

LI ABATE membership meeting 6-13-17, Ronkonkoma, NY

BBQ before the meeting.

7:33 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome new members and guests.

Minutes for the May 2017 membership meeting were published in the June 2017 newsletter.

**Motion 16-2017: Motion to accept May 2017 membership meeting minutes as published in the June 2017 newsletter. (Seconded) All in favor.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Detailed income and expenditures were reported.

**Motion 17-2017: Motion to accept treasury report. (Seconded) All in favor.**

### **Committee Reports**

**Jackie / Membership:** Memberships can be renewed by mail, online or at a membership meeting. (Membership dues is \$20 per year, \$80 for 5 years or \$10 per year, up to 25 years, for lifetime memberships.) *Jackie urges applicants to please print clearly on membership applications. 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. Nancy also encourages any motorcycle event flyers be sent to her for a free one month publication in our newsletter.

**Nancy / Website:** Scholarship applications can be printed from our website. Campout tickets are also available on our website. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 the day of our campout. Nancy is again accepting video clips from motorcyclists following the format: *Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am a(n) occupation. And I ride a motorcycle.* As in the past, clips should include motorcyclists in their work attire, then a clip of them on their motorcycles.

**Kathy / Products:** There are only a few 2017 Veterans Appreciation Run t-shirts left @ \$15. Rockers, for any year, are available @ 5 / \$1. *Kathy also stated that \$1,940 worth of merchandise was sold at the Veterans Appreciation Run. She thanks Sue and Peggy for their assistance at the products table. In addition, \$500 worth of new and renewed memberships was taken in, half of which will be donated to the Veterans fund.*

### **Old Business**

**Nassau membership meetings** continue to be held 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 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 are available on the LI ABATE website.

**Motorcycle Awareness Road Signs:** Jim thanks all those who volunteered to post the 4 x 4 motorcycle awareness signs on county roads for the motorcycle season. If anyone knows of additional properties where we could post 4 x 4 signs with permission, in Suffolk and in Nassau, please let board know. We have purchased the materials to make 4 additional signs.

**Court Case:** Motorcyclist **Chris Vorsik**, was killed on College Road in Selden by an alleged drunk driver. LI ABATE continues to monitor this case. The next scheduled court hearing will be held July 14th in Central Islip.

**USDA Educational and Safety Seminar:** Jim and Kathy presented a safety training course about motorcycle awareness to all attendees. The presentation was well received.

**Town of Brookhaven Motorcycle Awareness Signs:** Brookhaven Town has again posted motorcycle awareness signs in each council district. Each sign posted has the Councilperson's name along with LI ABATE. A press conference is being coordinated to show that LI ABATE and local municipalities are working together for motorcycle awareness. *Thank you to **Kathy Pfeil** for helping this to occur again this year.*

**NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant** request has been successfully submitted, thanks to **Lotus from ABATE of Oklahoma**. Mike and Jim met her last year while attending an MRF Conference in Oklahoma. She offered to help us write a grant and ended up writing a 51 page grant. LI ABATE is requesting funds for educational and awareness materials as well as funds to spread the motorcycle awareness message to the public sector through various media outlets. After amending the original application, LI ABATE was awarded \$29,400.

**Your Island Radio Show:** LI ABATE is once again sponsoring *Your Island* radio show with host **Tom Schillaro**, who is also a LI ABATE member, for 10 weeks. The radio show airs Monday through Friday on 103.9, from 12:00pm – 2:00pm. Tomorrow at noon, Jim, along with **leading motorcyclist activist, Double D**, will be discussing motorcyclist's issues, including motorcycle profiling.

**Riverhead Polish Hall Annual Steak Dinner** will be held tomorrow, June 14, Flag Day. Tickets are \$20 each. LI ABATE has 4 tables. Last year all raffle money proceeds were donated to LI ABATE's *Veterans Appreciation Fund*. This donation totaled \$2500, which became \$10,000 with the matching funds from three private donors.

### New Business

**Guest Speaker – Peter, HAMC Long Island Charter** introduced **Double D**, who is one of the leading motorcyclist advocates in the country. Double D spoke about motorcycle profiling, which he said is an epidemic in NYS. Double D spoke of being a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation member of the **Outsiders MC** in Tacoma Washington. He witnessed repeatedly, the targeting and abusive profiling of his father and club brothers by law enforcement. He felt this was a motorcycle club issue, but later found that this was an issue to **all motorcyclists**. This propelled him to speak about motorcycle profiling and ultimately to help get an anti-profiling law passed unanimously in his state of Washington in 2011. He offered his expertise in the state of Maryland to get an anti profiling bill passed, in 2016, without a single “no” vote. It is now time for all motorcyclists in New York State to get behind an anti profiling bill. Double D has already written a 40+ page bill specific to NYS. He has offered consultation on how to get this bill to move forward and has also offered to testify before a legislative hearing. It is our mission to gain legislative support for this bill. In addition, Double D suggests we begin a grassroots media campaign, telling our experiences of motorcycle profiling, in effort to build a pattern of evidence in NYS and ultimately a pattern of evidence nationally. For those members who wish to hear more, or for those members who did not have the opportunity to hear Double D speak, please go to **Motorcycle Profiling Project.com**, for additional information and speaking videos. We also encourage you to participate in his **National Motorcycle Profiling Survey**, which has become the backbone of the MRF's effort to support and lobby for a National Profiling Bill.

*Thank you Double D, for all that you do for the motorcycle community.*

### LI ABATE Run / Event List

**Veterans Appreciation Run – Bill, Chairman of the Veterans Appreciation Run** thanked everyone who participated in this run, and all those who generously donated throughout the year. To date, we have raised close to **\$80,000!!** A special thank you to **Joe Pizzo, our Road Captain** and **Chris Lauri** for the fantastic route. He also thanked **14.5 MC** for road guarding, and **Kathy Pfeil** for getting the **42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division Band** to play at Montauk. We would also like to extend our thanks to **Lorenzo Lamas**, for graciously agreeing to be the Grand Marshall on this run.

**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

### **LI ABATE Booths**

*Nancy will be compiling a calendar of scheduled LI ABATE booth dates and locations. If anyone is willing to volunteer, please contact Nancy or Andrea.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, May through October – Full Throttle Bike Nights**, Meadowlands Bar and Grill, East Meadow

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, June, July, August** – Bike Night @ Red River In

### **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.*

**Founding Sons Law Enforcement / Military MC:** 7/16, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Kick Stands Up Motorcycle Poker Run and Car Show. *Proceeds to benefit homeless veterans.* 11am – 4pm, 939 Johnson Ave, Ronkonkoma. Motorcycles / cars \$20, passengers \$10, registration starts 9:30, includes buffet lunch, poker run cash prizes.

**LI HOG:** 8/6 – 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Roadhouse Motorcycle Ride *to benefit Homes for our Troops.* Registration @ Texas Roadhouse, East Meadow \$30 single rider, \$50 with passenger. Ride goes to Deer Park Fire Dept. Training Field. Fees include breakfast, bbq and concert at the end of the ride.

**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.

**50 / 50:** \$110 to the winner. *Winner was Sophie G., Nancy's daughter, who generously donated all of her winnings to the Veterans Appreciation Fund.*

**Motion 18-2017: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor.** Meeting adjourned at 8:51.

