

# APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER



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**Mission Statement:** We are the Albany ABATE Chapter of New York. We are a group of individuals from different backgrounds coming together to ensure the motorcycle lifestyle will still be an enjoyable lifestyle for our families, especially our children and grandchildren. We do this to ensure the motorcyclist point of view is presented to our legislators.

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## OMG and HOLY COW - the sun finally came out!

While it's still been a bit on the nippy side – I mean nippy side (hahaha) it's been great riding. At least we're getting good again at the duck, dodge & dive around the pot holes. That's what we get for living in Upstate New York though – winter and road construction season ☺

Did you attend our last meeting? There was barely enough room for everybody that came to the Route 7 Diner back room! We just might be out growing our new venue and that's great news. It must mean Animal & Grumpy know what they're doing! Make sure you get out to our next meeting on Tuesday night, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Route 7 Diner @ 7PM.

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## GETTING INVOLVED

No, I don't mean "hooking-up" or "booty call" or even "relationship" – as fun as some of those might be. ☺ At our last meeting our esteemed Pres and VP requested membership involvement and we had volunteers for committees! This is a great thing. Membership is growing and we have some **AWESOME** members that are all about getting involved! So even if your version of getting involved is attending a meeting, that's great. We'd love to see your face and hear your opinion. Other riders are a great sounding board too for ideas, maintenance tips or even a new weekend ride destination. I'd rather talk to another rider for experienced information and just let me tell you why!

This is where I tell you the **INTERNET PISSED ME OFF!**

So I went on Google to look up tips or something wise and worthy to include in the newsletter. So I start reading this article on cracked.com (that should have tipped me off, I know) entitled 6 THINGS NOBODY TELLS YOU ABOUT OWNING A MOTORCYCLE. Now the title made me think there was something to this. WRONG!! Apparently the dude that wrote this (Ezekiel Buchheit) is a complete moron! He starts off with, "any given ride can end with your organs flung across four lanes of traffic." And he just goes on to perpetuate stereotypes and negative attitudes about bikers. I was cussing at my computer! By the time he got to the unwritten rule that bikers must at all times flip off people on scooters and "Harley owners hate everybody including themselves" it was so clear to me he had actually never even been on a bike that I was mad at myself for reading his article to the end. But, I'm an optimist and was hoping for some redeeming something. I was at a total loss for words! But it made me think about those bad biker stereotypes. Sure, there are bad folks on bikes just like they're everywhere else too (especially WalMart (hahaha)). There are a lot more good people than bad on bikes.

The thing I want most from ABATE is to change people's minds. Bikers get a bad rap and if you know anything from attending our meetings, you know that we're a bunch of family oriented people that happened to have a motorcycle addiction. I for one have never seen a biker flip off a guy on a scooter! (yes, I'm still fuming) I'd like regular folks to know that all bikers are not bad and ABATE is a great tool to get our message out there.

Do you have a message? Come to a meeting & let's get it out there!

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## ALBANY ABATE SHIRTS

Don't forget your Albany ABATE apparel!

Contact VP Grumpy or come to the meetings - Miss Stephanie brings them in her huge pink suitcase!



### T-SHIRT PRICES:

SM - XL = \$15

2X = \$18

3X - 4X = \$20

### LONG SLEEVE SHIRT PRICES:

SM - XL = \$23

2X = \$25

3X - 4X = \$27

## VOLUNTEER ?!?!?!?



**WE WANT YOU!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**FOR EVENT TABLES**

**AND THE 4 TABLES THAT**

**WILL BE SET-UP @ AMERICADE**

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## EVENT CALENDAR

### **SATURDAY – MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> – RIDE FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION**

Half-Time Bar & Grill @ 1498 Route 9, South Glens Falls

KSU @ noon with meal @ 4pm

\$10/meal only - \$20/person - \$30/couple

Raffles – Food – Fun – Music

Questions or donations call Pricilla 696-7290

### **SATURDAY – MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> – SATAN'S CYCLES FOOD PANTRY RIDE**

### **MONDAY – MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> – FREEDOM RALLY**

Let's show our legislators that BIKERS have a voice and WE VOTE! We aren't just about helmet laws anymore – we are about FAMILY INVOLVEMENT, MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS, SAFETY AWARENESS, PUBLIC AWARENESS AND MOTORIST EDUCATION. The more bikes we have the better to make sure they will know when we ride into the Capital. Start Points as follows:

ALBANY – Spitzie's HD 1970 Central Ave., Colonie – KSU @ 11am

SCHENECTADY – BWC, 707 Kings Rd., Schenectady – KSU @ 10:45 am

RENSSELAER – Samson's, 1736 US 9, Schodack – KSU @ 11am

We are looking for 2 volunteer cagers to carry table, coffee, etc.

### **SATURDAY – JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> – BLESSING OF THE BIKES followed by a ride to MOTORCYCLOPEDIA and lunch at BEAR MOUNTAIN BBQ**

Our President Animal is now an ordained minister and who better to bless your bike?! And what better way to spend a Saturday than a ride to Newburgh to see MOTORCYCLOPEDIA and have some lunch with great friends.



*Hope to see you on the road !*