

ABATE membership meeting 9-11-12 at the Riverhead Elks

7:50 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance; Moment of silence

August newsletter was cancelled. Please pay close attention to the September newsletter for meeting locations for the remainder of the year:

October meeting (10/9) will be held at the Centereach VFW Hall, Horseblock Road, Centereach. Bill Quinn, chairperson of the Veterans Run will be distributing the \$21,000 raised to various veterans organizations. We will be having a dinner at this meeting as well.

November meeting (11/13) will be held at the Riverhead Elks.

December meeting has been cancelled. We are having our holiday party the previous Saturday night (12/8) at the Brickhouse Brewery. This party is free to all ABATE members.

Old Business

LI ABATE Campout: While the weather was challenging early Saturday, the remainder of the day was beautiful and everyone had a great time. We extend our gratitude to **all** those who helped out with this event, including: **Tracey** and **Morgan**, who did all of the cooking; **Bikers for Christ MC** for serving the food, and **Ski and the Rushing Wind Biker Church** for the Sunday morning service. *Although our campout went great, there were a few incidents with some campers who decided to come a night early. These incidents jeopardized this year's campout as well as any future campouts ABATE may have and must be addressed.*

LI ABATE's first family picnic was held Sunday, 8/19, at Southhaven Park. This picnic was free to all ABATE members and their families. **Jean** and **Night Train** donated bouncers for this event and the kids had a great time!

Past Concerts: LI ABATE purchased group tickets to Lynyrd Skynyrd, Travis Tritt, Marshall Tucker and Charlie Daniels. A \$6 charge was added to each ticket to purchase food / drinks for a tailgating party prior to the show. A great time was had by all at each show.

9/27 Shriner's Hospital for Children Benefit at the Mediterranean Manor, Patchogue. Tickets are \$50 and include dinner, beer, wine and soda. Raffles and Auctions will be held.

September Treasure Hunt Run has been cancelled. We attempted to replace this run with a ride to the Nordic Lodge, Rhode Island, however did not meet our 20 person requirement, therefore this ride was also cancelled.

11/4 St. Mary's Food and Toy Run: We will be meeting at the Riverhead Elks and riding to St. Mary's Church, Hampton Bays. This run is free to those donating non-perishable food or toys. *Please no stuffed animals, as many of the children live in group homes where stuffed toys are not permitted.* We thank **HOG** for making this run their official run for the month of November.

2013 LI ABATE Handbook is in the works. The 2012 handbook was our first attempt and yielded a large profit for our organization. For 2013, we hope to include more motorcycle information and events. Advertising rates are \$50 for a business card ad and \$100 for a full page ad. (Submissions must be art ready. There will be an additional set-up charge if needed.)

Nominations for 2013 Officers of LI ABATE will be held at the October and November meetings. Members must be present to be nominated. Elections will take place at our November meeting.

Officer's Reports

Bill / Treasurer: reports that our treasury remains in great shape. Bill also reports of his recent attendance at a HOG meeting and was very impressed with their membership turnout. He appreciates the support HOG has given to LI ABATE. Everyone who knows Bill knows that he is dedicated to our Veterans. He stated that "Every Veteran is entitled to be buried with military honors" and spoke again of the NOA (No one in attendance) service held the second Wednesday of each month at Calverton National Cemetery. Bill passionately urges people to attend and stand in a flag line. *You do not have to be a Patriot Guard Rider to attend.* The ceremony starts at 10:00am. (Group meets prior to the ceremony at the rest area behind the administration bldg.) Additionally, if anyone is interested, they can get information about the Patriot Guard Riders at PGRNY.org.

Kim / Membership: reports that our membership is slipping and urges members to have their family / friends renew or join.

Wayne / Vice-President: 9/29 Charity Motorcycle Ride and Party for Pallister Killian Syndrome. Start/end location is at Eastern Athletics 9A Montauk Hwy, Bluepoint, NY. Registration 9:30.

Stavros / Vice President: Stavros reported some news bits: from California – EPA wants to keep stock pipes on bikes; gasoline that is 85% gasoline + 15% ethanol is **not** good for motorcycles; discussion about motorcycle insurance, with members urged to check health insurance exclusions (medical costs may not be covered if injured on a motorcycle / spouse may not be covered if riding on back of motorcycle) and motorcycle replacement values. *Rich Rossi of Specialized Insurance has offered to review LI ABATE members' policies to make sure you have adequate coverage.*

9/19 Dean Murray Campaign Cookout

9/23 DDI Walk / Motorcycle Run for Autism, Holtsville Ecology Site

10/21 Bike Run for Autism Registration 9:30 at Police Headquarters, Yaphank / ends at Martha Clara Vineyards, Sound Avenue, Yaphank

10/25 Riverhead Polish Hall, Patriot Guard Riders Night

Gerry / representing Ski (Chaplin): 9/29 at Rushing Wind Biker Church – Coffeehouse

10/3 starting a Wednesday Service, includes soup /sandwich and a short service. Rushing Wind Biker Church welcomes everyone.

11/7 Blood Drive at the church

Motion 16:2012: Motion to adjourn. (seconded) All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:28