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Onondaga Chapter News**ABATE OF NY-Onondaga Chapter Membership Meeting****12/8/2013****Pledge of Allegiance****Moment of Silence**

**President (John Hayden) Recording/Corresponding Secretary (Kelly DeSantis) Treasurer/Membership (Jerry Letson)
Legislative Coordinator (Ben Rabin) Assistant Legislative Coordinator (Tim Jones) Master at Arms (Nils Olsevskis) 1
Sgt. Arms (Robert Nesbit) Sgt. at Arms (Mike Morgan, Robert Seeloff, Danielle Wagoner, Junkyard) Public Relations
(Don Richer)**

Motion to waive the reading of minutes from the past Board meeting. Junk yard 2nd Bob S

Motion to waive the reading of minutes from the past membership meeting Mike M. 2nd Junkyard

President (John Hayden)

The Onondaga Chapter was well represented at the November 16 State Chapter meeting. Present were Mike Giarrusso, Ben Rabin, Carl Baker and myself. Unfortunately the meeting was delayed 15 minutes waiting for other chapters to arrive. We spent an incredible amount of time once again on the ABATE MAC foundation with most of the complaints coming from Ontario chapter's President Don Mohr. There were four Region reports that also ate into the time limit I had set for myself. Finally, another lengthy debate over ABATE's presence at the Javit's Center motorcycle show. Brooklyn Alliance and the Brooklyn chapters felt strongly that ABATE of New York should have its own booth to the tune of \$3,000.00. President Tom Alton offered the usual \$650.00 coupled with donations from Mitch Pronner, a New York City Lawyer and other contributors, and share a booth as usual. A motion was made and seconded to have ABATE of New York and the ABATE MAC Foundation chip in \$1,500.00 each to come up with the \$3,000.00 needed to fund the booth and that the manpower would be guaranteed by these same chapters making the motion. When asked what ABATE got out of the deal, Mike Giarrusso remarked that last year ABATE of New York gained seven memberships. None the less, it went to vote with the results as follows: 10 yeas, 1 abstain and 1 nay. The Onondaga Chapter was the lone nay vote. To purchase \$3.00 off tickets, go to (<http://www.motorcycleshows.com/content/buy-tickets>). To get more information contact Stephanie Morgan at thegemtopaz@hotmail.com. By now the clock was moving on 1600 hours, Carl, Ben and myself decided to head home. I left the remaining voting privileges with Mike Giarrusso. Mike reported to me that the State elections went as follows: **President** Robert "Bar" Porter (beat incumbent Thomas Alton 6-3), **Vice President** – Open, **Secretary** – Open, **Treasurer** – Deb Trask, **Legislative Coordinator** – Michael Giarrusso, **Sergeant at Arms** – Open, **Public Relations** – Open. Carl Baker is currently seeking an appointment to the **Region Scenic Coordinator** position.

Treasurer/Membership (Jerry Letson) Read December 2014 report. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report : Jonesy 2nd Carl Baker

202 Members: Hoodies, Sweat shirts are here. See Jerry

Master at Arms (Nils Olsevskis) I would like to have a Special Election for Master at Arms as Adam will be leaving in the middle of January 2014. Thank you Adam and you will be missed.

**Public Relations (Don Richer) Dan Tides will be at the February 16th meeting to speak about the Motorcycle training.
New information Riders are allowed without any additional cost.**

**Road Captain (James DeSantis) Drive Safe always even if you are not on two wheels, April will be here soon enough.
Jerry gave out patches to the members thanking them for all the help through the year.**

Old Business:

A little re-cap of the 2 ½ years I've had and parting message to all. I have led the Onondaga Chapter for roughly two and one half years through some very tumultuous times. I tried valiantly to involve all of you in the decision making process with some success. I felt very strongly about the democratic leadership and shunned the dictator way of rule. I know that I have angered some of you such as "Wild Bill" when he requested a moment of silence for Brenda Force. I replied "Why not a moment of silence for all of our brothers and sisters", and for some reason he took offense. I've angered Nils when I enforced the no smoking rule ten minutes before, during and ten minutes after any meeting. Even "Popcorn" got a little rattled when I tried to curb the traveling back and forth to the bar for drinks. These actions were not meant to anger anyone, it was just common sense. I have drawn several battle lines in the sand throughout my life and not one of them involved anyone in this building.

Old Business (Cont'd)

I didn't always get my way; I strongly believe that all you need to effectively run this organization are the seven core officers. I felt strongly that the fewer the numbers in the governing body greatly reduced the conflicts that are bound to arise. I was not perfect; I've made mistakes that threw me into instant damage control mode. I wrote to Dan Maffei, Anne Marie Burkle, John DeFrancio, Donna Lupardo and Richard Lesniak regarding motorcycle rights. I even spoke personally with all of them for the exception of Lesniak and Lupardo. Ben Rabin and I appeared on Bridge Street live in an effort to raise Motorcycle Awareness, I even wrote articles to the Post Standard editorial page. I worked just about every function this Chapter put on over the last two and a half years, even chaired some of them. Out of past 80 meetings (Officer, Membership, Region Scenic, State Seminar and State Chapter meetings) involving ABATE business; I have missed one or two that I know of because I was on vacation in the state of Maine. Over the past 49 years, I think I only missed one opportunity to cast my ballot and that was due to an illness. I'm not looking for saint-hood nor do I want any pats on the back, my goal in this oration is to stress the core values of ABATE and what it takes to achieve these goals. Each and every one of you, particularly the leadership of this Chapter should be driven to do their share to accomplish any of our set goals. My greatest failure was my inability to rid this Chapter of conflicts that had absolutely had no business regarding ABATE. Personality issues will always arise but should never interfere with the duties of an Office. I urge the newly elected Officers to focus strictly on the issues, needs and goals of ABATE of New York. Does anyone really care if Debbie and Joe have a domestic quarrel at the bar? If it's not ABATE business and it's not happening at an ABATE function, let it go. I see a disturbing trend starting to gain strength that will cast this Chapter back into a club atmosphere. I urge the membership and newly elected governing Officers to make sure this does not happen. Focus on your goals and your duties. Thank you to all those who supported me and to those who I offended, I am truly sorry, no offense was ever intended. My congratulations go out to all the newly elected officers, good luck in achieving your visions for the year 2014. Turning 67 and feeling the effects of old age; I will quietly retire and enjoy whatever life I have left. God Bless all of you.

Motion to close 12:46 PM Carl B 2nd Nils

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation Legislative Strategy Agenda for 2013-2014

Contact: (Kirk "Hardtail" Willard), MRF President

At the 2013 Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (MRF) Meeting of the Minds Conference held in September in Columbus, Ohio, the MRF's Legislative Committee hosted a Legislative Strategy Session. As has been done for the past several years, the MRF requested that it be attended by Sustaining State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SSMRO) Legislative and/or Executive Officers. We welcomed several representatives from our Sustaining Motorcycle Clubs and Organizations as well. The goal was to set the MRF's Federal Legislative Agenda for the 2013 Meeting of the Minds to the 2014 Meeting of the Minds annual cycle.

The MRF's SSMRO partners responded once again with a majority attendance and an increased participation over last year. The MRF Legislative Committee remains extremely pleased at the aligned and clear direction we experienced again this year from our SSMRO partners. This level of agreement continues to allow for solid action plans to be effectively employed by our Government Relations Department and our SSMRO partners while in Washington D.C. and in working federal issues in their home states. Additionally, we continue to see productive gains in state legislative activities that support our federal efforts when it comes to protecting on-road motorcyclists, motorcycling, and its associated lifestyle.

The MRF Legislative Committee continued the practice instituted three years ago of recording one vote per SSMRO in attendance. A full breakdown of each vote can be seen in the upcoming issue of the MRF Reports. The session this year was moderated by MRF Vice President, Jay Jackson, with support from MRF Vice President of Government Relations & Public Affairs, Jeff Hennie, and MRF President, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard.

- MAP 21 upcoming reauthorization (the Highway Bill) - To include Motorcycle 2010 Grant Funding (the MRF to pursue the current levels of funding along with a request to tighten up language for qualification and use), continuation of the NHTSA Lobbying Ban, pursue reinstatement of the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the FHWA, oppose any motorcycling related federal blackmails or federal sanctions contained in the highway bill; closely monitor for any action that would negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists; seek to include HR1861 language to ban motorcycle specific roadblock grant funding

- SAE Motorcycle Roadside Sound Test - The MRF to NOT promote the use of the SAE Sound Test as a National enforcement standard, majority considered this a state issue
- Continue to closely monitor the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and other developing health care law for motorcyclist specific discrimination
- NHTSA motorcycle-specific checkpoint grant program - MRF to carry out a full effort to cut off specified use of funding for this motorcycle-based discriminatory practice, HR1861 has been introduced to accomplish this, encourage states to pass their own anti-checkpoint laws
- Continue monitoring the Federal Crash Causation study and the MSF Naturalistic study
- Strongly oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems
- Continue to oppose federal agency activity regarding EPA Sound Emission User studies and the encouragement of state activity with federal resources-again deemed to be a state issue
- Work to discourage ALL forms of distracted driving, and oppose all forms of funding blackmails or withholding of funds as related to motorcyclists, watch this issue closely for motorcycle specific discriminatory language
- Right to Repair Act - MRF to remove this as an agenda item citing significant progress, the MRF's D.C. Office will continue to monitor and participate in the Right to Repair Coalition as warranted
- Continue participation at the federal level where the definition of a motorcycle is under review taking advantage of any opportunity available to enhance and further clarify
- MRF will oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by a federal agency
- MRF to seek a legislative vehicle to include motorcyclist anti-profiling language this session
- Continue participation in motorcycle related activity in the European Union, United Nations, and Canada
- MRF to fiercely oppose any mandatory helmet or apparel standards
- MRF to encourage additional federal research of E15 fuel related to use in a motorcycle prior to any recommendations; continue to seek recommendations on its use from motorcycle original equipment manufacturers, MRF and SSMRO's agreed to pursue passage of HR875
- MRF to actively pursue inclusion of motorcycles in ongoing Intelligent Transportations System (ITS) emerging technologies
- Pursue safer roadway design strategies at the federal level, include safer cable barrier research similar to European improvements in the discussion
- Continue to promote our theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing, using the principles of House Resolution 1498 urging NHTSA to focus on crash prevention and rider education
- MRF to pursue limiting of funding of Center for Disease Control (CDC) on their involvement in motorcycling safety issues through a relevant appropriations bill, pursue CDC lobby ban, seek to remove language where CDC suggests motorcycle crashes are preventable injury events, MRF to continue to support efforts to refocus the CDC on their mission as stated in the letter from Congressman Petri to the CDC on September 27th, 2013
- MRF to monitor private organizations that oppose the legislative agenda or mission of the MRF and investigate their funding sources to make certain they are not receiving federal tax dollars
- MRF to monitor public organizations for funding sources when in opposition to our legislative agenda or mission, respond appropriately if they receive federal tax dollars
- MRF to continue to closely monitor the federally mandated Affordable Health Care Act for potential motorcyclist and motorcycling discrimination
- MRF to monitor the EPA for upcoming activity on motorcycle emission regulations and motorcycle drive train mandates
- MRF to support the Black Box Protection Act, HR2414, to regulate black boxes in motorcycles, seek to clarify the rights of the vehicle owner to ownership of the recorded data
- While the MRF believes strongly in crash prevention and avoidance, if a crash does occur we support the development of a motorcycle specific training module for Emergency Medical Services, Technicians, and 911 Dispatch personnel, we believe the increased training should be required of all new EMT's as well as those seeking re-certification
- MRF to research fair tolling concepts on federally funded roads and roads supported by federal bonds
- Federal Agency Motorcycle Design Standards - MRF to oppose non motorcycle manufacturer mandated specific design standards

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Kristen Cuellar 10-13

Coleen DeJohn 12-13

Bonnie Delaney 11-13

David Delaney 11-13

Susan Everett 11-13

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Ben Rabin 12-13

Sue Rafferty 12-13

Tim Shadle 11-13

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13NR30 - MRF News Release - The Motorcycle Riders Foundation Announces Letter to the CDC from United States Congress.**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****27 September, 2013**

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

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation Announces Letter to the CDC from the United States Congress.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has been working with United States Representative and longtime motorcycle defender Tom Petri of Wisconsin to send a letter to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) asking them to stop focusing on motorcycle safety.

The CDC released a report that claimed a universal motorcycle helmet law would save lives and money. The problem with the report was that it was simply a collection of a few antiquated studies done by a handful of government agencies which are just as unqualified to focus on motorcycle safety as the CDC.

"This letter will send a clear message to the CDC that Congress is extremely displeased that they are wasting precious **tax payer money** on areas completely outside their area of expertise" said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. "We don't need the CDC to focus on motorcycles when there are plenty of other government agencies already working on this."

The CDC report states that 41% of all fatal motorcycle accidents victims were not wearing a helmet. Simple math shows us that 59% were wearing helmets when they were involved in a fatal motorcycle crash. This is hardly a case for a universal helmet law.

Congressman Petri had this to say, "Given the demands on your budget and the unique ability of the CDC to address such pressing issues as heart disease, diabetes, cancer, Alzheimer's and a host of other conditions and issues which afflict millions of Americans and others around the globe, we encourage you to direct your attention and resources to areas that are not currently already being addressed elsewhere in the government."

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation urges you to contact your Representative in the United States House and ask them to co-sign this letter to the CDC. The larger the number of co-signers the greater impact it will have. Please contact your Representative at the United States Capitol switchboard which can be reached at (202) 224-3121 and ask them to co-sign the Petri CDC motorcycle letter. The deadline for co-signing this letter is close of business Tuesday, October 8th. Please act fast.

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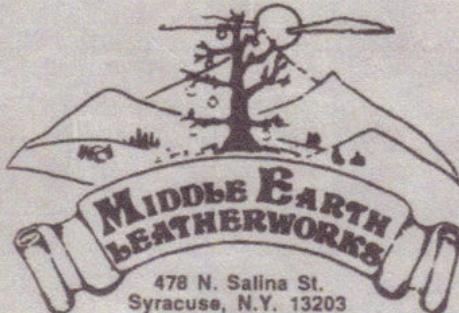
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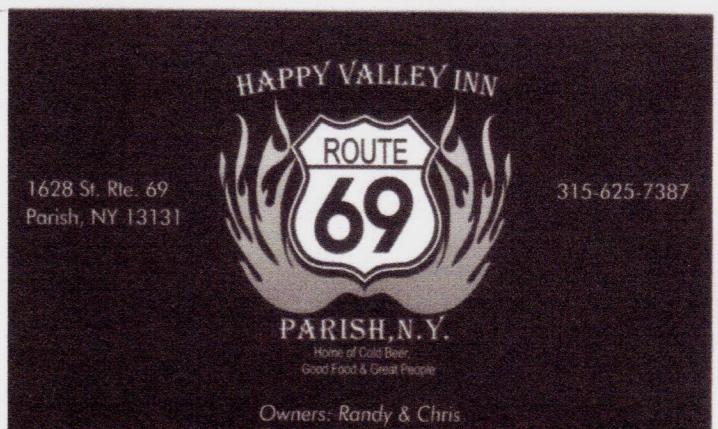
 



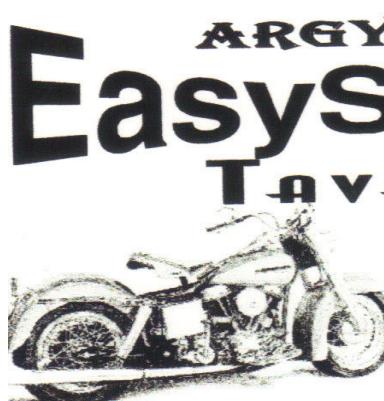
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January 2014

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