

# BIKER CIVIL WRITES

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

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello my brothers and sisters. Hopefully you have started your riding season on a good note and enjoyed some sunshine along with watching the pastures turn green along some back roads.

On May 16, 6 of our members headed out to the Freedom Rally in Albany from the old Ames store. The group included Tim Columbia and Caroline, Kenney Gardner, Steve Faughnan, Toni and Corky. A very nice ride took us up 88 to Oneonta then onto Route 23 East to the Blackthorne Resort in East Durham, nestled in the Catskills. Once there we got our rooms and attended the state meeting that afternoon.

The meeting was rather uneventful except for a vote to move the state meetings to Albany area. Personally, I think this is gonna backfire on the organization but we shall see.

With the meeting ended, most of us settled into our favorite place at the Blackthorne, the bar downstairs. I can't speak for the others but I know I enjoyed myself immensely there!

The next morning saw us riding to Albany to meet the crowd at Samson's bar and restaurant on Route 9 to start the Freedom Rally. I would estimate the bike count at 125. The ride went smoothly and once in Albany the six of us began visiting or Assembly and Senate notables. All 6 of us went to Assemblyman Clifford Crouch's office and then split up to visit Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo and Senator Tom Libous. Our legislative coordinator, Steve Faughnan, nailed the presentation. He explained our views and answered all questions asked of him. Thank him next time ya see him for his professionalism!

After our visits, Tim and Caroline headed north to visit some friends, Kenney took right off for home, and Steve, Toni, and I went to the pet store. It has become an annual ritual to buy 10 pounds of dog food for Chica, Steve and Eileen's dog. That's about 9½ pounds more food than there is dog. No wonder it's a once a year thing.

The ride home for Steve, Toni, and I was great until we got around Afton. Then the sky just dumped water on us! In 5 minutes we were DRENCHED! In fact Route 88 was closed in Port Dick where it flooded near Binghamton Honda. After checking, we all made it safely home and enjoyed the adventure. We are glad to represent you up north. Thanks.

### *BIG DEB FOREVER MEMBERSHIP*

As you should know, the chapter voted in March to make Big Deb Matson a forever member from our chapter. The certificate and membership cards arrived and I have had the certificate framed.

I have been in contact with Corky the girl and she in turn has informed Deb's family. We will be presenting this to her family at the June meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2015.

I would like to see a nice turnout for this event. Feel free to bring anyone that may have known Big Deb for this much deserved presentation.

Hope to see you there.

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### JUNE 2015

#### Upcoming Events:

- \* June 11<sup>th</sup>: 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!

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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  
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**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 MAY MEETING**

May 14, 2015 – Start 7:04pm—11 members (including officers) attended.

**TJ** — Secretary Report. Motion to waive reading of minutes Tony, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim, 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. Motion to accept (mta) Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony, motion passed.

**Mark** — Membership Report. See *Membership Report*. (mta) Tim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger, motion passed.

**Shelly** — Newsletter Editor Report. Sent out 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter in a while. Sorry for mistake with date on address page. It was correct in *Upcoming Events*. Having a weird problem with new website. She's trying to figure it out. Penny broke her ankle and then had complications. Once school is over, she'll have more time. (mta) Roger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim, motion passed.

**Steve** — Legislative Coordinator Report. Leaders in both houses indicted for ethics violations so we're waiting. No more bad motorcycle bills being considered. We have sponsors in both houses for all bills we support. Concentrating on helmet, motorcycle profiling, notification of motorcycle insurance medical limitations, and mandatory motorcycle

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**We had no new Members join us.**

**Welcome new Members!**

**Help us reach out to new members!**

**We had 1 Member renew.**

- 1) Bob Bullock {22 yrs}

**Thank you for your continued support.**

Currently we have 53 Members. That is down 1 from last month.

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

*Members Past Due*

- 1) Barbara Jones {Mar}
- 2) Britney Stebbins {Mar}
- 3) Todd Woodburn {Mar}
- 4) John Grosso {Apr}

*Members due in June 2015*

- 1) Ron Aton
- 2) James "Packrat" Bates
- 3) Mark Beebe
- 4) Bryan Ellis
- 5) Kenney Gardner
- 6) Sid Gyles
- 7) Shelly Hinton
- 8) Anthony Morabito
- 9) Crystal Morabito
- 10) Carolyn Pierce
- 11) Chris Pierce
- 12) Edward J. Vandermark

*Members due in May 2015*

- 1) Andrew Ellis
- 2) Roger Faling
- 3) Tammy Jo "TJ" Giannicchi
- 4) Mike Murray

**Life Term Members:**

- 1) John H. Day Jr. {13 yrs}\*
- 2) Tony DeWan {14 yrs}
- 3) Steve Faughnan {17 yrs}\*
- 4) Sid Gyles {14 yrs}
- 5) Ronald R Jones {17 yrs}

\*Membership anniversary

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 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 MAY MEETING

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awareness component for driver education courses.

**Kenney** — Vice President's Report. Our membership has severely decreased in the past 4-5 years. At next month's meeting I will try to write a letter to past members asking them to come back. (mta) Tim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Howie, motion passed.

Kenney asked if people would help stuff envelopes? Members agreed they would

**Corky** — President's Report. President absent; report submitted. Cabin Fever party went very well. We made a profit. Thanks for those who came and to all that brought food. See *President's Report*. (mta) Tim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger, motion passed.

Motion to get Big Deb's certificate framed. Tim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger, motion passed.

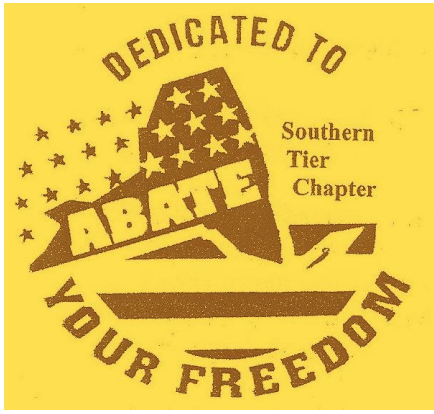
**New Business:**

No new business.

**Old Business:**

No old business.

Motion to Adjourn—Roger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carolyn, motion passed—Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.



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**Next Meeting: June 11<sup>th</sup> 2015**

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**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.