

BIKER CIVIL WRITES

SOUTHERN TIER ABATE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I have said in previous reports, the loud pipe issue is vastly becoming a major issue. In the Rochester area police have stepped up enforcement on motorcycles because of residents' complaints and are handing out tickets for many reasons. One that I feel is completely uncalled for is the safety glass issue. While all of you know that if you ride without goggle or glasses, it's about impossible to see. The law states that you must wear a glass that has the safety numbers ANSI Z80.3 stamped on them. People with windshields on their motorcycles are not exempt from this law. While many wear a polycarbonate lens for regular glasses, these according to the law, are not acceptable unless they are stamped on the frame and lenses with these numbers. After reading this and inspecting my goggles and lenses, I went through various catalogs and found very few that were stamped with these numbers. This is something that I feel we need to address. Enforcement on unstamped glasses is a little far reaching. Yes, you can fight it in court about your lenses being compliant, but if they are not stamped, they have you by

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SEPTEMBER 2010

Upcoming Events:

- * October 14th: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Meeting
American Legion Post 1194
- * October 30th: Halloween Party
American Legion Post 1194
7:00pm—11:00pm

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:

Southern Tier ABATE
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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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law.

We are coming up on elections for ABATE in two months. It's time for some new people to step up and try their luck at running a position. We have a great bunch doing it now, but let's not wait until they are burned out. Some of you are true leaders and don't even know it. While I have been president for two years, it has been a learning experience that

I have enjoyed. However this past year has been a physical and emotional roller coaster ride for me personally and I feel that I won't be able to fulfill my duties as president in this next year. I would be more than happy to run for vice and assist the new prez. So please, someone, give it a try. Thanks for all the support you have given me as president in the past. Your president, Mick Brown

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Currently we have 84 Members, that's up 1 from last month of 83.

We had no new Members join us.

We had 5 renewals since last newsletter:

1. Tony Jamieson {7 yrs}
2. Paula Pudiak {2 yrs}
3. Ed Snyder {3 yrs}
4. Mary Snyder {3 yrs}
5. Jerry Coletti {13 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}
3. Edward Miller {August}

Members due in September 2010

1. Matt Knight
2. Mike Semcho

Members due in October 2010

1. Mike Debetta

Members due in November 2010

1. Jim Chapin
2. Corky Edwards
3. Barb Gebo
4. Ron Jones
5. Dominick Langella
6. Charlie Lohmeyer
7. Paul Rurka
8. Bonnie Stevens
9. Donnie Stevens

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.

Starting January 1st 2011 the dues will increase \$5.00 for membership. The new dues will be \$30.00 for full members and \$25.00 for associate members. It was voted on at the state meeting and passed. It was a 6 to 6 tie and the deciding winning vote was given by the state president. This may not be valid as Roadkill stated in an email that the vote was not done by Roberts Rule. I will keep you posted on this matter in the future.

It was great hanging out with all of the Members that showed up at my annual pig roast on the 18th. I would like to thank Don Lantz, Nicole Derring, Karen Stone, and Duane Coats for all of their help. I would also like to thank ~~Daye Stone and my brother Pat~~ for all of their help and doing a great job cooking the pig.

I hope to see more members at the meeting. We have a lot to discuss in a short period of time. We will be holding nominations for officers at the October meeting. Mick informed us that he will not be running for president. If anybody would like to take on this job on please come to the meeting and stand up. That is all I have for this month. See you at the meeting.

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)

The *Lid Run* page has been modified so that the 2011 data can be entered when available.

Penny McKay provided a picture of George (Shadow) Card for the *Lost Brethren* page.

Recently Mick informed us that ABATE had been asked to serve on the committee charged with rewriting the *Driver Safety Course*. The *ABATE Accomplishments* page was updated to reflect our involvement.

I'm still working on an **easy way** of

uploading the video of Jim F. flying into the chapter party. I was hoping to not have to create a separate page for videos, but I may not have a choice.

Two new businesses have been added to our *Yellow Pages*. Listing member businesses is FREE!

To promote us and the Web site, I ordered business cards listing our Web address and chapter meeting information. They arrived just before the last meeting. Contact Mick if you want to distribute them.

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 SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 9, 2010 – Start 7:17pm—attendance not taken.

Minutes not available. Secretary not in attendance.

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. Motion to accept (mta) Chrissy, 2nd Ron., motion passed

Eric reads Membership Report: 84 members, 2 renewals, 5 past due, 2 due this month, 2 due in September, and 9 due in November. 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, 2nd Stoney, motion passed

Shelly reads Newsletter/Website Report. Now that the site is up, maintenance is becoming more routine. Various pages were updated. Business cards were ordered and delivered. That should make promoting us and the Web site easier. She also contacted Pam Wright (*Freedom Writer* editor) about listing our Web site address in the state newsletter. Shelly never got a response. However, she noted that none of the chapters has their Web address listed. See *Web Site News* for more details. mta Jean, 2nd Tony, motion passed

Steve was out of town.

Kenney reads Vice President's Report. Ed's Benefit Ride was well attended. Kenney rode with Mary, Ed's wife. The benefit was great and thanks to everybody who helped make it possible. Tim Pettigrew hasn't been doing well since his accident. He's doing better now. Kenney almost got run over. Be mindful! Kenney has voter registration forms. If you aren't sure of your status, submit a form with your most recent data. Give it to Kenney and he will turn it in for you. A second form doesn't hurt if you're unsure. Investigate political claims at <http://factcheck.org/>. On Labor Day Kenney saw Donna Lupardo. She is working on stuff for us and is unhappy about Albany. Remember to vote in Tuesday's primary. mta Mark, 2nd Ed, motion passed

Mick reads President's Report (See *President's Report* section). Greece police crackdown on modified motorcycles. Any modifications will result in a ticket. Eyeglass requirement is only for driver. mta Meggan, 2nd not recorded, motion passed

New business:

1. Mick missed State Chapter Meeting. The main discussion was on raising membership dues. He would rather see more fund raisers than raise dues.
2. Tioga County has made an effort to keep roads free of oil and gravel for motorcycles.
3. Mick mentioned that he may not be able to fulfill obligations as President next year. He's willing to be Vice President and help whoever is President.
4. Pig Roast 9/18; Chicken BBQ 9/19 at Eric's. Donations welcome! BYOB. Bring tent/camper to stay overnight.
5. Spicy Mike at JC Elks Club on September 11th.
6. Post 80 Legion Riders Casino Night on October 8 from 7:00-11:00pm.
7. Is there a link to the statistics associated with motorcycle accidents?

Old business:

1. Still no answer regarding lawn signs.
2. Highway Alert Signs: Donna Lupardo is trying to help.
3. Corky was mailed a ticket after the Lid Run. He pled "Not Guilty" and would like support for his court date. Give Shelly contact information if you wish to support his court appearance. Mitch Croner is handling the case.
4. Ed's Benefit: Meggan thanked Eric and Chrissy for manning Stop 3. Kenney thanked Meggan for organizing the benefit. Ed thanked members for supporting his benefit.
5. Princess Run: Benefit went well. Good turnout.
6. Gas Raffle: Made \$316.00. Will start another raffle in January.

50/50—not recorded

Motion to Adjourn. mta Jean, 2nd Ed, motion passed—Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

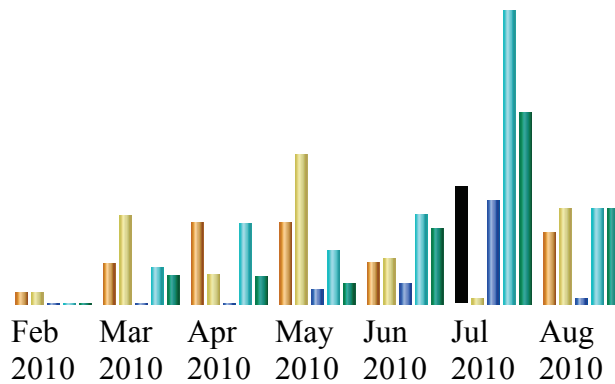
WEB SITE USAGE STATISTICS

SUMMARY

Reported period	Month Aug 2010				
First visit	01 Aug 2010 - 07:28				
Last visit	31 Aug 2010 - 22:52				
	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Viewed traffic *	145	236 (1.62 visits/visitor)	2797 (11.85 Pages/Visit)	10381 (43.98 Hits/Visit)	246.99 MB (1071.67 KB/Visit)
Not viewed traffic *			1998	3760	105.08 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
Aug 2010	145	236	2797	10381	246.99 MB
Total	495	1011	12384	32664	563.18 MB

CALENDAR VIEWS

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

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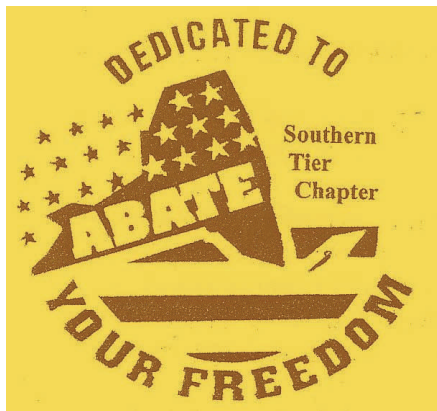
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