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**Full Throttle Magazine & Long Island ABATE**  
w/support from Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone  
present

# SUNDAY APRIL 15TH

**3RD ANNUAL**  
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Safety Workshops & Demonstrations by SCPD, NYS Motorcycle Safety Program Schools & others.  
Police Escorted ride to BrickHouse Brewery (Main St. in Patchogue) for: Food, Door Prizes & 50/50... Music by the WRCN Party Van DJ'd by Lee Sheridan & G-Man of Full Throttle Rocks!

Pre-Register at <http://www.longislandabate.org/preregister.html>  
\$15 per rider/\$10 passenger, includes free ride patch - MUST be received by April 12th.  
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**NEXT MEETING DATE IS: TUESDAY APRIL 10, 2012**

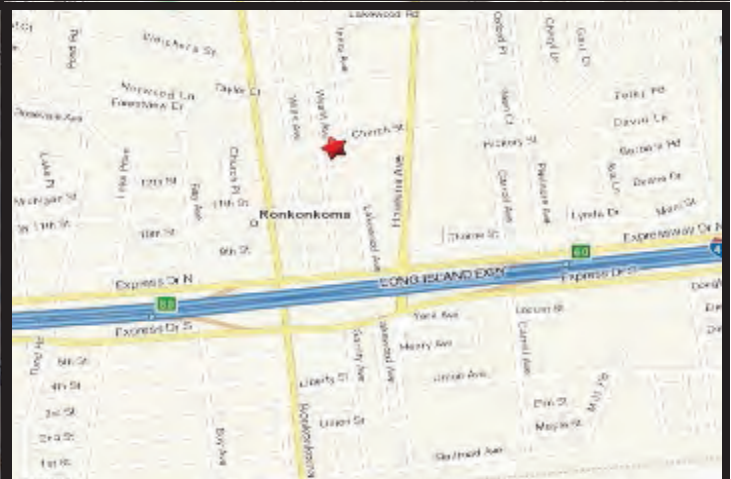
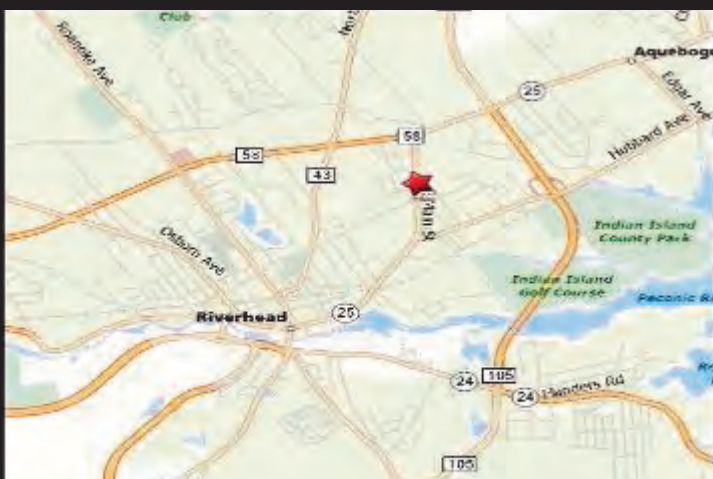
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**DEADLINE FOR MAY 2012 NEWSLETTER IS THE 16TH OF APRIL**

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# LONG ISLAND ABATE

## EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2012

DATE	EVENT	STARTING POINT	DESTINATION
APRIL 15	MOTORCYCLE SAFETY & AWARENESS RUN	DENNISON BLDG HAUPPAUGE	Brickhouse Brewery Main St. Patchogue
MAY 21	FREEDOM RALLY	Birch Hill - 1 Celebration Way Castleton	<a href="http://www.abateny.org/events/2012%20abate_freedom_flyer.pdf">http://www.abateny.org/events/2012%20abate_freedom_flyer.pdf</a>
JUNE 10	VETERANS APPRECIATION	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
JULY 21	MYSTERY CARD RUN	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
JULY 28	GREEN COUNTY PIG ROAST	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
AUG 18-19	LI ABATE CAMPOUT	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
SEPT 23	TREASURE HUNT RUN	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
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### FUTURE MEETING DATES

April 10th - Amvets

May 8th - Elks Lodge

June 12th - Amvets

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## President

I understand that the Chili Run went very well. There were 9 contestants for the chili contest and one even rode out from Brooklyn to enter! Thank you to **Bill Ferraro, President of the Brooklyn Chapter of ABATE** for riding out with some of his members in the lousy weather in order to support our event! Roseann and I apologize for not being able to be there. We were in Albany visiting my Father in the hospital while he was recuperating from surgery. Unfortunately he experienced complications after surgery but I'm happy to report that he is now doing well. Thank you very much for all the kind thoughts and prayers!

I hope that you are able to make it to our next event, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Run in conjunction with our annual Bike Blessing on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. This event is being sponsored by us, **Full Throttle Magazine and Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone**. This is our opportunity to raise money for our Safety & Awareness campaign that we use to fund our road-



side signs and hopefully we will make enough to take out awareness ads on TV and radio. You can preregister for the event and save \$5 each and receive a free run patch as well as priority access to the event through our 'easy pass' gate. Registration is from 9am until 12 noon. Come early and enjoy the music from WRCN as you view the educational displays. There will be coffee and rolls available and access to the restrooms.

We are continuing our quest to meet with as many local, state and federal representatives as possible. This month we have appointments to meet with **State Senator Flanagan and Assemblyman Losquadro**. It is our intent to inform them about ABATE's purpose and to seek their assistance in improving conditions for all motorcyclists. Both of these elected Officials have expressed interest in our cause and we fully expect that they will be willing to work closely with us as we seek to improve our chances out there on the roadways.

Last month we purchased 50 tickets to see **Lynyrd Skynyrd** at Westbury Theater in July. The tickets went immediately and we are currently out of tickets. If you missed out on the chance to buy them you can buy tickets directly from the theater and still join us at our preshow party in the parking lot. Due to the success of this event we have decided to do it again by buying 20 tickets to **Travis Tritt** at Westbury on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Contact us quickly if you would like to attend.

The 2012 ABATE Handbook will be going in for printing by the time you read this. It is a huge success! We have over 70 advertisers and there are still more coming in. Once the book gets out there we are confident that there will be many more advertisers who are going to want to be included in it. Therefore, we will continue to accept ads after the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline and once we have a substantial amount of new ads, we will print another version of the book and distribute them throughout the year. If you or someone you know is interested in advertising, have them contact us before the next printing.

Always remember that LI ABATE is your organization and that we are here as volunteers to try to accomplish what the members want. In order for us to do that, we need your input so please speak up and participate in our meetings and events in order to keep the communication flowing!

**See you soon!**

**Jim Barr**

## Vice President 1

I would like to thank everyone who came out to the Chili Run. Considering the terrible weather we had it was a pretty good turnout, a good time was had by all and some money was raised for our chapter. Thanks to our Judges: Bill from U.S. Veterans MC; Cowboy from Full Throttle Magazine; Bill and John from ABATE Brooklyn Chapter and Danato from the PGR who had to choose from 9 delicious entries. It was a tough job chowing down on all that chili, but they managed to get through it and choose some winners. Karen took 1<sup>st</sup> place, Wood 2<sup>nd</sup> and Donna 3<sup>rd</sup>. Peoples Choice was awarded to Todd from L.I. Rides. He graciously donated back part of his prize which was then auctioned off for LI ABATE which John from the Brooklyn Chapter was the generous winner. Thanks to Finnegan's Wake for once again being our host, it's always a good time at Finnegan's Wake. If you get a chance, stop on by.

The Awareness run is our next event and is coming up quickly, April 15<sup>th</sup>. We encourage everyone to pre-register for this event. It will speed things up

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at the check-in and save you some money too. So check out our website for the pre-registration forms.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting April 10<sup>th</sup> at AM Vets in Ronkonkoma, come on down and see what good things are going on, and at the Awareness Run on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss it!!

--Wayne

## Vice President 2

HELLO TO ALL!

So much for winter. April has arrived and the riding season is here. The chili run turned out pretty good considering the damp day. A big thank you to all that braved the damp and rainy day and to all who worked so hard to make it a success. Like I



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always say the more help the easier it is for everyone. That brings me to our awareness run coming up on April 15. This is for all the marbles, as they say. We will need a lot of help, from registration and parking lot to getting everyone out of the Denison building safely. PLEASE! PLEASE! Come out and help, this is your organization!

I would like to ask the members that I never see at the meetings why? I would like to know what we could do to get more people at the meetings. We have almost 600 members and less 60 show up to meetings. Please e-mail me with any comments or suggestions. I look forward to hearing from you. Ride Safe,

**Stavros**



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# **FREEDOM RALLY**



**“Ride to the Capitol”**



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**And we vote.....**

**If you are concerned about the issues of  
road blocks, illegal search and seizure  
Then you need to attend this event!**

**This is your opportunity to speak directly with the politicians  
Who have the power to make decision that affects our rights.  
Ride to Albany, and make a statement.....**

## **MONDAY, MAY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

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Please support our host by purchasing Continental breakfast or coffee*  
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**Annual  
Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Run  
And Bike Blessing**

**Sunday April 15, 2012**

Sponsored by:  
Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone  
Long Island ABATE  
Full Throttle Magazine

**Pre-Registration Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ABATE Member?**  Yes  No

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**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Join our Mail List:**  Yes  No

**Passenger's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ABATE Member?**  Yes  No

**As a pre-registrant you will receive:**

1. A \$5 discount for both a rider and a passenger
2. A free ticket for the door prize raffles (1 per person listed on this form)
3. LI ABATE's Biker Handbook
4. Either a Run Patch or a 2012 Rocker.

**Pre-Registration prices :**

**Rider (Select One):** Run Patch \_\_\_\_\_ 2012 Rocker \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase additional Patches or Rockers:

Please specify quantity - Run Patch (\$5 each) \_\_\_\_\_ Rocker (\$3 each) \_\_\_\_\_

**Rider \$15 and Passenger \$10**                      **Total Price Included \$** \_\_\_\_\_

\* Prices after April 11, 2012 and day of event: Rider \$20 and Passenger \$15

Please return this form with a check made payable to Long Island ABATE.

Must be received no later than April 11, 2012

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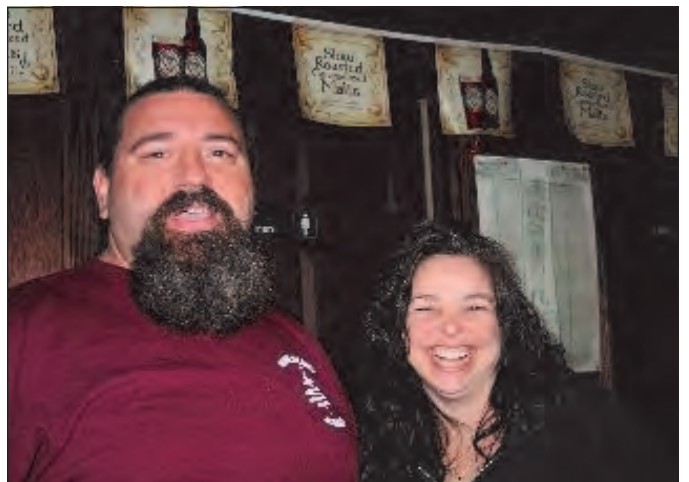
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## Road Guard Report

Greetings:

As I sit here writing this, it's only been a couple of hours since Long Island ABATE'S 1<sup>st</sup> run of the season has been completed. Despite questionable weather, quite a few riders showed up to support Long Island ABATE'S Chilly Chili Run. Thanks to all for making the trip, near and far. I met some great people and made some new friends. I felt honored leading the first run of the season.

I want to thank Bill and Joe of USVMC, Donato and his son with the PGR, Scooter of CMA, Dave, Jim and ABATE'S Sergeant at Arms Bob for their road guarding work. Great job by all. Again thank you for helping to keep us safe. Looking forward to working with you guys again.

We are still looking for road guarding help. With over 600 members, I'm thinking we should be able to get a few more volunteers. Remember folks, we as an organization are only as good as our membership allows us to be. So if you are interested, please call 516-991-3926 or email [okula67@hotmail.com](mailto:okula67@hotmail.com). Please feel free to contact me with feedback or concerns from this and/or future runs.

Our next run is April 15<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Safety and Awareness Run. Until then keep the rubber side down and the shiny side up.

**Wayne**

## Membership Corner

The season has started. I was glad to see so many entries in the Chili contest. The weather may not have been the best, but a great time was had by all. A big Thank You goes out to Jim and Karen for hosting the Chili Run and all those that entered their chili.

Membership has been on the rise again and hopefully we can keep it going. Like I keep saying we all know someone who rides, so why not get them to join to help our cause. Our strength is in our numbers. Without all of our support from our members, we wouldn't be able to do the things we do.

If anyone is having troubles receiving their newsletter, please let me know and I can check to be sure that we have the correct e-mail address or mailing address. I have received some undeliverable notices back from the State. As I get them, I try to make contact with the member to get the correct information. If you are not receiving your memberships or any newsletters, please contact me. Our Awareness run is approaching fast, hope to see everyone there!!

**--- Kim**

# **The Original Bike Blessing**



## **Riders Of Fire**

**9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "BLESSING OF THE BIKES"  
2012 RETURN TO THE SHRINE"**

**SUNDAY, April 29th (RAIN OR SHINE)**

### **Registration:**

**8:00AM – 9:45AM KICKSTANDS UP AT 10:00AM**

**\$15 RIDER/\$5 PASSENGER**

**(T-SHIRT AND DATE PIN FREE FOR FIRST 200 REGISTERED RIDER)**

**Continental Breakfast while Supply's last**

**Raffles and 50/50**

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## Treasurer's Report

Even though the weather was not that great we had a good turnout for the Chilly Run. Our chapter was supported in numbers by the Patriot Guard Riders Region 9, the US Veterans MC LI Chapter and Brooklyn ABATE. The Brooklyn Chapter rode all the way out in the rain to support us. You have to be tough to live in Brooklyn and double tough to be an iron worker. Thanks to all that came out. A very special thanks to Jim and Karen Hartman for hosting us. They provided all of the food so that this event did not cost us anything. Between the Gate of around 55 and the donations made we were able to put a good chunk of change in the treasury.

The LI ABATE Biker Handbook continues to blossom beyond what we expected. At this point we have in excess of 50 ads and they are still coming in. By the time you get this we will probably have the book to the printer. If you did not get an ad in consider one for the next printing which may be later this year if we run out of handbooks from the first printing.

Our next big event is the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run on April 15<sup>th</sup>. We are getting a tremendous amount of support for this run from our elected officials. If you pre register you will receive a \$5 discount and your choice of a patch or a rocker. Please see the newsletter flyer for more details. It should be a banner event and success for our chapter. Hope to see you there.

Our treasury is in great shape for this time of year and we should have no problems paying our day to day bills for the next several months. As always I thank you for your support of our Chapter. Please let me know if you have any concerns related to the treasury. The books are always open. Contact me at 631-821-8037 or [Nevalnut@aol.com](mailto:Nevalnut@aol.com).

### Your Treasurer

Bill Quinn

## Items For Sale

2009 Yamaha V-Star 1100 Silverado Touring - 8,920 miles \$9,000 OBO- Garaged and female owned and operated. Includes: Stereo speakers with hook up for ipod, mp3 player with AM/FM receiver , Battery tender hook up, Chrome luggage rack with brackets, Two matching helmets, one Both helmets same color as bike Galaxy Blue. Please Contact me at 631-428-1245

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# Meeting Minutes

ABATE membership meeting 3-13-12 at the Riverhead Elks

7:38 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance; Moment of silence

Welcome new members John (Ronkonkoma) and Bill (Centereach). *Thank you to Bill, who is the activities director for LI HOG. They changed one of their scheduled runs in order to attend and support LI ABATE on our upcoming Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run.*

Congratulations to **Jean Saunders** for 20 years in ABATE. We thank her for her active involvement.

## Correspondence

Thank you letters were read from the following organizations conveying their appreciation for the donations given to them from our Veterans Run: Vietnam Veterans of America, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Northport, US Veterans MC, Long Island

## New Business

**Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run**, April 15 at the H. Lee Dennison Building, Hauppauge. Pre-registration flyers are out. We encourage riders to pre-register to receive a \$5 rider discount and a \$5 passenger discount. Pre-registration also expedites admission into the run. **Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone**, who is a co-sponsor of this event, will also be in attendance at the run. **Lee from Full Throttle Magazine**, also a co-sponsor, has met with WRCN who will be set up and playing music at the Dennison Building. WRCN will sponsor the run with radio commercials. *Thank you to the **Riders of Fire** for rescheduling their bike blessing to free up the April 15<sup>th</sup> date for this event!*

**Lawn signs** are now available. Voluntary donations are accepted to offset the purchase of additional signs.

**LI ABATE Handbook** advertising is going strong. (Advertising rates are \$50 for a business card ad, 3 business cards per page, or \$100 for a full page ad.) We are anticipating approximately 40 pages. The deadline for sales is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Handbooks will start being distributed at the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run.

**Chili Run**, March 25. We will meet at the Riverhead Elks from 10:00-11:30, then ride to Finnigan's Wake in Jamesport for a chili contest.

**NYS Senator John Flanagan's** office reached out to LI ABATE to further discuss the issue of the NY State Troopers performing motorcycle only roadblocks. A meeting has been scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>. (This issue was brought up by LI ABATE at Senator Flanagan's recent town hall meeting.)

A few LI ABATE board members met at **Senator Lee Zeldin's** office, asking for his assistance with the matter of NY State Troopers motorcycle only roadblocks. Board members discussed the model in Suffolk County, to use grant money for education and awareness, as an alternative for implementation on a state level.

LI ABATE has also reached out to **Assemblyman Dan Losquadro** to discuss motorcyclist concerns and legislation. *We wish to extend our thanks to Assemblyman Losquadro for interceding on the motorcyclist's behalf at assembly committee meetings.*

**Federal H.R. 904**, proposed legislation, prohibits grant money to be used for the purpose of motorcycle only checkpoints. LI ABATE will reach out to **Congressman Bishop**, who is on the transportation committee, to try and stop this funding.

**Lynyrd Skynyrd Concert 7/8 @ Westbury**. LI ABATE purchased 50 tickets (sold out) to this show. There will be a hospitality tent in the parking lot before the show. LI ABATE is profiting \$6 per ticket.

**Travis Tritt Concert 7/27 @ Westbury**. LI ABATE has purchased 20 tickets for this show. Contact LI ABATE for ticket information or purchase.

**NCOM** (National Coalition of Motorcycles), 5/10-5/13, Indianapolis, Indiana Motorcyclists working *together* for the benefit of the motorcycle community. Jim & Roseann will be attending.

**Beast of the East, MRF 4/13-4/15**, Atlanta, Georgia

**Bikers Inside the Beltway, MRF 5/17** Washington D.C.

**NYS ABATE Freedom Rally**, Monday 5/21

## Officer's Reports

Bill/Treasurer discussed receiving a community grant of \$2000, which was initiated last year by retired **Suffolk County Legislator Jack Eddington**. This grant was used for reimbursement for our highway road signs and cablevision motorcycle awareness spots.

Wayne O./Co-Road Captain asked if anyone was interested in volunteering to be a road guard on our runs, please contact him.

Kim/Membership said membership is up to the 600 mark. If any member is having a problem, such as not receiving a newsletter, membership card, etc., please let her know.

Ski/Chaplin Rushing Wind Biker Church will perform a blessing for each motorcycle at the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run. April 8<sup>th</sup> will be the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Easter Sunrise Ride to Smithpoint Beach. There will be a service at the beach. Please contact Ski for more information. On 6/23 there will be a "downed biker run", proceeds to go to a fund for injured motorcyclists.

LI ABATE member **Kathy Pfeil** suggests contacting commissioners from local fire departments for permission to use their signs to post our message "Look twice, save a life, watch for motorcycles" during the month of May.

**Motion 5-2012: Motion to adjourn. (seconded)** Meeting adjourned 9:28.

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Dear Jim,

On behalf of the Enders MC and the Mend Maddies Heart foundation, we thank you kindly for your generous donation. Our club has supported and raised money for Maddie in numerous ways in the past. We too find her cause to really hit home. After meeting Maddie and her family, they will always be a part of our Enders family.

We had a great time road guarding and helping to lead the pack during your Veterans Appreciation Run out to Montauk. It was truly an honor to take part in making that event the success that it was. Enders MC is proud to support Long Island ABATE, as we are thankful for the many things it has done, and continues to do for our hiker community. Therefore, we would be more than happy to participate in any future ABATE events.

Once again, thank you very much for your donation. It was our pleasure to help Long Island ABATE. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Sincerely,

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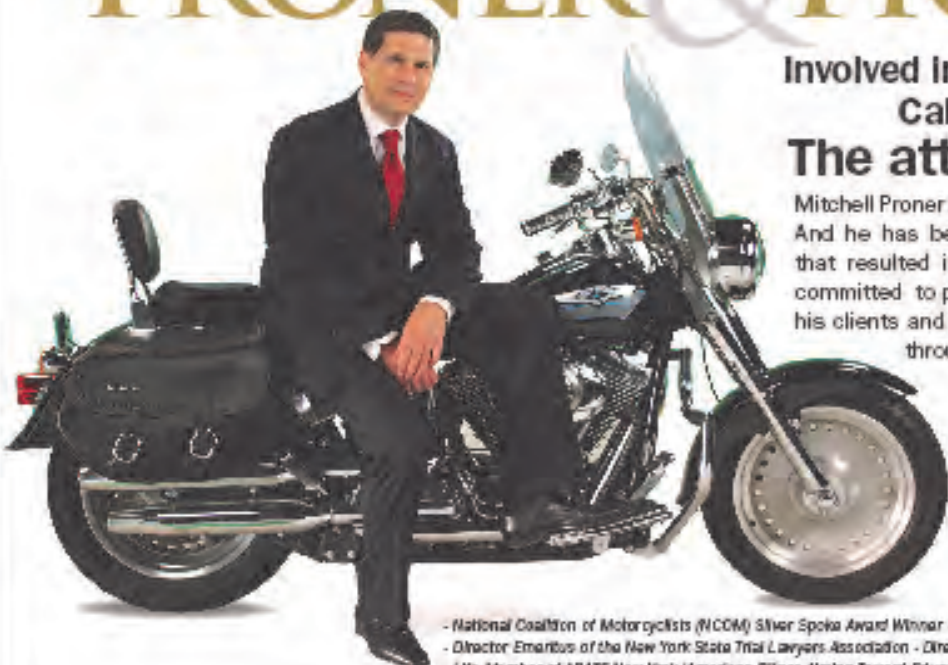
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