

BIKER CIVIL WRITES

SOUTHERN TIER ABATE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I'd like to invite you to come to the December meeting and discuss motorcycle issues with Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo. Also, bring a snack to share some holiday cheer.

This month's president's report was kept short because of elections.

There is something I would like to comment on that has surfaced a few times in the past and seems to repeat itself over and over again. In a group as diverse as ABATE, you will get controversy between members. Sometimes it's for good caring reasons and sometimes it's for all the wrong reasons, but most of the times it's a little of both.

ABATE has a mission to protect motorcyclist's rights and that is why we're here. Because of this, personalities should always be set aside when we are together so we may work on our common goals. PLEASE, PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES!

If someone is bothering you at a meeting, it will not be tolerated. They will be asked to leave NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE. We need to act like adults and focus. While we are social, we're not a "social club". If you have a personal problem with another member, we need you to be strong and put aside your differences (for a short time) to

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NOVEMBER 2010

Upcoming Events:

- * December 9th: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Meeting
With Special Guest Speaker—
Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo
Holiday 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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ABATE**

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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
PO Box 2441
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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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keep ABATE's goals in the front line. The next time you have a problem with a friend in ABATE, remember what we're about, and hopefully we'll see you at the next meeting.

Mick Brown

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Currently we have 86 Members, that's up 2 from last month of 84.

We had 2 new Members join us.

1. Amy Cook
2. Steven Cook

Welcome aboard new Members!

We had 6 renewals since last newsletter:

1. Pearl Singing Skywolf {3 Yrs}
2. Mike Debetta {18 yrs}
3. Barb Gebo {8 yrs}
4. Paul Rurka {8 yrs}
5. Mike Semcho {2 yrs}
6. Corky Edwards {20 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. Brian Gage {July}
2. Matt Knight {Sept}

Members due in November 2010

1. Jim Chapin
2. Dominick Langella
3. Charlie Lohmeyer
4. Bonnie Stevens
5. Donnie Stevens

No Members are due in December 2010

Members due in January 2011

1. Meggan Hobart

2. Walt Huber
3. Steven Kizis
4. Steve Medovich
5. Mark Paugh
6. Steve Petrylak
7. Al Smith
8. Carl Squires

Members due in February 2011

1. Mick Brown
2. Andy Ellis
3. Regina Excell
4. Annette Goodwin
5. John Grosso

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.

As far as I know the State will be raising our dues \$5.00 for each Member. The new dues will be \$30.00 for full Members and \$25.00 for associate Members. This is supposed to be taking place on January 1st 2011. There has been a lot of negative feedback about this. One question I hear is what do we get for the cost of membership. What we get is a great organization of Brothers and Sisters fighting for our rights as motorcycle riders. We also work on safety issues and spread motorcycle awareness to help keep us all safe. This affects everybody that rides a motorcycle. To me this is a small fee to pay for all of the benefits for all Riders. We cannot forget what being a member of ABATE is all about. We are not a social club here to just hang out and party. We have lost a lot of Members because of personal feelings being fought out with each other. To me this seems like very child like behavior. Personal feeling have to be left out.

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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

From an email sent to Mick:

“I accept the nomination for legislative coordinator for the Southern Tier Chapter of ABATE for the year 2011. God bless our vets!

Steve

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are all one, fighting for the same cause as Motorcycle Riders. I would hope that all our Members feel the same way and continue to support ABATE even though there will be a small increase in dues. This increase is crucial to keep the organization alive and going. That is all I have for this month. Keep in mind what I said. I hope to see more Members at the meetings.

Ride Safe,
Hippie

WEB SITE NEWS (ABATEOFSTNY.ORG)

Still in maintenance mode with the Web site. Hopefully once the semester is over, I can get to all those pictures you've been sending me.

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 NOVEMBER MEETING

November 11, 2010 – Start 7:07pm—18 members (including officers) attended.

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

Eric reads Membership Report: 86 members (up 3), 3 new members, 5 renewals, 2 past due, 8 due to renew. 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 John McK, 2nd Jerry C, motion passed

Shelly reads Newsletter/Website Report. Newsletter went out. Web site in maintenance mode. Not much has been updated. The calendar is being maintained. See *Web Site News* for more details. mta Chrissy, 2nd Tony, motion passed

Steve was out of town for work. We need to put pressure on Senator Libous and Donna Lupardo about vehicle confiscation bill. mta Chrissy, 2nd Jean, motion passed

Kenney had no Vice President's Report. mta Chrissy, 2nd Penny, motion passed

Mick reads President's Report (See *President's Report* section). We got the State Chapter expense report for 2008—2010 and we are losing a lot of money. They are talking about cutbacks. The State wants to raise membership dues to reduce the shortfall. Mick proposed that members have a choice of staying at \$25 and not getting the State newsletter or paying \$30 to get the newsletter. Associate membership dues are going up also. mta Mike, 2nd Toni, motion passed

New business:

1. Nominations:

- * Newsletter: Shelly accepted (no sidekicks yet)
- * Secretary: TJ accepted
- * Treasurer: Toni accepted
- * Membership: Eric accepted
- * Legislative: Steve accepted via email
- * Vice President: Corky accepted
- * President: Mick accepted
- * Female Sergeant-at-arms: Chrissy accepted
- * Male Sergeant-at-arms: John McK accepted

Old business:

1. The Halloween Party: There was a concern that someone brought in their own liquor and only bought soda from the bar. That isn't allowed. Let's be responsible.

2. Corky made the front page in Iowa newspaper.

50/50—\$46.00/\$23.00 each. Mike D. won and donated \$13.00 back.

Motion to Adjourn. mta not recorded, 2nd not recorded, motion passed—Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

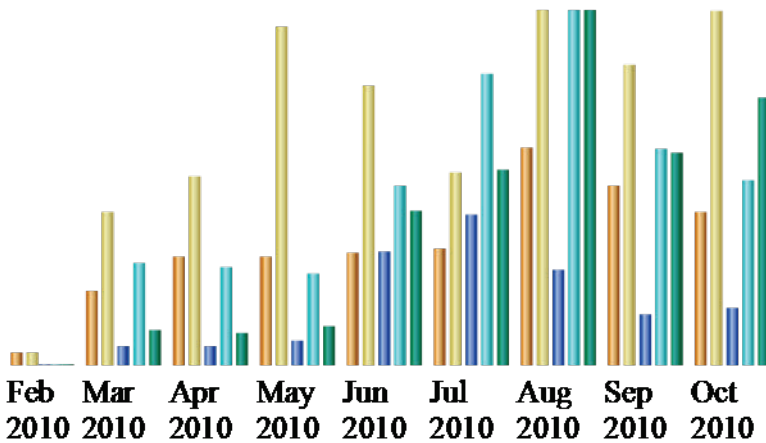
WEB SITE USAGE STATISTICS

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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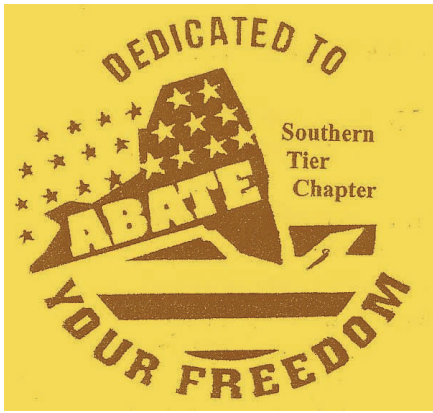
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Next Meeting: December 9th

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