

BIKER CIVIL WRITES

SOUTHERN TIER ABATE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

If you read the newspaper in our town you have seen next to the horizontal fracking debate, the next biggest controversy is the loud pipe issue. Many of us feel that the loud pipes are for safety and will alert motorists who are busy picking their noses and whatever excuse they have when they cut you off or cause you personal injury.

Now I have to admit that loud pipes are a lot better than taking your foot and kicking their mirror off or banging a baseball bat on the rear fender, the fact of the matter is, a motorist can't hear your pipes until you pass them. It is the base sound and vibration from your engine that they feel that will first get their attention. A really loud horn works wonders; preferably around 135db which can be bought online or at a local shop for under a bill.

Anyways, the general public is starting to bitch about the noise levels and it won't be long before the governor's alternative tax dept will be handing out tickets. Yes I know they have accused that the noise has caused everything

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SEPTEMBER 2010

Upcoming Events:

- * September 9th: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Meeting
American Legion Post 1194

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Check out our online calendar for 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 as well as providing 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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from hair loss to the acne and given women the urge to go home and beat their husbands. But seriously, this issue is not going to go away. I encourage you to baffle your straight pipes and save yourself a fine. Or if you want to spend the money, have at it. Either way it's bound to happen soon.

Also elections are coming up this year and if the vehicle confiscation bill doesn't pass

this year, we need to take a serious look at our representation. Drive safe brothers and sisters, the fools are out in full bloom.

Did you get a ticket on the Lid Run? If you did, let me know so we can organize our defense!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Currently we have 83 Members, that's up 3 from last month of 80.

We had 2 new Members join us.

1. Jon White
2. Duane Coates

Welcome aboard new Members.

We had 14 renewals since last newsletter:

1. Ron Aton {9 yrs}
2. Mark Beebe {3 yrs}
3. John Carr {10 yrs}
4. Debora Gardner {3 yrs}
5. Kenney Gardner {12 yrs}
6. Shelly Hinton {3 yrs}
7. Georgiana Nickerson {4 yrs}
8. Dan Hartman {4 yrs}
9. Dave Stone {2 yrs}
10. Karen Stone {2 yrs}
11. Penny Mckay {9 yrs}
12. Bill Hohn {8 yrs}
13. Corky Clark {7 yrs}
14. Tony Jamieson {7 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. Christopher Eggleston {May}
(The state already dropped being 2 months past due)
2. Brian Gage {July}

Members due in August 2010

1. Edward Miller
2. Ed Snyder
3. Mary Snyder

Members due in September 2010

1. Matt Knight
2. Mike Semcho

Members due in October 2010

1. Jerry Coletti
2. Mike Debetta

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's all I have for this month. I hope to see more Members come to the meetings. We have a lot to discuss in a short period of time.

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

No report submitted.

WEB SITE NEWS (ABATEOFSTNY.ORG)

This month I spent most of my time updating the Photo Gallery. I uploaded additional Laconia 2010 photos

Mark Beebe provided photos from the 2010 Albany Freedom Rally.

Jamie (Packrat) Bates sent me photos from the 2010 Cars in the Park. The meet at Hickories Park in Owego has a motorcycle category. Congratulations to our ABATE member winners. Check out the pictures to see who won!

Many thanks to Penny McKay who supplied me with the poem and all the

Lost Brethren pictures. A special thanks to Chrissy for finding the Tom Fleming photo. She found it on his Facebook page. Penny also provided the past and present members pictures. Do you recognize some of those folks?

Finally, Jamie also sent me a YouTube video of the public service announcement produced for the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee which promotes driver awareness and rider safety. Check it out on the Motorcycle Safety Page.

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 AUGUST MEETING

August 12, 2010 – Start 7:22pm—attendance not taken.

Waived reading July minutes. Motion to accept (mta) Shelly, 2nd Meghan, 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 Chrissy, 2nd Ron., motion passed

Eric reads Membership Report: 83 members, 3 new members, 14 renewals, 2 past due, 3 due this month, 2 due in September, and 2 due in October. I hope to see more Members at our chapter meetings. We have a lot to discuss in a short period of time. See updated report in *Membership Report* section. mta Jerry C., 2nd John, motion passed

Shelly reads Newsletter/Website Report. The newsletter went out. She is returning to work and updates will slow down. It's going to be a very busy semester. See *Web Site News* for updates. mta Chrissy, 2nd Bob, motion passed

Steve reads Legislative Report. New York State has a budget. 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. County Highway Department mowed down his ABATE sign. See *Legislative Report* section for more info. mta Tony D., 2nd Jean D., motion passed

Kenney reads Vice President's Report. He apologizes for missing the last meeting. He and Debora were in N. Carolina on vacation. Rode 2,300 miles together. He announced he will not run for office next year. He went to Donna Lupardo's event. We are in her mind. She's on our side. mta Kathy, 2nd Mark

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

New business:

1. Shelly made a motion to print business cards with ABATE Web site information. Members discussed what information should be included: Web site, meeting info, logo, and tag line. Kenney amended the motion to have Shelly design and print the business cards within a \$20.00 limit. mta ?, 2nd Jean, motion passed

Old business:

1. Gas-O-Rama: We need those tickets sold.
2. Our Lid Run: It's your choice whether you wear your helmet or not. It's about freedom of choice.
3. Elections are coming up. Please register to vote.
4. Chapter Party: We had new adventures. Jim F. rode is plane over the campout. It was a lot of fun! Thank you to everyone for coming, bringing food, and providing helping hands.

50/50—\$80.00; \$40.00 won by Toni who paid her membership.

Motion to Adjourn. mta Meghan., 2nd Chrissy, motion passed—Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

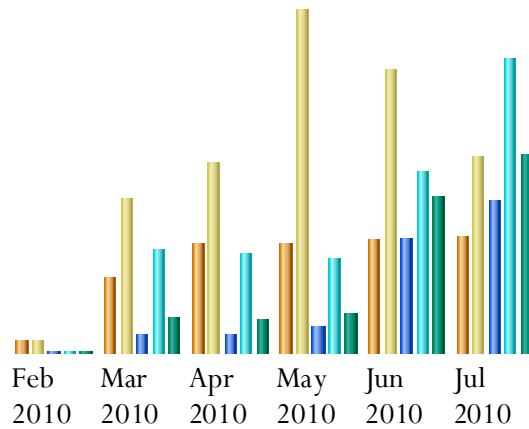
WEB SITE USAGE STATISTICS

SUMMARY

Reported period	Month Jul 2010				
First visit	01 Jul 2010 - 00:40				
Last visit	31 Jul 2010 - 23:24				
	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Viewed traffic *	77	128 (1.66 visits/visitor)	4430 (34.6 Pages/Visit)	8509 (66.47 Hits/Visit)	135.81 MB (1086.5 KB/Visit)
Not viewed traffic *			2274	3463	97.77 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
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
Jul 2010	77	128	4430	8509	135.81 MB
Total	350	775	9587	22283	316.18 MB

CALENDAR VIEWS

81 views (387 all time views) as of August 31st.

TAKE A DAY TRIP

Have you heard of Glenn H. Curtiss? While he's better known as an aviation pioneer, he was also a champion bicyclist and produced his own motorcycles under the "Hercules" brand as early as 1902.

The Glenn H. Curtiss Museum is located on Rte 54 in Hammondsport, NY about 2 hours from Binghamton, on the southern tip of Keuka Lake. The museum has exhibits devoted to Curtiss' career including a collection of bicycles and vintage and antique motorcycles. You can learn more about the collections at <http://www.glennhcurtissmuseum.org/museum/collections.htm>. Upcoming events include the Curtiss Classic Motorcycle Event on August 7th. This is a one-day gathering of motorcyclists, motorcycle enthusiasts, and motorcycle vendors. Routes are available for various different ride routes around Keuka Lake. Contact the museum at 607-569-2160 for more information.

While you're in Hammondsport you can check out some of the other local attractions. Keuka Lake is one of the smaller Finger Lakes but nonetheless has a lot to offer. Take a ride around the lake. You will find several wineries such as Bully Hill, Heron Hill, Pleasant Valley, and many more. You can get more information at www.fingerlakestrail.org. Taste what the local vintners have to offer. Prefer beer? Check out the Finger Lakes Beer Company also on Rte 54 or the Keuka Brewing Company on Briglin Road.

Interested in art or antiques? Check out the Keuka Lake Art Association or Lime Berry. Check out Opera House Antiques or Over the Bridge Antiques. There is also a lively music scene. Check out the Arts Connection at <http://hammondsportarts.blogspot.com>. There are also other quaint shopping venues carrying items such as collectibles, home made goods, and more.

Hungry? There are many fine restaurants and pubs serving snacks to full dinners. Eat in or take out and have a picnic by the lake.

Spend some time on the lake. Boat rentals and fishing are very popular!

Tired? Spend the night in one of the many inns or bed & breakfasts! Many have lakeside accommodations. Camping is also available at several campgrounds around the lake.

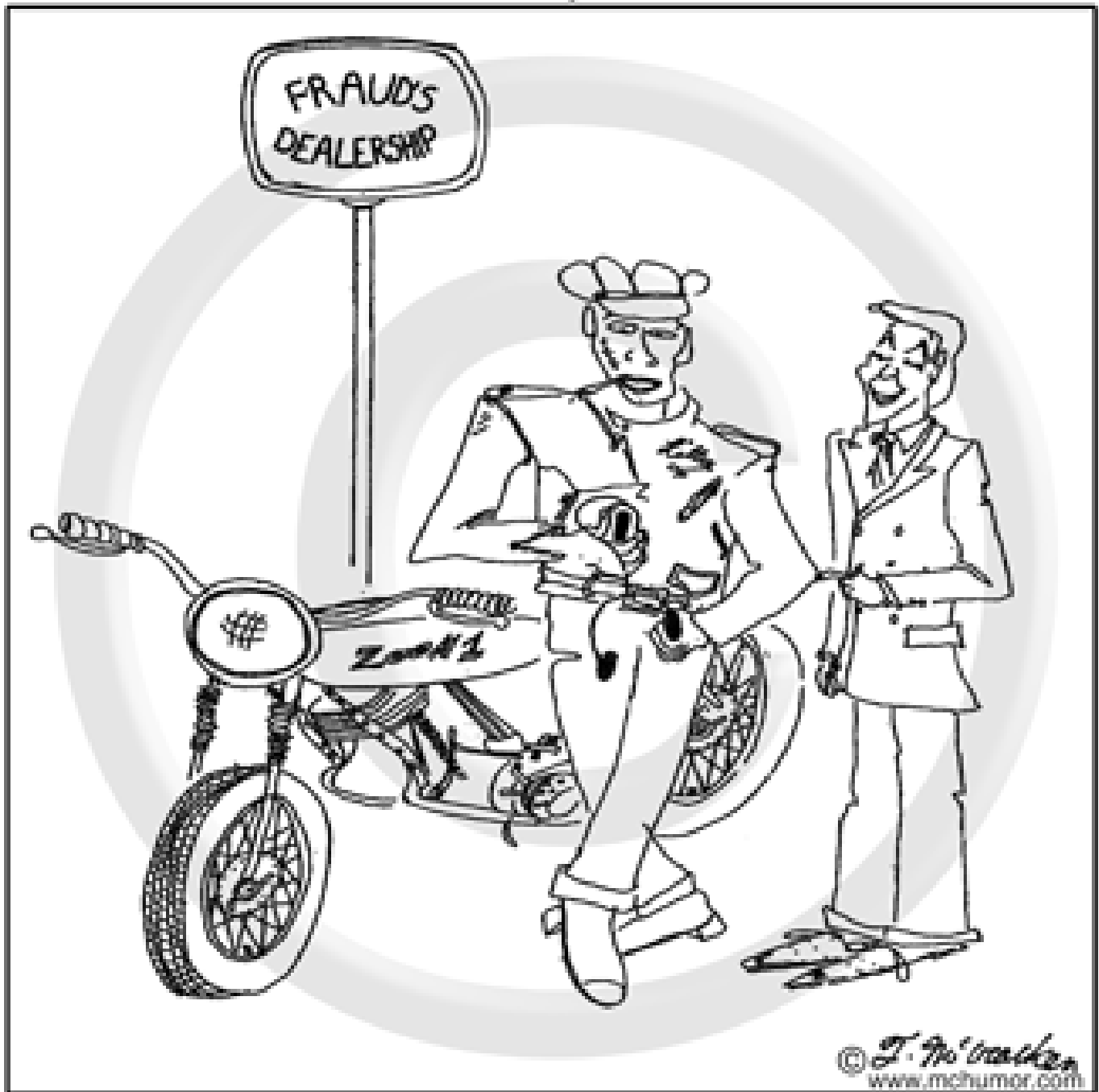
Need to know more? Check out the Hammondsport Chamber of Commerce at <http://www.hammondsport.org>.

Thanks to Penny McKay for sending me the link to the museum's motorcycle collection. It reminded me of how much I like the area and hadn't been there in a while. I guess I'll have to make a trip back!

Have a day trip that you'd like to share? Send us your destination and what attractions we should check out. Maybe it'll be featured in an upcoming issue of our newsletter.

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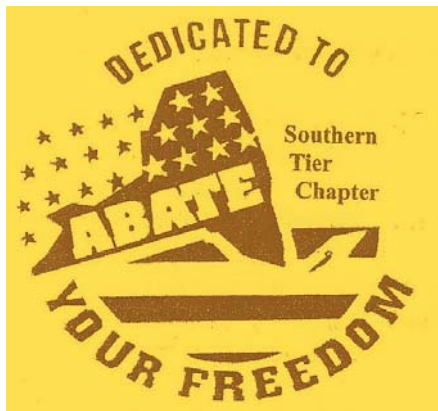
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