

BIKER CIVIL WRITES

SOUTHERN TIER ABATE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope you all have taken some gas raffle cards and are getting them out there. The money we make from this raffle will help us in our future projects. If you haven't gotten some yet see Corky, he'll be glad to get them to ya.

The State DMV is rewriting their Driver Education Program this year. Thanks to Suzy Q, we have been invited to help with this endeavor. This is a big step in getting the recognition we need to make a change in NYS's laws. The more we become involved, the more credibility ABATE will gain in the eyes of our legislatures. Suzy is also working on the grants for ABATE to start our Safety Program which will be a copy of what Iowa ABATE has done.

The governor's report for motorcycle fatalities for '09 is down by 15%. Although the police would like to take credit for that number by claiming their illegal roadblocks are helping, I do believe that the failing economy and the traveling out of state (PA) are more realistic reasons. Of course the harassment by police has encouraged people to travel out of state so maybe they should take some credit.

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JUNE 2010

Upcoming Events:

- * July 8th: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Meeting
American Legion Post 1194
- * July 10th: Southern Tier Chapter Party
Steve's house
- * July 18th: Codger Run
- * July 24th: 2nd Annual Poker Run to Stop Hunger
American Legion Riders Post 1194

Check out our online calendar!

IN MEMORIAM

Tyler R. Brown, 28, of Apalachin passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at Wilson Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his parents, Donald (Mick) and Cathy Brown, Binghamton; one brother and sister in law, Neal and Susan Brown, Apalachin; 2 nieces, Lucianna and Lydia Brown, Apalachin; his paternal grandparents, Donald I. and Lorraine Brown, Apalachin; his maternal grandmother, Claire Hendrickson, Binghamton; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Tyler (The Great Hunter) was always there for his friends. We love you and will miss you.

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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
PO Box 2441
Binghamton, NY 13902

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.

A SPECIAL THANKS!

As most of you know by now, my 28 yr. old son, Tyler R. Brown, passed away unexpectedly June 15th. He was a great mechanic, loved 4x4s, motorcycles, and ATVs. He was an easy person to get acquainted with. He loved to talk, joke, and would help anybody at a drop of a hat.

will be missed by so many.

Although he was a handful growing up, there's a lot to smile about as we look back on the years. Thank you all again for being there!

Mick & Kate Brown

We would like to thank all our ABATE family for your friendship and sympathy in our time of sorrow. It was a comfort knowing how many friends had us in their hearts. The cards and stories that came in only confirmed just what a character our son really was, and how much he

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Currently we have 72 Members, up 1 from last month of 71. We had no new Members in June.

Be it known that you can still renew your membership at any time. Please come back with as soon as possible to help fight for our rights. We miss you.

We had 3 renewals in June:

1. Steve Faughnan {Life Member}
2. Candy Spacek {12 years}
3. Meggan Hobart {9 years}

We thank you for your continued support. Congratulations to Steve for becoming a Life Member.

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

Members Past Due

1. Mark Callahan {April}
2. Christopher Eggleston {May}
3. Jim Fitzsimmons {May}

Members due in June 2010

1. Ron Aton
2. James (Packrat) Bates
3. Mark Beebe
4. Kenney Gardner
5. Sid Gyles
6. Shelly Hinton
7. Debora Moochler
8. Edward J Vandermark

Members due in July 2010

1. John Carr
2. Jean Dewan
3. Tony Dewan
4. Brian Gage

5. William Hohn
6. Eric Lenga
7. Donna Lupardo
8. John Mckenzie
9. Rob Mock
10. Georgiana Nickerson
11. Diana Pellegrino
12. Christina Voloshen

Members due in August 2010

1. Rich Fetterolf
2. Sara Fizsimmons
3. Dan Hartman
4. Toni Jamieson
5. Edward Miller
6. Ed Snyder
7. Mary Snyder
8. David Stone
9. Karen Stone

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.

That is all I have for this month. I hope to see more Members at the meetings and at the chapter party at Steve's on Saturday, July 10th.

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

Hi all. I hope you're getting in all of the riding you can. The weather this year has been unbelievable; nice enough that I hardly know what my truck looks like!

As you probably know, the budget in Albany is still not done. Once again, our elected representatives are more interested in bickering than doing their jobs. Petty squabbles and power grabs are the rule, with New York City reps holding the rest of the state hostage. The governor has at least been trying to accomplish something. He has been forcing his budget proposals down their throats by including his proposals in his budget extender bills. They are forced to approve his ideas or shut down the state government. He has one more extender to do (this Monday, June 28th). It will include some of the most ridiculous tax and fee increases you have ever seen. But he has no choice, the rest of our "representatives" either can't or won't reach a compromise. I remember when we complained about the "three men in a room" form of government we used to have. Now it's just the governor doing it alone. Does anyone feel like they are living in a democracy anymore?

This complete dislocation with reality has only reinforced what I have been pushing for the last couple of meetings. If you are registered to vote, you need to go to the polls this November. Every elected office in NYS government and all of our federal representatives are up for re-election this year. This won't happen again for another 60 years. It is time for YOU to take back control of YOUR government. The only way that you can do this is to vote. I've heard all of the arguments about why people don't vote and they are all lies. YOUR ONE VOTE DOES COUNT! Look at all of the recent local elections, school budget votes, Johnson City dissolution, etc. that have been decided by one or two votes.

They say that all politics is local. It's true. Whatever level of government is making decisions, the effects are felt locally. Now we will reverse this idea and make sure that local policies rule our government, the way that the framers of the Constitution intended.

If you are not registered to vote, please do so. I have registration forms and will help you fill them out. They can be mailed in, so you don't even have to go downtown to register. I keep them with me just about all of the time, so anytime you see me, please ask. Or better yet, come to the next meeting, July 8th and we'll do it then.

On a happier note, the S/T Chapter party is July 10th at my house. BYOB and your tent. We will provide food, soda, water, music, and of course, Hippie and Mark's fireworks extravaganza.

"...that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom-and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth." A. Lincoln

VOTE!!

WEB SITE NEWS (ABATEOFSTNY.ORG)

The following updates were made:

1. Updated Welcome Page with Ride to Work Day and Gas-O-Rama ticket information.
2. Added the Yellow Pages listings
3. Added the ABATE's Accomplishments page
4. Updated the About page regarding not just the "helmet guys"
5. Added Add Calendar Event Request form

I contacted the AMA about

miscategorized petitions. If you know which legislators generated this problem, they would like to know.

Finally, my apologies for missing some items in the minutes. I tried my best to keep up. Also for not getting the newsletter out sooner. The end of the semester is always busy and no one sent me their reports. Normally I would have bugged everybody sooner.

Still looking for pictures! Once the semester ends, I will upload some I have to get started.

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 JUNE MEETING

No official report was submitted.

WEB SITE USAGE STATISTICS

Summary

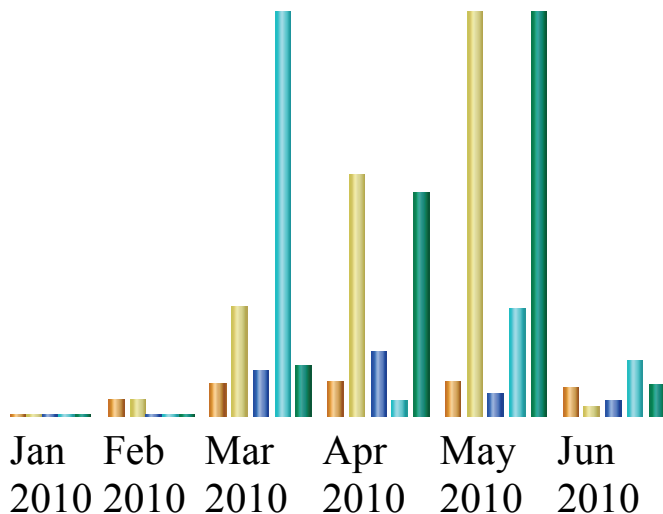
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Not viewed traffic *			754	1104	11.96 MB

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

Since we haven't tracked this before, I'm including the historical summary also.

Monthly history

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2010	0	0	0	0	0
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Apr 2010	71	125	565	2871	22.16 MB
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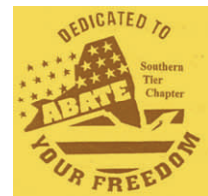
SOUTHERN TIER CHAPTER ABATE SUMMER PARTY

JULY 10, 2010
starting at noon
at Steve's farm

363 South St., Chenango Forks, NY



Food, water, & soda provided by



Don't forget the famous fireworks show!



BYOB

Bring your tent and stay the night



Directions

From Davy's: Take Route 79 West towards Whitney Point 4.5 miles. Turn right on South St. 1.5 miles. House is on the left.

From Whitney Point: Take Route 79 East towards Chenango Forks 5 miles. Turn left on South St. 1.5 miles. House is on the left.

From Route 206 (in Triangle): Take South St. 5.5 miles. House is on the right.

From Binghamton: Take I81 North to Exit 7 Castle Creek. Turn right on US 11 North 4.1 miles. Turn right on Barker Hill Rd. 1 mile. Turn right Route 79 East 1.2 miles. Turn left on South St. 1.5 miles. House is on the left.

LID RUN

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT HELMETS ANYMORE!

AUGUST 14, 2010

**IT'S ABOUT N.Y. STATE RAIDING FUNDS
DEDICATED TO MOTORCYCLE SAFETY!**

IT'S ABOUT MOTORCYCLE ONLY ROADBLOCKS!

**IT'S ABOUT CITIES OUTLAWING MOTORCYCLES IN
CERTAIN AREAS!**

IT'S ABOUT LAWS SAYING STOCK PARTS ONLY!

**IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU STOOD UP FOR
YOUR RIGHTS AS A LICENSED MOTORCYCLIST!**

WHERE: Post 80, 76 MAIN ST, BINGHAMTON

WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010

SIGN IN NOON, WE RIDE AT 1PM

COST: STILL ONLY \$5 A PERSON

**THE RIDE WILL GO THROUGH BROOME COUNTY
ENDING AT MARY'S ON CASTLE CREEK RD**

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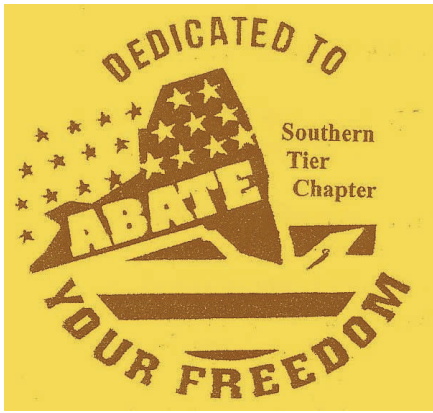
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Next Meeting: July 8th

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WALKER VALLEY, NY 12588-0300**

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_____ Associate Membership—\$20 per year—available only to additional members of a full member's household (no newsletter), all benefits in accordance with state by-laws

_____ Member-at-Large—\$25 per year—same benefits as full member only you elect not to affiliate with a local chapter

Name _____ DOB _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Chapter selected _____ or _____ Member-at-Large

I agree to comply with ABATE of New York's by-laws and promote motorcycle education, legislation, and activities in accordance with ABATE of New York, Inc.

Credit Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ (VISA or MC only)

Signature _____ Date _____

Membership appl. taken by: # _____ Name: _____

Patch Due: _____ Pin Due: _____ New: _____ Year: _____ New Member's No.: # _____

ABATE of New York, Inc. Member's Receipt

Date: _____ Received from: _____ Membership # _____

Southern Tier Chapter 1 Year Membership accepted by: _____