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# President's Message

Hello Everyone,

I hope all are well. Yet another month has flown by and the events keep happening. We had a few rainy days but all in all the weather has been great for riding. Many different clubs and organizations have had events throughout the month.

Long Island ABATE was able to participate in the Annual Indian Larry Block Party, see the pictures throughout the newsletter.

My trip to Albany to attend the ABATE of NY was postponed until November due to motorcycle preparations for my trip to Des Moines Iowa for the Meeting of the Minds, also see enclosed pictures.

On Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> we were set up at Rocking the Road for a Cure. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't the greatest for riding although there were many die-hards for the cause. The Route was modified due to the weather for safety reasons. After kickstands up we headed to the end location where we were pleasantly surprised by the amount of people that came out in cars to support the event. The hall was packed with people, raffle baskets as well as lots of food. The Bands were awesome, and everyone had a great time.

Our swap meet was canceled, and we hope to reschedule one in the future.

Long Island Abate also had a booth set up at Rolling Thunders PTSD Awareness run at the Venetian Shores Park in Lindenhurst. There we were able to support a great cause as well as promote Motorcycle Safety and Awareness.

I was able to meet up with Bruce La Porte, who teaches motorcycle awareness in NY school's driver education classes. He also is going to teach some of our members the class so hopefully we can get back in the schools ourselves in the spring. While meeting with him I was able to get 400 free lawn signs to distribute to the public and spread awareness.

We had our general membership meeting; there we had nominations for next years Board. We also voted on our Veterans distribution procedure the membership voted to mail the checks this year instead of a ceremony. Next month's meeting is November 8<sup>th</sup> and we will reopen nominations and have the elections afterwards. November 8<sup>th</sup> is also Election Day I hope everyone gets out and votes.

Next up we attended the Islip Street Fair. There was a lot of foot traffic at the event. We met with many people throughout the day. We were able to sign up four new members as well as get more lawn signs, Veterans shirts and Sweatshirts into the community. We also spoke with many people about our organization and what we do.



Next up is our Annual St Mary's food and toy run which will be held November 6<sup>th</sup>. This year will be more like normal, with less restrictions. Long Island ABATE will be accepting nonperishable food, toys (please no stuffed animals) and monetary donations as well. Registration is from 9 am to 11 am at the Riverhead Elks Lodge. KSU will be after a short ceremony. We will then ride to the church in Hampton Bays to deliver the donations. Pictures and story to follow next month. I hope to see everyone there.

As always Long Island ABATE is looking for input and participation from members to better the organization as well 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,  
Ride Safe and be well

*Chris Beckhans*

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## Greetings and peace Long Island ABATE members!

I was proud to attend the meeting of the Minds with President Chris Beckhans, 2nd Vice President Josephine Leonardi and former President Jim Barr last month in September. We all attended the opening sessions on Thursday evening till Sunday leaving on an early flight home. One of the most important messages was the fact we all are getting older, and we need to fill our ranks with younger members! So, recruitment was a big deal the entire time we were there. We split up to attend interesting topics when they were presented at the same time. Again, demographics showed our leadership at

the MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation), and ABATE chapters nationwide are also aging out. It was one of the best motorcycle conferences I've attended. A definite high light was a session to all about the cost of freedom. It was a speech told to us by Chopper Gilmore about his experience in the Vietnam War! Not a dry eye in the audience as he told us about some of the brutal tactics of the Vietcong. When back home, I've attended all membership and officer meetings. Hell, I even gave blood to support a blood drive partnered by LI ABATE!

There have been no SC Traffic & Safety Board meetings and I have not attended any civic community meetings with any of the SC Police precincts. I attended the Riverhead Town Proclamation meeting to honor Garfield Langhorn, a Medal of Honor recipient who attended Riverhead Schools and heroically saved his platoon while serving in Vietnam. Along with President Beckhans and former President Jim Barr we attended a Suffolk County Legislative press conference about amending a resolution to better clean up debris after a vehicle accident. Lastly, I have been attending bike nights and recently the Town of Islip street fair.

**Stay well and ride safely**

**Nick LaMorte.....1st Vice President**



## Updates From Josephine

On Sunday October 2nd 2022 Long Island ABATE was set up showing support for Rocking The Road For A Cure Breast Cancer Run put together every year by Dawn Damilia. October is known as National Breast Cancer month. We started out at Marjorie R Post community Park in Massapequa and ended at the American Legion Post 1066 in Massapequa. It was a scenic ride, escorted by the police for the safety of the motorcycles that came out to do the fundraiser. At the end site of the run we were set up by the doorway along with Motorcycle Mayhem radio. Out in the parking lot they had food trucks and barbecues going. Inside was set up for the four bands that were performing that day along with Chinese auction tables and t-shirts and magnets and bandanas that were being sold to raise money for the cause. As you can see by the pictures it was a great day had by all who came out whether on their bikes or in their cars even though the weather was very sketchy that day. *Photo credit goes to Rich Baifer Dawn Damilia and Josephine Leonardi.*

Long Island ABATE was also set up on Sunday October 9th 2022 at Rolling Thunder New York 6 PTSD Awareness Run. It was located at 850 Venetian Shore Park in Lindenhurst. It was an escorted run to raise awareness for PTSD. They had food raffles 50/50 and motorcycle skills expedition going on that day. It was definitely awesome weather that day a bit on the breezy side but we were still out there showing support!

*Photo credit by Jackie Riddler and Josephine Leonardi.*

*Enjoy The Riding and Stay Safe!*

*Josephine Leonardi 2<sup>ND</sup> VP*





# INDIAN LARRY BLOCK PARTY



## Being Strong In Our Differences

Most of you who are reading this ride a motorcycle, either as the driver or a passenger. We like being on 2 or 3 wheels. The feel of the bike, the free feeling that we have when the wind is hitting our face (even if we have to wear helmets)...it's just a great feeling. We sometimes don't acknowledge the differences we have. First, we are either male or female. Saying this, we have different thoughts of how situations should be handled, how things should be said, or how to dress when we are going for a ride. Some get colder faster, some stay hot and like the cool air, especially in the winter. In the summer, quite a few of us will not wear a jacket when riding while some will; wear a vest or not; stay an independent rider or join a club or organization. We have different bikes...Harley Davidson, Suzuki, Yamaha, Kawasaki, Can-Am, BMW, Moto Guzzi, Indian, etc. We also are different sizes and shapes. Our bikes are different sizes that fit our riding capabilities and wants. We also have different faith beliefs. But of all that is different, there are three things that we all have in common...we are Americans, we are strong when united, and we love this country. We also enjoy our freedoms. There are many things to complain about...inflation, bills, taxes, politics...and the list goes on. This affects all of us. Some of us are hit harder than others. But I feel what we need to do is find common ground, lay grudges aside, and work together to take care of each other. We can agree to disagree on many things, but let's not let everything collapse around us. Don't pass someone by when they are on the side of the road. This could be us one day. Try to treat each other as you want to be treated, love each other, and joyfully help each other without complaint. These are good values. These are Christian values.

I pray you all continue to ride safely and be loving and wise in your decisions about yourselves and others. If any of you need prayer, help, or someone to talk to, please look me up and connect with me. My email address and phone number are in this newsletter. Ride safe, stay well, be wise in Gods eyes, and God Bless you all.

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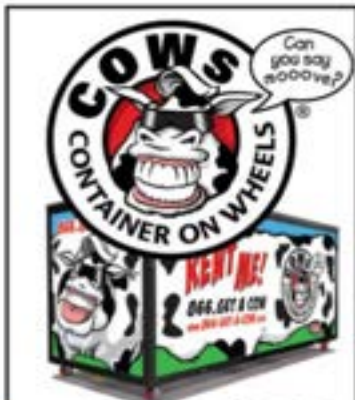
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Michael Levine Esq. (Motorcycle Mike)

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**Theft:** If someone steals your motorcycle, your investment could be lost. Unless your bike is somehow recovered and returned in one piece, you have no recourse without **motorcycle insurance**.

**Fire:** If the space your bike is stored in catches fire, you need an active motorcycle policy with **\*comprehensive coverage** to pay to repair or replace your bike.

**Snow and ice:** Winter weather can cause a significant amount of harm to your garage, shed or carport, which could damage your motorcycle.

**No coverage for unseasonably warm days:** You may be tempted to hop on your motorcycle for a rare good weather ride during the winter months. If you do not have insurance coverage, you should not be out riding your motorcycle.

**Possible price increase:** There's no guarantee your policy's price will be the same when you need to insure your motorcycle again.

\*Comprehensive coverage should be added to all your vehicle policies as an added safety net for accidents involving "acts of nature", especially if you do not have collision coverage.

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# ISLIP STREET FAIR



## Leaves on the Road

We are in a time of year that is both beautiful, wonderful, and treacherous. One of the great rides that can be had in the fall up here in the northeast is what we lovingly refer to as a fall foliage run. When the cooler weather begins to come, a dramatic change happens in the leaves on most of the trees as the chlorophyll isn't processing as well and the colors change from the lush greens to a beauty of reds, yellows, oranges, browns, and such.

To be riding on a winding upstate New York Road with all the panoramic beauty of the array of colors just does something to the soul. God created cycles of seasons for us, His children to experience all the wonders of nature and He speaks to us through beauty, environment, and his whole created order and none know and experience it more than the biker. No blind spots, roofs, and windows between us and God's created order. We get to experience the best of God's best.

But just as in all of life's roads and journeys we need to still be diligent to pay attention to where we are and where we are going. There is much wonder to be had and experienced in life and it's an extraordinary thing, but it is dangerous to go through life with your head in the clouds absorbing the wonder to the detriment of the normal responsibilities and the awareness that there are things we need to pay attention to so we can continue to enjoy the ride of life. We all have them. Jobs, family, financial and emotional responsibilities to our friends and loved ones. And even our own health concerns.

All these things are vital and important to our overall livelihood. The challenge we all have is balancing the wonder and beauty we can enjoy in life, with the more serious things that also enhance our experience. Staying on the road, keeping the rubber to the road so to speak. Losing track of the technical parts of our ride can ruin the ride despite all the wonder we see and feel. A few leaves not seen, a small oil spot in the road, an unexpected puddle or tar snake. All can ruin the ride, and the ride that is life for that matter.

We all need to remember this time of year when the trees become a tapestry of artistic beauty, that those leaves will at some time fall to the ground and many in the roads we ride. That's life. We learn to take in all the beauty while keeping an eye out for the potential danger of the leaves on the ground. Both are important to the ride. A ride of beauty and wonder along with being a safe ride. That is the balance we need to have in life. Enjoy friends, social events, bike events, food, and fun. But not to the neglect of the more serious and important things. Love, family, responsibilities. God is seen in those things too, for there is purpose for you in responsibilities.

So, with God's wisdom and God's grace let's fully enjoy the ride this fall. Take in the beauty only a biker can understand, but keep the rubber on the road, not disconnected by the very things of beauty we enjoy, the leaves of autumn. God bless, ride safe and God Bless America.

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The **type** of hearing loss refers to which part of the hearing system has been damaged. There are three basic types of hearing loss: conductive, sensorineural and mixed.

*Conductive hearing loss* occurs when there are problems in the outer or middle ear. The hearing loss usually is mild to moderate, and often can be treated successfully with medication or surgery.

*Sensorineural hearing loss* results from permanent damage to the cochlea and inner ear. It is often referred to as “nerve deafness” and is the most common type of hearing loss. Sensorineural hearing loss is incurable but usually can be treated successfully with hearing aids.

*Mixed hearing loss* is a combination of both conductive and sensorineural hearing losses. Patients experience problems with the middle and/or outer ear, as well as the inner ear. Treatment might include medications, surgery, and/or hearing aids.

The **degree** of hearing loss refers to its severity, and ranges from slight to profound, depending on how loud a sound needs to be before the individual detects it.

Hearing loss **configuration** refers to the pattern of the loss as charted on a patient’s audiogram. The configuration for an individual with high-frequency hearing loss shows good hearing for low-pitched (bass) sounds and poorer hearing for high-pitched (treble) sounds. Typically, this person can hear but often cannot understand speech, particularly in noisy environments. Other common types of hearing loss configurations include:

- *Flat configuration* (hearing loss is similar across low, middle, and high frequencies). Speech clarity typically is preserved, but amplification is needed for better audibility.
- *Bilateral* (hearing loss in both ears) vs. *unilateral* (single-sided hearing loss)
- *Symmetrical* (hearing loss is similar in both ears) vs. *asymmetrical* (hearing loss is different in each ear). Asymmetrical hearing loss impedes one’s ability to tell the direction of a sound, which could pose a safety risk.

At a minimum, school-aged children should have a hearing screening every year, as should all adults ages 60+. Screenings are generally administered by primary care providers as part of a complete physical exam. Younger adults without perceived hearing loss may be screened every 2-3 years, and those exposed to excessive occupational and recreational noise levels should be screened annually. Individuals with **diagnosed** hearing loss should be re-evaluated annually. Periodic hearing tests will help identify whether an individual’s hearing loss is progressive, fluctuating, or stable. Of course, anyone with suspected or perceived change in hearing should have their hearing checked immediately.

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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](mailto:chrisliabate@gmail.com)

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



## LONG ISLAND ABATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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:

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1 Year \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Year \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGN DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT PAID: \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE ONE: Cash or Check# \_\_\_\_\_

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★ **FREE** ★

- ★ Patch & Yearly Anniversary Pins
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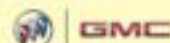
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### The MRF's primary goals include:

- 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 Joint Membership \$60
- Annual Sustaining Membership \$100
- Annual Industry Council Membership \$100



- 3-Year Individual Membership \$95
- 3-Year Joint Membership \$140
- Sustaining Membership Club \$100
- Freedom Fighter Donation \$10 \$25 \$\_\_\_\_\_

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# NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 
6 	7	8 <b>LI ABATE SUFFOLK</b> <b>MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b> 7:30PM Pt. Jefferson ELK's 41 Horseblock Rd. Centereach	9	10	11 	12
13	14	15 <b>LI ABATE NASSAU</b> <b>MONTHLY RECAP MEETING</b> 7:30PM Marine Corp League 89 New York Avenue Massapequa	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 <b>LI ABATE</b> <b>BOARD MEETING</b> 	23	24 <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY</b> 	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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