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President's Message

Hello Long Island ABATE Members

As always I hope all are well. Sadly the summer is here and gone but not without many Memories. The campout was a great success. The weather held out, the day was packed with Fun, Music, and Plenty of Food as well as a few sentimental moments. More details to follow in Josephine's article.

Long Island ABATE also hosted another unofficial parking lot practice on 9/3 set up by Mark Briganti. Twelve people came out and worked on their slow speed maneuvers as well as practiced braking. The day went well for all. The next day we had a booth set up at the Ronkonkoma Street Fair, which was a success as well. There was a lot of people traffic throughout the day we signed up new members and spread the Awareness Message to many attendees and handed out a handful of lawn signs too. After the weekend our events continued throughout the week. 9/7 a few of us attended a press conference regarding accident scene cleanup Bill. Since motorcycles are more vulnerable to damage and the possibility of injury supporting the Bill was a no brainer. Following the press conference together with Long Island Hog and the Pt Jeff Elks we held a Blood Drive at the Elks lodge where we managed to have 41 pints of life saving Blood donated. Saturday 9/10 Members of Long Island ABATE attended a guided tour of the Lt Michael Murphy Seal museum along with Members of Team EVA the Patriot Guard Riders and Rolling Thunder all thanks to the generosity of Eva I. Casale who graciously donated the tickets in appreciation for what all the organizations do for our Veterans. The Museum was amazing and so filled with information that many will return to take in more of the information that is there. A visit to the Museum is highly recommended. Dan Murphy was awesome and so was our guide Chris they translated pictures and words into understandable realities. Next up 9/17 was the Indian Larry Block Party in which not only did we set up a booth we set up the ABATE BBQ and cooked many hot dogs and hamburgers. Pictures to follow next month. 9/18 I had the pleasure of attending New York ABATE'S Board meeting where we were able to put Names and Faces together and build our Relationship with them. There we discussed regional issues as well as state issues. We also spoke about our practices and shared ideas with each other. Immediately following my Trip to Albany I left for Des Moines Iowa where the Meeting of the Minds is being held this year. Once I got there I met up with a few of our Board members and many representatives of Motorcycle Rights Organizations and Clubs from all over the country. While we're there we discussed next year's National Legislative agenda for the Bikers in the Beltway next May. There were Break out seminars and workshops too. There we also connected with each other and discussed our own local issues so we could learn and share the information and help protect our rights and freedoms as well as help keep Motorcyclists safe. Upon our return we had our Board meeting and recapped what we shared and learned.



On Saturday October 2nd we will Have a Both setup at Rockin the Road for a Cure's event in Massapequa, see the flyer in the Newsletter. After that Long Island ABATE will be having a Swap meet at the Pt Jeff Elks lodge on 10/9 from 8am until 4pm, Flyer to follow the money raised will go to our Veterans fund. The rest of the month we will be planning November's events

October is also the Beginning of Nominations. First round of nominations will begin at our Membership Meeting, then in November we will closeout nominations and then have the Elections. I hope to see everyone soon.

As always Long Island ABATE is looking for input and participation from members to better the organization as well as volunteers to help us maintain and grow the organization, while protecting the rights of motorcyclists and trying to keep them safe. If you would like to get more involved reach out to myself or a board member, we would love to have you. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Thank you for your continued support,
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Greetings members of Long Island ABATE!

Greetings and peace Long Island ABATE members! It's been a while since I last spoke with you and I'm happy to do so again. I was proud to attend the meeting of clubs with President Beckhans, former President Jim Barr, Suzanne Loevner and Debbie Stondell at the NCOM meeting a few months ago in June. We all attended classes from Thursday evening till Sunday early am. I've attended all membership and officer meetings until I took a family trip to Fargo North Dakota! Once in Fargo, my wife, son and grand-

son, who, except my wife, all ride, so we headed to Sturgis! Once in Sturgis,

most everything was closed because it was Sunday! But the Knuckle Saloon was open, and we had a great lunch. Walking and riding around the empty streets were awesome! We didn't have any motorcyclists or crowds of people in our way to sight see. Upon leaving, we had a decision to make whether to go to Deadwood or the Mount Rushmore monument? We decided on Mount Rushmore and to let Deadwood go for another adventure. When we saw billboards for Crazy Horse, we stopped in thinking the monument was completed!

But at both monuments we were amazed at how they planned and executed the shaping of the faces. Crazy Horse has a long way to go to be finished. The next day we left the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota and drove south through Kansas stopping to visit Buffalo Bill Cody's ranch! What a hoot! We continued down through Nebraska, visited their university and proceeded into Oklahoma! Sine my wife is a big fan of the pioneer woman Ree Drummond, we of course had to find her ranch and eat at her mercantile store! Eventually we stopped at both Oklahoma University and Oklahoma State. We flew back to LaGuardia and home! Now back to ABATE, I attended the Patriot Wounded Warrior soft ball game and the next officer meeting! After that another family vacation and then back to missing the campout! So now you're up to date with my travels. I will be attending the Meeting of the Minds in Iowa and will report on the event upon my return. I also attend the 1st & 6th Suffolk County Police community meetings receiving reports about policing in those neighborhoods and intend to get to the other precincts in the future. I attended a zoom meeting of the Suffolk County Safety Board. I represented LI ABATE and brought up issues that affected ALL motorcyclists. Potholes affecting all motorists was discussed but I made sure the board became aware of the devastating effects to motorcycles. Lastly, I requested statistics on vehicle left hand turns causing injury or death to motorcyclists but 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.

FYI the officers do meet monthly, and we all can't wait to see you at the next general membership meeting!

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

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For those of us who love to ride, I mean really love to ride the weather may be a factor but very rarely a detriment or something that will keep us from our passion. There will be days of impossibility, at least to those that have an ounce of sensibility left in them. lol. Some days can be so cold it may be physically impossible to work the hand controls. Snow is usually a no brainer, or close to it I guess. But weather does impact and influence our riding to some extent.

It is a reason rain gear exists. We can have a protective layer to keep us dry and somewhat comfortable when the skies open up and the rain comes down. Some even have "rain gear for their scoots if it must be kept out in the elements in bike covers. Both are a protection against an environment that can be harsh and detrimental to riding and/or out motorcycle.

Well God has supplied for us what can be considered spiritual rain gear. Part of that "rain gear" is faith and another trust" Life will always have seasons and days of storms and turbulence. Sometimes even extended periods that seem to not let up. If you've ever been on a trip and the sky opened up and you decide to stop under a bridge or overpass for a while to wait out the storm and head out when the rain lightens up. But it never seems to let up and you have a decision to make. I'm sure many of you have been there.

When God is an integral part of your life, faith in Jesus in particular, faith and trust protect you from the emotional, spiritual and mental effects of the storms of life. Stress, anxiety and fear can weigh on you as a pair of jeans and a jacked that weighs, God knows how much, when soaked to the max from a heavy rain. You know how heavy a totally soaked through leather jacked weighs. Makes it hard or impossible to be comfortable. Being on two is dangerous enough, but add the rain and a 40 pound leather jacket makes a stressed out, miserable, uncomfortable experience.

But when you've thought ahead and put you rain gear on the water runs off of it (or at least is supposed to), and your leathers stay relatively dry and you can have a fairly comfortable ride in the rain. Well that's the effect of faith and trust in God. Storms of life will happen. The bible says the rain falls on the just and unjust alike. Weather doesn't discriminate, neither to the storms of life. But we can trust that God is going to get us to the destination He intended for us to get to, the purpose we are on the ride that is life, whether a stormy or sunny day. The ride of life with less anxiety, stress, and fear leads to a more enjoyable life, even through the trials, storms and stresses.

Rain gear is for our protection, our safety, and to enable the joy of the ride to go on regardless the environment. The same effect as God has when we put out faith and trust in Him. God bless, ride safe, and God bless America.

Pastor Ski

Senior Pastor Rushing Wind Biker Church

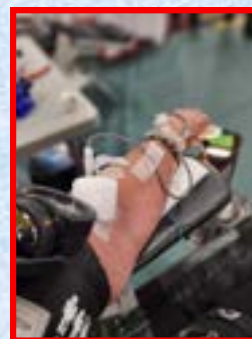
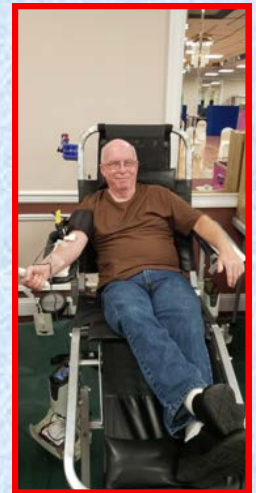
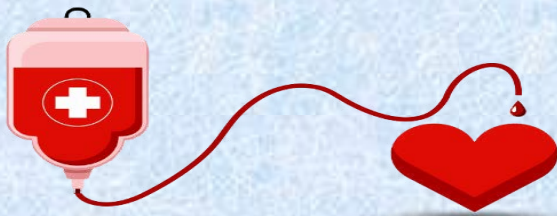
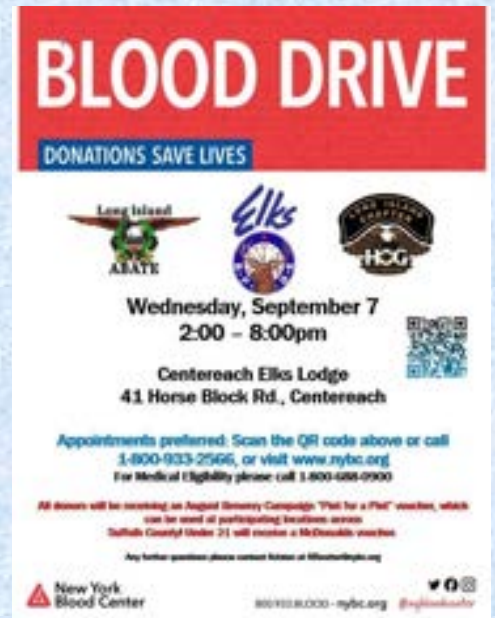




Port Jefferson Elks's BLOOD DRIVE

by Josephine Leonardi

On Wednesday September 7th Long Island ABATE, Long Island Hog chapter partnered with the Port Jeff Elks Lodge located at 41 horseblock Road in Centereach, NY for a blood drive. New York blood center was set up there all day from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. that Wednesday night. People had scheduled appointments plus a lot of people when they had gotten off of work were just walk-ins. All donors received a "Pint for a Pint" which was a voucher for August Brewery that could be used at participating locations across Suffolk county. Anyone under the age of 21 received a voucher for McDonald's. The turnout that day was pretty good A total of 41 people donated blood that day which turns out to be able to save or help 123 people! A big thank you to everyone who came out and donated!





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We support to lead and be led in the absence of orders I will rise above. Lead my teammates and accomplish the mission. I lead by example in all situations.

I will never quit. I persevere and finish an assignment. My Troop expects me to be ultimately leader and eventually someone that my Troop will look up to. I stand ready to get back up, every time. I will show an every remaining ounce of strength to protect my teammates and to accomplish our mission. I am never out of the fight.

We demand discipline. We expect innovation. The flow of my teammates and the success of our mission depend on me - my battlefield skill, tactical proficiency, and attention to detail. My training is never complete.

We train for war and fight to win. I stand ready to bring the full spectrum of combat power to bear in order to achieve my nation and the goals established by my country. The execution of my duties call for faith and values which require not just good, but the very principles that define America for America.

Those men have fought and died building the great tradition and finest reputation that I am bound to uphold in the word of conditions, the legacy of my teammates, the respect and dignity given my every man. I call us all."





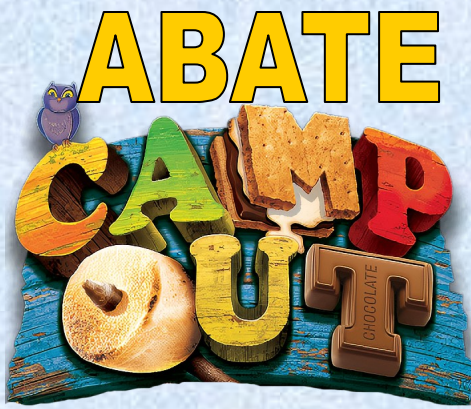


Custom Bike Ideas for Halloween



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By.....Josephine Leonardi

This past August 2022 Long Island ABATE finally got to do their camp out once again after not having it because of the pandemic. Let's go back 2 years ago when numbers were declining and the fate of the camp out was being questioned.

It was at a regular Tuesday night membership meeting where the camp-out was being discussed whether we should save the camp out or just bring it to an end. There was this one member who raised her hand and said we must keep the camp out going! It was something to her, and her family look forward to every year.! She said " I will start a committee and rally all my regular campers that come every year and will make this camp out work"! Her name is Rosemary Jocovino Marchlowska. She rallied all her friends that went to the camp out every year, her daughter her granddaughter and so many more. She organized a campout committee where she had a few meetings and came up with ideas of fundraisers to raise money to help support the camp out. She organized a Chinese auction that went over very well. And then had enough stuff left to do another auction. Then in the midst of our regular lives Rosie decided to sell her house move to to Florida. She had reached out to me and asked if I would take what she had left from donations and hold on to it because she was going to do or put together another Chinese auction. Of course I agreed. And wanted to help her in every way that I could. Rosie had a love for life and an infectious laugh that when you heard her you had to laugh right along with her! Fast forward a bit the pandemic hit and Rosie got sick with the virus and passed away. When I found out it totally crushed me and a lot of other people who loved her.

When we were finally able to start having our regular membership meetings again and planning all the calendar events that Long Island ABATE does The safety and Awareness Run, The Veterans Run, The Camp Out, The Veterans Dinner, The St Mary's Run, and our yearly Christmas party.

I decided at this years camp out I'd like to do a memorial or a tribute to Rosie. With that I wound up being the chair person this year and planning the camp out. Now mind you I have never chaired an event like this ever! All I knew was I wanted to do some type of dedication to Rosie because this was her favorite event of the year And she wanted to keep the camp out alive! That's where it all started for me. At our monthly board meetings I got "schooled", lol, from the previous person who used to chair this event. I soon learned how involved and how much time and planning goes on to make this event happen. Here is how some of the planning and the decisions go. It was at least 3 months prior to the event when all the planning and meetings start happening. I'd like to give you a little glimpse of how the planning goes. I asked Sherril Hart to be my number one person when planning food and going food shopping. She and I would meet separately from everyone else every week leading up to the camp out. To talk about how much food we might need by seeing where our ticket sales were so that we could plan accordingly. I also asked Regina Marie Mullady, Tracy Jay, and Tina Marie who were very close friends of Rosie's to go through their pictures of their camping experiences with Rosie, her husband Jim and all of their friends. So that a memory book could be put together. Regina had come to one of our meetings to give her update on the planning of the picture board and memory book for Rosie. She walked out of the meeting called me on the side and said and I quote " I can't believe how much All of you do". I then found out that our very good friend and supporter Wayne Lefferts, The owner of Wayne Blast, was making the banners with Rosie's face on it for the campout. He was also doing t-shirts and the trophies for the motorcycle games and trophies that would be presented by him and Deadwood Choppers (Jack Fiorvante and his wife Annie) that came up from Florida to judge the motorcycle contest. I gave Wayne some ideas that Regina and I had discussed about the purple heart and the angel wings and he just ran with it. The final result was loved by everyone! Along with what Wayne and Regina and her crew were working on here is what else goes on behind the scenes. The board members discuss bands that are going to play, what motorcycle games we're going to do. What we would like to do for food and all the prepping preparing and shopping that needs to go on. How the field is going to be set up. Inventorying the storage unit, making sure the lights for the stage still work.

Going through the numerous totes containing all paper goods, pleats, cups, napkins, plastic silverware, heating trays, racks, and sternos are all present and accounted for. Getting the donations of the propane and some food. This year we had some of the hot dogs and buns donated to us from Nathan's. A friend of mine that I went to school with is a CEO there. Getting everything to the field by Friday so that way 8:00 a.m. sharp Saturday morning it's all hands on deck!!! We went from the board members that were all on task and knew what had to be done to the three people who signed the volunteer list to help to start pulling it all together. Then there was me driving around the campsite on the gator making sure people had wristbands on and if they were having a good time. I was reminding them to make sure they'd come out and play the games later to check out our products table with t-shirts and to make sure they checked out the baskets under the Chinese auction tent. I was then starting to be asked if there was anything that they can do to help. I said yes! I then had other people volunteering and getting involved. It was overwhelming how everyone pitched in where we were short-handed. Everyone involved went above and beyond! I was so busy back and forth bringing food from the refrigerators to the barbecue for Joe Pizzo and Morgan to cook. I did get to stop a few times to watch some of the motorcycle games! Which everyone was having a great time doing especially find the potato in the straw. The weenie bite was another big hit in the motorcycle games! Which I did get some video of! I'd also like to thank Ron Monteleone for taking so many awesome pictures! I also must give photo credit for the pictures I'm using in this article to Ron Monteleone, Shirley Jim, Regina, Tracy Jay, Wayne Leferts, some of my pictures and some others. I got to see some of the motorcycles that were being judged for the best motorcycle. I got to mingle here and there for a bit. The bands were great! I did see a lot of people up and dancing. The candle lighting ceremony and the prayer that pastor Gerry said for Rosie and her family was beautiful. When I finally stopped I don't even remember what time it was but it was already dark. I looked around and took a deep breath and said wow! It was really a great day! Then the next thing you know it was Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. and time to break everything down and pack it all up! Our camper was taken away, cars and trucks were loaded up. I came back early afternoon to get the Abatemobile and make my last pass around the field to say goodbye to some of the last campers that were still there and to say it's really over now the Abatemobile is leaving the field....till next year! I really hope everyone who came to the camp out this year enjoyed themselves and had a great time!! Thank you to everyone who took pictures and posted them all over Facebook! I enjoyed seeing them all from all!!



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MERCHANTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen

Every month we try to feature a merchant who will provide members with discounts on merchandise or services

Here is a list of merchants who provide Long Island ABATE members and their families with special pricing on products and or services. This month I would like to review with you some of our supporting merchants.

Advertising, Signs, Banners, Truck Lettering and T-shirts and Glass Etching.

Wayne Blast Customs, phone (631) 643-3333/ Website- www.wayneblastcustoms.net 118 Lamar St. West Babylon. Wayne provides Members with a 10% discount

Automotive Repair and Services

Master Muffler phone (631) 345-5500 website- www.mastermufflerandbrakes.com 395 Middle Country Rd. Middle Island Joe provides Members with a 15% discount and performs NYS Inspections on cars trucks and motorcycles

Executive Detailing. Phone (516) 406-3468 Website- <http://executivedetailinged.com> Email - generalinfo@executivetailed.com Eric and Danielle provide Members with a 30% discount on mobile detailing services on cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats and Rvs

Camper Rentals

CDL Rentals. Phone (631) 805-6595 Instagram. www.instagram.com/CDLRENTALS Email Cdlcampers@gmail.com Dominick and Caitlyn give 15% off to Members

Cutlery and Jewelry

Keys Cutlery & Keys love Jewelry. Phone (631) 379-1781 (631) 379-2565 Website- www.keyscutlery.com www.keyslovejewelry.com @ 2860 Middle Country Rd, Lake Grove, NY 11755. Key and Theresa provide Members with a 15% on Cutlery and Jewelry

Hair and Beauty

Hair Force One. Phone (631) 467-9800 website www.hairforceoneny.com 1232 Grundy Ave #2 Holbrook NY 11741 Vinny provides Members with a 10% discount on goods and services

Motorcycle parts, service and accessories including apparel.

Port Jeff Motorcycle store. Phone (631) 476-0722 Website- www.pj-mc.com Email- Rydemc@aol.com 201 Main St. Port Jeff. Ken provides Members with a 10% discount on most purchases
First MFG Co. Phone (516) 992-7914 Website- www.firstmfg.com 389 W Sunrise Hwy, Freeport NY 11520
First Mfg provides Members with a 30% Discount

Thunder Bikes. Phone (631) 509-6264 Website- www.thunderbikesli.com 72 Jayne Blvd. Port Jefferson station. Ron provides members with a 12% discount on purchases

Twisted Cycles (888) 539-2408 Website- www.twistedcyclesllc.com 177 Old Medford Ave. (Rt. 112)
Patchogue Chris, Debbie and Brian provide members with a 10% discount

Towing

Northeast Towing. Phone (631) 474-5355 Address 14 Industrial Rd.

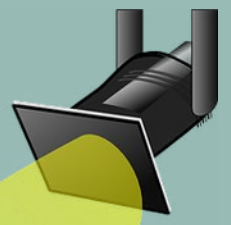
Port Jefferson Station NY 11776. Website- <https://northeasttowingli.com> Email- Northeasttowingli@gmail.com Tommy treats Members like a Motor Club and has the proper equipment to tow Motorcycles safely

We at Long Island ABATE are continuously looking for merchants or service providers that are willing to provide members with a discount in exchange for exposure to all our members. if you're interested in getting involved please reach out to me at chrisliabate@gmail.com

Ride safe, be careful and have fun. Chris Beckhans, LI ABATE



MERCHANTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



LONG ISLAND ABATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

YEAR BORN: _____

I agree to comply with L.I. ABATE Inc.'s by-laws and promote motorcycle awareness, & education.

MC/Organization Name: _____

CHECK ONE BELOW:

New or Renew _____ Junior FREE _____

1 Year \$25.00 _____ 5 Year \$100.00 _____

Life Membership (25-years paid) x \$16. = \$ _____

SIGN: _____

SIGN DATE: _____ AMOUNT PAID: _____

CIRCLE ONE: Cash or Check# _____

CC# _____

CVC# _____ EXP: _____ Billing ZIP: _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

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★ **FREE** ★

- ★ Patch & Yearly Anniversary Pins
- ★ Monthly Newsletter & Annual Handbook
- ★ \$4000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance
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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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- Annual Sustaining Membership \$100
- Annual Industry Council Membership \$100



- 3-Year Individual Membership \$95
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- Sustaining Membership Club \$100
- Freedom Fighter Donation \$10 \$25 \$_____

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16	17	18 LI ABATE NASSAU MONTHLY RECAP MEETING 7:30PM Marine Corp League 99 New York Avenue Massapequa	19	20	21	22
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