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# Long Island ABATE



## AMERICAN BIKERS for AWARENESS TRAINING & EDUCATION

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# President's Message

Hello Long Island ABATE Members,

I would like to reach out to all with well wishes. At our last board meeting we were working on planning the upcoming events, primarily the Awareness Run. We usually start at The H.Lee Denison building; however, we can't confirm that at this time with the current restrictions in place. There is to be some changes soon in what the allowable amount of people at county facilities will be. We would like to have our local politicians involved if possible. Long Island ABATE supports those that support our organization and our rights. Keep your eyes open for updates on Facebook as well as email notifications for the upcoming events.

We are also involved in setting up a few Bike Nights in Suffolk County, as well as setting up lawn sign pick up locations too. You will be notified when the locations are confirmed. We have also been working on our annual handbook as well and they will be in print soon. For those that do not know there will be ads from our supporting merchants and service providers as well as a full list of events throughout the community in the center of it.

As most of you know the warmer weather is coming and more of us are on the road every day. With the current extremely poor but slightly improving road conditions we need to pay constant attention as we ride, especially with all the distracted driving going on. As of April 1<sup>st</sup> the travel quarantine is supposed to end. Providing that happens many will be able to travel more freely and enjoy the open road. Myself as well as others I know are looking forward to that.

Long Island ABATE continues to monitor legislation that will affect us as motorcyclists and we will keep you informed as they occur, and let you know when action needs to be taken. Links have been posted on Facebook and will be on our website to report potholes to the proper municipalities.

We are closer to having membership meetings again, there is talk of what the new guidelines are going to be. Once we know what they are we will forward the info to you. I am looking forward to being able to see everyone hopefully soon. Long Island ABATE is continuously looking for volunteers and their input to better the organization. Anyone who has any ideas please reach out to a board member. We will also be doing a membership drive soon, details to follow.

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Chris Beckhans, President of Long Island ABATE



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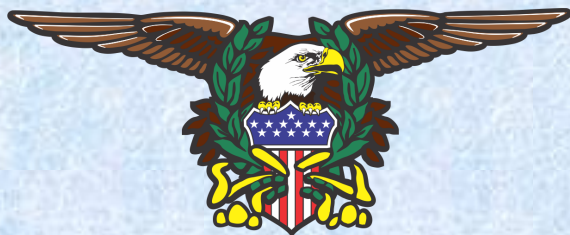
Greetings, and peace Long Island ABATE members! I was proud to attend the meeting of clubs with President Beckhans last month. This annual meeting sets the dates of many social events motorcycle clubs plan in the current motorcycle year. Long Island ABATE has scheduled April 11 the day for our Awareness run. Details to follow.

Recently I filled in for Second Vice President and Safety Officer Mike Lauro, to attend a zoom meeting of the Suffolk County Traffic Safety Board. I represented LI ABATE and brought up issues that affected ALL motorcyclists. Pot holes affecting all motorists was discussed but I made sure the board became aware of the devastating effects to motorcycles. I also spoke about the wire guard rail at the westbound entrance from the Robert Moses Parkway to Ocean Parkway as a cheese cutter to downed motorcyclists. This guard rail should be replaced with the standard steel and moved back closer to the pedestrian path. Lastly, I requested statistics on vehicle left hand turns causing injury or death to motorcyclists. I was directed to Albany to get the information.

There was also a discussion on red light cameras and the new school bus stop light cameras. I asked if there was any talk of speed and stop light cameras and was quickly responded that the general public is no friend to the red light camera so they doubted any action would come of my question.

I have been asked to apply for our August camp-out meeting and will keep you informed. FYI the officers do meet monthly and we all can't wait to see you when we can hold a general membership meeting!

Safe riding and travels,  
Nick



# make me Laugh

*A man is stranded on a desert island, all alone for ten years. One day, he sees a speck in the horizon. He thinks to himself, "It's not a ship." The speck gets a little closer and he thinks, "It's not a boat." The speck gets even closer and he thinks, "It's not a raft." Then, out of the surf comes this gorgeous blonde woman, wearing a wet suit and scuba gear. She comes up to the guy and she says, "How long has it been since you've had a cigarette?" "Ten years!" he says. She reaches over, unzips a waterproof pocket on her left sleeve and pulls out a pack of fresh cigarettes. He takes one, lights it, takes a long drag and says, "Man, oh man! Is that good!" Then she asks, "How long has it been since you've had a drink of whiskey?" He replies, "Ten years!" She reaches over, unzips her waterproof pocket on the right, pulls out a flask and gives it to him. He takes a long swig and says, "Wow, that's fantastic!" Then she starts unzipping this long zipper that runs down the front of her wet suit and she says to him, "And how long has it been since you've had some REAL fun?" And the man replies, "My God! Don't tell me you've got a motorcycle in there!"*

*A young man walked into our insurance office to purchase coverage for his new motorcycle. Only one question confused him. "Do you have a lien holder on the vehicle?" "I've got a kickstand," the prospect replied. "Is that the same thing?"*



# MOTORCYCLES FOR WOMEN

## The Best Motorcycles for Women

The motorcycle industry is constantly growing and adapting to changes, and that's part of the beauty of the ride. Its ability to keep chugging on in a market that can be difficult is something we women bikers have a lot of pride in.

But with the changes in the industry, the industry is also welcoming a lot of new riders itching to learn to ride. Among these new riders, the industry is also seeing an influx in Biker women. But not all bikes are created equal, and women motorcycle riders often struggle to find the best type of bike to fit them and their needs.

The reality is that there's not a lot of resources out there catered to female riders. In an industry that has been dominated by male riders for a enough time, a solid selection of bike choices are just too bulky and heavy for some women. However, more top brands are creating bikes that a variety of riders can easily adapt to. Here are some of the best motorcycles for women!

### Harley-Davidson Sportster 883 SuperLow



This is a crowd favorite, and it's sure as heck a beauty of a ride. Beyond the visual appeal, this bike is closer to the ground. The national average height of a female is 5'5, so having something they can easily swing their leg over is important, especially when they are learning. This is a great, easy to handle, low motorcycle from Harley that is ideal for women motorcyclists and new riders, alike.

### Indian Scout



This is a ride choice that is favored by a lot of female riders, and we can't really blame them. It has a great, iconic "Indian" flair to it that has become so ingrained in the brand identity, and it's simple to handle. While this isn't necessarily one of the best motorcycles for beginners, it's lower to the ground than most others, and is a great choice for females who might be on the smaller side.



## Honda Shadow Spirit



The 750 C2 is an option that has a lot of character to it and might be more suitable for a female with a slightly higher experience level. It may not be as user-friendly for beginners as some of the aforementioned models, but perhaps with just a little bit of confidence, this low seat height cruiser may be a good beginner pick that also suits women.

## Kawasaki Ninja 250



The Ninja 250 is known to be a best seller among female riders, and it's easy to see why. It's a size that is much easier to handle, but all without sacrificing some of the classic Ninja style-points. You shouldn't have to give up anything in your search for the right motorcycle for you, and this is why the Ninja 250 is one of the top motorcycles for women: it makes sure that you are still able to find a bike that packs a serious punch.

## Yamaha V Star 250



This lightweight cruiser is a perfect motorcycle for beginners and experienced riders that want a small bike. The full-sized, slim, V-twin engine makes a rumble and the low weight of the V Star 250 makes it easier to maneuver during your rides. This is an easy option for smaller women and new riders.





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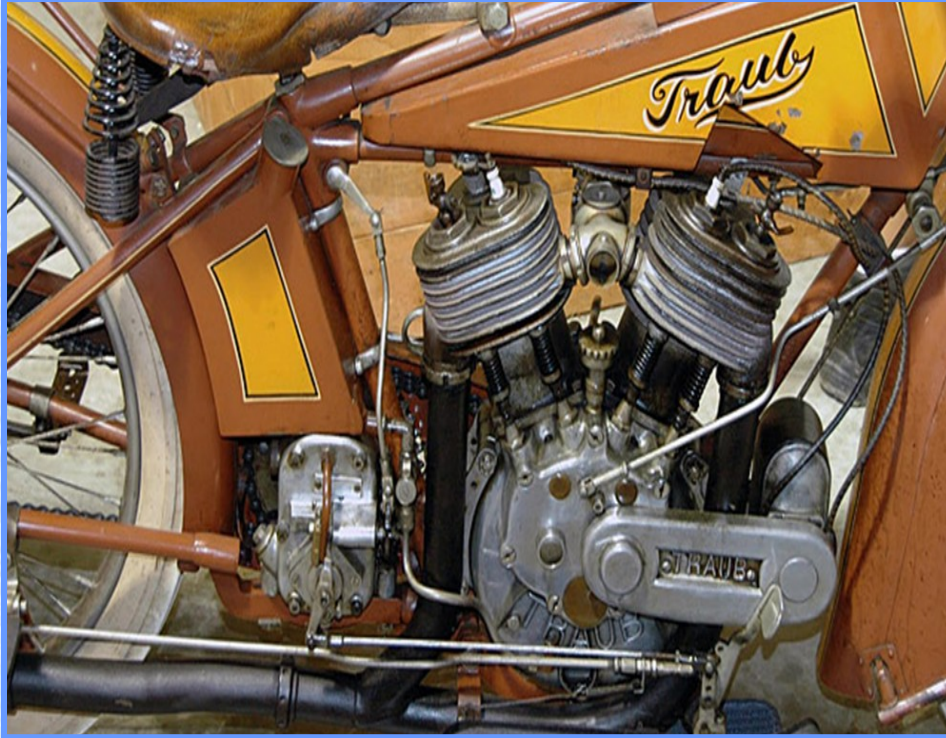
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# Mystery of the Traub Motorcycle



In 1967, a plumber doing renovations of an apartment building outside Chicago tore down a brick wall and found what would prove to be a baffling mystery to vintage motorcycle enthusiasts – a one-of-a-kind motorcycle bearing 1917 plates and the name “Traub”.

The building’s elderly owner admitted that his son had stolen the bike before going off to WWI, never to return. But where

the bike came from and who made it remains a unknown to this day

Traub Motorcycle At the original Wheels Through Time, Dale fires up the on and only Traub motorcycle. [wheelsthroughtime.com/latest/traub-the-worlds-rarest-motorcycle.html](http://wheelsthroughtime.com/latest/traub-the-worlds-rarest-motorcycle.html)2012-04-21T01:46:46.000Z

Currently residing in the Wheels Through Time Museum in Maggie Valley, North Carolina, the Traub is considered by many to not only be the rarest motorcycle in their collection, but in the world.

The Traub was sold to Torillo Tacchi, a bicycle shop owner in Chicago after its discovery who later sold it to Bud Ekins – famous as Steve McQueen’s stuntman – while Ekins was on set of the Blues Brothers movie in the late 1970s. The Traub was later sold to collector and restorer, Richard Morris, who then sold it to Wheels Through Time Museum curator, Dale Walksler, in 1990. It has been on permanent display in the museum collection ever since.

Don’t think this unique motorcycle is merely a museum piece though. Walksler rides the Traub fairly regularly. When asked about the engine components, he enthusiastically replied, “Everything inside the engine is just magnificent. The pistons are hand-made, and have gap-less cast iron rings, the engineering and machining being simply years ahead of their time.”



The Mysterious Traub at Wheels through Time Dale Walksler of Wheels through Time in Maggie Valley, N.C. tells the story of this motorcycle, named the Traub, one of the many rare motorcycles at his museum. Who created this ahead-of-its-time machine? How? Why?

“When comparing other top motorcycle makes and models of the era, the Traub has no equal. Comprised of a sand-cast, hand-built, 80 cubic-inch “side valve” engine, the machine has the ability to reach speeds in excess of 85 mph with ease,” says Walksler.

Aside from its few off-the-shelf components, the Traub has many unique handmade features. The three-speed transmission is thought to be one of the first of its kind and the rear brake, a dual-acting system that employs a single cam that is responsible for pushing an internal set of shoes, while pulling an external set, has never been seen on any other American motorcycle.

“For a machine to have such advanced features, unparalleled by other motorcycles of the same era, is truly outstanding,” said Walksler. “It’s my opinion that The Traub was an attempt at a new breed of motorcycle. But how on earth could a machine have been produced in such great form, with capabilities that far exceed that of any comparable machine, without the knowledge of the rest of the motorcycle industry during that time.”

The hunt for the Traub’s elusive origin hasn’t stopped. “While we may never know why the machine was placed behind that wall, we do hope to one day find out more about its history and the genius that created it,” said Walksler.





## Greeting ABATE Members,

**Long Island ABATE** has always tried to stay up on all the Local, State and National Legislation effecting the Motorcycle community. Even with the shutdowns in government there is still new legislation pending that will affect the biker community. Some bills we should support and others we need to voice our objections. Currently there are 168 bills pending in New York State, the following are Motorcycle related. Please look at the following bills and contact your government representatives and voice your opinion. If you are interested in all 168 motor vehicle bills pending, drop me a line and I will be happy to forward the listing to you.

Number: **NY [R] AB 2560** - Updated (Status 07/15/2020)

Sponsor: David Gantt

Title: Increases the fine for operating a motorcycle with a muffler that produces excessive or unusual noise from one hundred dollars to seven hundred dollars

Abstract: Increases the fine for operating a motorcycle with a muffler that produces excessive or unusual noise from one hundred dollars to seven hundred dollars.

Status: ENACTING CLAUSE STRICKEN - 07/14/2020

Number: **NY [R] AB 3027** - Updated (Status 01/15/2020)  
Sponsor: Asm. Felix Ortiz (D-NY)  
Title: Relates to making comprehensive motor vehicle insurance reparations (no-fault insurance) applicable to motorcycles  
Abstract: Makes comprehensive motor vehicle insurance reparations (no-fault insurance) applicable to motorcycles.  
Status: REFERRED TO INSURANCE - 01/08/2020

Number: **NY [R] AB 3518** - Updated (Status 01/15/2020)  
Sponsor: Asm. Donna Lupardo (D-NY)  
Title: Relates to motorcycle profiling  
Abstract: Requires the municipal police training council to ensure that issues related to motorcycle profiling are addressed in basic law enforcement training.  
Status: REFERRED TO GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS - 01/08/2020

Number: **NY [R] AB 3731** - Updated (Status 01/15/2020)  
Sponsor: Asm. Aileen Gunther (D-NY)  
Title: Prohibits certain children from riding on a motorcycle  
Abstract: Prohibits children under the age of twelve from riding on a motorcycle.  
Status: REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION - 01/08/2020

Number: **NY [R] AB 5098** - Updated (Status 01/15/2020)  
Sponsor: Asm. Maritza Davila (D-NY)  
Title: Relates to motorcycle awareness on state highways  
Abstract: Relates to motorcycle awareness on state highways by affixing signs stating ""Watch for Motorcycles"".  
Status: REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION - 01/08/2020



Number: NY [R] AB 6030 - Updated (Status 01/28/2020)  
Sponsor: Asm. Sean Ryan (D-NY)  
Title: Exempts bicycle, motorcycle, snowmobile and equestrian helmets from sales and use tax  
Abstract: Exempts bicycle, motorcycle, snowmobile and equestrian helmets from sales and use tax.  
Status: ENACTING CLAUSE STRICKEN - 01/28/2020

Number: NY [R] AB 6080 - Updated (Status 01/15/2020)  
Sponsor: Asm. Felix Ortiz (D-NY)  
Title: Provides an exemption from any congestion pricing fees for motorcycles  
Abstract: Provides an exemption from any congestion pricing fees for motorcycles.  
Status: REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION - 01/08/2020

Number: NY [R] AB 6895 - Updated (Status 01/15/2020)  
Sponsor: Asm. Michael DenDekker (D-NY)  
Title: Provides that motorcyclists over the age of twenty-one shall be exempt from the requirement to wear a helmet when operating or riding a motorcycle.  
Abstract: Provides that motorcyclists over the age of twenty-one shall be exempt from the requirement to wear a helmet when operating or riding a motorcycle.  
Status: REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION - 01/08/2020

Number: NY [R] AB 8876 - Updated (Status 01/15/2020)  
Sponsor: Asm. D. Billy Jones (D-NY)  
Title: Relates to issuance of distinctive plates for members of the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club  
Abstract: Relates to issuance of distinctive plates for members of the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club.  
Status: REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION - 01/08/2020

Number: NY [R] AB 11077 - Updated (New 10/08/2020)  
Sponsor: Asm. William Magnarelli (D-NY)  
Title: Relates to certain vehicle equipment violations and fines  
Abstract: Increases the maximum fine for certain equipment violations; amends the threshold for violations relating to mufflers and exhaust systems; requires police vehicles to be equipped with decibel readers.  
Status: REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION - 10/07/2020

Ride safe, ride free!

**Debbie Stoddell**  
Legislative Representative  
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# SIDECARS

From nearly the beginning the sidecar has been a part of motorcycling.

And they are more than just something you used to hook onto your bike to have a pal ride along. They played a part in commerce, warfare, and in the general spread of motorcycling's popularity.

After all, when you get more use out of something, it's going to increase its appeal. Let's take a more in-depth look into something that is much more than just a motorcycle novelty.

## Who invented the sidecar?

The sidecar was initially developed for bicycles back in 1893 in France.

The inspiration for their invention was a newspaper competition that wanted to discover the best way to get a passenger onto a bike. Turns out on the side was better than on the back.

The winner of the contest was a French army officer named M. Bertoux. It wasn't till ten years later, in 1903, however, that a patent was filed by Mr. WJ Graham of Enfield in Middlesex (near London).

Sidecar mounting lugs or "fittings" began to show up on Harley-Davidson frames as early as 1905, even though it was 1914 before the sidecar is made available in factory literature.

The Rogers Sidecar Company made the earliest sidecar versions, and it was not until the following year before Harley begins manufacturing their version.



Initially, the sidecar is linked up to only the larger displacement twin cylinder models. From the inception, the sidecar was built in both right-hand and left-hand versions, the latter for international export.

In 1917, a Dealer Service Bulletin appeared with directions in "swapping out" a standard motor, with a specially designed engine for sidecar use.

The following year, a special two-passenger Model QT or "Chummy-Car" is made available to the public. By 1930, a decision was made to make available a

lighter sidecar for use with the 45 cubic inch models, which had been released the previous year. The Goulding Manufacturing Company of Saginaw Michigan was contracted to provide the LS or litecar chassis and body to enhance the model lineup.

Sales of the metal body "L" model sidecar for EL & FL models also continued throughout the 1950's and into the 1960's. The next major change took place when a substitute was sought out to replace the metal boxes used by the Servi-car model, to a new fiberglass box. The Tomahawk Boat Manufacturing Corporation in Tomahawk Wisconsin was acquired to complete the task. The process of using two separate pieces (top & bottom) to form the shell for a boat became almost a natural occurrence from evolving from the metal body sidecar tub to fiberglass. The fiberglass body, which debuted in 1966, was manufactured until the sidecar was discontinued by Harley Davidson in 2011.



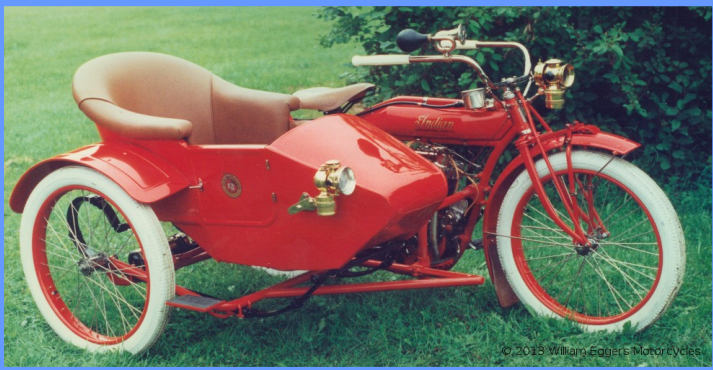
## How do sidecars work?

Contrary to what you may expect, the side wheel of a sidecar is not directly aligned with the rear wheel of a motorcycle. This is unlike a motor tri-cycle (**trike**), where both rear wheels are powered by and share the same axle.

Instead, the sidecar is a frame and a wheel. The frame can be fixed to the bike, or it can be attached in a manner that allows the bike to ride as if there was no sidecar attached at all.

The sidecar, historically, is a one passenger vehicle with a small trunk compartment in the back. It's not uncommon for the sidecar to be constructed in a manner that makes it functionally a large cargo hold.

Most often, the sidecar is attached to the bike's right side so that it's the bike and not the sidecar that's closest to the middle of the road.

A man wearing a black leather jacket and a black helmet with a visor is riding a motorcycle. He is looking to the right. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

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Of course the “Rebel Without a Cause” had a thing for motorcycles. He got his first real motorcycle at age 15, a 1947 CZ 125-cc. He was the only kid in his small town in Indiana with his own motorcycle, and he rode it full throttle, losing two teeth in a fall. The locals called him “One Speed Dean.” And that one speed was “wide open.”

When he dropped out of college to pursue acting, he traded his beloved CZ for a Royal Enfield 500cc vertical twin. But he wouldn't hold onto that bike for long. While home in Indiana on break from working on a play in NYC, Dean decided to ride his Royal Enfield all the way back to the Big Apple. But when it broke down along the way, he traded it in for an Indian Warrior TT. When Dean arrived back in New York, he had the bike serviced at a shop...where Steve McQueen worked as a mechanic.

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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.

**The Original Bike Blessing**

**Riders Of Fire**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BIKES 2021 RETURN TO THE SHRINE!**

SUNDAY, April 18<sup>TH</sup> 2021 11:00 AM (RAIN OR SHINE)

Registration: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM KICKSTANDS UP AT 1:15PM  
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May 18, 2021



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Pre-event briefing May 17, 2021  
Event May 18, 2021

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Pre-register at [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org) (by April 27)

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- 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™.

Mail to: Motorcycle Riders Foundation – PO Box 250 – Highland Il 62249 – Phone: 202.546.0983 – www.mrf.org – mrfoffice@mrf.org

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# MERCHANT IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Hello Ladies and Gentlemen

Every month we feature a merchant who provides Long Island ABATE members and their families with special pricing on products and or services. This month's merchant is a very involved member of the community, always helping the people in need whether it be a fundraiser, clothing drive or a toy drive. He has been a part of the community for over 45 years. This month's merchant is Hair Force One, They are located at 1232 Grundy Avenue in Holbrook. The family owned business started back in 1969 when his father, John Gioia opened a Barbershop in East New York after coming to America from Sicily in 1960 and later marrying in 1961. In 1974 John then opened up John's Unisex in Lake Ronkonkoma. Then in 1976 Opened up John's unisex in Holbrook, now known as Hair Force One. With Vinny Gioia at the helm the tradition continues, providing a full line of hair and beauty services. Hair Force One provides Long Island ABATE members and their families' with a 10% discount on all services provided. They also prominently display Long Island ABATE's motorcycle awareness sign to help us promote safety on the road.

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# MOTORCYCLE AGENT

According to New York State law, you must carry liability motorcycle insurance on your bike to help you cover costs related to property damage and bodily injury suffered by others in a crash that you cause. The no-fault law in New York **does not** protect motorcyclists, as they are not entitled to no-fault benefits.

## **Your motorcycle insurance policy must include the following minimum coverage limits per accident:**

- \$25,000 for bodily injury per person.
- \$50,000 for total bodily injury in the event that multiple people are hurt in the accident.
- \$50,000 for death per person.
- \$100,000 for death if there are multiple fatalities in the accident.
- \$10,000 for property damage.

## **Remember, these are only the minimum requirements!**

In addition to the above motorcycle coverage limits, New York law also requires the following:

The name on your motorcycle insurance policy **must match** the name on your motorcycle registration.

A motorcycle insurance company licensed to do business in New York **must** provide your coverage.

For more detailed information on motorcycle insurance requirements in NY State, visit the [DMV.org](http://DMV.org) website.

## **Why you should change your motorcycle insurance basic Liability policy TODAY!**

Many insurance companies will try and sell you just the minimum insurance needed for your motorcycle, so you can get out on the road and ride, but don't be fooled because "basic liability insurance" for motorcycles does not cover your own injuries in the event you are in an accident. The single most important thing that you can do to protect yourself in the event that you are injured due to the negligence of another driver is to purchase the most Supplementary Underinsured Motorist (SUM) coverage that you can afford.

## **Supplementary Underinsured Motorist and Why You Need to Increase it!**

This is the most important part of any motorcycle (or even automobile) insurance policy. This coverage protects you in the event that **you** are injured by a driver having a really bad policy. It is coverage from **your** insurance carrier to compensate you for your pain and suffering when the other driver's policy is inadequate to do so.

The single most important thing that you can do to protect yourself in the event that you are injured due to the negligence of another driver is to purchase the most Supplementary Underinsured Motorist (SUM) coverage that you can afford. At a minimum you should purchase at least \$100,000 of SUM coverage, but ideally you should have \$250,000 or more of SUM coverage. Thus, in the event that you are injured by a driver who has the minimum coverage required in NY, \$25,000, you can receive additional compensation from your own insurance carrier up to the maximum amount of your SUM coverage, less whatever sum of money you have received from the offending driver's liability insurance carrier.

When you check your policy, and you see that you do not have sufficient SUM coverage, you need to fix that immediately. Call your insurance broker/carrier and insist on significantly more SUM coverage.

# RIDE SAFE



# APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> LI ABATE NASSAU Monthly Meeting recap 7:30PM CANCELED Due To COVID-19	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  ALL DATES TENATIVE Check Website for Update	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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