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The main purpose of the ABATE organization is to work toward continued freedom of the road by insuring that motorcyclist's point of view is presented to our legislators and to promote motorcycle safety, 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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President's Message

Hello everyone,

The summer is flying by. We have been out and about at many different events.

I attended the Nassau County Traffic Safety meeting. The main topics of discussion were E-Bikes and all the issues related to them as well as DWIs and enforcement. We had a Campout committee meeting at which we worked on many of the details required to plan the upcoming event. Duke attended the meeting and was able to see firsthand everything that was involved. Duke also

had a lot of great ideas to better the organization. With that being said **We Need Your Help!** We would like you to get involved. There are a few positions on the Board that need filing. We still need a Volunteer Coordinator, a Donations Coordinator, as well as a Road Captain and assistant Road Captains. We also need more people to get involved so we can do more and better the organization. Whether it is helping at an event or setting up rides or events. 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.

July was a bit of a blur. We had a few booths set up and the Motorcycle Awareness presenters were very busy. The program continues to grow thanks to Sonia Wolf, who has reached out to many new schools, and we were able to present at them. The presenter pool continues to grow as well. I am so happy to have so many great people involved and educating young drivers in an effort to keep motorcyclists safer.

I was able to take some time off and head over to Pennsylvania on the Motorcycle and visit some family as well as attend some of the activities at Gettysburg Bike Week. The ride was great and very enjoyable and as usual Mother Nature kept it interesting. In between the rain we were able to get out and enjoy the scenery.

Remember August 22nd is Campout and I hope to see you there. To get Tickets you can reach out to myself, or a Board Member or you can go online and purchase them there as well. I look forward to seeing you there.

Thank You for your continued support.

Together we can make a Difference

And we Are!!

Ride safe and Be Well

Chris

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**TOGETHER WE
CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**



Why Member Involvement Matters:

Duke, Life Member of Long Island ABATE, on His Attendance at Our Recent Campout Committee Meeting

Hi, My name is Duke, and I was recently invited to attend a board meeting for our upcoming campout. Before attending, I honestly did not realize how much our board members do for all of us. After seeing the amount of work firsthand, I would like to suggest that highlights from board meetings be included in our monthly meeting minutes so members can better understand the efforts being made on our behalf.

ABATE is in need of more volunteers to help with future events, support the board, and bring new ideas forward. Some possible areas where members could contribute include creating and managing membership drives, organizing free runs or appreciation events for members, and gathering donations for baskets at future events.

Other ideas worth discussing could include offering a small incentive—such as \$5—for signing up a new member. We might also consider whether bringing back a lifetime membership option would help encourage long-term commitment. Hopefully, more of us can get involved in the day-to-day work and help lighten the load for those already giving so much of their time. ABATE would benefit from more creative suggestions, so I hope everyone will take some time to share ideas and consider how they can help.

I also learned at the campout meeting that it costs more than \$5,000 to hold this year's campout. That is one of the reasons the ticket price needed to increase; like everything else, costs continue to rise. Food, drinks, tent rentals, bands, park admission, and many other expenses add up quickly. The work that goes into planning each year is exhausting, and I believe our membership should better understand how much effort is involved.

In addition, the costs of trips made on behalf of ABATE, including trips to Washington, often come out of the board members/volunteers own pockets. I wonder whether some of the money ABATE receives as a nonprofit should be considered for covering these expenses, or at least a portion of them, so our board and volunteers can continue helping us effectively.

I suggest we bring this topic up for discussion, and possibly a vote, at our next monthly meeting.

LONG ISLAND ABATE'S

21ST ANNUAL CAMPOUT

8:00 AM CHECK IN
SAT. AUGUST 22ND

12:00 PM CHECK OUT
SUN. AUGUST 23RD

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Per Person Admission
for Saturday only
(Includes 1 Night Camping)

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Greetings my fellow Long Island ABATE members!

Our Veteran's Appreciation Run was a success in spite of the difficulty of some issues with finding a destination to end the ride. But all's well that ends well and we all had a very successful event thanks to the dedication of our officers. Our previous ending destination was booked with a private event! Working together the officers found a wonderful beach in Southampton and all worked out to most everyone's satisfaction!

At our last monthly meeting, we introduced a member who spoke about the officer's dedication and willingness to protect our rights to ride!

The subjects of issues we lobbied for in Washington DC a few months ago was addressed by our political officer and explained to the attending membership at the meeting.

We also heard from an attorney who spoke about motorcycle insurance and the need to make sure we understand what we are purchasing! He was very informative and works to defend motorcyclists on legal issues.

We then continued our meeting agenda with reports of all officers. As for me, I continue to attend Suffolk County Police precincts as much as I can. There are seven in Suffolk County and I try hard to attend each one! I report important issues monthly when the officers meet. There are times I can't make everyone because these meetings are scheduled individually by the Pct. Commander and there are times I have to decide which one I'm attending! I always wear a Long Island ABATE shirt, sign in and ask questions when appropriate.

I'll be looking to attend Nassau County Police Pct. Meetings in the near future! I'm surely going to let you know !

Now that the weather is definitely the best time to ride, I caution all of us to be extremely careful! LI ABATE has plenty of lawn signs to distribute, and we are happy to get them to you! So come to a meeting! You have your choice of our regular meeting in Suffolk and/or Nassau!

Please look for our website: [Long Island ABATE.org](http://LongIslandABATE.org)

Safe travels!

Nick



Updates From Josephine

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

Hi everyone, hope all is well! There has been a lot going on behind the scenes for Long Island ABATE. We are all meeting and working hard to make this year's camp out yet another success! On Saturday June 13th we were out at Frogzz bar and grill in Yaphank checking out a really cool band called Redline. They have also been playing at The Patch in Patchogue. The lead singer's name is Alan. They put on a great show and their music is great also. So please plan on coming to the camp out this year their band will be playing. They will be the second band coming on. The first band going on is called the Lunatics. We saw them play last year at Frogzz in Yaphank and they have also played at the Rocky Point Ale House. They're really good band also and will be our first band coming on. The late night acoustic band will be Wildflower this year. We have also been doing a lot of campout meetings, coming up with all the other fixings that go along with this event. We have a few more meetings to do and then our **Annual Campout August 22nd** at Cathedral Pines in Middle Island will take place. I hope to see everyone there!

In between all the preparations for the camp out, we will also be at Fghters of Fire EMC's Christmas in June run on Sunday June 28th. It was a great day everything fell into place for them. The weather was great along with the turnout and all the toys that they collected. There we also met a guy named Scott who was a firefighter and a cop in the city who had a terrible motorcycle crash in the city while doing an escort on his motorcycle. He is also a guest speaker at our meeting last month. After his crash he was told he would never ride a motorcycle again, until a company called Combat Hero bike builders gave him another chance to do so! More to follow on this story next month. Also on that, Sunday June 28th Chris and I were asked to attend Long Island Spider Ryder's meeting. There we spoke about Long Island ABATE and everything we are involved in to keep our rights safe as motorcyclists. That was just some of the happenings that went on in June for us. After that it was into July for the 4th of July festivities. Where we took time for ourselves with family and friends for a few weeks. Now we are back at it and out in the community again! Till next month when we recap the camp out and all the fun we had hopefully you'll all be there to enjoy it with us. Until next month ride safe and enjoy!

Josephine

2nd VP Long Island ABATE

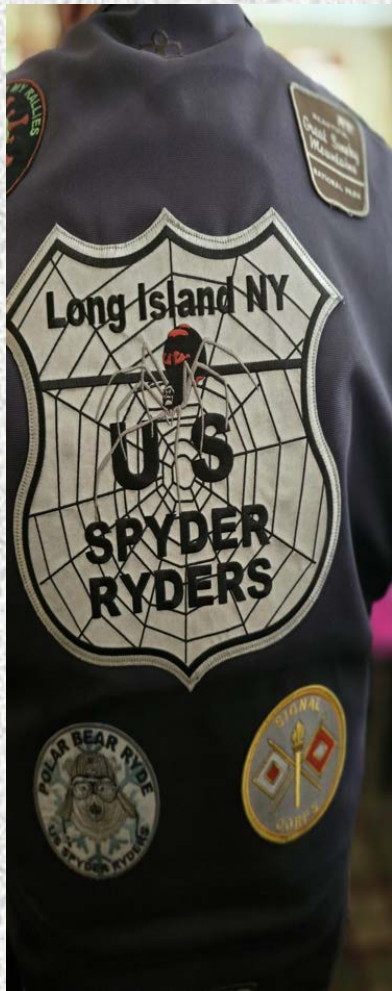




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6

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tell stories about the duck and the local Long Island history. People from all over the world stop by there to visit.

The Big Duck turns 95 this year. It is part of the U.S. National and New York State register of historic places. It also graced the cover of Long Island ABATE's motorcyclist handbook a few years ago.

So a little bit of history. In 1931, a Riverhead duck farmer Martin Maurer and his wife Jeule decided to construct a giant duck-shaped duck shop. They hoped to sell the Pekin ducks they raised to passing motorists who would surely be drawn to the striking form of a "big duck" along Riverhead's West Main Street. The Maurers envisioned this plan while vacationing in California, where they are known to have visited a roadside coffee shop shaped like a giant coffee pot.

Seeking local assistance, the Maurers hired carpenter George Reeve and two eccentric stage show set designers, brothers William and Samuel Collins. A live duck tied with a string to their porch served as a model for the Collins' design. Reeve studied the carcass of a cooked chicken in order to create a sturdy, bird-accurate frame-work for the building. Construction of the Big Duck had begun!

After the Big Duck's wooden frame had been pieced together, wire mesh was attached. Cement was applied to the wire mesh with the assistance of Smith and Yeager Builders. The Big Duck was painted a lovely bright white (save for the beak, of course, which was given its street-line orange color). The finishing touch was the placement of two Model-T taillights in the Big Duck's head for eyes that would glow red at night. The Big Duck in its entirety measures 30 feet from beak to perky tail, 15 feet from folded wing to folded wing, and 20 feet from its base to the top of its head. As duck farms in the 1930's were commonly known as duck ranches, Martin Maurer had his giant duck shop and business trademarked as The Big Duck Ranch. Inside the duck, there are some doors where you can take a peek to see the innards of the construction. Duck architecture is a term used now describing a role in shaping a visual and cultural landscape of roadside and commercial architecture. The Big Duck roosted at The Big Duck Ranch on West Main Street till 1936.

The Maurers had sold quite a few ducks from their unique shop and decided to relocate Big Duck and all, to Route 24 in Flanders. The Flanders community welcomed the Big Duck with open arms and have cherished it ever since. It moved again down the road closer to Sears Bellows County Park.

The Big Duck's popularity grew, (and continues to grow, steadily). When the land where the Big Duck rested was slated for development in 1987, Big Duck fans from all over joined Suffolk County in effort to preserve the Big Duck. The Big Duck's then current owners, Kia and Poursan Eshghi, generously donated the Big Duck to Suffolk County in December of 1987. The Big Duck was moved back to its current and final resting place on Flanders Road at The Big Duck Ranch. Honestly, you cannot miss it. Every year the Big Duck Lighting is held on the 1st Wednesday after Thanksgiving. It is a great event to come to and celebrate the holiday season.

The Big Duck is now open to the public as a museum and gift shop. It also serves as a tourist information center for the Long Island Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Nancy

Long Island ABATE Treasurer



HELP WANTED!



Long Island ABATE Needs Your Help.

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**TO ALL MEMBERS
WITH A BIRTHDAY**





WHY?

The other day, I was watching the news and saw a piece about a perceived accident on the William Floyd southbound bridge over Sunrise Hwy. The response by police and the Sheriff was amazingly quick. Come to find out later that the Sheriff was going to that spot for another emergency. The piece was about what I thought was an accident that actually a short fight, one punch, by someone who was wrong, when he accidentally tapped the car in front of him. Both drivers got out of their cars and words were exchanged (videos were in IG and we found them). The driver whose car was tapped was shouting and part of what he was saying was that he would sue the other driver, the one who was wrong. The other driver punched him in the face, and he hit the ground hard. Fight over. Then he, the driver who rearended the first car, went back to his car and drove around the other car

leaving the man on the ground as the Sheriff and SCPD rolled approached the situation. Watching the news the next day, the second driver was arrested. Why did it get to that?

We see a lot of road rage and angry driving. So many are rushing to a job they may not like or to a store that they are dreading going to. Some like to drive fast without any thought for others around them. Some are very distracted, texting, talking, eating, etc. BTW, there is a law in Suffolk County, as of June 5, 2025, that says that a policeman can give a ticket to anyone who only touches their phone at a red light or while driving. You don't have to be talking or texting. It's been a NYS law for a while. With the invention of bluetooth ear buds, cars that are bluetooth enabled to be used with a cell phone, and phones that have speakers on them with microphones... why do so many not use those things to talk to people and driver safer? Impatience is not the way to live. It causes anxiety, stress, and many health issues (many of you know what I mean). Friends, family...stop and think, and pay attention when you're riding or driving. Leave some space in front of you. Count to ten, or twenty, before reacting to any situation in this way. The other person may have a weapon. That fight could've been worse. There is a saying in the Bible that says we must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. Is it what anyone really desires? Please, stay calm, breathe, pray, then react. Your calm countenance may diffuse the other person(s) reaction.

If anyone wants talk about faith, needs to talk about something, needs advice, please feel free to contact me.

Ride safe always.

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MOTORCYCLISTS' RIGHTS ARE NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT

Every year, riders tell us how important motorcyclists' rights are. Their list is usually short:

- Profiling matters.
- Access matters.
- Fuel matters.
- Freedom matters.

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A Brain-Controlled Hearing Aid May Be On The Horizon

This Brain-Controlled Hearing Aid May Help Limit Background Noise

Trying to understand a conversation in a crowded place with background noise and overlapping voices isn't ideal for people with hearing loss. Dubbed the "cocktail party" problem, this challenging listening situation now has an intriguing solution—a study published in Nature Neuroscience found that a brain-controlled hearing aid/system may help.¹

A Smarter, Brain-Guided Approach

Since 2012, researchers have known that when an individual with normal hearing focuses on someone speaking, their brain produces a specific pattern of brain waves in the auditory cortex that tracks only that voice. This pattern of activity "gives us a signature," said Nima Mesgarani, author of the recent study. "We can look at someone's brain and decide, oh yeah, this is the source they want to listen to."

In the study, the scientists tested a brain-controlled hearing aid/system that decoded each participant's brain waves to determine which voice they wanted amplified. Their study subjects were four people with normal hearing who were hospitalized for epilepsy treatment.

Since the participants already had electrodes in their brains for treatment purposes, the team was able to track signals coming from their auditory cortex. They simulated a cocktail party at each participant's bedside using two loudspeakers, each playing a different conversation at the same volume, thereby making it impossible to understand either.

The researchers then turned on their brain-controlled hearing aid/system, which automatically changed the volume based on the individual's brain waves. If someone wanted to hear "conversation one," the system made it louder and everything else quieter, said Mesgarani.

The system was a success, correctly determining which conversation a participant wanted to hear 90% of the time.¹ In addition, their listening effort went down, and their comprehension improved.

Could this be the wave of the future for hearing aids? It's certainly a possibility and not all that far-fetched. Today's hearing aids are constantly evolving and improving based on the latest technology – now offering sound personalization with AI, noise reduction, easy Bluetooth® connectivity and innovative designs.

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¹ Hamilton, J. (2026). A brain-controlled system may help listeners with hearing loss cut through the noise. NPR, <https://www.npr.org/2026/05/14/nx-s1-5821161/brain-controlled-hearing-aids-cocktail-party-effect>

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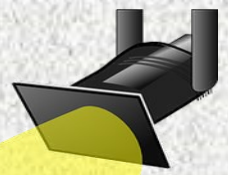
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2024 MRF leads Congressional Motorcycle Caucus "Ride To Work" on the streets of Washington DC to promote Motorcycle Awareness.

2024 MRF representatives officially appointed to the Federal Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC)

2023 Six MRF members selected to the "Community of Practice" groups, updating federal motorcycle safety guidelines.

2023 MRF meets with NTSB officials, discussing concerns over Autonomous Vehicles (AV) not recognizing motorcycles.

2022 U.S. House Passes H. Res 366 Motorcyclist Anti-Profilng Resolution

2022 Government funding bill includes language directing NHTSA to report back to Congress on activities and policies related to the profiling of bikers

2022 27 Members of Congress send letter to NHTSA seeking answers on recent crashes involving autonomous vehicles and motorcycles

2022 Inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame

2018 By unanimous consent, the U.S. Senate Passes S. Res 154 - Motorcyclist Anti-Profilng Resolution

2012 National Transportation Safety Board drops motorcyclists from "Top Ten" list

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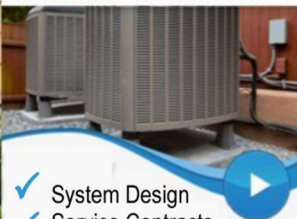
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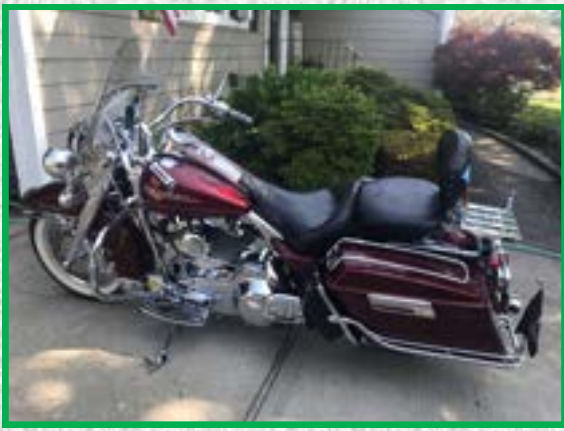
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