

Columbia County Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of New York, Inc.

Jan.-Feb. 2009 Newsletter

ABATE of New York Opposes New York City Introduction No. 416-A titled; “A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the stopping, standing, or parking of motorcycles equipped with straight pipes on the streets of the city of New York.” First introduced 08/2006, to view the whole bill go to:

<http://webdocs.nycouncil.info/textfiles/Int%2004162006.htm?CFID=2708206&CFTOKEN=87838009>

Basically, the measure would make it illegal for any motorcycle to be on city streets unless it has an exhaust system with a stamp that states it is approved by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Essentially that means the bike must have a stock exhaust system.

Motorcyclists caught without an EPA-stamped exhaust system would face fines of up to \$1,000 for a first offense and temporary forfeiture of the motorcycle until the fine is paid. A second offense would result in a fine of up to \$2,500 and permanent forfeiture of the motorcycle.

City officials apparently believe that requiring motorcyclists to have EPA-approved exhaust systems is easier to enforce than trying to prove a motorcycle exceeds the city's vaguely defined 80-decibel sound limit. Sign the petition, go to <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/crush-416-a-not-our-motorcycles.html>

What's happening with your stolen safety fund money?? A complaint form can also be filed online. Go to the url for the template form; complete the complainant section, sign, date and mail to the NYS Office of the Attorney General, Public Integrity Bureau, 120 Broadway, 22nd floor, New York, N.Y. 10271.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/abatenyofficers/files/TEMPORARY/PIU%20fund%20raid%20template.jpg>

What else is NYS A.B.A.T.E. working on? Have you heard of Bill No S0059 and A0159

“increases the fee to obtain or renew a driver’s license; increases the registration fee for motor vehicles, vessel fees, commercial registration fees, in-transit fees, motorcycle registration fees, all terrain vehicle registration fees, snowmobile fees and plate registration fees; relates to increasing fees for motor vehicle license plates from \$15 to \$25 and provides deposit of such additional sum into the dedicated highway and bridge trust fund and the general fund; eliminates the cap on surcharges imposed by court or administrative tribunal for convictions crimes or traffic infractions; authorizes the DMV to charge certain entities a fee for course completion certificates;... amending the vehicle traffic law, the general municipal law and the public defenders law, relating to civil liability of vehicle owners for traffic control signal violations... eliminates the written test for learners permit; relates to reporting requirements for the dedicated highway and bridge trust fund; relates to the effectiveness of provisions of law relating to revenues of the transportation dedicated funds ... to view it entirely go to <http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/menuf.cgi> and type in either of the bill numbers.

The difference between an unsuccessful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.

-Vince Lombardi

If you're tired of our state legislators, it's time to get involved!
Curious people ask questions, determined people find answers.

What is ABATE?

AMERICAN BIKERS AIMED TOWARD EDUCATION is a non-profit corporation formed to promote and protect the interests of New York Motorcyclists. **ABATE** monitors and interacts with the legislative process, enhancing the image of the sport, and providing educational and social opportunities for members as well as non-members. **ABATE** will continue to strive to become acquainted with both the issues and people of the motorcycling community.

We encourage all our members to be informed registered voters. "New Rider" education classes with certified safety instructors are currently being offered by some of our 26 Chapters throughout the state.

We welcome interested persons to any of our activities and to join our organization.

ABATE does not discriminate - all makes of motorcycles are WELCOME.

Dedicated to Freedom of the Road

ABATE Aims & Purposes

- A.** To review and inform our members about federal, state, and local levels of government motorcycle legislation and to promote favorable motorcycle legislation
- B.** To improve road condition thus making roads safer for motorcyclists
- C.** To help prevent accidents through education.
- D.** To promote positive community relations
- E.** To promote political involvement of motorcyclists
- F.** To act as a legislative liaison between motorcyclists and government authorities, police departments, government agencies, insurance companies, and other organizations.
- G.** To report and discourage biased news reporting of motorcyclists
- H.** To present and promote a better public image of motorcycling.

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Presidential Note

First, I want to thank everyone for the support and confidence given me, to carry out the duties of President for the chapter. As our retiring President, Bob DiRuzzio Sr. always states, 'We have a great group of people in our chapter', and I am honored to be following in his footsteps.

There are many things that will need to be done considering the legislative issues affecting us. Any issue, that directly affects freedom for riders, of any kind, needs to be dealt with. Legislation, regardless of where it starts, affects the whole motorcycling community. We need to be strong, take a stand and we need to be heard. We can accomplish a lot together. My 'Biker' family is something that I have grown to treasure dearly, circumstance may have led me to you, but principle will lead me for you. I believe in what we can accomplish together. Karen Blake-Kittle

'There is a time when we must firmly choose the course we will follow, or the relentless drift of events will make the decision.' -Herbert V. Prochnow

2009 Columbia County Chapter

Meetings

Events

Other Miscellaneous

White Stone Café 7 pm social hour at 6 pm

(info listed below)

JANUARY	8	24 ASMI BAP at Chatham Firehouse	16 - 17 State Seminar Owego, NY Treadway Inn Sat dinner \$20 per
FEBRUARY	5		
MARCH	5	28 Cabin Fever	
APRIL	2	25 Spring Fun Run	17 - 19 MRF "Beast of the East" held in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
MAY	7	17 Chapter Memorial Run	18 NY State Freedom Rally
JUNE	4	7 Chapter Freedom Run 13 Flag Day Parade	1-6 Americade, Lake George, NY 14 - 22 Laconia, NH 26-28 Harley Rendezvous
JULY	2	<i>23-26?? possible</i> Joint Run w/ Northeast Vietnam Vets	11 B.U.D.D.H.A. Run
AUGUST	6	1 Mountain Run 8 "200 Club" Party	23 Hogs 4 Hospice
SEPTEMBER	10	20 3 Annual Bozo Run <i>??</i> 4 Annual Run w/ RTNY5	3-7 Columbia County Fair 11-14 Catskill, Mountain Thunder 24-27 MRF Meeting Of The Minds held in Bloomington, Minnesota
OCTOBER	1	4 Toy Run	
NOVEMBER	5		
DECEMBER	5	Holiday get together combined w/ meeting	

All event dates are subject to change. All Chapter Events to be updated in our Monthly Newsletter and on our website at <http://www.geocities.com/columbiaabate>. Our Chapter event flyers are also available there and at the State Newsletter site at <http://www.abateny.org/events/events.htm>
 More events/flyers of other ABATE chapters and other motorcycle related events

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) <http://www.mrf.org> . The MRF is your national voice, acting as your Washington office. They will supply you with immediate information on issues of importance and, after careful analysis, recommend a careful course of action.

The American Motorcycle Association (AMA) <http://www.ama-cycle.org/>

Motorcycle Association of New York (MANYS) <http://www.manys.org>

New York State Dept. of Motor Vehicles <http://www.nysdmv.state.ny.us>

Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) <http://www.msf-usa.org>

For State Assembly information including members, committees and bills: <http://www.assembly.state.ny.us>

For Senate information: <http://www.senate.state.ny.us>

For U. S. House of Representatives for Federal bills: <http://www.house.gov>

For legislative information or search bill information <http://thomas.loc.gov>

To learn how government works, Project vote smart: <http://www.vote-smart.org/index.phtml>

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Chapter meeting minutes from Jan. 8, 2009. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm with 29 members present.

Pledge of Allegiance recited. Welcome Dave Kipp from Dutchess County chapter.

Motion #01-09 made by Jack with second, to waive the reading of the previous month's minutes. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: given by Tricia

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Income-</u>
Beginning balance- \$6,801.65	News Letter \$158.64	Member Dues \$325.00
Income +\$1,671.00	Donation Edith Casey \$1,010.00	Donations \$287.00
Expenses -\$4,942.09	Products-\$707.25	R Taylor Fund \$350.00
Ending Balance \$3,530.56	Member Dues \$175.00	Fair Refund \$100.00
Savings Balance (200 Club)\$231.73	MRF Dues \$100.00	CGSI for Fair Booth \$425.00
	Holiday Party \$2,345.00	<u>Holiday Party \$184.00</u>
	Trophies \$130.00	Total \$1,671.00
	Trailer Lettering \$300.00	
	<u>Flowers \$16.20</u>	Motion #02-09
	Total \$4,942.09	Report accepted as read

Membership Report from Karen Kittle Membership stands at 155 as of December 31st, 2008.

Outstanding Member dues

NOV Don & Judy Coe

DEC Donna Bink

Pam Colarusso

Shana Cutler

Carl Decker Jr.

Aдриanna Delaney

Mike Demizio

Joeseph Grassi

Hiedi Hallock

Ken Kasper

Bonnie Kelleher

Chris Peters

Diana Pratt

Laura Preble

Chris Prior

Steve Ringwood

JANUARY DUES

J.Ron Dillon

FEBRUARY DUES

Tony Brahm

Dawn Evans

Ben Gansowski

John Klugo

Marc Martino

Julie Rouse

Cindy Tracey

Rick Tracey Sr.

Forever membership has been established and eligibility is limited to those who were members of ABATE of NY at the time of death. The Forever Member will be memorialized through a unique card and memorial certificate, and continuing annual ABATE of NY pins. Forever members names will be published in a special section of every issue of the Freedom Writer and on the ABATE of NY website. The card and certificate are meant for the memorializing party to treasure, pins perhaps to be saved or placed at the grave, and the publication so that all remember.

**Rob Taylor has been added as a Forever Member through ABATE of NY Inc. Columbia County Chapter.

Legislative Report: by Prospector

Our lawsuit against DMN and the State Police on the roadblock issue is going ahead. Mitch Proner is doing this pro-bono. Session opened yesterday, 1-7-09, I was invited to the state-of the state address but was previously engaged with a prior commitment. There are 8 new assembly people, of those 3 are strong supporters, and 4 are still up, but could go either way, and the last... I have started to make my appointments. The senate majority is now Democratic, but on Tuesday morning, leadership had not yet been established. I spoke to the legal counsel of one of our friends as to how to get our bill sponsors in the senate and was informed that it was 'business as usual.' At this point, we don't know what will happen, there is no roster printed yet for the Senate. This leadership changed hasn't happened in 40 years, so now we will probably have to get Democratic sponsorship; there is no way of knowing yet how it will work.

Another issue, back in December there was a proposed EPA Noise bill Introduction 416 A down in NYC (it was actually introduced 2 years ago and forgotten about until a week before Christmas, it was stopped but I have been told that it will be brought back before the end of the month.. Basically it is says- it prohibits the parking of motorcycles equipped with straight pipes on the streets of the city of New York with-out EPA approved or stock exhaust pipes (with stamp or sticker). First offence - \$1000 fine and the bike is confiscated until the fine is paid. The second offence is up to \$2500 fine and you lose the bike.

Discussion ensued; ending that possibly the support we should look for is through the aftermarket business, that if the pipes aren't stamped then we won't buy them. AND...Still need people to support the MRF! \$30 per year and every ABATE member should be an MRF member as well.

Newsletter Report: given by Karen meeting agenda print out is available the next issue is combined Jan. Feb., and will be in the mail next week.

Products Report: given by Paula. Have money to turn in from Christmas party and a fill in order has been placed. Have products with me if anyone wants something. Special order items will be in and I will contact them when they come in. There is one outstanding balance from the Christmas party, but have been assured that the balance will be paid. 'Remember if you have any ideas for items for product we are open to ideas. Pete'

Sgt at Arms Report: given by Roddy. Everything is ok.

Road Captain's Report: Given by Bob M. Ready when you are. I have three runs laid out but nothing is set in stone so if someone has an idea for a stop, let us know.

Committee Reports:

Holiday Party- given by Pete--December 13 at the Elks Club in Hudson. Those that went had fun; we had 29 no-shows at a cost of \$17 per person. We understand the reason why due to the weather, ...but, due to that fact, the chapter board has decided that next year's party will have a cover charge of \$10 per person to help offset our cost (given in treasury report) If you do have any ideas for next year, Pete will be on the committee and believes that Nola would like to as well.

**Would like to have the committees set ASAP for all our events/ runs so that we have flyers ready for the website and early distribution, I would like to see some members volunteer for these committees ahead of time KBK

Bob M. – Would like to have the Road Captains be a part of that committee. Agreed.

Old Business: The ASMI BAP course is scheduled for Saturday, Jan 24 and will be held at the Chatham Firehouse 9am – 5pm, lunch will be provided for attendees. It is being sponsored by our chapter, no cost to anyone taking it. I have been working with the local Red Knights chapter in planning this and am happy that it worked out. Thank you to all who are signed up for the course. KBK'

Frank and Denise are planning the run to Washington, DC May 22 – 25; currently have 12 rooms left for the weekend. See flyer pg.

New Business: Correspondence and certificate from the MRF as a sustaining chapter member for thanks as well as other issues they are working on for you including the Right to Repair Bill, EPA Noise Bill. What's coming up? Bikers inside the beltway will take place in May to help raise awareness of the SAFETEA-LU 2010 funds. We hope to get as many bikers as we can to come to DC to get the attention of our safety and education funds. Date is not set but will be and notice sent out

\$759 rebate membership from the state level, also letters and monies sent in for the Robert C. Taylor Fund from Frank and Virgie Taylor and from friend, Deloris Rogers

Paula showed the chapter a quilt that was made by one of our own members, would like to have the chapter cover expenses to have another made as a fundraiser item. 16 t-shirts would also need to be donated to make the quilt.

Motion #03-09 made by Denise with a second to have chapter cover costs of materials to make quilt made by chapter member Mary Desantis to be raffled off at 2009 fair booth. Unanimous.

The PAC hat collected \$41 tonight, thanks to all.

Motion #04-09 made by Frank with second to adjourn meeting at 7:54 pm. Submitted by Paula Palleschi, Secretary

Do something more to protect your rights! Register, vote, write and ride!

JOIN AND SUPPORT **Motorcycle Riders Foundation** Freedom Fighter Donation _____

Annual Individual Membership \$30 3-Yr Individual Membership \$80 Annual Sustaining Membership \$100
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February 7-8 Syracuse Cycle Expo Sat. 11 am – 6 pm - Sun. noon – 5 pm Center of Progress Building Empire Expo Center N Y State Fairgrounds The largest motorcycle showcase & swap meet under one roof in the Northeast! Buy new - Build a Re-cycle cycle - Restore & Rebuild Bring out your knuckles and flatheads! Door prizes and cash awards for custom bikes will be given away Sunday night from 3-5pm, must be present to win.

27-March 8 Bike Week Daytona, Fl www.myrtlebeachbikeweek.com

March

April 17-19 MRF “Beast of the East” held in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware hosted by ABATE of Delaware Online registration available now www.mrf.org

May 8 - 17 Myrtle Beach Bike Week, SC <http://www.myrtlebeachharleybikeweek.com/>

22 – 25 AMJAM Cobleskill Sunshine Fairgrounds The 24th Annual American Motorcycle Jamboree at Cobleskill fairgrounds is a three-day non-stop "City of Cycles" for ALL makes and models. This is an old fashioned sleep-under-the-stars, camp out (included in the admission price) features a motorcycle rodeo, swap meet, custom and antique bike show along with six bands, visit www.am-jam.com or contact AM-JAM, Inc. P O Box 336 Corinth, NY 12822 518-893-2273. Tickets will be available at the gate Thursday – Sunday \$45 per person. Sat. only \$20 per person.

22-25 Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom Washington, DC ride to meet up with the “Run for the Wall” A “welcome home” and “we have not forgotten” parade on Memorial day, from the Pentagon to The Wall.

30 – June 7 Warrensburg Bike Week Warrensburg is approximately 4 miles north of Lake George on rte. 9, or at exit 23 off of 787 (the northway). Our site is just past the Post Office, on Main Street. The riding thru the Adirondacks is great for those who haven't been here before. Routes 9, 3, 28,4,etc. Tupper Lake, Blue Mountain Lake, Lake Placid, Lake George, are just some of the lakes. The Vermont Mts. are nearby also, on route 4. Great Riding, Great Scenery. A multitude of vendors located town wide with a free concert at the beginning of the week. 518-623-9986

June 1-6 Americade, Lake George, NY sponsored by AMA. Registration is at the Holiday Inn in Lake George and begins at 11am on June 1st. Events include guided and unguided rides, poker runs, scavenger hunt, tradeshow, bike shows, vendors, entertainment, and more but activities take place at various locations. For more info call 518-798-7888 Multi-Brand Rally www.tourexpo.com

12-14 Rhinebeck Grand National M sponsored by the Antique Motorcycle Club of America Largest 3 Day Antique Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet in the USA, also Antique Trucks, Machinery, Aeroplanes, Stunt and Thrill Shows, the Famous Motorcycle Timeline and much more, contact Tim Cantele 518-828-2768 or visit www.rheinbecknationalmeet.com

12-14 MRF ‘BOTW’ Best of the West Phoenix, AZ Plaza Phoenix Airport. Room rate \$89.00 includes breakfast. Reservation number is 602-273-7778. Online registration available now. www.mrf.org

14-22 Laconia, NH

26-28 Thousand Island River Run Alexandria Bay, NY Friday June 7-10pm- “Kick Off Block Dance” featuring the “Loozends” Downtown A-Bay Saturday June 27 V-FORCE CUSTOMS-“Vinnie and Cody”- From the American Chopper Series on the Discovery Channel Vendors at the Pavilion “ALL WEEKEND” “The Vertical Outlaws” Motorcycle Stunt Group @ the A-Bay Fire Hall 1:00-5:00pm “Mom and Pop”-Custom Bike Show @ 2:00pm “Dirtiest Bike” Contest @ 2:00pm “Rob’s Dyno Service” ALL DAY@ A-Bay Fire Hall “Ladies TATTOO” Contest-The Downtown I @ 5:00pm “Men’s TATTOO” Contest-Skiff’s @ 6:00pm Saturday June 28 “Live Music Fest”- Location at Downtown Alexandria Bay 11:00am-10:00pm “Jambones” Rock and Roll @11:00am “Double Barrel Blues” Blues Band @ 3:00pm “Cousin Jake” Rock and Roll @ 7:00pm Sunday-June 29 Poker Run “Wind Down”-TBA Registration @ Downtown A-Bay 9:30-10:30am Block Dance-“Loosendz” Downtown A-Bay 1:00 -4:00pm phone 315-482-4105 www.alexbay.org

- June 26 – 28 Harley Rendezvous Pattersonville, NY Indian Lookout Country Club in western Schenectady. Hamlet of Mariaville 80 acres of camping, vendor acres, covered stage, rodeo area, showers, and more.. Tickets/'09 discount \$45. ea. charter ticket \$40 plus sales tax 8% sale ends April 1st Trailer/RV permit \$150 does not include ticket. All tickets must add sales tax NO gate sales. www.harleyrendezvous.com (518) 864-5659 All motorhomes, pull-behind trailers (except utility type trailers that carry bikes), in the truck bed campers and conversion vans need a trailer permit. The only exceptions are any trailer you pull behind your bike, and utility trailers that you don't sleep in - those are the only exceptions that don't need a permit. ATT: Permit must be in windshield upon entering. All orders sent after June 10th will be sent FedEx at your expense!
- July 9- 11 NY State H.O.G. Rally, Binghamton, NY Registration deadline May 21, 2009 For more info call 607-687-5484 or visit www.nystatehogrally.com
- August 3-9 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally 68 Annual phone (605) 720-0800 fax (605) 720-0801
- 21 – 23 Rally in the Valley Olean, NY The three-day event all at one location (Bradner Stadium) is a motorcycle rally with the proceeds from the event benefiting a host of community charities. FRIDAY normally is a kick off to the weekend with a free concert featuring regional band. Games, vendors, food and fun round out the night. SATURDAY, the event is turned into a street festival with a variety of activities, including bike contests, bands, foods, and vendors. The bike contests include slow ride, ball drop, tire toss, and hot dog. The bike contests include Best Paint, Best Custom, Best Vintage, Best Trike, Best Touring, and more. SUNDAY approximately 130-mile Dice Run ending in Olean with a food, music, prizes and more. Phone 716-372-4433 or visit www.oleanny.com
- September 11-14 Catskill Mountain Thunder East Durham, NY 3 day event at the Blackthorne Resort. Bike shows w/\$1000's cash prizes, rodeo games, vendor expo, stunt shows, swap meet tent, fireworks, pig roast, live music day & nite, on-site camping, spaghetti wrestling, demo rides, guided and unguided tours, antique bike display, celebrity bike builders, used bike corral for anybody looking to buy or sell a bike. Aerial Burnouts Fri. & Sat. evenings, BBQ and party Thur. evening, and Fri. morning scenic breakfast run.
- 13 Longhairs Covered Bridge Ride Tilton, NH This event is a poker run for child abuse prevention. This is our 10th bennifate ride so far. The regitration fee is \$15.00 the poker sheet's are \$5.00 each. We stop at 5 covered bridge's through-out NH. We sell t-shirt's and longleeve shirt's. We sold baby bib's last time. Contact Kathy Trefrey 603-943-5603 www.myspace.com/bridgeride
- 24-27 MRF "Meeting of the Minds" sponsored by ABATE of Minnesota www.mrf.org
- 30- October 3 Myrtle Beach Bike Rally SC **Some laws were passed in 2008 that are very non-rally and non-biker friendly, for instance you will get ticketed if your bike makes more than 87 decibels worth of noise.** www.myrtlebeachbikeweek.com
- October 15-18 Biketoberfest, Daytona, Fl. Biketoberfest has expanded beyond just the Daytona Beach are; notably Bruce Rossmeyer's Harley Davidson now has all of the offerings that you would find at most rallies right on their huge property. Another new thing to note about this Florida rally is that **there is a new law prohibits having your license plate vertically mounted and also that requires both wheels on the ground.** Biketoberfest is one of the premier motorcycle rallies in the world and subsequently it will have all of top notch attractions. Many of the best custom bike builders show up with their latest creations and there are a number of great custom bike shows with elite competition in many categories. As with Dayton Beach Bike Week, there is tons of racing at the Daytona International Speedway during Biketoberfest. Additionally you will be able to see top name bands, motorcycle shows, demo rides, expos, celebrity appearances, endless vendors, charity rides, and all of the entertainment and attractions at the renowned area bars. www.biketoberfest.org/
- ??NY Safety Conference

**All events are updated, as information is available.

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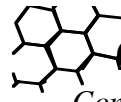
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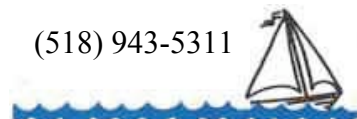
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