

LI ABATE membership meeting 9-12-17, Commack, NY

Membership meeting was held at the CSEA meeting hall. The Ronkonkoma meeting location was unavailable as it was primary day and that location is a polling place.

Heroes and salads served before the meeting.

7:36 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of Silence in remembrance of the September 11, 2001 terror attacks. *LI ABATE member, Rich, who was working in Tower Two that day, told of his experience.*

Welcome new members and guests.

Minutes for the August 2017 membership meeting were sent out with the September 2017 newsletter.

Motion 25-2017: Motion to accept August 2017 membership meeting minutes which were sent with the September 2017 newsletter. (Seconded) All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Detailed income and expenditures were reported. *Thank you to **Attorney Mitch Proner** for his very generous donation of \$5,000 to sponsor our campout. Bill also spoke about the Veterans Appreciation Fund. He thanked all who generously contributed to this fund. Our total to date is over \$120,000! The list of recipient veteran organizations is being finalized, and funds will be distributed at our October 10th membership meeting, which will be held at the Centereach VFW.*

Motion 26-2017: Motion to accept treasury report. (Seconded) All in favor.

Committee Reports

Jackie / Membership: Membership is approaching 2000. 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 lists all upcoming LI ABATE booths in the newsletter. *If anyone wishes to volunteer at one of these booths, please let Nancy know.* Nancy also encourages any motorcycle event flyers be sent to her for a free one month publication in our newsletter.

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. Mike is also working on a list of locations where potholes need to be addressed. Again, please let Mike know of such locations.

Kathy / Products: Long sleeved LI ABATE shirts and sweatshirts will be available at the October membership meeting.

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. Meetings are a recap of business discussed at the official monthly meeting held in Ronkonkoma.

Court Case: LI ABATE has been monitoring the case of motorcyclist **Chris Voresik**, who was fatally injured on College Road in Selden. A plea deal, which has been accepted by the victim's family, has been reached, as there appeared to be fault on both sides.

Smile.Amazon.com: If you go to smile.amazon.com to make any purchase from Amazon, 0.5% of the purchase price will be donated to your charity of choice. LI ABATE is listed as a recipient charity.

New Business

Motorcycle Accident: Two motorcycles rear ended a car on Boyle Road in Selden. One motorcyclist left the scene. The second motorcyclist went down, and ultimately passed away at the hospital. It was later learned that these two motorcyclists were part of a group of motorcyclists that were riding recklessly for an extended period of time in the Selden, Centereach, Port Jefferson Station area. Jim spoke out against this type of behavior, as it affects the reputation of all motorcyclists.

LI ABATE member, **Lee Lambertson** was riding his motorcycle to work when a driver turned into him. Lee needed surgery on his leg and remains in the hospital. *Lee hesitated going to the hospital due to medical costs. We urge all riders to please talk to their insurance agent about increasing coverage on policy to include medical expenses. Motorcycle Mike has offered to review motorcycle insurance policies to determine if coverage is adequate.*

Motorcycle Mike, a personal injury attorney, has offered a discounted fee from 33% to 25% to all LI ABATE members. He has also offered to donate \$1,000 to the LI ABATE Scholarship Fund from his earnings.

Future LI ABATE meeting locations: The **October** membership meeting will take place at the Centereach VFW, Horseblock Rd., Centereach. A buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 and we will be disbursing the Veterans Appreciation Funds. Afterward, we will resume the business portion of the membership meeting where nominations for the 2018 LI ABATE Officers will be held. The **November** membership meeting will be back in Ronkonkoma, where nominations will continue, and elections will be held. *Anyone who wishes to be nominated for a board position must be present at the October and / or November meeting.* There will be no **December** meeting.

Your Island Live with Tom Schilaro radio show:(airs on 103.9, weekdays from 12:00 – 2:00.) Suffolk County Police Chief Cameron was on the show discussing how a police officer is assigned to track and collect data on all car accidents. Jim called into the show and explained that most motorcycle accidents occur when a driver turns left in front of the motorcycle. He suggested that LI ABATE and the SCPD work together to collect data regarding this type of accident. This information would be valuable in addressing motorcycle safety.

Presidents Meeting: The Presidents of all motorcycle clubs on Long Island meet monthly. Jim will be a guest speaker at their September monthly meeting. Jim is encouraged that more motorcycle clubs are joining and getting involved in LI ABATE.

WACO Update: Jury selection in the first trial of those arrested in the incident in Waco, Texas will begin this month. There continues to be much controversy surrounding the events of that day as well as the arrests made. Many motorcyclists who were arrested were motorcyclist advocates and there to discuss motorcyclists' issues. Charges brought against them include conspiracy to commit organized crime with an underlying charge of murder. The objectiveness of the prosecution and of the court proceedings has been questioned.

LI ABATE Run / Event List

LI ABATE Campout – *Thank you to **Joe Pizzo**, chairman of the campout committee, for another great event. We wish to again thank **Attorney Mitch Proner** for his very generous donation of \$5,000 to sponsor our campout. Thank you to **Lisa Polizzi, Wildflower, and Simple Days** for providing the music, **Morgan and Tracy** for doing all of the cooking and barbequing, **Jackie and Claudia** for doing the shopping for this event, **Bikers for Christ Motorcycle Ministry** for serving lunch and dinner, **Deadwood Choppers** for sponsoring the bike contest and any other volunteers who helped to make this campout a success.*

November 5 – Food and Toy Run. We will begin at the Riverhead Elks Lodge and ride to St. Mary's Church in Hampton Bays. There is no fee for this ride but we do ask that participants bring an unwrapped toy and / or food. Last year LI ABATE donated more than \$25,000 in toys, food and monetary donations.

December 9 – Holiday Party at Backstage Pass. *Free to all LIABATE members.*

LI ABATE Booths

If anyone is willing to volunteer, please contact Nancy or Andrea.

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

9/23 – Brookhaven Safety Day, Holtsville Ecology Site

10/1 – Dee Snyder Ride, Long Beach

12/1, 12/2, 12/3 – International Motorcycle Show, Jacob Javits Center, NYC

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. Karen encourages anyone to be a part of the flag line and honor those who served our country.

If anyone wishes to join the Patriot Guard Riders, sign up at www.PGRNY.org. There is no fee and no commitments. You will receive upcoming missions by e-mail.

Antique Motorcycle Club of America: 9/16 – Antique bike show and swap meet.

Leathernecks MC: 10/29- 16th annual 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 bbq. \$20 rider, \$10 passenger. All proceeds to benefit the veterans at Northport.

50 / 50: \$113 to the winner.

Motion 24-2017: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:12.

