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BOARD *Minutes*

STATE BOARD MEETING - AUGUST 17, 2024

Call to order by President Audrey Rindfleisch-Hamilton at 12:19

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Board members present: Prospector, Dennis Pelmear, Audrey Rindfleisch-Hamilton, Chris Pecchio, Chris Genovese via speaker phone.

12:20 **President** called executive session

12:30 end of executive session

MOTION #B24-11; Prospector / Dennis; make annual \$1000.00 donation to MRF unanimous

Audrey: Region C Coordinator has resigned, position is open

Chris P: Move state seminar to Freedom Rally Weekend, tabled until September Board Meeting

Recommending attorneys, table to September meeting

Region C: no report

Chris G. gave brief legislative report mostly unintelligible over speaker phone, should be given at state meeting.

MOTION # B24-12: Chris G / Chris P adjourn meeting adjourned at 12:47

CHAPTER MEETING - AUGUST 17, 2024

Call to order by President at 1:02pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Roll Call: 7 Chapter present

VP Chris P - chapters need to be more cohesive

MOTION #S24-5: Onondaga / Cayuga; waive reading of the minutes unanimous

State Board nominations:

President nominated by himself

VP none

Secretary Prospector by Southern Tier

Public Relations none

Region E Coordinator - none

Region C Coordinator Dennis Pelmear by Ontario

Treasurer none

Nominations will reopen at November meeting

President report: Problems this year; tax exempt status, passing of key members, we are catching up, state off is working.

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BOARD

Minutes

VP Report: we need to focus on chapters working together as a cohesive unit

Onondaga: Redesignating chapter by number rather than name

VP we need to focus more on education and safety

Prospector: are all associate members mistakenly receiving newsletters, who send list to printer?

Audrey will look into

Southern Tier: President and Treasurer are discouraged from being married.

Region C: Dennis; all region C renewals are up to date. Are lawn signs available?

What is the status of Oswego, PO box is closes. Dennis will contact chapter president about mailing address

Chris P will chair 2025 Freedom Rally Committee

Treasury oversight committee is on the back burner

Southern Tier: cost of PO Boxes, try UPS or Mailboxes Etc

State Office: Sandi Pecchio; all renewals have been mailed, she has been catching up will seek council from previous office manager

Albany: Cruise for Tots

Rensselaer: Ride for Ronald McDonald House

Onondaga: how can we attract more participation in the Freedom Rally

MOTION #s24-6: Rensselaer / Onondaga; adjourn meeting adjourned 2:07

by "Prospector" Bob Boellner

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Good Day everyone,

I would like to remind everyone that the main goal for ABATE is to band together and help push legislation to provide safe riding conditions on our roads.

This being said, we all need to do our part. It can be as simple as writing a letter to your local legislators in support or against upcoming bills that affect motorcycle riders. E-mail is also another way to help although not as effective as a written letter as they are stored in a file on the computer and easily overlooked. The handwritten letter even a form letter downloaded from our website need to be sorted and stored. 1300 or more letters in boxes are not as easy to dismiss. Our lobbying man; Prospector has indeed told us that exactly, let's follow this effort.

Secondly, try to interact with younger riders on the other brands, believe it not they have many of the same concerns as seasoned riders. younger riders may not know what ABATE can do for them and we need to bridge that gap and be as one as new membership is vital to our goals and missions.

In closing, the weather is changing daily and drivers could be less aware as it gets colder and leaves start falling, so I am asking everyone to be safe and stay alert.

Chris Pecchio,
Vice President, ABATE of New York



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ALBANY COUNTY CHAPTER BIKE NIGHT



Albany County
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BOZO RUN 2024

Our yearly run to help prevent abuse and neglect of vulnerable animals. This years run was very successful headed up by Terra Niesen and Karen Law, it was a big hit with riders and guests alike and proceeds went to benefit "Out of the Pits" a well know rescue.



CHAPTER *Events*

ABATE DONATES \$500 EACH TO CENTRAL BATTALION FIRE DEPARTMENTS

BY TOM RIVERS, EDITOR POSTED 5 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 8:30 PM

PHOTO BY TOM RIVERS



Orleans
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ALBION - Chuck Persons, center, presented a \$500 check to the Albion Fire Department this evening on behalf of the Orleans County chapter of ABATE (Americans Bikers Aimed Toward Education).

Accepting on behalf of the AFD includes Al Cheverie, left, the chairman of the newly formed Albion Joint Fire District and a past president of the AFD, and Nathan Bloom, current president of the Albion Fire Department.

ABATE also donated \$500 to the Barre Volunteer Fire Company and the Carlton Volunteer Fire Company. Albion, Barre and Carlton represent the central battalion. Last year ABATE donated to the departments in the west battalion and next year plans to give to the east battalion.

"If God forbid something happens to one of us on our bikes, they're the first ones there for us," Persons said about the local firefighters.

The donations are the result of a fundraising ride and a basket raffle last month.



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NEW MEMBER

Buff / Erie CHAPTER



FALL FOLIAGE RIDE

Ontario CHAPTER





Legislative Report



By **Chris Genovese**, Legislative Coordinator

Legislative Update, September 26, 2024

Thanks to all that responded to my poll regarding what our response should be to Assembly Majority Leader, Crystal Peoples-Stokes (D-141) offer about A3932/S9494. You may recall that she agreed that reckless driving is a growing problem that needs to be addressed. However, she disagreed with the part of the bill potentially classifying severe cases as class A misdemeanors - which would give judges discretion to sentence guilty parties to up to a year of incarceration. I let her know that ABATE members responded overwhelmingly in favor of both thanking her for offering to support a new bill that would provide only the educational aspects of A3932/S9494, and that ABATE would still support an additional bill that to provide drivers with a (strong) incentive to pay attention and focused on what they're supposed to be doing.

On September 12th I had a remote meeting with Assembly Transportation Committee Member and lifetime ABATE of NY member, Donna Lupardo (D-123) to continue looking for clues about how we might advance A3932 in committee. As a longtime sitting member, it was extremely nice to be able to speak with her as an ally and fellow rider. So, when I told her about the Majority Leader's resistance to the punitive part of bill, she was not surprised. She also was understanding about our challenges in committee, and noted that she's the most senior sitting member there besides Chair Bill Magnarelli. And she also agreed that, if we could get just the educational aspects of the bill passed into law in the short term (updating the written test for a drivers' license and offering drivers an insurance discount for completing a course about reckless driving and "vehicular violence"), that would be a victory and a step in the right direction. She went on to say that she would sponsor such a bill, which of course, I was very glad to hear. And, as mentioned in the chapter meeting, I'm promoting a new bill within ABATE, the Vehicular Violence Accountability Act (S9495), which is sponsored in the Senate by the new Transportation Committee Chair, Jeremy Cooney (D-56). If passed into law, it would create four new crimes in New York; Serious Injury by Vehicle, Aggravated Serious Injury by Vehicle, Death by Vehicle, and Aggravated Death by Vehicle. There is currently no companion bill in the Assembly, and according to Donna Lupardo, this one really has an uphill climb, at best, over there. Even so, in my conversations with other ABATE members and the lawyers that I work (both also are members) for, this bill, so far, has unanimous support.



**DON'T FORGET TO
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Legislative Position 2024

A3932/S9494 – Provides for certain presumptions for reckless driving and the implementation of a reckless driving and vehicular violence awareness component of the pre-licensing course for a driver’s license.

By introducing presumptions for reckless driving, the bill aims to hold accountable those who endanger others through their actions behind the wheel. Additionally, integrating a vehicular violence awareness component into the pre-licensing course underscores the importance of fostering a culture of responsibility and respect among drivers. ABATE of NY believes that such initiatives will not only enhance road safety but also contribute to a more informed and conscientious driving community. Through education and awareness, ABATE of NY seeks to reduce the incidence of reckless driving and vehicular violence, ultimately creating safer roads for all users in New York State.

A9187/S4704 – Relates to Motorcycle Profiling.

This legislation represents a significant stride towards eliminating discriminatory practices against motorcyclists by ensuring law enforcement officers receive training to recognize and mitigate motorcycle rider profiling. By mandating training programs that educate officers about the unfair targeting and stereotyping of motorcyclists solely based on their choice of transportation, S4704 seeks to foster a more equitable and respectful interaction between law enforcement and the motorcycle community.

A2690 – Prohibits children under the age of twelve (12) from riding on a motorcycle.

ABATE of NY emphasizes the importance of parental discretion and individual freedom in deciding when a child is ready to ride on a motorcycle, taking into account factors such as maturity, experience, and training. Moreover, the organization argues that motorcycling, including off-road riding, can be a valuable family activity that fosters bonding and teaches important life skills, such as responsibility and rider safety. For many families, riding off-road motorcycles under parental guidance is seen as a crucial aspect of child development. Rather than imposing a blanket ban, ABATE of NY advocates for comprehensive education and training programs that empower parents to make informed decisions about their children’s involvement in motorcycling, ensuring both safety and enjoyment for riders of all ages.

A6075/S2773 – Prohibits the sale of ATVs and off-highway motorcycles in the city of New York.

Such a blanket ban would unjustly restrict the rights of individuals to own and enjoy these recreational vehicles within city limits. While ABATE of NY acknowledges the need for responsible use and regulation of these vehicles to ensure public safety, it argues that a total ban is an overreaching measure that penalizes law-abiding

Legislative Position 2024 (cont)

enthusiasts. Rather than outright prohibition, ABATE of NY advocates for comprehensive education, training, and enforcement initiatives to promote safe and responsible ATV and off-highway motorcycle use.

A1987/S1388 – Relates to motorcycle awareness on state highways by affixing “Watch for Motorcycles” signs.

By advocating for the installation of motorcycle awareness signs on state highways, ABATE aims to promote mutual respect and understanding between motorcyclists and other drivers. These signs serve as valuable reminders for motorists to remain vigilant and share the road responsibly, ultimately reducing the risk of collisions and injuries involving motorcycles.

A36/S3332 – Makes certain exceptions for violations pertaining to certain mufflers and exhaust systems.

This bill proposes essential exceptions for violations related to specific exhaust systems on motorcycles and other vehicles. By allowing for reasonable exceptions, A36/S3332 ensures that motorcyclists can enjoy the freedom to choose exhaust systems that meet both legal standards and their individual preferences without facing undue penalties.

S7603 – Authorizes and directs the commissioner of transportation to conduct a study of the feasibility of removing all existing 3 cable guide rails on New York roadways and replacing them with safer alternatives.

ABATE recognizes that these guide rails present a grave hazard to motorcyclists, as the cables can cause severe injuries. By advocating for the survey and potential removal of these hazardous guide rails, ABATE of NY aims to enhance the safety of New York’s roads for motorcyclists and all other road users.

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TOM CAME OVER WITH FELLOW MEMBER/HARD TALES CONTRIBUTOR MARK CAMPANELLI TO SIGN UP FOR ABATE MEMBERSHIP AND POSED FOR THIS PIC WITH CHAPTER PRESIDENT JOHN WATSON AND KATE, OUR CHAPTER FIRST LADY.

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5 Boroughs
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As you might know, Abate 5 Boroughs chapter has been instrumental in the development of New York City's first Motorcycle Advisory Council consisting of NYC DOT/NYPD, Abate 5 Boroughs chapter, Riders Against Congestion Pricing, AMA, Motorcycle and Scooter Safety Task Force, and Trade Nothing for Safety. As M.A.C. For the last four years we have conducted what we call motorcycle self-practice days. While working hand in hand with NYC Vision Zero. These self-practice days are intended to help bikers to brush up on and to hone their riding skill set when re-entering the joys of motorcycling after a long layoff due to the end of the motorcycling season or any other break from riding. We believe that knocking the rust off from the winter or just not riding is beneficial for having a safer riding experience and hopefully decreasing the number of crashes and fatalities that we bikers experience every year. We also hope that in reducing crashes and fatalities that this might encourage NYS DMV to create a subsidized M class endorsement program. This year the M.A.C. has through the invitation of the Staten Island Borough President and Borough Commissioner to expand this program to Staten Island. On September 28, 2024, we had our very first SI self-practice day! Commissioner Rosanna Carunna along with her staff opened one of their parking lots and we did our thing. Roseann hoped for at least 10 bikers, however in spite of the rain, (which caused us to stop 2 hours earlier than our normal time), we had 21 participants and they had a blast. The next stop, next week October 5, 2024, Randall's Island Icahn Stadium parking Lot.

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PAID POSITION - SOME EXPERIENCE NEEDED

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- a. Must be an active member of ABATE of NY, Inc., for a minimum of two (2) years.
- b. Must have been an elected officer of a "Chapter in Good Standing" for a minimum of one (1) year.
- c. Member must not have been terminated from a Chapter affiliation at any time.
- d. Must be bondable for State Board positions if needed.
- e. Must allow Name and Phone number publication.

Attendance is required at ALL State Board and State Chapter Meetings.

IIHS Studies Distracted Driving

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) released details of a recent study on driver behavior when using vehicles with levels of automation. The study, done in partnership with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology AgeLab, should raise the eyebrows of those charged with establishing rules for this new technology (study linked below).

This initial statement from the IIHS encapsulates what many have witnessed on the road, "Drivers are more likely to multitask when using partial automation, and some manage to do so even while playing by the rules of the system's attention requirements." The study points to how some drivers have "mastered" the ability to prevent warnings of inactivity and thus negate the intended safeguards.

The analysis included different vehicle types and driver groups, yet in every case, drivers engaged in distracting activities more often when using the technology than while driving without it. These results clearly indicate that drivers have a false sense of security when using automated driving features.

Drivers are responsible for their actions when behind the wheel. However, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) remains troubled by marketing campaigns and narratives that intentionally or unintentionally create an overconfidence in this technology. The MRF has and will continue to raise these concerns with lawmakers and policymakers in Congress and at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Distracted driving costs lives! If this new technology encourages increased distracted driving, that is unacceptable. The MRF agrees with IIHS Senior Research Scientist Alexandra Mueller, "Better safeguards are needed to ensure that the behavior change actually translates to more attentive driving."



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MRO News



Recently, at both the state and federal levels, lawmakers have been fighting against the effort to kill the internal combustion engine (ICE). This past Friday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.J. Res 136. The vote was 215 in favor and 191 opposed. The resolution blocks an Environmental Protection Agency rule to more strictly regulate passenger vehicle tailpipe emissions and accelerate the transition to electric vehicles.

Whether it be a call to action, discussing it at Bikers Inside the Beltway, or our D.C. team lobbying on this issue, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has pushed lawmakers for action on this and other legislation that would save ICE.

Congress can block rules and regulations from an agency such as NHTSA by passing a joint resolution of disapproval in both chambers, subject to a presidential veto. Once a rule is disapproved under this process, the agency cannot issue a similar regulation unless Congress passes a separate law allowing it. While the current U.S. Senate will likely not act on H.J. Res 136, one chamber of Congress continues to fight to save our ability to buy the engines we want.

Outside of D.C., the Ohio State Senate recently passed S.R. 155, their effort to go on the record and save the internal combustion engine. The resolution states: "To express support for consumer choice in the automotive marketplace and against government-preferred vehicle technology mandates that will harm Ohio's consumers by prematurely

MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard" quipped, "Looks like NHTSA won't stop until all bikers killed requiring the transition of the automotive fleet from internal combustion powered vehicles to all-electric vehicles."

The Ohio Senate sent copies of the resolution to "the President of the United States, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, the Secretary of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the members of the Ohio Congressional Delegation, and the news media of Ohio."

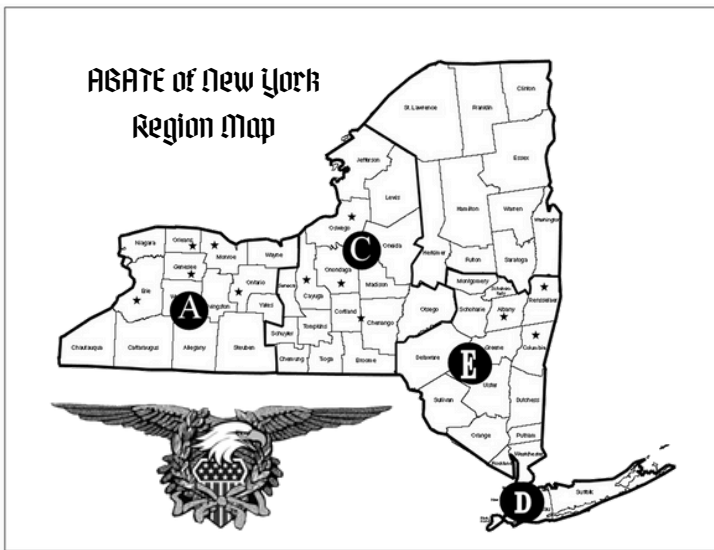
Actions like these in D.C., Ohio and other states demonstrate that lawmakers across the country are waking up on this topic. Luckily, the MRF never falls asleep on issues like this. Thank you for supporting the MRF and allowing us to be the watchdog for your rights.



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3/17/2024	9/15/2024
6/15/2024	12/15/2024

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Board : 11am



Garlic & Horseradish Beef Tenderloin

Serve 4-6 (or two hungry bikers)

- 2-3 lbs beef tenderloin roast
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp spicy whole grain mustard
- 2 tbsp horseradish (fresh grated or prepared)
- 2 tbsp garlic, minced
- 1 tsp dried thyme leaves

Sauce

- ½ cup white wine
- 3 tbsp horseradish
- 1 tbsp mayo
- 1 tbsp grainy mustard

Preheat oven to 400°

Tie up the tender loin with butchers string to help keep an even thickness while cooking.

Sprinkle the salt and pepper all over the meat

On the stove, heat the oil to medium high in an oven safe pan/pot, like a dutch oven.

Place meat into the pan and sear on all side, **DO NOT OVER COOK**, remove meat and set aside to rest

Mix together mustard, horseradish, garlic and thyme then rub the mixture all over the meat and return it to the roasting pan.

Place into the oven and cook for about 20-25 minutes to an internal temp of 130° for medium-rare. **DO NOT OVER COOK**

Remove roast from pan and place on cutting board or plate to rest under a tin foil tent for at least 10 minutes, then remove string and cut into 1/2-3/4 inch slices

Place pan on stove top over medium heat and add wine to deglaze the pan

Mix of 3 tbsp horseradish, 1 tbsp mayo, 1 tbsp grainy mustard and add to pan, mix well and serve with sliced meat

BIKER CHICK KITCHEN 2 RECIPE

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

AMA Distributes Sound Meter Kits to Four Chartered Clubs

As part of its commitment to further educate riders about sound levels, the American Motorcyclist Association will once again distribute sound test kits to four chartered clubs across the country.

This year's recipients of the annual AMA Sound Meter Program include the Coast Riders Motorcycle Club, Trail Riders of Southern Arizona, Coconino Trail Riders and Ocean State BMW Riders. With the sound kits provided by the program, these clubs will be able to accurately check the sound emissions of their motorcycles and institute training efforts to limit sound pollution at their events.

"With the AMA Sound Meter Program, we're supporting and encouraging riders and clubs to take sound issues seriously and make decisions based on accurate information," AMA Government Relations Director and Western States Representative Nick Haris said. "Phone apps and cheap meters are often not reliable and it's important to have accurate, repeatable information prior to implementing any sound-related rules."

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Chapter Meeting Information

5 Boroughs Chapter

2nd Thursday 8pm
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3rd Tuesday 7pm
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Albany, 12206

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1965 Abbott Road
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2nd Tuesday 7pm
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2nd Sunday 12pm
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Oswego Chapter

1st Sunday 10am
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201 N 2nd St
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Rensselaer Chapter

2nd Saturday 4pm
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