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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 public 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, and other transportation issues. We welcome interested parties to any of our activities or to join our organization.

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President's Message

Hello Long Island ABATE members,

I would like to take a moment and thank you all for your support as President. I too would like to thank former President Jim Barr for his guidance and leadership through the years as well as the Members of the board for giving me this opportunity. I am looking forward to working with you all. I know I have some big shoes to fill, but with your help I believe we can do it together. As you all know we are living in some difficult times with the health concerns and many restrictions in place altering our 'normal way of life'. With the lowering of restrictions we have been able to finally get out and do some more social activities. That being said LI ABATE has and will be at bike nights and some other events as they happen, of course practicing within safe social distancing guidelines. Check the website and social media for up coming events. We are always looking for ideas and member input and involvement to better serve the community,

Ride Safe, Be Careful and Have Fun

Thank You,

Chris Beckhans, President Long Island ABATE



1st Vice Presidents Message

Greetings Long Island ABATE members,

It is an honor and privilege to once again serve as your 1st Vice President! I would like to thank former President Jim Barr for his leadership and unwavering service to Long Island ABATE over the last decade!

We all wish him and his family well.

Since assuming my appointed position, I have been active in participating in two recent bike nights. If you missed them, you can join us at Frogzz on Wednesdays and on Thursday's at Tailgaters. It's a great opportunity to be with ABATE members and receive the latest in motorcycle events.

Your Long Island ABATE officers, trustees and committee leaders are looking for new ways to continue communicating with you during this pandemic! So, watch out for e mails, visit our website and other means of social media to keep in touch!

It's great to be back,

Be safe and stay well!

Regards,

Nick 1st VP

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Norton Motorcycles goes into administra- tion (Bankruptcy)

The famous British motorbike company Norton Motorcycles has gone into administration.

The Leicestershire firm was reportedly struggling to pay a tax bill and faced a winding-up order.

Founded in 1898, Norton is one of the last remaining British motorcycle brands and best known for its involvement in motorsport.

The administration puts about 100 jobs at its Castle Donington factory in question.

Lee Causer, of administrators BDO, said: "We are taking all necessary steps to ensure that customers, staff and suppliers are supported through the administration process.

"Our job is to determine and execute the most appropriate strategy as swiftly as possible to protect creditors' interests, bearing in mind the need to minimise distress for all parties."
Norton 650 SS

Founded in Birmingham, Norton began making motorbikes in 1902 and soon became associated with races such as the Isle of Man TT.

Among its most famous models are the Dominator and the Commando, while its Norton Interpol was used by UK police in the 1980s. Vintage models are now considered collectors' items.

Its bikes have also featured in hit films such as the James Bond movie Spectre and the Che Guevara memoir, The Motorcycle Diaries. **Norton Motorcycles' 122 years of speed**

Norton fell into financial difficulties in 2008 but was rescued by entrepreneur and property developer Stuart Garner who revived the business.

Mr Garner said last May that the firm was performing strongly and planned to open a new factory. However, this January he told local newspaper Birmingham Live that Norton owed tax authorities £300,000 and could be liquidated if it was not given more time to pay.





MOTO GUZZI®

The MGX-21 is the most unconventional and technological 1400cc grand cruiser built at Mandello del Lario. Moto Guzzi is one of the greatest brands in the motorcycling world and in almost a century of history has produced motorcycles that are often ahead of their time.

From the racing track to the streets of the world, the company has not compromised its Italian soul. Backed by universally recognized values, Moto Guzzi can now express the influences and stimuli of motorcycle culture in increasingly personal and exclusive style. The MGX-21 is the latest example of Moto Guzzi's originality and courage, a traditional part of its heritage since 1921.

The MGX-21 is dedicated to lovers of exclusive motorcycles, to people who know how to get excited even before they embark on a journey, simply by giving themselves over to the majesty of this prestigious Italian bike.

The MGX-21 seems to invite you to fasten your helmet and set off, heading wherever the road takes you. This Moto Guzzi offers a different and unique way of looking at a bike trip: it is not just the body that is transported, but it is the rider's soul that is involved in a beautiful and emotional experience made up of adventure, freedom and discovery.

The design of the MGX-21, like all Moto Guzzis, begins by showing off the engineering of the big 90° transverse V-twin engine with two large cylinders that seem to literally explode out of the petrol tank, helping to make the side view considerably lower and streamlined. The red paint of the aluminium head covers emphasises the power this engine is capable of expressing. Low in the back and raised at the front, MGX-21 tells you from the first glance that it is capable of eating up miles smoothly. It's certainly no wallflower, attracting people's attention with its original shape and the mysterious nocturnal appearance created by the PADC (Piaggio Advanced Design Center) designers in California. Particular attention was given to the study and definition of the "batwing" design, the large top fairing that makes an essential contribution to the bike's futuristic look. Form and function once again come together in perfect balance: the careful fluid dynamics analysis with CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics) simulations and the numerous test sessions in the wind tunnel have led to achieving optimum air protection capacity, delivering a quality a bike destined for long trips. The shapes at the back also stem from the same studies and they are enhanced by carbon profiles and the dual series built-in LED lights.

To celebrate such a personal, powerful and brave style, Moto Guzzi gave the MGX-21 the evocative sobriquet of Flying Fortress. The Flying Fortress also stands out for meticulous and obsessive attention to detail: the spectacular headlight cluster uses LED DRL lighting technology, whereas the electrical controls on the handlebar are finished with metal shells. While respecting the solid century-old tradition, the MGX-21 reaches out to the future by employing materials typically used in the most advanced sports motorcycles. In fact, numerous parts are made of precious carbon, such as the front mudguard, the fuel tank panels, the side pannier covers and the engine cover. The new Moto Guzzi shows off a large 21" alloy front wheel, now protected by lenticular carbon covers with small openings where the spokes intersect with the channel. This stylistic choice also brings the technical advantage of increased stability and ease of handling due to the passage of air from one side of the hub to the other while the bike is in motion.



MGX 21



Italian Design Firm Develops An Inline Three-Wheeled Motorcycle

A different kind of inline-triple.

Today's motorcycle landscape contains a diverse array of vehicles. From Harley-Davidson Trikes to the Yamaha Niken to Polaris' Slingshot (if you consider that a motorcycle), customers have numerous options beyond two wheels. While the reception of such vehicles is very polarized, three-wheeled options expand the customer base and communicate an inclusive community to the general public. Italy-based Marabese Design looks to do just that with its Blade Bike, but unlike most three-wheeled motorcycles, it's arranging all three wheels in a line.

Founded in 1984 by world-class designer Luciano Marabese, the family-owned firm has worked with the likes of Moto Guzzi, Triumph, Yamaha, and Aprilia (to name a few). Now, Luciano's sons Ricardo and Roberto Marabese are developing an inline three-wheeled motorcycle to cater to Asian countries—[China](#) and [Vietnam](#) specifically.

The inclusion of a third wheel would elongate the wheelbase of the motorcycle, increasing the accommodations for numerous passengers. [Trikes](#) are less viable in China and Vietnam due to the high level of traffic, but the narrow profile of Marabese's design allows the bike to squirt between cars while benefiting from improved load capacity. Not only would the Blade Bike's third wheel allow 2-3 passengers, but it would also centralize weight and improve the stability of the motorcycle.

"The prototype had 10-inch wheels and now we have also tried 12 wheels," said Ricardo Marabese. "I can say that in the city our vehicle it is a toy, and when folded, with different steering angles, the wheels create a sort of roadway that makes it super stable"

Though the design looks cutting edge, the first prototype dates back to 2006, when Luciano designed the MP3 for [Piaggio](#). The brothers can also draw inspiration from the [Yamaha](#) Tesseract, a four-wheeler their father also designed, for the Bike Blade.

The team continues to make incremental changes to the Blade Bike based on tests. While the concept isn't moving to

production yet, we can see how this would benefit particular markets around the world.

Would this work in [America](#)?

Does anyone want the roller-blades of motorcycles? Let us know your thoughts in the comments. If we know anything, the reaction to the Blade Bike will be nothing short of polarized.





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After a long glitch on my end, the membership cards are being changed and will be going out. They will be attached to your letter. Until we establish a new meeting location, your letters will not be including that information. Eventually, my goal is for you to be able to download and print out your own card that will be emailed to you. It is not happening just yet so in the meantime, be on the lookout for your membership cards with your letter. Long Island ABATE will be signing up with an outside vendor called Apricot. They will be generating renewal letters that will be emailed to you and you will be able to renew online.

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If you are a new member, you will be receiving a packet with your Long Island ABATE patch and card. Due to the mail cost, we no longer mail out pins, however we have them available at our membership meetings and booths. If you would like your pin mailed to you, please shoot me an email and I will get it out to you.

We are looking for companies to offer Long Island ABATE discounts, and once we have a list, it will be included with your membership packet.

If you are not receiving any emails from Long Island ABATE, please let me know so I can update it in our database as well as our email service.

All notifications regarding Long Island ABATE regarding court cases, Call to Action, events, meetings, cancellations and other important information are posted on our website, Facebook pages, Instagram page, and emailed to our membership. Events and monthly meetings are also on Google Calendar.

Once we go back to some normalcy, then I will be sending out emails regarding future meetings and events. Let's hope its sooner than later!!

The best way to contact me is by text or email. My contact info is Nancyliabate@gmail.com. My cell phone is 631-220-1004. Please include your full name, address, phone number and correct e-mail address.

Please contact me with all of your questions or concerns regarding your membership. Again I really appreciate all of your patience as I work on it. Your membership is extremely valuable and worthy to Long Island ABATE, and its Officers, and we all are doing our best to make sure you know you have a great legitimate organization that is dedicated to you all as motorcyclists.

Thank You and Ride Safe!

Nancy Greenseich

Long Island ABATE Membership Officer

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UPCOMING

EVENTS



NEWS

NOTE: All dates are subject to be changed/postponed/cancelled. Please reach out to the organization regarding their event.

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Sept 26th

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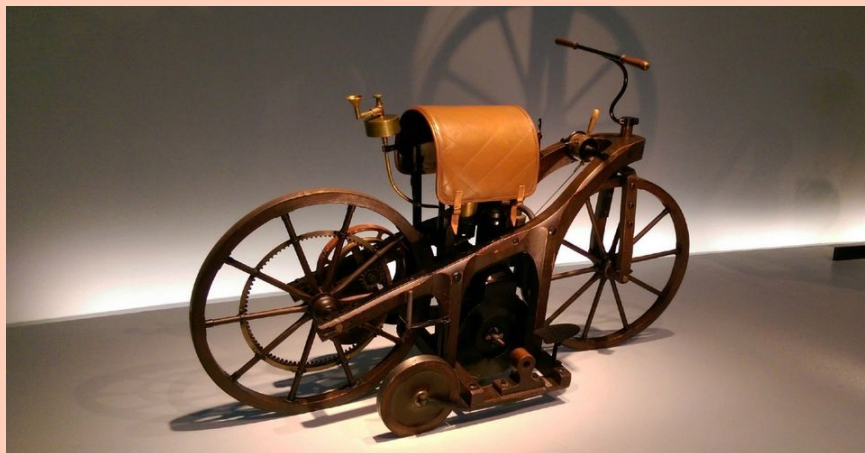
TRUE FACTS!!!

The first motorcycle was invented in Germany by Gottlieb Daimler and Wilhelm Maybach in 1885, named the the Daimler Reitwagen

Believe it or not, motorcycle predates the 20th century. The first motorcycle, the Daimler Reitwagen, was invented in Germany by Gottlieb Daimler and Wilhelm Maybach in 1885. It was revolutionary for its use of a gasoline-powered engine, and Daimler's son Paul was its first test rider.

The invention of the Daimler Reitwagen led to automobile production a year later. Basically, Daimler's motorcycle was essentially a wooden bicycle frame without foot pedals that was powered by a one-cylinder Otto-cycle engine and included a spray-type carburetor. Unlike other engines of its time, this engine was small and powerful compared with other combustion engines of the day used for stationary operation.

Daimler's priority was making his engine usable for mobile vehicles. While the Daimler Reitwagen's predecessors are considered motorcycles, the Daimler Reitwagen remains the first gasoline internal combustion motorcycle, and the forerunner of all land, sea, and air vehicles to use this type of engine.



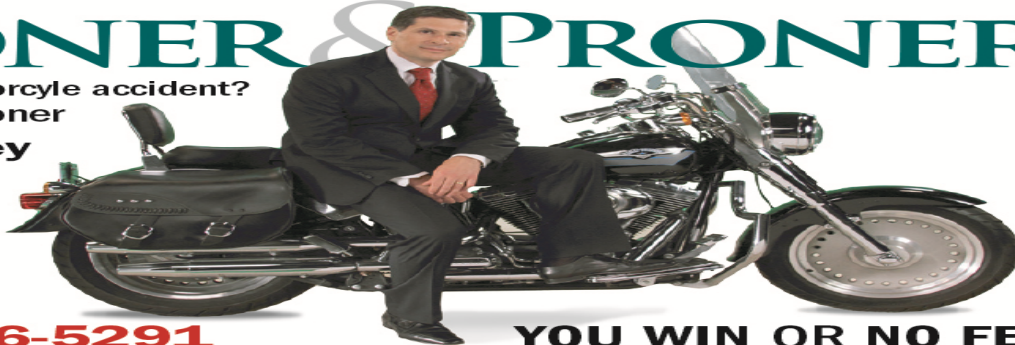
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The MRF's primary goals include:

- Monitoring and influencing federal legislation for any impact on the motorcycling community at large
- Representing street motorcyclists by participating in federal research and advisory committees
- Protecting street motorcyclists from unfair or burdensome federal agency restrictions and regulations
- Ending discrimination against street motorcyclists
- Providing all street motorcyclists with direction and information to protect their motorcycling rights
- Promoting motorcycling safety, training, education, licensing and public awareness on American roads



WHO WE ARE

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is the Nation's premiere motorcyclists' rights organization that is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. We are also committed to educating rights advocates to improve effectiveness at the state and local levels. The MRF works together with street motorcyclists, State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs), the motorcycle industry, the media and other organizations, assisting them with state and local agendas as well as working with them to influence action and policy in Washington, DC - from the Congress to government departments and agencies to the Office of the President of the United States. We also work with allies in Canada, Europe and Asia to influence talks on vehicle globalization and harmonization that are proceeding under the United Nations and the World Health Organization.

History of the MRF

The first words of the street rider's first voice in Washington were uttered in 1985 in St. Louis, Missouri. There, the very founders of the motorcyclists' rights movement in America gathered for a meeting of the minds. Leaders of State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs), they wanted to catapult to the national scene the clout and effectiveness of SMROs — the strong, effective grassroots of state-based motorcyclists' rights.

They knew it had to be done. Riders' rights had to go national, because the threat was national. Our founders at this meeting of the minds shared a keen sense that danger was not just on the horizon but dead ahead, as freedom's foes had just attacked with a ban on motorcycles in the United States Congress.

They knew it had to be done right. The founders wanted a staff that was all muscle and no fat, supported not by casual members but driven by a team of dedicated volunteers, with each volunteer committed to shouldering his or her share of the demands of liberty. They envisioned a team committed to core values like respect for riders' diverse lifestyles and opinions, integrity in conduct, excellence and boldness in facing challenges head-on and, above all, leadership — leadership in the unrelenting struggle for the safety and freedom of American motorcyclists.

So, at a meeting of the minds of grassroots leaders, a new leader was born: The Motorcycle Riders Foundation. The first motorcyclists' rights advocacy organization with a full-time legislative and political presence in our nation's capital. The only Washington voice devoted exclusively to you, the street rider. And each year, the leaders of the now-worldwide community gather for motorcycling's premier political leadership summit — named to commemorate the gathering at which we were founded: The MRF Meeting of the Minds.

Throughout the USA and across the world, the torch of freedom burns in the hearts of motorcyclists. One by one, they recognize the need to become volunteers as co-partners in an organization committed to integrity, respect, leadership, teamwork and excellence.

One by one, in every continent and culture, motorcyclists are deciding to Ride with the Leaders™.

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Hidden In Plain Sight — Empire State Motorcycle Safety Education Program

In nature, the chameleon has the ability to camouflage itself with its surroundings. This gives the reptile an edge while attacking its prey but more importantly, it is a key defensive system for survival. While in life, man has worked constantly to replicate and perfect the same aspect of being hidden from others (primarily in the military and hunting fields) for that edge and survival; the art of blending with our surroundings as a motorcyclist can have a devastating effect – one that all of us rather not encounter.

That ever infamous statement of “I didn’t see him/her” should be a driving force for us to approach certain scenarios differently with a possible positive outcome – nothing happening at times can be a great thing! I have heard many riders, instructors, etc. state that we should consider ourselves invisible to the driving world around us. While that may be a good start and something close to the truth, we need to look at points that we can take to protect ourselves whether we are invisible or not.

One point I have mentioned several times when it comes to being conspicuous is the gear we wear while riding. Bright colors and reflective materials work far better than the traditional black that bikers have been traditionally associated with. I recently attended an event where at least 70% of the attendees were wearing Hi Viz gear and clothing, perhaps Hi Viz is slowly becoming the new black? Couldn’t hurt. Another thing we can do when it comes to our machines is install additional lighting. It just makes common sense that the more illumination you have either front, rear, or sides that it should hopefully help present more of an awareness of you to others. Once again – couldn’t hurt, except for your wallet but if it prevents a conflict and/or injury I think it certainly would be worth the cost.

So we covered making ourselves more visible via our gear and bikes, but is there anything we can do while riding? Absolutely. One factor that many within the safety skills industry feels is an important one to consider is lane positioning. Where we place ourselves for a situation or scenario can perhaps make a major difference as to what could or couldn’t happen to us. Lane positioning is a constant adjustment; if we are moving then situations change as quickly as we roll. We want to keep ourselves in the best position of the lane where we have the best visual input for ourselves as well as to be in best visual view for those around us.

The constant adjustments to achieve this require a better sense of awareness for us to take in all the information around us and play the “what if” game. If you are always taking in your surroundings you may recognize things that you can adjust for way before any bad problems have a chance to happen. If you’re in traffic or riding within a town or city you would definitely consider that you just may blend in to the surroundings and not be seen. Though there is no definitive corrective action but it could be as simple as slowing down to adjust for anything or covering your controls for a quick reaction or shifting lane positions prior to intersections, maybe just your movement will help develop awareness to others.

The one thing I am a bit leery about is flashing your headlights; there is a chance that a driver may interpret the information differently and where your intention was to bring awareness, they might consider it as a signal to proceed into your path of travel. The same can be said for oscillating headlights, though I have heard many positive comments from users of these devices; I have also been told of the times that drivers didn’t know what was ongoing and mistook the lights for a signal to proceed. Just another thing to consider.

Even if we wear the brightest of gear, install the brightest illumination available and become vigilant with our awareness of our surroundings and always adjust correctly for the conditions we encounter, can that guarantee the elimination of the risks we deal with other vehicles and drivers? Definitely not; but I believe, as well as many others, that each step we take is one closer to reducing the risks and likelihood of living the world of the chameleon where we are hidden in plain sight.



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This month's Merchant is Wayne Blast Customs.

After talking with Wayne I found out a little bit about him and what he does.

It all started back in 1989 with glass etching in his father's back yard on friends cars and later added pin-striping and window tinting and quickly out grew the back yard.

Wayne then opened up his first shop and having a love for water he found a shop in Centerport on the water where he then did all types of customization and artwork on vehicles. Shortly after expanding into residential and commercial artwork and glass etching as well as airbrushing. From there he moved to Huntington on Jericho Turnpike and expanding the sign business. After that he then moved into a larger facility expanding into motorcycle and off shore race boats. Now his shop resides in West Babylon and now he is growing his sign and t-shirt business. Wayne has done many special jobs for various business's and museums as well as 911 memorial glass etchings. Wayne has met many great and supportive people along the way for which he is grateful.

He tries to give back to various organizations like LI ABATE and helps where he can. Example we at LI ABATE paid for the materials and Wayne designed, printed and installed the wrap on the ABATE MOBILE at No Cost. So whether you need t-shirts, decals, glass etching, a custom sign Wayne is the man!!

Wayne can be reached at ---- Office 631-643-3333 fax 631-520-0637 or his cell 631-242-6450 e-mail wayneblastcustoms@yahoo.com mention LI ABATE and get a 10% discount

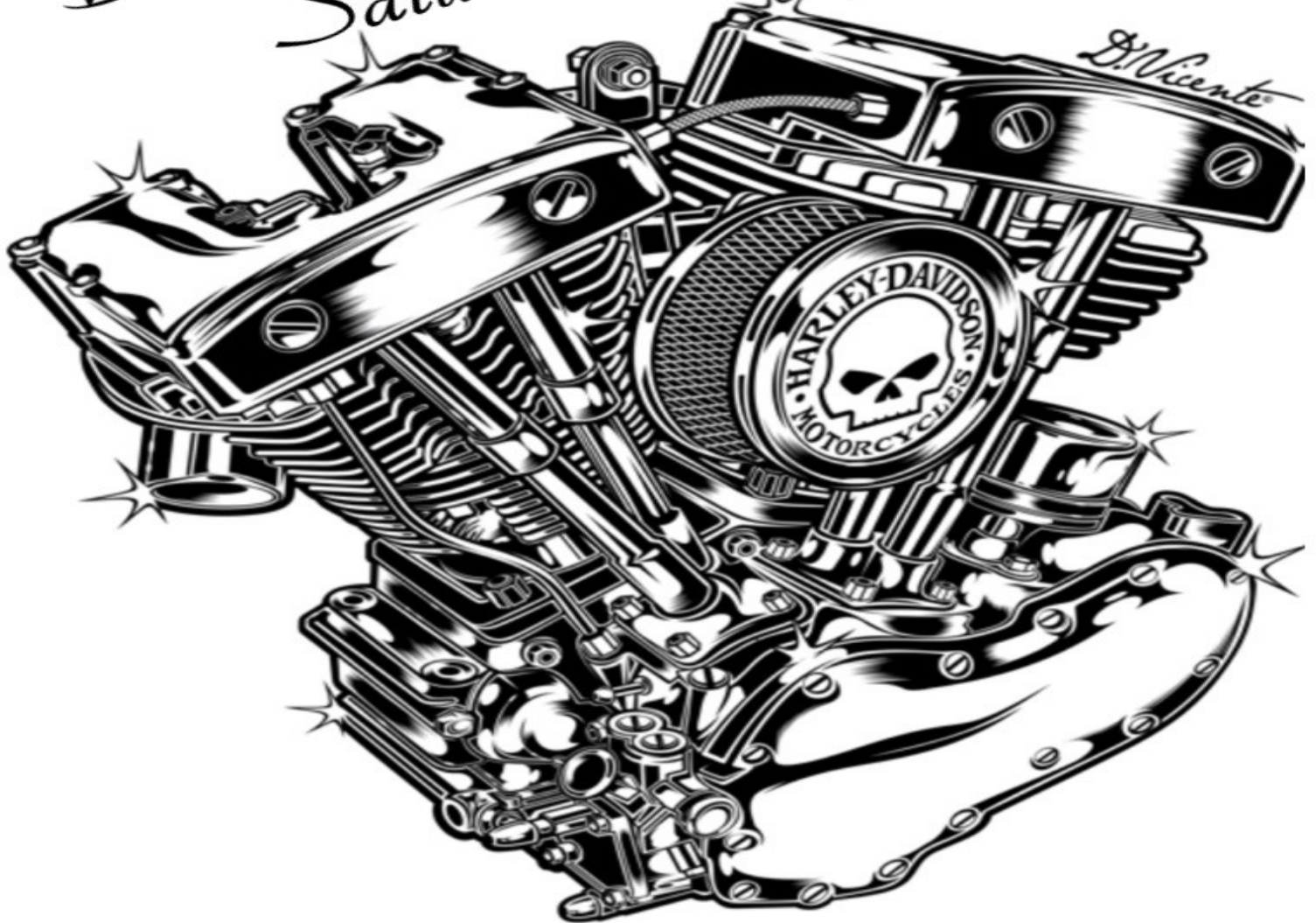
Ride safe, be careful and have fun,
CHRIS BECKHANS, LIABATE





BIKE NIGHTS

Saturday October 17th
5:00pm



**BEST IN SHOW TROPHIES, MUSIC,
BEER, KNIFE VENDOR, AXE
THROWING AND FOOD TRUCKS**
OPEN HOUSE ALL BIKES WELCOME
CAGE PARKING ALSO
759 LONG ISLAND AVE DEER PARK

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

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MOTORCYCLE SCHOOL



LOOK OUT!! BRAKE OR SWERVE?

EEEEEEK! Someone just pulled out in front of you, or an object fell off that truck ahead; *something* happened that requires you to either brake hard or swerve to avoid a collision. How do you know what to do? Before we even get to that, hopefully you've learned and practiced both of these techniques and are comfortable doing them. If not, do some homework, take some training, and make sure you have these tools in your belt. Long Island presents some pretty challenging riding situations, so it's a safe bet you'll have to take evasive action at some point.

Let's take these items one at a time; braking hard requires you to use both brakes, progressively squeezing your front brake lever. Brake as hard as you need to, without locking up either wheel. If you lock up the front, release and re-apply immediately with less force. If you lock up the rear (more commonly) and the bike starts to fishtail, keep it locked and skid to a stop. If you have ABS, you may feel the pulsing, and maybe even hear noise; **CONTINUE BRAKING**. It's important to know that ABS will keep you from locking up a wheel, but it will take a longer distance to stop. The best scenario is braking hard enough to stop, without locking up a wheel or activating the ABS. This is referred to as "Threshold Braking".

Swerving requires a deliberate press to the handlebar grip in the direction you want the motorcycle to go, then an opposite press to correct, then straighten to resume your intended path of travel. (If you need to swerve right, you press right. Press left to go left.) This is assuming you are doing about 15 mph or more. The critical thing to remember when trying to avoid a collision is to *separate braking from swerving!* Depending on the situation, you may have to brake then swerve, or swerve then brake, but don't do them together or you'll create your own crash. Braking hard and swerving each require substantial traction; you only have so much traction. Doing these maneuvers together could cause you to *run out* of traction.

If you ride at an appropriate speed for conditions, keep a safe following distance, and pay attention, you'll rarely have to employ either of these techniques, so ride safe and keep the shiny side up!

LONG ISLAND ABATE Inc.



FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

ABATE'S Fundraising Raffle that was slated to take place July 1st to December 31st, 2020 has been postponed to January 1st to June 30th, 2021.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we were unable to sell enough tickets on this. We have ordered the new tickets and all prior tickets sold will receive the new Raffle ticket by mail with the same number originally purchased which will have the new 13 bonus dates on the back.


We will start selling the new Raffle tickets at the next meeting, hopefully it will be a general meeting for all, to attend. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Raffle chairman

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Thank you for your patience and understanding.

SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 LI ABATE SUFFOLK Monthly Membership Meeting 7:30PM CANCELED Due To COVID-19	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 LI ABATE NASSAU Monthly Meeting recap 7:30PM CANCELED Due To COVID-19	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 LI ABATE Board Meeting 	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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