

Long Island ABATE 8-14-18 Membership Meeting, Ronkonkoma, NY

BBQ before the meeting. Thank you **Marco** for doing the cooking.

7:38 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome new members and guests.

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

**Motion 18-2018: Motion to accept July 2018 minutes as published in the August 2018 newsletter and posted on the LI ABATE website. (Seconded) All in favor.**

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

**Motion 19-2018: Motion to accept treasury report. (Seconded) All in favor.**

### **Committee Reports**

**George / Membership:** To date, there are 2,045 members on the books. Membership year pins are available at membership meetings and LI ABATE booths. George is focusing on getting expired members to renew. 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 / Vice President / Website:** Campout tickets are available at membership meetings, LI ABATE booths and on the LI ABATE website. Advance tickets are \$30, \$40 the day of the campout. **Newsletter:** Motorcycle event flyers will be included in our newsletter for one month free of charge. Please let Nancy know. Nancy also encourages members to send in stories, classified ads, etc., for publication in our newsletter.

**Kathy / Products:** New t-shirts, hats, etc. will be available at the campout.

### **Old Business**

**Veterans Appreciation Run:** Donations continue to come in for the 2018 Veterans Appreciation Fund. To date LI ABATE has raised over \$125,000. A special thank you to **Steve** from ***On The Road Again Motorcycle School*** for his generous donation of \$1325 given at tonight's meeting. All donations will be quadrupled. Thank you to Nancy for submitting an article about this run to *Full Throttle Magazine*.

**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. We will submit a proposal to fund the printing of a children's booklet that **Karen Worth** has been working on to encourage children to look for motorcycles while riding in the car.

**First Amendment violation:** There is a new vendor at Cedar Beach in the Town of Babylon, who had a "no colors" sign posted outside his establishment. It is a First Amendment right for colors to be worn, and government entities are not permitted to discriminate. Since Cedar Beach is a Suffolk County beach, the vendor must follow this law, as the establishment is government property. Jim contacted **Double D**, who wrote and sent a letter to the Town of Babylon and to the new vendor expressing this First Amendment discrimination. Both responded cordially and forwarded the letter to the Babylon Town Attorney. Double D was asked to provide case law, and immediately submitted five case laws. LI ABATE will continue to follow up on this matter.

**WACO Update:** Of the initial 150+ indictments, all but 25 cases have been dismissed. Of these 25 cases, 22 have been indicted on rioting charges. These cases are now being appealed.

### **New Business**

**LI ABATE Truck:** LI ABATE purchased a 1997 Ford F350 box truck for \$2500. Chris and Mike worked on the truck, and it is now running well. The box is water tight and truck has a built in ramp, which will be able to tow bikes that break down during runs. The truck will hold booth supplies and products. The box will be a traveling billboard.

**Sponsorship for Your Island Live with Tom Schiliro,** (which airs on 103.9 Monday through Friday, 12:00 – 2:00) was renewed. Tom asked Jim to speak with him live on the show every other Wednesday through November.

**Court Cases:** LI ABATE members **Chris and Rose Pesce** were hit by Desri Medlock on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Both are now at home, and thank all for their support. Medlock was allegedly high on PCP and fled the scene. The driver was held on \$20K cash or \$45K bond. He has since made bail. Misdemeanor charges will be upgraded to felony charges. The next court date will be 9/13 in Central Islip. In the case of **Rich Schmansky**, who was killed in a motorcycle accident, the driver was scheduled for an administrative hearing through the Department of Motor Vehicles. The driver did not show up. (The Department of Motor Vehicles holds administrative hearings for drivers who were involved in serious accidents. At the time of the hearing, the driver's license may be suspended or revoked.) LI ABATE is advocating that the DA's office reopen and reinvestigate this case, as there are many unanswered questions.

**Suffolk County Sheriff Errol Toulon** spoke at our Veterans Appreciation Run. *Thank you **Bill Forrester** for introducing him to LI ABATE.* Sheriff Toulon said he would make a PSA for motorcycles, specifically targeting the dangers of a driver turning left in front of a motorcycle. Sheriff Toulon was true to his word. The PSA aired on 103.9 and is also on the Suffolk County Sheriff website under *conversation card / motorcycle safety.*

**Nordic Lodge Ride:** We will be taking a ride to the Nordic Lodge on 8/26. Whoever is interested in going, we will be meeting at the Port Jefferson ferry at 10:15.

### **LI ABATE Run / Event List**

**August 18-19** - LI ABATE Annual Campout. Presale tickets are now available @ \$30. (Tickets will be \$40 the day of the campout.) Ticket prices include music by multiple bands, lunch and dinner, bike games, bike contest and all camping fees for Saturday night. *Thank you to **Jason and Teresa from Bounce Long Island**, for providing a dunk tank at a large discount.*

**November 4** – Food and Toy Run

**December 8** – Holiday Party

### **LI ABATE Booths**

**August 25** – US Military Vets @ American Legion, Mastic

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

**September 30** – Dee Snyder's Run, Long Beach

*If anyone is interested in volunteering at a LI ABATE booth, please contact Nancy. 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.*

**Alliance MC** – 8/19 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Life Ride Event to benefit Bridges of New York. Reg. 10-12 @ Eisenhower Par, parking field one. \$20 per rider, \$10 per passenger. State Troopers will escort this ride.

**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. \$160 rider / \$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)

**Queensboro MC** – Raffles are available for \$20 each. Winner will get \$3500.

**911 Veterans** – Raffle for 2006 Dyna Low Rider. \$50 per ticket, limit 200 tickets. Drawing held 10/6/18.

**8/26-** 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Vintage Motorcycle Show@ The Maples. 10:00-2:00. \$5 donation for show and daredevil jump show, \$10 to enter bike in the show.

**Stony Brook Cultural Arts Center** – Antique motorcycle exhibit.

### **Open Floor**

**50/50:** \$78 to the winner.

**Motion 20-2018: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.