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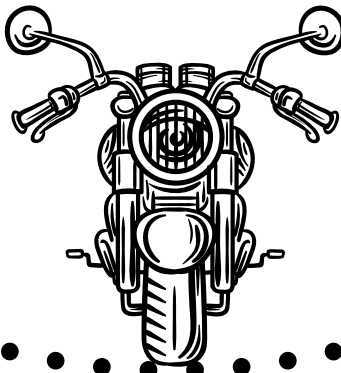
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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE


- Greetings to all ABATE members.
- Spring is here, yet winter conditions are holding on and having its way. For the moment. Warm weather will arrive in its time.
- We are fast approaching the next Freedom Rally 2024. The ride to the Capital needs your participation. This year the staging point will be at the Blackthorne resort in East Durham NY on Monday May 20th KSU @10:00 am. A second pick up point for riders is at 11:00 am at the Trac 32 Italian pub 1368 Indian Fields Rd, Feura Bush NY. Please check the flier in this issue of the freedom writer for details. Plan accordingly for the day. Book your rooms asap if overnight stay is required., The phone number for the Blackthorne is on the flier.
- May 19th Sunday, which is the day before the rally, there will be a state board meeting at 2:00 pm State Chapter meeting at 3:00 pm and a meet and greet at 5:00 pm.
- I hope to see many attendees form all chapters and at large members as well.
- The yearly ride to the capital is important in keeping the SMRO relevant and letting the lawmakers know we are not going to stop our efforts.
- I hope for good weather and great turn out of all riders to show continuing support.
- Let's make our voices heard!
- With the month of April approaching please have motorcycle registrations in by April 30th by the expiration date. If you do not get a renewal letter by mail, go online or visit a local DMV. Motorcycle inspections will be due soon for many.
- Make sure you know when it's up and book an inspection. Many places get a huge influx of riders at the beginning of riding season and the spaces get full. No one wants to wait an extended time to get an inspection scheduled.
- I would like to take the time to thank all members of the state board for working on the Freedom Rally to make the event successful.
- Best wishes to all for a safe riding season.

● **Audrey Rindfleisch-Hamilton**
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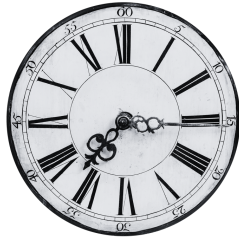
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APPEARED IN THE OCTOBER 1983 ISSUE OF
“EASY RIDER”**

ANSWER ON PAGE 18

ABATE OF NY

50TH ANNIVERSARY FREEDOM RALLY

Sunday, May 19, 2024

State Board Meeting

Starts at 2pm

Chapter Meeting

Starts at 3pm

MEET & GREET

Starts at 5pm

All are welcome

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Monday, May 20, 2024 RALLY DAY

KSU: 10:00 AM @ The Blackthorne Resort, Ride to % way point

KSU: 11:30 AM @ Stewarts & Track 32 Pub, Ride to the Capitol

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

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD





Womens history, A pioneer of Motorcycling

March is Women's history month. Since the invention of the motorcycle, women have held a rich and sustained history as motorcyclists. This is about a pioneer in the motorcycling history of women riders. Before I get myself into some hot water with plagiarism, the information here was taken from an article from the Finger Lakes Times in December of 2023. It has been condensed and I will cite sources at the end. Why I have chosen to write this. I believe women motorcyclists need to be brought to the forefront and have their history or rather herstory told. Many years ago, It was my privilege to be one of the nurses that gave care to this grand lady in her golden years. There was a brief history at her residence about her past motorcycling experience. Not much information listed. Only that her motorcycle was in a hall of fame and that she had ridden very long distances. 25,000 miles logged to be exact. Back in her time that was quite the accomplishment.

Louise Menzer Scherbyn, was one of the first female motorcyclists in the United States and founder of multiple women's motorcycle clubs and the Women's International Motorcycle Association in the 1930s and 40s.

Louise developed a love of riding with her husband George. Louise became thrilled at the sensation of riding tandem behind her husband one weekend in 1932 traveling through the Adirondacks. When an Indian Pony motorcycle became available at a local dealership, George, her husband encouraged Louise to get it. Louise had much trepidation and concern at first as to what people might think. George, continued to encourage Louise and she finally assented. There were many stumbling blocks along the way of women riding their own motorcycles. All organizations for biking women were auxiliaries designed for women who rode in tandem with men, not for women who rode their own motorcycles. Another impediment was the lack of proper riding clothes. Women had few choices. For such a physical activity, pants were a necessity.

Women riders began to design their own riding gear. Louise designed an outfit to match her Indian Pony. At rallies and conventions women were given awards for best outfits. While Louise was a strong advocate for women riders, she always made sure she was presented in a proper manner. She was a cautious driver who never sped and was very conscious of her public appearance. After a dark period of time (I am purposefully leaving this part out for respect) which could have overshadowed her love of riding, Louise took to riding cross country which may have been and probably was therapeutic. Louise went on to log 25,000 miles on her bike and continued to focus her energies on promoting women's access to the sport. Louise always returned to Waterloo and Maple grove Raceway for daredevil exhibitions and rallies. Louise eventually realized her dream and founded a motorcycling association for women that was completely independent of any men's organization. The Womens International Motorcycle Association. Louise is also in the Indian Motorcycle Hall of fame.

The next time you are out riding and see a woman motorcyclist, think of Louise Sherby and her passion for motorcycling and the sport.

Sources : All Material is from the Waterloo Library and Historical society.

A book, The Iron Horse Cowgirls: Louise Sherbyn and the Women Motorcyclists of the 1930s and 40s by Linda Back Mckay and Kate St Vincent.

Waterloo's Scherbyn was a motorcycle pioneer. By Pamela Becker (Original Article)

Submitted by Audrey Rindfleisch - Hamilton President ABATE OF NY INC



Regional C Coordinator Report



First Order - A big thank you to all the members of ABATE and especially Region C. I look forward to visiting our chapters and bringing news from the state meetings and bringing news and concerns from our chapters back to the state meetings. I hope to attend your meetings and have some periodic regional meetings. Region C hasn't had a coordinator for some time. We need your input and your events to reach more riders and please get letters of support or oppose that your legislative coordinators have recently received from Chris Genovese our State Legislative Coordinator. Don't forget. May is Motorcycle Awareness month. Please get proclamations from your area. Great PSA's

Thank you to Cayuga Chapter on my recent visit and thank you to Audrey, our state President for attending the meeting. In addition to the general meeting, we discussed considering having a booth at the state fair. Thank you, Duane Loomis with Onondaga for providing the contact info. More to come on that. We also discussed expired memberships. Each month we get a list from the state office. This list goes back to 2016. It is an eye opener. This is where I will be concentrating for this year. How many have you lost? Last Year? Great information.

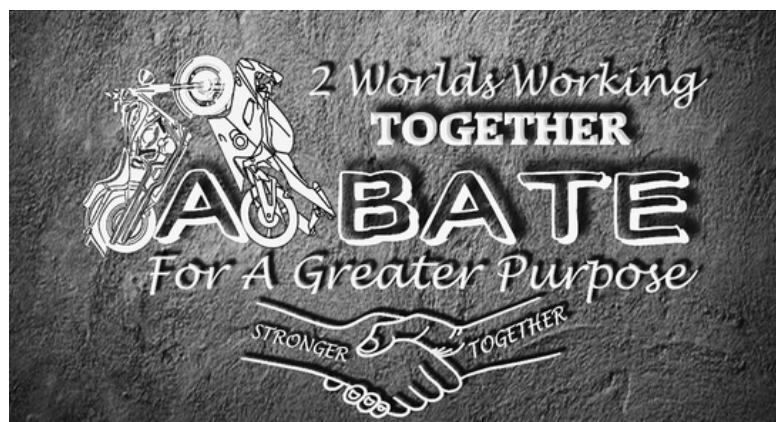
If you don't have a Retention Committee, I highly recommend it. Some things to think about to remain healthy and vital.

What are your members expectations? If you went to a restaurant maybe more than once and it didn't meet your expectations, would you go back? New members should be welcomed and encouraged to participate. Get them involved. What is our local mission statement? Goals, Community Service, fundraising, certainly promoting what we stand for in the motorcycle community. Access why members left. The leave for many reasons. Unproductive meetings, personal reasons, membership issues.

Ask the question. Why did you leave? Did they come to the meetings? How long a member? What projects that we supported were most important to you? What changes would have encouraged you to remain a member? What activities interest you? Do they have ideas that could improve our chapter? Keeping a first year member is the hardest. Maybe a survey 6-months in. Remember "Change will come, you can be a part of it or watch it go by." Remember "Change will come, you can be a part of it or watch it go by." Consider having an exiting interview. Many companies and organizations do. It's not just about riding. Hopefully we can all learn from this information.

See you all at the Freedom Rally
Ride Safe

Respectfully submitted
Dennis Pelmeur
Region C Coordinator





Legislative Report



By Chris Genovese, Legislative Coordinator

Here is the status for each of the bills that we currently have on our position paper, updated as of March 25th:

A36 / S3332 – allows a summons for a SLEEP Act violation to be dismissed if the violation is corrected. Referred to the Transportation Committee on January 3, '24.

A9187 / S4704 – training for police officers to address the problem of motorcycle profiling. Assembly bill referred to Governmental Operations on February 12, '24. Senate bill referred to Finance on January 3, '24.

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. Advanced to third reading in the Senate on January 26, '24. Referred to the Transportation Committee in the Assembly on January 3, '24.

S7603 – authorizes and directs the commissioner of transportation to conduct a study on the feasibility of removing all existing 3-cable guide rails and replacing them with safer alternatives. Referred to Transportation on January 3, '24.

A1987 / S1388 – promoting motorcycle awareness by placing "Watch for Motorcycles" signs on state highways. Referred to Transportation on January 3, '24.

Bills that we oppose:

A2690 – prohibits children under the age of twelve from riding on a motorcycle. Referred to the Transportation Committee on January 3, '24.

S2773 / A6075 – 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. Advanced to third reading in the Senate on February 5, '24. Referred to Cities Committee January 3, '24 in the Assembly.

During the state chapter meeting, we discussed the process by which we'll consider "new" bills for addition to our legislative agenda and position paper. And as discussed in the meeting, I have reached out to the Legislative Coordinators across the state for their input. The form that I've sent to them via email includes nine (9) "new" pending bills that we currently need feedback on. As Prospector has pointed out, whenever we're in front of a legislator, we really can't run down through a long list of bills. We must be brief and strategic, therefore, with our priorities. However, our "new" list may now also include some lower priority bills that we would not necessarily mention in a face-to-face meeting. For these lower priority bills, we may just want to keep an eye on them, and perhaps sign and send letters for/against them from our various chapter meetings and events.

We're discovering these "new" bills with a bill tracking service that can be found for free by any individual on the Motorcycle Riders Foundation website (mrf.org). Just click on the "legislative" pull-down menu, and then the "legislative action center," and then go to "State legislative issues" to find the bills they are tracking for New York. You'll see fifteen (15) categories of bills listed there in the drop-down menu, and each category has some pending legislation linked there with a summary and information about what its status is. At the chapter meeting we also voted in favor of splitting the cost of having this "TrackBill" service deliver automated New York legislative updates to us with our brothers and sisters at Long Island ABATE.

Congratulations and thanks to Judy Benner, who was the first Legislative Coordinator to report a scheduled appointment with a legislator during our Freedom Rally at the Capitol on May 20th. Great work, Judy!

Now is the time for our Legislative Coordinators and chapter leadership to get those appointments set up! Let's get focused on attendance for the rally and setting up these important meetings, and with the legislators for each county/district where we have chapters in attendance at the rally. We want our meetings to be held during the Freedom Rally on May 20th in the Capitol between noon and 3 pm. Please contact me directly at cgenovese@kantorgullolaw.com or on my cell at 716-220-8001 if I can be of help in any way, or if you have any questions or challenges. And please tell me (via email) when you set up an appointment!

To help prepare for those meetings with our legislators, will have a brief presentation deck prepared with notes on each bill that we want to discuss. Those presentations will be printed out and circulated at the state chapter meeting on May 19th at 3pm at the Blackthorne Resort in East Durham. Ben Rabin and I will also have a little role-playing demonstration during the meeting so that members in attendance can see how these meetings will "look."

Legislative Position 2024



Bills we support:

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- **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.
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- **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.

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Thoughts from Vice President



Chris Pecchio

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Thought, opinion

We are motorcyclists, riders, bikers.

We are a minority with no voice as all these other groups get recognition and changes to laws and ethics we are still under scrutiny by most. our rights are about equal to a dog getting hit by a car, as legal actions usually are nothing more than a failure to yield, as one lays dead or severely injured. Laws to protect pedestrians, bicyclist, but why are we excluded. We raise our voice but know one hears, we show up to your place of business and we are not seen. We are seen as lesser in the eyes of the establishment, insurance coverage, laws to ensure our safety. Cause remember every group has bad apples but should we be condemned for a few. No we are a minority witch gets heard, but know one listens to. 😞



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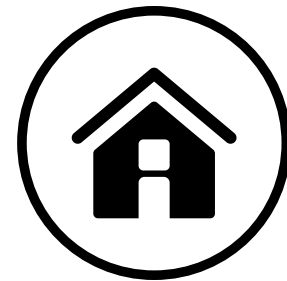
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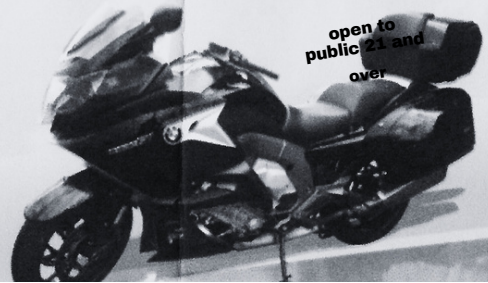
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Upcoming Rides and Events

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3


RIDE FOR RMHC

Price at Event:
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of the Capital Region


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Saturday July 13th
- Rensselaer County 3rd Annual Pet Rescue Ride
Saturday September 28th
- Rensselaer County Halloween Foliage Ride
Saturday October 26th



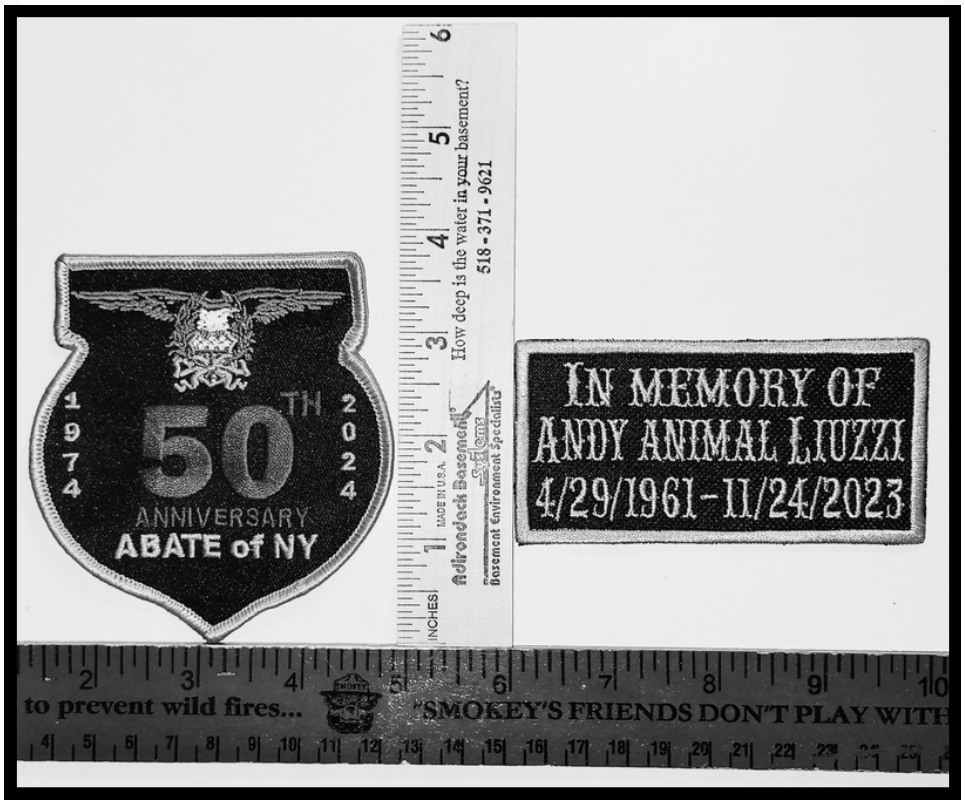
May Is Motorcycle Awareness Month

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ABATE News and Announcements

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50th Anniversary Patches have arrived and available for sale from Tom Uline, (Treasurer and Albany County ABATE member) for only \$5.00! What a deal that is and will look great on your vest or jacket! Get them before the Freedom Rally to show your support for 50 years of protecting motorcyclist's rights! Let Tom know how many you would like and he will get them to you. On a more somber note, Andy Liuzzi memorial patches are still available for \$10.00 from Tom along with Freedom Rally pins (\$5.00) available from Prospector. Let them know what you want!

Congratulations

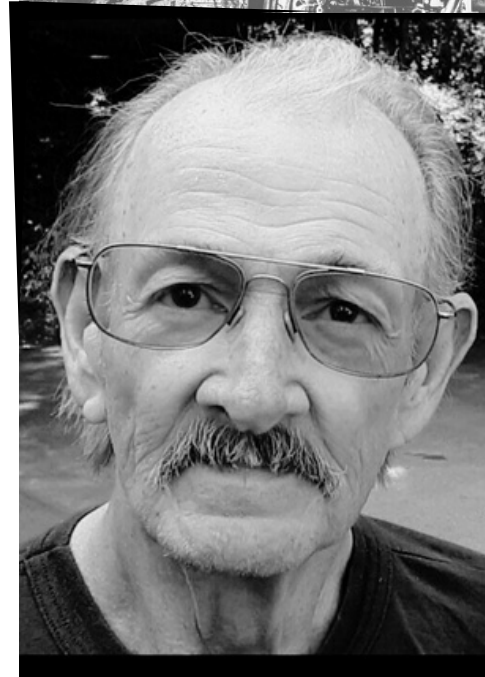
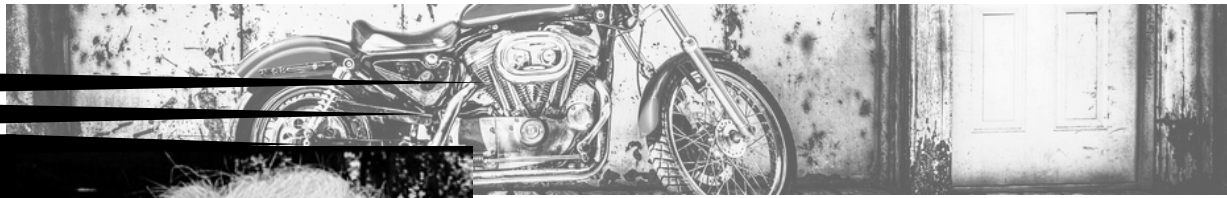


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Longest member, ABATE of New York
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ABATE News and Announcements



Jeffrey Becker, Sr. Obituary

WYNANTSKILL - Jeffrey P. Becker Sr., 74, of Wynantskill, passed away on Saturday, February 03, 2024 at Samaritan Hospital. He was born in Albany, raised in Feura Bush and was the son of the late Elmer J. and Harriett Becker Sr. Jeff was predeceased by his brother Stephen Becker and his stepson John Caplandies.

As a young man, Jeff enjoyed riding motorcycles and fixing classic cars. He later became President of a motorcycle club and President of Albany Abate in the late 1970s. Jeff loved spending time with his grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends.

He is survived by his son, Jeffrey P. Becker Jr.; stepson Thomas Caplandies; his brother Richard Becker; grandchildren Heather Becker, Amanda Gibson, Thomas, Cody, Jenna and Kierstin Caplandies; great grandchildren Athena, Layla, Theresa, Jameson, Katie and Tristan. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to Abate of New York-Albany Chapter, PO Box 3808, Albany, NY 12203.

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Call To Action

U.S. Senate Bill S. 3094

Wednesday, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its final rule on tailpipe emissions. The plan calls for greenhouse gas emissions limits for the 2027 through 2032 model years for passenger vehicles. The original plan would have required 67% of new light-duty car and truck sales to be electric by 2032. After pushback from numerous groups, hybrids became included in the calculations and targets were slightly lowered. Nevertheless, over 50% of cars for sale in less than a decade, will need to be electric.

Last year the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act with bipartisan support. The vote was 221-197. The bill prevents the EPA from enacting these rules, thereby protecting the Internal Combustion Engine (ICE).

Unfortunately, the Senate refuses to act. Only 37 U.S. Senators are currently supporting the companion bill, S. 3094. If you care about preserving the Internal Combustion Engine, now is the time to act.

Tell your Senators to push back against the mandate for electric vehicles.

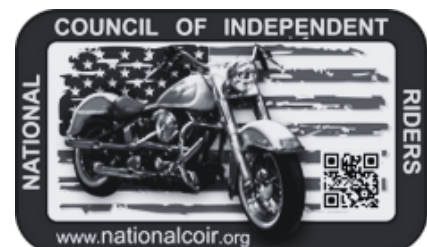


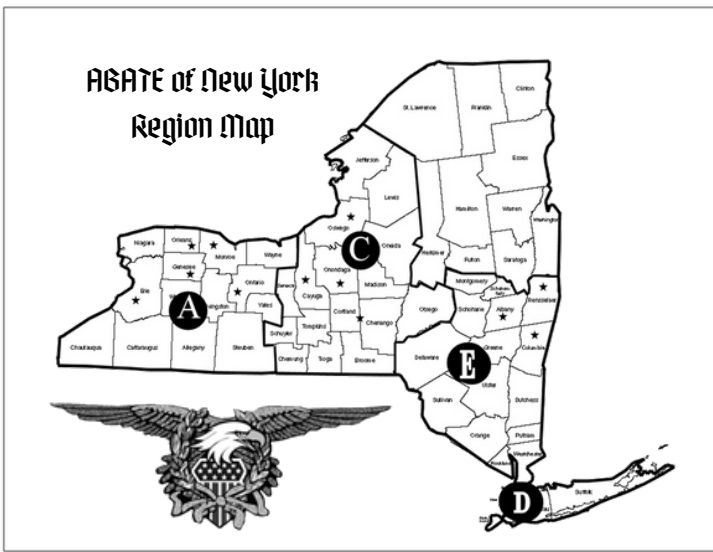
Celebrating our 100-year anniversary throughout 2024

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) is gearing up for a year-long, historic celebration as it proudly commemorates its 100th anniversary in 2024. For a century the AMA has been at the forefront of promoting and protecting the interests of motorcyclists, creating a vibrant community of enthusiasts dedicated to the joy of riding.

Since its inception in 1924, the AMA has played a pivotal role in shaping the landscape of motorcycling in the United States. With a rich history rooted in passion, advocacy and the freedom of the open road, the AMA has become a driving force for riders across the nation.

As one of the largest motorcycling organizations in the world, the AMA has consistently championed the rights of motorcyclists from all walks of life, evolving to embrace a diverse and growing community of riders.





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ALL MEETINGS EXCEPT MAY 19, 2024 ARE HELD AT

AMERICAN LEGION POST 92
8083 ROUTE 20
WATERVILLE, NY 13480

Board : 12pm
Chapter 1pm

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State Board Meetings

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Board : 11am

Here's an easy crockpot meal that is a bit spicy depending on the type of salsa you choose, but it's perfect for a rainy cold day like today. If you want it a bit milder substitute pico for the salsa. I'm going to do another version with just pico

Spicy Salsa Chicken
Serves 4 (or 2 hungry bikers)

- 4 lg chicken breasts
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 2-3 tbsp minced cilantro
- 1 16oz jar chunky mild salsa
- 1 can corn, drained
- 4-6 cups cooked rice

Place all ingredients except the rice into the crockpot and mix well. Cook on high 3 hrs stirring every hour or so. Reduce to low and cook another hour until the chicken will cut into pieces with stirring spoon. Cut chicken into smaller pieces and stir well. Serve over cooked rice

Region A Report

Our lives have taken new directions and since major worldwide events and local events as well have taken their tolls. Some members of the 2 local chapters that had been closed due to no involvement on the part of the members of the chapters. The interesting thing that has occurred from closing these chapters is that some members have reached out to express their feelings and asking why?

After a lengthy chat with several members by phone and emails hopefully clarity came to them. The surprised were also expressed on Facebook and some willing to restart one of the chapters. As I have expressed in these reports, I am only one and need help from the entire membership by those chapters involved. As much as I would like to take on all things and resolve the issues, I know I can't do it alone. Since my accident back in November and still recovering from it more help by everyone is needed. I am calling out to all members of the Monroe and Genessee Chapters if you'd like to see these chapters up and running again then reach out and I'll help in some way. Though understand I will not take any direct leadership role but will help by guiding. Members could have voiced their interest in becoming officers and helping in some way. And here we are no involvement and a closed chapter. Now when members get their renewal ID card, and it states "member at large" all hell breaks loose. Really? Where have you been the past 3 years. Even through Covid we still found ways to meet. A complaint came about moving the location. Folks I'm in Genessee county driving 60+ miles round trip where its like maybe 30 for them.

There are several thousand riders in the area and its interesting to see such a small degree of involvement in this organization and even the involvement to ensure that our rights are being upheld by our political employees. Here's the thing folks, this organization is celebrating it's 50th anniversary. 50 years of beating the drum for our rights and to be included in decisions of safety on the road, and our rights aren't infringed. Unfortunately, the political employees we get into office or to man the committees that impact us haven't a clue or interest into what we are, except when it come to an election year. We are going to gather again at the Capital the third Monday to meet with our political employees. We are riding into the area and gather as in the past at the capital to show a sign of solidarity. It would behoove all riders take the day off and join us.

This years state meeting for May and the start of the Freedom Rally will be at the Blackthorne. Those here in the western region we are looking to gather and ride as a group to Blackthorne. Get in touch with me or your local chapter.

As to the Region A Unity event we have agreed that we will not have it this year again because of the poor turn out from members. The goal of this event was 1 get us all together, and 2 maybe get new members involved and informed on what we stand for. It's unfortunate seeing that this is the 50th and a spectacular time to celebrate. For those that might have an interest in becoming more involved you can reach me at spoda237@gmail.com, or find my other information on the abateny.org website. And interesting FYI was made aware to us at the last board meeting.

As always ride stay.

Jody Ferrar, Regional Coordinator A
ABATE of NY

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Meeting Minutes

STATE BOARD MEETING - FEBRUARY 17, 2024

Call to order by President Audrey Rindfleisch-Hamilton at 12 noon

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

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

There are several individuals wanting to re-open the North Ulster Chapter. They will be at the next board meeting.

Audrey would like to appoint Chris Pecchio to fill the open VP position. Prospector stated that the position should be open to any qualified member, and if we are going to fill it, membership should be notified. Appointment will be taken up at the next board meeting with consideration given to anyone interested.

Dennis Pelmear and Jody Ferrara sworn as board members

Duane Loomis membership expired past the 60 day grace period, He will pay up to date today

MOTION#B24-2: Prospector / Jody: allow Duane Loomis to remain as president of Onondaga chapter having brought his dues up to date UNAN

Cost of chapter PO boxes is exorbitant.

Bylaw committee will meet after March board meeting, Dennis Pelmear will be added to the committee.

Julian contacted Tom Alton for info on the PAC. Apparently Oswego has established a PAC that excludes ABATE of NY and all other chapters. We need to do our own research on the specifics of a statewide PAC

We will consult M DeFreitas for guidance. Should we be a 501c3 and not a 501c4?

Treasurer has received 5 Boroughs reports, but there are conflicting versions between chapter officers, Tom will henceforth return any inaccurate reports to any chapter

MOTION #B24-3: Chris P / Chris G: adjourn, meeting adjourned 12:56

STATE CHAPTER MEETING, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

Call to order by President Rindfleisch-Hamilton at 1:08pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Roll Call 7 chapters present

MOTION #S24-1: Onondaga / Rensselaer; waive of reading of minutes

Treasurers report

Legislative Report: Chris Genovese; he will contact chapter legislative coordinators, will comprise a list of bills to be supported or opposed. We are seeking a Senate sponsor for a helmet bill. We now have an Assembly profiling bill, Creto has expired, we now have a reckless driving bill that is potentially more effective, There is also a bill to study replacement of 3-cable guardrails and a bill that will allow for dismissal to tickets issued under SLEEP ACT

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STATE CHAPTER MEETING - FEBRUARY 17, 2024 (cont.)

Public Relations: sent e-mails to all members with info on the 2024 Freedom Rally

Chris G: we have to be better organized for Freedom Rally appointments

Next Newsletter deadline March 25

Sgt@Arms: we need to be at more events i.e. Americaid, Warrensburg, etc. All chapters should have a booth at all local events. Can we do NY State Fair "Superswap"?

Jody: CPR training / stop the bleed: we should hold these events

Reg A: Jody; Chapters are doing well, Buff-Erie had a successful Newsletter Party

Reg C: Dennis; has contacted all his chapters

Reg D: Julian; all chapters are healthy, Freedom Rally will be originating at Blackthorne

Freedom Rally Report / discussion; Taft furniture has been sold, new owners will not allow us to congregate there for this ride

DISCUSSION: Attorney referral service as member benefit, Audrey will talk to Ben Rabin

Has Audrey gotten any paperwork passed on from our late president? Such as the name of the grant writer he was working with or source of accident reports

Tom knows a source for accident reports. We need to get Andy's files

MOTION #S24-2: Rensselaer / Columbia; adjourn meeting adjourned 2:36

MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION
40th ANNUAL
Meeting of the Minds
St. Louis, Missouri
FREEDOM FIGHTER
September 26-29, 2024
Hosted by Freedom Of Road Riders Missouri

**SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2024
ST LOUIS, MISSOURI**

Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, Saint Louis, MO 63134-3307
Hotel direct line 314-429-1100. Mention Motorcycle Riders Foundation for conference room rates (deadline Sept. 4, 2024).
Pre-registration for conference through the MRF, PO Box 9090, Peoria, IL 61612
Pre-registration (must be received by Sept. 4, 2024): \$100.00 (current member) / \$120.00 (non-member)
Registration rate after Sept. 4, 2024: \$110.00 (current member) / \$130.00 (non-member)
Registration includes all workshops, workshop materials, and Saturday banquet.
Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at fred@mrf.org.

MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION
Motorcycle Riders Foundation
15TH ANNUAL
MICHAEL "BOZ" KERR
Bikers Inside the Beltway
NATIONAL MOTORCYCLISTS' LOBBY DAY
Flexible & Moving Forward!
May 20 & 21, 2024

Since 1987, the MRF has been the only national motorcyclists' rights organization dedicated to on-street riders with full-time representation in Washington, DC! — Ride with the Leaders!

Pre-event briefing: May 20, 2024 • Event: May 21, 2024
Pre-register (FREE) at www.mrf.org (cut-off May 15)

MAKE YOUR CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS NOW!
Embassy Suites, 1900 Dugan Road, Alexandria, Virginia, 703-684-5900, \$200 per night, incl. breakfast (cut-off April 22). Room block is limited so reserve yours today!
For room reservations call (800) 362-2779 and reference group code, "MRF"

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Chapter Meeting Information

5 Boroughs Chapter

2nd Thursday 8pm
Zoom /
Steel Horses MC, 740 E.
98th Street, Brooklyn,
NY 11212

Albany Chapter

3rd Tuesday 7pm
Gateway Diner
899 Central Avenue
Albany, 12206

Buffalo / Erie Chapter

Matthew Glab Post
1477
1965 Abbott Road
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Cayuga Chapter

2nd Tuesday 7pm
Auburn VFW Post 1975
44 Genesee Street
Auburn, NY 13021

Columbia Chapter

1st Thursday 7pm
Whitestone Cafe
Route 66
Ghent, NY 12075

Ontario Chapter

1st Sunday 10am
Roys Restaurant
4123 NY 96
Manchester, NY

Orleans Chapter

2nd Sunday 12pm
VFW Post 1483
Medina, NY 14103

Rensselaer Chapter

TBD

Southern Tier Chapter

2nd Thursday
American Legion Post
1194
363 W Service Roac
Binghamton, NY 13901

Thank
you

CONGRATS

on your
milestone

We appreciate
all that you do



5 YEARS

Brooklyn Shepperson
Elisa Shepperson
Andrew "Doc" Berry
Casey R. Clemens
Robert Longbine
Diane Olczak
Robert Chapman

10 YEARS

Tom Hopkins
Roger McMahon
Linda VanWie
John Ceria

15 YEARS

Ed Billitteri
Terri Cartalano
Ken Soden
Evan Tyler
Tamika "Redbone" Gibbs
Claudia Ames
Jackie Salvatore
Toni Pizzuto
Kenneth Foster
Rosanne Foster

20 YEARS

Nick Mavros
John O'Neill
David J. Trapp
Mike Giarrusso
Toni Jamieson

25 YEARS

Scott Wynn
Raymond V. Agre
Jim Schuyler

30 YEARS

Robert J. Smith
Robert Staconni
Chris Ward

35 YEARS

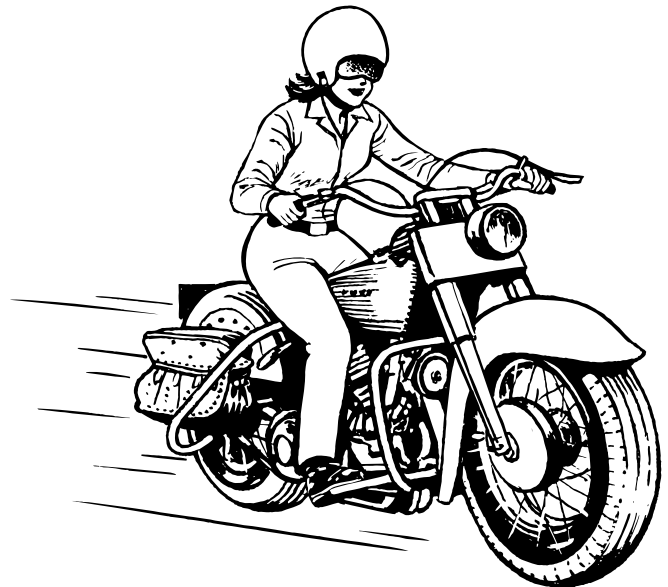
Ed Gilmore
Jan Mahoney

40 YEARS

J.R. Stadler

50 YEARS

Morris Mae Atwell



 *Forever Members* 

You can shed tears because they are Gone, or you can smile because they Lived.

*Michelle Hall
Barbara Rancourt
Robert C. Taylor
Chris Peek
Brenda Force
Walt Rutski
Stan Bach
Dick Fulton
Victor Green
Martha Strouse
Dorothy Falt
Terry "Doc" O'Rourke
Robert Shuster
Martin Hourihan
Frank Martorana
Tom Fleming
Robert J. Ritchie
Angie Shufelt
Donald R. Blasko
Brian Paschen
Gary P Myers
John V. "Jack" Wrigley
Chris Allen
Edmund "Eddy" George Hayes
Bill Cox
Mary Walker
Jan Aguirre
Bob Gleason
"Big Deb" Matson
Vinnie Smiraglia
Wild Bill Sperry
Kurt Straub
Dan Lundy*

*Dan "Wind" Smallwood
Frank Sabo
Rodney W. Taylor
Andrew "Andy" Ellis
Ronald R. Jones
Chris Connolly
Robert B. Bancraft
Chris "Baldy" Klein
Jackie Baumer
Joanne Houghtaling
Luther "Dirty Luke" Hughes
Joseph Rinere
Rita Laufer
Lynn Hyland
Skip Lamphere
Mike Clerico
Mike Pascucci
Richard L. Gardner Jr.
Carl H. Baker
Peter Martino
Molly "Skully" Hamilton
Bill Healy
John S. Waterman
Deborah Harrington
Scott "Scooter" Wilson
Christina "Hippie Chick" Voloshen
Mel "Mango" McKinstry
Tim Columbia
John McKenzie
Bruce Taylor
Tom McKay
Richard "Red-Dog" Lucas
Terry A. Cook*

*Nicola S. Bennett
Andrew "Animal" Luzzi
Brenda Boellner
Joe Pleickhardt
Rick Davis
Jerry MacDonald*