

BIKER CIVIL WRITES

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

TRIBUTE TO BIG DEB

It's not often that we in ABATE get to be part of a heartwarming experience like this tonight where we remember our sister, Deborah "Big Deb" Matson. Deb was born on October 13, 1956, and sadly she left us July 14, 2012. Sometime in between those dates Big Deb discovered what joins us all; a love for motorcycles. Two months ago, Roger Faling proposed getting a *Forever Membership* for Deb. This was overwhelmingly passed and thing were set in motion. As you, her family, look out at the people here, please know that Deb was loved by all of us and she was an important part of our family. I now have the honor of presenting you with this *Forever Membership* certificate and membership card. Your mom will always be our sister. Any stories?



VOL 5, ISSUE 3

In this issue:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Tribute to Big Deb | 1 |
| Minutes from June Meeting | 2 |
| Membership Report | 3 |

JULY 2015

Upcoming Events:

- * July 9th: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Meeting
American Legion Post 1194 Hillcrest
- * July 11th: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Members Summer Party/
Campout
Steve's Farm

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

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

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Corky Edwards
(607) 770-7098

president@abateofstny.org

VICE PRESIDENT

Kenney Gardner
(607) 727-2564

vicepresident@abateofstny.org

LEGISLATIVE

Steve Faughanan
(607) 692-3809

legislative@abateofstny.org

SECRETARY

T. J. Giannicchi
(607) 242-7923

secretary@abateofstny.org

TREASURER

Toni Jamieson
(607) 743-9556

treasurer@abateofstny.org

MEMBERSHIP

Mark Beebe
(607) 372-0311

membership@abateofstny.org

NEWSLETTER

WEBMASTER

Shelly Hinton
(607) 761-4411

webmaster@abateofstny.org

***American Bikers
Aimed
Towards Education***

We're on the Web!
abateofstny.org

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 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.

MINUTES FROM MAY MEETING

June 11, 2015 – Start 7:10pm—15 members (including officers) attended.

TJ — Secretary Report. Motion to waive reading of minutes Howie, 2nd Roger, motion passed.

Toni — Treasury Report (read by Corky). 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) Roger, 2nd Howie, motion passed.

Mark — Membership Report. See *Membership Report*. (mta) Roger, 2nd Howie, motion passed.

Shelly — Newsletter Editor Report. Moving items over to new website. Still having some problems. Need to contact customer support. (mta) Roger, 2nd Howie, motion passed.

Steve — Legislative Coordinator Report. Let's talk about Freedom Rally. Thank you for comments from Corky in newsletter. State Meeting will be in Albany from now on; unsure where they will be held. Meeting appears to be "rigged". We met with Donna Lupardo and a couple of others. Donna suggested we have a round table with all bill sponsors to discuss our views and hopefully get them moving. All made it home safe despite the

(Continued on page 3)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We had no new Members join us.

Welcome new Members!

Help us reach out to new members!

We had 2 Members renew.

- 1) Eric Lenga {15 yrs}
- 2) Christina Voloshen {13 yrs}

Thank you for your continued support.

Currently we have 52 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) John Grosso {Apr}
- 2) Andrew Ellis
- 3) Roger Faling
- 4) Tammy Jo "TJ" Giannicchi
- 5) Mike Murray

- 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 June 2015

- 1) Ron Aton
- 2) James "Packrat" Bates
- 3) Mark Beebe
- 4) Bryan Ellis

Life Term Members:

- 1) John H. Day Jr. {13 yrs}
- 2) Tony DeWan {14 yrs}
- 3) Steve Faughnan {17 yrs}
- 4) Sid Gyles {15 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

(Continued from page 2)

downpour. (mta) Roger, 2nd Howie, motion passed.

Kenney — Vice President's Report. Donna has been working very hard for us and with all the corruption scandals has been working to straighten things out. Donna is optimistic and has more ideas in addition to the round table. (mta) Roger, 2nd Howie, motion passed.

Corky — President's Report. See *Tribute to Big Deb*. Party at Steve's after noon. See online calendar for details. (mta) Roger, 2nd Howie, motion passed.

Stories about Big Deb were shared.

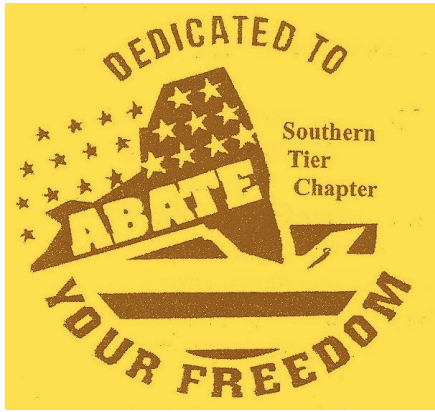
New Business:

No new business.

Old Business:

No old business.

Motion to Adjourn—(mta) Roger, 2nd Mark, motion passed—Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.



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

PO Box 2441
Binghamton, NY 13902

*American Bikers Aimed
Towards Education*

We're on the Web!
abateofstny.org

Next Meeting: July 9th 2015

MAIL TO:

**ABATE OF NEW YORK, INC.
PO BOX 300
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.