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SOUTHERN TIER ABATE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to thank all of the officers for this year's accomplishments. The direction that we've been moving in is a very positive one and will make this group grow in the future. Thank you to all members who have helped in these actions, your support as small as it may seem, is making it all come together.

I would like to thank you all for the support you have given me with the problems that have crossed my path this year. This support has built a bond between us that will not be forgotten. That is why I've decided to run again as President for this chapter. The overwhelming second from everyone present during nominations at this meeting shows me you agree with my decision. Thank you!

The issues of the State board are causing me concern. While I see they want to change so we can get grants from the various agencies, I also see actions being taken that are I feel above and beyond the scope of leadership. In the last state chapters' meeting there was a vote on dues increase. The vote was a tie, and should have been dead, but madam President decided to cast a vote in favor. Raising dues to support the state budget is nonsense; there are other avenues that can be taken to make up the gap. They refuse to acknowledge them and haven't come up with anything on their own. This vote is for the chapters not for the board, and I feel it was wrong for her to do. There will be a

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OCTOBER 2010

Upcoming Events:

- * November 11th: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Meeting
American Legion Post 1194
- * December 9th: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Meeting
Christmas Extravaganza
Bring a holiday treat to the meeting
American Legion Post 1194

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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discussion on this subject at the next state board meeting.

As a chapter, I would like to see about getting an ABATE member on the County Traffic Safety Committee. I feel this will give us recognition and open doors for us in the future. I'd like to hear your feedback.

On a lighter note:

A recent joint study conducted by the Dept. of Motor Vehicles and the Board of Health have concluded that 23% of all traffic accidents are alcohol related. This means that the remaining 77% are caused by idiots who just drink coffee, carbonated drinks, juices, etc., and play with there cell phones. Therefore, beware of those who do not drink alcohol. They cause twice as many accidents!!!

This message was written by someone who worries about your well being! Drive Safely!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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

We had 1 new Members join us.

1. Douglas "Butch" Thurber

Welcome aboard Butch!

We had 2 renewals since last newsletter:

1. Edward Miller {August}
2. Ron Jones {Life Member}

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. Brian Gage {July}
2. Mike Semcho {Sept}
3. Matt Knight {Sept}

4. Dominick Langella
5. Charlie Lohmeyer
6. Paul Rurka
7. Bonnie Stevens
8. Donnie Stevens

Members due in October 2010

1. Mike Debetta

No Members are due in December 2010

Members due in November 2010

1. Jim Chapin
2. Corky Edwards
3. Barb Gebo

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.

I want to thank Ron Jones for choosing the Life Membership option. I would like to see more Members at the meetings. We have a lot to discuss in a short period of time. We are having nominations for officers again at the November meeting. If you would like to run for a position please come to the meeting and stand up. If anyone knows anyone that might be interested in joining ABATE, please bring them to a meeting or event to see what we are all about. Our membership is crucial to fight for our rights. That is all I have for this month. Ride Safe.

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)

It has been a very busy semester so not much has been done. Added two member businesses to the Yellow Pages.

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.

To promote us and the Web site, I ordered business cards listing our Web address and chapter meeting information. They arrived just before

the meeting before last. 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 OCTOBER MEETING

October 14, 2010 – Start 7:13pm—15 people (including officers) attended.

TJ's report: Motion to waive reading of the minutes. . Motion to accept (mta) Chrissy, 2nd Mark., motion passed

Corky reads 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 Jerry, 2nd Mark., motion passed

Eric reads Membership Report: 83 members (down 1), 5 new members, 0 renewals, 4 past due. Ron Jones paid for Lifetime Membership. A couple who attended the meeting plan to join. 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 Ron J, motion passed

Shelly reads Newsletter/Website Report. Now that the site is up, maintenance is becoming more routine. Not much has been updated. The calendar is being maintained. Mick talked to other chapters and a lot of people are looking at our Web site. See *Web Site News* for more details. mta Chrissy, 2nd John McK, motion passed

Corky spoke for Steve was out of town for work. Very important elections are coming up. Cast your vote. Senator Libous wanted motorcyclists to do an ad. Steve volunteered. Donna Lupardo contacted us about putting up lawn signs. Kenney will speak on her behalf. mta Ron J, 2nd Ruth, motion passed

Kenney reads Vice President's Report. Donna Lupardo is looking forward to a vote and we highly recommend you vote for her. She is one of our chapter members. We need to make advanced changes considering the day of the next meeting is Veterans Day. Out of respect for the Legion we're looking into it. According to the Legion, their events will be concluded before our meeting. State is going to the next level. They are setting up programs for safety on motorcycles or two-wheel riders. Kenney will be checking with Donna Lupardo to see if she will be coming to the meeting in either November or February. Really important to get all our members to vote. mta Chrissy, 2nd Ron J, motion passed

Mick reads President's Report (See *President's Report* section). He would like to thank everyone, including officers, for coming together and promoting Southern Tier ABATE. We have a lot of issues to deal with; a lot of obstacles to climb. We have come a long way since last year. We need a member of our group on the county Traffic and Safety Committee. We need someone to speak for us. Mick read a letter sent to him on line. November is the next state meeting at Post 80. mta John McK, 2nd Toni, motion passed

New business:

1. Corky has flyers for Halloween Party, Saturday October 30th, 7:00pm-12:00am.
2. Toni will need help decorating and tearing down. Bring a dish to pass.
3. A lot of people suggested do the gas raffle cards again. Kenney suggested and was agreed to after discussion that cards would be made up in January so they could be available for certain events. General distribution would be done later. Further discussion will take place during December meeting.
4. Discussed having a small party during the December meeting. Will be discussed further at the November meeting.
5. Chrissy mentioned that a motorcycle was stolen out of the someone's yard. Watch out for thieves. Lock up your valuables.
6. Kenney suggests Corky for President and Mick for Vice President. Given Mick's health issues, he is debating on continuing the Presidency.
7. Nominations:

Newsletter: Toni nominates Shelly. She accepts. Mick asks that someone be a "sidekick" for Shelly.

Secretary: Corky nominates Mark G. He declines. Toni nominates TJ. She accepts

Treasurer: Chrissy nominates Toni. She accepts.

Membership: Corky nominates Eric. He accepts

Legislative: TJ nominates Steve. He accepts by a note.

Vice President: Kenney nominates Corky. He accepts

President: Toni nominates Mick. He accepts

Female Sergeant-at-arms: Chrissy

Male Sergeant-at-arms: John McK

Old business:

1. Corky was mailed a ticket after the Lid Run. He would like as many members show up to his court date.

50/50—\$59.00/\$29.50 each. Corky won and donated \$19.50 back.

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

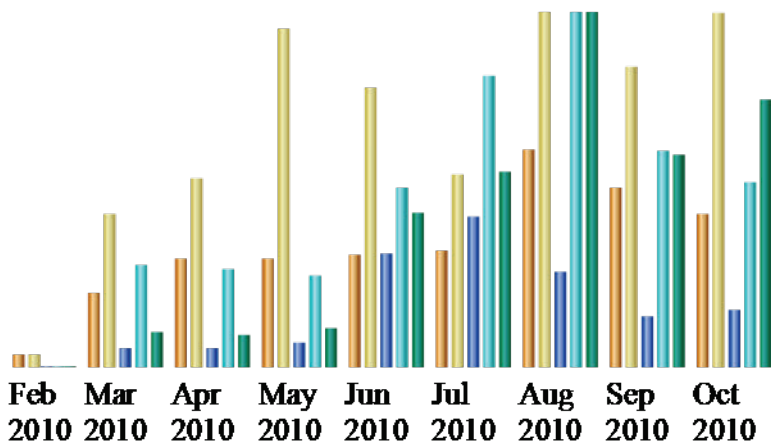
WEB SITE USAGE STATISTICS

SUMMARY

Reported period	Month Oct 2010				
First visit	NA				
Last visit	31 Oct 2010 - 19:51				
	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Viewed traffic *	101	235 (2.32 visits/visitor)	1640 (6.97 Pages/Visit)	5378 (22.88 Hits/Visit)	185.97 MB (810.33 KB/Visit)
Not viewed traffic *			3291	4304	103.68 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
Sep 2010	119	200	1494	6339	147.71 MB
Oct 2010	101	235	1640	5378	185.97 MB
Total	715	1446	15518	44381	896.85 MB

CALENDAR VIEWS

66 views (538 all time views) as of November 1st.

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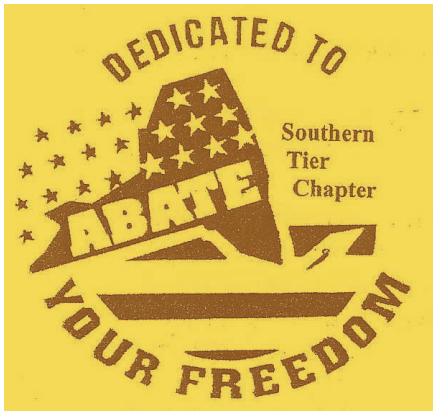
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