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ABATE OF NYS, INC., SOUTHERN TIER CHAPTER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to encourage every one to go out and vote, but it's a little late for that. So I guess we shall talk about what the Southern Tier Chapter wants to do next year and how we're going to do it. If there are there are any ideas that you want to kick around bring it up in New Business.

The State will be rewriting their bills to present to our Albany representatives. If you have something you might want to mention, please do so and we can bring it up at our next State meeting. Also the State is having their elections this month. If you would like to be present, it will be held at Post 80 on Saturday the 19th at 1:00pm. There is only one vote per chapter but you are entitled to speak on any subject presented at the meeting.

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DECEMBER 2011

Upcoming Events:

- * December 8th: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Meeting
American Legion Post 1194, Hillcrest Board Nominations
- * January 12th: Southern Tier ABATE Chapter Meeting
American Legion Post 1194, Hillcrest Board Nominations

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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The Triple Cities Chopper Club will be having their swap meet the first Saturday in February, which is the 4th at Post 89 behind Kohl's. It would be nice to have our presence there. Mark did a splendid job last year with a display that drew a lot of attention. Let's make it a good one this year also. In closing I would like to say thank you to all the members who have supported this club and me as your president, without your help it would be nothing.

Your President—Mick Brown.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Currently we have 102 Members. That is steady from last month.

We had 1 new Member join us.

1. Steve Ippolitti
2. Bill Chapman

Welcome aboard new Members!

We had 7 Renewals since last month

1. John Carr {11yrs}
2. Mike Debetta {19 yrs}
3. Corky Edwards {21 yrs}
4. "Frog" {4 yrs}
5. Donna Lupardo {14 yrs}
6. Penny McKay {10 yrs}
7. Georgiana Nickerson {5 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. Alicia Chapin {July}
2. Tina Hamrick {July}
3. Rob Mock III {July}
4. Corky Clark {August}
5. Rich Fetterolf {August}
6. Edward Miller {August}
7. Paula Pudiak {August}
8. Ed Snyder {August}
9. Mary Snyder {August}
10. Mike Semcho {September}
11. Jerry Coletti {October}
12. Amy Cook {October}
13. Steven Cook {October}
14. Pearl "Singing" Skywolf {October}
15. Douglas "Butch" Thurber {October}

Members due in November 2011

1. Barb Gebo
2. Charlie Loymeyer
3. Paul Rurka
4. Bonnie Stevens
5. Donnie Stevens

No Members due in December 2011

Members due in January 2012

1. Steve Petrylak
2. Al Smith
3. Carl Squires

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.

Please note at the time of this report I have not received the updated report from the state. If you renewed through the state you will be mentioned in my next report. We have had a problem with members not receiving their Membership packets from the state. If you renewed and have not received your packet, please email me or call me and I will check into it. Give it 3 weeks to a month for things have been quite slow coming from the state. That is all I have for this month. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting. Ride Safe and Be Alert for crossing deer especially this time of year.

Hippie { Membership Chairman }

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 receives: A Life Member patch, A distinctive Life Member card, and yearly pins.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello my brothers and sisters,

For those of you that were here last month, you may recall a discussion about this chapter holding some more events. As much as I would like to do something every month to build up our organization, I don't think it is advisable at this time. The attendance for our Halloween party was very poor. About half of those that did show up never came into the hall to hear the band. We not only had to combine the entry money with the raffle monies to pay the band, but also the money from the last meeting had to be used as well.

Also it's always the same people here to set the parties up, bring in the food, and cleaning up. If you want to do more events, you better be ready to take the bull by the horns and do some of the work. The party was an embarrassment as far as I am concerned and I'm not ready to put on other events without some sort of commitment from this chapter to really attempt to hold a money making, fun event with full chapter participation.

I hate to have to speak this way but that's the way I see it at this point. If you have any suggestions please step up.

Thank You,

Corky

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

No Report Submitted

NEWSLETTER/WEB SITE NEWS (ABATEOFSTNY.ORG)

Only routine changes were done last month.

This has turned out to be a very busy semester and not much else will probably be done until it ends. Sorry!

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, 2011 – Start 7:12pm—20 members (including officers) attended.

TJ reading Secretary Report waived. Motion to accept - Ron, 2nd Chrissy, motion passed

Toni 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 Toni at 743-9556. The books are also available for any member to look over. I would also like to take this time to thank Corky the Girl for the lovely job she did in creating a Halloween money tree to be raffled at the party, Nice Job CORKY the GIRL . mta Mike, 2nd Penny, motion passed.

Eric reads Membership Report. 102 members (5 renewals). See *Membership Report*. mta John Carr, 2nd Ron, motion passed

Shelly reads Newsletter/Website Report. She's very busy this semester and hasn't been able to do much updating. See *Web Site News*. mta Ron, 2nd Penny, motion passed

Legislative Report. No report this month.

Corky reads Vice President report. See *Vice President's Report*. mta-John, 2nd Ron, motion passed.

Mick reads President's Report. See *President's Report*. mta Shelly, 2nd Roger, motion passed

New business:

1. Corky made a motion that ABATE pay for the table at the swap meet at a cost of \$25. Chrissy 2nd the motion and it was a unanimous yes vote by all.
2. Roger would like to set up a ride for all to participate in and enjoy.
3. Toni made a suggestion that we have a gas raffle and send each member 10 tickets to sell to raise money. Corky mentioned it would be costly to mail and the discussion was tabled.
4. Chris asked how long before E15 goes into effect-ethanol in gas-he was directed to go to ABATE website and click on the ESF site.
5. December 4th at the Cyber Café, there will be a benefit for Charlie Moore who was hit by a car.
6. Mike asks why we don't sell our shirts and other ABATE articles.

Elections:

A vote was cast for each officer and a unanimous yes came from all members attending.

1. Secretary—TJ and she accepts.
2. Treasurer—Toni and she accepts.
3. Membership—Eric and he accepts.
4. Newsletter—Shelly and she accepts.
5. Legislative—Steve and he accepts.
6. Vice President—Corky and he accepts.
7. President—Mick and he accepts.
8. Sergeant @ arms Tony and he accepts.

Motion to Adjourn—Mike, 2nd Chris, motion passed—Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

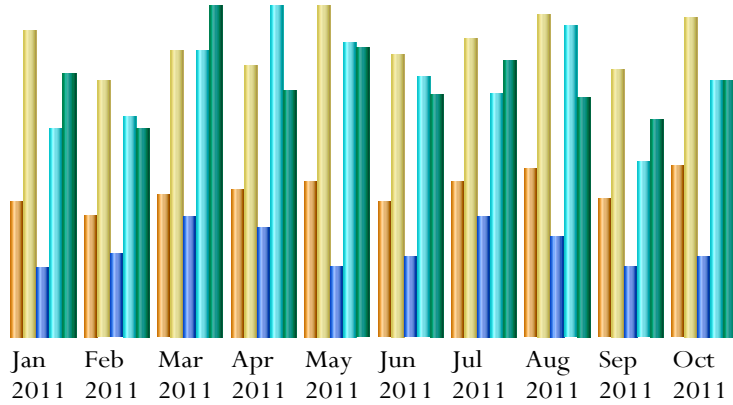
WEB SITE USAGE STATISTICS

SUMMARY

Reported period	Month Oct 2011				
First visit	01 Oct 2011 - 00:16				
Last visit	31 Oct 2011 - 23:36				
	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Viewed traffic *	152	286 (1.88 visits/visitor)	1602 (5.6 Pages/Visit)	5090 (17.79 Hits/Visit)	211.03 MB (755.56 KB/Visit)
Not viewed traffic *			8461	9466	357.55 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
Jan 2011	121	274	1370	4153	217.39 MB
Feb 2011	110	227	1620	4381	170.81 MB
Mar 2011	125	255	2410	5693	271.94 MB
Apr 2011	132	242	2169	6588	201.57 MB
May 2011	139	296	1397	5866	236.28 MB
Jun 2011	120	253	1556	5124	199.22 MB
Jul 2011	139	267	2414	4852	226.76 MB
Aug 2011	148	289	1996	6160	197.72 MB
Sep 2011	122	239	1401	3449	178.49 MB
Oct 2011	152	286	1602	5090	211.03 MB
Total	1308	2628	17935	51356	2.11 GB

CALENDAR VIEWS

50 views by **public visitors** (1097 all time views).

LEGISLATION WE SUPPORT

BILL NO S01338 [No same as]
SPONSOR DILAN
COSPNSR DIAZ, HASSELL-THOMPSON

Amd S423-a, V & T L

Provides that ownership of unidentifiable part in identifiable motorcycle, other than a stolen motorcycle shall be returned to such owner, provided that department has made findings such owner had no knowledge part was unidentifiable and that owner wasn't responsible nor acted in concert to render such part unidentifiable; provides that a department investigation shall take place within thirty days after seizure of motorcycle; and requires commissioner to establish criteria to determine whether motorcycle shall be confiscated, seized or impounded and also to establish a system to ensure return of motorcycles to owners in undamaged condition.

Status: 01/06/2011 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION

Bill Text:

Text not available

BILL NO S01184 [No same as]
SPONSOR PARKER
COSPNSR MAZIARZ

Amd S502, V & T L

Requires five hour pre-licensing course to include a motorcycle awareness and safety component, and the driver's license examination to include two questions concerning motorcycle awareness and safety.

Status:

01/05/2011 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION

Bill Text:

Text not available

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Stephen Faughnan
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March 16, 2011

Hon. Richard Hanna
319 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Sir,

I am writing you today in support of HR 904 introduced by Rep. Sensenbrenner. This resolution would prohibit Federal funds from being used to conduct motorcycle only road stops. First, a little history. The NYS Police in conjunction with the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles began conducting motorcycle only stops in NY two years ago. They called the program "Trooper 5060" in reference to the badge number of a State Police officer who was tragically killed in the line of duty pursuing a criminal who happened to be riding a motorcycle.

The program seemed innocent enough at the time. The stated purpose was to perform safety checks on motorcycles to insure that the riders were operating a vehicle that was in compliance with NYS DMV regulations. Unfortunately, this is not what actually occurred.

The supposed "safety stops" became a tool to generate money for NYS and to issue tickets for non-compliant helmets. The NYS Police set up roadblocks in areas where they knew a large volume of motorcycle traffic would be because of annual motorcycle rallies. They post a sign on the highway indicating that all motorcycles must turn into a State rest area. They place the motorcycles in an area that can best be described as a holding pen, complete with fences and armed troopers and sheriff's deputies. They then look at helmets or anything on the motorcycle that they feel may not be in compliance. The riders who are pulled over have been detained for as long as 45 minutes, many with no tickets issued. Many of the tickets issued are overturned in a court because of non-specificity of the charges or even non-compliance with the NYS Police policy statement on motorcycle only stops. In fact, there is so much vague language in the policy, as well as discretion for the officers that the policy is not being enforced in anything resembling a consistent manner. I'm not even sure if the Troopers themselves understand their own procedure.

Every motorcycle registered in NYS has to be inspected by a licensed motorcycle inspection station each year. These trained professionals are qualified to perform the inspections, as certified by NYS. They are the ones who should be making the determination if a motorcycle is safe to operate, not the New York State Police who have no special knowledge of the factors that affect the safety of the riders. Additionally, if the NYS Police are truly concerned for the safety of the riding public, they would be far better off checking the operators of other motor vehicles that seem to cause most of the non-alcohol related accidents involving motorcycles. It is well established that the best way to prevent motorcycle accidents is through education of all people who use the roads.

It is my understanding that a police officer is supposed to have reasonable suspicion or cause to detain anyone who is legally using our public roadways. This is guaranteed by the Constitution of the US. The "Trooper 5060" program denies this right for anyone riding a motorcycle in the area of these stops.

I have special knowledge of these facts because I am the legislative coordinator of the Southern Tier Chapter of ABATE of NY (American Bikers Aimed Towards Education) and have been riding motorcycles since 1971. I am also an Assistant Chief with the City of Binghamton Fire Department and have been to my share of accidents over the years. I am a registered Republican who voted for you in the last election (not that this should influence your decision) and am passionate about protecting the safety and rights of motorcycle riders.

I urge you or your staff to talk with Rep. Sensenbrenner about HR 904 and sign on as a co-sponsor of this resolution. I would also appreciate any feedback or comments that you may have in regards to this situation. Please feel free to contact me by mail or phone (607) 760-4594.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Faughnan

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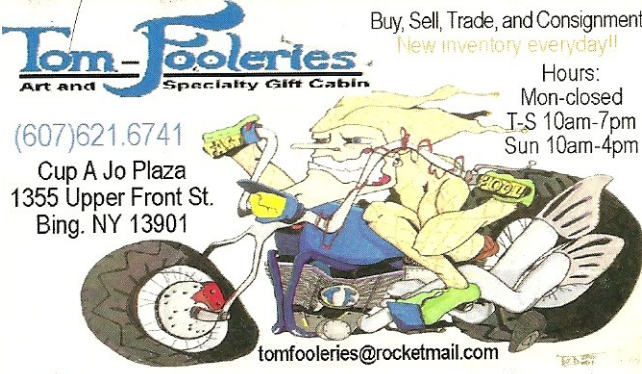
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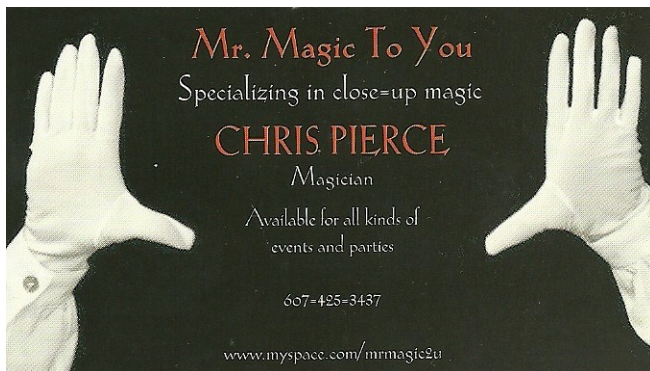
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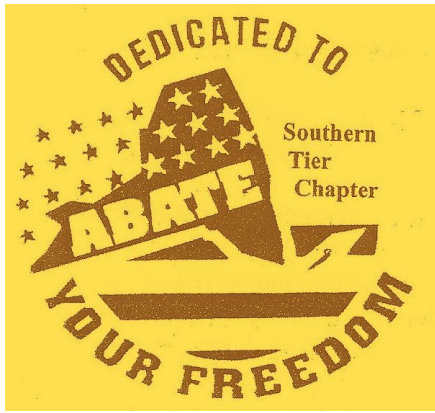


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