

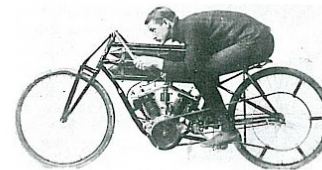
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ABATE OF NEW YORK STATE, INC., SOUTHERN TIER CHAPTER

MOTORCYCLE DAY TRIP—GLENN H. CURTISS MUSEUM

Just a short ride from Binghamton, in Hammondsport, NY, is the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum. While you can get there travelling the highway, it isn't much longer taking the scenic route via Rt. 96, NY 224, and other back roads (~two-hours).

Curtiss is more well-known as a competitor, and eventual partner, of the Wright Bros and is considered "the father of naval aviation." Like the Wright Bros., he also built bicycles and motorcycles. The museum hosts a collection of Curtiss motorcycles. The oldest is a 1903 Curtiss Hercules (picture right). They also have other vintage motorcycles such as a 1917 Henderson, 1922 Evans, 1924 Ner-A-Car, 1930 Harley Davidson Hillclimber, and 1936 Indian with Sidecar. If you want to see more than motorcycles, check out their collections of aircraft, aircraft engines, automobiles, and bicycles. All the collections are a mix of originals, restorations, and reproductions.



Curtiss 40 hp V8 2—1907

In 1907 Curtiss developed a 40 hp air-cooled V8 for an aeronautical customer. He was tempted to mount this engine on a motorcycle, and did so. The result was a shaft-drive motorcycle capable of speeds upwards to 140 mph. Pictured here is the museum's exact copy of this motorcycle—the original of which is in the Smithsonian.

Curtiss V-Twin with Sidecar—1908

This is a very early version of a motorcycle with sidecar and was indeed a Curtiss accessory. This particular example has a wicker seat and affords no protection in the event of a collision. The exhibit includes a photo of Mrs. Curtiss riding in this sidecar.



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SEPTEMBER 2015

Upcoming Events:

- * September 10th: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Meeting
American Legion Post 1194
Hillcrest
- * October 8th: 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:

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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.

MINUTES FROM AUGUST MEETING

Minutes not available.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We had 14 Members renew.

- 1) Mark Beebe {8 yrs}
- 2) John Carr Jr. {15 yrs}
- 3) Jean DeWan {15 yrs}
- 4) Sara Fitzsimmons {15 yrs}
- 5) Tammy Jo "TJ" Giannicchi {13 yrs}
- 6) Howard Graham {4 yrs}
- 7) John Grosso {14 yrs}
- 8) Shelly Hinton {8 yrs}
- 9) Barbara Jones {2 yrs}
- 10) Anthony Morabito {11 yrs}
- 11) Georgiana Nickerson {9 yrs}
- 12) Diana Pellegrino {9 yrs}
- 13) Britney Stebbins {2 yrs}
- 14) Jason Williams {2 yrs}

Thank you for your continued support.

Currently we have 54 Members. That is up 3 from last month.

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

Members Past Due

- 1) Crystal Morabito {June}
- 2) Chris Pierce {June}
- 3) Edward J. Vandermark {June}
- 4) James Cilley {July}
- 5) Corky Clark {July}
- 6) John McKenzie {July}

Members due in August 2015

- 1) Rich Fetterolf
- 2) Toni Jamieson

- 3) Penny McKay

Members due in September 2015

- 1) Philip Marshall

Members due in October 2015

- 1) Jerry Coletti
- 2) Mike DeBetta
- 3) Robert Knapp Jr
- 4) Kelly Kokkonen

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 Members:

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

*Membership anniversary

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.

GLENN H. CURTIS FACTS

The following was taken from the museum's website under *Curtis Firsts*:

Pioneer motorcycle designer and racer. 1901

1st American motorcycle champion--world record: 56.4 sec. for one mile. 1903

Invented handlebar throttle control. 1904

Set ten mile world speed record. 1904

Set world speed records for 1, 2, and 3 miles. 1905

Set world speed record of 77.6 mph. 1907

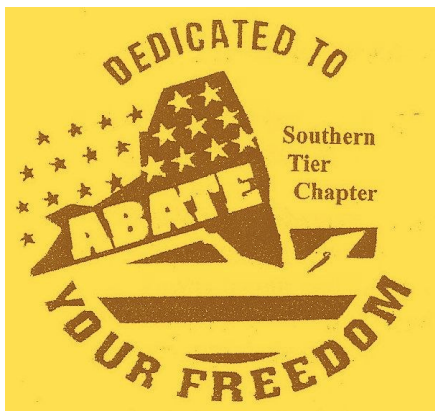
"Fastest Man in the World" at 136.36 mph (V8 motorcycle). 1907

"Flight engineer" for 1st Army dirigible trial. 1908

Lead designer and pilot of "June Bug", first official, pre-announced, public flight in US. 1908

Won first international air speed record with 46.5mph. 1909

Produced and sold first private aircraft in US. 1909



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Next Meeting: September 10, 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)

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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.