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President's Message

Hello Long Island ABATE Members,

I hope all are well. November was an equally busy month with lots happening in and outside our organization. This month we held our 31st Annual St. Mary's run where we were able to raise and deliver over \$6500 in food and funds to the church in Hampton Bays. There were over 200 bikes at the start of the run, hosted by the Riverhead Elks Lodge. The run went off without a hitch thanks to the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department escort.

Next up was our Annual Veterans appreciation ceremony held in Centereach at the Port Jeff Elks lodge. There we were able to provide \$161,000 to 48 local Veterans organizations putting our life to date total over \$1,000,000 thanks to the generosity of the motorcycle and the Benefactors that match the funds we raise throughout the year.

News 12 came and did a little story and it aired multiple times that night, which was great to help spread the accomplishment throughout the community.

After the Veterans ceremony we held our membership meeting and reopened nominations for our officers. The Board remains the same except for the Membership officer. I would like to welcome Suzanne Love to the position and the organization as well. I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to lead the organization again this year and thank the current board as well.

A few of the Board members and ABATE members were able to attend a Gold Star and Veterans Appreciation awards dinner held at the Rocky Point VFW HALL put on by the Bonacasa Family. There many Gold Star families were recognized as were a few key people in the community including our very own Treasurer Bill Quin. Long Island ABATE was also on that list

As well as these events we also attended quite a few events throughout the month including other toy and food drives as well as club party's where we continue to grow our organization with new members and product sales as well as raising money for next year's Veteran's Distribution

We also planned and scheduled our annual Christmas party which will be at the Red River in Yaphank on December 11th from 7-11pm. There will be free food, Drink Specials and Raffles as well as live music. This event is Free to ABATE Members

After this event the Membership gets a break, there will be no December Meetings so that everyone can focus on the holidays and their families. The Board will still meet and start to plan next year's events.

Long Island ABATE is always looking for new ideas and member input to better the organization as well volunteers to help. Feel free to reach out to Any Board member.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and a safe and Happy New Year

Thank You for your continued support,

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Greetings members of Long Island ABATE!

I hope all of you and your families are well and safe! I am happy to review what LI ABATE events have taken place since our last newsletter.

On Sunday November 7, LI ABATE members and friends road to St. Mary's Church in Hampton Bays to provide financial support donating \$6500.00, food and toys! An awesome event thanks to

YOU and the motorcycle community!

Our membership meeting on November 9th, we all celebrated our annual veteran's donation to over 48 different organizations that support our heroes! This was a special evening because collectively over many years, the motorcycle community, along with three anonymous donors, has raised and gives over 1,000,000.00 dollars! What a tremendous achievement!

On November 14 our friends and supporters from the Rocky Point VFW Post 6294 presented and honored our Treasurer Bill Quinn and President Chris Beckhans with plaque's of recognition! Later that evening I attended American Legion Unit 1634 comedy fundraiser for veterans.

On November 15, I was asked by President Beckhans to attend a press conference to amend current NYS legislation of limiting pothole liability from a half year to a full year! The event was hosted by Senator Weik and Assemblyman Smith. I was thankful for members Mark Wolf and Dan Cutcollio(sp) for providing support and a motorcycle! We made the evening channel 2 news!

I enjoy keeping busy advocating for all motorcyclist for ABATE.

Membership is still a bargain at \$20 a year with an opportunity to increase many levels of membership in the future. And speaking of membership, did you know we have meetings on the second Tuesday of the month in Suffolk and then the third Tuesday in Nassau? Our meetings conform to COVID policies but we do not mandate them. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings! Long Island ABATE is your advocate for all motorcyclists! We fight for your rights and lobby for legislation to protect them! Ride safe

Stay well and ride safely
Nick LaMorte.....1st Vice President

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HOLIDAYS



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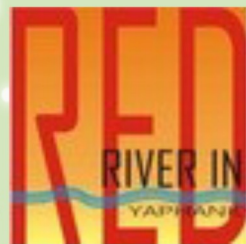
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Motorcycling in New York

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Every sense comes alive as you climb, bank, and cruise through mountain and farmland, lakefront and forest. Spend a few hours or days motoring the state's [Scenic Byways](#) for new vistas with every curve of the road. Just remember to keep six feet apart from others not in your party and wear a mask or face covering. Call ahead and check websites and social media to make sure attractions are open and available.

Favorite Routes

Shadowing the St. Lawrence Seaway, the [Great Lakes Seaway Trail](#), a 518-mile national scenic byway, rolls by Niagara Falls into the Thousand Islands region with 29 lighthouses along the way. The [Lakes to Locks Passage](#) between Manhattan and Montreal and the [Mohawk Towpath Byway](#) are drive-through history museums of canals, battlegrounds, and stately architecture. Between Rochester and Buffalo, vast [Letchworth State Park](#) is called the Grand Canyon of the East. Lakes country cruisers can circumnavigate Cayuga Lake for glittering views, rolling through [Taughannock Falls State Park](#) and past the tallest shear-drop waterfall east of the Rockies. Route 10 between Walton and Deposit is one of the most scenic stretches in the state.

Themed Runs

Websites like [Motorcycle Roads](#) suggest themed runs from day outings to several-day odysseys. The [Montauk Lighthouse Run](#) from Holbrook to Montauk Point passes wine orchards and farms with plenty of Long Island wildlife and ends at [Montauk Point Lighthouse](#). You can spend several days exploring haunted roads on a Sleepy Hollow tour with a stop at the infamous [cemetery](#), through Washington Irving country's misty back roads and covered bridges.

New York State Motorcycle Safety Program

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LONG ISLAND ABATE RAISES \$161,000 TO HELP LONG ISLAND VETERANS

As a proud member of Long Island ABATE, I'm pleased to announce that on November 9th our motorcycle riding organization, along with our local community, were able to raise \$161,000 dollars which was donated to over 50 veteran groups and charities located on Long Island. We disbursed the donations at our annual event which was held at the Port Jefferson Elks Lodge. It truly was a wonderful and moving event to witness. Even with some hurdles we all had to endure, our fundraising events and bike nights for 2021 were successful due in part to our members, supporters and three anonymous donors.

We added up the donations from the last eleven years and we are excited and thrilled to say that we hit a milestone of surpassing over one million dollars collected and distributed to our local veterans groups!

So, when you see a very large group of motorcycles out on the road being escorted by law enforcement, please be patient and respectful, as they are out riding to raise money for a worthy cause.

Remember if it wasn't for our Veteran's we wouldn't have a future. If you have a veteran in your life or have ever met a veteran, one way to show your appreciation is by thanking them. Another way to help is with your time and donations.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." ~ John F. Kennedy

Story by, Josephine Leonardi



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Long Island ABATE

The 31st Annual
Food and Fundraiser Ride for
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Sunday November 7, 2021

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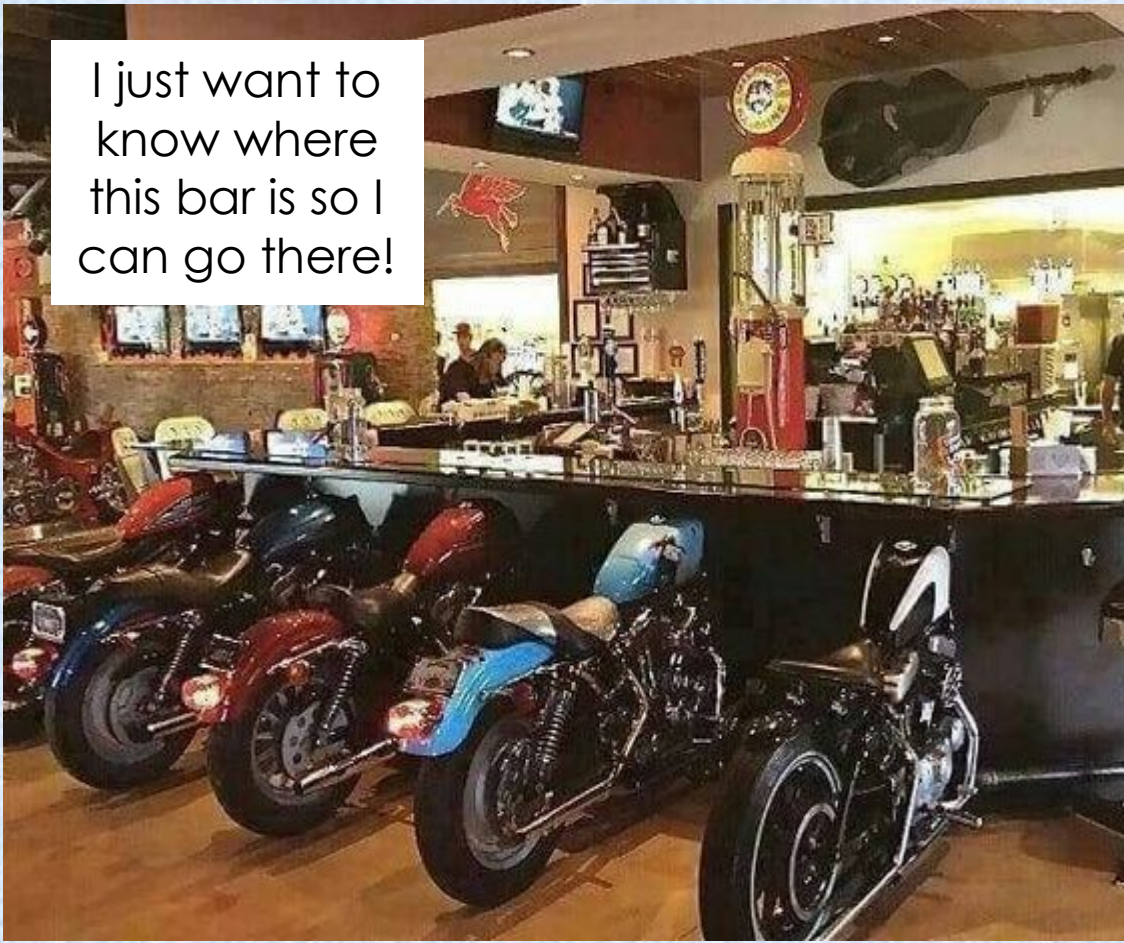


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Common Motorcycle Accident Causes

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The Inexperienced Motorcycle Rider

Every motorcycle rider starts somewhere, and that is usually as a beginner. In most circumstances, riders are either scared to death or overly confident (there is very little in-between). Inexperienced riders don't know their limits, and they often overestimate the motorcycle's limits. Fair assumption?

Most new riders are urged to take a beginning motorcycle riding course to prepare them for what to do in an emergency, how to handle the motorcycle, and all the other scenarios they might face. Not every rider will do this, making the inexperienced rider on the road even more dangerous.

The Impaired Motorcycle Rider

Alcohol and drugs in the system (in excess) can bring a false sense of confidence in some people. Fatigue is just as worse, too. We already know that drinking, drugged and fatigue driving is not safe in a car – why would reducing the frame and wheel number make it any safer?

Impaired motorcycle riders create dangerous situations on the roadways for themselves and other vehicles around them. New and veteran riders can fall into this trap – there is no group of riders safe from this type of accident statistic.

The “Always in a Hurry” Motorcycle Rider

Slow down, Speed Racer! Where do you need to get to so fast?

We are all guilty of speeding when we are in a hurry. It is an instinct that if we press down on the accelerator a little harder, we will get there a little quicker. The science is there – go faster, take less time. The part that doesn't necessarily get thrown in there is **Newton's Third Law of Motion** - “For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.”

Let that sink in. The faster you go, the less time it will take, but the more likely you will be to put yourself (or someone else) in danger. You have seen fast riders on the road and thought to yourself, “they are going to cause an accident.” Then you are much more aware. Speeding is part of the ability factor of riding a motorcycle.



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EVENTS



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The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is the largest motorcycle rally in the world. It is held annually in The Black Hills and in Sturgis, South Dakota for 10 days during the first week of August. It was started by local Indian dealer Pappy Hoel in 1938. Since its beginning, private area businesses throwing events such as races, concerts, and rides have made, and continue to make, the Sturgis Rally what it is today. 2022 will mark the 82nd annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally

NEWS

RALLYS & SHOWS 2022

The site below is one of the most complete listings of motorcycle related activities all around the country.

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- 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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