

# ABATE OF NEW YORK, INC



COLUMBIA COUNTY CHAPTER

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 4, 2010

KOZEL'S RESTARUANT 9H, GHENT

6PM SOCIAL HOUR, BUFFET SERVED 7PM

RSVP REQUIRED BY 11/27 \$10 per person no exceptions

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## AMERICAN BIKERS AIMED TOWARD EDUCATION

is a non-profit corporation formed to promote and protect the interests of New York Motorcyclists. **ABATE** monitors and interacts with the legislative process, enhancing the image of the sport, and providing educational and social opportunities for members as well as non-members.

**ABATE** will continue to strive to become acquainted with both sides of the issues and people of the motorcycling community. We encourage all our members to be informed registered voters. **ABATE** of New York, Inc. supports the Motorcycle Rider Education courses currently being offered throughout the state. We welcome interested persons to any of our activities and to join our organization. You don't have to ride, just have an interest in riders rights.

**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.

### 2010 Monthly Chapter Meetings

Held at the Whitestone Café Ghent, NY  
(Thursday) 7pm social hour 6pm

November 4 – Elections 2011 Officers

December 4 meeting & Xmas Party at Kozels

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 recommend a careful course of action.

The American Motorcycle Association (AMA)

<http://www.ama-cycle.org/>

Motorcycle Association of New York (MANYS)

<http://www.manys.org>

New York State Dept. of Motor Vehicles

<http://www.nysdmv.state.ny.us>

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

For State Assembly information including members,

committees and bills: <http://www.assembly.state.ny.us>

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

For U. S. House of Representatives for Federal bills:

<http://www.house.gov>

For legislative information or search bill information

<http://thomas.loc.gov>

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**TENTATIVE 2010/2011 Columbia County Chapter Events**

<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>4</b>	Holiday party & meeting	Held at Kozels Restaurant Route 9H (time to be announced)
<b>JANUARY</b>			<b>State seminar officers must attend</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>Sat 19</b> State chapter meeting
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>4</b>	Cabin Fever	
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>1</b>	Spring Fun Run	<b>19-21</b> MRF "Beast of the East" SC Regional meeting
<b>MAY</b>	<b>6</b>	Chapter Memorial Run	<b>Sat 21</b> State chapter meeting <b>Mon 16</b> NY State Freedom Rally
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>3</b>	Chapter Freedom Run Flag Day Parade	6-11 Americade Lake George, NY 12-20 Laconia, NH 24-26 Harley Rendezvous
<b>JULY</b>	<b>1</b>		Regional meeting
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>5</b>	Mountain Run	<b>Sat 20</b> State chapter meeting
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>31-5</b> Columbia County Fair chapter booth	11-14 Catskill, Mountain Thunder 24-26 MRF Meeting Of The Minds in Illinois
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Sun 2</b> Toy Run	Regional meeting
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>Sat 19</b> State chapter meeting
<b>DECEMBER</b>		Holiday party & meeting	

*All chapter membership, regional and state chapter meetings are open to everyone.*

All event dates are subject to change.

To find more events/flyers of other ABATE chapters and other motorcycle related events throughout the state, visit the ABATE of NY State website at <http://www.abateny.org>

## COLUMBIA COUNTY ABATE

Thursday, October 7, 2010

## Secretary's Minutes

The meeting called to order at 7:03 pm at Whitestone Café by President Karen Kittle. Pledge was recited. President Karen thanked everyone for coming, there were 22 members in attendance. Karen spoke the loss of a local young member of the community; killed in an automobile accident in Alabama; 24 year old Zachary Keyser, who was in the Marine Corp. She asked that if any members could make it, to please participate in a Patriot Guard assembly at the funeral home in Chatham, to escort Zach to his final resting place at the Saratoga National cemetery. Those interested, meet at the funeral home in Chatham at 8:30 am and we will all proceed from there as escorts to the family.

Bob DiRuzzio spoke, explaining what the Patriot Guards were/do and how they originated in Kansas. The purpose being is to intercede between grieving families and war protestors and the media that follows. He added that as a Veteran himself, he feels very strongly about this honorable duty, and urged everyone who could, to please attend.

**MOTION #29-2010** –Motion was made by Pete Shufelt, and seconded by Mark Sigler to waive reading of September minutes, with all in favor.

TREASURER - Tricia Thibeault gave report of beginning balance: \$4,926.43 with Income of \$3,475.00. (Bozo run - \$1557; product-\$667; quilt raffle-\$1226; membership-\$25) Expenses were \$1,156. (Humane Society-\$1,100; membership-\$25; post office box-\$31), which leaves an ending balance of \$7,245.43.

MEMBERSHIP - Report was given by Jenn Ross.

Outstanding Past Dues

Anni Barrett

Rick Cort

Matthew Hauser

Harold Jensen

Dick Leavitt

OCTOBER DUES

Terra Cohn

Susan Emanuele

Nick Emanuele

Michael Grden

Christopher Kelley

Brian Kelley

Sherry Margelot

Marc Martino

Bob Mayo

Charlotte Papineau

Jerry Sigler

NOVEMBER DUES

Michael Clerico

Jackie Salvatore

Angelo Salvatore

Mark Sawicky

Bill Welch

LEGISLATIVE— Prospector reported there is no session right now; all is quiet. He said there was sign posted on Lark Street in Albany about motorcycle noise ordinance, with no audible noise after certain hours. It was asked if this was a city-wide ordinance and was told no, and it was also offered to buy a copy of the city ordinance and was refused. Prospector said the sign was gone, and he will be investigating it further. He urged everyone to vote this November. He also mentioned a class action suit is being filed on illegal confiscation and bike repossession.

He also mentioned there a “silent recall” of 721 Dunlop tires on 2009 touring bikes, and if you should have this tire, you should have it replaced immediately. He added that Harley-Davidson is not volunteering this information willingly; you have to request it yourself.

He also said that he had recently attended the MRF's, ‘Meeting of the Minds’ and encouraged everyone to attend an MRF event, “you will come away with knowledge and insight”. MOTM is in Michigan next year.

NEWSLETTER - Karen said that the current newsletter is available on the table at tonight's meeting. Please sign the sheet indicating that you picked one up, so that one doesn't have to be mailed to you.

PRODUCT – Paula said that she has long-sleeve crew neck shirts available now, which Nick happened to be wearing and showed off. She mentioned that she will collect t-shirts for next year's quilt at any meeting in the coming months, and that 16 t-shirts are needed to make the quilt.

SGT. of ARMS - Jack reported everything is good, quiet.

ROAD CAPTAIN - Bob stated that all is quiet, riding season's almost over.

COMITTEES – Karen stated the only event left is the Christmas party which will be on December 4 at Kozel's. The food menu will be the same as last year, and it was agreed to keep the fee of \$10.00 per person.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -Karen also suggested that committees will be formed at the Christmas Party to plan the Cabin Fever party in March; the Flag Day parade, and the Bozo and Toy runs. She will have sign-up sheets available for those interested in helping for their success. She also suggested moving the Bozo run to July instead of August because it's too close to fair week, and its confusing as far as keeping the monies in order for the two functions.

The recent Toy run was discussed, which was good run. We raised \$1,009, plus toys.

**MOTION #30-2010** was made by Mark, seconded by Tony to round up the money donation for the toys to \$1,500, with all in favor.

Pete stated that we did not get any donations of toys from the fair this year. The Spencertown firehouse did a good job with refreshments, although it was mentioned we should have had one pit-stop. Pete said that this would, absolutely, be his last year planning the Toy run, but members present stated that “He WAS the Toy Run”, and was encouraged to keep it. Some members present volunteered to help more next year.

NEW BUSINESS -Nick stated that Woodstock Harley-Davidson is having a chili-cook-off this Saturday, from 10 to 3 pm. Their website has further information.

Jack stated that the East Coast Riders drawing for the new HD Softail Custom, is on November 11, at Winding Brook Country Club from 7 to 10 pm. There will be a DJ and refreshments available. Proceeds benefit the Wounded Warriors Project.

Sue and Nick shared their heartfelt thanks to the chapter, for helping to sponsor a child at Camp Erin. Sue added that it was very beneficial to all of the children that attend, with the one-on-one counseling they receive, helping them to grieve for the loss's have. They added, 52 kids attended the camp this year and got a lot out of it.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS - Karen reminded everyone that the people who are nominated for a position, must be at tonight's meeting. Nominations opened for President- Joel Dyslin was nominated from the first round; and accepted. There were no new nominations for President.

Vice President Nominations were open—Sue nominated Pete Shufelt, who accepted.

Secretary- Zandra Boice remained as only accepted nomination as there were no new nominations for this position.

Treasurer—Lauren Eigenbrodt, had previously accepted but was now withdrawing at this time, because of work and other commitments. Nominations were open for this position—Karen nominated Mark Sigler, who accepted.

Legislation—Prospector remained as only accepted, nomination. Nominations were closed.

\*\*\*Final nominations and elections will be held at the November chapter meeting.

There being no other business to come before the meeting,

**MOTION #31-2010** was made Mark, and seconded by Bob, to adjourn the meeting with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. The PAC hat collected \$56.

Respectfully submitted, Zandra Boice, Secretary

COLUMBIA COUNTY ABATE  
Thursday, November 4, 2010  
Secretary's Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm at Whitestone Café by President Karen Kittle. Pledge was recited, and President Karen thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. There were 22 members in attendance including three officers.

**MOTION #32-2010** was made by Frank Sabo that the October 2010 minutes be read. Secretary Zandra Boice read October minutes with one typo-correction.

**Motion #33-2010** made by Mark Sigler and seconded by Bob Mayo to accept October minutes as read with all in favor.

TREASURER Report: Tricia gave report as follows: Beginning balance: \$7,245.43 with Income of \$1,559.00 (toy run - \$1,009; product-\$550), and Expenses of \$3,891.85 (toy run donation - \$1,500; products - \$2,391.85), with ending balance of \$4,912.58. Savings account balance for 200 Club is \$241.23. Frank Sabo inquired about 200 club account stating it's an interest bearing account, and this should be reflected. Tricia said that she has not been getting monthly bank statements due to a post office box issue; which has been taken care of. She also stated that the savings account statements are quarterly only. The account is and will be updated with any earned interest.

MEMBERSHIP: Jenn Ross was not at tonight's meeting, there was no report given.

LEGISLATIVE: Prospector was not at tonight's meeting, there was no report given.

NEWSLETTER: Karen said she will post October minutes online. As well as the November minutes and newsletter.. A few people commented that they are still getting hard-copy mailings, and she said she would check with Jenn about this, as she does hard-copy mailings.

PRODUCTS: Karen reported that Paula will have product available at Christmas party. Paula also wants to remind all that we will need at least 16 t-shirts for the next quilt raffle. You can bring them to the Christmas party as well.

SGT. of ARMS: Jack reported everything is quiet.

ROAD CAPTAIN: Bob reported there was nothing new, if riding, watch out for wet roads and wet leaves.

OFFICERS NOMINATIONS: Final Round and Election: Karen once again stated that we cannot nominate someone for a position who is not at tonight's meeting. Nominations/Elections proceeded as follows: President: Joel Dyslin – there being no other nominations, this position is closed.

Vice President: Peter Shufelt – there being no other nominations; position closed. Secretary: Zandra Boice – there being no other nominations; position closed.

Treasurer: Mark Sigler – there being no other nominations; position closed.

Legislation: Prospector – there being no other nominations; position closed.

**MOTION #34-2010** was made by Karen for the Secretary to cast one vote as the nominated members were all uncontested. Second by Bob Mayo, vote was unanimous. Secretary, Zandra Boice cast one vote to elect all those nominated into office for 2011.

Unfinished Business /Committees Karen stated our only event left is our *Christmas party; Saturday, December 4*, at Kozel's. Open at 6:00 pm, dinner served at 7:00 pm; menu will be the same as last year, and the cost per person is \$10.00. She said she will need an approximate head count as to who will be attending. Sign-up sheet was available at tonight's meeting; and please also **RSVP to her or Tricia if attending.**

Pete said again that this year's toy run was his last one. He will provide a sign-up sheet for those members who volunteered from the last meeting, to form committee to plan next year's event. He said he will be a co-committee person.

**New Business** Jack reminded that East Coast Riders has a party with drawing of the ticket for a new HD Softail Custom, next Thursday, November 11, Winding Brook Country Club from 7 to 10 pm, with DJ and refreshments available. Proceeds benefit Wounded Warriors Project. He has a few tickets available tonight if anyone is interested in buying one, cost of \$10 each.

Jack also said there is a Sunday brunch and run at Brunswick HD for Albany Toys for Tots. A group will be leaving Hudson at 10 am for this event.

Roddy stated there is a Poker run/breast cancer benefit for Maryann Houghtaling on Saturday, November 13, leaving Plaza Diner at 12 noon, cost is \$20 per person, ending at the Niverville Pub with DJ music, food and beverage available. Flyers are available at tonight's meeting.

Incoming new President Joel Dyslin, inquired about the State Seminar to be held in January wherein all new officers are required to attend. Karen said she will get him the information needed. The seminar is the weekend of January 14<sup>th</sup> and held in Oswego.

There being no other business to come before the meeting, **MOTION #35-2010** was made by Mark Sigler, seconded by Bob Mayo, to adjourn the meeting with all in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. .

Respectfully submitted, Zandra Boice, Secretary

**WELCOME YOUR  
\*\* NEW 2011 ELECTED OFFICERS \*\*  
PRESIDENT--JOEL DYSLIN  
VICE PRESIDENT--PETE SHUFELT  
SECRETARY--ZANDRA BOICE  
TRESURER--MARK SIGLER  
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR--'PROSPECTOR'**



Bike games at Bozo Run 2010

Toy Run 2010



Update from our October Newsletter -regarding letter to Ray LaHood, Secretary of US DOT and Federal Grant Program for Motorcycle only checkpoints.

**MRF NEWS RELEASE October 18,2010 Motorcycle Riders Foundation**

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**NHTSA Thumbs Nose at Congress and Discriminates Against Motorcycles**

Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs, Jeff Hennie

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has learned from a source at the US DOT that they have funded the motorcycle only roadside checkpoints.

NHTSA decided to fund the program despite being asked by Congress not to fund the program until the merits were explained. In a letter sent by James Sensenbrenner, along with ten other Members of the House of Representatives last month, Sensenbrenner and his colleagues specifically asked NHTSA to respond to the letter before funding the program, they did not.. The recipient of the money for the demo project was the Georgia Department of Public Safety, which oversees the day-to-day operation of the Georgia State Patrol. The Georgia State Patrol will conduct a series of roadside motorcycle safety checks in accordance with what was outlined in the Request for Applications. The amount of NHTSA funding is \$70,000.00.

"Not only is this an injustice to the motorcyclists of America its a complete waste of taxpayer money." said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs for the MRF.

The MRF will keep you informed on this issue and any actions you can take to defend your freedoms, at stake in Washington.

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**MRF IMMEDIATE NEWS RELEASE November 16, 2010**

**10NR33 - NTSB Calls for Nationwide Helmet Laws**

[Jeff Hennie](#), Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs

National Transportation Safety Board Calls for Nationwide Helmet Laws

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation reports that the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is calling on all States that do not have a mandatory helmet law to adopt one. The NTSB has a "top ten most wanted" list that has never before addressed motorcycle helmet law, but does now. They are asking for every State to enact mandatory helmet law for every rider and passenger on every motorcycle.

This is a disturbing, but not surprising, recommendation by the NTSB. They had a forum in 2007 where they brought in some motorcycle safety professionals and asked them a few questions, they then relied on their motorcycle crash investigations, a whopping six in total crash investigations to issue some safety recommendations. This pales in comparison to the over 150,000 airline incident investigations, over 90,000 other surface transportation investigations, which does more than qualify them to issue such recommendations. But investigating just six motorcycle accidents and now they are the experts?

What's also surprising is the fact that motorcycle deaths declined last year. For the first time in 11 years motorcycle fatalities went down, and not just a few percentage points. Motorcycle fatalities were down 16 percent last year. And it is not because people were riding less, vehicle miles traveled for motorcycles was down just a 1/2% over the previous year, according to the US DOT. The NTSB has no regulatory ability and no law making ability, just the power to issue recommendations to the States, industry and the Federal government. We at the MRF are troubled by the NTSB issuing recommendations about anything motorcycle, with such a lack of expertise

in the arena of motorcycling and a seemingly nonchalant attitude towards the motorcyclists of this country.

#### \*\*\*\*Highway Actions Needed by States

##### **Improve Child Occupant Protection**

- Enact state laws requiring booster seats for young children up to age 8.

##### **Enact Primary Seat Belt Enforcement Laws**

- Increase number of people who wear seat belts through stronger enforcement laws that don't restrict officers to observing another offense first.

##### **Eliminate Distractions for Young Drivers**

- Prohibit use of interactive wireless communications devices by young novice drivers.
- Restrict the number of teen passengers traveling with young novice drivers.
- Enact graduated driver licensing legislation.

##### **Eliminate Hard Core Drinking Driving**

- Enact legislation to reduce crashes involving repeat offenders who drink large amounts of alcohol, including:
  - Frequent, statewide sobriety checkpoints.
  - More effective measures (sanctions/treatment) for first time arrests with high blood alcohol concentration and repeat offenders.
  - Zero blood alcohol requirement for those already convicted of driving while intoxicated.
  - Administrative license revocation for refusing to take or failing an evidential test for alcohol.
  - Vehicle sanctions for DWI offenders to separate drinking from driving.
  - Elimination of plea-bargaining DWI offenses and programs that divert offenders and purge offense records.
  - DWI offense records retention for at least 10 years to identify repeat offenders.
  - Special sanction court-based programs such as DWI courts for hard core DWI offenders.

##### **Improve Motorcycle Safety**

- Require that all persons shall wear a Department of Transportation Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 218-compliant motorcycle helmet while riding (operating), or as a passenger on, any motorcycle.

To review the NTSB "most wanted list" in its entirety go to  
[http://www.nts.gov/recs/brochures/MostWanted\\_2010\\_2011.pdf](http://www.nts.gov/recs/brochures/MostWanted_2010_2011.pdf)

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, incorporated in 1987, is a membership-based, national motorcyclists' rights organization headquartered in Washington, DC. The first motorcyclists' rights organization to establish a full-time presence in Washington, DC, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation is the only Washington voice devoted exclusively to the street rider. The MRF established MRFPAC in the early 1990s to advocate the election of candidates who would champion the cause of rider safety and rider freedom. The MRF proudly claims state motorcyclists' rights organizations and the very founders of the American riders' rights movement among its leading members. The MRF is involved in federal and state legislation and regulations, motorcycling safety education, training, and public awareness. The MRF provides members and state motorcyclists' rights organizations with direction and information, and sponsors annual regional and national educational seminars for motorcyclists rights activists, as well as publishing a bi-monthly newsletter, THE MRF REPORTS.

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Registration is easy and secure for MRF Regional and Meeting of the Minds conferences. Visit our website at <http://www.mrf.org/events.php> for further details and registration information.  
Send in your nominations and donations for the MRF's Young Activist Scholarship fund today. For complete details, visit <http://www.mrfae.org/yas.php>.  
Sign up today for the MRF's new roadside assistance program by visiting <http://www.mrf.org/mrfroadside.php>

