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SOUTHERN TIER ABATE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we start another year in New York State, it appears there is not much to look forward to. With rising gas prices, increases in taxes, new fees, fines, and job losses, one wonders when it will ever end. Although most of this is out of our control, there are things that we as a group can do to make things better for motorcyclist.

Keeping an eye on legislation and letting others know about it, increasing our membership, and being involved in local activities are just a few things that quickly come to mind.

ABATE has chosen not to increase membership fees and they will remain at \$25. However the percentage that was going back to the chapters has been suspended because of the lack of revenue coming into the state ABATE coffers. We as a chapter will have to pick up the difference in our own budget. We have chosen to have the GAS -O-RAMA again this year to help this problem. With that in mind please help get these tickets sold so it may be a success again this year. Also now that our website is running so well, we could use some advertisers. This will help offset the costs of the website and the ever-increasing newsletter. Shelly will be more than happy to help you with that.

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JANUARY 2011

Upcoming Events:

- * January 13th: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Meeting
American Legion Post 1194, Hillcrest
- * January 16th: New York State ABATE Seminar
The Treadway Inn, Owego
- * January 29th: Triple Cities Chopper Club Swap Meet
American Legion Post 89, Vestal
- * February 13th: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Meeting
With Special Guest Speaker—
Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo
American Legion Post 1194, Hillcrest

Check out our online calendar for bike runs, benefits, and more!

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No names submitted.

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WHAT IS A.B.A.T.E.

ABATE is an acronym for **American Bikers Aimed Towards Education**. We are a non-profit organization formed to promote and protect the interests of motorcyclists. We are a grassroots organization which provides information on federal, state, and local legislation affecting motorcyclists as well as providing social events for riders.

If you would like more information on **ABATE** you may write to:

Southern Tier ABATE
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CHAPTER MEETINGS

The Southern Tier Chapter of ABATE of NY meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at:

J. P. Mangan American Legion Post 1194
363 West Service Road
Hillcrest, NY 13901

Meetings start at 7:00pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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We have a new President for the State ABATE this year. Hopefully Tom Alton's enthusiasm will give ABATE the boost it needs to move forward.

The State ABATE seminar is Jan. 16th, at the Treadway Inn in Owego. All are welcome to come and participate in the educational seminar. On the 29th. Of January, Southern Tier ABATE will have a booth at the Triple Cities Chopper Club Swap Meet at the American Legion Post 89 in Vestal behind Kohls, on Jensen Rd. They have a full venue and maybe we'll get some new members.

At the February meeting we will be talking to Donna Lupardo about things in Albany and discussing issues we have concerns about. Got some input? Be there and share.

Your Leader Mick

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Currently we have 86 Members, that's steady from last month.

We had no new Members join us.

We had 1 renewal since last newsletter:

1. Charlie Lohmeyer {14 Yrs}

We thank you for your continued support.

If you know any of the following folks, gently remind them it's time to renew!

Members Past Due

1. Matt Knight {Sept}
2. Jim Chapin {Nov}
3. Dominick Langella {Nov}

Members due in January 2011

1. Meggan Hobart
2. Walt Huber
3. Steven Kizis
4. Steve Medovich
5. Mark Paugh
6. Steve Petrylak
7. Al Smith
8. Carl Squires

Members due in February 2011

1. Mick Brown
2. Andy Ellis
3. Regina Excell
4. Annette Goodwin
5. John Grosso

Please keep your membership current. Your membership is crucial to fight for our aims and purposes.

The state will only keep you on for 2 months after your membership card expiration date.

Good News, Bad News? The good news is, Mick informed me that the state will not be raising the Membership dues. The dues will still be \$25.00 for Full Members and \$20.00 for Associate Members. The bad news is that we will lose our \$5.00 kickback at the end of the year from the state. If you multiply that by 86 Members, that is \$430.00 that will not be going into our chapter treasury at the end of the year. That means we have to find other ways to make money so we can survive as a chapter. Mick has come up with some great ideas and is working on them. If anyone has any other way to make money for our chapter, please come to a meeting and speak up or you can email one of the officers. We have had tough financial times in the past and pulled through fine. I am confident we can still survive as a chapter without the \$5.00 kickback from the state.

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LIFE TERM MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

The Life Membership program consists on a one time payment based on the number of years the member has in the organization. Beginning with their 25th year they are automatically a Charter Life Member and dues are waived.

0-5 yrs Membership is \$400.00

6-10 yrs Membership is \$300.00

11-15 yrs Membership is \$200.00

In addition to all benefits of a full member the Life Member will receive: A Life Member patch, A distinctive Life Member card, and yearly pins.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

No report submitted.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

That is all I have for this month. Sorry I missed the last meeting but hope to be at the next. Think Spring and Ride Safe.

Hippie {Membership Chairman}

WEB SITE NEWS (ABATEOFSTNY.ORG)

Still in maintenance mode with the Web site. Hopefully once the semester is over, I can get to all those pictures you've been sending me.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Would you like to see the full-color version, save a tree, and save the Chapter postage in the process?

Then go to the Web site and tell me you don't need a paper copy any more! Under *About & Contact Southern Tier ABATE*, you can order the electronic version! I'll send you a colorful, fully interactive PDF version instead.

Associate Members in good standing are eligible for email delivery.

MINUTES FROM DECEMBER MEETING

December 9, 2010 – Start 7:11pm—12 members (including officers) attended.

TJ's report: Motion to waive reading of the minutes. . Motion to accept (mta) Mark, 2nd Shelly, motion passed

Corky reads Treasury Report. Year-end wrap-up: Savings account is dedicated to chapter campout and is self-supporting. The checking account should be a concern in the upcoming year. Even with some reduced or eliminated costs, the loss of the Membership rebate would still mean a potential loss. Resuming the gas raffle with slightly reduced prizes should help. Events need better attendance. It is probably time to increase the Lid Run cost to \$10. Wish everybody a happy holiday season! As you know, we do not report our balances in the newsletter to keep them from prying eyes. However, if any member wants information they may call Corky at 770 -7098. The books are also available for any member to look over. mta Penny, 2nd Mark, motion passed

Eric reads Membership Report: 86 members (same as last month), 0 new members, 0 renewals, 4 past due, 8 due to renew in January. I hope to see more Members at our chapter meetings. We have a lot to discuss in a short period of time. See updated report in *Membership Report* section. mta Jean, 2nd Tony, motion passed

Shelly reads Newsletter/Website Report. Newsletter went out. Web site in maintenance mode. Not much has been updated. The calendar is being maintained. What are the by-laws regarding newsletter publication schedule? See *Web Site News* for more details. mta Chrissy, 2nd Tony, motion passed

Steve was out of town for work and didn't submit a report. Penny introduced Federal issues listed in the November issue of *Motorcyclist Magazine*:

- * Excessive sound: exhaust can not be changed
- * Health Ins Discrimination: check your coverage regarding motorcycles. You may not be covered if hurt.
- * Gas Problem: ethanol causing fuel problems
- * Rider Education: make it mandatory cost taken from registration fees
- * Mandatory Helmet Law
- * Red-define what a motorcycle is
- * Lead ban: lead is put in plastics on ATVs
- * Performance & equipment Modification: emissions on bikes
- * Access to Public Lands: cut off the use of state land for recreational vehicles

mta N/A, 2nd N/A, no motion

Kenney reads Vice President's Report. Apologizes for being late. He is sorry that Donna can't make the meeting, but will attend February meeting. She is going to take on the helmet bill and motorcycle confiscation law. Thanks for everyone's support as he retires from board (round of applause for Kenney) mta Tony, 2nd Jean, motion passed

Mick reads President's Report (See *President's Report* section). He went to State Meeting and no one from our chapter showed up. Organization is a problem. The State wants to raise membership dues by \$5 and not rebate the chapters. The increase was voted down. Mick proposed that members have a choice of getting the State newsletter electronically and saving \$5. If you want the newsletter, pay full price. No one opposed the idea. State elections took place. New Central District Coordinator, Jerry Letson. Things will be fun! mta Shelly, 2nd Tony, motion passed

New business:

1. Fundraising
2. Advertisements: previously full page \$100/year and half page \$50/year
3. Cutting publication cycle in half: Kenney asks how often we are required to publish. We have to have minutes posted every month (12 months to be in good standing).
4. Triple Cities Chopper Club Swap Meet: January 29th. Do we want a booth (\$20)? We need volunteers to staff booth.
5. Kenney asks about making long sleeve shirts. Do we want them?
6. Cabin Fever Party: We need to get Legion booked. Band is Short Change (Mike DeBetta's band)

Old business:

1. Gas cards: we are starting them again with 500 tickets. 3 for \$5/1 for \$2. Drawing at Lid Run on August 13th. \$300/1st prize; \$150/2nd prize; \$50/3rd prize.

Motion to Adjourn. mta not recorded, 2nd not recorded, motion passed—Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

WEB SITE USAGE STATISTICS

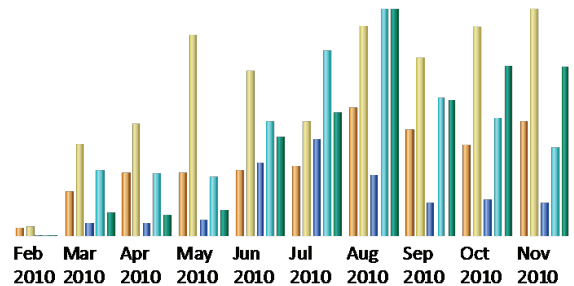
SUMMARY

Reported period	Month Nov 2010				
First visit	NA				
Last visit	30 Nov 2010 - 14:57				
	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Viewed traffic *	128	254 (1.98 visits/visitor)	1499 (5.9 Pages/Visit)	4020 (15.82 Hits/Visit)	183.12 MB (738.24 KB/Visit)
Not viewed traffic *			3434	4233	91.55 MB

* Not viewed traffic includes traffic generated by robots, worms, or replies with special HTTP status codes.

MONTHLY HISTORY

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2010	0	0	0	0	0
Feb 2010	8	9	12	12	35.27 KB
Mar 2010	49	102	562	2990	24.61 MB
Apr 2010	71	125	565	2871	22.16 MB
May 2010	71	225	706	2709	26.20 MB
Jun 2010	74	186	3312	5192	107.37 MB
Jul 2010	77	128	4430	8509	135.81 MB
Aug 2010	145	236	2797	10381	246.99 MB
Sep 2010	119	200	1494	6339	147.71 MB
Oct 2010	101	235	1640	5378	185.97 MB
Nov 2010	128	254	1499	4020	183.12 MB
Dec 2010	106	213	1932	3766	183.96 MB
Total	949	1913	18949	52167	1079.94 MB



CALENDAR VIEWS

25 views (563 all time views) as of December 1st.

HOW TO RESPOND AT CHECKPOINTS

ATTENTION POLICE

My attorney has advised me never to speak to law enforcement personnel under any circumstances.

I hereby assert my right to remain silent.

I DO NOT consent to answering any questions. Do not ask me any questions without my attorney present.

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I DO NOT consent to a search of my person

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Further detention requires probable cause or consent.

I DO NOT consent to being detained

If you conduct any unlawful search, detention, or other violation of my Rights (all of which I reserve), I intend to see that criminal charges are filed, and civil action instituted against you, to the greatest extent permitted by law.

**I WANT TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.
PLEASE ADVISE ME AS SOON AS
I AM FREE TO LEAVE.**

ONE DAY ONLY!

Motorcycle Swap Meet

SATURDAY
JAN. 29TH
10am-5pm



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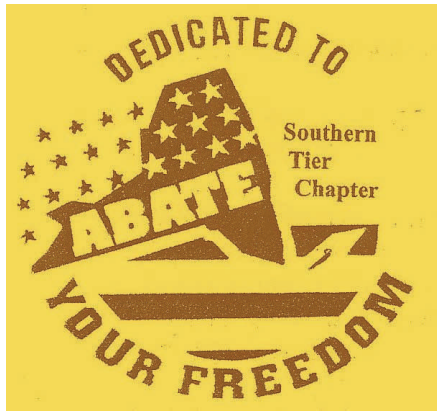
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Next Meeting: January 13th



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