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John Mc Donald 30 year member of Long Island ABATE Story on page 25 by Andrea Peponakis-Matzner

MAY MEETINGS

Tuesday May 8th Suffolk Tuesday May 15th Nassau www.longislandabate.org//1-888-liabate

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UPCOMING DATES

2018 Long Island ABATE Court Dates, Meetings & Events

Tuesday May 8th General Meeting Lake Ronkonkoma

Tuesday May 15th General Meeting Massapequa

Sunday June 10th Veterans Appreciation Run

Tuesday June 12th General Meeting Lake Ronkonkoma

Tuesday June 19th General Meeting Massapequa

Reminder: Tuesday May 8th, Long Island ABATE general meeting. Free Food is at 6:30 pm. Meeting starts at 7:30pm at the Lake Ronkonkoma Fire District Hall on the n/e corner of Hawkins Ave and Portion Road (177 Portion Road Lake Ronkonkoma)

To accommodate those who live in Western Suffolk and Nassau County, we will have an informal meeting on Tuesday, May 15th. Pizza will be served at 7pm. Meeting will start at 7:30pm at the Marine Corps League @ 99 New York Ave in Massapequa.





PRESIDENT

Watch out for potholes! The roads really took a beating this winter so be very careful out there. It appears like the seams between the lanes is especially bad this year. **Mike Lauro**, our **Safety Officer** has expressed this specific concern to the **Suf-folk County Traffic Safety Committee** to get the word out to all the town, county & state municipalities to pay special attention to the trenches between lanes.

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of Lotus Dunn from ABATE of Oklahoma, we were awarded a grant of nearly \$30,000 for our Safety & Awareness campaign from the New York State Governors Traffic Safety Committee! We have already been approved to purchase \$3,000 worth of lawn signs and we have submitted proposals for another \$20,000 worth of advertising ideas. Once we receive approval, we will implement the awareness campaign. This year we are focusing on the left turn issue. Too many motorcyclists are being injured/killed from car drivers turning left in front of us! Our intent is to get drivers to look for a motorcycle before turning left. With Lotus' assistance, we have just submitted another grant application for 2019 for nearly \$80,000. I hope we are approved again.



The new lawn sign for 2018

I will be headed to Mobile Alabama with **George DeMott** on Wednesday, May 9th to attend the annual **NCOM** (National Coalition Of Motorcyclists) conference. The purpose of the event is for representatives from MC's from across the country, to get together and formulate a national legislative agenda. Everyone puts aside their differences for a few days to focus on the big picture of protecting the rights of ALL motorcyclists. As you know, ABATE is not a Motorcycle Club, but we are an MRO (Motorcycle Rights Organization) so its only natural for MRO's to be involved with the national agenda.

I will leave Alabama on Sunday and spend the night in Myrtle Beach for Bike Week. Then on Monday, I will meet **Nick LaMorte & Mike Lauro** in Washington DC in preparation for **Bikers Inside The Beltway**. The **MRF** (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) hosts this event so motorcycle activists from across the country can focus their national lobbying at the same time. They come from as far away as Alaska to lobby for all of us. Monday night the MRF will brief us all about the agenda and provide us with packets for our representatives that includes all the bills we support or oppose. **Mike Lauro**, our **Legislative Officer** (besides Safety Officer) has set up appointments for us to meet with all the Long Island Congress members, or their staff on Tuesday. I'm looking forward to a productive week, with a little wind therapy in the process.

We have started installing our motorcycle awareness signs. We currently have arrangements to install signs with **Suffolk County, Brookhaven & Babylon Town**, and working on an arrangement with **Oyster Bay Town**. I would like to publicly thank **Pat Ohara**, an ABATE member who took it upon himself to contact **Babylon Town Clerk Gerry Compitello** to request that we be permitted to install our signs within Babylon town. As a result, they have identified 4 locations for our signs to be installed. Pat is installing the signs early in the upcoming week. <u>Thank you very much</u> <u>Pat!</u> This is a perfect example of how anyone can reach out on behalf of Long Island ABATE and get something positive done for all of us. Members of the **Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team (WWAST)** will be in town May 17th-20th. Every member of the team is a Veteran who is missing at least 1 limb. But that won't stop them from putting on an amazing exhibition as they play against the **Long Island All Stars** on Sunday, May 20th at the Medford Athletic Complex at 12:30. **Long Island ABATE**, **Patriot Guard Riders & USVMC** (United States Veterans Motorcycle Club) will have the honor of providing them with a motorcycle escort from their hotel to the field. Any members are welcome to join us! To view their full schedule go to woundedwarriorsamputeesoftballteam.org. You can help support their 501c3 organization by purchasing a shirt off their Facebook page at WWASTNY . They will keep the entire \$20, but in addition, an anonymous supporter will donate \$2.50 to Long Island ABATE for every shirt sold, to be used toward our Veterans Appreciation Run on June 10th. And as usual, **all donations to our veterans run will be quadrupled by private donors!** Therefore, the WWAST keeps the \$20 and ABATE also receives \$10. Talk about money well spent!

Waco update- 4 Special prosecutors are being assigned to prosecute 4 defendants that Abel Reyna's office was recused from. In the first of 4 trials, Special prosecutor Brian Roberts dismissed the case against Matthew Clendennen WITH prejudice! That means that the charges can NOT be refiled! The Special prosecutor told the court, "I don't think the case should have been filed in the first place based on all the facts and evidence that I saw," Roberts said Monday. "I think there was a clip where Abel Reyna stated that his basis for filing the engaging charges was because these are criminal street gangs and everyone who was a supporter was being filed on. "In my opinion, that just wasn't a sufficient basis to charge someone without any evidence that they were involved in any wrongdoing that day," he said. "I am very confident in my decision. As a matter of fact, it was something that the four of us discussed. There was just no evidence to show he was involved in anything that happened there, other than being present, and that ain't enough." This is great news for the defendants that are innocent!! Additionally, <u>15 cases were dismissed May 3rd and another 90 cases are expected to be dis-</u> missed. It looks as if they will end up prosecuting about 25 defendants. Nearly 200 arrested and 155 indicted, and once Abel Reyna lost his primary election, his office reduces the prosecutions to 25 people! This man's tactics are despicable and reprehensible! I hope karma catches up with this pathetic excuse of a human being!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 8th. Come on down and meet **US Senate candidate Pat Hahn** who will be attending the meeting to learn what our specific issues are. I have spoken with him and I am pleased with his current knowledge and support of our issues. But come share your own interests with him. You can check out his website at <u>www.Hahn-ussenate2018.com</u>. All other US Senate candidates are also welcome. See you Tuesday! Stay Safe! Jim Barr

*** LONG ISLAND ABATE *** 2018 VETERANS APPRECIATION RUN



SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018

Ride to Havens Beach in Sag Harbor for a salute to our Veterans!

\$20 per person

Sign up from 9AM -11AM at the Riverhead Elks Lodge #2044 1239 East Main Street, Riverhead, NY 11901

Optional after party at the Riverhead Elks! \$5 a person for food. Food tickets will be for sale at registration. Live music by Sucker Punch!

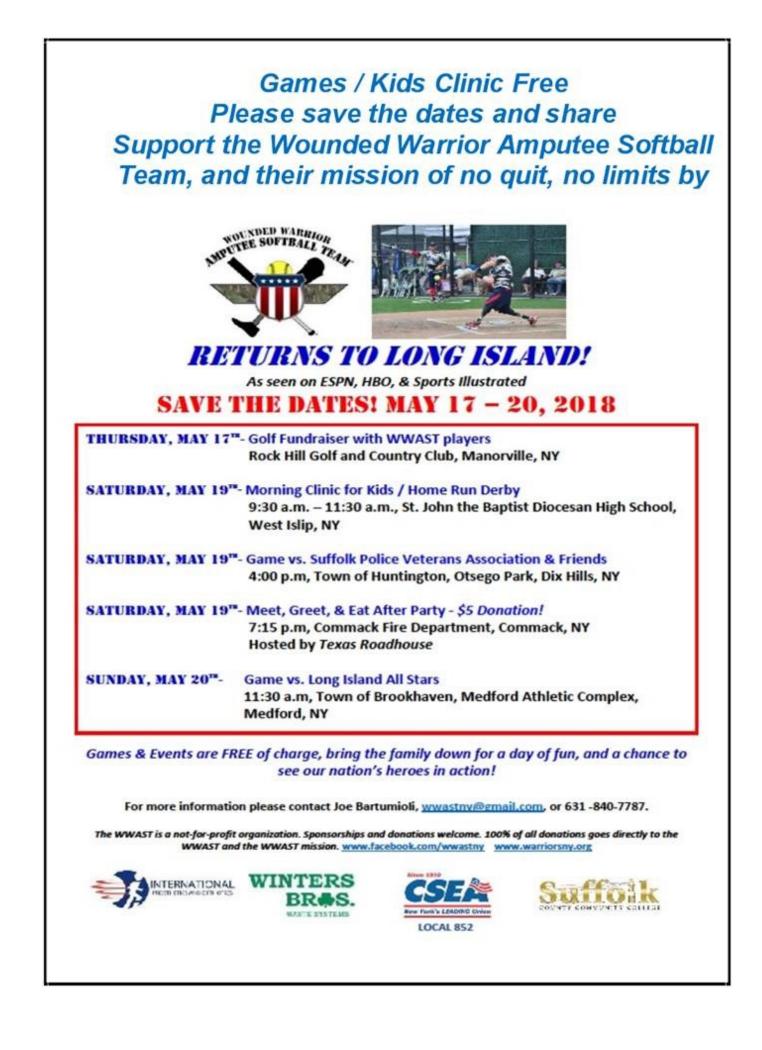


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2nd Vice President

..And just like that, its May. We will be doing booths at different events. Emails will be sent out if we need volunteers, so if you can help out please let us know.

June 10th is the Veterans Run. \$20 per person and whatever gets raised will be quadrupled by 3 private donors. This year *we are not going to Montauk*, instead we will be ending in Sag Harbor at Havens Beach. After the ceremony, there will be an optional after party back at the Riverhead Elks. Food tickets will be sold in the morning during registration for \$5. There will be live music by Sucker Punch, who generously donated their time for our event.

Campout tickets will be on sale \$30 and the day of the campout they will be \$40. We will have tickets available starting on Tuesday at our Suffolk General Meeting. Tickets are also available to purchase online through our website. They will be mailed to you before the campout.

Ride Safe, Happy Mothers Day to all the moms, and Remember our Veterans this coming Memorial Day. Take Care Nancy





April 2018 Minutes

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 /2nd 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 10th 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 <u>quadrupled</u> 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 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 7th 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, 6th 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*.

Leathernecks MC – 10/21 - 17th 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.





VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

VOLUNTEERISM

Volunteer Coordinator: Andrea Peponakis-Matzner

Hello, My Friends!

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who offered their dedication to ABATE and helped in more ways than one on April 15th for the Ninth Annual Awareness Run. Linda, Melody, Blair, Margaret, Ken, Karen, Jack, Bill, Jason, Alee, Rich, Debbie, George, Lou, Joe (to name a few) and all the LI ABATE Board Members: You are all amazing!!! Thank you to Steve Bellone for attending and speaking at this very important event. Much appreciation goes out to Bob for offering The Maples as our after-party gathering. It was great to see all of you and I look forward to seeing you soon.

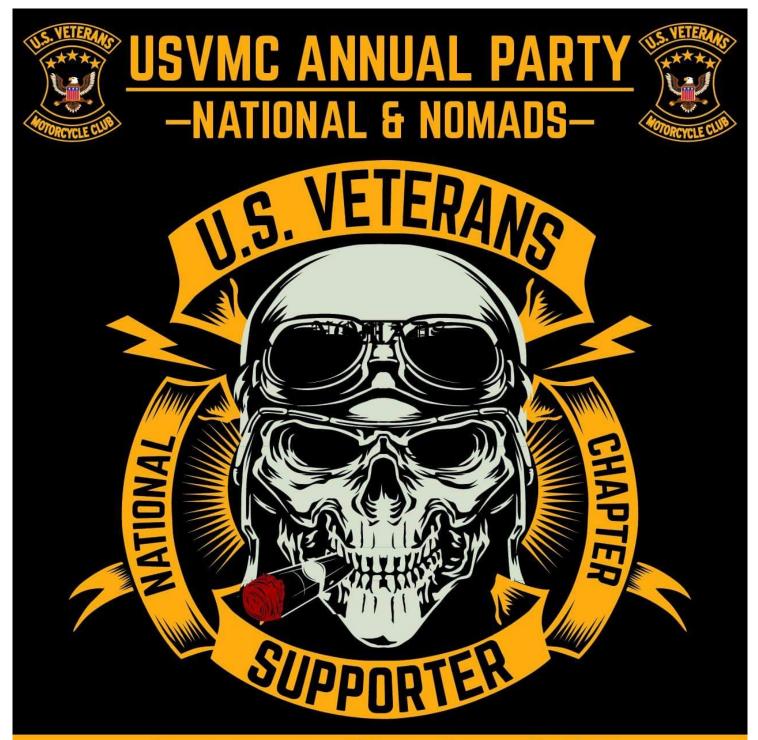
Once again, here is the annual list of our events for you to mark on your calendars.

Sunday, June10, 2018- Veterans Appreciation Run

Saturday, August 18- Sunday, August 19, 2018 - Campout

Sunday, November 4, 2018- St. Mary's Toy Run

Saturday, December 8, 2018- ABATE Christmas party



JOIN US ON MAY 6TH, 2018! WINTER IS FINALLY OVER!

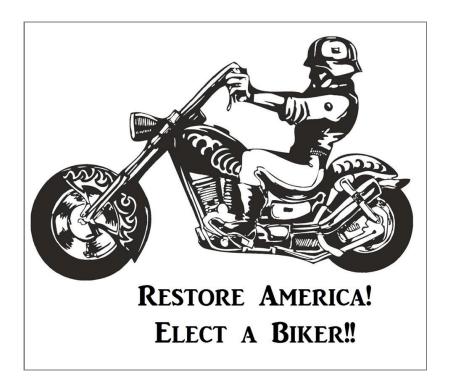
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May 2, 2018

Motorcyclists Remain Overrepresented in Traffic Deaths

WASHINGTON, D.C. – A new report from the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) projects that 4,990 people were killed on motorcycles in 2017. This number, based on preliminary data provided by State Highway Safety Offices (SHSOs), represents a projected 5.6% decrease from 2016 – a difference of 296 lives.

In spite of this reduction, motorcyclists remain significantly overrepresented as a proportion of all traffic deaths, with motorcyclist fatalities occurring 28 times more often than passenger vehicle occupant fatalities per mile traveled. This is a stark reminder that much work remains to establish a lasting downward trend.

Motorcyclist Traffic Fatalities by State: 2017 Preliminary Data provides an early look at current data, trends, and developing issues. All 50 states and the District of Columbia contributed their preliminary motorcyclist fatality counts for the full 2017 calendar year. Compared with 2016, motorcyclist fatalities decreased in 30 states, remained the same in two states, and increased in 18 states. The report was authored by Tara Casanova Powell, an independent researcher previously affiliated with Preusser Research Group and the Traffic Injury Research Foundation.

According to Casanova Powell, "Motorcyclist fatality numbers have fluctuated from year to year over the past decade, so while we are cautiously optimistic about this projection, we really need to see a sustained trend downward toward eventually eliminating motorcyclist fatalities altogether." She notes that the particularly strong 2017 Hurricane season may have led to fewer motorcycle riders on the roadways, pointing out that "clearly, we can't – and shouldn't – rely on bad weather to prevent motorcyclist deaths."

State responses indicate a variety of factors may have been contributing to motorcyclist fatalities in 2017, including:

Alcohol impairment: 25 percent of motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes in 2016 had a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) over the legal limit, the highest percentage of any other vehicle type. State data signal that this trend continued in 2017.

Drug impairment: With recreational marijuana legalized in several states, there may be a higher number of drivers and motorcyclists under the influence of drugs. Marijuana impairment is known to increase a person's crash risk, and a 2017 Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) study found that overall vehicle collision claims in states with legalized recreational marijuana were three percent higher than would have been expected without legalization.

Distraction: Several states reported an increase in distracted riding fatalities in recent years, with one state (Virginia) recording more than double the number of distracted riding fatalities from 2016 to 2017.

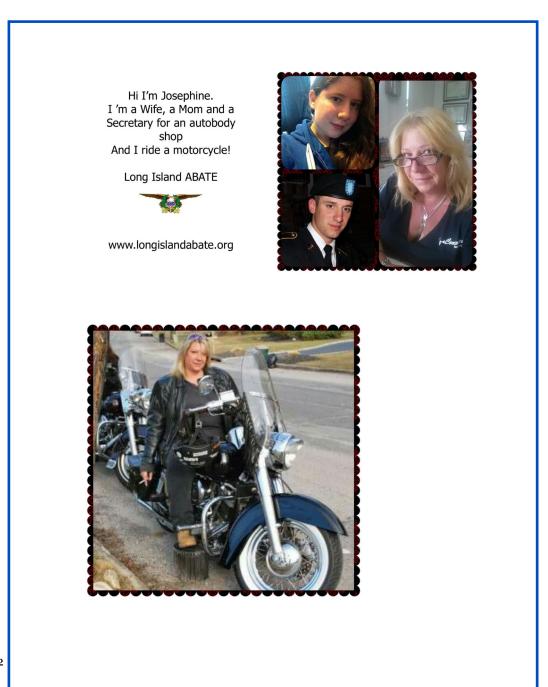
An aging riding population: Riders over the age of 40 now comprise the greatest share of motorcyclist fatalities nationwide, a shift from a previous overrepresentation of younger riders in fatal crashes. The average age of motorcyclists killed nationally in 2016 was 43 years old, and one third of states reported that the majority of their 2017 motorcyclist crashes involved older riders.

States employ a number of strategies and programs to reduce motorcyclist deaths and injuries on U.S. roadways. Recently, more states are looking to ignition interlocks – which prevent a motorcycle from starting if alcohol is detected on the rider's breath – as an approach to reduce alcohol-impaired riding in the same way these lifesaving devices have proven so beneficial when installed on passenger vehicles.

As GHSA Executive Director Jonathan Adkins noted, "To continue moving the needle toward zero motorcyclist deaths, the traffic safety community must consider implementing these and other new approaches to improve rider safety, at the same time reinforcing what we already know works, including advocating for universal helmet laws."

The recently published Road to Zero Vision for Achieving Zero Roadway Deaths in 2050 calls for just such an approach. The report calls on the traffic safety community to double down on proven countermeasures, such as helmet laws and ignition interlocks, in order to prevent both motorcyclist crashes and the tragic injuries and fatalities that too often result.

The full report, including state-by-state data and infographics, is available at ghsa.org/resources/spotlight-motorcyclists18.



TWO4SEVEN RYDERZ WESTSYDERZ

MC, invite all male and females, ryderz or non ryderz to participate in our "SECOND ANNUAL BULL RIDING" contest event on May 06 2018, there will be prizes for 1ST AND 2ND place.



Come on out and ride the "BULL" come out and have some fun and celebrate the life of our fallen Brother



Address: 113f Brook Ave Deer Park, NY 11729 11:00am until Free food till it last.



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Thirty Years of Dedication and Commitment to ABATE: JOHN F. McDonald

By Andrea Peponakis-Matzner

John F. McDonald, also known affectionately as Ice-Cream John, is ABATE's longest standing member: 30 years! Native Long Islander and ice-cream truck owner, John began his dedication to ABATE in 1988 as one of the original members of Western Suffolk ABATE and rose to become President of this chapter from 1998 to 2001. In 2001, Eastern and Western Suffolk ABATE Chapters combined to show unity for the same causes. John has held a variety of Board positions through the years. He has been and remains an active voice for all motorcyclists. Of all the motorcyclists' causes that John has lobbied for in Albany, his biggest achievement and the one that he is proudest of is his active role in getting motorcycles to be allowed in the HOV lane. In addition to this, John has been present at 98% of the ABATE meetings through his 30 years. He has gone into BOCES classes as an advocate of safe driving and awareness. He organized the original ABATE campout in 1997. John has been and remains an active member in many ways.

On April 10, 2018, John was honored at the LI ABATE general meeting for his achievement.

John F. McDonald, congratulations to you on this outstanding display of service and dedication to ABATE! You serve as a true example of devotion to motorcycle enthusiasts everywhere. We all thank you for what you represent and have done for the community.





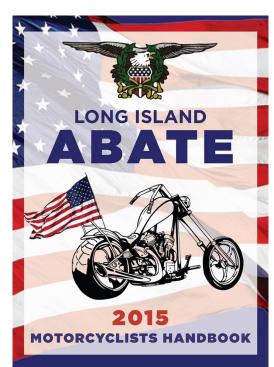


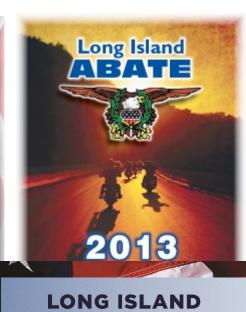


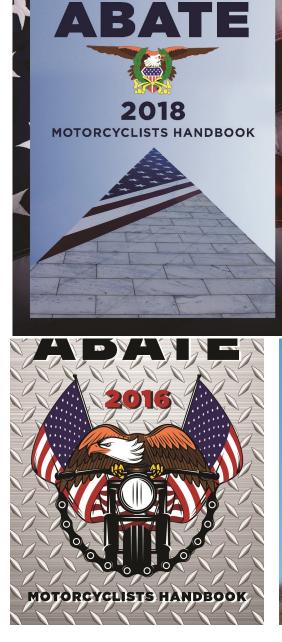


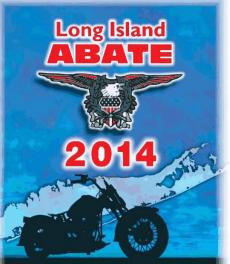
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2018 Free Handbook will be available at the April 15th Awareness Run and throughout the year at meetings and booths. Don't forget to get yours when they are available and supplies last!





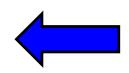


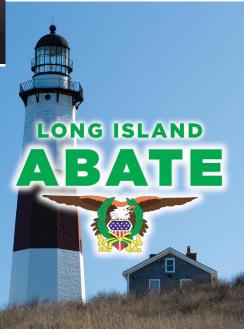


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Thank you to all the advertisers that supported this years handbook.

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





2017 MOTORCYCLISTS HANDBOOK





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

Promote awareness and education in the motorcycling community to improve riders' safety, and educate non-riders globally in the interest of all riders' safety.

OUR MISSION:

We are a 501C3 Corporation. Please donate – your donation is tax deductible. To donate, go to our website listed at the bottom.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education (MRFA&E) 2221 S. Clark Street Arlington, VA 22202 (202) 546-0983

www.mrfae.org

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education (MRFA&E) was established to promote motorcycle awareness and education due to an ever-increasing rider population. Motorcycle riders and activist have long recognized that motorcycle rider education and awareness are crucial in enhancing rider safety. No one is more concerned with rider safety than riders themselves, and obviously those best suited to educate newer riders are veteran riders.

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	It's time you did something more to protect your rights! Join and support Motorcycle Riders Foundation Register, vote, write and ride!			
	 ☐ Annual Individual Membership \$30 ☐ 3-Year Individual Membership \$50 ☐ 3-Year Joint Membership \$1 ☐ Freedom Fighter Donation: ☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$\$			
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Salute to the Vets & All Active Military

Welcome All!Enjoy A Patriotic Day Come and Thank a Vet or Active Military for His or Her Service!

Steak Dinner at The Riverhead Polish Hall

ENJOY A LARGE DELICIOUS PORTERHOUSE STEAK MADE TO ORDER(RARE,MEDIUM RARE,OR WELL DONE) FAMOUS POLISH HALL SALAD,REAL MASHED POTATOES, GRAVY,VEGETABLES,ROLLS AND CAKE,TEA AND COFFEE FOR DESSERT(CASH BAR) TIME 6PM TO 9PM DOORS OPEN AT 5PM

June 14th,2018 "Flag Day"

Tickets-\$30.00 A Person

For tickets & reservations(required) see Ben or Dan at the bar downstairs or get in touch with Mike Osip mikeosip@optonline.net Riverhead Polish Hall 214 Marcy Avenue Riverhead,NY 11901 631-727-9200

All the Proceeds of the raffles and Fifty Fifty will go to Long Island ABATE where the moneys received will be quadrupled by three private donors.All moneys raised will go to Veteran Groups and Organizations here on Long Island

> We will be honoring two special Veterans Seating will be tables of 10 Special Guest Speakers to TBA Stand For Those Who Stood For Us!







"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.

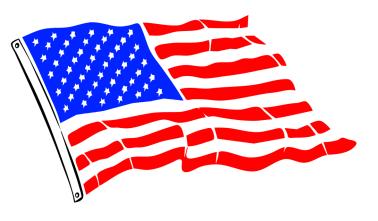
Please go to the link below if you would like to make a donation

https://longislandabate.org/about/in-memory-of-donations/









Motorcycle Riders Foundation

BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY



THE NATION'S ONLY MOTORCYCLE LOBBY DAY

Volunteer Drivers for Veterans WANTED



Nassau County provides vehicles to transport residents to/from the Northport VA, East Meadow & Valley Stream Clinics and Hicksville Vet Center

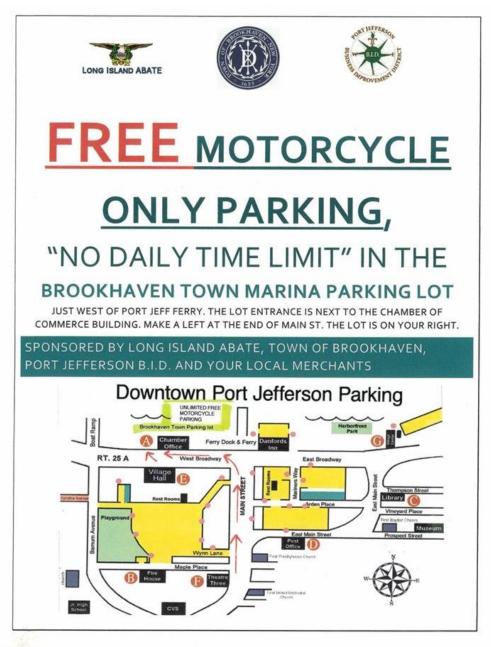


Monday-Friday from 7 am – 5 pm Please donate <u>any</u> time you have to give! [Valid NYS driver's license required.]



VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY

Ralph Esposito, Director 2201 Hempstead Turnpike, Building Q in East Meadow, NY (516) 572.6526 Christine Sohmer











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AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2018 HARLEY-DAVIDSON[®]115TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN MILWAUKEE

Roll into Milwaukee Labor Day Weekend 2018 and join the celebration. No matter what you ride, or even if you haven't started yet, all are welcome to join.



The Long Island ABATE Stavros Dalambakis Scholarship Fund

Long Island ABATE Stavros Dalambakis Scholarship Committee will be awarding three \$500.00 scholarships this year. Two will be for Graduating High School Seniors going to college or vocational school and one will be for a Matriculating College/Vocational school Student.

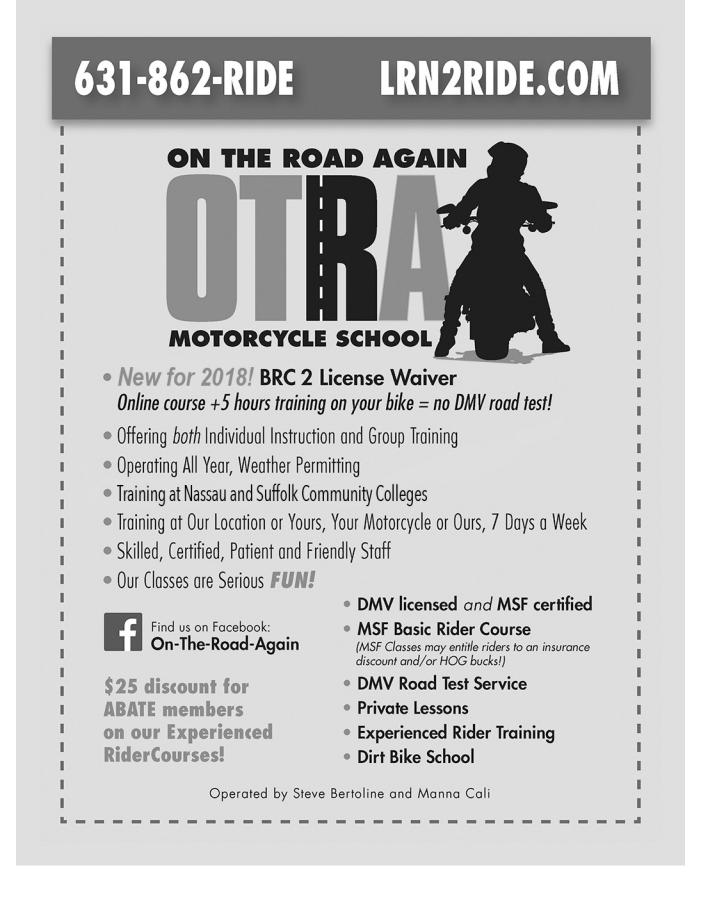
Please download the application and return to the address provided **no later than June 30, 2018**.

Applicants must be a child, grandchild or a legal adoptee of a Long Island ABATE Member who will be the sponsor.

The Long Island ABATE member must be in good standing and up to date with their membership. Good Luck!!

https://longislandabate.org/2018-long-island-abatescholarship-application/





IDING SPEED (mph)	AIR TEMPERATURE (Degrees F)														
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10	16	22	28	34	40	53	47	59	65	71	77	84	90	96	102
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Left turn Arm and hand extending left, palm facing down



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



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.



Fuel Arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended.





AUGUST 18th & 19th **Cathedral Pines County Park**

Middle Island NY

Live Music on Saturday

by Six Gun, Wildflower and Simple Days

*Pre-Sale Tickets are \$30

Tickets purchased day of are \$40

Tickets can be purchased online up to August 16th @

www.longislandabate.org

Your tickets will be mailed to you if purchased online.

Includes camping & parking fees, food, beverages & music.

No Unregistered Vehicles Allowed

Tickets can be purchased from any Board member at meetings, Bike Night/Event booths and online. Please call 1-888-LIABATE for more information



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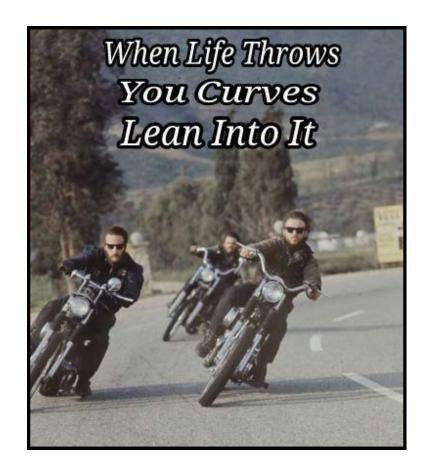
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Membership Benefits includes:

\$4000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance Policy from National Income Life Insurance Company

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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

This is **YOUR** newsletter so I will fill it with all the information, articles, pictures and fun stuff that is sent to me.

Mailings: Our newsletter is paperless. Every month you will be sent an email with a link to the newsletter when it gets posted on our website at

www.longislandabate.org. *Do to it being very expensive, we can no longer print and mail the newsletters out to the membership.*

Advertisements: If you are interested in advertising your business in our newsletter, please see the prices on page 3 of the newsletter.

Flyers and Events: If you have a flyer to submit, please email it to me at nancygee66@gmail.com Please get it to me before the month of your event. There will be a fee if your flyer is listed more than once.

Your Submissions: Please feel free to send in pictures, funny cartoons, stories, ideas for the newsletter. I am open for all suggestions, comments, complaints. If you have a bike or parts for sale, I can list it. If you would like your own column on household tips, recipes, or great riding places to go to, concert info, or a community service thing going on, please contact me.

Thank you and Ride Like the Wind!!

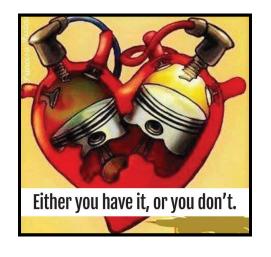
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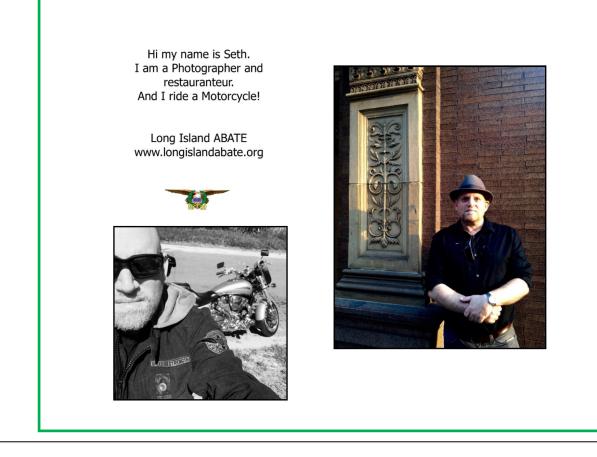
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2010 Fatboy Low, 96 cu. In. 3,823 Miles Asking \$12,000 ... **Contact Mike at 1-516-390-5395









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