

MARCH 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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Has it happened to you yet?

Have you felt that first warm breeze on your face?

I did and man did it make me smile! I turned my face towards the sun and took a deep breath of that first warm breeze until I thought my lungs might burst and I swear I could almost feel the freedom of the road. Oh how we have longed for the scent of our leathers and the throaty rumble of our exhausts! In that breath I remembered the feel of the asphalt heated air slipping over and around me as the open road called and we answered with a resounding "Let's go!" It's crazy all the things that fly through my mind with that first warm spring breeze!

How about it? Anybody else out there ready to go? Can I get an AMEN?!?!

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Are you fired up now? **GOOD!**

Let's get ready for riding season and head out to the garage and fire it up! Here is a list of things to check on your ride to make sure your first ride of the season can be its best.

For a more comprehensive checklist checkout the AMA web-site:

<http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/>

ADMINISTRATIVE CHECK LIST: Inspection ~ Insurance ~ Registration

Make sure your inspection is current. Get that new insurance card & registration in your wallet or wherever you keep it on your bike. Take a minute to note when your inspection & registration will need to be renewed. Write yourself a note or circle the date on your calendar to remind you. Literally taking 5 seconds to add a reminder to the calendar could help save you the hassle of getting pulled over or the cost of a ticket. Who likes giving Cuomo more money??? It sure isn't me!

MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING CHECK LIST:

Seriously ~ start at the ground & go up!

TIRES, WHEELS & BRAKE PADS : Perform a thorough inspection checking for dry rot, uneven wear, air pressure for your rubber and make sure the wheels, spokes and brake pads look in good condition.

LIGHTS, CONTROLS & CABLES: Make sure your cables all look in good condition. There shouldn't be any fraying or rusted cables. Check your front and back brakes by applying pressure to the hand and foot brake to ensure everything is in proper working order. Check your clutch and throttle controls and cable function as well. Double check all lights are working or replace the lamps.

OIL - FUEL - STAND & CHASSIS: Make sure there are no leaks in the oil and fuel system. An oil change couldn't hurt before your first ride either. Make sure your stand isn't cracked or bent and the spring is still in good shape. Rock your bike back & forth to make sure the forks, shocks and suspension feel good too.

Any suggestions or a cause dear to your heart or something you want included in the Newsletter, then email

Melissa12205@gmail.com and I will include your news too!

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CHROME TIPS (in case you didn't know)

When you're sure she's ready to go, don't forget your chrome could use a little elbow grease too!

Chrome is a very soft metal and it is used to coat other metals because of its beautiful finish. You won't see anything made entirely of chromium because it just doesn't hold up well. However, because chrome is relatively soft, it responds very well to polishing. Your elbow grease will be rewarded with an incredibly shiny, reflective finish. Start by hosing with just a high pressure stream of water and then spray your chrome with any kind of chrome cleaner. (I hear Mothers is good but any brand you like should work fine.) Make sure it is a chrome cleaner though so it won't be acidic. If you are polishing chrome wheels by chance use a soft bristled brush to get rid of that road and brake dust, which can really pit your chrome. Make sure that while you are working the chrome surfaces remain wet as the chrome cleaner will usually spot the finish. Rinse thoroughly when done and dry with a nice soft microfiber towel. Then come the chrome polish. Any brand is fine as long as it says for chrome and then really make that sucker shine! Mirrored chrome sure does turn heads! Wax on & wax off!!

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

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EVENT CALENDAR

SATURDAY – APRIL 18TH – WORLD WAR II VETERAN CENTRAL LEATHERSTOCKING HONOR FLIGHT MOTORCYCLE ESCORT

Meet @ Big Lots Parking Lot 6:15am – Escort departs @ 6:30am for Albany Airport
No fee – all bikes welcome – police escort
HONORING WORLD WAR II & KOREAN VETERANS
More Information – Dave Davis @ 518-496-4519

SATURDAY – APRIL 25TH – VETERAN WALK-A-THON THE CROSSINGS PARK ~ TOWN OF COLONIE

come walk in support of veterans – Registration @ 11am & Walk @ noon
Sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary & Sons of the American Legion of Albany
County – Donations to benefit VA hospitals, Veteran Nursing Homes and Homeless
Shelters in NY and the Albany Fisher House

SATURDAY – APRIL 25TH – BENEFIT FOR SPOOK

2pm – 6pm NORLANDERS MC
166 Kingsley Road, Burnt Hills

SATURDAY – MAY 2ND – 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

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EVENT CALENDAR

MONDAY – MAY 18TH – 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 6TH – 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
and here's to more warm breezes soon!*

