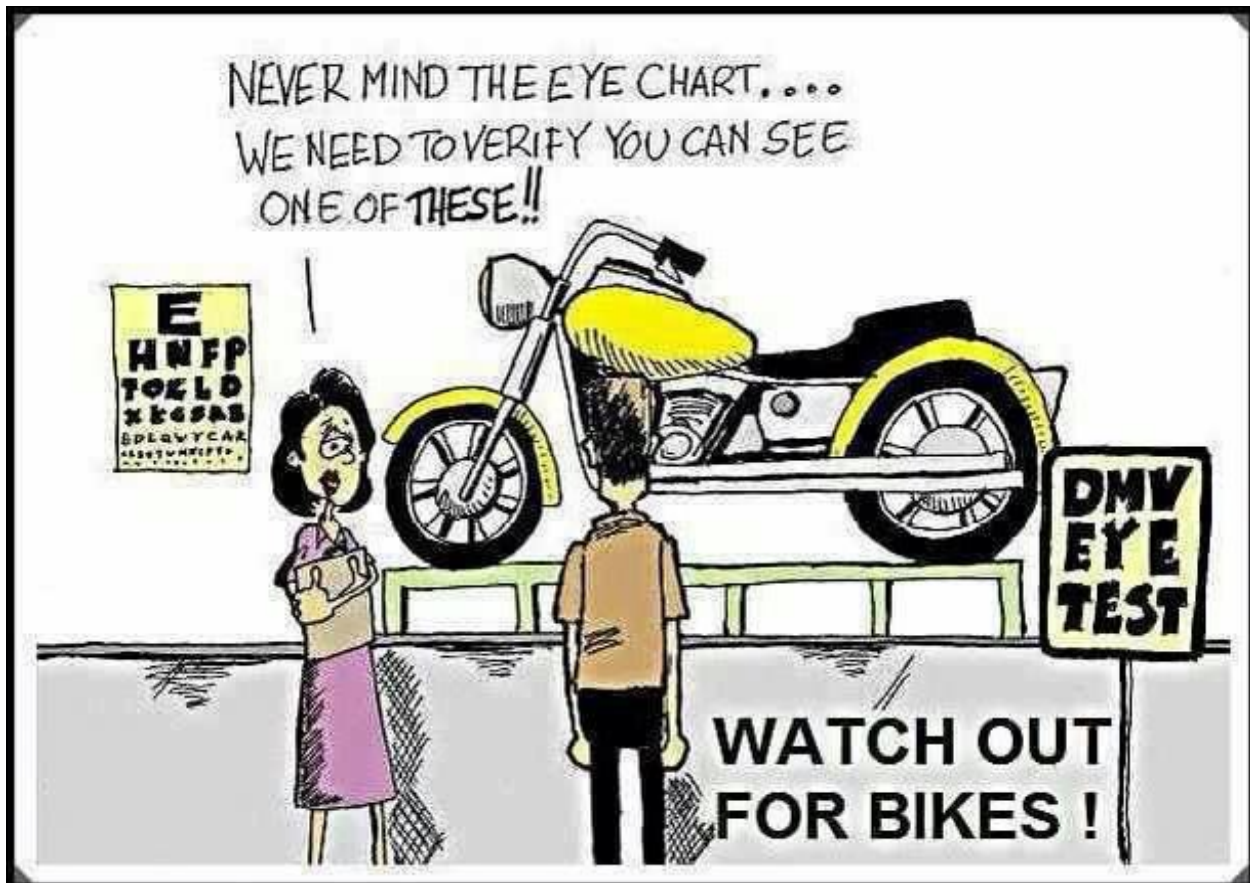


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NEWSLETTER

May 2013



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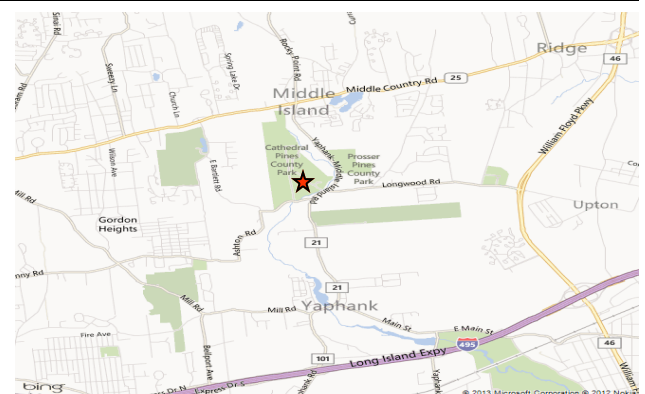
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All general membership meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month  
**NEXT MEETING IS MAY 14th** at the **NEW** meeting location  
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## ABATE RUNS & EVENTS

May 11th	Field of Wheel Custom Car & Bike Show	Melville Newsday Bldg
TBD	25th Anniversary Party	TBD
June 9th	VETS RUN	Riverhead Elks
August 17th	CAMPOUT	Cathedral Pines
Nov 4th	St Marys Food & Toy Run	Riverhead Elks

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.

## MAY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Jacobs Light Poker Run	6	7	8	9	10	11
SSMC Antique bike show						
12	13	14 <b>ABATE GENERAL MEETING</b>	15	16 Bikers in the Beltway DC	17 LIMA MEETING	18
19 BLACK & RED PIG ROAST	20 ABATE FREEDOM RALLY ALBANY	21	22	23	24	25 IDK MC Helping Hand Run
RAMAPO Dice Run						
26 Rolling Thunder Wash DC	27	28 ABATE BOARD MEETING	29	30	31	

# Long Island ABATE'S

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# APPRECIATION

# RUN



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# PRESIDENTS PAGE



Well, May is here, and we have a lot of work ahead of us this riding season! As you know, May is Motorcycle Awareness Month in Suffolk County and as such, we try to get our message out there as much as possible to Watch for Motorcyclists! We are off to a GREAT start thanks to our member **Kathy Pfeil** and **Brookhaven Town Officials!** Kathy approached **Councilman Dan Panico** about partnering with ABATE and putting up motorcycle awareness signs throughout Brookhaven Town. Dan immediately agreed to do so and **Councilwoman Kathy Walsh** quickly Co-sponsored the resolution. With the full support of **Town Supervisor Ed Romaine**, the resolution was unanimously approved. Brookhaven Town has 6 Council districts with a Council person in each one. Therefore they have constructed and installed a 4'x8' sign in each council district reminding drivers that it is motorcycle season and to look for motorcycles. It has the ABATE name and logo on the bottom right of each sign and the respective council persons name along with the Supervisors name on the bottom left side. **Thank you Kathy Pfeil and all the Brookhaven Town Officials!!!**

We have also renewed our county permit and ABATE will be reinstalling our 4'x5' awareness signs on major county roadways. If you own a piece of property or can get permission from a property owner who has property on a heavily traveled roadway, we will gladly install an awareness sign if you would like us to. We also have hundreds of 18"x24" lawn signs that are available for free. Just let us know your address and we will get it to you. We will be setting up a motorcycle awareness booth at many events this year. The more that people learn about what we do, the more invitations we are receiving to set up at events. We give away lawn signs, bumper stickers, safety data and more. We will be set up at Newsday's bike and car show on Pinelawn rd in Melville on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Come on down and enjoy the event, it is free and they expect over 13,000 people there.

March 17<sup>th</sup> ABATE rode in the St Patty's Day Parade in Rocky Point. There was an anticipated crowd of 40,000 spectators that day who now have heard of ABATE and thanks to **Tracy Jahrsdoerfer**, about 1,000 of them took home a free motorcycle awareness bumper sticker. Let's hope they use them!

At the last Suffolk County Traffic Safety Board meeting (SCTSB) our **Safety Officer Joe Pizzo** requested that all Suffolk County vehicles have a motorcycle awareness bumper sticker on them. It is being considered and hopefully they will agree to do this.

In case you haven't noticed, our goal is to get people to LOOK FOR MOTORCYCLISTS while driving! And we are going to utilize every opportunity to get that message across. You can help us by taking a free lawn sign and bumper stickers for you and your friends.

We recently held our annual Safety & Awareness Run (and Bike Blessing) on April 14<sup>th</sup> in which we raised over \$6,000 which will be used EXCLUSIVELY for motorcycle safety & awareness throughout the year! We could not have accomplished this without the full support of; Full Throttle Magazine, SC Executive Steve Bellone, SC Police Dept, NYSDMV, WBAB, Rushing Wind Biker Church, Red River In, and the various presenters and vendors! And most especially the 300+ motorcyclists that

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Check it out for important info on upcoming events, motorcycle related news and legislation info, pictures from events and more...



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# VP 1



First I would like to thank everyone who helped out and everyone who attended our 4th annual Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run. The event was a huge success for ABATE and all the money raised at this event goes into our Safety and Awareness

fund and is used for things such as signs, PSA commercials, safety literature for events and anything we can do to achieve our goal of getting the people out there on the road to pay attention to us and be AWARE that motorcycles are on the road. So much work and planning goes into events like this and with Jim Barr as the chair making sure everything goes smoothly, it still wouldn't be such a success without all the volunteers who step up. Also a big thanks for a great job by the staff at the Red River Inn for the after party and Street Survivors who kept us entertained with a great show and to Ski and the Rushing Wind Biker Church for blessing all the bikes that came in.

We always try to have a presence at as many events as possible throughout the season and would like to attend more non-motorcycle events to get the message and educate the drivers about motorcycles. One event coming up that I'm excited about is Field of Wheels custom car and bike show sponsored by Newsday. This is a very large event that last year had over 13,000 in attendance. This is great exposure for LI ABATE. Its May 11th at the Newsday Bldg 325 Pinelawn Rd in Melville. The rain date is May 18th. If anyone has a car or bike they would like to put in the show come on down, we have space next to our booth to display bikes. For more info check out [newsday.com/fieldofwheels](http://newsday.com/fieldofwheels). We will also have a booth at the Jacobs Light poker run on May 5th. We will be at the end location at 1355 Motor Pkwy in Hauppauge. Registration for the run is at Ready Riders, 15 east Deer Park Rd. Dix Hills starting at 9am.

Our permit is approved and we will be putting up "watch for motorcycle" signs all over soon. By the time you get this you will be seeing them and so will everyone on the road. Also Brookhaven town has installed large 8 foot signs in each council district to promote motorcycle safety.

With the weather breaking (FINALLY) more bikes are on the road. If anyone sees or knows of any road conditions that need to be addressed, let us know. We'll get the info to our safety officer and get them worked on. Call the hotline or email him directly. Any questions or comments for any of us are always welcomed. All email addresses are on the front page of this newsletter.

This month we will be bar-b-q'n before the general meeting on the 14th. We will get started a little early, around 6:30 and get the meeting started at 7:30. So come on down.

Wayne

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## April MILESTONES

Ron Knatz	25 Years
Matthew Flynn	10 Years
Debra Flynn	10 Years
Cliff Smith	5 Years
Maureen Griffin	5 years
Bill Haynes	5 Years
Richard Blizzard	5 Years
Tony "Stich" Camizzi	5 Years
Edward Burger	5 Years
James McPeak	5 Years
Glenn Rodomista	5 Years
Anthony Ciminello	5 Years
Laura Ciminello	5 Years
Jimmy Punda	5 Years
Sharon McClinchy	5 Years
William Pfluger	5 Years
Robert Mott	5 Years
Desiderio Gomez	5 Years
Roseanne Beller	5 Years
Manny Inzirillo	5 Years

**Renewals about to Expire** – If you have already sent in your renewals, thank you. If you still need to submit your renewal, try out our new website. You can join and renew right on line.

B. Norton; C. Norton; R. Bombassei; P. Kunkel; B. Storch; C. Moore; K. Gallup; J. Signorelli; M. Doelger; P. Denny; P. Gaudett; D. King; M. Cali; J. Timms; J. Messier; B. Barry; J. Roy

Have a Safe Riding Season!!!

Kim

# motorcycle related news from AROUND THE NATION

## Motorcycle Only Checkpoint Bill To Be Dropped

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports, Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner from Wisconsin, announced Monday, April 15th that he will file a bill to prohibit the federal funding of motorcycle only roadside checkpoints.

Sensenbrenner had this to say in a "Dear Colleague" that is circulating in the House of Representatives. *"In the 112th Congress, I introduced H.R. 904, a bill to prohibit the Department of Transportation (DOT) from providing funds to state and local authorities for the purpose of creating motorcycle only checkpoints. Section 1 of the Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act contains the same language as H.R. 904. However, this bill also contains language to force the DOT to focus motorcycle safety efforts on crash prevention programs, not national helmet mandates."*

The bill will officially be introduced on May 6, 2013 and get its official bill number then. However, we must start the push now. It's important to contact your sitting member of the House of Representatives and ask them to be an original cosponsor of this important legislation. Ask them to contact Congressman James Sensenbrenner and lend their support. An "Original Cosponsor" is someone who supports the bill before it is made public and is a way to strongly support a new bill.

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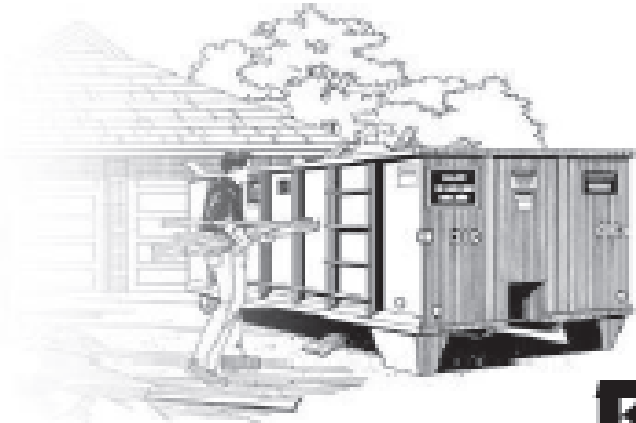
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# MEETING MINUTES

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**Roseann Barr**



ABATE membership meeting 4-9-13 at the Cathedral Pines Activity Bldg., Middle Island

7:30 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence for passing of LI ABATE member **Joe Billotti**, and Pastor Ski's mother-in-law.

Welcome to new members Pat, Paul and Peter.

Our chapter is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year. A special recognition given to **Ice Cream John** and **AJ Travis**, who are founding members of this chapter and 25 year members. *25 year members automatically become life members, which is sanctioned by NYS ABATE.* We are currently looking for venues / dates to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Our new website is up and running. Visit our website to receive LI ABATE updates or to pre-register for our runs. Anyone who wishes to become a member can register online with pay pal. Also the LI ABATE facebook page is linked to our website.

4/14 - Motorcycle Awareness Run and Bike Blessing. This run is co-sponsored by LI ABATE and **Full Throttle Magazine**, with support from **Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone**. Run begins at the H. Lee Dennison Bldg. in Hauppauge. **Pastor Ski** along with the **Bikers for Christ MC** will be blessing the motorcycles. Educational displays will include: **Dan Montamuro** from the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Board, Suffolk County Police Dept., Steve's Motorcycle School, Long Island Rides, Gold Wing Road Riders Association and Big Apple Motorcycle School. Music will be provided by WBAB. Coffee / bagels will be available. KSU at 12:00 for a police escorted ride to the Red River In, Yaphank. Music will be played by the Long Island Street Survivors. **All funds raised from this event will be devoted to promote motorcycle awareness.**

5/4 - NYS ABATE Regional Meeting. **Tanya Cruz**, our regional director, will be hosting a regional meeting (which includes the Long Island chapter, Brooklyn chapter and Brooklyn Alliance chapter) here at Cathedral Pines at 12:00pm. NYS ABATE President and Vice President will attend. Any ABATE members are also welcome to attend.

Town of Brookhaven / LI ABATE signs: LI ABATE member **Kathy Pfeil** made a proposal to **Dan Panico, Deputy Town Supervisor and town councilmen** in her district, to form a partnership between LI ABATE and each council district to post signs promoting motorcycle awareness. A resolution, sponsored by Dan Panico and **town councilwoman Kathy Walsh** was presented to the town board, and overwhelmingly approved, to post such signs from April through June, in each town council district. **Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine** and other council members gave praise to LI ABATE and the work that we do to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.

Additional motorcycle awareness signs, made by LI ABATE, will again be posted, pending approval, in front of each police precinct and on county roads. We must be vigilant in our promotion of motorcycle awareness. With this in mind, Jim reports of two recent motorcycle accidents. In Babylon, motorcyclist **John Hart** was killed when a motorist failed to yield

to his right of way and made a left turn in front of him. In Port Jefferson, a 23 year old motorcyclist sustained non-life threatening injuries from a motorist also making a left turn, failing to yield to the right of way.

**Dan LoSquadro**, former NYS Assemblyman, is the newly elected **Superintendent of the Brookhaven Highway Department**. Dan has been a supporter of motorcyclists' issues in the past, and we look forward to a continued relationship regarding road conditions in Brookhaven.

**Ed Hennessy** has unseated Dean Murray in the NYS Assembly

. Ed is a supporter of LI ABATE, and will be a guest speaker at a future membership meeting.

4/19, 4/20, 4/21 - NCOM Beast of the East, Chelmsford MA

5/16 - Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington D.C.

6/8, 6/9 - NCOM Beast of the West, Billings, MT

9/26-9/29 Meeting of the Minds, Columbus OH, sponsored by ABATE of Ohio

Upcoming LI ABATE Events

6/9 - Veterans Appreciation Run

8/17, 8/18 - 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Campout at Cathedral Pines

8/25 - Family Picnic, open to all LI ABATE members and their families

11/3 - St. Mary's Food and Toy Run

12/15 - Holiday Party

*Next membership meeting, 5/14, we will have a barbeque beginning at 6:30.*

Officer's Reports

Wayne / First Vice President: Wayne and Gina presented another motorcycle education and awareness program to students at BOCES in Riverhead. Approximately 200 students attended this presentation, and was met with favorable responses by students and faculty. Wayne has also been laying out our newsletter and encourages members to write about a recent ride they've been on, a nice riding location, a cartoon, etc. Please send any submissions to Wayne.

5/11 - Field of Wheels Car and Bike Show, sponsored by Newsday. LI ABATE will have a booth there.

Stavros / Second Vice President: Our 9<sup>th</sup> annual campout will be 8/17-8/18. Tickets are \$40 if purchased before August 1, and \$50 after this date. Ticket price includes, food, live music, bike games, wet t-shirt contest and camping fees. This year music will be provided by the Marshall Tucker Band. Tickets are limited, so please purchase early. Tickets will be available at the next membership meeting.

Bill / Treasurer: Bill thanks all who supported LI ABATE and rode in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He also reports that our chili run was a great success, with more than 100 bikes in attendance. Thank you to all who made chili, and to **Jim** and **Karen Hartmann** for hosting this event at **Finnegan's Wake**. *Bill commented how nice it was to see Joe Billotti at this event. Joe was excited about his new bike and looked forward to getting involved with LI ABATE once again. Joe passed away days later. We will miss him.*

6/9 - Veterans Appreciation Run: Bill made contact with two WWII veterans, one who was a POW and will

receive the POW flag at our ceremony in Montauk. Bill also stated that a special honor will be given to all army veterans this year. *Bill has been able to secure a third backer for all funds raised on this run this year.*

Joe / Safety Officer: Joe reported a success story. Last membership meeting, Jerry from the Rushing Wind Biker Church told of very hazardous road conditions / potholes, in front of the church on Knickerbocker Avenue. LI ABATE was able to get these potholes repaired the next day! Joe also reported a website, 511LongIsland.com, developed by the Brookhaven Traffic Safety Board. Check this website for current traffic and/or road conditions.

Steve / Road Captain: Steve thanks all who volunteered to be road guards on the chili run. More volunteers are needed. Please contact Steve.

Nancy / Public Relations and Website: Nancy read a press release she wrote and submitted to multiple publications regarding the upcoming Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run. Nancy attends monthly LIMA meetings and noted the following upcoming runs (*please note that various club runs are listed in the 2013 LI ABATE handbook*).

4/27 - Trashed MC, annual party and 4/28 - Riders of Fire MC, annual bike blessing.

Kim / Membership: Memberships can now be renewed and new members may now sign up on our website through pay pal. We currently have approximately 300 provisional memberships. We hope to sign up new members once these complimentary memberships expire. If anyone does sign up a complimentary member, please be sure to get the e-mail address, as this is how they will receive our newsletter and updates for our events.

Ski / Chaplain: 6/15 - Downed Biker Run. Ski also states that hamburgers and hot dogs will be served at Wednesday services.

From the Floor

Italians MC: 8/10 - annual Italian Festival at Villa Monaco's. *LI ABATE was offered a booth at this event.*

Bob / LI HOG: Bob reports that 48 units of blood were collected at LI HOG's blood drive. He thanked all who participated. *Jim thanked LI HOG for their continued support.*

Lorenzo suggested going to a Yankee baseball game. *It was agreed to look into attending a LI Duck's game.*

Chris inquired if Green County ABATE was again hosting a pig roast at Blackthorne.

Vinnie from Renegade's Classics told of their Grand Opening Party on 5/18. *He offered a 10% discount to any LI ABATE member who shows their ABATE card at time of purchase.*

Jim thanks all clubs that came to the meeting. LI ABATE supports anyone on 2, or 3, wheels.

**Motion 6-2013: Motion to adjourn. (seconded) All in favor.** Meeting adjourned at 9:22.

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showed up to support us! A tremendous THANK YOU to all of these people!

Our 2013 Motorcyclists Handbook has been printed and we started distributing them for free at the safety & awareness run and will continue distributing them throughout the year. I would like to thank all of the people that have sponsored ads in the book! This year we included a listing of all the Club runs that we were aware of as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please support the vendors who have advertised in it and use the run listing as a guide for runs throughout the year.

I will be riding down to Washington DC on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> to support the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Bikers in the Beltway lobbying event. I went last year and it was a great opportunity to meet with and lobby dozens of Congressman from around the Country. ABATE typically lobbies on behalf of State legislation and the MRF lobbies for us on a National level. The MRF has a full time lobbyist on staff in DC named Jeff Hennie but once a year they ask us to show up to remind the national representatives that Jeff speaks for a large community. Anyone that is interested is more than welcome to join me. We will leave about 5am and be home before bedtime.

We have a surprise for you at this year's annual Campout on August 17<sup>th</sup>. This year you will be entertained by the live music of **The Marshall Tucker Band!** This event is not open to the general public and is for ABATE members only! The Band has made special considerations and concessions in order to be able to perform for us! Tickets for the campout are \$40 until July 31<sup>st</sup>. after that they will increase to \$50. Tickets are limited so make sure you get yours early before we run out! If tickets are sold out in advance, people will be turned away the day of the event. The reason is that this is our campout and not a concert event. We still have to cook for all of you and we want you to continue to enjoy the campout as a small and intimate event without the chaos of strangers attending simply for the music. You are welcome to purchase tickets for your non- member friends as long as you sign them up as either a full member at \$25 or as a provisional member for free. But they must be a member because this is a private party and not a concert. Feel free to inquire about the details from any Officer.

Our next membership meeting is **Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**. We will be having a **free barbeque** before the meeting and will try to have the **food ready by 6:30** so be sure to come early to eat. The meeting will start at 7:30.

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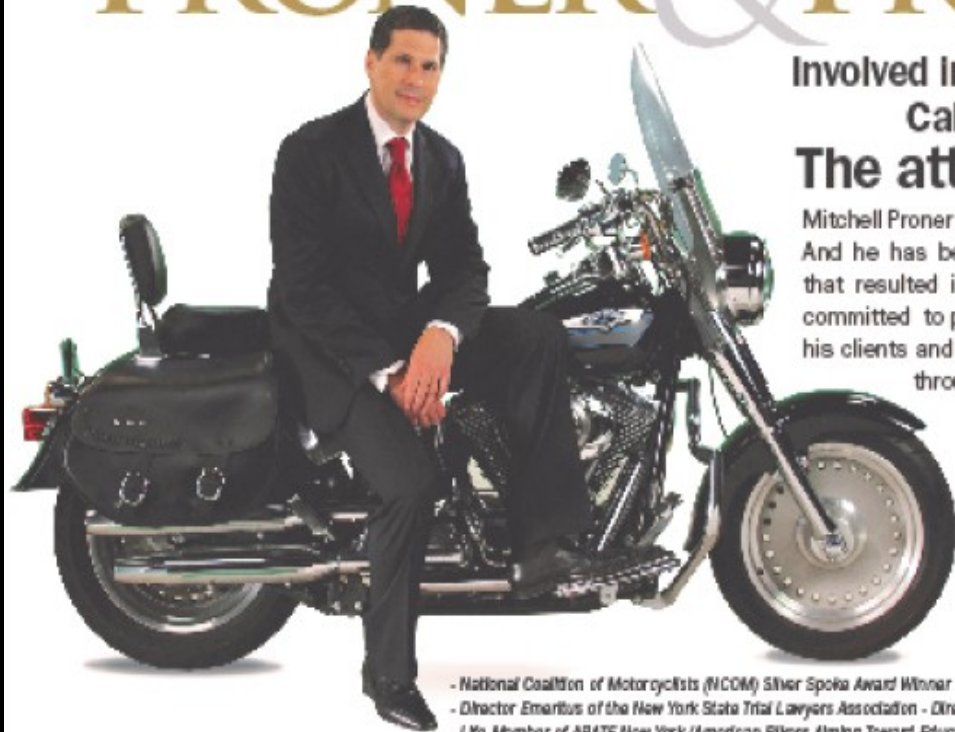
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