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# President's Message

Hello Everyone,

As always, I hope all are well. It is now July and time is flying by. Long Island ABATE has been busy as usual with Booths, Runs and Conferences as well as Court Cases.

The Month started with picking up the Flags at Calverton National Cemetery on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. On June 6<sup>th</sup> about a dozen ABATE members went to Court to support the family of "Stanley Christopher Soobrian" a Motorcyclist and father of four young children, killed by Jordan Solomon who was Drunk at the time (Almost three times the legal limit). We sat through the case sentencing and heard a few words from Soobrian's family members as well as Solomon. Solomon was sentenced to 6 ½ to 15 Years in Jail. The family was grateful for our support.

On June 11<sup>th</sup> we had our Annual Veterans Appreciation Run. The weather was great, as was the attendance. Everything went great. (See article and pictures in this newsletter). On June 14<sup>th</sup> we Attended a Flag Day Ceremony hosted by Mike Osip at the Riverhead American Legion Post 273. The Ceremony was a bit wet at first. The rain stopped and the evening got better. There was a lot of food, music, and raffles throughout the evening. After the evening was over a few of us packed and went to the NCOM Convention in Tempe Arizona. The Convention is where Clubs and Motorcycle Rights organizations got together to discuss Legislative issues as well as issues that affect the motorcycle community. There were breakout sessions where we discussed regional issues. There were also various presentations on assorted topics related to motorcycling and the future of it. There was also a safety seminar presented by Dick "Slider" Gilmore. While we were away, we had booths set up at a couple of events thanks to the help of volunteers. The booths were at the Social Brain's Bicycle & Helmet Safety event and the Knights on Bikes fund raiser. The following week we were scheduled to be setup at the Bikers for Christ/ Rushing Wind Biker Church Downed Biker event as well as Fire Riders Christmas in June event. Pictures and stories to follow next month.

July, we have the USA Patriots AKA Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team coming to town. There will be two games again this year, one in Moriches and the other in Glen Cove. If you would like to participate in a Great event and Escort these Amazing Folks to their game locations on July 15<sup>th</sup> to Moriches and or the 16<sup>th</sup> to Glen Cove, be at the Radisson Hotel located at 110 Vanderbilt Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge by 9:15 am either or both days. Don't miss this event, Great people doing Great things.

In between all the events we continue to work on the planning of our annual Camp Out which is set for August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at Cathedral Pine Park in Middle Island NY. Tickets are available and are \$40.00 in advance and \$50.00 at the gate. The price includes camping for 1 night, parking for the day if not camping as well as food, live music, and more. Truly a great event, ask anyone who went last year or go on Facebook and look at the pictures from last year. For more info or tickets contact any Board member.

I Hope to see you there.





Long Island ABATE is still looking for a Recording Secretary and a Donations Coordinator. If you're interested, please send an email, or give a Board member a call.

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 us safe. If you would like to get more involved or have ideas, please reach out to myself or any Board Member. We would love to have you and or your input.

Thank You for your continued support.

Ride Safe and Be Well

**Chris Beckhans,**

**President of Long Island ABATE**

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Greetings LI ABATE members!

Well our riding season has begun. Although most if not all pot-holes have been repaired, we still have to watch for spots of sand and other debris on the road. A number of months ago Suffolk County Legislator Nicholas Carracappa proposed legislation for tow truck drivers and any public employees present, must clean up the area of items left in the roadway after an altercation. Great! County Executive Steve Bellone signed it into county law. At the ceremonial signing was State Senator Mario Matera

who said he would copy the bill and bring it to the state senate for

approval! Well, the Senator kept his word and the Senate approved the bill. It is now in the State hand of the assembly and since the house is in recess, we have to wait for them to get back in session. In other political news, LIABATE President Chris Beckhans, Former LI Abate Pres Barr and I lobbied our US Congressman in Washington DC. We had a program set by The Motorcycle Riders Foundation to address items like autonomous vehicles, failing to see motorcycles, anti-profiling of riders, elimination of combustion engines and various other important topics. Upon our return, I continued to attend "Coffee with a Cop" community meetings, both Suffolk and Nassau Traffic and Safety meetings, of course our LI ABATE meeting in both counties, bike nights , club open house events etc. All our officers are dedicated volunteers spending time representing the entire motorcycle community! So, until next time, safe travel and stay healthy! I Hope to see you at our campout and meetings.

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



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## Updates From Josephine

I hope everyone is doing well! Just a short little note to let everyone know Long Island ABATE has been out and about in the community. We've been doing bike nights, street fairs and have been set up at many other events. I'd also like to thank everyone for coming out to the Safety and Awareness run and our Veterans Run.

The season is moving along at a fast pace. Just a few other things to let you know please be on the lookout the campout tickets are on sale now! Please contact a board member. It is a great event and if you didn't make last years camp out you missed a great time! It's set for August 26th and 27th. Also we've had a member donate to us this year coloring books. They're hot off the press and made their debut last weekend and were a big hit. Please keep an eye out for them at our meetings and when we're out at events. It's a sure thing kids will love! Till next month get out there enjoy the weather and ride safe!

Article by ...Josephine... 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Long Island ABATE











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## Grace and Consequences

The events of [June 6, 2023](#) was a moving day for me and I'm sure others. I accompanied fellow ABATE members to the sentencing of Jordan Solomon for killing Stanley Soobrian. The 9 of us, representing not just ABATE but other motorcycle organizations such as LIHOG, Nassau HOG, Leathernecks, Christian Motorcycle Association and Rolling Thunder were able to sit in court while Acting Supreme Court Judge Caryn Fink handed down the sentence. Both Mr. Soobrian, 29 and Solomon, 32 were entering the prime of their lives, now both destroyed because of a stupid, reckless and avoidable act.

Watching Jordan Solomon being handcuffed and led out into the unknown shook me to the core. This was not TV, this was real and I wondered what was going through his mind and what lies ahead for him.

But what was the most amazing thing that also shook me was how the family of Stanley Soobrian conducted themselves. His best friend and aunt stood and talked about how a good person he was, with no mention of hate or vengeance in their tone. Stanley's family and friends most graciously thanked the ABATE members for attending and supporting them. Stanley's 4 young daughters were in attendance with their mom, Adriana Rodriguez, who showed so much class. I wondered if I could do that, put in her position. I tried to imagine how their life has changed. The youngest daughter may not even be in high school when Solomon leaves prison and gets a second chance at freedom. What will he be like?

Hug your family, be smart and let others know of the immense consequences of drunk driving.

**Pat O'Hara**





## LONG ISLAND ABATE MEMBERS SUPPORT THE SOOBRIAN FAMILY SENTENCING FOR UP TO 15 YEARS GIVEN TO SOLOMON

A Jericho man who pleaded guilty to driving drunk and killing a motorcyclist was sentenced Tuesday to up to 15 years in prison.

Jordan Solomon admitted in March to a DWI that resulted in the death of Christopher Soobrian. The Nassau district attorney says Solomon was driving 100 mph when he hit Soobrian from behind.

Prosecutors told the judge that Solomon had a blood alcohol content of .23, nearly three times the legal limit of .08.

They say Soobrian's motorcycle was wedged in the front windshield of Solomon's car and Solomon drove his car like that for nearly a mile before it broke down at the entrance of the Long Island Expressway.

Soobrian was headed home from his job at a restaurant when he was killed. The father of four died at the scene. His wife, Adreanna Rodriguez, says she does not think justice has been done for her husband.

"I'm glad he's in jail finally cause you know, obviously, he posted bail and was out," Rodriguez says. "So, I'm glad that, you know, he'll have to face some repercussions - sit in jail, think about it. So, I'm a little relieved, but not really."

As reported by News12 Long Island: <https://longisland.news12.com/jericho-man-accused-in-fatal-dwi-sentenced-to-up-to-15-years-in-prison>







Veterans Appreciation Run 2023  
On Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 Long Island ABATE held it's Annual Veterans Appreciation Run. Over 200 Motorcyclists gathered at the Riverhead Elks Lodge to show their appreciation to the Veterans of our community. Patty and friends had coffee and bagels there for the start of the morning. The ceremony began by Amber Ferrari singing the National Anthem. Gerry Waldron, our Chaplin said a Prayer and Bill Quin held a Flag ceremony where Veterans were presented with flags from the branches of service as well as era of service. After the service our Road Captain Joe Pizzo with the help of members from Ryders Don't Play and Long Island Hog, along with a few others led us on a scenic ride to and over the Flag lined Jordan Haerter Memorial Bridge in Sag Harbor. Once over the Bridge we headed to the South Hampton Elks Lodge. There we were greeted by many of their members, who provided the participants with great food and Beverages. Andrew Smith (ER) had said a few words about the event. We would like to Thank All who came out to show their appreciation for our Veterans and I would like to Thank All the Volunteers who helped Make this day happen.  
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**Pack Your Hearing Device Accessories**—Make space in your suitcase for everything your devices need to work their best. A charging station, charging cable, dryer/dehumidifier, cleaning kit, and extra batteries, domes and wax guards are all must-haves for keeping devices happy while you're away from home. If you have rechargeable hearing aids and you are travelling out of the country, make sure you have the correct electrical adapter for your destination.

**Wear Your Devices Through Security**—Taking hearing devices in and out of your ears can be a hassle and can increase your risk of losing them, so go ahead and leave them in your ears. Just let the security agent know that you're wearing hearing devices before stepping through the metal detector.

**Connect to the Airport's Hearing Loop**—To help hearing device users hear announcements more clearly, many airports have induction loop systems, which produce a wireless signal that devices with telecoils can pick up. Remember to switch your hearing devices to the "T" setting, and you'll be good to go. Your telecoil can be accessed right on board your hearing aid or in the hearing aid app on your mobile device. Check with your audiologist to be sure that your hearing aid is equipped with a telecoil and that it is activated.

**Wear Your Devices During the Flight**—When you hear the flight attendant say, "Please turn off all electronic devices and stow them in your seat pocket," this doesn't apply to hearing devices. While it can be tempting to take a vacation from your devices while on board the aircraft, they make it easier for you to interact with flight staff, chat with your seatmates and hear the captain. In-flight announcements can be difficult to hear even while wearing devices, so let the flight staff know that you have hearing loss and ask them to come to you directly to relay any critical information face-to-face.

**Utilize Your App** – Become familiar with the hearing aid app on your mobile device. The app's features can be invaluable in difficult listening situations, allowing you to make changes on-the-go to improve the sound and your listening experience. Ask your audiologist for a brief tutorial before you leave on your trip.

**Connect with Your Audiologist Remotely** – If you need help with your hearing devices while you're out of town, your audiologist is just a phone call away. You can arrange for a telehealth appointment to help with troubleshooting or for remote programming adjustments.

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# Motorcycle Riders Foundation



## **“It’s very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas”**

Over the weekend a Washington Post story on Tesla’s Autopilot system made national news. The story included this quote from former National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) senior safety adviser, Missy Cummings, “It’s very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas.”

According to the Post’s research, since 2021, there have been 17 fatal crashes involving Teslas operating in Autopilot mode. Motorcycles were involved in four of the 17.

You may remember that NHTSA recently opened investigations into fatal crashes involving Tesla vehicles and motorcycles. One occurred in Utah, when a motorcyclist on Interstate 15 outside Salt Lake City, was struck from behind by a Tesla in Autopilot. “The driver of the Tesla did not see the motorcyclist and collided with the back of the motorcycle, which threw the rider from the bike,” the Utah Department of Public Safety said.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said in May that Autopilot is not an appropriate name “When the fine print says you need to have your hands on the wheel and eyes on the road at all times.”

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has been raising this issue with federal officials for years. Just last month, MRF President Kirk “Hardtail” Willard and Vice President Jay Jackson, met with safety officials at the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) on this very topic. The two MRF leaders stressed the concerns of bikers about the deployment of this new technology. Additionally, in the coming weeks, MRF senior officials will meet with leaders at NHTSA to seek answers on this troubling report.

These meetings with Biden Administration officials come on the heels of the MRF’s Bikers Inside the Beltway (BITB) annual event. During BITB, riders from across the country met with Members of Congress seeking action on self-driving cars as they relate to motorcyclists.

The MRF has been, and will remain, vigilant on this subject that affects ALL motorcyclists. Increased media scrutiny, along with the thousands of voices demanding action, is turning the heat up. Let’s keep the pressure up and protect bikers on our nation’s roadways.





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Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at [fred@mrf.org](mailto:fred@mrf.org).



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# Be Prepared

We like to prepare for things so we have very few surprises. In the evening after dinner, you might make your lunch to take to work tomorrow. You might lay out your clothes for the next day for work. You might shower at night so you can hit the ground running when you wake up. You might take it in the morning to wake yourself up. On the way home, you might put gas in the car/truck so that you don't have to stop the next morning, getting you an extra 10 minutes of sleep that night. How about if you have school age kids? You get their clothes out for tomorrow for school. You help them with their homework assignments for the next day. You might even help them study for a test tomorrow. Or, if the weekend starts tomorrow, you might stop at Home Depot or Lowes, for that thing, or things, you'll need to fix, replace, or work on tomorrow. Or, if you're having folks over for a BBQ or dinner, you'll stop at the store and shop for the food, drinks, and desserts for the shindig. If you're looking for a new job, you may be taking classes at night or going to college, taking a home course, or going to a vocational school, to learn what you need to apply for a certain position.



We always want to be prepared. When we ride our motorcycles, we'll gas up, and empty the bladder before we go. We'll check out tire pressures and suspensions for the anticipated ride. We may carry rain gear, gloves, and even an extra sweatshirt, for the weather. And we'll always dress in layers...just in case. We'll even remember to get our cars maintained.

We'll go to a doctor to get checked out to make sure nothing is going wrong inside of us. And if it is, try to get it fixed before it gets worse. We'll start eating healthier (maybe) as we don't heal as fast when we get older. Maybe we'll take vitamins or supplements to add to what our body need and gets from food. We might start reading books to keep our brains healthy. Maybe start exercising to fight fatigue and that afternoon tiredness instead of having coffee. Can you see where I'm going with this?

We do these things to prepare our bodies and lives, but we sometimes forget to take care of our souls. We might get into things that rob us of our joy and peace. We may get happy, but that's short lived. Once we start to feel less happy, we have to feed the beast, our soul, to feel happy again. Whatever you feed it with (activities, tv shows, movies, music, internet info), it will grow towards. Your soul is the root of your joy and peace. If it is not calm and settled, you'll never feel that joy and peace that you want. It may be missing something. But when you fill it with whatever the world offers to you, which has no hope, will melt away. I ask that you prepare your soul for eternal life. Jesus is the only way to that. He wants you to be with Him in paradise, in heaven. The world is satans playground. he will give you happiness but will leave you empty and wanting more of what he has. And what he has is short lived.

Please get your soul prepared for eternal life, not eternal death. Jesus is the only one that can fill that empty place you have and give you eternal life. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Accept Him, He loves you already. Believe that He is Lord and that God raised him from the dead on the third day. When you do, you'll start to feel that space in your soul begin to fill with Him and feel peace. If you're not sure how to do this, contact me. We'll get you there together.

God bless you all., God loves you all.

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## Lean into that curve

There is just something that heightens the experience of riding when the curves are many and often. It's an experience that the biker understands and those in cages and other forms of transportation just scratch their heads. When a cager sees someone on a bike leaning their ride into the curve I am sure they scratch their heads in wonder, not quite grasping that it's part of the thrill of being on two. Then if they considered counter steering, and that you must accelerate into a curve, their mind would explode in confusion.

There is actually an important life principle to be learned by leaning and accelerating into a curve to be able to maximize experience and even safely, as those things

also do in riding. The journey that is life is not a straight and flat highway. It is full of winding paths, curves and obstacles. We even use the phrase life throwing you a curve. And the principle of maximizing and getting through the curves life throws at you is pretty much the same as on your scooter.

On your bike you hit the throttle and accelerate and lean into the curve. Accelerating and leaning must coincide. Accelerating forces the tires into a tighter connectivity with the pavement you're on, using centrifugal force as an advantage instead of it throwing you off the bike it pushes you tighter and more securely into your seat. The only other option to navigate the curves in life, and on your bike would be to drastically slowdown and slowly creep through the curve.

When you dig into the things in life that want to slow you down like health complications, financial challenges, drama, employment, relational turbulence and the many things that are part of the curves that are life, you will see they won't last as long and you gain from those experiences instead of allowing them to detract from the ride that is life. You can't avoid things in life so attack them, lean into the situation and aggressively attack them, as you would accelerate into a curve to navigate it.

Funny thing is in order to do that you need faith. In both situations. On the bike you have faith in the machine you're riding, you have faith in the unseen centrifugal force you rely onto work for you and not against you, you trust your tires to press in and grip the road more securely. Well to address the curves in life you need faith in who's principles you depend on to navigate with certainty and with aggressive optimism in the end result. God doesn't smooth the roads of life. We all must navigate the paths our lives take. Each one different.

With faith and trust in God you lean in and accelerate through life with confidence in the outcome, as well as knowing you will gain something from the experience. The curves last a shorter time, and there is a certain thrill of anticipation in some of the most challenging twisties of life. When your back on the straight and easy road you look back with wonder, awe and even gratitude for the experience, because your life has been enriched in some way. On a bike we look forward to the twisties, the tail of the dragon experiences. Not so much in life. But the thrill and what you gain from the experience can still be awe and wonder. Oh and you can even get the t-shirt if you want. (Lol). Enjoy the long and winding roads of life my friends.

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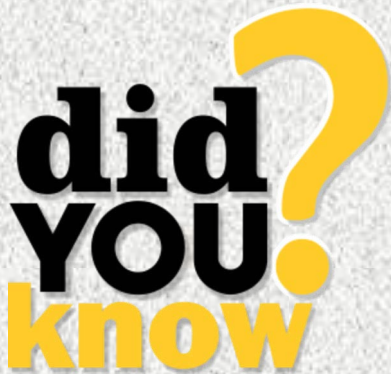
**Women on Wheels Ride-In...** July 4-6 Harrison AR

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Easyriders magazine editor, Lou Kimsey, made a plea in issue #3, October 1971, for bikers to come together to fight impending restrictions by joining a national organization called the National Custom Cycle Organization, but because of acronym conflict, the name was changed to "A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments" (ABATE) in February 1972.

*Look for more interesting facts in upcoming issues!!*



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