

LI ABATE membership meeting 7-11-17, Ronkonkoma, NY

BBQ before the meeting.

7:39 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome new members and guests.

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

**Motion 19-2017: Motion to accept June 2017 membership meeting minutes as published in the July 2017 newsletter. (Seconded) All in favor.**

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

**Motion 20-2017: Motion to accept treasury report. (Seconded) All in favor.**

### **Committee Reports**

**Jackie / Membership:** July renewal letters have been sent out. Membership is over 1850. 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:** Campout tickets are available on our website. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 the day of our campout. There is also a link for donations to our Veterans Appreciation Fund. All pictures from the Veterans Appreciation Run have been uploaded to our website.

**Mike / Safety Officer:** Mike is compiling a list of traffic lights that will not change for motorcycles. Mike asks anyone who knows of a location where motorcycles do not trip the light to please let him know.

**Joe / Road Captain:** *Thank you again, Joe, for the awesome route for the Veterans Appreciation Run to Montauk.* Joe wanted to credit and thank the **Towns of East Hampton and South Hampton** for sweeping their portion of the route prior to the run.

**Kathy / Products:** Tonight's special t-shirts \$10 each or 3 for \$25. There are a limited number of 2017 Veterans Appreciation Run t-shirts left for \$15. Rockers for 2004 – 2014 are free.

***Membership Special:** Through July and August, anyone who purchases or renews a 5 year membership for \$80, a portion of that money, \$25, will be donated to the Veterans Appreciation Fund. (This would total \$100 with the matches.) Members present were in favor of this idea.*

**Debbie / Scholarship:** Long Island ABATE Scholarship is dedicated to the memory of **Stavros Dalambakis**, and all of our fallen brothers and sisters. This scholarship is available to the children / grandchildren of LI ABATE members. The scholarship committee met and two recipients were chosen, one a graduating high school senior who will be attending college/ vocational school and one an already matriculating college/vocational school student. **Kaitlin D'Amico**, a 2017 High School Graduate, will be attending Manhattanville College for the field of dentistry. **Kaitlin Girondo**, who currently attends Quinnipiac, is pursuing a career in occupational therapy. Congratulations to both award winners. Each will receive a \$750 scholarship.

### **Guest Speaker**

Personal injury attorney and LI ABATE member, **Mike Levine**, also known as **Motorcycle Mike**, spoke about the importance of carrying adequate motorcycle insurance. Motorcyclists / passengers **do not** have no fault coverage. They need insurance to compensate for medical bills. Mike strongly advised that motorcyclists add supplementary underinsured insurance to their policies, as well as medical pay coverage. Mike offered to review the insurance policy of LI ABATE members. Members can call him and read their amounts of coverage in their current policy. **Mike very generously donated \$750 toward LI ABATE's Scholarship 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.

**Last month's guest speaker Double D**, one of the leading motorcyclist advocates in the country, spoke about motorcycle profiling, which he said is an epidemic in NYS. Double D helped 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. Double D has 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. **HAMC LI Charter** hosted Double D the following night, where he had the opportunity to speak about motorcycle profiling to representatives from MC's across the island. It is now our mission to gain legislative support for this bill. 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 **[Motorcycleprofilingproject.com](http://Motorcycleprofilingproject.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.

**Court Case:** LI ABATE continues to monitor the case of motorcyclist **Chris Vorisek**, who was fatally injured on College Road in Selden by an alleged drunk driver, Francis Quinn. At his last court hearing, charges were upgraded against Quinn to manslaughter. **Bureau Chief, John Scott Prudenti** reached out to LI ABATE and to the family of Chris Vorisek to assure that the district attorney's office will be looking into this case. The next scheduled court hearing will be held August 11th in Central Islip, in Judge Comacho's courtroom.

**NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant:** LI ABATE was awarded \$29,400 for the year 2018, for educational and awareness materials to spread the motorcycle awareness message to the public sector.

**Riverhead Polish Hall Annual Steak Dinner** was held June 14, Flag Day. Raffle money proceeds were donated to LI ABATE's *Veterans Appreciation Fund* again this year. This donation totaled \$3085, which became \$12,340 with the matching funds from three private donors. LI ABATE is looking to purchase a second DAV van to help transport veterans.

### **New Business**

**Motorcycle Accident:** A Centereach man was killed when his motorcycle collided with a car. *Newsday* reported that the motorcyclist ran a stop sign. Jim went to the accident scene and took pictures of the stop sign which was completely covered by overgrown shrubbery. (There was no white line on the road indicating a stop sign.) The accident occurred at night adding to the difficult circumstances. Pictures were forwarded to the victim's family / attorney.

**Smile.Amazon.com:** If you go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to make any purchase off of Amazon, 0.5% of the purchase price will be donated to your charity of choice. LI ABATE is listed as a recipient charity.

**Nordic Lodge:** We are planning a social ride to the Nordic Lodge in Rhode Island on August 13. We plan to take the Orient Ferry then a leisurely ride to the Nordic Lodge, an all you can eat buffet including lobsters, prime rib, etc. Cost at the lodge is \$100 per person. Contact Jim for more information.

**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. 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, as parking on Main St. is strictly limited to 30 minutes (they do chalk tires) for all motorists. Thank you to LI ABATE member **Bill Forrester** for designing and posting a sign at this location with the *LI ABATE, Town of Brookhaven* and the *Business Improvement District of Port Jefferson* logos as sponsors of this free motorcycle parking area.

**WBAB Radio Commercial** with Dee Snyder promoting LI ABATE and encouraging membership airs during *Fingers radio show* once each day.

**LI ABATE Vehicle:** LI ABATE continues to look for a box truck which we could wrap, promoting motorcycle awareness, and fill with products and awareness materials. This truck can then easily be driven to local community and motorcycle events. We are currently pursuing a truck being decommissioned by SC Dept of Public Works.

**South Shore Press:** Thank you to **Ron Monteleone** for the full page coverage in the *South Shore Press*, of our Veterans Appreciation Run.

### **LI ABATE Run / Event List**

**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 Inn

### **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.

*Approximately 23-27 veterans are buried each month with no family in attendance. 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.

**Sticky Finger Motorcycle Run:** 7/16 Benefiting Stony Brook Cancer Center Breast Cancer Programs and Services. Reg. 12 noon, KSU 2:00. \$30rider, \$30passenger. *Entry fee includes admission to the Great South Bay Music Festival.*

**National Veterans MC:** 7/23- 10<sup>th</sup> annual party at clubhouse.

**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.

**Alliance MC:** 8/20 – 21<sup>st</sup> Light Ride Event, begins/ends Eisenhower Park, escorted ride down Ocean Parkway, then back to park for bbq.

**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.

**Nassau County Fire Riders:** 11/5 – Turkey Run

*Happy Birthday to **Donna**.*

**50 / 50:** \$85 to the winner.

**Motion 21-2017: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor.** Meeting adjourned at 9:00.