

Long Island ABATE 2-13-18 Membership Meeting, Ronkonkoma, NY

BBQ before the meeting.

7:34 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome new members and guests.

The minutes for our January 2018 membership meeting were published in the February 2018 newsletter.

Motion 4-2018: Motion to accept January 2018 membership meeting minutes as published in the February 2018 newsletter. (Seconded) All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Detailed income and expenditures were reported. *A voluntary donation jug for our 2018 Veterans fund was passed around. Bill, again, was able to secure three benefactors who will match all funds raised. Thus far we have collected \$4,947, (with the matches in place our total is \$19,788). Bill thanks all who donated, with a special thank you to the Nassau County Fire Riders for their \$1,000 donation, \$750 donation in memory of Bob Golden, and a \$250 donation from the Mastic Ambulance Company.*

Motion 5-2018: Motion to accept treasury report. (Seconded) All in favor.

Committee Reports

George / Membership: Renewal letters have been sent out for all memberships that will expire in February. George has a form members can fill out if their information (address, e-mail, etc.) has changed. To date, there are 2,002 members on the books

Memberships can be renewed by mail, online or at a membership meeting. Memberships can be renewed at any time. Your current membership will be extended for one year. ***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 / 2nd Vice-President / Website: Nancy continues to update the website. There is now a link to pre-register for our Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run, as well as various donation links. **Newsletter:** Anyone wishing to advertise in our monthly newsletter, please contact Nancy. If you are not receiving LI ABATE newsletters or e-mails, please let Nancy know and the e-mail data base will be updated.

Mike / Legislative Officer: Legislation that Mike will be focusing on this year include motorcycle profiling and revised exhaust pipe legislation. Mike discussed the NYC Congestion

Pricing Plan proposal and stated that currently, motorcycles are not being considered for a reduction and will be subject to the same charge as cars. A petition is being circulated on social media to address this issue. Mike will also be making appointments to meet with political officials in Washington D.C. during the MRF legislative lobby day. **Safety Officer:** Mike attended the last Suffolk County Traffic Safety Board meeting, reminding board members that motorcycles are still out during the winter months and stressed pothole repairs.

Andrea /Public Relations: Andrea is writing an article highlighting LI ABATE throughout the years, beginning with it's inception as a chapter of ABATE of NY. She has spoken with **AJ Travis**, ABATE's first president on Long Island, and **Ice Cream John**, one of our first members. If anyone has a memory / experience of LI ABATE through the years to share, please contact Andrea. Andrea has also reached out to *News 12* to be present at our *Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run*. **Volunteer Coordinator:** Andrea will be collecting e-mail addresses and phone numbers for volunteers who wish to assist, in any capacity, on upcoming runs, events, booths, etc. Please see Andrea if you are willing to volunteer. Your help is always appreciated.

Joe / Road Captain: Joe is asking for volunteers for our upcoming runs / events. If anyone is interested in assisting with road guarding, parking/lining up bikes before a run, etc., please see Joe.

Kathy / Products: Winter products are available at all LI ABATE membership meetings. (crew sweatshirts \$15, zippered sweatshirts \$25, hoodies \$20, long sleeved shirts \$20, embroidered LI ABATE knit hats \$15). Kathy displayed a sample LI ABATE cut-off shirt. If anyone is interested in this shirt, please see Kathy as they will only be purchased by pre-ordering. Kathy is also looking into getting large canvas shopping bags with the LI ABATE logo.

Old Business

LI ABATE 2018 Motorcyclist Handbook: Nancy will begin working on the 2018 Motorcyclist Handbook. If anyone is interested in advertising, please let Nancy know ASAP. Advertising prices remain the same as last year, \$100 for a full-page ad and \$50 for a half-page ad. (If advertising art is needed, an additional \$25 fee will be imposed.) Handbooks will be available at the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run.

2018 LI ABATE Scholarships: Two scholarships will again be awarded this year, one for a graduating high school senior and one for an already matriculating student in either a college or vocational school program. Scholarship applications will be posted on our website. *We would again like to thank **Attny. Motorcycle Mike** for his previous donation of \$750 toward our 2018 scholarship fund.*

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. **Debbie Stondell** volunteered to help administer this grant.

WACO update: The first of the defendants, **Jake Carrizal , Dallas President of Bandidos MC,** went on trial. The evidence presented did not prove that Jake committed a crime, resulting in a hung jury. Most jurists polled did not feel he was guilty. A new trial date has been set for April. A second defendant was offered a one year deferred probation for pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge. He otherwise faces a 25 to life sentence if convicted. The defendant declined the offer, determined to prove his innocence. Amidst allegations of corruption and obstruction of justice by the current district attorney, charges have been dropped for twenty-one other defendants. (This current district attny. is running for re-election, and will face a primary in March.) LI ABATE is following the Waco story closely, as convictions in these cases will have ripple effects for motorcyclists throughout the country.

HAMC LI Dinner Dance: February 25 @ Watermill Inn, Nesconset Hwy, Smithtown. \$85 per person includes food, open bar, music. *(LI ABATE has purchased tickets for a table. If anyone is interested in going, please let Jim know.)*

New Business

LI ABATE March membership meeting: At the March Suffolk membership meeting we will hold a chili contest. Any members wishing to participate, can enter their best chili. Please let Nancy know if you wish to participate.

Organizational Meeting: Motorcycle clubs on Long Island attended this meeting in January. The purpose of this meeting was to schedule runs and events for 2018, in effort to avoid overlapping events. The official motorcycle run calendar will be printed in the centerfold of our 2018 LI ABATE Motorcyclist's Handbook.

Suffolk County District Attorney, Tim Sini: LI ABATE is looking forward to working with the new Suffolk County District Attorney, Tim Sini, and his staff in the court system to continue to advocate for motorcyclists who have been hurt by a criminally negligent driver.

Pastor Ski was diagnosed with Stage 4 Hodgkins Lymphoma last year. Ski humbly reported that he is now cancer free. Ski thanks the motorcycle community for their prayers and remains in awe for this miracle.

LI ABATE Run / Event List

April 15 - Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run in conjunction with Full Throttle Magazine. The run will begin at the Dennison Bldg., Hauppauge. Registration will begin at 9am. Local

political officials will again be invited. Bike blessings will be offered by **Bikers for Christ Motorcycle Ministry**. The final destination has not yet been confirmed and will be announced at a later date. Pre-registration is \$15 and can be completed on the LI ABATE website. All proceeds from this run will go toward our 2018 Motorcycle Safety and Awareness campaign.

June 10 - Veterans Appreciation Run. This year we are looking to end the run in Sag Harbor to honor Lance Corporal **Jordan Haerter**, on the 10th anniversary of his death in Ramadi, Iraq. *All proceeds from this run will be quadrupled and given to local veterans organizations.*

August 18-19 - LI ABATE Annual Campout

November 4 – Food and Toy Run

December 8 – 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. *Approximately 20-30 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 is interested in joining the Patriot Guard Riders, go to PGRNY.org to sign up. There is no registration fee or dues. You will receive e-mails with the dates and times of PGR missions.

Sacred Steel MC: 2/17 Anniversary Party, 1pm, Sycamore Ave., Bohemia.

Post 48 Riders: Valentine's Day Party, 6pm at Post 48, Hawkins Ave., Ronkonkoma. \$25 advanced tickets, \$35 at door.

Bikers for Christ MM: 4/1 Easter Sunrise Service. Meet at Rushing Wind Biker Church at 5:30am. Ride will go to Smith's Point Beach. *This is an open event. Both cars and motorcycles are welcome.*

Riders of Fire MC: 4/8 Annual Bike Blessing. Registration 10:00 @ Applebees on Rt. 83. Run will go to the Shrine in Manorville.

Founding Sons Law Enforcement / Military MC: 7/22, 6th Annual Kick Stands Up Motorcycle Poker Run and Car Show. *Proceeds to benefit homeless veterans.*

Red Knights MC Ch.26: 11/18 Teddy Bear Run

America's 9-11 Foundation Ride: 8/16 meet in Somerset, PA to ride to Shanksville, PA. 8/17 ride from Somerset, PA to Pentagon. 8/18 ride from Pentagon to Ground Zero, NYC. Ride

limited to 600 bikes. \$160rider / \$40 passenger. Ride will be fully escorted. For more information go to Americas9-11FoundationRide.org.

Bikers Against Heroin: 3/3 @ Theater Three, neuroscientist will be speaking.

50/50: \$80 to the winner. Winner generously donated all winnings to the Veterans Appreciation Fund.

Motion 6-2018: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:02.