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Message from our President

by Audrey Rindfleisch-Hamilton, President, ABATE of New York, Inc.

Greetings to all ABATE of NY members. Dear Brothers and Sisters, 2024 is an auspicious year as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of ABATES existence as an SMRO .

50 years strong from 1974 -2024. 2023 ended with sadness and heartache. This organization will continue to grow and thrive with hard work and dedication from each and every one of us.

Our goal as an organization will be a continuation of the vision Andrew Liuzzi had begun. We are looking ahead in moving the organization forward to foster growth and change in a positive way.

There is much work to be done this year in order to facilitate the necessary forward momentum needed to accomplish tasks for the upcoming year. I invite all members to roll up their sleeves and join us in making ABATE of NY INC, goals come to fruition in 2024. Perseverance, dedication, and determination on everyone's part will help us accomplish more. There will be challenges ahead. We also must realize that everything we set out to do will take some time. Rome wasn't built in a day the saying goes.

I would like to take a moment to give thanks and recognition for all those that volunteered time to make the 2024 business seminar a success.

A big Thanks to the Handel Family, owners and operators of The Blackthorn resort. We were welcomed and well taken care of with excellent service.

I would next like to take time to thank the ABATE Board members and respective chapters for all the hard work, attention to detail and communication for this event to make it successful.

Robert " Prospector" Boellner State secretary, Columbia Chapter. Tom Uline State treasurer Albany County Chapter. Julian Caproni Region E coordinator Columbia County chapter. Chris Pecchio Sgt at arms / President Rensselaer County chapter. Chris Genovese legislative coordinator Buffalo-Erie chapter. Linda Gaylord Odell Newsletter editor and public relations Columbia county chapter.

I could not have done all of this without all of you. Clearly a team effort which is appreciated. Thank you to all chapters that attended and a shout out to 5 Boroughs ABATE! Glad to see to everyone.

A very Big thank you to all of our guest speakers and attendees for showing up to help us celebrate the 50th anniversary of ABATE.

Chris Beckhans President Long Island ABATE. Jim Barr National Coalition of Independent riders. Tracy Beaurivage President NHMRO / MRF representative. Attorney Benjamin Rabin Onondaga County chapter. Albany county sheriff Craig Apple, Columbia county sheriff Don Krapf and Undersheriff Jaqueline Salvator , Greene county sheriff Peter Kusminsky . Each of the guest speakers shared the same vision of preserving motorcyclist rights in New York and encouraging working together in order to become a larger voice for the motorcycling community. While ABATE of NY INC is an active organization dedicated to motorcyclist rights and freedom of the road, it is beneficial to work closely with likeminded organizations to achieve desired goals and out comes to further the cause.

A larger voice is needed for the growing motorcycle community in our state. Working together to ensure ALL of our voices are heard by the elected legislators whether they are representatives, assembly persons or State Senate. In a nutshell we are all in this together. Every member, every chapter! So, let's get to work. and make this happen for 2024.

Brothers and Sisters of ABATE. The road is wide open and it's time to clear the path to future success!

One last bit of news. The flyer for the upcoming Freedom Rally in May 2024 is in this issue. The ride to the Capital will take place on the 20th of May 2024. The Blackthorn resort will be the staging area for the ride. Our state meeting / meet and greet will be held the day before on the 19th. We hope to see as many riders as possible attend his year. Make it count by showing up!

I wish everyone good health and safe riding when the weather breaks. God bless and see you all soon at the next meeting in Waterville NY ON February 17th.

5 Boroughs Chapter of ABATE

In the celebration of Abate of New York Inc. 50th anniversary Abate of New York 5 Boroughs chapter is continuing in the spirit of Abate Inc. to fight for bikers' rights. In my 12 years as a member and the last 10 years as president, along with an amazing board of officers. We would like to boast of some of our accomplishments under the great leadership of our late state president Andrew Liuzzi. A5BC has and is becoming NYC's bikers first line of defense for bikers' rights. We have been recognized by DOT and NYPD and many bike clubs and independent bikers as champions for NYC bikers, leading the charge to decrease fatalities and injuries through the formulation of NYC M.A.C. Motorcycle Advisory Council. Along with other bikers' rights organizations pulled together by A5BC; AMA, NY Motorcycle and Scooter Task Force and Riders Against Congestion Pricing. We've gotten tickets expunged, policies set in place by NYPD to allow NYC bikers to ride in the HOV lanes, and if they are pulled over, we can get those tickets expunged.

We have given advice and are responsible for Revel scooter rentals company, who have since that time implemented a program to provide helmets and introductory rider classes to pedestrians renting their scooters. This was accomplished through the NYC M.A.C. in our effort to educate all NYC two wheeled motorized vehicles riders. Abate 5 Boroughs chapter has through New York City M.A.C. the motorcycle Advisory Council, acquired from DMV, the department of motor vehicles a 2 1/2-day course, 4 hours online and two days on the ground, A subsidize M class endorsement pilot program. These classes are set to take place starting April 27th and 28th 2024 at Kingsborough college. We have acquired 5 - 2 1/2-day sessions for this year 2024, for 12 to 15 riders per session.

We have A5BC, in partnership with Riders Against Congestion Riders, got the upcoming so-called congestion pricing program for NYC bridges to reduce to half price for motorcycles. We will also continue our DOT/NYPD sponsored self-practice sessions this year, now in its 4th year. 2 sessions at Randall's Island and/or City Island.

Two Spring sessions and two fall sessions will be done on Saturday mornings. These victories all started in 2018 with the letter writing campaign of our legislative coordinator Phyllis Bryte Knight-Whetstone. And let's not forget our 3rd Annual Abate 5 Boroughs Motorcycle Awareness Month ride set for May 18th or 19, 2024. Our annual skate night is set for February 24th, 2024 @ United States of America 1276 Hicksville Rd. Seafood NY. Our Motto is Abate of NY 5 Boroughs chapter "NYC's biker fist line of defense." Come and work with us, Abate of New York Inc. Be a part of the solution.

Michael (Rock) Whetstone,
Abate 5 Boroughs Chapter, President



***"NYC's biker first line of defense."
Come and work with us, Abate of New
York Inc. Be a part of the solution.***

5 Boroughs Chapter (Continued)



First Meeting with Ron Whittaker, DOT



2019 with Assembly persons, Latrice Walker and Nick Perry. Protest Ride



President Whetstone on Ruff Ryders Radio



Business Seminar 2024 Highlights

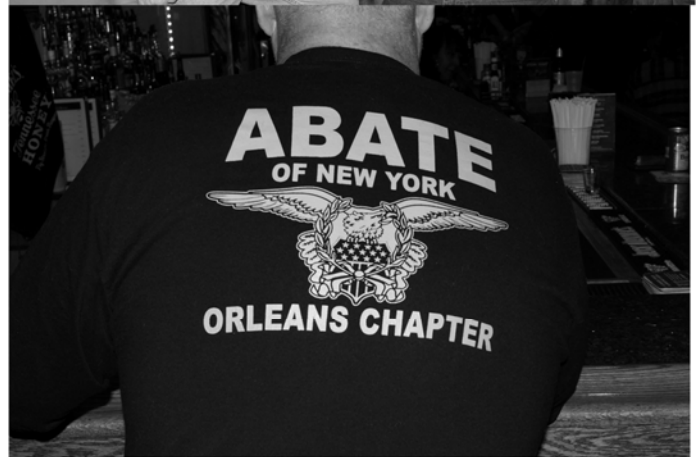
January 20, 2024

The 2024 Business Seminar was held at "The Blackthorne Resort" in East Durham, NY situated in the Catskill Mountains. The Seminar was attended by 9 Chapters from ABATE of New York, Inc. and over 50 individual attendees and guests. We were honored to have Jim Barr, Director of National Council of Independent Riders, Traci Beaurivage, President of New Hampshire Motorcycle Rights Organization, Don Krapf, Columbia County Sheriff and Jaqueline Salvatore, Columbia County Undersheriff, Craig Apple, Albany County Sheriff, Pete Kuminski, Greene County Sheriff and Benjamin Rabin, Esquire as guest speakers and each were equally informative and helpful answering questions we had. Pictures of Guest Speakers:



Business Seminar 2024

Chapter Pictures





Legislative News

by Chris Genovese

First, I would like to thank all of the volunteers and organizers, our guest speakers, and all of the ABATE members and supporters that attended our Seminar on Saturday the 20th. I thought it was a great event, and would like to share some of the legislative updates and highlights for those that were unable to make it.

One of our guest speakers from law enforcement asked us about the SLEEP Act, and if there were any efforts in place to repeal it. This terrible law was passed during the pandemic when we were unable to walk the halls of our state legislature, and its goal is to make our communities quieter by making aftermarket exhaust illegal on motorcycles and other types of vehicles.

As I was telling the officer that, unfortunately, we did not currently have a bill to support that would undo the harm of the SLEEP Act, Chris Beckhans from Long Island ABATE corrected me. He mentioned that the Assembly actually does have a new bill (A36) that might do the trick. If passed, this legislation would allow those that receive tickets for SLEEP Act violations to have their summons dismissed if they “fix” the problem.

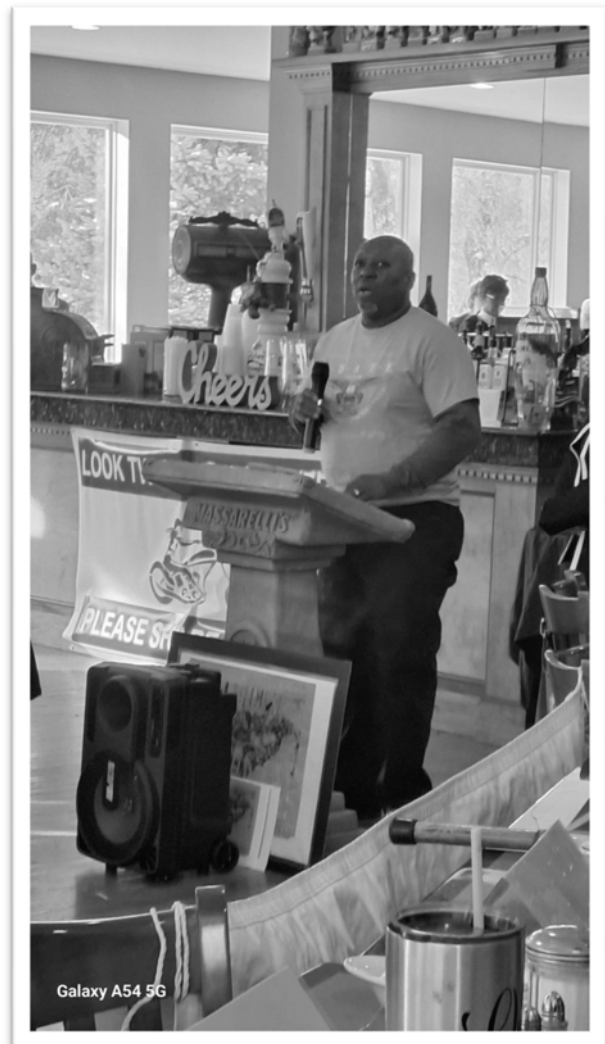
When I spoke later to Chris about A36, he showed me the app that he has on his phone from the MRF that helps him track and learn about new legislation affecting riders in New York. This is how he knew about A36, and before he told us, we did not know about it. So, I’m very grateful to him and excited about the possibility of using this app to help me to do my job as Legislative Coordinator for ABATE of NY.

Then, during our breakout session for the role of Legislative Coordinator, we learned about the success that our sisters and brothers from the Five Boroughs Chapter have had advocating for riders with respect to reduced fees for “Congestion Pricing” for motorcycles in the Central Business District of New York City. Chapter L.C. Bryte Knight-Whetstone told us about to their efforts partnering with Cheryl Stewart and “Riders Against Congestion”, to mobilize bikers to attend a Metropolitan Transit Authority meeting in October and voice their concerns.



As a result, motorcycles entering this area are charged a toll equal to half of what a car would pay instead of the full price. Obviously, this reflects the much smaller “footprint” that parked motorcycles have as compared to car, and the reduced amount of “wear and tear” they have on city streets.

Congratulations to Bryte and all of the members of the Five Boroughs Chapter for their victory in this effort!



Michael Whetstone, President, ABATE 5 Boroughs



Motorcycle Rights Organization News

by Traci Beurivage, President NHMRO

It was an honor for me to attend the Legislative Meeting for ABATE of New York. Speaking to them about the issues we are facing as motorcyclists and talking with many of them after the session was great.

Our future as motorcyclists is being threatened. We are not being considered on any decisions from autonomous vehicles to ending the internal combustion engine. But this is why now more than ever WE NEED TO UNITE! All riders, regardless of what you ride, should be joining together with their state rights organization and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, our national voice, so that we can show a strong voice by huge numbers to fight for the lifestyle we all love.

What we are working on Nationally in 2024 is Profiling, Autonomous vehicles, Motorcycle Advisory Council, Internal combustion engines, Right to repair, definition of a motorcycle and fuel supply. All of these issues are extremely important and making sure we all know what is happening, so that we can continue to push our states Representatives to do the right thing for us is crucial.

I spoke about finding that inner strength we all have in ourselves to get involved, help us recruit more people and further our cause. Each person has something to offer and if we all start doing just a little, like bringing in a member or volunteering for things in our organizations we can grow our voice!

Every state and every chapter in the states needs to start working together and meshing so that we can present a united front in the fights ahead. Working together and really becoming the motorcycle family we all should be is how we will accomplish our goals!



I challenge all of you to find what it is in yourself that can help us preserve the lifestyle we truly love. Let's become the strongest national organization and show the country what bikers are made of!

Anything is possible if we believe and we unite!

Respectfully submitted by
Traci Beurivage

President of New Hampshire Motorcyclists'
Rights Organization

Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) assistant
rep to the Sustaining State Rights Organizations



Jim Barr, Traci Beurivage and Chris Beckhans



Region A Report

by Jody Ferrara, District A Coordinator

As I write this report there's been many things that occurred. First is the loss of Andy our president. For me it was a shock and still have to personally accept this loss. I talked to Andy the day before or the day of his passing. It was and is still a shock to me.

At the same time back in the beginning of November I came down with the flu, not covid, and was sick for 5 days which is usually something I get around that time from hunting and riding for while the days are good or the PGR have a mission. It was a combination of having the flu and the combination of meds that brought my blood pressure so low to the point I could pass out if I stand up quickly or move to fast. Well on the 3rd of November as I was going from my bedroom which is on the second floor to the bathroom on the ground floor. As I went down the stairs, I got to the second to last step and passed out, I took a face plant to a wooden floor from about 18" height. What also impacted it was that I had lost 20 pounds from not eating. As I woke up, I found myself in a pool of blood and could feel my jaw as it was broken. It turns out I fractured my jaw in 3 places fractured my skull between my upper teeth and nose, fractured 9 ribs, and fracture just under left eye orbital socket. I have a bunch of Titanium plates in my face. It took a 9-hours operation to put me back together. I spent 10 days in the trauma unit at Strong hospital in Rochester.

I'm coming along and hope to be back riding in April. This gives me time to do some upgrades and big maintenance on the bike. It also gives me time to rest because I'm not confident to drive safely as yet. So much for me. I do want to say thanks to all the members that heard of this event and came to check on me by stopping at the house or calling.

For those of you in the Genesee and Monroe Chapters I am sorry that these chapters had to close due to lack of participation and inability to meet the requirements of the By Laws.



This is being written and submitted at the time of the conference so what went on there won't be here. The Region A event will be occurring. We will start our 50/50 at the conference and continue until the day of the event. To clarify to those that may wish to come, this is an event with a run which is for fun. Hopefully, we'll get some more vendors to be there for everyone. This is an event to bring those members of the chapters in the region together, and not just a run event.

Other news is that this past September I attended the "Meeting of the Minds" in Harrisburg PA. It was an eye-opening event, and I would recommend that if you can go to this event, go. There was even a moment during the open discussion time when one of the speakers who came from New Hampshire talked about times where people were more involved in the pursuit of representing us in DC. This speaker also talked about times when Jeddy Tranquil from Monroe chapter would go to DC and represent. I was shocked by this statement and wonder where our new representatives are. I would like to urge All that read this to get a membership with the MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation).

There are now 3 chapters left I Region A, and those chapters are strong and doing well. The chapters are Orleans, Ontario, and Buff-Erie. They all can be found on Facebook for their upcoming events. Support them when you can.

A big issue currently is the introduction of bills that would take away our right to repair our bikes on our own, the cancellation of combustion engines by 2030 and more.

I'm not sure how to get this organization restarted, though we need to get up and get going before we get buried. We need to band together with other MRO's and make our voices heard.

Let's look forward and hope we are going to have a great 2024 riding season. And whatever you can do be it small or major it counts and your help doesn't go unnoticed.

Stay safe.

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STATE CHAPTER MEETINGS 2024 12PM / 1PM

- **FEBRUARY 17, 2024**
- **MAY 19, 2024 (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED) ****
- **AUGUST 17, 2024**
- **NOVEMBER 16, 2024**

STATE BOARD MEETINGS 2024 11AM

- **MARCH 17, 2024**
- **JUNE 15, 2024**
- **SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**
- **DECEMBER 15, 2024**

ALL MEETINGS EXCEPT MAY 19, 2024 ARE HELD AT:

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 92
8083 ROUTE 20
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STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2023

Call to order by Vice President Audrey Rindfleisch-Hamilton at 11:43

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Board members present: Julian Caproni, Linda Gaylord, Tom Uline, Chris Pecchio, Audrey Rindfleisch-Hamilton, Prospector

Prospector: food for thought; attorney referral service as a member benefit?

Treasurer: what is the status of [REDACTED]? They have not submitted tax reports for 2 years. Treasurer will draft a letter to all members of chapter informing them that their officers are not in compliance with tax laws.

We will make Andy Liuzzi memorial patches

Freedom Rally: Tom will head committee, Julian will serve. Newsletter will be out around January 1, Linda wants email addresses.

State Office will be doing Blue Books

Julian volunteered for bylaw committee

MOTION #b24-1: Chris/Linda; adjourn

Meeting adjourned 12:47

Submitted by,
Prospector Boellner

Buff / Erie Newsletter Party





Foundation Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2023

Call to order by Vice-President, Audrey Rindfleisch-Hamilton at 12:49
Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence

Present: Julian Caproni, Linda Odell-Gaylord, Tom Uline, Chris Pecchio, Audrey Rindfleisch-Hamilton, Prospector

Discussion: still need info on doing a motorcycle raffle, Andy was working on a grant writer, any info?

MOTION #F6-23; Julian / Linda adjourn

Meeting adjourned 1:10



2024 State Committees

Freedom Rally

- ❖ Tom Uline
- ❖ Sheila Uline
- ❖ Julian Caproni

Treasury Oversight

- ❖ Audrey Rindfleisch-Hamilton
- ❖ Corky Edwards
- ❖ Chris Pecchio

Bylaws

- ❖ Duane Loomis
- ❖ Prospector
- ❖ Chris Pecchio
- ❖ Linda Odell-Gaylord
- ❖ Julian Caproni



The National Council Of Independent Riders (National COIR) is a new organization designed to reach the largest demographic of motorcyclists, which is 9,000,000 independent motorcyclists that do not belong to a Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO).

National COIR will reach out to all riders, regardless of 2 or 3 wheels, make, model or size of motorcycle, to provide them with the same information the MRO's provide to their members. Hopefully the independents will become involved in their MRO, but if not, they will still be informed of the same issues, so they will be able to support the MRO's when needed. There is strength in numbers, and unified, informed motorcyclists have the power to affect legislation locally, as well as nationally.

Please register with the National COIR, it is free and works with ABATE of New York and other state MRO's to ensure the safety and rights of motorcyclists nationally.

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Suggestions for Insurance

by Ben Rabin

When purchasing insurance for your motorcycle, keep in mind that NY State Insurance Laws specifically exclude motorcycles from certain benefits. One of those benefits is No-Fault. No-Fault benefits normally pay for things like medical bills, lost wages, and transportation costs. But Bikers can't get No-Fault benefits, and so all the damages from a motorcycle accident that was caused by someone else must be covered by the at-fault vehicle's insurance. Those damages include lost wages, medical expenses and money for pain and suffering. Since the minimum insurance in NY State is only \$25,000, very often the other vehicle does not have enough to cover the damage it causes.

Even if you have other insurance to help you, like health insurance and disability insurance, those insurance contracts almost always require the injured party to pay the funds back to the insurance company if the injured party gets money from the person at fault from the accident.

What does this all mean? It means that if you get into a motorcycle accident, and it is completely someone else's fault, you still may not be able to get full compensation. This is because New York only requires drivers to carry \$25,000 of insurance to pay to other people (bikers included) who get hurt. If you are a biker, and are seriously hurt, your medical, wage and other losses could easily be greater than \$25,000. Even if you have health insurance, your health insurance company can ask you for that \$25,000 to repay them for what they covered, leaving you nothing!

What is the answer? You need to make sure you have insurance to cover yourself so that you are not relying on the other person's insurance because it might not be enough. Ask your insurance agent for Supplemental Underinsured Motorist (SUM) coverage. If your agent doesn't agree that you need it, go somewhere else!

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ABATE of New York Calendar of Events

ALL MEMBERS:

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| ▪ February 4 | ▪ August 4 |
| ▪ March 3 | ▪ September 8* |
| ▪ April 7 | ▪ October 6 |
| ▪ May 5 | ▪ November 3 |
| ▪ June 2 | ▪ December 8 |

* Second Sunday due to holiday

Location: Roy's Restaurant
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To stay up to date with this chapter
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Rides

- June 9 Dice Run
- July 14 Dice Run
- Aug 18 Chapter Memorial Ride
- Sept 29 Fall Foliage Ride

All rides leave from
On The Rocks Bar & Grill
3853 NY 5, Canandaigua



Meetings

Jan 4 Feb 1 Mar 7
Apr 1 May 2 June 6
July 11 Aug 1 Sept 5
Oct 3 Nov 7 Dec 7

All meetings take place
on the 1st Thursday of the
month unless otherwise
stated at Whitestone Cafe,
Ghent NY beginning at 6:30pm
for wings and pizza, meeting
promptly begins at 7pm.

Everyone welcome

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Runs

- April 27 - Breakout Run
- May 8 - Memorial Run
- June 29 - Lucky Rehab Run
- July 20 - Poker Run
- Sept 21 - Bozo Run
- October 5 - Toy Run

All runs begin at the Plaza
Diner, Hudson NY -
Registration 10am, KSU @
12pm unless otherwise stated.
Our rides are open to any
members of MC/RC and
general public.

Events

- 2/24 - Cabin Fever Party
- 2/29 - ABATE Movie Night
- 3/28 - ABATE Movie Night
- 5/20 - ABATE Freedom Rally
- 5/23 - Bike Night
- 6/8 - Flag Day Parade
- 7/25 - ABATE Bike Night
- 8/22 - ABATE Bike Night
- 8/28 - 9/2 - Columbia County
Fair
- 9/26 - ABATE Bike Night
- 10/24 - ABATE Bike Night

Find us on facebook for a complete list of
locations and times of our events.

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Legislative Report – January 2024

by Chris Genovese, Legislative Coordinator, ABATE of NY, Inc.

Bills we support:

- ❖ **A36 / S3332** – allows a summons for a SLEEP Act violation to be dismissed if the violation is corrected. Currently in the Transportation Committee in the Assembly.
- ❖ **S4704** – training for police officers to address the problem of motorcycle profiling. Introduced by Senator James Sanders and currently in the Senate Financing Committee. No companion bill in the Assembly.
- ❖ **A3932/S5707** – tougher fines and potential for a Class A misdemeanor for severe cases of Reckless Driving, plus updates to the written test for a drivers' license including motorcycle safety and other topics. This bill was passed again in the Senate recently, and is currently in the Transportation Committee where it has been blocked in the past.
- ❖ **S07603** – authorizes and directs the commissioner of transportation to conduct a study on the feasibility of removing all existing cable guide rails and replacing them with safer alternatives. Sponsored by Pamela Helming and currently in the Senate Transportation Committee.

Bills we oppose:

- ❖ **A2690** – prohibits children under the age of twelve from riding on a motorcycle. Currently in the Assembly Transportation Committee.
- ❖ **S2773B** – prohibits the sale of off-road motorcycles and ATVs in New York City. The bill aims to address the issue of illegal operation of these vehicles on city streets, but needlessly punishes law abiding residents while failing to do anything to address the problem. Currently in the Cities Committee in the Senate.

2024 FREEDOM RALLY

Sunday, May 19, 2024

State Board Meeting

Starts at 2pm

Chapter Meeting

Starts at 3pm

Meet & Greet

Starts at 5pm

All ABATE of NY, Inc. members welcome

Food will be provided

Shirts and Pins will be available for purchase

Hotel Bar will be open



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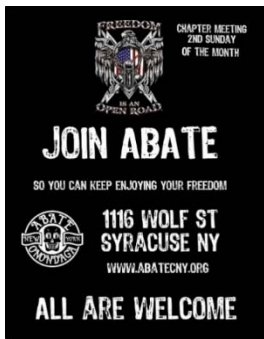
Monday, May 20, 2024

KSU: 10:30am @ The Blackthorne Resort

Ride to the Capitol

12-3pm FREEDOM RALLY, speak with your State Legislators

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD



Second Sunday, 116 Wolf St, The Loop



Second Thursday @ 3pm



First Sunday of each month at 10:00am. at

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3rd Tuesday, 7pm Gateway Diner, Central Avenue, Albany



2nd Saturday, 5pm Alexis Diner, East Greenbush Rd., Troy

Chapter Meetings – Dates, Times and Locations



2nd Sunday, Noon, VFW Medina



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1st Sundays, 10a, Roy's Restaurant, Manchester



1st Thursday, 7pm, Whitestone Café, Ghent



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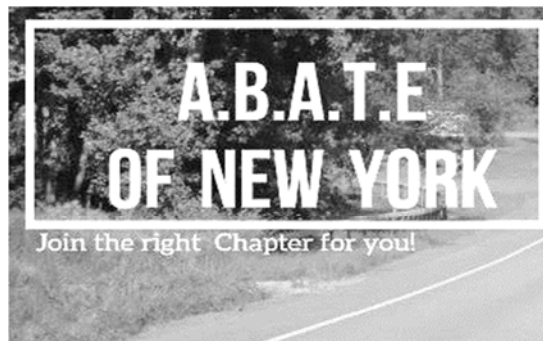
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14224

Ontario

PO Box 546
Canandaigua
14424

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PO Box 43
Medina
14103

Region C

Scenic Region

Cayuga

PO Box 74
Auburn
13021

Onondaga

PO Box 11575
Syracuse
13218

Cortland/Chenango

PO Box 128
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13077

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PO Box 285
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13069

Southern Tier

PO Box 2441
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13902

Region D

Metro / Long Island Region

5 Boroughs

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Brooklyn
11216

Region E

Hudson Valley / Mohawk Region

Albany

PO Box 3808
Albany
12203

Columbia

PO Box 124
Chatham
12037

Rensselaer

PO Box 462
East Greenbush
12061

ABATE of New York, Inc

Membership Application

(Membership is open to all persons regardless of gender, age, race, religion or political affiliation).

- ☐ \$30.00 – Full Membership; Includes membership packet, bi-monthly newsletter and all benefits in accordance with state by-laws of ABATE of New York, Inc.
- ☐ \$25.00 – Associate Member – all benefits of a Full Membership minus a printed Newsletter.
- ☐ \$30.00 – Member at Large (does not belong to a chapter) All benefits of a full member.
- ☐ Life Member* 6-10 year \$500.00 ☐ 11-15 \$350.00 ☐ 16-24 \$200.00
- ☐ Change of Address (Please list new address on application and check this box)

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Address: _____ State: _____ Zip _____
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Method of Payment: Cash amt. _____ Check amt: _____ Credit card authorization _____
Email for Pay Pal invoice: _____ DOB: _____ Please initial for PP Invoice
Email for Chapter Correspondence: _____
I want to receive the Newsletter via: Email _____ US Postal Service: (Full and at Large only) _____
I agree to abide with all ABATE of New York Inc. bylaws (Initial Please) _____
Renewal Member (please list membership number) _____
How did you learn about ABATE _____

Signature: _____

Mail completed application to: ABATE of NY

Do not send cash PO Box 1417
Northville, NY 12137



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ABATE of NY - Forever Members

The ABATE of NY State Board is honored to present another level of membership, designed to memorialize members who have passed. The ABATE of New York Forever Member will be memorialized through a unique card and memorial certificate, and continuing Milestone ABATE of New York 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 and the publication so all remember. ***Forever Membership has been established as a one-time cost of \$100, and eligibility is limited to those who were members of ABATE of New York at the time of their death.***

Contact the State Office Manager at 1-888-344-4400 for more information

* ***The Life Membership*** consists of a 1-time payment (amount reflected by the number of years you have been an ABATE member) beginning in their 25th year, dues are waived and they become a Charter Life Member. Additional benefits for Life Members include al Life Member patch and membership card and milestone pins.



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Our newsletter is printed bi-monthly, January, March, May, July, September and November. Deadlines are Dec. 1st for January issue, February 1st for March issue, April 1st for May issue, June 1st for July issue, August 1st for September issue and October 1st for November issue.

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NYS ABATE Inc. reserves the right to reject any advertisement either in our newsletter or on our website regarded as objectionable in wording or appearance or against the aims of our organization. All advertisements are accepted and published upon the representation that the agency and/or advertiser is of good repute and authorized to publish the entire contents and the subject matter of the advertisement. The agency and/or advertiser will indemnify and hold the NYS ABATE Inc. harmless from any loss or expense resulting from claims or suits for defamation, libel, violation of right of privacy, plagiarism, or copyright infringement including, but not limited to trademarks, trade names and patents

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