

Long Island ABATE 4-10-18 Membership Meeting, Ronkonkoma, NY

BBQ before the meeting.

7:36 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence.

Welcome new members and guests.

### **Guest Speaker**

**Margaret, Mama Dukes**, spoke about and demonstrated the **HELITE Motorcycle Safety Vest**, with airbag technology built into the vest. The airbag within the vest deploys in 80 milliseconds. The vest will immobilize a rider's head, neck and spine, as well as protecting the sternum, ribs, organs, hips and pelvis. There are no batteries or charging systems required, as the vest is inflated by a CO2 cartridge. The demonstration during the meeting was posted live on *Facebook*. Additional video can be seen on *YouTube*, or at *Helitemoto.com*.

*LI ABATE has inquired about being a distributor of the Helite Motorcycle Safety Vest, whereby we could possibly offer the vest to members at a discounted rate.*

There was no formal March membership meeting due to inclement weather.

The minutes for our February 2018 membership meeting were published in the March 2018 newsletter and on the LI ABATE website.

**Motion 7-2018: Motion to accept February 2018 membership meeting minutes as published in the March 2018 newsletter. (Seconded) All in favor.**

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

**Motion 8-2018: Motion to accept treasury report. (Seconded) All in favor.**

### **Committee Reports**

**Nancy /2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President / Website:** Nancy continues to update the website. There is a link to pre-register for our Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run. Pre-registrants will save \$5 off the registration fee. 2018 LI ABATE Scholarship applications are also now available on the website. **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.

**George / Membership:** Renewal letters have been sent out for all memberships that will expire in March, April and May. George has a form that members can fill out if their information (address, e-mail, etc.) has changed. To date, there are 2,009 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***

**Mike / Legislative Officer:** Mike has sent out invitations to our upcoming Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run, to local NYS Senate and Assemblymen, Suffolk County Legislators and Brookhaven Town Supervisor and Councilmembers. Mike will also be making appointments to meet with political officials in Washington D.C. during the MRF Bikers in the Beltway legislative lobby day. **Safety Officer:** Mike encourages all motorcyclists to brush up on riding skills. *On the Road Again* riding school offers courses at the Suffolk County Community College Ammerman Campus, for riders to brush up on skills. Motorcycle licensing courses are also available. Discounts are offered to LI ABATE members. If anyone is interested in an advanced rider course, please let Mike know. Mike also reminds riders to be cautious of road conditions and potholes that have yet to be addressed.

**Andrea /Public Relations:** Andrea is busy posting flyers for our upcoming *Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run*. She is also getting the word out in local publications, Facebook, etc.

**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, long sleeved shirts \$20). 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:** Handbooks are currently being printed and will be available at the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run.

**2018 LI ABATE Scholarships:** LI ABATE will be awarding three scholarships this year: two \$500 scholarships for graduating high school seniors and one \$500 scholarship for an already

matriculating student in either a college or vocational school program. Scholarship applications are posted on our website. LI ABATE members' children and grandchildren are eligible to apply.

**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. This year we will focus our awareness campaign on reducing the number of serious motorcycle accidents due to a driver making a left turn in front of a motorcyclist. We are currently in the process of designing artwork for new lawn signs, highway signs, etc. All proposals must be approved by the GTSC. LI ABATE must lay out the money to produce these materials, then will be reimbursed by the grant funds.

### **New Business**

**Ice Cream John** was presented with a 30 year membership plaque and pin. Ice Cream John is the longest active member in LI ABATE. Congratulations Ice Cream John!

**Highway Signs:** We are looking for volunteers to post highway signs along Suffolk County roadways. Jim also spoke with **Joe Salidino, Oyster Bay Town Supervisor**, who was very receptive to having motorcycle awareness signs posted in Oyster Bay.

**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.

**ABATE of NY Five Boroughs Chapter** invited Jim to be a guest speaker at their membership meeting to speak about LI ABATE.

**Paraco Gas** will donate propane to LI ABATE for the year, thanks to Chris, our Sgt at Arms, who presented the company with an informational letter explaining our 501C3 organization to them. In return for their donation, Paraco Gas will receive an advertisement in our newsletter for the year.

**Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team** travel the country to play softball and encourage veterans, and others, that they can live their life to the fullest, even though gravely injured. They will play on 5/20 @ 12:30 at the Medford Sports Complex. The PGR and LI ABATE have been invited to provide the team a motorcycle escort to the ballfield. The WWAST is also selling t-shirts to raise money for the team's travel expenses. A donation will be made to the LI ABATE Veterans Appreciation Fund for each shirt sold.

**National Coalition of Motorcycles:** 5/10 - 12, Alabama. Jim and George will attend.

**MRF Bikers in the Beltway:** 5/14 – 15, Legislative Lobby Day. Jim, Nick and Mike will attend.

**Jim was made aware that the driver who caused the motorcycle accident** involving **Ron Starke**, who ultimately lost his leg, is very sorry for his actions and would like to express his remorse to the motorcycle community. After a lengthy discussion, members felt that the driver could best serve the motorcycle community by speaking about this experience to high school driver's education classes.

### **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 run will end at The Maples in Manorville, where we will have a barbeque. 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. *All run participants must sign the AMA release form for insurance purposes.*

**June 10** - Veterans Appreciation Run. Registration will be at the Riverhead ELKS, \$20 per person. This year we will end the run at Havens Beach in Sag Harbor, to honor Lance Corporal **Jordan Haerter**, on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death in Ramadi, Iraq. We will also be honoring the Leathernecks MC. Bill has spoken to the mayor of Sag Harbor, who is very enthusiastic about our arrival. *All proceeds from this run will be quadrupled and given to local veterans organizations. To date, we have already collected \$6,324, making our total approx. \$25,000!*

**August 18-19** - LI ABATE Annual Campout. Presale tickets are now available @ \$30. (Tickets will be \$40 the day of the campout.)

**November 4** – Food and Toy Run

**December 8** – Holiday Party

### **LI ABATE Booths**

**April 28** – Nassau Harley Davidson

**May 6** – Motorcycle Mike ESQ Poker Run / USVMC

**May 19** – Oakdale Harley Anniversary Party

**June 15, 16, 17** – Strawberry Festival, Mattituck

**June 23** – Nassau Harley

**September 12 – 16** – Catskill Mountain Thunder @ Blackthorn, Durham, NY

*If anyone is interested in volunteering at a LI ABATE booth, please contact Nancy G., or Andrea. We greatly appreciate any assistance.*

### **Motorcycle 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](http://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.*

**Queensboro MC** – 4/21 Party at clubhouse. \$15 includes food / music. \$20 raffle, runs through December, winner will receive \$3500.

**Motorcycle Mike's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Run** - 5/6 -Registration at Renegades Classics Biker Outlet, Deer Park, 11:30-12:30. \$20 per hand / \$15 walk-ins (includes live music, bbq, etc.) *All proceeds to benefit Canine Companions.*

**Bayport Aerodrome Antique Motorcycle Show** – 5/20. (Use the North entrance to the Aerodrome, off Nichols Road / Church Street.)

**Rhinebeck Antique Motorcycle show and Swap Meet** - 6/15-16.

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

**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](http://Americas9-11FoundationRide.org).

**Leathernecks MC** – 10/21 - 17<sup>th</sup> annual VA Hospital Run. Reg. 9:00 Marine Corps League, Massapequa, \$20 rider / \$10 passenger. (includes food, music, door prizes)

**50/50:** \$83 to the winner.

**Motion 9-2018: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor.** Meeting adjourned at 9:31.

