

Long Island ABATE 6-11-19 Membership Meeting, Ronkonkoma, NY

Bbq before the meeting.

7:33 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome new members and guests.

The minutes for our May 2019 membership meeting were posted on the LI ABATE website.

**Motion 14-2019: Motion to accept May 2019 membership meeting minutes as posted on the LI ABATE website. (Seconded) All in favor.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report has not yet been updated for June. Bill will report next meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

**George / Membership:** George reports that membership is approaching 2200. *Thank you to Donna for her assistance with entering membership data.*

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.*** If you are not receiving LI ABATE newsletters or e-mails, please let George or Nancy know and the e-mail data base will be updated.

**Josephine /Public Relations:** Josephine will be distributing flyers for the campout. If anyone would like to help with the distribution of LI ABATE event flyers, please let Josephine know. Josephine is also requesting business cards to be posted in the newsletter / website, for those businesses offering discounts to LI ABATE members.

**Gary / Volunteer Coordinator:** Gary 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 Gary if you are willing to volunteer. Your help is always appreciated.

**Mike / Legislative Coordinator:** Mike will work with **NYS Assemblyman Doug Smith** on a NYS motorcycle anti-profiling bill.

### **Old Business**

**LI ABATE Lottery:** LI ABATE will be fundraising through a 6month daily drawing, based on NYS evening daily numbers. The lottery will run from July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

Tickets are now available at \$20 each. We can sell up to 1,000 tickets. *All winnings will be mailed. Sunday win pays \$60, Saturday win pays \$50, weekday wins pay \$40 and bonus days / holidays (which are listed on the ticket) pay \$100.*

**2019 LI ABATE Scholarships:** LI ABATE will be awarding two scholarships this year: one \$1,000 scholarship for graduating high school senior and one \$1,000 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. Applications are due by June 30, 2019.

**LI ABATE Military Appreciation Award:** LI ABATE will be awarding \$500 to a graduating high school senior who will be entering the military. Application is available on the LI ABATE website and is due by June 30, 2019.

**Veterans Appreciation Run:** Approximately 400 motorcyclists were present for LI ABATE's annual Veterans Appreciation Run. Over \$16,000 was raised. This, along with the \$15,000 previously raised, and with the funds being matched, brings our total to date of over \$120,000. *Thank you to the generosity of all who participated.* The scenic ride went over the Jordan Herder Bridge in Sag Harbor and looped back to the Riverhead Elks for a barbeque. Thank you to Joe, Chris and Bill for the scenic route taken, Joe, Claudia, Mike and Jackie for barbequing at the Elks, JD Leonard for his music at the Elks, and Karen for singing the national anthem. A special thank you to 14.5MC for assistance with road guarding. Unfortunately, a state trooper issued tickets to a road guard, which LI ABATE will attempt to fight in Southhampton Town Court.

**Motion 15-2019: Motion for LI ABATE to pay any resulting fines, from the traffic tickets issued to road guard, to Southhampton Town Court. (Seconded) All in favor.**

**MRF Bikers in the Beltway** was 5/21. Jim and Roseann attended and lobbied their Senators and Congressional Representatives in Washington D.C. Legislation the MRF is lobbying for include:

- Motorcycle anti-profiling – "H.R.255 addresses the concerns over the profiling of motorcyclists. This resolution promotes public awareness of motorcyclist profiling and encourages collaboration and communication between law enforcement and the motorcycle community, as well as urging state law enforcement officials to condemn the profiling of motorcyclists in written policy and training materials.
- Consumer protection and fuel transparency act of 2019 – H.R.1024 seeks new labeling on E15 gas pumps warning consumers to check their owner's manual when using E15 fuel.

- Autonomous vehicle technology - mandating that autonomous vehicles recognize and react to motorcycles
- MRF encourages NHTSA to review and update the definition of motorcycles.
- Increasing membership in the House and Senate Motorcycle Caucus.

**Riverhead Polish Hall** is hosting a Flag Day Buffet, 6/14. Tickets are \$35 each. A portion of the profits will be donated to LI ABATE Veterans Appreciation Fund. *Please see Bill for tickets.*

### **New Business**

**Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team** will be on Long Island 6/20, 6/21, 6/22. On 6/21 they will play in a softball game, in Huntington, against Boomer Esiason and the All Stars. On 6/22 they will play at Moriches Field. The PGR, USVMC and LI ABATE will be escorting them from the Sheraton, exit 56 LIE, to Moriches Field.

**NYS Motorcycle Profiling Project:** Louisiana was the third state in the nation, along with Washington and Maryland, to pass motorcyclist anti-profiling. The MRF and DoubleD of the *Motorcycle Profiling Project* want to focus of New York as the next state to pass this legislation. With a Democratic controlled Assembly, now would be the best opportunity to pass anti-profiling legislation. Jim and LI ABATE will be focusing on this.

**Motorcycle Awareness Booklets** for kids are now available. Children can use these booklets while riding in the car to encourage them to look for motorcycles and also alerting the driver to the presence of motorcycles. With this tool, we hope to teach the next generation of drivers to be aware of motorcycles on the road. *Thank you to Karen for your initiation and effort to complete this project.*

**First Amendment violation:** The vendor at the *Salt Shack* on Cedar Beach in the Town of Babylon, had a “no colors” sign posted outside his establishment last season. *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. Double D was asked to provide case law, and immediately submitted five case laws. Babylon Town Attny. Stated that they disagreed with our case law, however agreed to take down the sign in question. It has come to the attention of LI ABATE, that a security guard is now enforcing the “no colors” dress code, where an AmVets MC member and a Rolling Thunder MC member were denied entrance while wearing their vests. LI ABATE will once again follow up on this matter. *If anyone goes to this location wearing colors and is denied entrance, please videotape the encounter. It would help to have this type of evidence.*

**Rushing Wind Biker Church** performed a bike blessing on each motorcycle that participated in our Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run in April. LI ABATE would like to offer a \$500 donation to RWBC in appreciation, to do with as they see fit.

**Motion 16-2019: Motion for LI ABATE to donate \$500 to Rushing Wind Biker Church. (Seconded) One member against.**

**Motion 17-2019: Motion to amend previous motion to have \$500 go specifically to the Rushing Wind Biker Church's Downed Biker Fund . ( Not Seconded)**

**Motion 18-2019: Motion for LI ABATE to donate \$500 to Rushing Wind Biker Church, to be used as they deem necessary. (Seconded) Majority in favor.**

**Sound System:** It was discussed that LI ABATE needs a reliable PA system to be used at upcoming runs/events, at meetings for guest speakers, etc. Various models and costs were mentioned. Membership was agreeable to having LI ABATE look into PA systems.

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

**LI ABATE Annual Campout:** August 17-18 @ Cathedral Pines Park. Tickets will be available soon. Presale tickets will be \$30. (Tickets will be \$40 the day of the campout.) Ticket prices include music by multiple bands (*Point Blank, Wildflower, Armed and Dangerous and Simple Days*), lunch and dinner, bike games, and all camping fees for Saturday night.

#### **Motorcycle Clubs 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.*

**Rushing Wind Biker Church MM – Down Biker Run, 6/29.** Registration 12 -1:30 @ church, 11 Peachtree Ct. (corner of Lincoln Ave and Peachtree Ct. north of Veterans Hwy.) \$20 donation. After party 3:45 @ church. *All money raised goes back to the motorcycle community.*

**Veterans Appreciation Day: Nassau County Operation Wounded Warrior** is sponsoring a Veterans Appreciation Day Saturday 8/10. **LI ABATE** will be sponsoring the motorcycle run from Home Depot, Farmingdale to Eisenhower Park. **Southside Car Club** will be organizing a car and bike show. Live music by local bands. Additional information to follow.

**Alliance MC:** 8/11 Life Ride Event, escorted run out of Eisenhower State Park.

**Am Vets Ladies Auxiliary:** Congratulations to **Debbie Stondell, President of Am Vets Ladies Auxiliary of NYS.** Debbie presented Jim and Bill with a plaque for LI ABATE's continues support to Am Vets and also presented a \$200 check for the Veterans Appreciation Fund.

**American Legion Greenlawn Post 1244:** Fundraiser Sweepstakes \$5 each or 6 tickets \$20. Drawing held 7/10. Winners need not be present.

**Americas Vet Dogs:** 5K walk 7/22 Americasvetdogs.org for more information. Look for Deborah Stondell to sponsor.

**Jordan Herder 5K run:** 7/28. Our own Road Captain, Joe Pizzo, will be a participant

**Anchor Family Festival and Bike Run:** 8/3 Run from Brooklyn to Smithtown. \$10 rider/\$5 passenger. [www.lovehopesanchor.net](http://www.lovehopesanchor.net) for additional information.

**50 /50:** \$118 to the winner. *4 pairs of Yankee tickets given as consolation prizes, compliments of Rich Rossi.*

**Motion 19-2019: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor.** Meeting adjourned at 9:07.