

31st Annual Toy Run



Sunday, October 3rd 2010

*Sponsored by A.B.A.T.E. of Columbia County
A chapter of American Bikers Aimed Toward Education*

To Benefit the Edith Casey Stocking Fund

**Ride Line up 11AM at the Plaza Diner/Aldi Parking lot
Route 9 Hudson -- Ride @ Noon
\$10 Donation or a New Toy**

**Bike Games & Party 2pm – 6pm
Spencertown Firehouse
*OPEN TO EVERYONE***

**Run info call Bob Mayo 518-851-7512
Bike game info call Pete Shufelt 518-828-5610
Party & food info call Joel Dyslin 518-392-5723**

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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
September 9
October 7
November 4
December 4

2010 Regional Meetings Sundays
October 17

2010 Chapter Officers Contact Info

President	Karen Blake-Kittle	518.755.0347
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TENTATIVE 2010 Columbia County Chapter Events

SEPTEMBER		1-6 Columbia County Fair chapter booth 24-26 MRF Meeting Of The Minds in Peoria, Illinois
OCTOBER	Sun 3 Toy Run	Sat 2 Ghent Community Day / Bike parade
NOVEMBER		Sat 20 State chapter meeting Binghamton, 1pm
DECEMBER	4 Holiday party & meeting	

All chapter membership, regional and state chapter meetings are open to everyone.
 All event dates are subject to change. Visit the ABATE of NY State website at <http://www.abateny.org>
 More events/flyers of other ABATE chapters and other motorcycle related events
 can also be found on the state website

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>

2010
 Fair
 Quilt Raffle
 \$1 per chance



COLUMBIA COUNTY ABATE

Secretary's Minutes -Thursday, August 5th, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm at the Whitestone Café by President Karen Kittle. The pledge was recited, and President Karen thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. There were 31 members in attendance, including four officers.

Before the meeting officially started, member Jim Williams introduced Chris Gibson, whom he met at a recent BBQ meet and greet. Jim went through Mr. Gibson's bio and made the introduction. Mr. Gibson is an admirer of former president Reagan and has served 24+ years in the Army and National Guard. He is most interested in speaking out and protecting American freedoms, living life within a budget, holding government responsible to do the same. He feels the future of our country is in danger and that we can all band together to do better, and believes that the country can be fixed. He signed the petition being circulated regarding the state trooper motorcycle-only road blocks at tonight's meeting. Mr. Gibson is against the Patriot Act, and feels every American has the right to privacy, and believes in our freedoms. RE: flag amendment, he said those who choose to burn the American flag deserve our scorn; he believes in its' protection, and wants to be beat the incumbent in the upcoming elections.

Mr. Gibson thanked everyone for listening to him and asked for support. If members are interested in learning more about his platform, you can visit his website: www.chrisgibsonforcongress.com Mr. Gibson was thanked for attending the meeting and shook hands with the officers. Meeting then proceeded.

SECRETARY- MOTION #24-2010 – Motion was made by Pete with second by Mark to waive reading of the May minutes, with all in favor.

TREASURER - Treasurer Tricia Thibault gave the treasurer's report as follows: Beginning balance was \$5,161.07 with income of \$100.00 and expenses of \$427.88, leaving an ending balance of \$4,833.19. There is also \$241.23 in the savings (200 club account).

MEMBERSHIP - Report was given by Jenn Ross with the membership due as follows.

OUTSTANDING DUES

Tony Barry
Dave Bratton
Sandra Darrow
Thomas Donlon
Thomas Geno
Robert Green
Mike Krizar
Melvin Lansing
Laurel Northrup
Buck Mason
Gary Peck
Tim Quigley
Michael Rutkowski
Erwin Schneider

Mark Wells

Joe Winchester

Jennifer Zola

AUG. RENEWALS

Nick Amoroso

Mary DeSantis

Earl Simpson

Michael Super

SEPT. RENEWALS

Allen Archer

Annie Barrett

Rick Cort

Paul Fasoldt

Jeffrey Fumei

Martin Hanlon

Matthew Hauser

Tom Howard

Thomas Hunt

Harold Jensen

Christopher Killeen

Chris Kinnicutt

Lynn Kratt

Paul Krich

Lee Lansing

Dick Leavitt

Barry Morehouse Sr.

Paula Palleschi

Rita Quirino

Albert Schulze

Gail Woods

LEGISLATIVE— In the absence of Prospector, Karen reported as follows by reading the following emailed statement: The Legislature still had not passed a budget, so no bills have moved. Prospector won't have contact with government until August 9. Special sessions regarding the budget have been called with no real progress, and legislators are not making appointments.

Assemblyman Bill Parment, the sponsor of the helmet reform bill, will not be seeking re-election this year, so Prospector is in the process of making a list of possible sponsors of the bill for next year. He will not be approaching anyone until after elections in case there are any changes, and he will be ready to do so in January 2011. He received a call from the legislator coordinator of ABATE of Illinois, and said they will be filing a "friend-of-the-court" brief in Federal Court on the road-block suit. He also spoke with Attorney Mitch Proner about sending some to testify on the effect of road-blocks on interstate commerce.

NEWSLETTER - Karen stated there is nothing to report.

PRODUCTS-- Jack said that products are available for the summer months, and he would bring them in after the meeting for those interested in purchasing. New colors for t-shirts will be purchased for next year.

The quilt was on display at tonight's meeting; everyone commented on how nice it was. Jack is collecting ticket money for the quilt raffle tonight and will hand out more tickets for those who want them.

SGT. of ARMS - Jack reported that everything's good, nothing to report.

ROAD CAPTAIN— Bob reported that the Mountain Run is all set for August 7, annual night run. The flyer is available in the newsletter. This run will leave the Plaza Diner at 6:00 pm. Karen asked if it was to be a poker run, and after short discussion, it was decided that it will be a poker run. All stops have been contacted and they are glad to have us back. Bob said it's 117.3 miles, and to take care riding in Schoharie County because of road conditions.

Bozo Run – This run will take place on Saturday, August 28, and start at the Plaza Diner, ending up at the Moose Lodge in Hudson. A flyer is included in the July news-letter. Member Jenn Ross asked about a stop at Lyons Lake, which could be done. Tony said there is a band donating their play-time at the ending stop at Moose Lodge.

Unfinished Business– Ghent Community Day will be held on October 2, (day before our toy run) where they have a parade, etc. our chapter was asked to participate in the parade with bikes and to have a booth set up if we wish. Karen asked if people were interested in participating in Community Day there were 6+ volunteers to help out with the booth. Karen will get in touch with Matt Torrey and have more information at the next meeting. All are welcome to ride in the parade.

New Business Karen stated that because of the ABATE money issues at state level, a vote has been brought back to the chapters from the last state chapter meeting they want to raise money by increasing member dues by \$5, or eliminate the membership incentive. A member asked if there has been misappropriation of money, and Pete stated there was not. At present, the state kicks back \$5 per person to each chapter in dues money. There was general consensus at the meeting that members do not want the dues raised, nor do they want to get rid of the membership incentive. Columbia chapter votes no on both issues.

Pete spoke about the money issues and expenses, much of it being for accounting, lawyers, meeting hall(s) fees and conventions. He said the state newsletter is the "killer expense and that it's a catch 22 situation". The State organization (ABATE) is required by the Bylaws to put out a newsletter, and approximately 2800 are sent out. It would be very helpful to the state if members that could receive the newsletter by email would do so rather than the hard copy mailing.. Pete went on to say the next meeting is August 21 in Binghamton, and that all state meetings are open to anyone/ everyone.. Emails can be provided to Pete or Karen if you want the state newsletter emailed instead of sent by mail.

Member Bob DiRuzzio asked what the attorneys do for us. Pete said they review the By-laws continuously for wording in order to protect members rights, and they also handle litigation matters, one being the impeachment of former President Tim Werder. He also said that Attorney Mitch Proner was handling the road-block and unlawful motorcycle stops on a pro-bono basis.

Karen further mentioned that our next chapter meeting will be the first round for nominations to the election of officers for 2011.

Roddy mentioned a benefit ride for the Demarest family, who recently lost everything to a house fire. There will be 4 bands, vendors, food and ice cream available at the ending location. Flyers were available at tonight's meeting.

Nick stated that the Hogs for Hospice run is Sunday, August 22. Columbia County has had the biggest group in attendance for the last 5 years, and there are other groups out there who want to take that recognition away from us. He would like Columbia County to line up closer to the 11:00 registration time.

Karen mentioned that the sign-up sheet for the ABATE booth detail is being circulated, and those interested in working the booth to please sign up. She has some fair tickets available for volunteers.

There being no other business to come before the meeting, **MOTION #25-2010** made by Mark to adjourn with second, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. With Prospector's absence, there was no PAC hat collection.

Respectfully submitted, Zandra Boice, Secretary



Don't forget to bring something with you to our September chapter meeting for the MRF silent auction. Prospector will be collecting our items and taking them to the Meeting of the Minds.

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

JOIN AND SUPPORT Motorcycle Riders Foundation Freedom Fighter Donation_____

- Annual Individual Membership \$30 3-Yr Individual Membership \$80 Annual Sustaining Membership \$100
 Annual Joint Membership \$50 3-Yr Joint Membership \$130 New Member Renewal Mbr #

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION

Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

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

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

Mail with remittance to: Motorcycle Riders Foundation, Inc. PO Box 1808, Washington, DC 20013-1808
(202) 546-0983 FAX (202) 546-0986 <http://www.mrf.org> MRFWash@aol.com

VISA MasterCard Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

American Express Signature _____ Date _____

Upcoming Events of Interest

September 16-19 Catskill Mountain Thunder East Durham, NY 3 day event at the Blackthorne Resort. Visit www.catskillmountainthunder.com or email royhadelwithcmt@yahoo.com or 518-634-2541

Sept.13 Longhairs Covered Bridge Ride Tilton, NH 10th annual poker run for child abuse prevention. \$15.00 registration, poker sheet's are \$5.00 each. We stop at 5 covered bridge's through-out NH. Contact Kathy Trefrey 603-943-5603
www.myspace.com/bridgeride

Sept. 23 - 26MRF "Meeting of the Minds" sponsored by ABATE of Illinois to be held in Peoria, IL More info to follow.

October 21-24 Biketoberfest, Daytona, Fl. www.biketoberfest.org/**All events are updated, as information is available.

ABATE of NY State in search of Candidates for State Positions

Replacements are needed *prior* to Pete Smith's end date of October, 2010 (Treasurer) and Chris Werder's (State Manager) as of end Dec. 2010. If anyone fits the qualifications below and is interested, please send a letter of interest/resume to: Beth Gorman PO Box 10218 Rochester, NY 14610 or email beth_michaelson@yahoo.com

STATE TREASURY MANAGER

- * Accounting degree or work related experience a MUST.
- * Must be proficient in Excel spreadsheets.
- * New manager could opt to use another style of accounting such as Quicken, although I do not recommend it as I have 5 years worth of information in an Excel version, keep in mind the End of Year spreadsheets I provided the Chapters at the State Seminar, they are all in Excel. Everything I have done is formulated and completed in Excel. In addition, more likely than not, whomever receives the reports are more familiar with Excel than Quicken or Peachtree, or any other accounting software.
- * Must have email to communicate to Board.
- * Must be able to do Public Speaking for the Seminar class.
- * Must be detailed orientated and organized, this is huge.
- * Will have to work with corporations CPA for the tax preparation normally due May 15th, August 15th if extended.
- * Will not have any check writing capabilities.
- * I have a corporate Debit Card, new manager should have the same to use for costs related to travel, if any, and for the preparation of seminar Treasury Packets.

>>New manager will get boxes of 5 years worth of Archived Chapter financials, this will have to be continued for future years

Duties include:

- Receiving Chapter financial reports, reconcile for completeness and accuracy.
- Maintain each Chapters financial reports in a consolidated yearly report showing all months of the year.
- Receiving State Treasurer and Office Manager financial reports, reconcile for completeness and accuracy.
- Take all of the monthly financial reports and create and maintain a Consolidated State and Group financial report to be utilized for year end tax preparation.
- Prepare yearly Form 1099-Misc for Commissions paid, issue to recipients by January 31st, and send out report with Form 1096 to IRS by February 28th.
- Report all errors and financial concerns to State Board and individual chapters as needed.
- Perform any other necessary accounting functions as needed.

STATE OFFICE MANAGER

- Excellent computer skills a must.
- Office equipment will consist of Computer, 2 printers, copier, credit card machine, postal machine and laminating machine.
- Will have the responsibility of ABATE's toll free number tied into their home number.
- Must be proficient in all Microsoft Office products (Membership is stored in an Access database).
- Must maintain a sufficient inventory of office and membership supplies including trifolds, pins and patches.
- Maintain a local Post Office Box .
- Must have email to communicate to Board, Chapters and Members.
- Must be able to teach Chapter Membership Officers.
- Must be extremely detail orientated and organized.
- Will not have any check writing capabilities or a Corporate Debit Card.
- >New manager will get over 15 years worth of Archived Membership reports and other miscellaneous ABATE records, including filing cabinets.

Duties include:

- Daily: Retrieve mail from Post Office Box
- Weekly: Processing and mailing membership received from both Chapters and directly from members
- Depositing of membership monies
- Bi-Weekly: Mail all deposit slips and invoices to be paid to the State Treasurer
- Monthly: Mailing membership reports to Chapter Membership Officers and Regional Coordinators
- Mailing of renewal letters
- Back up all data on State Computer
- As Needed: Forward phone messages not membership related to the appropriate Board Member and Chapter Presidents
- Provide Newsletter Editor with both mailed and emailed recipient list when needed
- Process Insurance request for Chapter and State events
- File Federal EIN numbers for new Chapters and provide guidance in setting up banking accounts
- Ordering of office and membership supplies
- Replenish Chapters supply of membership forms and trifolds
- Perform any other necessary functions as needed

