

BIKER CIVIL WRITES

ABATE OF NYS, INC., SOUTHERN TIER CHAPTER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We shouldn't forget about the bills we tried to get passed in Albsny this year and the ones who didn't support them. There are changes coming in November be sure to show your appreciation by voting. There is an ABATE seminar on January the 14th at the Owego Treadway Inn and it promises to be better than all the past ones. We now have a new part of ABATE that opens more doors for us. The ABATE MAC is a c that can and has received money to spend on motorcycle awareness and mc Safety. We need to learn how we can put this money to work for us in making the roads a little safer for the motorcycle community. This

year will be a cutting edge for us as we get our feet wet at helping ABATE MAC reach the public. We need ideas to propose that can do such and I have seen at our meetings before, there are usually some food ides floating around that are just waiting to be heard. You all should plan to be there at the seminar to learn more about this. Ben Rabin attorney at law has generously elected to supply lunch for the lot of us, So not having lunch money is no excuse. The TCCC swap meet will be Feb 4th. This year at

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FEBRUARY 2012

Upcoming Events:

- * February 4th: Triple Cities Chopper Club — Swap Meet
American Legion Post 89
Vestal
- * February 9th: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Meeting
American Legion Post 1194
Hillcrest
- * March 8th: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Meeting
American Legion Post 1194
Hillcrest

Check out our online calendar for details on these events, bike runs, benefits, and more!

IN MEMORIAM

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. We are also committed to motorcycle safety supporting the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF)/New York State Motorcycle Safety Program (NYSMSF) which provides motorcycle safety training courses throughout New York State. Finally, we provide information about social events for riders.

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

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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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post 89 as it was last year. They have given us a booth free of charge, and promise all that this event will be one not to miss. They have acquired more space and are working on a full venue. For more information, please see the posters on our website.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Currently we have 105 Members. That is up 3 from last month of 102.

We had 2 new Members join us.

1. Steve Ippolitti
2. Bill Chapman

Welcome aboard new Members!

We had 7 Members renew.

1. John Carr {11yrs}
2. Mike Debetta {19 yrs}
3. Corky Edwards {21 yrs}
4. "Frog" {4 yrs}
5. Donna Lupardo {14 yrs}
6. Penny McKay {10 yrs}
7. Georgiana Nickerson {5 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. Alicia Chapin {July}
2. Tina Hamrick {July}
3. Rob Mock III {July}
4. Corky Clark {August}
5. Rich Fetterolf {August}
6. Edward Miller {August}
7. Paula Pudiak {August}
8. Ed Snyder {August}
9. Mary Snyder {August}
10. Mike Semcho {September}
11. Jerry Coletti {October}
12. Amy Cook {October}
13. Steven Cook {October}
14. Pearl "Singing" Skywolf {October}
15. Douglas "Butch" Thurber {October}

Members due in November 2011

1. Barb Gebo
2. Charlie Loymeyer
3. Paul Rurka
4. Bonnie Stevens
5. Donnie Stevens

No Members due in December 2011

Members due in January 2012

1. Steve Petrylak
2. Al Smith
3. Carl Squires

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.

We are sorry that we haven't had an updated Membership Report from the State. They are having significant problems that are taking longer to resolve than originally expected. We will update you when we get new information.

Take care and Ride Safe.

Hippie {Membership Chairman}

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 receives: A Life Member patch, A distinctive Life Member card, and yearly pins.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello my brothers and sisters,

I have concerns with changing the Halloween Party. We should check out the 3rd and 4th week of September for a Fall or veterans run.

Corky

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

No report submitted

NEWSLETTER/WEB SITE NEWS (ABATEOFSTNY.ORG)

Our Welcome page has been cleaned up. Figured it was time to remove some old news.

On our Legislative Activity page you can find an email from James Hendrix, Monroe County Legislative Coordinator regarding the current bills before Assembly and Senate. Go check out what on their agendas.

Finally, the Lid Run page has been updated for this year. We don't have all the details yet, but will continue to update the page as we get them.

How can you help? Find your inner writer and contribute an article. Tell us about your motorcycle trip. Describe a great motorcycle destination or museum. Share your motorcycle memories with us and see them printed in the newsletter and posted on the Web site!

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 JANUARY MEETING

January 12th, 2012 – Start 7:13pm—20 members (including officers) attended.

TJ reading Secretary Report waived. Motion to accept (mta) Shelly, 2nd John C., motion passed

Toni reads Treasury Report. 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 Toni at 743-9556.

The books are also available for any member to look over. mta John, 2nd Cathy, motion passed

Eric Membership Report. He is Absent this month. 105 members. See *Membership Report*.

Shelly reads Newsletter/Website Report. She's very busy this semester and hasn't been able to do much updating. I have added a new form/page updated site. See *Web Site News*. mta Jean, 2nd Jerry, motion passed

Legislative Report. Steve said there will be a meeting this Saturday. Prospector is working on an anti-profiling bill with Donna Lepardo. We also got an invitation to Libous fundraiser event for \$300.00 a ticket. mta Roger, 2nd Jerry, motion passed

Corky reads Vice President report. See *Vice President's Report*. mta Ron, 2nd Chris, motion passed

Mick reads President's Report. See *President's Report*. mta Howie, 2nd Ron, motion passed

New Business:

1. They will be going over the By-laws any recommendations to changing them should be submitted before the meeting. We should check out the 3rd or 4th week in September for a motorcycle run.
2. Mick suggested that it would be nice to have a public relations person for our chapter. Two people come to mind; just getting them to accept.
3. We are discussing having our parties @ another location like a bar and it will give us the opportunity to invite new members in.

Old Business:

1. We will be running the Gas-O-Rama tickets again this year.

Motion to Adjourn—John, 2nd Penny, motion passed—Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

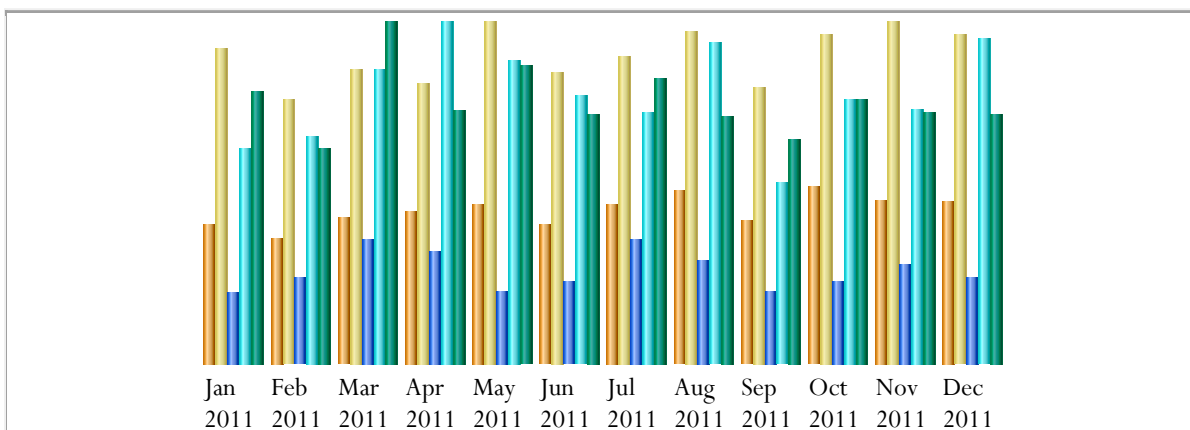
WEB SITE USAGE STATISTICS

SUMMARY

Reported period	Month Dec 2011				
First visit	01 Dec 2011 - 06:06				
Last visit	31 Dec 2011 - 21:01				
	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Viewed traffic *	140	284 (2.02 visits/visitor)	1649 (5.8 Pages/Visit)	6250 (22 Hits/Visit)	199.04 MB (717.65 KB/Visit)
Not viewed traffic *			20955	21926	832.94 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 2011	121	274	1370	4153	217.39 MB
Feb 2011	110	227	1620	4381	170.81 MB
Mar 2011	125	255	2410	5693	271.94 MB
Apr 2011	132	242	2169	6588	201.57 MB
May 2011	139	296	1397	5866	236.28 MB
Jun 2011	120	253	1556	5124	199.22 MB
Jul 2011	139	267	2414	4852	226.76 MB
Aug 2011	148	289	1996	6160	197.72 MB
Sep 2011	122	239	1401	3449	178.49 MB
Oct 2011	152	286	1602	5090	211.03 MB
Nov 2011	142	296	1914	4906	199.92 MB
Dec 2011	140	284	1649	6250	199.04 MB
Total	1590	3208	21498	62512	2.45 GB

CALENDAR VIEWS

37 views by public visitors (1167 all-time views)

LEGISLATION WE SUPPORT

BILL NO S01338 [No same as]
SPONSOR DILAN
COSPNSR DIAZ, HASSELL-THOMPSON

Amd S423-a, V & T L

Provides that ownership of unidentifiable part in identifiable motorcycle, other than a stolen motorcycle shall be returned to such owner, provided that department has made findings such owner had no knowledge part was unidentifiable and that owner wasn't responsible nor acted in concert to render such part unidentifiable; provides that a department investigation shall take place within thirty days after seizure of motorcycle; and requires commissioner to establish criteria to determine whether motorcycle shall be confiscated, seized or impounded and also to establish a system to ensure return of motorcycles to owners in undamaged condition.

Status: 01/06/2011 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION

Bill Text:

Text not available

BILL NO S01184 [No same as]
SPONSOR PARKER
COSPNSR MAZIARZ

Amd S502, V & T L

Requires five hour pre-licensing course to include a motorcycle awareness and safety component, and the driver's license examination to include two questions concerning motorcycle awareness and safety.

Status:

01/05/2011 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION

Bill Text:

Text not available

Information provided by:

<http://www.newyorkfreedomriders.com>

New York Freedom Riders

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MEMBER'S STORIES—MIKE DeBETTA

This year I myself will celebrate a milestone of sorts as I will be a licensed for two wheels now for 40 years. Wow where did that time go?

Case in point: riding motorcycles back in 70's and 80's were an awesome time to be a rider. Everyone respected one another and everyone waved to each other in passing. If you broke down somewhere everyone stopped to offer a hand. Crews of bikers all wore leathers and protective gear. I never saw a pair of shorts or muscle shirt on a motorcycle till about 10 or 15 years ago.

When we traveled on road trips - we camped out in tents as the Holiday Inn Express* wasn't in the cards back then. When the weather was foul or winter time, we loaded up the scoots in our Ford and Chevy vans and headed south towards Georgia to park, unload, and ride down to Bike Week. Yep those were days before the hot rod, 100+ cubic inch monsters came out and all you had to work with was either a Shovel Head or an early Evo. Add an S&S carb and some drag pipes and you had it going on.

The point I'm trying to make here is: in those days nobody cared how loud you were in that 5 seconds as you drove pass someone's house and they didn't care what type of brain bucket you wore either. We all rode together and we all got home in one piece. Today everyone's a Do-Gooder! They are going to make you wear a helmet you don't like and make you have pipes that are so quiet that a vacuum cleaner at a car wash would drown you out.

The question has always been about lives and safety. What's changed now is Big Brother will make these choices for you because they feel they know the better way - FOR YOU... What many agencies do not realize is as the price of gas sky rockets as did the sales of Bikes. Many people assume that there is an a** for every seat cover and feel when they purchase their new machine they do not even need a license or training to operate it.

As far as safety is concerned, here is my take: Every year we bring our bikes to a qualified NYS inspector and pay money to obtain an inspection sticker to meet the safety guidelines. I need a road check to achieve this very task? I think not! Unless you're pulling me over to do an oil change on my scoot, leave me the **** alone.

Remember, like I stated earlier, as gas prices increase, people buy motorcycles to save on gas. As bike sales go up so do the fatalities. It has done just that every single gas issue occurrence we have had since 1979. More people riding, more people get hurt! Do the numbers. So as you take on the 2012 riding year in stride, remember to gear up correctly and be legal! Look like you deserve to ride a motorcycle, drive like an adult, and you'll be just fine. I went back to riding with my first real 3/4 face helmet I bought back in '73. Deal with it... And as I close here, welcome to the 2012 season my brothers and sisters! Ride safe! —Very truly yours, Mikee Dee

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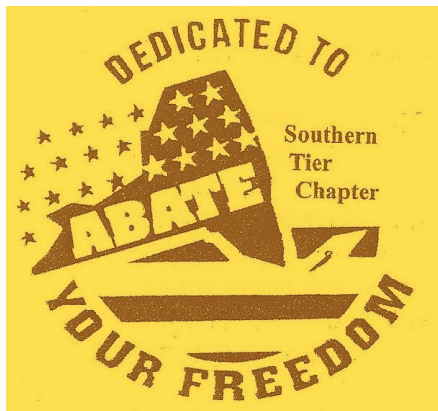
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