

# BIKER CIVIL WRITES

ABATE OF NEW YORK STATE, INC., SOUTHERN TIER CHAPTER

## IN MEMORIAM

### Andrew “Andy” Ellis (1959—2016)

Andrew Ellis, 57, of Binghamton went to be with his Lord on January 5, 2016. He is predeceased by his mother, Agnes Ellis. He is survived by his father, William Ellis of Johnson City; one sister and brother-in-law, Jackie and Charles Johnston of Apalachin; as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousin.

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#### FEBRUARY 2016

##### Upcoming Events:

- \* February 11<sup>th</sup>: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Meeting  
American Legion Post 1194  
Hillcrest
- \* February 20<sup>th</sup>: State ABATE Chapter Meeting  
American Legion Post 92  
8083 Rt 20  
Waterville, NY

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

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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 (NYSMSP) 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:

Southern Tier ABATE  
PO Box 2441  
Binghamton, NY 13902

**CHAPTER MEETINGS**

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

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

Meetings start at 7:00pm.

**MINUTES FROM JANUARY MEETING**

January 14, 2016 – Start 7:05pm—9 members (including officers) attended.

**TJ** — Secretary Report. Minutes waived. Motion to accept (mta) Kenney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Howie, motion passed

**Toni** — Treasury Report. We do not report our balances in the newsletter to maintain confidentiality. 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) Howie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony, motion passed

**Mark** — Membership Report. Mark absent; report submitted. See *Membership Report*. (mta) Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kenney, motion passed.

**Shelly** — Newsletter Editor Report. Newsletter went to printer. Penny sent an email about a Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run honoring Vietnam Veterans. A video is on the website. (mta) Toni, 2<sup>nd</sup> Howie, motion passed

**Steve** — No report. (mta) Tony, 2<sup>nd</sup> Howie, motion passed.

**Kenney** — No report. (mta) Tony, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve, motion passed.

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**We had no Members renew.**

**We had 3 renewals**

- 1) John McKenzie {19 yrs}
- 2) Paul Rurka {12 yrs}
- 3) Carl Squires {8 yrs}

**Thank you for your continued support.**

Currently we have 48 Members. That is up 1 from two months ago.

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

*Members Past Due*

- 1) None

*Members due in January 2016*

- 1) Eric Lenga {15 yrs}
- 2) Steve Petrylak {8 yrs}
- 3) Christina Voloshen {13 yrs}

*Members due in February 2016*

- 1) Tim Columbia {4 yrs}

*Members due in March 2016*

- 1) Howard H Bickham Jr {1 yr}
- 2) Josh J Bickham {1 yr}
- 3) Bob Bullock {23 yrs}
- 4) Abdullah Hakeem {1 yr}
- 5) Michael J Philpott {1 yr}

Please keep your membership current. It is crucial to fight for our aims and purposes. We will only keep you on for 2 months after your membership card expiration date.

**Life Term Members:**

- 1) John H. Day Jr. {13 yrs}
- 2) Tony DeWan {15 yrs}
- 3) Donald "Corky" Edwards {25 yrs}
- 4) Steve Faughnan {17 yrs}
- 5) Sid Gyles {15 yrs}
- 6) Ronald R Jones {18 yrs}

\*Membership anniversary

## 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 full-member benefits a Life Member receives: Life Member patch, distinctive Life Member card, & yearly pins.

## MINUTES FROM JANUARY MEETING

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**Corky** — State chapter Annual Business Seminar at Owego Treadway on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:15 am—3:30 pm. State elections held November 21<sup>st</sup>. Proposed By-laws changes (can be found on State website.) Big Deb Matson Forever membership is fixed. TCCC Swap Meet is on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Do we want a booth? Birthday Bash at Davys on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. (mta) Kenney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony, motion passed.

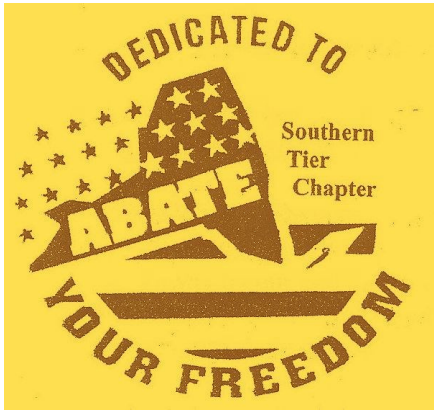
**New Business:**

Kenney suggests we have a Cabin Fever Party. Hillcrest Legion available April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

No old business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.



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**Next Meeting: February 11, 2016**

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WALKER VALLEY, NY 12588-0300**

- Full Membership \$25 per year:** includes membership packet, newsletter, all benefits in accordance with the State by-laws
- Associate Membership \$20 per year:** includes the same benefits as a Full Member except no newsletter
- Member-at-Large \$25 per year:** includes all the benefits as a Full Member (cross out chapter below)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Southern Tier

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email newsletter  Yes  No Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment  Cash  Check  Credit Card:  VISA  Master Card

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Card Expiration Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Signature authorizing charge \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to comply with ABATE of New York State, Inc. by-laws:

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

New member  Renewal Member # \_\_\_\_\_—Signed by \_\_\_\_\_

**ABATE of New York, Inc. Membership Receipt**

Membership term \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  Full  Associate  Member-at-Large (cross out chapter below)

Chapter Southern Tier Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Retain this receipt as proof of application and payment. May be used as temporary proof of membership.