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The main purpose of the ABATE organization is to work toward continued freedom of the road by insuring that motorcyclist's point of view is presented to our legislators and to promote motorcycle safety, rider education and awareness. We are trying to alleviate the very real possibility of "Big Brother Government". We encourage all our members to be informed registered voters. We write letters to our elected officials and stay aware of what is going on with motorcycle legislation, education, and other transportation issues. We welcome interested persons to any of our activities or to join our organization.

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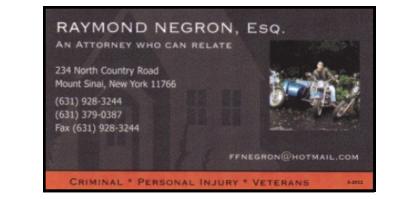
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All general membership meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month There will be no general membership meeting For the month of December In place will be our annual Holiday Party December 14th at The Red River Inn 450 Main St. Yaphank, NY 11980



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UPCOMING EVENTS

ABATE RUNS

December 14th Holiday Party

Red River Inn

If you have an event you would like published on our event calendar, please contact us through the hotline or by e-mail. Submissions must be in no later than the 20th to have posted in the following month.

DECEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 US VETS MC HOLIDAY BASH	7 Guardians of the children Anniv party Toy Drive
8 Who Cares Committee St Chris Toy Run	9	10	11	12	13	14 ABATE HOLIDAY PARTY
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Bikers For Christ Christmas Event
22	23	24	25 Power Movemen MC Christmas Feas Holiday Party	it	27	28
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PRESIDENTS PAGE



This is it, my last article for our chapter! Our chapter as we know it, ABATE of NY Long Island Chapter will cease to exist on January 1st, 2014. It will be replaced by **LONG ISLAND ABATE** <u>INC.</u> We finally have had enough with trying to grow while being held down as a chapter of ABATE of NY. We opened our own local

501 c 3 corporation in September named Long Island ABATE Inc and are now accepting memberships. As of the writing of this article we have almost 300 members already and we are growing fast! I won't go into the specifics here because we have recently mailed a letter to all members explaining the reasons for this as well as the affect it will have on you. The board from 2013 was elected to run the new ABATE for 2014. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. I am very excited about our new organization and we are going to make some big improvements this year! Please reach out to us and volunteer to be a part of our upcoming success.

On November 4th we held a press conference in an attempt to stop the negative publicity of the motorcycle community and try to get some positive press for us. I a very pleased to say that we had a full house of support behind us! Those that stood with LI ABATE are; **Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, Dee Snider of Twisted Sister, Lee & Greg Sheridan of Full Throttle magazine, Fingers of WBAB radio and former Suffolk County Legislator Jack Eddington!** I can't tell you how proud I was to be standing shoulder to shoulder with these people who all delivered the same message which was that the motorcycle community is a great group of people who continuously do positive things to improve Long Island and asked the motorcyclists to ride responsibly so that the police are not forced to crack down on all of us as a result. Thank you very much to our special guests and all the motorcyclists that came out to show their support! Full Throttle magazine has posted a video of the press conference on you tube. You can view it on Full Throttles website, our website or at this address -<u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oPt_8bNbBrM</u>

Don't forget about our FREE Holiday party on December 14th at The Red River In! There will be free food, music by Uncle Fester and drink specials. We have decided to cancel our general membership meeting for December due to the busy schedules around the holidays. The next meeting will be January 14th. The meetings will continue to be held at Cathedral Pines on the second Tuesday of the month. We will also continue the tradition of free food before each meeting so come early!

I would like to say thank you very much for the opportunity to be an Officer of our chapter in the past and most especially for the opportunity to remain on while we grow and make a positive difference with OUR NEW LONG ISLAND ABATE INC!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Jim Barr





MEETING MINUTES

as recorded by Roseann Barr

october

ABATE membership meeting 10-8-13 at the Centereach VFW

7:50 Meeting began with the **Marine Corps Veterans of LI Color Guard** leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence and a blessing by **Pastor Ski, of the Rushing Wind Biker Church**.

Thank you to all who cooked or donated food for tonight's dinner. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Todd at LongIslandRides.com, for supplying the dinner rolls for tonight's event, as well as all of the bread and rolls at each of our membership meetings and our campout.

Plaques were given out to those ABATE members who have been with this chapter for 25 years. The recipients were: Ice Cream John, Ron Knatz, Paul Prochilo and AJ Travis, founder and first President of this Chapter.

During the first portion of our meeting, Bill Quinn, treasurer and chairperson of our annual Veterans Appreciation Run disbursed the \$40,000 raised from our 2013 run to local veterans organizations. (Through the generosity of the participants on this run, we were able to raise \$10,000. Bill was able to find three benefactors; Josephine Hennelly, Frank Pace Jr. Foundation, Inc., and Lucille T. and George Stretch Foundation, who each generously matched the amount we raised on this run, giving LIABATE a total of \$40,000 to disburse.) Tom Ronayne, Director of

Suffolk County Veteran Services, joined Bill in the distribution of these funds to the following organizations that support and assist local veterans: VA Medical Center Northport, LI Veterans Home Stony Brook, 911 Veterans Inc., Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 11, Suffolk **County United Veterans Inc., Pa**triot Guard Riders NY Region 9, American Legion Hampton Bays, **Building Homes for Heroes, Blue** Star Moms, Jacob's Light, Centereach VFW, Marine Corps Veterans of LI, Elks Lodge Riverhead, American Legion Riverhead, Marine Corps League Suffolk County Detachment.

A special presentation was made to Bill Quinn for his unending dedication to Veterans. Bill was presented with a certificate, signed by Congressman Bishop, and an American Flag, which was flown over the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. in Bill's honor.

Business portion of meeting began at 8:55

11/3 – St. Mary's Food and Toy Run, leave from Riverhead Elks Lodge

12/14 – Holiday Party @ Red River In, Yaphank, free to all ABATE members and guests. *Thank you to the Red River In for supplying the food and music.*

Please note our anniversary party which was scheduled for 10/19 has been cancelled.



Nominations:

President: no one nominated

1st Vice-President: no one nominated
2nd Vice-President: no one nominated
Treasurer: no one nominated
Secretary: no one nominated
Membership: no one nominated
Sergeant At Arms: no one nominated

Motion 12-2013: Motion to close nominations. (Seconded) All in favor. Nominations for this month have been closed. We will have nominations again at our November membership meeting.

10/12-10/13 **LongIslandRides.com** fall foliage run. Check website for more information.

10/27 **I Don't Know MC** Turkey Run, in conjunction with LI Harvest.

11/10 **HOG** Veterans Run to Stony Brook Veterans Home

11/16 Blood Drive @ Rushing Wind Biker Church

11/24 **Red Knights** Teddy Bear Run to benefit The Kids of Brookhaven Town Interface

Motion 13-2013: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:50.

NOVEMBER

ABATE membership meeting 11-12-13 at the Cathedral Pines Activity Bldg., Middle Island

7:35 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Motion 14-2013: Motion to accept all minutes for 2013. (Seconded) All in favor.

Motion 15-2013: Motion to accept all treasurer reports for 2013. (Seconded) All in favor.

LIABATE held a press conference on November 4 at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Our legislative liaison and former Suffolk County Legislator Jack Eddington suggested we call a press conference in effort to counteract all of the recent negative publicity that motorcyclists have been receiving. Standing alongside LIABATE were Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, Greg and Lee Sheridan from Full Throttle Magazine, Dee Snider from Twisted Sister, and Fingers from WBAB. All of the good the motorcycle community does, including all of the charitable events we organize and attend, was emphasized. We also denounced any type of reckless driving/riding, whether it be in a car or on a motorcycle. The press in attendance included News 12, FIOS

News and Newsday. Unfortunately we did not receive much airtime, and we were very disappointed that Newsday did not choose to cover this story at all. As was stated during our press conference, the negative actions of a handful of motorcyclists was overemphasized in the media, while all of the positive actions that the motorcycle community does is not deemed newsworthy.

Full Throttle Magazine printed a full page article, written by Nancy our public relations officer, along with pictures, in this month's issue. The article was about our recent meeting in which we disbursed \$40,000 to local veteran organizations. We also received mention in the last issue of the **South Shore Press**.

Thank you to all who participated in the St. Mary's Food and Toy Run. Approximately 600 bikes were in attendance. In addition to all of the food and toys that you so generously donated, we were also able to raise almost \$3,000 in cash donations. Because of your generosity, many children and families will have a happier holiday season. Thank you to the **Red Knights MC** and the **Enders MC** for their assistance with road guarding. *St. Mary's Food and Toy Run patches and rockers were available at tonight's meeting.*

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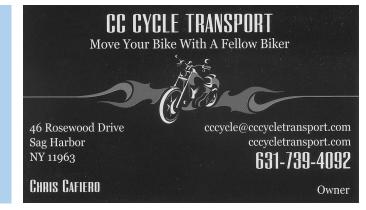
Motion 16-2013: Motion to close nominations. (Seconded) All in favor.

11/16 Blood Drive @ Rushing Wind Biker Church

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Motion 17-2013: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:05.









October 8th was our Veterans Appreciation dinner which was held in conjunction with our general meeting. During this event, LI ABATE distributed \$40,000 directly to local Veterans organizations. Ten thousand of which was raised at our Veterans Appreciation Run held in June. This event is chaired by our treasurer Bill Quinn who was able to secure three private donations to match what was collected. During this event Bill was very deservedly awarded a Certificate of Special Recognition from Congressman Tim Bishop for all his hard work as well as his military service. One of the things we do at the Veterans Run ceremony is distribute flags. Whether it be for a specific conflict, branch of service, or a blue or gold star family, Bill ensures everyone receives a flag. Well, during the dinner, Bill was awarded one. An American flag that was flown over the United States Capitol. This event would not be the success it is without Bill. Thank you Bill and a very deserving

CONGRATULATIONS !



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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Case of large minutes

Someone told me recently they didn't want to join Long Island ABATE because we can't fix the helmet law. ..Speaking for myself, I like wearing a helmet. It saved my head twice when I dropped the bike. It saved my head

with a can was thrown at me, and when rocks flew out of a truck. I have ridden without one and its okay. But I feel like something is missing. And maybe in the non-helmet law states, I might come across as a nerd wearing one I don't know. I got my American Flag and Smile if your Horny stickers on it and trust me, I am grateful at least in those states we have the freedom to choose. ...Honestly, I think here on Long Island we have bigger issues to worry about than the helmet law for the time being. We have the wannabe Mario/Maria Andretti drivers. We have folk's texting and driving, applying makeup and driving, fixing their GPS directions and driving. We have brand new drivers aka my 17 year old daughter (young female drivers do get easily distracted), the "rage in a cage" drivers. Even scarier are the old folks who have onset dementia and/or bad eye sight and still driving. The big trucks with trees, garbage, dirt and junk flying out of them. And even more scarier are the people self medicating themselves with whatever and getting behind the wheel when they shouldn't. (Rest in peace Chris White) .We have killer sunsets and sunrises, but the sun glare is blinding. We got big potholes and hazardous road conditions and now thanks to the idiot motorcyclists, we have crazy-ass drivers who hate motorcyclists just because we are all viewed as idiots who want to beat people up and take over the roadways. We got the media telling about the bad motorcycle stories but nothing about the good motorcycle stories. And forget about the deer and wildlife just waiting to run into a bike.. My opinion about the helmet law in New York is important yes, it took away our right to choose. But right now, Long Island ABATE is about getting the awareness to the drivers to watch out for us. Education to the kids in school who are going to be driving. Training people to be more aware of their surroundings. Advice on proper gear. Getting our roads fixed. And getting the message to the media and general public that most of us are generous, hard working and patriotic people doing good things for our communities . My mission, the reason why I'm with Long Island ABATE, and am so passionate about it, is because I want you, who is reading this story, to make it home safe to your family after riding your motorcycle. Helmet or no helmet. So you ask why join Long Island ABATE. My answer is Why Not?

Ride Safe and Happy and Healthy Holidays

Nancy Gee

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