

Long Island ABATE

American Bikers for Awareness, Training & Education

NEWSLETTER

February 2014



"Dedicated to FREEDOM of the Road"

NEXT GENERAL MEETING February 11, 2014

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ABATE is American Bikers for Awareness, Training & Education

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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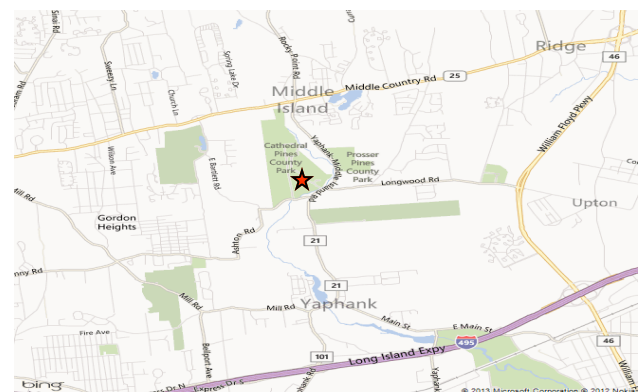
All general membership meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month
NEXT MEETING IS February 11th at

**CATHEDRAL PINES COUNTY PARK, in the Activity Building
116 Yaphank/Middle Island Rd. Middle Island NY 11953**

ALL are welcome so come on down!

**There will be food and beverages starting at 7:00
and the meeting starts at 7:30**

Enter the park,
pass the guard booth
(seasonal) and continue
straight. The activities
building is the large
building on the left
in front of the RV
camping sites.



UPCOMING EVENTS

2014 ABATE Runs and Events

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| March | Long Island ABATE Chilly Chili Run |
| April | Safety and Awareness Run |
| June | Veterans Appreciation Run to Montauk |
| August | Long Island ABATE Campout |
| November | St. Mary's Toy Run |



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January 2014 Long Island ABATE Board Members being sworn in by Pastor Gerry Waldron of the Rushing Wind Biker Church and Bikers for Christ

From left to right

Gerry Waldron, Bill Quinn Treasurer, Stavros Dalambakis Vice President, Jim Barr President, Wayne Piro Vice President, Kim Piro Membership Secretary

Picture by Ron Montelone

February 2014

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PRESIDENTS PAGE



Luckily the weather was good for Fingers' Cold Finger Run but it hasn't been too good since. Hopefully February will have drier roads than January did. But even if the ice is gone, don't forget about the sand hazard out there. It's hard enough to get motorists to look for us in nice weather, they certainly won't be 'looking' for us now so be extra careful out there.

I am still very excited for what awaits us in 2014. Our membership continues to grow and it is now above 530 members already! That is amazing! We are more than half way to our goal of 1,000 members this year so please keep up the recruiting. It is making a big difference!

We have officially joined the MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) they do what we do but on a federal level. I will ask Nancy if we can get an MRF application included into our newsletter for those of you that would like to join. (See page 10 for the application) They are very active on a national level and they employ a full time lobbyist Jeff Henie who monitors and lobbies all motorcycle related legislation in Washington DC.

I have spoken with the NYSDMV representative for motorcycle safety and he said that he will provide us with a ton of free items to help us get our awareness message out there this year. He has also granted our request and had the small 4"x4" "watch for motorcycle" stickers put onto magnets for us. Previously we were buying rolls of magnets and Nancy's children were making them for us. Now we will receive plenty of them already made. He will also provide us with hundreds of lawn signs. I will be going up to Albany with a box truck to pick the stuff up shortly so that we have it for when the weather breaks.

Don't forget about our 2014 ABATE Handbook! Ads are reasonable and it will help fund our awareness campaign. We will print the handbooks and start passing them out for free at our Awareness Run in April so get your ad in soon. You can review our 2 previous handbooks on our website under publications. Like last year, it will include a run list from all of the motorcycle clubs. We have hired Sue, a Graphic Artist who can build you a custom ad for just \$25 if you don't already have an electronic ad to send to us.

I have been following many leads from our members who have been looking for a vehicle for ABATE to use for awareness. We are considering picking up a cheap vehicle that can be fitted with awareness messages and be driven to events all year long. We can set up at bike runs, street fairs, flea markets etc and give out free lawn signs, bumper stickers etc. We are considering a small school bus, box truck, step side truck, motor home etc. The most important factor is that it must be cheap! We can always upgrade as we grow, but for now we are trying to get started for a few thousand dollars. That wouldn't be possible ordinarily but thanks to the generous volunteers who have stepped up to help, we can get this done.

Those of you that were at the last meeting heard that we are trying to start a reality show about LI ABATE. Most of you thought that I was nuts and rightfully so, but if we don't try, it can't happen, so we have nothing to lose by trying. If by some miracle it does work, can you imagine what we can do for the motorcycle community on a national level? It could build the existing ABATE's as well as create new ones where none exist. It can also deliver our awareness message to motorists across the country! If you have any connections to anyone famous or who could be an asset to include into our proposal please let us know. The more interesting that we can make the idea, the better chance we have of getting a production company to take a chance on it.

Another thing we are doing and is much more definite, is that we are going to host a radio show on WRCN. Thanks to the generosity of Attorney Mitch Proner of Proner & Proner and Rich Rossi of Specialized Insurance, we will be hosting our very own 'Long Island ABATE Radio Show'. It is tentatively scheduled for Saturdays at 6:00pm on 103.9. We are hoping to be able to get our motorcycle awareness messages out to the motorists and also make motorcyclists aware of what we do. We want to make LI ABATE a household name to everyone, which will lead to more members, which will lead to more clout as an organization. Again, if you have any connections to anyone that would be an interesting guest, let us know so we can try to schedule them into a show.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 11th at 7:30 but free food will be ready by 7:00. As promised, I kept the meeting to a tight agenda and the meeting ended by 9:00. There were 85 people in attendance and from the feedback we received, it seems that 9:00 is a much better time to end the meeting than the 10:00 or 10:30 from previous meetings. So if the lateness of the previous meetings was an issue for you, it's safe for you to come back because our goal is 9:00. It also left time for many people to hang around and socialize afterwards and the people that wanted to get home early were able to. Keep the feedback coming because that is how we are able to customize our organization to suit your needs!

I hope to see you on the 11th. Jim Barr

2ND Vice President



Wow, I can't believe how cold it has been for so long. Cabin fever has definitely set in. Like everyone else, I can't wait to wake up and see green instead of white and feel the warmth of the sun. I would like to thank all of you that

have stepped up and joined us in our goal to improve motorcycle education, awareness and safety. We are now over 500 members and growing. The new Board has been looking into so many new things. As we figure out what is the best fit for us, we will keep you posted. As always I ask for those who

can, to PLEASE step up and get involved! We have a great membership! I hope everyone stays warm and stay safe. See you in the sun!

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Australian Motorcycle Trip by Marybeth Quinn

Ok, what do you do when on a beautiful, sunny June afternoon you are on the road in Virginia riding your 2008 Honda VTX down from Long Island and you meet the famed Australian Road Hog? Well, she's 5 ft 2 in and weighs about 100 pounds on her 2004 custom Harley Sportster doing a six month solo tour of the US. We became fast friends and I was invited to Southern Australia to cruise along the coast. Being an adventurous, crazy woman, I decided to see what Down Under was like on two wheels. I arrived in February 2011 and borrowed a Yamaha from the Aussie chick's friend. Well, on a borrowed bike, riding on the other side of the road, I believe I am certifiably nuts!!! But oh what a ride it was. Dawn is a very dangerous time as the kangaroos get a kick out of jumping on motorcycles.. Signs everywhere read kanga crossing like we have for deer. Australians love Americans and are more than hospitable.

So what was it like? Southern Australia is quite rural and desert like. The roads were in excellent condition. Welcoming cafes abound on the side of the road to grab a quick meal. There are many small roundabouts to circle around. The weather was ideal as it's the end of their summer. We traveled to hillside areas, along coastal roads and through miles of vineyards namely Rosemount, McClaren and Chapel Hill, winding over roads canopied by ghost gum trees. Occasionally, passed Aboriginal canoe trees, where the canoe is literally cut out of a tree. Met up one day with biker friends and rode to a ferry that took us over the Murray River where we headed over dry plains to the salt flats of the Coorong. Some of the flats were pink tinged.

I even attended a Ulysess Biker Club meeting. Loved their motto. "Growning old disgracefully!"

I had so much fun I did it again in February 2013, borrowing the same bike. Promises were made to lend my rice burner out to the Yamaha owner when she comes stateside next year.

Hey, you only get one ride in life and I sure like it on the steel horse behind bars!!!!

Watch out for Kangaroos!

March 2014

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CHAPLAIN

Riding Season



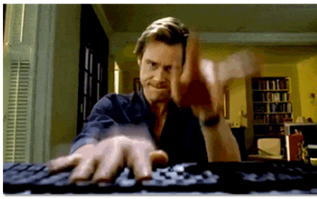
We have two seasons to deal with as bikers in the northeast. We have the riding season, and not the riding season. Now these will differ in lengths of time depending on what type of "biker" you really are. A few of us have only one season, riding season. We ride all year long, just more often some parts of the year than others depending on precipitation, but rarely temperature. And opposite extreme is the weekend RUBs who wait for the perfect weekend with the temperature at least 65 or so, happened to be not working that weekend, with no activities for the kids or nothing on the honey-do list scheduled. Along with the majority somewhere between those extremes. I don't know about you, but for me living each year begins with the time I can get my bike out of the garage more regularly. During that time of year you seem to enjoy life more, life has more meaning. There is more peace in your mind and soul because your life is more complete, because you can enjoy the thing you love most in life. You still have the issues and situations that come up in your life any time of year, but during the riding season they just don't seem to bother you nearly as much. It is as though you have some sort of barrier between you and your problems that make them affect you less, even though they aren't any smaller. And the things you enjoy other than riding just seem to be more enjoyable during the riding season. You are much less irritable, nicer to people around you. Life is just plain much more fulfilling during the riding season. So we are on that roller coaster ride every year, sometimes short seasons, and sometimes long seasons. It varies from year to year. And then you dread the coming of the winter, because you know what that means, so you start getting irritable sometime around Thanksgiving, if you're lucky.

Well you don't have to ride that roller coaster every year. You could have that feeling all year long, regardless of the weather or precipitation. I have found the secret to being in peace and content, and joyful all year long, regardless of problems, issues, situations or anything else that comes into your life that could throw you off a bit. That is being in tune with what God's plan is for your life and being busy doing it. Now that doesn't mean everyone gets into the business I'm called to do, but whatever you do, you do it with the enjoyment or attitude that you're doing what God had really meant you to do. Whatever your profession is, your hobby is, how you live life with your family, you do it in that mindset. Then, he will give you the protection in your spirit to shrug off any situations or problems that may creep up on you. He shows you just how to deal with absolutely anything that comes into your life to sidetrack your happiness and peace. Because that is the life he wanted for us and created us for. Our creator wants our riding season to be 24/7/365. We're just too stubborn in our ways to figure out how to get there.

If that all sounds good to you, it's there, Bro, for the taking. If you want to find out more about my never ending riding season, let me know. We'll get you there.

Just something to think about.

See you on the road.



Dear ABATE

Dear ABATE, I am a fairly new rider and I am not sure how often to check the air pressure in my tires. Thank you

Sincerely,

Not Flat Yet

Send your letters to nancygee66@gmail.com. All letters will remain anonymous. Thank you

Dear Not Flat Yet,

As one of the most important and easiest things you can check for your safety and that of the passenger, ideally, it should be every day you would be taking your scooter out. Proper air pressure ensures correct handling when riding, wear on your tire, and the ability to travel with a passenger and gear with no detrimental effects. Please note air temperature will also effect tire pressure. So, just because in the summer you had the correct pressure a check of the pressure in the winter would be different. Also, low pressure could be a sign of a slow leak. Happy Riding! And keep the Rubber Side Down

PUBLIC RELATIONS



Hello Everyone,

We are looking for business's and folks who would like to place an advertisement in our 2014 Long Island ABATE Motorcyclist Handbook. The middle of the book will list all the Motorcycle Club Runs and Events FREE of charge. Please see page 13 for the application and prices. The deadline is March 1st so the handbook can be ready to distribute FREE at our Awareness Run in April. It's a great way to get people to support your business's. If you need more info give us a call. I am in the process of getting our new Long Island ABATE

AMA charter number, and on a personal note, the AMA also does road side assistance for vehicles. Check them out at www.americanmotorcyclist.com They have been a tremendous help when I have been stuck.



So even though its not official riding season yet, you can help spread the word to watch out for motorcycles. Put a sticker or magnet on your car. Plant a lawn sign. (Mine has survived the snow so far ☺) Tell your friends on Facebook to look out for us. I know there is still snow on the ground, but there is no time like the present to let drivers know to watch out for us.

Stay Warm!

Nancy Gee

"Friendship involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self and appreciating what is noble and loving in another". --Thomas Hughes

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Register, vote, write and ride!


Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who came out to the PGR NY Meet and Greet and Post Holiday Pot Luck Party that was held on 1/31. We had PGR, Blue Star Families, Gold Star Families attend as well as the American Legion Riders from different Posts, Trashed MC, Black and Red MC, Ron from FTM and many others along with a ton of food. Thank you to Trashed MC LI for allowing us to host our party at your Club-house. If you would like more information about the PGR please visit the website at www.pgrny.organd Remember to thank a Veteran for their service.

Nancy Gee




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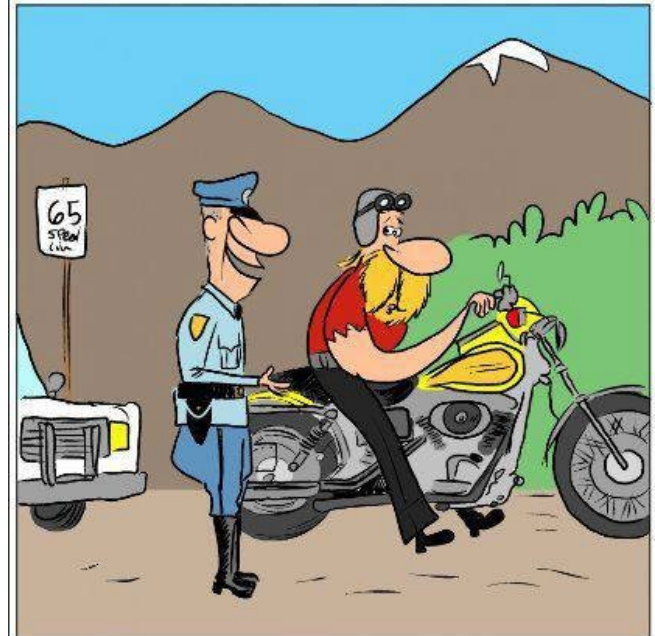
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Newsletter Editor

Dear Members,
Thank you for all the positive feedback on the newsletter. This is your newsletter so I will fill it with all the



information, articles, pictures and fun stuff that you send me. If you have something you want added to our calendar in the newsletter, please let me know. I will be doing two months at a time as you will see in this edition. The board spoke about advertisements, and there will be a charge if you want to advertise in the newsletter.

Just a couple of reminders:

Mailings: Our newsletter will be paperless. So every month you will be sent an email with a link to the newsletter when it gets posted on our website at www.longislandabate.org. Please let me know if you cannot open it or don't get the email about it, and I will help you. It will also be posted on Facebook on our two pages. *Unfortunately we cannot print out the newsletter, it does cost a lot of money to do so.*

Advertisements: If you are interested in advertising your business in our newsletter, please get in touch with our 2nd Vice President Stavros at 631-835-1316 for prices, and he will go over the cost.

Jr. Membership: There is a Jr. Membership page, and if you have children, I encourage you to print out their page so they can color it and submit it for a coloring contest. This will be in every newsletter. Jr. Member Emily Greenseich runs these pages.

Flyers and Events: If you would like your events listed on our calendar, or have a flyer to submit, please email it to me at Nancygee66@gmail.com. Please get it to me before the month of your event. There will be a fee if your flyer is listed more than once.

Dear ABATE: The Dear ABATE, column has started. Again, the person responding to your letters will be anonymous, as well as you, so email me your letters, and I will get them to the person. Everything will remain anonymous.

Your Submissions: Please feel free to send in pictures, funny cartoons, stories, ideas for the newsletter. I am open for all suggestions, comments, complaints. If you have a bike or parts for sale, I can list that. If you would like your own column on household tips, recipes, or great riding places to go to, concert info, or a community service thing going on, please contact me.



Happy Valentine's Day!

Thank you and Ride Like the Wind!!

Nancy Gee

Nancygee66@gmail.com

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LI ABATE 2014 HANDBOOK

Ad Submission Form & FREE Bike Run Listing

Business Card Ad Size:

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\$75 for Any New Ad to be Created (Includes typesetting, layout design and artwork supplied), Any New or Existing Ad Being Resized, Touched-up or Changed that takes over 10 minutes after Scanning.

Full Page Ad Size:

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***Camera Ready Files Accepted: PDF or JPEG (200 dpi or more - No Exceptions).**

Artwork should be clean, free from wrinkles/folds, foreign marks or tears, Any file needing color correction or photoshop attention will require the additional \$25 fee. Color or BW files okay.

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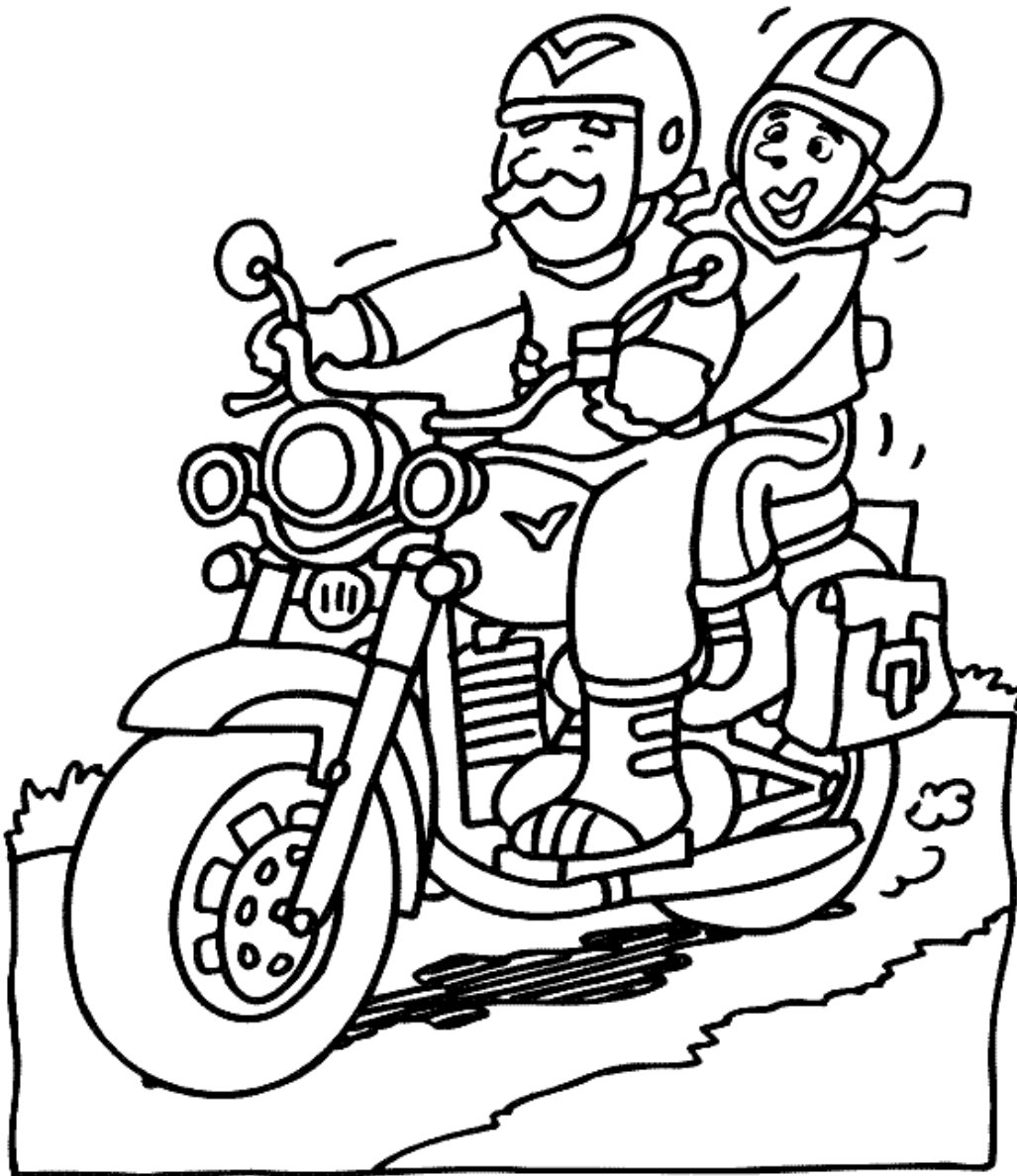


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Happy Valentine's Day

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MEETING MINUTES

Recorded by Roseann Barr



January 2014 Minutes

LI ABATE membership meeting 1-14-14 at Cathedral Pines Activity Bldg., Middle Island

7:40 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing In of Elected Officers: Jim Barr (President), Wayne Piro (1st Vice-President), Stavros Dalambakis (2nd Vice-President), Bill Quinn (Treasurer), Kim Piro (Membership Secretary). These elected officers are voting members of the board. The oath of office was administered by **Pastor Gerry** from **Bikers for Christ MC**.

Introduction of appointed positions: These appointed positions are voting members of the board. Jack Eddington (Legislative Officer), Bob Laub (Sergeant @ Arms), Roseann Barr (Recording Secretary), Nancy Gee (Public Relations Officer), Joe Pizzo (Safety Officer), Chris Lauri (Road Captain).

Introduction of additional appointed positions: These appointed positions are non-voting members of the board. Nancy Gee (Newsletter, Webmaster), Gina Otis (Products), Jim Hartmann (Distribution), Ski (Chaplain), Jackie Dalambakis (Photographer).

We continue to seek volunteers for anyone interested in assisting in any of these positions.

Minutes for the October and November membership meetings were published in the January newsletter

Motion 1-2014: Motion to accept minutes as published in the newsletter. (Seconded) All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: We now have 510 members of Long Island ABATE Inc. At \$20 per member, this gives us \$10,000 to work with. We have had initial expenses, including \$2,000 start up corporation fees, \$1,000 insurance for our events, \$2,000 advertising in **Full Throttle Magazine** for the 2014 year. *Remember, dues money remains in our treasury for any new members we get.*

Motion 2-2014: Motion to accept treasurer's report. (Seconded) All in favor.

Committee Reports

Kim / Membership: All information for our current 510 members is now in our data base. Please let Kim know if any information is incorrect or has to be updated. Approximately 250 membership packets have been mailed. Membership packets, for those who have not yet received, will be mailed soon. Please fill out ICE (in case of emergency) information on the back of membership cards. Junior membership packets are being worked on. Junior membership is free to children, of members, who are under 18 years of age. You can join or automatically renew membership on our website through paypal.

Nancy / Newsletter, Website: Please contact Nancy, e-mail address is printed in the newsletter, with any comments, suggestions, etc. about the newsletter. Look for the Junior membership pages. (This month there is a coloring contest for a carvel gift certificate.) Next month a *Dear ABATE* column will be introduced. The newsletter is being e-mailed out with a link to our website. If anyone is not receiving this e-mail, or if anyone is having difficulty printing the newsletter, please let Nancy know. Advertising space in the newsletter will be available once the pricing is confirmed. Please let Nancy know of events to be included in the monthly calendar. Website address is **www.LONGISLANDABATE.org**. *Also like us on Facebook.*

Nancy / Public Relations: Nancy is currently working on getting an **AMA** (American Motorcycle Association) membership for LI ABATE, Inc. LI ABATE, Inc. is also a member of **LIMA** (Long Island Motorcycle Association) and the **MRF** (Motorcycle Riders Foundation). Please see our membership ad and full page article about our toy run in the December edition of **Full Throttle Magazine**.

Legislative Information: LI ABATE, Inc. as a 501C3 organization is forbidden to endorse or support political candidate or elected officials. We are permitted to lobby for or against legislation.

Joe / Safety Officer: SEX, AGE, TIME are all critical factors in accident data report released by the *Suffolk County Sheriff's Office*. Please contact Joe with any questions or specifics.

Chris / Road Captain: Chris is currently seeking volunteers to help with road guarding.

Gina / Products: Pictures of products will be put on our website and available for purchase.

Jim / Distribution: Jim will be purchasing acrylic carriers, which will hold membership applications, to be placed in local businesses.

New Business

Liability Insurance was purchased from **Specialized Insurance Agency**, \$1031 for a \$1,000,000 general liability policy. **Rich Rossi** gave LI ABATE, Inc. a check for \$103, which was his commission for the policy.

Accidental death and dismemberment insurance in the amount of \$4,000 is now covered to members of LI ABATE, Inc. *Members will be receiving a letter explaining this coverage, along with a card to fill out for your beneficiary information. You do not have to send back this card, if you don't the benefit will be paid to your estate.*

2014 Handbooks: We are currently soliciting advertisers for our 2014 handbooks. Prices are \$50 for a 1/2 page ad and \$100 for a full page ad. (There is an additional \$25 fee for those ads that require artwork or layout. (If you advertised with us last year, we have your artwork on file.) The centerfold of this handbook will once again list bike runs and events.

Advertising: LI ABATE Inc., will have a 1/4 page ad in Full Throttle Magazine for the year.

Grant Money: **Dan Montamuro** from **NYS DMV** encourages LI ABATE to apply for and receive grant money. To help us with this process, we are looking for volunteers to make phone calls and gather information on pricing for various mediums such as billboards, bus stop signs, advertising on buses, menus at diners, etc. Please contact Jim with any information.

Various local law enforcement agencies have already obtained \$400,000 grant money for the 2014 year for motorcycle safety and enforcement. LI ABATE is trying to come up with creative ways to use up this grant money. LI ABATE would also like to spread the word, if you are pulled over on a motorcycle **without probable cause**, we need to know about it. Please document as much information as you can and let us know. LI ABATE will be working with **Attorney Mitch Proner** to possibly file a class action law suit for being pulled over without probable cause.


Riders of Fire MC presented LI ABATE with a \$700 check for 35 of their club members who joined our organization at our November meeting. Recently, they sent us another check for 15 additional members. *We thank the Riders of Fire for their support and for promoting LI ABATE.*

Tentative Run / Event List:

March – Chili Run
April – Awareness Run
June – Veterans Run
July – Beach Party
August – Campout
November – Toy Run
December – Holiday Party

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Future Guest Speakers: Please let us know of any guest speaker that you think would be of interest to our members. Current suggestions include: SCPD, elected officials, representative from an ambulance company, insurance representative, motorcycle riding instructor, representative from the Patriot Guard.

Vehicle Purchase: LI ABATE is looking to obtain a vehicle, such as a step van, which we could letter up, fill with motorcycle awareness materials and drive to various events, street fairs, etc. If anyone knows of such a vehicle, please let us know.

Fundraising Activities: LI ABATE, being a 501C3 organization, can now hold games of chance in effort to raise money. Suggested ideas include: raffling off a guitar signed by the Marshall Tucker Band and A Night at the Races. Additional suggestions welcome.

LI ABATE Headquarters: LI ABATE is looking into a portion of a building to possibly make our headquarters, where we could hold our meetings, be open on weekends for free coffee and bagels, hold classes, etc. Information will be shared as this develops.

LI ABATE Reality Show: Jim is looking into having a reality show produced about the motorcycle community on Long Island. This show will help to promote LI ABATE, motorcycle awareness and a positive image of motorcyclists.

Club News

Ski / Bikers for Christ MC: Club is here to serve the spiritual needs of the motorcycle community. Ski asks to be notified of any motorcyclist that goes down. Ski and Jerry are both pastors at the **Rushing Wind Biker Church**, located on Knickerbocker Ave in Bohemia. Both have received theological training, are fully ordained, and licensed to do weddings. Services at the church are Sunday 10am and 5:30pm and Wednesday 6:30pm. Ski also spoke of the Easter Sunday Run on 4/20.

Lorenzo / Road Reapers MC: 1/19 Anniversary Party from 12 – 6.

Bob / LI HOG: Bob congratulates LI ABATE, Inc. and thanks everyone who participated or donated gifts on their 27th annual toy run.

Nancy / PGR: 1/31 PGR meet and greet at Trashed MC clubhouse.

Don / Nassau Wings MC: Nassau Wings is an AMA Club. Don is the safety editor for **American Iron Magazine** and is also an MSF rider coach willing to work with any motorcyclist.

Joey / Riders of Fire MC: Members of the Riders of Fire MC are volunteer firefighters in Nassau and Suffolk. Their upcoming bike blessing, date to be announced, raises funds for firefighters in need.

Morgan / American Legion Riders: American Legion Riders also participate in funeral escorts and flag processions for veterans. *Thank you Morgan for attending tonight's meeting and missing your own club's monthly meeting.*

Mark / I Don't Know MC: Annual Turkey Run will be held 10/26. This year I Don't Know MC will be working in conjunction with Island Harvest for this run. Lend a Helping Hand, on 5/24, will go to Pinelawn Cemetery to lay flags.

Alex / Queensboro MC: Their annual casino run will be held in August.

From the Floor

We are getting many members from Nassau County. We need members in Nassau to help us make some contacts.

We were asked if LI ABATE has been invited to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade again. Bill will inquire about the Rocky Point Parade and Steve will inquire about the Ronkonkoma Parade.

50 /50: \$175 to the winner, \$175 to LI ABATE.

Motion 3-2014: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Pictures from January 2014 Meeting

