

Long Island ABATE 7-9-19 Membership Meeting, Ronkonkoma, NY

Bbq before the meeting.

7:39 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome new members and guests.

The minutes for our June 2019 membership meeting were posted on the LI ABATE website.

Motion 20-2019: Motion to accept June 2019 membership meeting minutes as posted on the LI ABATE website. (Seconded) All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report has not yet been updated for July. Bill will report next meeting.

Committee Reports

Nick / 1st Vice President: Nick will be working toward getting Congressman Peter King and Congressman Tom Suozzi to sign on as co-sponsors to the national motorcycle anti-profiling bill.

Nancy / 2nd Vice President: If you are not receiving LI ABATE newsletters or e-mails, please let Nancy know and the e-mail data base will be updated. **Website:** Campout tickets are now available on the website @ \$30 each. Tickets ordered online will be mailed to you. *Tickets ordered one week prior to the campout will be held at the gate.*

George / Membership: George reports that 10 new members signed up at tonight's meeting. Membership is now over 2200. Memberships can be renewed by mail, online or at a membership meeting. Memberships can be renewed at any time. Your current membership will be extended for one year. ***It is imperative that members renew and that we keep our membership numbers up. It is the only way we can be effective when we meet with public officials in protecting the rights and safety of motorcyclists.***

Josephine /Public Relations: Josephine will be distributing flyers for the campout. If anyone would like to help with the distribution of LI ABATE event flyers, please let Josephine know. Josephine is also requesting business cards to be posted in the newsletter / website, for those businesses offering discounts to LI ABATE members.

Gary / Volunteer Coordinator: Gary will be collecting e-mail addresses and phone numbers for volunteers who wish to assist, in any capacity, on upcoming runs, events, booths, etc. Please see Gary if you are willing to volunteer. Your help is always appreciated.

Mike / Safety Officer: Mike attended the Suffolk County Traffic Safety Board meeting. He urges all drivers to move over or slow down for all emergency and service vehicles on side of the road. Sting operations are being conducted and violators are being ticketed. Mike also asks riders to be visible and ride safe. Rider safety courses to improve riding skills are available at *On the Road Again Motorcycle School and Big Apple Motorcycle School.*

Kathy / Products: There are a limited amount of 2019 Veterans Appreciation Run t-shirts available @ \$15.

Old Business

LI ABATE Lottery: LI ABATE will be fundraising through a 6month daily drawing, based on NYS evening daily numbers. The lottery will run from July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Tickets are now available at \$20 each. We can sell up to 1,000 tickets. *All winnings will be mailed. Sunday win pays \$60, Saturday win pays \$50, weekday wins pay \$40 and bonus days / holidays (which are listed on the ticket) pay \$100.*

2019 LI ABATE Scholarships: LI ABATE will be awarding two scholarships this year: one \$1,000 scholarship for graduating high school senior and one \$1,000 scholarship for an already matriculating student in either a college or vocational school program. Scholarship committee will meet to decide on this year's recipients. *(\$1700 was received toward funding these scholarships thanks to Nancy who put a donation link on Facebook.)*

Veterans Appreciation Fund: Bill was happy to report that to date, thank you to the generosity of all, LI ABATE has \$145,000 (with the matches) to donate to local veterans. *Thank you to Bruce from **American Legion Greenlawn Chapter 1244** for their donation of \$500.*

MRF Bikers in the Beltway was 5/21. Senators and Congressional Representatives in Washington D.C. were lobbied to co-sponsor the Motorcycle anti-profiling bill (H.R.255) which addresses the concerns over the profiling of motorcyclists. Since this lobbying day, we now have 41 co-sponsors. Nick was also able to get **Congresswoman Kathleen Rice** to also sign on as a co-sponsor. LI ABATE will continue to focus on increasing co-sponsorship of this bill.

First Amendment violation: The vendor at the *Salt Shack* on Cedar Beach in the Town of Babylon, continues to have security guards at his establishment asking motorcyclists to remove their vests before entering. *It is a First Amendment right for colors to be worn, and government entities are not permitted to discriminate. Since Cedar Beach is a Suffolk County beach, the vendor must follow this law, as the establishment is government property.* It has come to the attention of LI ABATE, that this practice is continuing. LI ABATE will once again follow up on this matter. *If anyone goes to this location wearing colors and is denied entrance, please videotape the encounter. It would help to have this type of evidence.*

Motorcycle Awareness Booklets for kids are now available. Children can use these booklets while riding in the car to encourage them to look for motorcycles while alerting the driver to the presence of motorcycles. With this tool, we hope to teach the next generation of drivers to be aware of motorcycles on the road. *Thank you to **Karen** for your initiation and effort to complete this project.*

New Business

Nassau County Traffic Safety Board Meeting: Jim attended this meeting in June. LIABATE is trying to establish ties with organizations that promote road safety in Nassau County. **Dale** will be attending future meetings as a representative of LI ABATE.

Motorcycle Accidents: In Manorville, a driver went through a stop sign, hit another car who then swerved into a motorcycle. The motorcyclist suffered a partial amputation, however his leg was successfully reattached at the hospital. A **Nassau County Police Officer, George Day**, was hit while on his motorcycle. He was severely hurt. **Eric Garrison** made a quick exit off LIE, exit 59, and hit a barrier. He did not survive the accident.

LI ABATE Truck: Wayne Blast offered to wrap the LI ABATE truck for free. Wayne is a great supporter of LI ABATE. Once wrapped, the truck will be a traveling billboard for motorcycle awareness.

South Shore Press printed a ½ page article about LI ABATE's Veterans Appreciation Run.

LI ABATE Run / Event List

LI ABATE Annual Campout: August 17-18 @ Cathedral Pines Park. Tickets are now available. Presale tickets will be \$30. (Tickets will be \$40 the day of the campout.) Ticket prices include music by multiple bands (*Point Blank, Wildflower, Armed and Dangerous and Simple Days*), lunch and dinner, bike games, and all camping fees for Saturday night.

Veterans Appreciation Day: Nassau County Fire Fighters Operation Wounded Warrior is sponsoring a Veterans Appreciation Day Saturday 8/10. **LI ABATE** will be sponsoring the motorcycle run from Home Depot, Farmingdale to Eisenhower Park. *Registration for the run is 10:30 -12:00 @ Home Depot, Rt. 110. KSU 12:30. \$15 rider \$10 passenger. Southside Car Club* will be organizing a car and bike show. Live music by local bands.

LI ABATE Booths: Patchogue Live at Five and Riverhead Live on 25 on alternate Thursdays through the month of August. *Please contact our volunteer coordinator if you can assist with educating the public about LI ABATE, handing out motorcycle awareness materials and signing up new members in these booths.*

Motorcycle Clubs Runs / Events

Patriot Guard Riders: NOA, No One in Attendance, ceremony the second Wednesday of each month at Calverton National Cemetery. Group meets up by the restrooms at 9:30am.

Approximately 20-30 veterans are buried each month with no family in attendance. Bill encourages anyone to be a part of the flag line and honor those who served our country.

If anyone is interested in joining the Patriot Guard Riders, go to PGRNY.org to sign up. There is no registration fee or dues. You will receive e-mails with the dates and times of PGR missions.

Alliance MC: 8/11 Life Ride Event, escorted run out of Eisenhower State Park.

American Legion Greenlawn Post 1244: Fundraiser Sweepstakes \$5 each or 6 tickets \$20. Drawing held 7/10. Winners need not be present.

Americas Vet Dogs: 5K walk 7/27, Americasvetdogs.org for more information. Look for **Deborah Stondell** to sponsor.

Jordan Herder 5K run: 7/28. Our own Road Captain, **Joe Pizzo**, will be a participant

Dee Snyder's Ride: 9/29 Lido Beach. DeeSnydersRide.com to pre-register.

Leathernecks MC: 10/21 VA Run

50 /50: \$118 to the winner. *Winner donated all money to the 2019 Veterans Appreciation Fund.*

Motion 21-2019: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:57.