

BIKER CIVIL WRITES

ABATE OF NYS, INC., SOUTHERN TIER CHAPTER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (MARCH)

A month has gone by since I had to step down from my duties as President of Southern Tier ABATE. I know it was abrupt and of that I apologize. I had a doctor's appointment earlier that day and the news was nothing like I expected. It was obvious that I will not be doing anything for sometime except fighting the cancer I have in my throat. Although my doctor claimed to be on top of things, it had gotten very aggressive.

The hardest thing for me to do was to admit to you, my friends just how bad it was and what I had to do.

I will be out on Radiation and Chemo Safari for a couple of months and then several months of recovery. After all is done, I would like to come back to finish my term as President if the chapter is good with that. In the meantime, Corky will be running things and I hope you give him the full

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APRIL/MAY 2012

Upcoming Events:

- * May 10th: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Meeting
American Legion Post 1194 Hillcrest
- * June 14th: 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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support that you have given me. We have a good group of members and outstanding officers that make us one of the better chapters. With me being out of the picture, I encourage the membership to help the officers in handling things to keep it running smoothly. We have a financial burden that we need to stay on top of so we can have good parties and functions, as well as carrying out our commitment to Freedom of the Road and supporting Motorcycle Safety.

Thank you all. Mick Brown

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Currently we have 94 Members. That is up 4 from last month of 90.

We had 3 new Member join us.

- 1- Kevin "Homer" Byington
- 2- Jeff Strubing
- 3- Jason Prine

Welcome aboard new members

We had 3 Members renew.

- 1- Mike Semcho {3 yrs}
- 2- Annette Goodwin {3 yrs}
- 3- Carl Squires {4 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- Charlie Loyhmeyer {Nov}
- 2- Bonnie Stevens {Nov}
- 3- Donnie Stevens {Nov}
- 4- Steve Petrylak {Jan}
- 5- Jerry Boushie {Feb}
- 6- Regina Excell {Feb}
- 7- Mary Yenik Jones {Feb}
- 8- Desi Meachum {Feb}

Members due in March 2012

- 1- Bob Bullock
- 2- Steve Medovich
- 3- Paul Salvo Thorne
- 4- Todd Woodburn

Members due in April 2012

- 1- Kathleen Freeman
- 2- Mark Giannicchi
- 3- John Grosso
- 4- George Kilpatrick
- 5- Steven Kizis
- 6- Don Lantz Jr.
- 7- Dana Woodruff

Members due in May 2012

- 1- Gunnar Cox
- 2- John Day Jr.
- 3- Andy Ellis
- 4- Roger Fahling
- 5- Jim Fitzsimmons
- 6- Tammy Franklin
- 7- TJ Giannicchi
- 8- Philip Marshall

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.

Hello fellow riders if anyone has any questions concerning memberships please contact me. We have been having a pretty good turnout at the meetings. I hope to see more members attending. Ride Safe and be aware what is going on around you when you ride. Thanks.

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

I hope you have been enjoying the good weather, my brothers and sisters. As I have mentioned in the past I don't really communicate with Mick a whole lot to allow him his privacy and the ability to heal quietly. From what little I do know he is doing ok and hopefully will be back with us as soon as possible.

Now on with ABATE business. We tried something different with our Cabin Fever Party this year. We moved the party to a bar and split the cost of the band hoping to relieve some financial responsibilities. Unfortunately, it did not work out that way and we ended up losing some money on the event. So we are looking for new ideas on keeping ourselves financially solvent. If ya got any idea please share them with us.

As long as I am rattling on about money, we are looking to get some sponsors back in our newsletter. Shelly and Toni are working on pricing now for those ads and it should be settled shortly. So if you know of a business that might be willing to help support the motorcycle rights movement ya could ask if they might be interested.

Our brother, Roger Faling, has been working up some rides for us on weekends and hopefully they will be starting soon. Anyone else with a nice safe ride in mind by all means please speak up. If you like it, most likely the rest of us will too.

Thank you to all that have turned in gas raffle tickets and cash. To the rest of ya just keep plugging away and get them to me when ya can. It will be drawn the day of the LID Run which is August 11, 2012. We have time but we do need to work on it constantly.

Finally, my daughter Shannon gave birth to my 2nd grandson on April 3. His name is Isaac Kenneth. So naturally I put the initials together and came up with the nickname, Icky. He fits in the saddlebag nicely.

You all enjoy yourselves and ride safe.

Corky

NEWSLETTER/WEB SITE NEWS (ABATEOFSTNY.ORG)

So our new and exciting news is there has been an upgrade to our Calendar Web site. We can now post images. This means if you have a poster of your event, you can send me a picture that can be viewed from inside our calendar!

We can also link to files. One event promoter sent me a PDF containing links. I was able to generate a picture for posting and then linked the original PDF to the picture.

Actively promote your event!

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 MARCH MEETING

March 8 2012 – Start 7:12pm—18 members (including officers) attended.

TJ reading Secretary Report waived. Motion to accept (mta) tony, 2nd Ron., 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 Mike 2nd John motion passed

Eric reads Membership Report. 90 Members, 0 new, and 6 renewals. Mta Jerry, 2nd Mark See *Membership Report*.

Shelly absent for March's meeting. No report

Steve Legislative Report. Was to have meeting with Mr. Crouch but he was away and we met with his aid instead which went well. The HR 904 we are in favor of this bill and we need your vote, please send an email to you representative and vote yes. MTA Jerry, 2nd Mark

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

Corky reads President's Report. See *President's Report*. mta Howie, 2nd John motion passed

New Business:

1. Gas-O-Rama tickets are ready for all those who care to help sell them. See Corky or at meeting for pickup
2. Cabin Fever party will be held March 24th @ Davy's.

Old Business:

Motion to Adjourn—John, 2nd Mark motion passed—Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

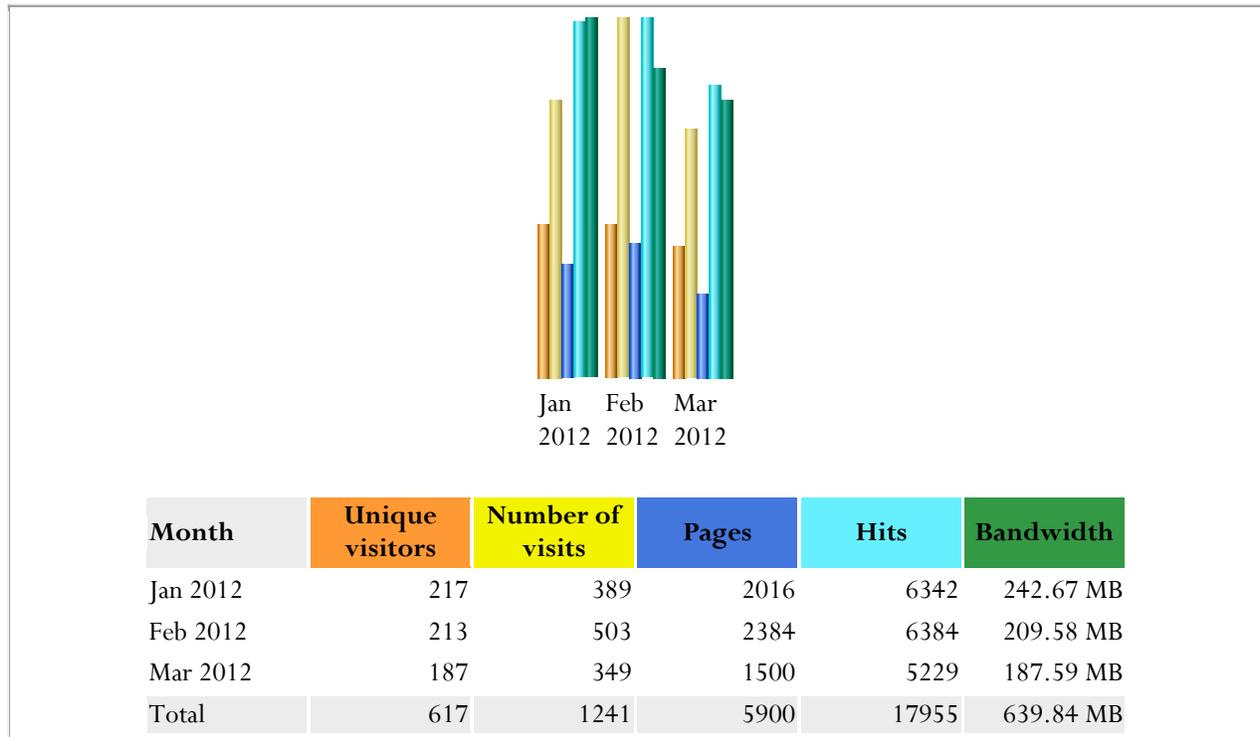
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SUMMARY

Reported period	Month Mar 2012				
First visit	01 Mar 2012 - 00:08				
Last visit	31 Mar 2012 - 21:13				
	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Viewed traffic *	187	349 (1.86 visits/visitor)	1500 (4.29 Pages/Visit)	5229 (14.98 Hits/Visit)	187.59 MB (550.4 KB/Visit)
Not viewed traffic *			39752	40786	1.37 GB

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

MONTHLY HISTORY



CALENDAR VIEWS

43 (February) and 41 (March) views by public visitors (1304 all-time views)

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Hi all. With all of the great weather we've had I hope you have all gotten a chance to get on your scoots and ride. As always, watch out for sand on the roads and the cadgers who don't see you!

I had an appointment with Cliff Crouch that unfortunately he was unable to attend. Corky and I met with his legislative aide instead. (This is almost as good as meeting with the Rep. because these aides do a lot of the leg work on legislation.) She was very attentive to our concerns and the bills that we want to see passed. We thanked her for Crouch's support on the Confiscation Bill which passed the Assembly in February. (The challenge now is to light a fire under Tom Libous' butt to get this bill to the floor of the Senate.) Hopefully, this will be coming soon because they actually have another budget bill that looks like it will get passed before the April 1st deadline. Two years in a row! Must have something to do with the new Governor. Whether you like him or not, he is getting things done in New York for the first time in quite a while.

Corky and I met with our friend (and S/T ABATE member) Donna Lupardo. Since she is a sponsor on most of our bills, I decided to ask her what was going on with these bills. We talked about the anti-profiling bill that she's been working on writing with Prospector. This is one more way we are trying to end the motorcycle only stops. She is interested in when we will be meeting with Libous. I haven't received a reply from him regarding an appointment but he seems to like meeting with us the day of the Freedom Rally, which is May 21st this year. She would like to be a part of this meeting and I'm hoping that we can gain a bit more influence by having her present.

Don't forget, I still have raffle tickets for the bobber motorcycle that ABATE MAC is selling as a fundraiser. ABATE MAC has received a federal grant for motorcycle safety but we have to come up with matching funds in order to receive it. Tickets are only \$5 each. See me, call or I'll see you at the next meeting.

STEVE



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MINUTES FROM APRIL MEETING

April 12, 2012 – Start 7:17pm—20 members (including officers) attended.

TJ reading Secretary Report waived. Motion to accept (mta) Chrissy, 2nd Chris P. 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 Jean 2nd Marc, motion passed

Eric reads Membership Report. 94 Members, 3 new members and 3 renewals. Mta Jean, 2nd Tony See *Membership Report*.

Shelly reads Newsletter/Website Report. I apologize for the delay in last months newsletter. I have been very busy this semester and I also have done some updating on our website. Please if you have email send me your address and I will send your newsletter via the email. mta Mark, 2nd Kenny, motion passed

Steve reads Legislative Report. Met with Donna Lepardo and she would like to attend our meeting with Mr. Libous. mta John, 2nd Chrissy, motion passed

Corky reads Vice President report. We attended the district meeting last week asking about financing and they suggest we cut newsletter to every other month. Kenny stated we are required to have a newsletter once a month according to bi-laws. mta Kenny, 2nd John, motion passed

Corky reads President's Report. Cabin fever party was a wash maybe 15 members attended. We have our meetings at the legion and we should have our parties here also. mta John, 2nd Mark, motion passed

New Business:

1. Roger has mapped out a nice ride for all to attend contact him by cell 321-1588 or email rogfaling1@aol.com
2. John Mckenzie stated that there is a bad intersection of road located at 38b and maple Dr. Very dangerous be careful.
3. Toni suggested that each member solicit a business to advertise in our newsletter this will promote money for newsletter publication.
4. May 21st Freedom Rally —ride up Sunday 20th meet at Ames plaza on Front St. 12 noon

Old Business:

1. We will be running the Gas-O-Rama tickets again this year. Please help support you chapter by selling some of these tickets.

Motion to Adjourn—John, 2nd Kenny, motion passed—Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

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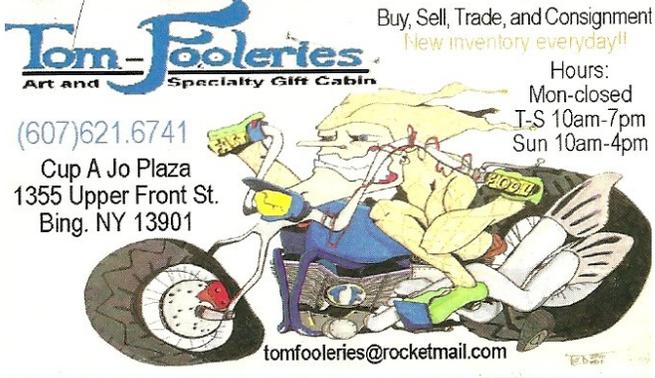
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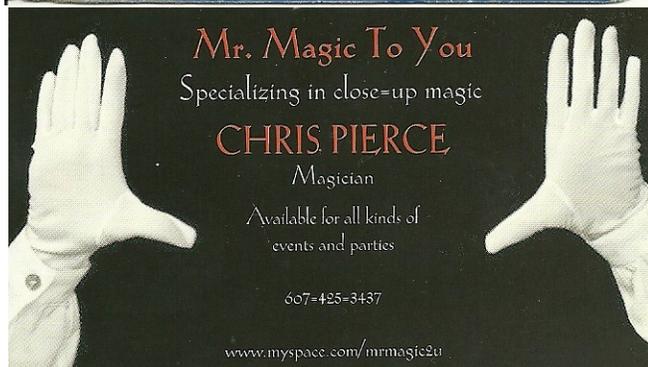
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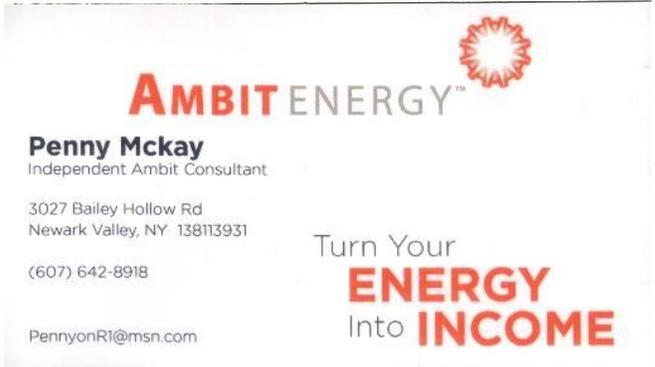
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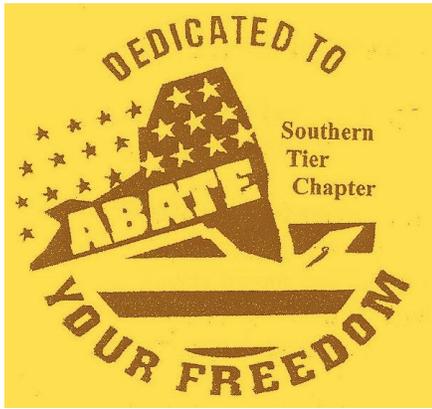


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