

BIKER CIVIL WRITES

SOUTHERN TIER ABATE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have on the Web site a presentation showing you what criteria the State Police are looking for when you get pulled over. This is the training manual they use, so you know exactly.

We have some benefits coming up that we will want to go to as well as the Lid Run coming up in August. Speaking of the Lid Run, we need to sell more of these gas card raffle tickets.

This is our fund raiser. If we don't make money for the chapter this way, I don't know how else we're gonna do it. You get three tickets for five bucks, with six chances for a gas card. These should be an easy sell.

The riding season is upon us and everyone is out riding. Be careful just the same. The idiots are in full bloom this year. Have fun!

Please bring your all your gas raffle tickets & cash to the next meeting!

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JULY 2010

Upcoming Events:

- * August 6th–8th: State ABATE Party Hosted by ABATE of Cattaraugus County
- * August 12th: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Meeting American Legion Post 1194
- * August 14th: Southern Tier Chapter Lid Run American Legion Post 80

Check out our online calendar for bike runs, benefits, and more!

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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 as well as providing social events for riders.

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

Southern Tier ABATE
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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.

DID YOU KNOW...?

...that a passenger isn't required to wear eye goggles? Or that ANSI approved eyewear will be stamped with **Z87** on both the frames and lenses?

If you didn't, then go to the Web site and review the page, "Taking the Mystery Out of Motorcycle Enforcement. This presentation shows you everything a law enforcement officer will look for if you're pulled over.

Another topic covered is legal placement of inspection stickers. It must be placed on a "permanent structural member on the left". Yes, this does

include your **bolted** plates.

Do you know how many rearview mirrors are required?

There is extensive coverage of exhaust pipes. OEM isn't necessarily illegal! **HOW LOUD ARE THEY?!**

Other topics covered are helmets, license plates, lights, and tires.

BE LEGAL! Don't give them an excuse to take YOUR ride!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Currently we have 80 Members which is up 8 Members from my last report of 72.

We had 4 new Members join us.

1. Nicole Deering
2. Dave Dipierri
3. Jim Shaffer
4. Alicia Chapin

Welcome aboard new Members.

We had 21 renewals in July:

1. James (Packrat) Bates {16 yrs}
2. Mark Beebe {3 yrs}
3. Mark Callahan {7 yrs}
4. Tony Dewan {10 yrs}
5. Jean Dewan {10 yrs}
6. Rich Fettorolf {9 yrs}
7. Jim Fitzsimmons {10 yrs}
8. Sara Fitzsimmons {10 yrs}
9. Sid Gyles {10 yrs}
10. Tina Hamrick {2 yrs}
11. Shelly Hinton {3 yrs}
12. Eric Lenga {11 yrs}
13. Donna Lupardo {14 yrs}
14. John McKenzie {14 yrs}
15. Rob Mock {7 yrs}
16. Tony Morabito {6 yrs}
17. Crystal Morabito {6 yrs}
18. Diana Pellegrino {4 yrs}
19. Andy Reynolds {6 yrs}
20. Edward Vandermark {10 yrs}
21. Christina Voloshen {9 yrs}

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

Members Past Due

1. Christopher Eggleston {May}
2. Ron Aton {June}
3. Kenney Gardner {June}
4. Debora Gardner {June}

Members due in August 2010

1. Dan Hartman
2. Toni Jamieson
3. Edward Miller
4. Ed Snyder
5. Mary Snyder
6. David Stone
7. Karen Stone

Members due in July 2010

1. John Carr
2. Brian Gage
3. William Hohn
4. Georgiana Nickerson

Members due in September 2010

1. Matt Knight
2. Mike Semcho

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 our chapter meetings. We have a lot to discuss in a short period of time. It was great to hang out with the Members that were at the chapter party at Steve's. We had a great time as always. I would like to thank Steve and Eileen for having us at their home. Also I would like to thank all the Members that helped out with setting up and the cleanup. You know who you are. See you at the chapter meeting on August 12th and don't forget about the Lid Run on August 14th.

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.

Hope your riding time is long and that you have had a safe season so far. We've all heard of numerous accidents involving motorcyclists. Please be safe and watch out for the cagers.

Nothing is going on in Albany because they are on summer break, which is pretty much what they've been doing all year.

The STNY ABATE party was held on July 12th at my house and was a real good time. Lots of people came and enjoyed near perfect weather. Members that we haven't seen for a while showed up as well as some new members. If you didn't make it you missed out on some unique things, primarily Fitzsy landing his airplane in the hay field. I was sure that he was going to break something when he landed because the field is so rough. When I drove up to where he had stopped, to make sure everything was all right, he said he was okay and that he HOPED HE WOULD BE ABLE TO GET THE PLANE OFF THE GROUND BEFORE HE RAN OUT OF FIELD!! Crazy f'ing bikers! The fireworks show was great and I even received compliments from my neighbors who enjoyed the show for free. And the cops didn't show up either.

All in all, a good time was had by all. The only sadness was remembering those that we have lost over the last year. But remembering keeps them alive in our hearts. And with those memories, we can bear the sorrow of our loss. Thanks to all who came and helped out, Fitzsy, Eileen, Hippie and Hippie Chick, Mark and all of the rest of you who brought food or helped in any way. It's the participation behind the scenes that make the party more enjoyable and easier for Eileen and me.

Finally, remember to register to vote and get out there on Primary Day and Election Day. It is your privilege and duty as an American citizen to vote. Hundreds of thousands of American soldiers have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect YOUR rights. Please don't dishonor their love for you and our country by ignoring your duty. As always, I stand ready to assist you with registering. Real change comes from the people, not the government or elected officials. Your vote creates that change.

"I have a dream today..."

WEB SITE NEWS (ABATEOFSTNY.ORG)

This month I spent most of my time developing the Photo Gallery. I uploaded photos and added captions for my personal trips:

1. International Motorcycle Show-Javits Center (NYC)-2010 trip
2. Laconia-2010 trip
3. Lost Brother Bike Run 2008 & 2010

I also uploaded photos submitted by Penny McKay and her trips:

1. Old ABATE photo
2. AMA Motorcycle Museum in Ohio

3. Rhinebeck Antique Bike Auction and Flea Market

Two new pages were added. All the Lid Run information is now available on its own page.

Mick sent me a PowerPoint presentation called "Taking the Mystery Out of Motorcycle Enforcement" which I converted to Flash and posted. This shows you what a law enforcement officer will look for if you're pulled over.

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 JULY MEETING

July 8, 2010 – Start 7:22pm—22 attendees including officers.

Official report of June minutes not submitted. Motion to accept (mta) Chrissy, 2nd Shelly, motion passed

Tony reads Corky's 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 Corky at 770 -7098. The books are also available for any member to look over. mta Johnny C., 2nd Mark G., motion passed

Eric reads Membership Report: 79 members, 17 renewals, 6 past due, 4 due this month, 7 due in August. I hope to see more Members at our chapter meetings. We have alot to discuss in a short period of time. See updated report in *Membership Report* section. mta Jim F., 2nd Ron, motion passed

Shelly reads Newsletter/Website Report. Most of the time was spent setting up the photo gallery. Uploading and captioning can be time consuming. See *Web Site News* for more details. mta Ron, 2nd Matt, motion passed

Steve reads Legislative Report. Very little is happening at the state level because of the budget problems. We need people to vote. Your vote does matter! Just look at recent VERY close elections. If you're not registered to vote, see Steve and he will help you with the paperwork. See *Legislative Report* section for more info. mta Jerry, 2nd Chrissy, motion passed

Kenney was unavailable.

Mick reads President's Report (See *President's Report* section). mta Meggan, 2nd Tina, motion passed

New business:

1. ABATE Secretary & Office Manager, Chris Werder, submitted her resignation. Another person has been hired but we don't know the person's name.
2. ABATE Financial Advisor, Pete Smith, is also leaving. This is a paid position (value not recorded) and is still open. The job only requires 2 or 3 hours a month. If you know someone who might be interested, contact Mick.
3. Chapter Party: Steve paid for a Port-O-Potty at \$86.40. Eric made a motion to for the Chapter reimburse Steve the cost. mta Mark, 2nd Toni, motion passed

Old business:

1. Gas-O-Rama: Tickets are available. Please help out and sell them! Drawing date is August 14th @Mary's Bar. You don't need to be present to win. Sell for \$2 each or \$5 for 3 tix. Prizes (gas card): 1st \$300, 2nd \$100, 3rd—6th \$25. Will be sold until our Lid Run. Corky will manage distribution so contact him if you want to buy or sell tickets. Tickets (sold and unsold) must be returned by August 12th.

2. Our Lid Run: All permits are set up.

Chrissy made a motion that we pay String of Pearls \$375.00 if Pearl renews her membership at \$25.00. mta Mark, 2nd Chris, motion passed

50/50—\$82.00; \$41.00 won by John C.

Motion to Adjourn. mta Jim F., 2nd John C, motion passed—Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

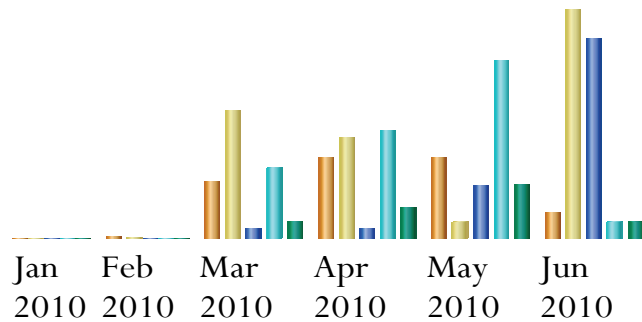
WEB SITE USAGE STATISTICS

SUMMARY

Reported period	Month Jun 2010				
First visit	NA				
Last visit	30 Jun 2010 - 23:18				
	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Viewed traffic *	74	186 (2.51 visits/visitor)	3312 (17.8 Pages/Visit)	5192 (27.91 Hits/Visit)	107.37 MB (591.13 KB/Visit)
Not viewed traffic *			979	1946	514.22 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 2010	0	0	0	0	0
Feb 2010	8	9	12	12	35.27 KB
Mar 2010	49	102	562	2990	24.61 MB
Apr 2010	71	125	565	2871	22.16 MB
May 2010	71	225	706	2709	26.20 MB
Jun 2010	74	186	3312	5192	107.37 MB
Total	273	647	5157	13774	215.61 MB

CALENDAR VIEWS

253 visits as of July 7th.



Itinerary for ABATE of NY State Party

Cattaraugus Rod and Gun Club

Rte 353, Cattaraugus, NY 14719

August 6-8th, 2010

Hosted by ABATE of Cattaraugus County

Friday, August 6

Members arrive, set up camp, food and beverages provided by Cattaraugus Rod and Gun Club available for purchase in clubhouse. Slide show on screen outside, bonfire at nightfall. Door prizes for all... Chinese Auction in the clubhouse and ABATE products available.

Saturday, August 7

Breakfast available for purchase in clubhouse, list of local restaurants at gate. Route sheets for self-guided tours and points of interest available at gate. Bike games registration til noon at clubhouse. Bike games at 2 p.m. Special awards ceremony and bike games trophies at 5 p.m. on stage. Dinner available for purchase in clubhouse. Tug-O-War and Horseshoe competitions 7p.m. Band and bonfire at sunset.

Sunday, August 8

Breakfast available for purchase in clubhouse. Duck Race! \$5 donation gets you a duck we launch in a local creek... Break camp, ride, leave only footprints and tread marks behind... thanks for coming!

PLEASE:

- =Come ready to celebrate all our hard work this year!**
- =Be prepared for primitive camping in any kind of weather conditions.**
- =Leave glass items at home... lots of tires and bare toes around!**
- =Reserve spots early so set up is more efficient and we can have fun!**
- =Respect that the Cattaraugus Rod and Gun Club are inviting us to their land...please take even more care than you would at home...thanks!**

\$20 for a weekend of camping! Call now to reserve your tent or RV spot!

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOTS:

Call or email **Andy Barr, President, Cattaraugus County ABATE**

716-665-0831, a.l.barr@hotmail.com

FOR MORE INFO: Email Suzi Q Long, PrbySuziQ@yahoo.com

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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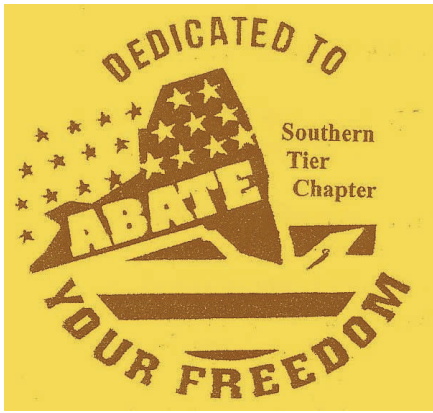
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Next Meeting: August 12th

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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