

LI ABATE membership meeting 4-11-17, Ronkonkoma, NY

BBQ before the meeting.

7:32 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome new members and guests.

Minutes for the March 2017 membership meeting were published in the April 2017 newsletter.

Motion 10-2017: Motion to accept March 2017 membership meeting minutes as published in the April 2017 newsletter. (Seconded) All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Detailed income and expenditures were reported. *Bill also passed around a voluntary donation jug to continue collecting for our 2017 Veterans fund. He, again, was able to secure three benefactors who will match all funds raised. John, Treasurer for the US Veterans MC submitted a \$500 donation from the USVMC, which becomes \$2,000 with the matching funds. Thank you so much for your generous donation.*

Motion 11-2017: Motion to accept treasury report. (Seconded) All in favor.

Committee Reports

Jackie / Membership: April membership renewal letters were sent out this week. Memberships can be renewed by mail, online or at a membership meeting. *Jackie urges applicants to please print clearly. She will also be publishing a list of names in the newsletter of those members whose address has changed and renewal letters have been returned. Jackie has no other way of contacting these members. It is imperative that members renew and that we keep our membership numbers up. It is the only way we can be effective when we meet with public officials in protecting the rights and safety of motorcyclists.*

Nancy / Newsletter: If you are not receiving LI ABATE newsletters or e-mails via mail chimp, please let Nancy know and the e-mail data base will be updated.

Mike / Public Relations: Mike was happy to report that **FIOS** and **News 12** did cover our recent Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run. In addition, Mike was able to get a student from BOCES to videograph the run, Mike also continues to promote LI ABATE in bike shops across the island, lately in Nassau County and Queens.

Mike / Safety Officer: Suffolk County Traffic and Safety Board meetings have been postponed. Mike will attend the next scheduled meeting. *Mike urges motorcyclists to please be alert when riding in groups. He reported of an accident that occurred with motorcyclists riding in a group.*

Mike / Legislative Liaison: LI ABATE continues to wait for the FOIL (Freedom Of Information Law) report regarding the motorcycle only checkpoint that occurred the day of our food and toy run. We are waiting for this report before we approach the Suffolk County Legislature about this matter. Mike spoke of **ABATE of NY's Freedom Ride**, May 15th in Albany. **Len Miller, President of Schoharie Chapter**, is trying to get motorcyclists to attend to fight motorcycle only checkpoints. Jim and Mike will be riding up to Albany on May 15th. They proposed meeting at the park and ride, North Ocean Avenue, exit 63 LIE, at 6am, for any motorcyclists interested in joining them. The park and ride, South Oyster Bay Road, exit 43 LIE, has also been suggested for any Nassau riders who are interested in going. *Please contact Jim at LongIslandABATE@aol.com if you are interested in riding to Albany.*

Kathy / Products: Products (crew sweatshirts, \$15, zippered sweatshirts, \$25, hoodies, \$20, t-shirts, \$10, embroidered knit LI ABATE hats, \$15) are available for purchase at membership meetings. Kathy ran a special at tonight's meeting – 1 hoodie sweatshirt + 1 crew neck sweatshirt + 1 t-shirt all for \$40.

Andrea / Volunteer Coordinator: Andrea thanked all volunteers who helped out at the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run. *If anyone is interested in volunteering at LI ABATE events or booths, please see Andrea.*

Old Business

March membership meeting in Ronkonkoma was cancelled due to weather. LI ABATE is also meeting in Nassau County on the third Tuesday of each month @ 7:30. Meetings are held at the Marine Corp. League Building 99, New York Avenue, Massapequa.

LI ABATE Motorcyclist's Handbook is now available for the 2017 riding season. The centerfold of this handbook lists motorcycle runs for the season. Nancy will be sending out outstanding invoices this week.

Count Motorcycles: LI ABATE wants to encourage all drivers and passengers to play "count motorcycles" while on the road. LI ABATE member, **Karen Wirth**, along with member **Bill Forrester**, developed this idea into a game, which they had printed on pads. These pads were given out at the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run, and are available a membership meetings and LI ABATE booths.

Sgt. John Barbato Award: LI ABATE was presented with this special award by **Project9Line** for our "significant support of project9line's mission". *Project 9 Line is an organization that helps veterans cope with PTSD.*

New Business

LI ABATE Scholarship: Long Island ABATE Scholarship, which is dedicated to the memory of **Stavros Dalambakis**, and all of our fallen brothers and sisters, is available to the children / grandchildren of LI ABATE members. This year, two \$750 scholarships will be awarded. One scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who will be attending college / vocational school, and one scholarship will be awarded to a currently matriculating college / vocational student. Scholarship applications will be available on the LI ABATE website. *Our paint night fundraiser, at the Backstage Pass, Ronkonkoma was a great success in which over \$1,000 was raised. In addition, **Andrea**, our volunteer coordinator, has graciously named LI ABATE as the recipient of a fundraiser she hosts with psychic Janet Russell. Andrea will be donating her proceeds toward this scholarship fund. This fundraiser will be held at Villa Monaco's, 4/27, 6:30-9:30. Tickets are \$75per person, limited to 40 participants.*

Motorcycle Awareness Road Signs: We have 4 x 4 motorcycle awareness signs to be posted on county roads for the motorcycle season. *We are looking for volunteers to help post these signs. Volunteers will meet at Cathedral Pines County Park, Middle Island on May 6th.* Also if anyone knows of property where we could post additional 4 x 4 signs with permission, in Suffolk and in Nassau, please let board know. In addition, 4' x 8' motorcycle awareness signs will be posted in front of all police precincts in May.

Port Jefferson Parking: LI ABATE has been renting 50 parking spots in the Town of Brookhaven parking lot in order to provide **free** and **unlimited** parking for motorcyclists. We will do this again for the 2017 riding season. This costs LI ABATE \$2500 for the year. Through the efforts of **Tommy Schaeffer, President of the Business Improvement District of Port Jefferson**, BID has supported this endeavor and has reimbursed LI ABATE \$2000. While we do not mandate that motorcycles park in this designated area, we do encourage motorcyclists to take advantage of this free, unlimited parking space since parking on Main St. is strictly limited to 30 minutes (they do chalk tires).

Motorcycle Raffle: A discussion ensued about the possibility of LI ABATE raffling off a new motorcycle. LI ABATE member **Warren** has volunteered to look into details.

LI ABATE Run / Event List

Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run in conjunction with **Full Throttle Magazine**, was held April 2 and was a great success. Approximately 500 motorcycles were present. We are grateful to **Jack Monti and Regina Heisenbuttel** for sharing their stories about how their lives have been forever affected due to the negligence of a driver. **Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone** spoke highly of LI ABATE, and our mission to keep motorcyclists safe. **FIOS** and **News 12** covered the run. In addition, **Lance, a BOCES student**, videographed the run, and will edit and make into a film. **Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone** also had the run videotaped, and will

post it on his *Facebook* page. We would like to thank **Bikers of Christ MM** for the blessing of each bike, the **Suffolk County Police Department, 5th Precinct** for their assistance escorting the run, and **Andrea** for organizing all of the volunteers for this run. All funds raised on this run will go toward LI ABATE's 2017, motorcycle safety and awareness campaign. Pictures from the run will be posted on our Facebook community page and website.

June 11 - Veterans Appreciation Run. The run will begin at the Riverhead Elks and end in Montauk. *All proceeds from this run will be quadrupled and given to local veterans organizations.* **Kathy Pfeil** has gotten the **82nd Battalion Military Band** to play at Montauk. A bugler will also be present to play *Taps*.

August 19-20 - LI ABATE Annual Campout. Advance tickets are \$30, \$40 the day of the campout. Ticket price includes lunch, dinner, live music, bike games, bike contest and camping fees for Saturday night. **Lisa Polizzi** will be headlining this year, along with **Wildflower** and late night with **Simple Days**.

November 5 – Food and Toy Run

December 9 – Holiday Party

Motorcycle Club Runs / Events

Patriot Guard Riders: NOA, No One in Attendance, ceremony the second Wednesday of each month at Calverton National Cemetery. Group meets up by the restrooms at 9:30am. *Bill encourages anyone to be a part of the flag line and honor those who served our country*

Empire Galaxie Club: 4/9 11th Annual Spring Breakout Cruise (cars and motorcycles) from Farmingdale to Orient Point. Rain or shine. Starting @ Multiples Theater parking lot Rt. 110 & Conklin St., Farmingdale, 8am. Cruising time 9:30. \$20 reg. fee. *All net proceeds going to America's Vet Dogs.*

USVMC: annual party, 4/15 @ 3:00, \$15

Bikers For Christ MM: 4/16 Easter Sunrise Run. KSU 5:30am @ Rushing Wind Biker Church, Knickerbocker Ave, Bohemia to Smith Point County Park for sunrise service. *All vehicles welcome. There is no fee for this run.* 4/18 Painting party fundraiser @ Backstage Pass, \$35.

HAMCLI: 4/23, 19th annual 81 Thunder Run and 10th annual Chili Cook-off. \$10 donation KSU 11:30 HAMCLI clubhouse, 162 Henry St, Hempstead to Brotherhood of United Bikers Clubhouse, Bldg.80, Knickerbocker Ave, Bohemia. *Rain date 4/30*

Leathernecks MC: 10/29 VA Hospital Run. Run begins at the Marine Corp League, Massapequa and goes to the VA Hospital, Northport, then back to the Marine Corp League for after party.

Bayport Aerodrome Society: 3rd annual Celebration of Vintage Transportation, 5/21, 10am-4pm. \$10 to enter car or bike in the show. Trophies awarded in each class. Contact Mudfish at 6316825973 to enter. Space is limited.

Anchor Bike Run: 8/26 \$20 adult, \$5 child, 10am – 3pm, begins at CCC Long Island Campus and ends at CCC Brooklyn Campus. Not for profit organization, *Love Hopes Anchor* trying to raise funds to build school in Equador.

50 / 50: \$112 to the winner

Motion 12-2017: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:01.