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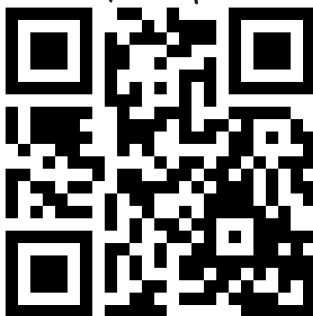
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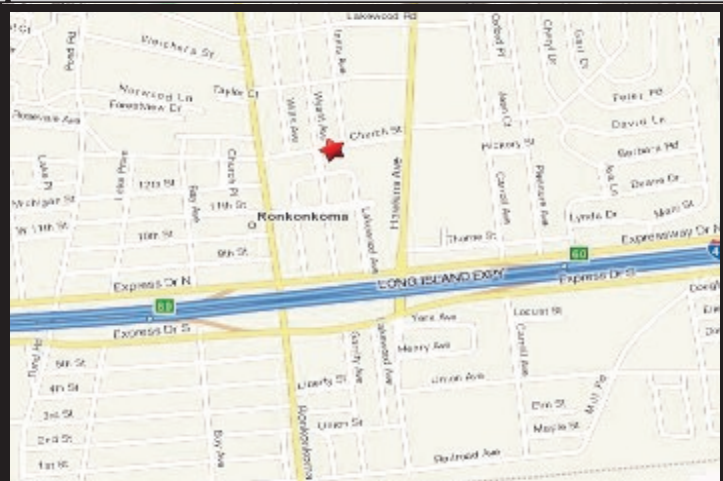
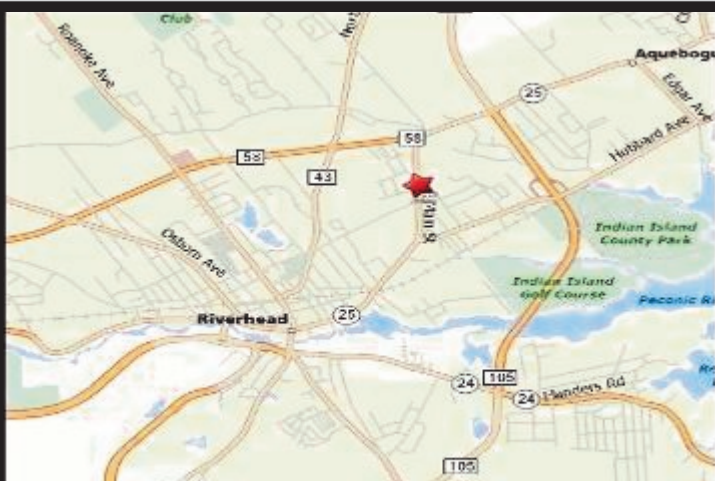
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JUNE 10	VETERANS APPRECIATION	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
JULY 21	MYSTERY CARD RUN	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW	MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
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President

Hello everyone!

The first thing I want to do is offer my condolences to the family and friends of Bill Earley! Bill was an active member of our chapter and was also active in the PGR. Bill passed away unexpectedly on January 31st. We will miss you Bill! The next thing I want to do is thank every officer of the 2011 board as well as all the volunteers that helped throughout the year! I also want to thank all of you for allowing me the opportunity to return! I can't tell you how excited I am to be back on the board of Long Island ABATE! We have had several meetings already and we have a full year of activities planned for this year. We will do many of the traditional events but we are also going to try a few different events to see how you like them. Please don't be shy about making suggestions to us. Don't forget, it's YOUR organization. We are just trying to implement things that you might enjoy. One new idea we are trying this year is publishing a **2012 Long Island ABATE Bikers Handbook**. We hope to put together a pocket size book that everyone can keep in their saddlebag that will be packed with helpful info while you are out riding. It will have helpful phone #'s, advertisements from biker friendly restaurants, bars, repair shops, professional services, politicians, etc. some ads might include coupons or discounts. It will have all of our scheduled runs, it might even have ads from other clubs listing their runs, meeting dates etc. We hope that you will find this a valuable resource throughout the year whenever you need it. We will be selling ad space until the middle of March and we will start distributing the handbooks at our April 15th Safety & Awareness Run. The ads cost \$50 per business card (3 business cards per page) or \$100. for a full page. We will print 1,000 books initially and distribute them for free. In the past, ABATE of NY would collect all of your dues money and would return \$5 per member back to our chapter. However this year they refuse to return any of your dues money and we need to make up that \$3,000 loss of revenue. We are hoping that we can accomplish this with the handbook so please help support our chapter by helping us sell some ads.

If you haven't heard, Proner & Proner has lost the lawsuit against the NYS Troopers for performing motorcycle only roadblocks. The decision does not seem to make legal sense. Mitch Proner has decided to appeal the decision to the next level (at his own expense). Instead of waiting for this issue to drag through the courts, we have decided to try another approach. You might re-

member that Suffolk County Police use to engage in motorcycle only checkpoints until our chapter appealed to the Suffolk County lawmakers and Legislator Jack Edgington as the Chairman of the Public safety committee refused to accept the grant money that was funding the roadblocks. As a result we met with police officials and lobbied them to use the same grant money for safety & awareness instead of discriminatory roadblocks. Fortunately for all of us the Suffolk police agreed to do so and the grant funding was restored. Now we are going to try this same strategy on a state level. We started by asking you to join us at a town hall meeting hosted by State Senator Flanagan. I was thrilled to see that you showed up in full force! We informed the Senator of the discriminatory tactics being performed by the NYS Troopers and asked him to meet with us to further discuss the issue. Although there were many of us in attendance, we presented ourselves in a very courteous and respectful manner and as a result I think we were effective in delivering our message. We will follow up with Senator Flanagan as well as any other opportunity's we encounter. Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore was present and he insisted that we meet with him so that he can try to help us with this issue. Greg from Full Throttle Magazine was also present at the meeting and he invited ABATE as a guest on their Full Throttle Rocks radio show on WRCN on Saturday night to help get the message out. Thank you FTM! So while the attorneys battle it out in court, we will try and flank them by attacking the funding source. You can go to our website to find out your state legislators and let them know your feelings on the roadblocks. Every little bit will help.

Please join us at our chapter meeting on Tuesday, February 14th in Ronkonkoma for the distribution of \$10, 000.00 worth of checks to various Veteran Organizations. These are the funds that you helped raise at the Veterans Appreciation Run last year. Bill Quinn outdid himself last year as the Chair of that event! Yes, it's Valentine's Day so feel free to bring your spouse or date but not both!

I have so much more to discuss but Ray is pissed at me for not getting this article to him yet so you're lucky that I'm forced to shut up now. I hope you can make it Tuesday night!

Thank you for all your support!

Jim Barr

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Vice President 2

Happy New Year!!!!

Hope everyone had a great holiday and a very happy new year. The weather has been great. I could not believe I was riding on New Years day without being bundled up looking like the Michelin tire man. But winter has arrived. Hopefully it won't last too long.

The new board is in full swing already. We all have a lot of work ahead of us this year. One of our biggest events, the awareness run is taking place on April 15th. Thanks to the newly elected County Executive Steve Ballone, we will be starting out from the Dennison building in Hauppauge. We will need a lot of help!!! Please contact any board member to offer a hand.

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Remember, many hands make light work. I would like to see some different members helping out, having almost 550 members I can't believe I only see 50 to 100 at most of the events. Trust me, if you get involved you will meet new friends and have a great time. Abate has so many different people as members. Come out,

meet new friends, have fun and support motorcycle rights and awareness!!!

Looking forward to seeing you all in the upcoming riding season.

Life is a journey, enjoy the ride !

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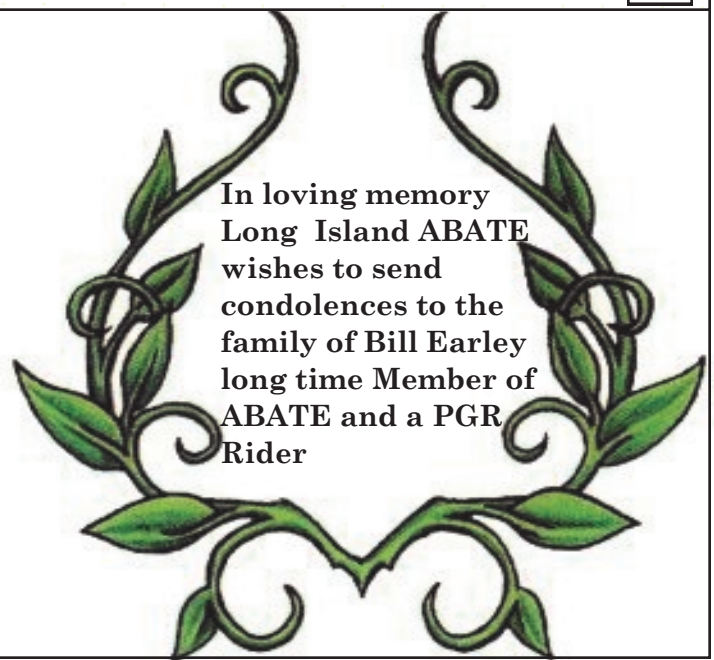
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What makes a good rider?

- A good level of attention
- Accurate observation
- Matching the vehicle's speed and direction to the situation
- Awareness of risks inherent in particular road and traffic situations.
- Acting of their own limitations and those of the vehicle on the roads
- Skillful use of controls

I got the above from a web site hosted by a police agency in the UK.

<http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/crimereduct/27.html>

“A good level of attention.” To me, that means devoting a high level of attention to the task at hand, which is riding defensively. It also implies having the appropriate attitude, with safety as the highest priority while you ride.

“Accurate observation.” Kind of a British term, but it relates to how well you observe what is going on around you. It means more than just seeing, it also means understanding what you are seeing and the implications of what you see.

In the US, the MSF and AMA use the term “SEE, which stands for Search, Evaluate, and Execute, which are the required steps in avoiding accidents. Groups who promote safety try to condense their ideas into simple to remember acronyms or lists. These are useful, although sometimes in the act of condensing, some things tend to get left out. That’s one reason to look at how the folks in the UK approach motorcycle safety.

“Matching the vehicle’s speed and direction to the situation.”

I like this one and consider it very valuable. Slowing down for hazardous situations is one of the most valuable techniques available to you. You need to have a keen appreciation for when you need to slow down. For example, you are following a car on a two-lane highway. As you enter a village, that car slows, apparently to turn left at a crossroads. There is an oncoming car. If you ram and jam, and power around that car ahead of you, you risk the oncoming car turning left in front of you. There will be many, many situations where you need to slow down. How good a rider you are depends on your ability to consistently determine all those situations where you need to slow down, and change lane position to maximize your visibility to other motorists. “Slow down in town” is a good motto, especially when approaching intersections with things going on.

“Awareness of risks inherent in particular road and traffic situations.” This is a gem of wisdom, and one reason I saved the above list. It is not enough to scan for individual vehicles that might cause a collision. You must go beyond that, and learn to spot dangerous situations. For example, a long queue of vehicles is stopped to turn left on a boulevard in town. If you hammer past this queue at full speed, you fail to realize a dangerous situation, and are placing yourself at risk. What if there is a gap in that queue, left by a well-meaning motorist, to allow another motorist to cross that queue, say to or from a driveway? It is a dangerous situation because a gap might open up in the queue and a car come shooting out, right in your path. Scanning for that car shooting through the gap isn’t enough, because it will appear too suddenly. You have to scan for the gap, and realize the dangerous situation, rather than one vehicle. This is just one example; there will be plenty of other dangerous situations out there. Elevate your scanning activities beyond recognizing vehicles that are a threat, and recognize hazardous situations.

Any time a motorist’s vision is blocked you have a hazardous situation. Before you can deal with a hazard, you have to recognize it as such.

“Acting of their own limitations and those of the vehicle on the roads.” I’m not a road racer, nor do I pretend to be. Excess speed is a factor in a high percentage of motorcycle accidents, especially on rural roads. Notice that there are two limitations, those of the bike, and those of the rider. I can get my bike leaned over quite a bit on a curvy mountain road and go pretty fast. But I’ve got touring tires mounted, not racing tires. There’s a limit to how far I can push the bike. There are limits to the traction I have available.

There’s also a limit to how far I am willing to push myself. Half the bike wrecks in rural areas are run-off-the-road, single-vehicle accidents. In many of these accidents, the rider fell victim to panic in a turn, and used brakes instead of counter-steering to get through the curve. In many of these situations, the rider jumped on the rear brake and skidded straight ahead and off the road in a full panic. If you know a rider who does not know what counter-steering is, then you know a rider at high risk of running off the road. Anyone who drinks and rides is limiting his own abilities to ride safely, in some cases severely enough to cause an accident. Know your own limitations. If you must drink, then one drink per hour is the sensible limit.

“Skillful use of the controls.” You really do need to know how to ride a motorcycle well to be safe on one. The best idea is to learn the controls on a dirt bike or street/trail bike on a bike of modest size, rather than jump right on a full-size motorcycle. Skillful use of the controls means knowing how to get the most out of your brakes, for example. Inexperienced bikers often use only their rear brake in a panic situation, locking it up and skidding into what they were hoping to avoid hitting. This also lengthens stopping distances. You have to know that your front brake provides most of your stopping on a motorcycle.

Instead of swerving around a car partway in his lane, an unskilled rider will steer into it. You have to counter-steer to swerve a motorcycle. If you know a rider who is unaware of that, then please insist that rider get training and the know-how he needs to ride safely.

When you look over the above list of requirements for a good rider, feel free to consider all the different aspects of a good rider you can think of. I’m sure I haven’t described all of them.

I attended a safety meeting hosted by the Corning Harley Owners’ Group in Corning, New York. They screened some good safety films from MSF, one on group riding, another on riding while impaired, and one film titled “Street Smarts, Volume I.” That was well made and thorough. It’s available from Whitehorse Press. There are 3 volumes available, as well as some other titles: <http://www.whitehorsepress.com/>

Just a reminder to watch out for all the loose sand out there on curves and at intersections, left over from winter sanding. That would fall under “a good level of attention” and “accurate observation.”

Enjoy the new riding season, and ride safe.

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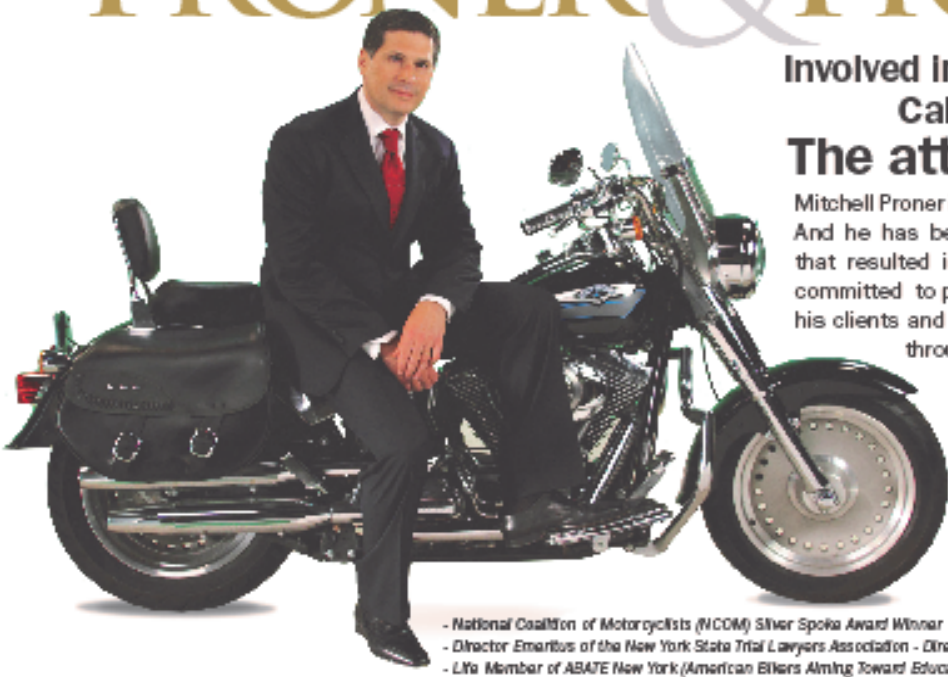
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Treasurer's Report

I first want to thank Carmela for the wonderful job she did last year in taking care of the Treasury. Our records are in great shape and all reports are up to date. Last month a group of us traveled to Oweego for the State business seminar. One of the things I came away with was all the confusion regarding insurance on motorcycles. You can spend thousands on a bike but try to save on insurance by getting a cost effective policy. This may not be in your best interest. You could wind up with very little coverage which can be a financial disaster in the event of an accident. There is also different coverage for passengers depending on whether they are a spouse or non spouse. Maybe at one of our meetings we can get an agent that is an expert in motorcycle insurance to better explain this to us. In the meantime review your policy.

We had a great showing at the recent town hall NY State Senator Flannigan held. We were there to bring to the Senators attention our concerns with motorcycle only road blocks. They would only let one of us speak and Jim Barr turned out to be the chosen one. He did a fantastic job explaining the issue. As a matter of fact when he finished the non motorcycle people in attendance were clapping as hard as the rest of us. Your presence there was a real attention getter. The Senator wants to meet with us to get up to speed on this problem for the motorcycling community. Many thanks to all that were there. Our chapter is looking into attending other town halls to get our elected officials to support us on this issue. We will be posting on the website, face book and emails as the details develop. Please make every effort to show up. Numbers matter and all of you are a potential vote.

Hopefully you have received this prior to the February meeting on the 14th. We have invited all of the organizations that will receive proceeds from last year's Veterans Appreciation Run to Montauk to attend this meeting. You will be able to see the results of all your support and generosity from the Vets Run. Hope to see you there.

Sadly Bill Earley one of our members passed away recently. Bill was a good man that supported our chapter and runs. I remember sitting with him last year at several of the meetings. He also was a very active Patriot Guard Rider. He went on many missions and always stood the flag lines with dignity and respect. I know his wife, son and the rest of his family and friends are very appreciative of all of our members who attended his wake and funeral services. Bill will be missed. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

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.

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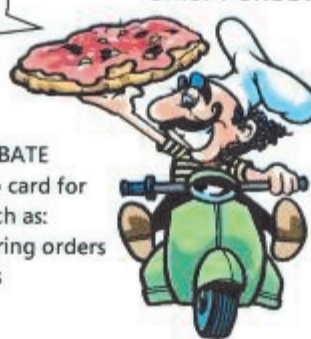
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