

# JULY – AUGUST 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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## CAN YOU BELIEVE IT ???

I can't believe we're half way through July already! Where has this summer gone? Is it me, or is everybody so friggin' busy there is no time for rest & relaxation? Well, I think that sucks big time! Hopefully all the major headaches & hassles are done and now we can all take a deep breath and enjoy the rest of the summer.

And most of all, **HAVE SOME FUN!**

Did you attend our last meeting? It was a good one and we even took pictures! If you haven't seen the group photo, stalk us on facebook! Make sure you get out to our next meeting on Tuesday night, August 18<sup>th</sup> – Route 7 Diner @ 7PM.

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## THE FACE OF ABATE

When people outside the motorcycle community think of bikers, it's usually in 2 categories:  
**The dirty bikers on Harley Davidsons & the Rocket Riders.**

Most people categorize all bikers into one of those two divisions and rarely consider the hard working guy or gal that just likes to ride (unless they know a motorcycle enthusiast).

ABATE has been around a long time and was originally known as “those dirty bikers trying to get the helmet law repealed”. And while there are still a few of those old timers still around ABATE, the hard working class guys and gals are beginning to out-number them and take over. It's a hard road to change a community preconceived notion of a group, but we are making strides to change a lot things, including the face of ABATE.

On July 11<sup>th</sup> ALBANY ABATE was out in force for the Creto's Memorial Ride (1<sup>st</sup> annual), which was a complete success. It was an amazing group of people that showed up to support a cause that is near & dear to all of our hearts. We even made the news! We were supported and escorted by the Albany County Sherriff's Department too! How is that for changing preconceived notions?!?!

Another way us working guys & gals are changing the face of ABATE... supporting Creto's/Kade's Law, which is on the desks of senators and assembly people for their next session. If you don't know, it's a law to try to help protect pedestrians, people on bicycles and motorcycles by making it a felony when a driver kills a person due to distracted driving. It's not just about us forgotten bike riders!

Giving back to the community. Our Albany chapter is also working toward a fund raiser to help Capital District animal shelter – hopefully in conjunction with other local Abate chapters as well.

The Albany Chapter of ABATE is working towards changing the face of ABATE and in a good way with good deeds and doing the right thing, which seems is all but extinct in many circles (but we won't talk politics here LOL). Why not join us at the next meeting?

# ALBANY ABATE SHIRTS

Don't forget your Albany ABATE apparel!  
Contact our membership secretary, Stacy Liuzzi to get yours today!



## T-SHIRT PRICES:

SM – XL = \$15

2X = \$18

3X – 4X = \$20

## LONG SLEEVE SHIRT PRICES:

SM – XL = \$23

2X = \$25

3X – 4X = \$27



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## EVENT CALENDAR

THURSDAY – JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> – SPITZIE’S BIKE NIGHT

SATURDAY – AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> – VA CAR SHOW

TUESDAY – AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> – JJ’S CYCLE BIKE NITE  
BROADWAY @ WATERVLIET

SUNDAY – AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> – HOGS FOR HOSPICE Sponsored by East Cost Riders  
445 New Karner Road in Albany – Funds raised to benefit Community Hospice  
Ride starts @ Albany Community Hospice – Registration @ 11AM  
Ride ends with BBQ, raffle prizes, music & a live auction.  
For more info call: (518) 929-0975

FRIDAY – AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup> – NORLANDERS MC JAM AT THE JUKE 2015  
5PM – 11PM --- GET IN TOUCH WITH SNAPSHOT FOR TICKETS

SATURDAY – AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup> – AMERICAN LEGION POKER RUN  
VORHEESVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> – JJ’S CYCLE BIKE NITE  
BROADWAY @ WATERVLIET

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> (2-6PM) ROLLING PRIDE MC  
ANNIVERSARY PARTY – AMERICAN LEGION POST 91 @ MECHANICVILLE

WED-SUN SEPTEMBER 16-20<sup>TH</sup> – CATSKILL MOUNTAIN THUNDER  
MOTORCYCLE RALLY @ BLACKTHORNE RESORT, E DURHAM, NY  
[www.catskillmountainthunder.com](http://www.catskillmountainthunder.com)

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> – GOAT BROTHERS 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SWAP MEET  
SARATOGA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
BALLSTON SPA, NY

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PJ'S BBQ - BAR-B-CRUISER NIGHT  
EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT 5PM - ? MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> thru SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
Route 9 - 1 mile from Exit 13N

Enjoy music from the golden age of rock n' roll, receive 10% off on all food and a free Loganberry beverage to all bikers and their rider. Enter drawings for merchandise & prizes from their sponsors.

July 30<sup>th</sup>

August 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>



*Hope to see you on the road!*