (seconded). All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:24