



**ABATE of NEW YORK, INC.
AMERICAN BIKERS AIMED TOWARDS EDUCATION**

Columbia County ABATE Freedom Run

Sunday June 7th, 2009

Let those That Ride...Decide

Line up 11am leave at 12 sharp

Plaza Diner Route 9, Hudson, NY

Ends at Churchtown Firehouse

Finish out the day with bike games and prizes

(weather permitting)

\$20 per person includes food & beverage



Helmet free by personal choice

What is ABATE?

AMERICAN BIKERS AIMED TOWARD EDUCATION

A non-profit corporation formed to promote and protect the interests of all 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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|----------|---------|----------|-----------|
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| Half pg | 35.00 | 175.00 | 350.00 |
| Full pg | 50.00 | 250.00 | 500.00 |

Deadline for any submission into the next Newsletter is July 1st 2009.

Next chapter meeting is June 4th 2009.

Remember to ask at the places that you frequently go and/ or support for your business.

2009 Columbia County Chapter

Meetings

Chapter Events

Miscellaneous/Chapter Supported Events

White Stone Café 7 pm social hour at 6 pm

(info listed below)

| Month | Meetings | Chapter Events | Miscellaneous/Chapter Supported Events |
|------------------|-----------|---|---|
| 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 | | Change 12 B.U.D.D.H.A. #3 Motorcycle Awareness Run Bikers Unite Demanding Driver Higher Awareness |
| AUGUST | 6 | 1 Mountain Run 8 “200 Club” Party | 23 Hogs 4 Hospice |
| SEPTEMBER | 10 | 20 3rd Bozo Run | 2-7 Columbia County Fair 4-7 State Party at Hogarosa Campgrounds 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 | Christmas Party combined w/ meeting | ** There will be a \$10 per person charge for everyone. Members and Non-Members alike |

All event dates are subject to change. All Chapter Events and flyers can also be found on our website at

<http://www.geocities.com/columbiaabate>

More events and flyers of other ABATE chapters and other motorcycle related events

can be found on the NY State Newsletter site at <http://www.abateny.org/events/events.htm>

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. “If you are an ABATE state member, you should also be an MRF member. KBK”

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 May 7, 2009.

Meeting called to order at pm with 40 members present..Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Welcome to John and Melanie Collins

Motion #13-09 made by Butch with second, to waive the reading of the previous month’s minutes. Unanimous

Treasurer’s Report: given by Tricia

Ending Balance \$3556.84 Savings Bal. (200 Club) \$1782.30 Report Accepted as read.

March Membership Report by Karen

Members Outstanding

Dean Fischer

John Hogan

April Keyes

James Mayo

Roddy Neisen

Eric Nelson

Dawn Phieffer

Diane Struble

Member dues for May

Cindy Dallas

Bob Davis

Vicki Davis

Tim Esselstyne

Jeff Fumei

Andy Monell

Chris Osswald

Stephen Phieffer

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Member dues for June

Tony Barry

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Fred Potts

Mike Rutkowski

Mark Sawicky

Jason Seaman

Report accepted as read

Legislative Report: by Karen. Propsector is asking that you are reminded to attend the Freedom Rally. He is still in need of someone to help at the AMJAM booth as well as a charity event on the weekend of Aug. 7 & 8. Anyone interested please let me know.

Newsletter Report: given by Karen. Advertising rates have been added to the website as well as the ABATE RRF for those that don’t know what that is, it’s for donations to our PAC -Political Action Committee. Reminder to ask people about advertising, ask proprietors for discounts for ABATE members, that could potentially help in the way of membership for us. Website – geocities will be stopping their free site we need to come up with something else if anyone has ideas let me know. I would like to have someone step up and take over the Newsletter position.

Public Relations: given by Paula. Jack contacted Phil Abitabile at the Taconic Driving School, they will distribute our safety pamphlets, there will also be a photo op at 10am on Sat. he would like to present us with a donation as well. Would also like to thank John Cotte for donating his time to make our pamphlets at no charge. We are still waiting on news of the bumper stickers from the state.

Sgt at Arms Report: given by Jack – Everything’s ok.

Road Captain Report: by Bob M. The route is set for the chapter Freedom Run, needs to know if we want less ride and more games or vice versa. Will check for next meeting.

Committee Reports:

‘200 Club’ -34 tix have been sold, many are still out and still looking for a band.

Rolling Thunder Those going with Frank are to meet at Bell’s Pond Fri. am we will leave by 6:30 AM.

Chatham Fair -sign-up for booth help, if you sign-up please show up or call. Karen is planning on having the entry tix for handout at our Aug. meeting.

Bozo Run -we are set to end at Meadowgreen’s. Anyone wanting to start getting items for collections and/ or donations, please feel free to do so

Christmas Party 12/5

Unfinished Business We have received enough tee shirts to make the quilt for the fair raffle.

Reminder to everyone about Wed. night rides, meet at the Plaza Diner lot around 6pm, usually back by 9/10pm.

Reminder to check your insurance policy for you SUM coverage. Maximize your uninsured/underinsured coverage to protect yourself. The fraction that you may spend, could pay you greatly if injured in an accident.

Motion #14-09 made by George with second to adjourn meeting at 7:43 pm.

Submitted by Paula Palleschi, Secretary

ABATE of New York

Freedom Rally

May, 18, 2009

Thank you to all that attended!

It was a huge success!

Plan on attending next year
and speak to your representatives.

Let your voice be heard!!

The greatest dangers to liberty
Lurk in insidiuos encroachment
By men of zeal well-meaning,
But without understanding

■ Louis D. Brandeis



*A warm welcome to the 200+
Sport-bike riders from NYC in
attendance at the event*

I have no fear that the result of
our experiment will be that men
will be able to govern themselves
without a master.

Thomas Jefferson

~ Our cause, then, must be intrusted to, and conducted by...those whose hands are free,
whose hearts are in the work-who do care for the result. ...We did this under the single impulse
of resistance to a common danger.... Of strange, discordant, and even, hostile elements,
we gathered from the four winds, and formed and fought the battle through,
under the constant hot fire of a disciplined, proud, and pampered enemy...

We shall not fail-if we stand firm, we shall not fail...sooner or later, the victory is sure to come~

Abraham Lincoln

\$5,000.00 in CASH PRIZES

A.B.A.T.E. of Columbia County

"200 Club" Fundraiser

at Frank's Farm, Rt. 66, Hudson, NY

August 08, 2009

Only 200 tickets are sold -- \$50.00 donation

Ticket holder & guest receive Roast Beef BBQ, Beer, Soda, & Music

Grounds Open at 5pm - serving 6-7 p.m. - Drawing at 9pm

contact 518-697-8837 for further info and/or tickets

All tickets must be purchased by July 1, 2009

Prize list as follows

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|------|------------|
| 1st | \$2,500.00 |
| 2nd | \$1,000.00 |
| 3rd | \$500.00 |
| 4th | \$250.00 |
| 5th | \$250.00 |
| 6th | \$100.00 |
| 7th | \$100.00 |
| 8th | \$100.00 |
| 9th | \$100.00 |
| 10th | \$100.00 |

American Bikers Aimed Toward Education

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Other 2009 Events of Interest

May 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 Meet 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-"Loosenz" 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

23 Hogs for Hospice The Albany/Schenectady HOG Chapter sponsored by Spitzie's presents the 5th annual HOG's for Hospice Ride. This event is open to all bikes! This self guided Poker Run will start at Spitzie's and will end at the South Schenectady Fire House. Cost is \$25 per person and price includes an 8x10 photo of your bike by Professional Photographer DINO PETROCELLI, event pin for the first 300 bikers, and food provided by CHICO'S BBQ. All proceeds benefit patient and family end-of-life care services throughout Albany County. This event will go forward rain or shine! Contact Sue Emanuele 518-724-0200

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.

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

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

Individual Membership \$30 Joint Membership \$50 Annual Sustaining Membership \$100

3-Yr. Membership \$80 3-Yr Joint Membership \$130 New Member Renewal Mbr #

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

1) Have you ever been a member of MRF? Yes No

2) Are you a member of a state motorcyclists' rights organization Yes No If yes, name: _____

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"When You Go Home,
Tell Them Of Us
And Say,
For Their Tomorrow,
We Gave
Our Today"



ROLLING THUNDER MAY 2009



**Pictures courtesy of Tweeter

We walked among the crosses
Where our fallen soldiers lay.
And listened to the bugle
As TAPS began to play.
The Chaplin led a prayer
We stood with heads bowed low.
And I thought of fallen comrades I had
known so long ago.

They came from every city
Across this fertile land.
That we might live in freedom.
They lie here 'neath the sand.
I felt a little guilty
My sacrifice was small.
I only lost a little time
But these men lost their all.
Now the services are over

For this Memorial Day.
To the names upon these crosses
I just want to say,
Thanks for what you've given
No one could ask for more.
May you rest with God in heaven
From now through evermore.

C.W.Johnson

