

Long Island ABATE

American Bikers for Awareness, Training & Education

NEWSLETTER

March 2018



Next Meetings

Tuesday March 13th CANCELLED

Tuesday March 20, 2018 in Nassau

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A B A T E is American Bikers for Awareness, Training & Education

The main purpose of the ABATE organization is to work toward continued freedom of the road by insuring that motorcyclist's point of view is presented to our legislators and to promote motorcycle safety, rider education and awareness. We are trying to alleviate the very real possibility of "Big Brother Government". We encourage all our members to be informed registered voters. We write letters to our elected officials and stay aware of what is going on with motorcycle legislation, education, and other transportation issues.

We welcome interested persons to any of our activities or to join our organization.

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UPCOMING DATES

2018 Long Island ABATE Court Dates, Meetings & Events

Tuesday March 13th General Meeting Lake Ronkonkoma-CANCELLED

Tuesday March 20th General Meeting Massapequa

Tuesday April 10th General Meeting Lake Ronkonkoma

Sunday April 15th 9th Annual Motorcycle Awareness Run and Bike Blessing

Tuesday April 17th General Meeting Massapequa

Reminder: Tuesday March 13th, Long Island ABATE general meeting. **CANCELLED**

To accommodate those who live in Western Suffolk and Nassau County, we will have an informal meeting the on Tuesday, March 20th, meeting. Pizza will be served at 7pm. Meeting will start at 7:30pm at the Marine Corps League @ 99 New York Ave in Massapequa.

PRESIDENT



A MAJOR VICTORY FOR THE BIKERS IN WACO TEXAS!

McLennan County District Attorney **Abel Reyna** has been defeated in his republican primary election! He was defeated because of people like **Sandra Lynch** and other wronged bikers, who stood up and got involved in the political system! They united behind **Barry Johnson**, a personal injury attorney with no criminal experience, and together they were successful in defeating Reyna! As a result, Reyna is ineligible to seek reelection this November and will leave office 12-31-18. The irony of it all, is that Abel Reyna calculatedly arrested 177 bikers, who are predominantly innocent of the charges, to boost his own political career to become the State Attorney General of Texas! Not only did that not happen, but it, in fact, cost him his political career! If you're wondering how this affects the charged bikers, you have to remember that they were all arrested without probable cause! They were arrested simply because they belonged to a Motorcycle Club or because they were present during the incident. They were all held on \$1,000,000.00 bonds without any probable cause! it has been 2 years and 10 months since the incident and only 1 person has been tried! The first trial cost the local tax payers over \$1,000,000.00, and failed to convict him! The trial ended in a hung jury with 80% of jurors voting not guilty! This election was so important because Barry Johnson has promised to review each case and dismiss the cases that should have never been charged in the first place! Keep in mind that I have never advocated for the dismissal of ALL the charges. I have always been opposed to the arresting of innocent people who did not commit the crimes that they are being charged with, which is the overwhelming majority of them! Everyone of the 177 arrested bikers are charged with "conspiracy to commit organized crime with the underlying charge of murder", punishable by 25 years to LIFE in prison! I believe that it is likely that a certain few did instigate and cause this devastating incident, and if so, they, and only they, should be prosecuted! I also believe that if the whole truth comes out, we will learn that local and/or federal undercover law enforcement officers were behind the instigation to snare all members of the Bandidos MC in a trap to enhance their unrelated ongoing federal investigation.

Another positive result of this election is that Reyna was so desperate to avoid another defeat in court or be forced to take the stand in motions filed against him, that he ultimately dropped or dismissed 58 cases simply, so his secrets wouldn't become public to the voters before the election! People were lined up to testify against him regarding his history of prosecuting innocent people and refusing to prosecute guilty people based on how it would help his political career. He has been under federal investigation for his tactics and hopefully the investigation continues, even though he will leave office at the end of the year. This man intentionally and willfully destroyed hundreds of lives for his own selfish gain!! The judge said it best the day before the election when he learned that Reyna was using video footage of the event in his political campaign ads. Judge Shaver told Reyna "I find the whole idea shameful and misleading to the citizens of McLennan County. There is a gag order in this case and I can't find a way to hold you in contempt for those ads, but if I could, I would, and you'd be under arrest."

The biker community is very powerful when they stand together and fight for their rights!

Jim Barr





February 2018 Minutes

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 jurors 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 attorney 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.





What is the Motorcycle Profiling Project?

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The Motorcycle Profiling Project (MPP) is dedicated to the grassroots effort to pass laws addressing profiling and discrimination. The MPP is not intended to replace other organizations. Rather, the project is intended to coordinate and unify the different elements and organizations in each state towards this common goal, including the Confederations and Coalitions of Clubs, US Defenders, C.O.I.R., ABATE, MMA, NCOM, MRF, AMA and the many smaller MRO's that exist around the country.

Who created the Motorcycle Profiling Project?

David "Double D" Devereaux, a motorcycle rights activist from Washington State, and a leading advocate for laws addressing the issue of motorcycle profiling in America. Double D spearheaded the effort in Washington as spokesperson for the movement. Double D represents the Washington State COC and US Defenders, NCOM Legislative Task Force, US Defenders National Office, BOLT, and he is a member or supporter of ABATE, the MRF, and the AMA. Also offering assistance to the project are Jeff "Twitch" Burns (activist, public records, media expert and documentary filmmaker), Bill "Colt" Kaitz (activist that leads the Maryland US Defenders), Donnie "Mr. Breeze" Landsman (activist, independent advocate and legislative expert), along with many others.

This unified effort resulted in the first law addressing motorcycle profiling in America. Importantly, Washington's law passed through the legislature unanimously and the same legislation is receiving support in many other states. The Maryland COC/US Defenders and ABATE, working with the Project, unanimously passed profiling legislation through their Senate in 2015 and seems likely to pass the law through both chambers in 2016.

Services

What services do the Motorcycle Profiling Project provide? The Motorcycle Profiling Project is designed to help your state with every step involved in the process of passing a law addressing the issue of motorcycle profiling. Based on the experiences and best practices of the highly effective motorcycle rights movement in Washington State, the Project will assist in organizing and preparing your state to take effective grassroots action. The project provides organizational recommendations, policy support materials, and legislative strategy. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Organizational strategy.
- Coordinating COC's and MRO's in a unified effort.
- Step-by-step Action Plan outlining the entire process, beginning to end.
- Construct a state-specific Pattern of Evidence.
- Drafting a Policy Report/Written Testimony. This is the state's official statement on legislation addressing the issue of motorcycle profiling.
- Drafting a Legislative Proposal and Legislative Packet
- Drafting a Request for Sponsorship
- Drafting CTA's and correspondence to legislators.
- Drafting testimony and providing testimony upon request, schedule permitting.
- Media support and press releases.

What do the Motorcycle Profiling Project's services cost? The Motorcycle Profiling Project offers all of its services to the motorcycling community FREE of charge. If an individual or organization sees value in the project, then contributions are highly appreciated. The project relies on these contributions as the sole means of covering expenses and compensation for work performed. The more support the project receives, the more support the project can provide the motorcycling community.

As the movement to pass profiling laws accelerates, so has the time demands and workload. A project of this magnitude entails office expenses, travel, and time. So if you think the project is valuable, organize a benefit and make a contribution.

Contributions go directly to the The Motorcycle Profiling Project. Contributions are NOT Tax deductible. Online contributions can be made at motorcycleprofilingproject.com or The Motorcycle Profiling Project on Facebook. Contract based consulting is also available if a particular state or community prefers a traditional and structured agreement.



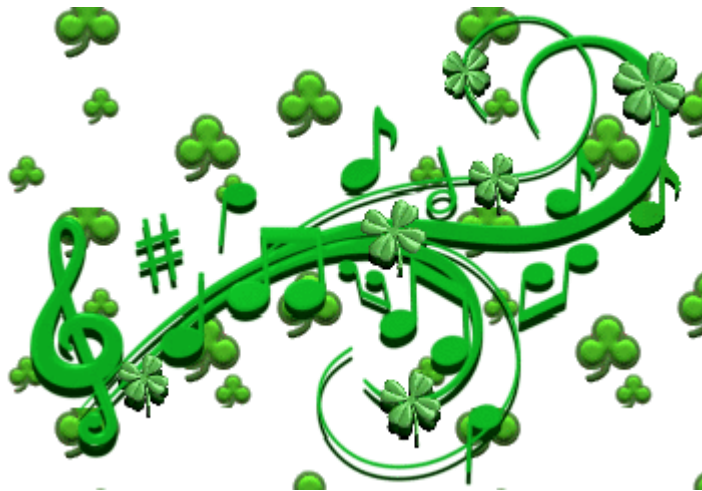
Please visit the Motorcycle Profiling Project website if you would like more information and to participate in the National Motorcycle Profiling Survey



Products

Please make sure to visit Kathy at the products table at the Suffolk meetings. If you cannot make a meeting and would like to get a Long Island ABATE hat, tee shirt , sweatshirt or sweat jacket please contact Kathy at frstbofeastwick@aol.com. She can tell you what is available and prices as well as colors.

Thank you for supporting Long Island ABATE!





CHAPLAIN

10th Annual Bikers For Christ & Rushing Wind Easter Sunrise Run

Sunday

April 1st, 2018

Church opens @ 5am

Coffee/rolls/bagels

KSU @ 6am sharp !!

Sunrise is 6:35am

Come down and join us for Easter run
from the Biker Church to Smith Point Beach
We celebrate the resurrected Christ with a
short service as the sun comes up over the
Atlantic

****Our New Location****

Meetup Location
Rushing Wind Biker
Church
10 Peachtree Court,
Holbrook, NY 11741

Afterwards, you're invited to break
bread together at the Royal Oak Diner,
South Service Road, Sunrise Highway,
exit 56
Just east of BJ's Warehouse Store



SAFETY & LEGISLATION

SAFETY

Long Island ABATE will be at the Suffolk County Traffic Safety meeting in March. We will concentrate on the pothole repairs. We plan to make a presentation about the importance of repairing potholes by showing them the width of a Sportster tire.

The Awareness Run is a little over five weeks away so get out into the garage or shed and look over the motorcycle. The nice weather will be here before you know it.

LANE SPLITTING

California became the first state to make lane-splitting by motorcyclists legal in 2016 when Gov. Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 51 into law Friday, authorizing the California Highway Patrol to develop guidelines for the motorcyclists who delight in weaving in and out of traffic.

Lane Splitting:

Effective January 1, 2017, section 21658.1 was added to the California Vehicle Code and defines lane splitting. The following is section 21658.1 in its entirety:

21658.1 (a) For the purposes of this section, "lane splitting" means driving a motorcycle, as defined in Section 400, that has two wheels in contact with the ground, between rows of stopped or moving vehicles in the same lane, including on both divided and undivided streets, roads, or highways.

(b) The Department of the California Highway Patrol may develop educational guidelines relating to lane splitting in a manner that would ensure the safety of the motorcyclist and the drivers and passengers of the surrounding vehicles.

(c) In developing guidelines pursuant to this section, the department shall consult with agencies and organizations with an interest in road safety and motorcyclist behavior, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles.
- (2) The Department of Transportation.
- (3) The Office of Traffic Safety.
- (4) A motorcycle organization focused on motorcyclist safety.

Filtering

A new study by the University of California Berkeley shows that motorcyclists who split lanes in heavy traffic are significantly less likely to be struck from behind by other motorists and are less likely to suffer head or torso injuries, the American Motorcyclist Association reports

Many other states are doing studies to see if it is a good practice to allow in their states. California is fine tuning their law to continue the safety of the motorcyclists.

Legislature Topics

We will continue to Oppose Motorcycle Profiling and Motorcycle Exhaust Volume Motorcycle Profiling

We support Assembly Bill A00481

SAME AS **Senate Bill [S04506](#)**

Requires the municipal police training council to ensure that issues related to motorcycle profiling are addressed in basic law enforcement training.

We oppose Assembly Bill 03033

SAME AS **Senate Bill 03528**

This Bill attempts to lower the sound level emitted from the mufflers of a motor vehicle. These values are lower than the federal limits.

[~~82~~] **74** dB(A) at 35 MPH [~~86~~] **81** dB(A) at 54MPH

More to come on these topics.

Mike Lauro



Springtime is going to spring soon. Hopefully! Be prepared! When was the last time you have been to a Motorcycle Safety Course? How about a tune up? Dong Gomo has started his free clinics again called Motorcyclists Tune-Up . If you haven't gone to one now is the time. Coming to a Library near you. Smithtown just passed on Saturday March 10th. 2018 plenty more to follow.

When all is said and done it boils down to this: wear your gear, know your bike and know your abilities. You can't control your environment but you can control how you react to it.

Mike Lauro



The Original Bike Blessing



Riders Of Fire

SAVE THE DATE

**15TH ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BIKES
2018 RETURN TO THE SHRINE"**

SUNDAY, April 8th (RAIN OR SHINE)

Registration:

11:00 AM – 12:45 PM KICKSTANDS UP AT 1:00PM

Donation \$20 RIDER – PASSENGER Free

(T-SHIRT AND DATE PIN FREE FOR FIRST 100 REGISTERED RIDER)

Raffles and 50/50

STARTING AT APPLEBEE'S IN FARMINGVILLE

AT 1935 N. Ocean Avenue Destination:

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND, MANORVILLE

**"This year NO waiting or delays at the Shrine" Blessing will
commences on arrival @ the Shrine.**

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T-CLOCSSM Inspection Checklist



T-CLOCS ITEM	WHAT TO CHECK	WHAT TO LOOK FOR	CHECK-OFF	
T-TIRES & WHEELS				
Tires	Condition	Tread depth, wear, weathering, evenly seated, bulges, embedded objects.	Front	Rear
	Air Pressure	Check when cold, adjust to load.	Front	Rear
Wheels	Spokes	Bent, broken, missing, tension, check at top of wheel: "ring" = OK — "thud" = loose spoke.	Front	Rear
	Cast	Cracks, dents.	Front	Rear
	Rims	Out of round/true = 5mm. Spin wheel, index against stationary pointer.	Front	Rear
	Bearings	Grab top and bottom of tire and flex: No freeplay (click) between hub and axle, no growl when spinning.	Front	Rear
	Seals	Cracked, cut or torn, excessive grease on outside, reddish-brown around outside.	Front	Rear
Brakes	Function	Each brake alone keeps bike from rolling.	Front	Rear
	Condition	Check pads and discs for wear.	Front	Rear
C-CONTROLS				
Handlebars	Condition	Bars are straight, turn freely, handgrips and bar ends are secure.		
Levers and Pedal	Condition	Broken, bent, cracked, mounts tight, ball ends on handlebar levers, proper adjustment.		
	Pivots	Lubricated.		
Cables	Condition	Fraying, kinks, lubrication: ends and interior.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, wire supports in place.		
Hoses	Condition	Cuts, cracks, leaks, bulges, chafing, deterioration.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, hose supports in place.		
Throttle	Operation	Moves freely, snaps closed, no revving when handlebars are turned.		
L-LIGHTS & ELECTRICS				
Battery	Condition	Terminals; clean and tight, electrolyte level, held down securely.		
	Vent Tube	Not kinked, routed properly, not plugged.		
Headlamp	Condition	Cracks, reflector, mounting and adjustment system.		
	Aim	Height and right/left.		
Tail lamp/brake lamp	Condition	Cracks, clean and tight.		
	Operation	Activates upon front brake/rear brake application.		
Turn signals	Operation	Flashes correctly.	Front left Rear left	Front right Rear right
Switches	Operation	All switches function correctly: engine cut-off, hi/low beam, turn signal.		
Mirrors	Condition	Cracks, clean, tight mounts and swivel joints.		
	Aim	Adjust when seated on bike.		
Lenses & Reflectors	Condition	Cracked, broken, securely mounted, excessive condensation.		
Wiring	Condition	Fraying, chafing, insulation.		
	Routing	Pinched, no interference or pulling at steering head or suspension, wire looms and ties in place, connectors tight, clean.		
O-OIL & OTHER FLUIDS				
Levels	Engine Oil	Check warm on center stand on level ground, dipstick, sight glass.		
	Gear Oil, Shaft Drive	Transmission, rear drive, shaft.		
	Hydraulic Fluid	Brakes, clutch, reservoir or sight glass.		
	Coolant	Reservoir and/or coolant recovery tank — check only when cool.		
	Fuel	Tank or gauge.		
Leaks	Engine Oil	Gaskets, housings, seals.		
	Gear Oil, Shaft Drive	Gaskets, seals, breathers.		
	Hydraulic Fluid	Hoses, master cylinders, calipers.		
	Coolant	Radiator, hoses, tanks, fittings, pipes.		
	Fuel	Lines, fuel valve, carbs.		
C-CHASSIS				
Frame	Condition	Cracks at gussets, accessory mounts, look for paint lifting.		
	Steering-Head Bearings	No detent or tight spots through full travel, raise front wheel, check for play by pulling/pushing forks.		
	Swingarm Bushings	Raise rear wheel, check for play by pushing/pulling swingarm.		
Suspension	Front Forks	Smooth travel, equal air pressure/damping, anti-dive settings.	Left	Right
	Rear Shock(s)	Smooth travel, equal pre-load/air pressure/damping settings, linkage moves freely and is lubricated.	Left	Right
Chain or Belt	Tension	Check at tightest point.		
	Lubrication	Side plates when hot. Note: do not lubricate belts.		
	Sprockets	Teeth not hooked, securely mounted		
Fasteners	Threaded	Tight, missing bolts, nuts.		
	Clips & Cotter Pins	Broken, missing.		
S-STANDS				
Center stand	Condition	Cracks, bent.		
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position.		
Side stand	Condition	Cracks, bent (safety cut-out switch or pad equipped).		
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position.		

Full Throttle Magazine & Long Island ABATE
w/support from Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone

present

SUNDAY APRIL 15TH

**Registration
9:30am - 11am**

SAVE THE DATE!

9TH ANNUAL

**MOTORCYCLE
AWARENESS**

RIDE

**IN CONJUNCTION WITH
LONG ISLAND ABATE'S
ANNUAL BIKE BLESSING**

**TO BRING PUBLIC AWARENESS
TO MOTORCYCLE SAFETY**

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**Blessing upon arrival by members of the Rushing Wind Biker Church MM
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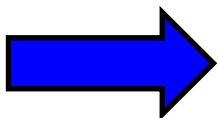
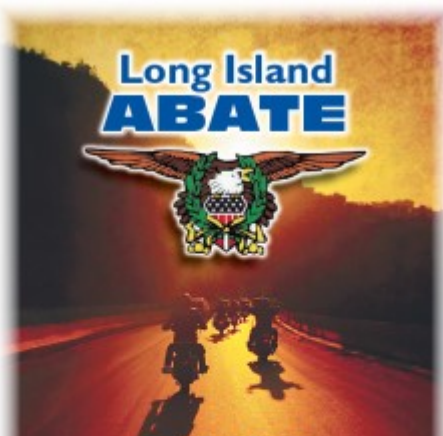
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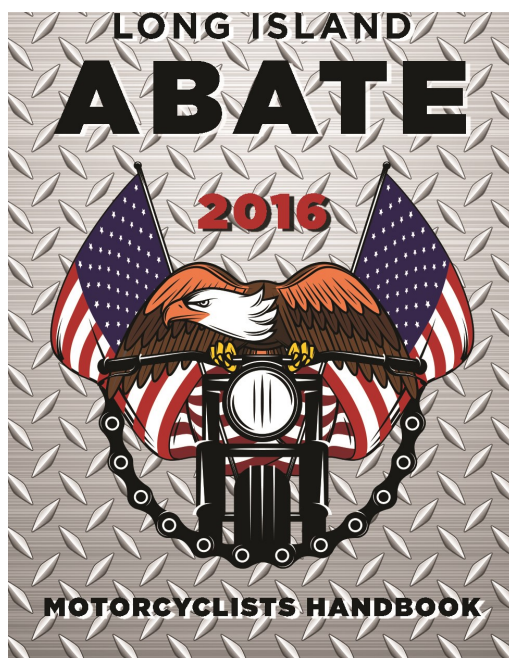
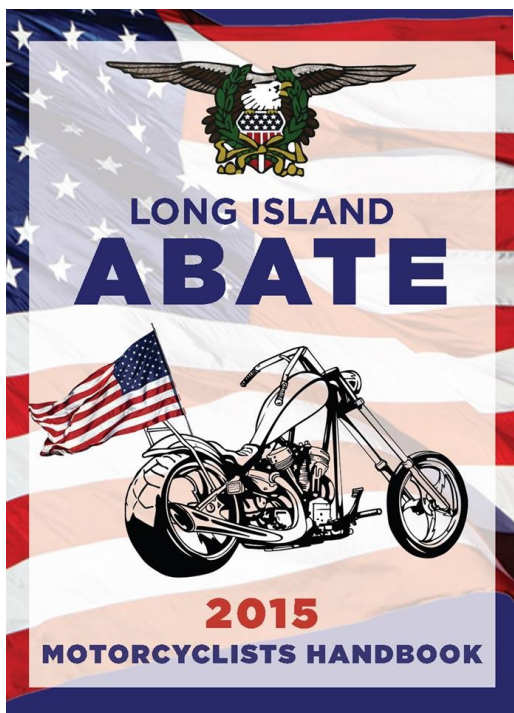
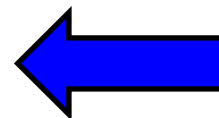
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2018

Thank you to all the advertisers that supported this year's handbook.

Listed in the centerfold are Motorcycle Club and various events for 2018.





MEMBERSHIP

I would like to Thank the Long Island ABATE membership for entrusting me with the position of Membership Chair.

With approximately 2000 members, this job is a large task, keeping our records up to date, getting out new membership cards, sending out renewal reminders.

However, I want it to be so much more to grow our Voice, both locally, as well as at the State and Federal level.

Retention of members is my first priority. I need to develop methods, incentives and programs to keep our numbers maintained and growing.

- a) I'm creating a survey to send out, collect the data to determine what our membership, likes, dislikes and needs from Long Island ABATE.
- b) Develop a Network of vendors, schools, shops that will give great discounts and priority service only to current ABATE members.
- c) Develop Awareness and Training that could save a life or just make biking more enjoyable.

Second; recruit new membership through community awareness of Long Island ABATE.

- a) Street Fair Booths, not just Biker Events.
- b) Radio Shows
- c) Public Safety Announcements (PSAs)

Anyone with any ideas, please submit them to me via my email: gdemott@gmail.com

I have and will continue to set up a table at each of our meetings, to take renewals, check membership status, correct emails and give out pins.

Thank You for your continued support of Long Island ABATE.

George
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“In Memory of” Robert W. Golden

Long Island ABATE and The Patriot Guard Riders of New York lost one of our own. Robert W. Golden, of East Moriches, LI, died on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at the age of 66.

Raised in Sayville, Bob graduated from Sayville High School in 1970. As a PGRNY member, Bob was dedicated to honoring veterans and service members. Even with health issues from an accident, he tried to make all the missions he could. He will be missed by many.

Bob was an avid boater and fisherman, and worked for nearly thirty years as a commercial fisherman. Bob was also a Service Manager and Regional Sales Manager for Mercury Marine.

If you would like to make a donation in memory of Bob, your donation will go directly towards the Veterans Appreciation Run 2018 and will be quadrupled. The donations raised will be distributed in October at a special Veterans Appreciation Dinner.

Please go to the link below if you would like to make a donation

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News from the MRF

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Your Weekly Biker Bulletin from Inside the Beltway

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NEWS FROM THE HILL – Self-Driving Car Legislation to Move? Plus Infrastructure Legislation May Slip off the Agenda...

A rumor surfaced in D.C. this week about attaching the self-driving cars legislation to other legislation that was already moving (no pun intended, but you have to love the irony there!) On Wednesday, a report surfaced that the Senate bill on autonomous vehicles could end up attached to the must-pass spending package that will move in the next few weeks. According to the reporter, Sen. Gary Peters (D-Mich.) said that work on the autonomous vehicles bill has slowed, and he and Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee Chairman John Thune (R-SD) are considering the possibility of attaching it to other “bulletproof” vehicles. Of course, this started a frenzy – I personally spoke with staff from Senator Thune’s office who insisted that they are still focused on moving the bill through “unanimous consent” – that’s a procedural term which basically means they make sure no one would object to it. This way they can skip the whole debate and amendment process which would complicate and bog down the bill’s chances of moving. As a reminder, we like the Senate version of the bill because it includes language which would not only require technology and automakers to test for responsiveness and recognition of motorcycles but would also allow the public to request to see copies of those safety reports...a provision your MRF fought hard to get included. Even though the bill doesn’t sound like it will move in the next week or two, the rumor kickstarted activity on the measure. I may have a better update next week...

Despite all the racket and campaign references to a major infrastructure package from the Trump Administration, the reality of its future was put into question this week. Just a week after its official unveiling, Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn (R-TX) doesn't think there will be time for his chamber to consider infrastructure this year. Republican Senator John Thune had the same reaction: "It could be challenging to get an infrastructure bill done in light of everything else we have to do," he told reporters. With the clock ticking, the Senate has a full agenda including passing of the spending package we referred to above, plus the incident in Florida last week has mounted pressure on doing something with gun control legislation. Not to mention there is that pesky problem with how to handle DACA (pssst: that’s stands for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and is an immigration policy that allows for some folks who entered the country illegally as minor to get a 2-year renewal before deportation). Still though, some say that its not a matter of having time...it’s a matter of money. And both are hard to come by these days. That major infrastructure package that was unveiled only addressed funding for about half, leaving Congress to figure out how to fund the rest. We’ll keep watching as this plays out. I don’t think this is the last we will hear on this.

EXECUTIVE & REGULATORY UPDATES: No Deal on Ethanol...Yet? Plus Your MRF at the Summit on Autonomous Vehicles

This week was a big one for corn farmers and oil refiners (and riders) and their champions in the Senate, as Sens. Pat Toomey, Ted Cruz, Joni Ernst and Chuck Grassley held a meeting with President Donald Trump and his top advisers to see if there was some kind of deal to be struck in the Renewable Fuel Standard (psst: that's the law that determines how much ethanol needs to be in the nation's gasoline supply). On the table for negotiation? An offer of a package of changes that would include creating biofuel credits for exported ethanol, a cap on credit prices, and a waiver for 15 percent ethanol gasoline blends to be sold year-round. All of the proposals would be executed administratively, rather than legislatively saving a congressional fight. It would likely have the effect of weakening the amount of ethanol circulated in the nation's gasoline supply but as a tradeoff, would give corn state champions their objective of being able to sell 15% blends year-round. Despite the interest in striking a deal and meeting, farm state lawmakers still held firm against proposals aimed at easing costs borne by oil refineries and in the end, a grand bargain wasn't struck. Its not over yet though... Trump appeared to agree to meet with workers from both the ethanol and oil refining industries showing that future meetings and negotiations were still a possibility.

I spent the bulk of my Thursday at the Department of Transportation (DoT) attending a summit on self-driving cars. It was a who's who at DoT with every major Agency head present including Secretary Elaine Chao. They discussed plans for the next iteration of self-driving car guidance – which is being referred to as 3.0 and is expected to be released this summer. Attendees got an overview of what to expect – the Secretary outlined the 6 principles that would govern the guidance. These included the usual suspects like safety and flexibility but what perked my ears up was the commitment that under this Administration, there would NEVER be an instance where non automated vehicles (and yes that includes motorcycles) would be outlawed or jeopardized. The quote used was, “there will never be universal implementation of highly autonomous vehicles.” Deep sigh of relief? For now....

STATE NEWS – Movement on Priority Legislation in Virginia

Riders in Virginia are on the verge of a big win - an auxiliary light bill that was introduced at the request of the Virginia Coalition of Motorcyclists (VCOM) passed out of the Senate Transportation Committee this week. The bill amends state code to allow motorcyclists to take advantage of LED type accent lighting in order to improve visibility to other motorists. The amendment added language mandating that any lighting used on the motorcycle must be of a type designed for use on a motor vehicle. You can read more about the bill at the following link:

<https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=181&typ=bil&val=hb1464&submit=GO>

The next step would be for the bill the pass the full Senate then go back to the House to approve any changes. At this point, they expect it to go to the Governor's desk for his signature and become law by July 1 this year. Great work Virginia and keep us posted when it officially becomes law! We'll toast to you!

MRF NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS –

I got a chance to hang out with ABATE of Iowa this week. They were in D.C. doing a round of meetings with their delegation and were gracious enough to let me tag along to a meet and greet with Senator Joni Ernst. We posted about the event of Facebook, there is nothing more I love than seeing our community on a first-name and hugging basis with an influential lawmaker – especially Joni Ernst who has signed onto our profiling resolution AND is co-chairing the Senate Motorcycle Caucus. Of course, that relationship didn't happen overnight. ABATE of Iowa put WORK into it. They keep in close contact with her staff locally and in D.C. They attend Bikers Inside the Beltway as well as do their own set of meetings every year and will often send volunteers to help with reelection campaigns. The result is that they have a network of powerful and influential lawmakers who call on them, voice their issues on the Senate floor and always keep an ear to the ground on their behalf. ABATE of Iowa (and many of our SMRO connections) are an example of how to get it done. Its an honor to work alongside them.

Until next time, enjoy your weekends, ride free and get registered for BITB!

RIDE FREE-

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A graphic for motorcycle awareness. It features a yellow diamond-shaped road sign with a black silhouette of a person riding a motorcycle. Below the sign is a yellow rectangular sign with the words 'MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS' in black, slanted capital letters. The background of the graphic shows a road winding through a green landscape under a blue sky with clouds.



EVER WONDER WHAT THE TEMPERATURE IS AT RIDING SPEEDS...

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MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS



Left turn
Arm and hand
extending
left, palm
facing down



Right turn
Arm out, bent
at 90° angle,
fist clenched.



Stop
Arm extended
straight down,
palm facing
back.



Speed Up
Arm extended
straight out;
palm facing up,
swing upward.



Slow Down
Arm extended
straight out, palm
facing down,
swing down to
your side.



Follow Me
Arm extended
straight up
from shoulder,
palm forward.



You Lead/Come
Arm extended
upward 45°, palm
forward pointing
with index finger,
swing in arc from
back to front.



**Hazard in
Roadway**
On the left,
point with left
hand; on the
right, point
with right foot.



Single File
Arm and index
finger extended
straight up.



Double File
Arm with index
and middle
finger extended
straight up.



Comfort Stop
Forearm
extended, fist
clenched with
short up and
down motion.



**Refreshment
Stop**
Fingers
closed, thumb
to mouth.



Turn Signal On
Open and close
hand with
fingers and
thumb extended.



Pull Off
Arm positioned
as for right turn,
forearm swung
toward shoulder.



Cops Ahead
Tap on top of
helmet with
open palm down.



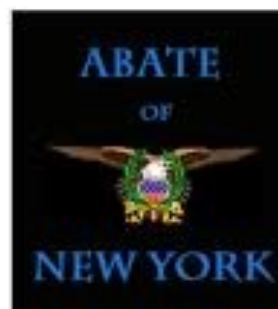
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side pointing
to tank with
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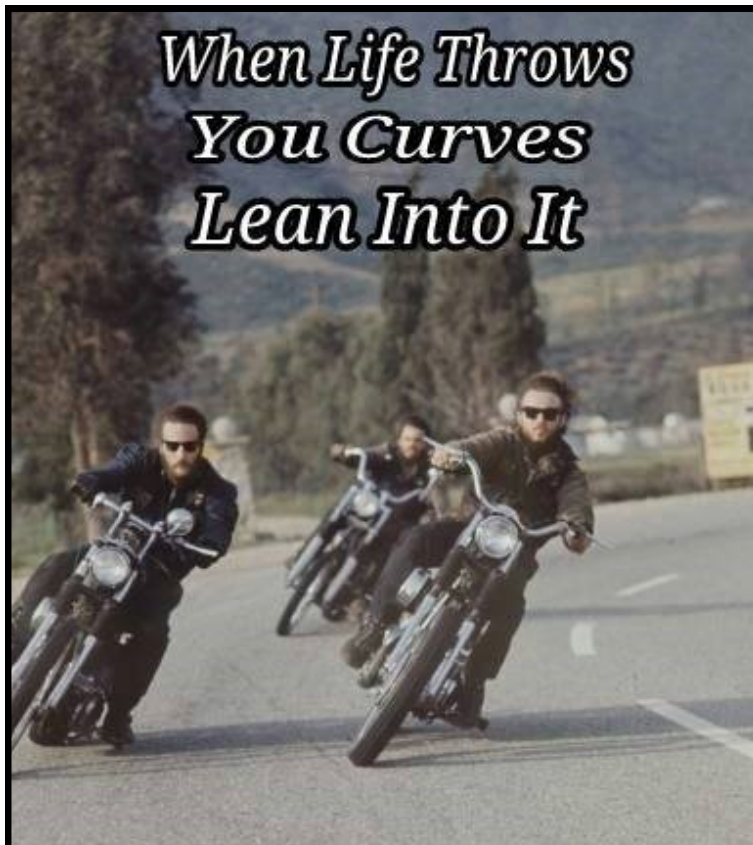
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Thank you and Ride Like the Wind!!

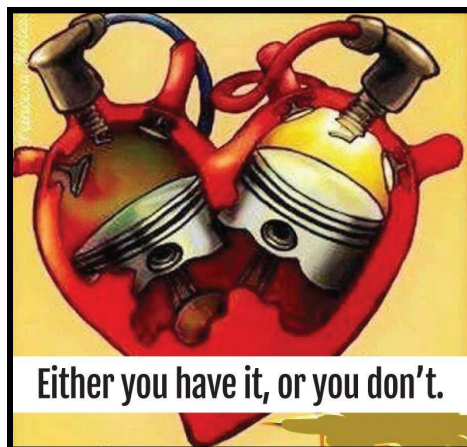
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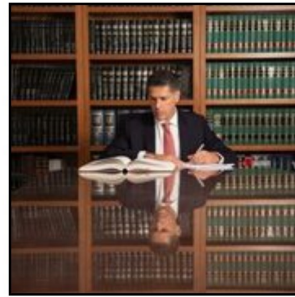
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