

ABATE membership meeting 7-14-09 at the Riverhead Elks

33 members present, heroes/salads served, ABATE products available

7:43 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business

Television commercial: the final seconds of the ABATE television commercial are being completed. The funding to air this commercial on cable tv will be coming through the Sheriff's Department for the month of August.

ABATE Proclamation: Sheriff DeMarco held a press conference and presented ABATE of Long Island with a proclamation for promoting motorcycle safety and awareness. The Suffolk County public relations office published this press release, which went out to over 11,000 Suffolk County employees, giving ABATE additional exposure.

Legislator Jack Eddington is very publically speaking for motorcycle rights. He wrote a letter to the Commissioner of DPW asking for a study to be done on county roadways to determine which roadways present higher risk to motorcycles so that "Share the Road " signs could be posted there. (Suffolk County Traffic Safety Board says there are federal regulations in order to post traffic signs.) If anyone sees these signs posted, please bring it to our attention.

Marshall Tucker concert: ABATE continues to seek a venue for this event. Thank you for the suggestions made. ABATE will follow up on any suggestions.

Charlie Daniels concert tickets are now available through ABATE at \$100 each. (This includes admission to the show in rows 2, 3, and 4, party bus ride to and from Westbury and food.) The concert is October 23. There are only 30 tickets available to ABATE members on a first pay, first served basis.

Port Jefferson Parking: The candidates for mayor and the trustees that supported ABATE did not win their elections. Once the new board takes office, ABATE will attend board meetings and introduce ourselves, hoping to build a working relationship with these new officials. Jim has been in contact with the

Brookhaven Town Supervisor's office and the local council representative, Steve Fiore Rosenfeld, to work out a mutually acceptable agreement regarding parking fees.

New Business

WMIR: Ed Turner, operator of this radio station has offered to promote ABATE and advertise ABATE events. Tune in to WMIR 100.9 FM and WMIR 1009.com. Thank you Ed.

1st Annual Motorcycle Shop and Swap Meet unfortunately has been cancelled for this year. We thank Steve for all of his efforts in obtaining sponsors for this show. (All money will be returned.)

Legislator Jack Eddington has written a letter to Police Commissioner Dormer regarding the motorcycle stops that continue to occur. He stated it was previously understood that these illegal motorcycle stops would not occur. He further states that he would like to ride along next time there is a motorcycle stop, so he could determine that the Police Department is abiding by the agreement reached previously.

Frank Pace Jr. Foundation Inc. Jim read a letter from the Frank Pace Jr. Foundation Inc, telling of a \$2500 contribution they were making to the Long Island Chapter of ABATE. Our treasurer, Bill Quinn, was instrumental in getting this contribution (which will be added to the total money raised from our Veterans Run).

Great South Bay Music Festival: ABATE had a booth at this festival. A lot of interest in expressed in ABATE and new members were signed up. A special thank you to Joe Bilotti for covering this booth each day, all day.

Officer's / Committee Reports

Michael (vice president /campout chairperson) Our 5th annual campout is 8/22 and 8/23. 245 tickets already sold. ABATE is looking for sponsors for the campout.

Bill (treasurer / co-chair Veterans Run) ABATE netted \$2500 + contribution of \$2500 to make \$5000 for our veterans. Bill thanks everyone who helped out on this run.

Manna (safety officer) approximately 40 red light intersections were reported that were not sensitive to motorcycles. Please continue to let Manna know if you come across additional lights that are not working especially since red light cameras are being implemented. Also to report pot holes, call 1-800-POTHOLE or 952-6702 for pot holes on state roads. Manna is offering a "skills day" for experienced motorcycle riders through On The Road Again Motorcycle School. The cost is \$20 for ABATE members and will consist of 12 riders to 2 instructors for a 3-4 hour class.

Ski (chaplin) reminds us that Rushing Winds Biker Church has services Sunday @ 5:30 for anyone who wishes to attend. For more information, please contact Ski.

Marty (sergeant at arms) asks if anyone is interested in helping with security at our campout, please let him know.

Karen (membership) reports 20 new members signed up this month.

Thank you to Raybud for his dedication and hard work on our website. Anyone who uses this website, please sign our guestbook.

Motion to adjourn (seconded). Meeting ended at 9:29.