

BIKER CIVIL WRITES

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

MOTORCYCLE DAY TRIP—MOTORCYCLEPEDIA MUSEUM

About 2½ hours from Binghamton, down Rt 17 in Newburgh, is a motorcycle museum that has some of the most interesting collections of motorcycles in one location. The jewel of their over 500 motorcycles is a 1897 De-Dion Bouton tricycle, the oldest running motorcycle in North America. This French automobile and railcar manufacturer produced their first trike in 1896.

This is part of their *Circa Timeline* exhibit which is a collection of motorcycles, signage and memorabilia dating from 1897-1925. The collection includes well-known manufacturers like Henderson and Excelsior, and lesser-known such as Rex, Steffey, Thomas, Wanderer, and Emblem. While only produced for a short time, The Flying Merkel became well-known for innovation, quality, and speed. Few are in existence today and the museum has 6 in their collection.

Indian enthusiasts should enjoy the *Indian Timeline* exhibit. The collection includes Indian motorcycles from every year during 1901-1953. Other Indian products are on display including a 1940s Toboggan, an early snowmobile.



Police and military aficionados can see a motorcycle that was in John F. Kennedy’s motorcade in Dallas. Its radio sent the first emergency call about the shooting. They also have motorcycles from Richard Nixon’s motorcade. The collection also includes vintage Harley Davidson New York City police bikes. The rest of the collection includes police and military bikes that spans most of the 20th Century. These are accompanied by memorabilia appropriate to their era. Of note, they currently have the FDNY Dream Bike on display until it makes its final home in the 9/11 Memorial Museum in New York City at Ground Zero.

However, this museum doesn’t just live in the distant past. The Chopper City exhibit contains choppers and custom bikes from

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OCTOBER 2015

Upcoming Events:

- * October 8th: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Meeting
American Legion Post 1194 Hillcrest
- * November 12th: 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 SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 10, 2015 – Start 7:00pm—7 members (only officers) attended.

TJ — Secretary Report. Minutes waived

Toni — Treasury Report. 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.

Mark — Membership Report. See *Membership Report*. (mta) Chrissy, 2nd Eric, motion passed.

Shelly — Newsletter Editor Report. Penny helping with website update. Still researching error messages.

Steve — absent

Kenney — Nothing to report.

Corky — Nothing to report

New Business:

No new business.

Old Business:

No old business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We had no Members renew.

Thank you for your continued support.

Currently we have 51 Members. That is down 3 from last month.

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

Members Past Due

- 1) James Cilley {July}
- 2) Corky Clark {July}
- 3) John McKenzie {July}
- 4) Rich Fetterolf {August}
- 5) Toni Jamieson {August}
- 6) Penny McKay {August}
- 7)

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

Members due in November 2015

- 1) Donald "Corky" Edwards
- 2) Charlie Lohmeyer
- 3) Paul Rurka

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.

MOTORCYCLE DAY TRIP—MOTORCYCLEPEDIA MUSEUM

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the 1960s-1970s including those from famous names like Arlen Ness. Some of the customs are true one-of-a-kind bikes.



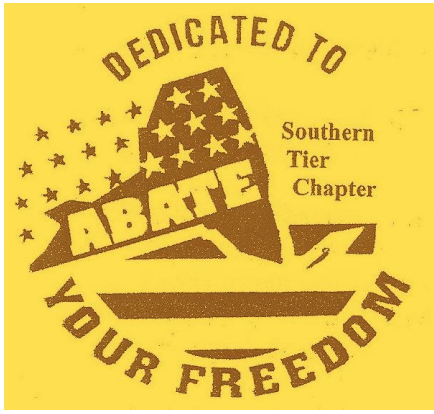
Exhibits aren't just dedicated to hardware. Indian Larry fans will enjoy a tribute to his legacy. The collection includes one of his earliest Knuckleheads from around 1971. However, it wouldn't be a tribute if it only featured bikes. This collection includes personal articles, art, photos, and paintings spanning his 40-year career as a motorcycle builder and artist.



The most unique exhibit is probably their three Motordromes. This attraction is more commonly known as a Wall of Death. One is temporarily set up in their parking lot. The other two are set up indoors year-round. These were gotten from "Kamikaze" Pit Lengner who puts on a show several times a year at the museum.

It's only open Friday-Sunday, 10:00am-5:00pm, but that seems a perfect time for a ride!





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Next Meeting: October 8, 2015

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Full Membership \$25 per year: includes membership packet, newsletter, all benefits in accordance with the State by-laws

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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.