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rider education and public awareness. We are trying to alleviate the very real possibility of "Big Brother Government". We encourage all our members to be informed registered voters. We write letters to our elected officials and stay aware of what is going on with motorcycle legislation, and other transportation issues. We welcome interested parties to any of our activities or to join our organization.

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NEW YEAR

NEW DREAMS

New Roads

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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Here we are in 2024 and I hope everyone's holidays were wonderful and joy filled. 2023 was a busy year for Long Island ABATE with the usual events locally and nationally. We started the year off with planning the years upcoming years events. We had a training seminar by Bruce LaPorte from the Traveling Memorial Wall for Fallen Bikers. Bruce Had put together a Motorcycle Awareness presentation aimed towards High School Drivers Education Students, funded by the New York State Association of Traffic Safety Boards. After our presenters meeting, we attended two presentations taught by Bruce himself. Once we watched two presentations in person, we then began our



own presentations at various High Schools in Suffolk and Nassau Counties. We have done over 20 presentations in 2023 with the help of some very dedicated members. I want to thank Amy Fink, Marc Wolf, Pat O'Hara, Anthony Calleja, as well as Sonia Wolf, Harley Nemzer, and Ron Cosentino for coming on board. Together we can all make a difference.

After the training class we had some safety related presentations at our monthly meetings presented by Don Gomo, Dick "Slider" Gilmore at different meetings they talked about safety and various situations and how to better our chances of riding without issues. Suffolk County Police Department Highway Officers also came to one of our meetings and discussed Motorcycle Crash Statistics and the crashes were broken down into categories. The numbers were alarming, a lot of the facts pointed to the rider and how we can change that through improved riding habits. Next up was our Awareness run on April 30th, we gathered at the Denison Building. There were many in attendance including Big Apple Motorcycle and, On the Road Again Motorcycle Schools. We Also had a Motorcycle Safety presentation by Twisted Cycles there was also a Skills Demonstration set up with cones for riders to participate in, Thanks to Tommy Byrne, Willian Byrne, Kevin Tirman, and Joe Martin. Also, in attendance were a few of our local politicians, including Legislator Leslie Kennedy, Legislator Nick Caracappa, and Comptroller John Kennedy. After our Awareness Run, we went to Washington D.C. for Bikers in the Beltway. There we met with our representatives and discussed our concerns and helped them understand the importance of these issues. Most were very understanding of our wants and needs once we explained them in detail. In June we had our Annual Veterans Appreciation Run. Many people were in attendance. We rode from the Riverhead Elks Lodge to the South Hampton Elks lodge there we were greeted with food and beverages. There we spoke briefly and thanked our veterans and our hosts. We continued to raise money for the Veterans fund throughout the year at meetings and booths we set up at various events. After that a few of us Attended the NCOM "National Coalition of Motorcyclists" Convention in Arizona. There we discussed national issues and local issues as well. The event was a great networking opportunity with clubs from around the country. While we were there, we also were able see multiple Motorcycle Rights Organizations reunite after many years of separation. July came quickly. We then had the opportunity to be part of the USA Patriots aka "The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball team" visit again. Along with the PGR and many other Veterans Organizations and Long Island ABATE members were involved in escorting the team to the games as well as attend a BBQ in their honor afterwards. As usual their presence was so inspiring to so many. August was upon us in a flash. After much adversity we were able to pull off another great campout at Cathedral Pines Park in Middle Island. The rain and the scheduling issue affected the turnout a bit, but we still had a great turnout, and everyone had a great time. The bands were awesome the food was great as well as the Motorcycle games. Most of all the volunteers were Amazing. In between all these events were set up at various events, street fairs and bike nights promoting motorcycle safety and awareness.

September was equally busy. Long Island ABATE along with over 40 different Motorcycle Rights Organizations gathered in Harrisburg Pennsylvania at the Meeting of the Minds under the umbrella of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, sponsored by ABATE of Pennsylvania. There we were able to plan next year's legislative agenda. This was another great event as well as a networking opportunity for all.

October went by fast and before you knew it, it was November. Long Island ABATE hosted our annual St Mary's food and toy drive. The weather was awesome, and the turnout was amazing as well. After leaving the Elks Lodge in Riverhead we took a nice scenic ride to St Mary's Church, there we were met by many children and adults welcoming everyone. We Managed to raise a nice amount of money, food, and toys to make many families happy. Later that month we had our annual Veterans Grant disbursement prior \$68,000 dollars to 46 veteran's organizations. The room was packed, we had a wonderful evening. After the disbursement we held our membership meeting where nominations were continued from the previous month and elections were held. The 2024 Board was elected.

December, although there were no meetings, was still a busy month. There were many other toy drives, parties, and events throughout the month. We also finished out the year with nine Motorcycle Awareness presentations in five schools. Long Island ABATE had its annual Christmas/Holiday party at Frogzz Bar and Grill in Yaphank. The evening was great, see Josephine's article and pictures in this newsletter. The following day was Wreaths Across America where many volunteers attended our Military Cemeteries and participated in wreath placement on the graves of our Veterans as well as ceremonies within the cemeteries.

As I write this year's recap, I realized how much was done this year and a lot of it was because of your support as members and volunteering to get involved and make a difference. I look back and I am so proud and grateful to be part of this Organization, it is truly an Honor to Serve and be a part of such a great Organization. Thank You All for Giving me the opportunity to do so. Stay tuned, we have a lot coming in the year ahead.

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 me or any Board Member. We would love to have you and or your input.

Thank You for your continued support.

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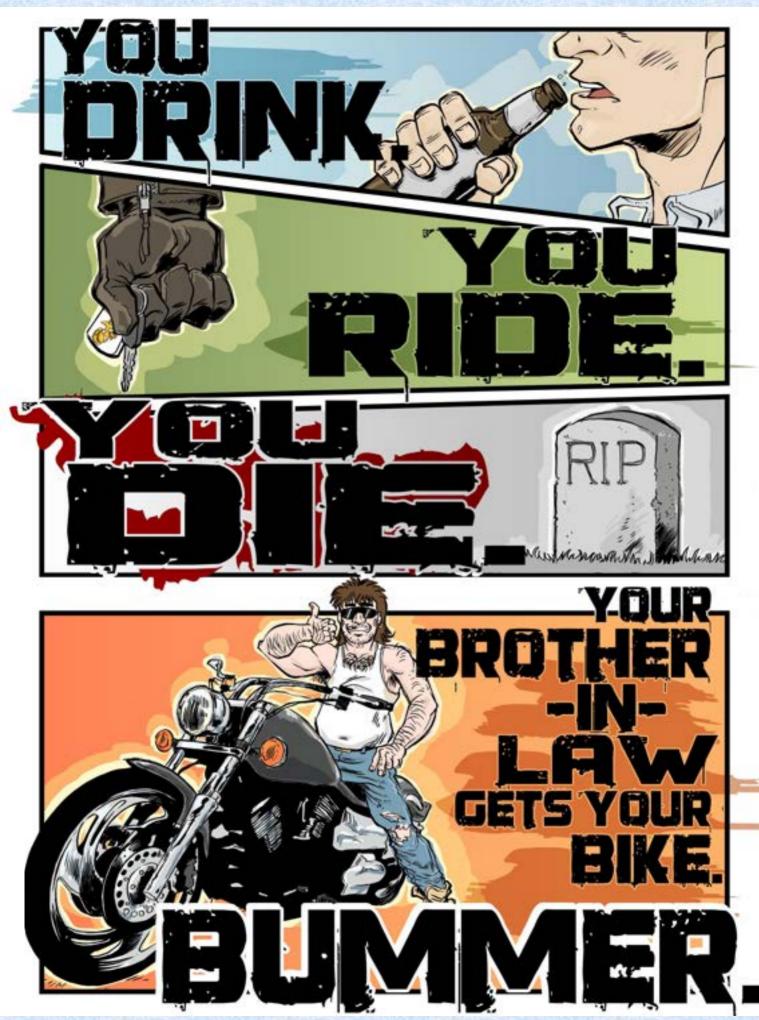




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Greetings all Members of Long Island ABATE!



By the time you read this it's very possible Christmas will be over, but the good cheer and kindness of the holiday will still be with us!

As we enter the New Year 2024 I want to wish you and your family my best wishes for a very good year ahead! In the beginning of December I attended the Pearl Harbor Memorial Anniversary at the Aviation Museum in Farmingdale. It was a very moving ceremony with veterans who served at Pearl Har-

bor during WWII. There were no survivors at the event from the initial attack I invite all of you to attend next year on December 7, 2024, it is a very emotional and patriotic experience and reminds us to give thanks to all veterans who served. Later that same day I attended the Nassau County Traffic Safety Board meeting. There I met with many law enforcement officers from various villages within the county. They all gave their opinion of red light cameras on school buses and spoke about the problems of issuing violations. I asked the NYS DOT representative if corrective action would occur on the section of roads where guide rails are used, specifically on the Jones Beach Causeway. I also questioned him on the issue of speed cameras in work zones. He will update me at our next meeting. I was also invited as a guest to attend the Northport American Legion Post by Commander Bill McKinnon which I attended The Commander introduced me and thanked LI ABATE for the donation which helps the post provide needed supplies to veterans. The year wrapped up with the annual LI ABATE Holiday Party! What a great event for all motorcyclists to have a nice evening together. Lastly I attended the laying of the Christmas wreaths at Calverton National Cemetery!

Hoping you all have a Happy and Healthy New Year! Until next month,

Nick



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On Friday night December 15th 2023 the place to be was Long Island ABATE'S Christmas party. It was held at Frogzz Bar and Grill Yaphank New York. There were over 105 members who came out to celebrate the holidays. There was a free buffet dinner put out by Frogzz. The food was non-stop all night from chicken franchise, to baked ziti, to macaroni with black mussels and mac and cheese! Everything was absolutely delicious!

The other festivities going on ranged from over 30 Chinese auction baskets, to a big basket of cheer, to 50/50 raffles. One of our members Patrick Sheil was dressed as Krampus, and everyone loved taking pictures with him. There were also nice cardboard picture frames that people were taking pictures with all night.

The band rocking the house that night was Knock Out New York band. It was definitely a great night to be out socializing. And if you weren't there you missed a great time!

I'd like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a very happy new year! And I look forward to next year and seeing everyone at the community events!

Article by ...Josephine... 2nd VP Long Island ABATE

















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House of Representatives Votes to Defend Internal Combustion Engines

Wednesday, the U.S. House Of Representatives passed H.R. 4468, the Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act of 2023 (CARS Act). The CARS Act is a bill designed to stop the Environmental Protection Agency from instituting emission standards that force manufacturers to produce more electric vehicles, thus limiting consumer choice.

The final vote on the bill was 221 to 197. 216 Republicans and 5 Democrats supported the bill, authored by Rep. Tim Walberg of Michigan, the co-chairman of the House Motorcycle Caucus.

After his introduction of the CARS Act, Representative Walberg said, "The Administration cannot continue to create regulations that limit consumer choice, hamper mobility, make vehicles more expensive for families, and cede America's auto leadership and jobs to China."

H.R. 4468 is the second bill in 2023, passed by the U.S. House, that pushes back against the attack on internal combustion engines. In September, the House passed H.R.1435, the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act. That bill limited individual states from making their own rules on emissions. Recently, California and likeminded states have been using a federal exemption to pass laws that would constrain the sale of internal combustion engines. H.R. 1435 would put a stop to that exemption.

The passage of the CARS Act shows that some members of Congress are concerned about the rush to eliminate the internal combustion engine. Thank you to all the members of the House who voted to protect consumer choice!

Both bills now await action by the U.S. Senate.

- S. 3094 Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act of 2023
- S. 2090 Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act

Six Advocates Step Up

FOUNDATION Ride With The Leaders

Six long-time motorcyclist rights advocates and Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) members were recently selected as members of the "Community of Practice" groups, updating federal motorcycle safety guidelines. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation would like to thank these six bikers for volunteering their time on this project:

Ron Braaksma – Iowa

Vince Consiglio-Michigan

Jay Jackson – Indiana

Gary Klinker – Wisconsin

Ed Schetter – Ohio

Imre Szauter – New Hampshire

The primary focus of their work will be updating three documents: The National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety (NAMS), Model National Standards for Entry-Level Motorcycle Rider Training (Content Standards), and Model National Administrative Standards for State Motorcycle Rider Training Programs (Administrative Standards).

Between January and September 2024, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will hold monthly meetings with diverse stakeholders to update and modernize these key motorcycle policy documents. All motorcyclists are extremely fortunate that these six individuals will be able to share their extensive knowledge, experience and passion on issues that matter to all bikers.

We know that some state motorcyclist rights groups also have participants in the "Community of Practice" project and we applaud their involvement. Without a doubt, the work of these NHTSA-sponsored groups will be better because of their involvement.

We look forward to hearing more about their work in 2024!



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I remember riding out through Pennsylvania several years ago on route 78 and my Dyna just lost power and stopped. Not just anywhere, but on a stretch that the shoulder of the road was all of 24 inches and a mountain straight up. Had to stand leaning against the mountain with my feet about 8 inches from the interstate lane as

semis screamed by me at 70 miles an hour. Interesting day to say the least. We've all had days like that, maybe whole months and years.

So do you go home with your tail between your legs and never again take the chance of that happening. Don't think so. You shake the dust (and asphalt) off, get back on your bike and look forward to the next ride with anticipation, excitement and expectation of the next great ride. We all need to respond that way as we move into the New Year, no matter what this past year, or years threw at us.

This by the way is God's way. How God wants us to respond to adversity. There is so much to experience of Gods future and promises ahead. God knows this life is hard, He's been watching how mankind has ravaged His created order. Thank God He gave us free choice not to be caught in the trap of resignation to the past dictating our future. Today is a gift, tomorrow is our hope.

So as you all turn the page, remember God is opening a new door to 2024. He has wonders ahead, adventures ahead, hope and love ahead. Seek it and you will find it. Keep the past in your rear view mirror. Seek Gods future and wonder for tomorrow. The future path will lead to promise, purpose and wonder. And oh, the ride. What a ride. God bless, ride safe, and God Bless America.

Pastor Ski, Rushing Wind Biker Church Chapter Elder Bikers For Christ

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Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Seriously Safe Top 10

Motorcycle Safety



Take formal training and get licensed. Wear all gear when riding. Ride unaffected by alcohol or drugs. Assume others don't see you. Maintain 360° awareness. Create a space cushion all around. Enter intersections and curves with caution. Practice emergency braking and swerving. Save aggressive riding for the racetrack.

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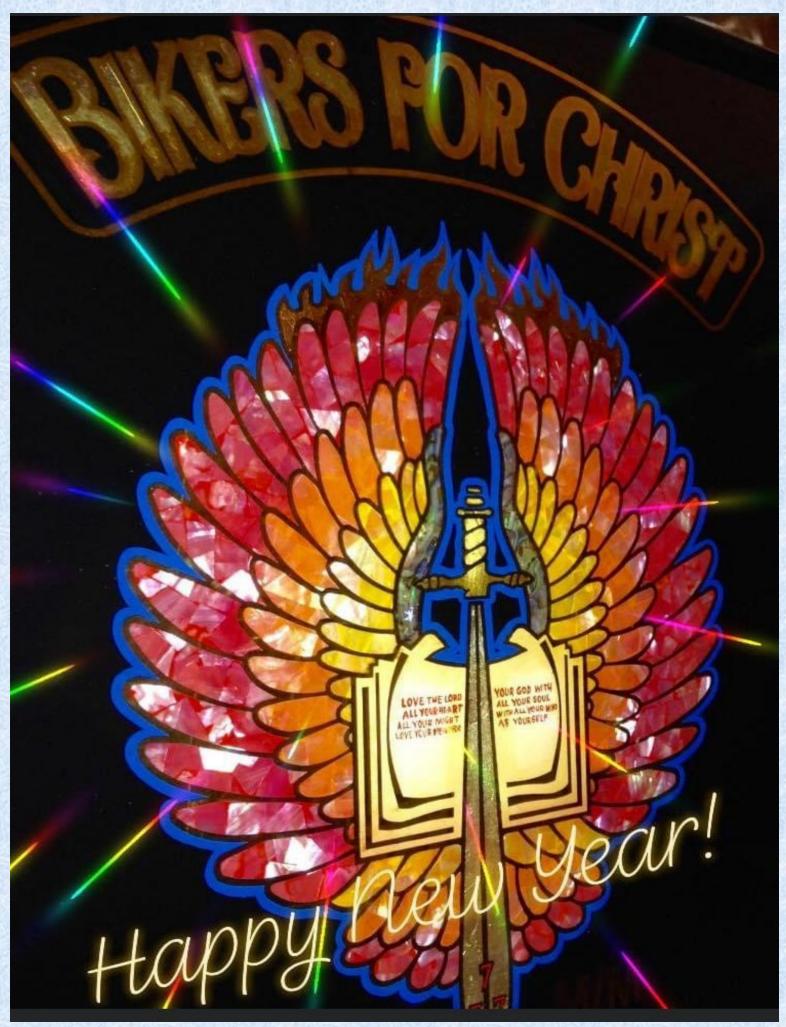
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Communication Tips for Individuals With Hearing Aids

Many individuals with hearing loss find it difficult to understand speech and distinguish speech from background noise. For the hard-of-hearing person, effective communication is a challenge.

While hearing aids greatly improve the listening experience, some additional cues are helpful to understand speech better in difficult listening environments. Here are some tips to improve communication.

<u>Tips for the hearing aid wearer</u>—one of the most important factors for effective communication is YOU!

Make sure your hearing aids are working properly and cleaned/serviced regularly. If you are prone to earwax, schedule a visit with your ENT to manage it at least twice a year. Be open with people about your hearing loss.

Ask people to get your attention and face you when they speak.

Ask others to speak clearly and naturally—and not to shout. Shouting changes how words sound. Minimize background noise. Turn off the TV, or move to a quieter location or away from the noise. Be within three or four feet of the person talking, which makes it easier to watch their lips.

Turn your back to bright light so that the person talking to you will face it. It will be easier to read lips and facial cues if the speaker's face is illuminated and the light is not in your eyes.

If you don't understand the first time, ask the speaker to repeat or rephrase, and speak more slowly. If your hearing is not the same in both ears, position yourself so that your better ear is toward the speaker.

If you are listening intently for a while, you may feel tired. Take a break. In difficult listening situations, wireless communication solutions, like a table mic, can help overcome background noise.

Consider joining a lip-reading course locally or online (e.g., *lipreading.org*) to hone your skills. And finally, don't be too hard on yourself if you don't catch every word.

Tips for the communication partner—how we speak can make communication easier or more difficult.

Be sure to get the individual's attention before you start speaking.

Make sure your partner can see your face, and keep your hands away from your face while talking. Reduce the distance between you and the listener, especially in background noise.

Maintain a normal tone of voice and speak clearly. Shouting will cause sound distortion.

Speak more slowly, but do not speak in "slow-motion" or over-enunciate. Interject pauses.

Keep statements simple. Emphasize key words or phrases.

Repeat yourself. If the listener continues to have trouble, rephrase the sentence.

Don't speak while chewing, eating or smoking—your speech will be more difficult to understand. Don't expect the person with hearing loss to hear you from another room!

Adjust lighting so that your face is illuminated, allowing the listener to watch your lips more easily. Reduce background noise when carrying on conversations. Turn off the TV or radio.

If you must converse in a noisy place, move away from the source of the noise. If people are talking and the individual seems lost, fill them in with a few explanatory words.

Recognize that hard-of-hearing people hear and understand less when they are tired or ill. Ask the hard-of-hearing person what you might do to make conversation easier for them.

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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



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| Mobilg        | 2<br>LI ABATE                                                    | 3         | 4           | 5 66          | 6        |
|               | BOARD                                                            | - 0       |             |               |          |
|               | MEETING                                                          |           |             | 0             | 2        |
| 7             | 9 LI ABATE<br>SUFFOLK<br>MONTHLY<br>MEMBERSHIP                   | 10        | 11          | 12            | 13       |
|               | 7:30PM<br>Pt. Jefferson ELK's                                    |           |             | Philipsós     | eren     |
| 14 15         | 41 Horseblock Rd.<br>Centereach<br>16 LI ABATE<br>NASSAU         | 17        | SHELL<br>18 |               | 20 CC    |
| Mobilgas      | MONTHLY<br>RECAP<br>MEETING                                      |           | SHELL       | <b>1</b> (66) |          |
|               | 7:30PM<br>Marine Corp League<br>99 New York Avenue<br>Massapequa | LE)       | See         |               |          |
| 21 22         | 23<br>LI ABATE                                                   | 24        | 25          | 26            | 27       |
| Mobilgas      | BOARD                                                            |           |             | -             |          |
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