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Our Next Monthly Meeting Is Sunday, August 1st
Noon @ The Hotel Moore in Barneveld



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Oneida County ABATE 13th Annual Freedom Ride/Rodeo August 14, 2010

**Helmet Free Ride from Grossman's Bargain Outlet
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From the Prez
Gary Elsenbeck, President

What a great season for riding so far. Lots of sun, heat, and only a little rain. What more could be asked for. I hope all of you are fully enjoying the riding season so far and with an eye out for safety.

And a big congrats to Jim and Tracey Cerio. They tied the knot on Saturday, July 10th and the ceremony was performed by our own Pastor Rob. Hmm, sounds like a new moniker for him.

It's the middle of July and guess what! It's time for our helmet run and Rodeo a month from now. Damn, where did the year go? Pieces and parts are coming together. We'll have a set-up party at the Oriskany American Legion to get the field ready on Friday, Aug 13th at 6pm. As usual, a couple more bodies would make the efforts that much smoother and offer those showing up a chance to sit back and relax before the next days festivities. So if you're sitting around looking for something to do, by all means drop by to give us a hand. As we've done this so many times, it normally doesn't take too long to set up, but the camaraderie and fun afterwards are something I look forward to.

Oh, lest I forget, get out and sell those raffle tickets. The more we sell the more we reap (and the more the lucky winner gets). Till next time, keep on riding and do so safely...Gary

From the Veep
Rob Stacconi, Vice Prez

Greetings, I hope this note finds everyone getting many safe riding miles in this year.

As you probably know our biggest, and in my opinion, our best event, the Helmet Run and Rodeo is coming up on Aug. 14. We have a few things in place now but much more is left to do. Folks, bottom line, **WE NEED HELP!** There are but a few of us left, which are preparing and operating every event. We are all getting burnt out and need some help

Having said that, we will be meeting at the Oriskany Legion, Friday Aug 13th at 6:00pm, to set things up for the next days event. We would love to see some of our newer members as well as our "senior" members show up to help set up. The more hands we have, the less time it takes to complete the task.

I know that many of you may have felt driven away by our previous "leadership", but that is in the past. I encourage you to get involved or get involved again to keep this great and important organization going in a forward direction. We need new ideas as to how to promote our agenda, which is primarily safety and awareness of our presence on the roads by four wheelers. We need to increase our presence on a local level too. Most know we're out there but cages are still running into us, in seemingly record numbers this year. We welcome any input as to what is right and what is wrong with our chapter and ideas to make it grow.

Thank you and ride safe... Rob

Legislative News *Kathy Stacconi, Legislative Coordinator*

People always want to know why we, as ABATE members, should support the MRF. Here's is yet another example of why we should. This article also shows what an ORGANIZED, COHESIVE, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTED, GOAL DIRECTED ABATE CHAPTER can do. Wisconsin is always a helmet optional state.

10NR20 - MRF News Release - Lobby Ban Supported 1 July 2010

Lobby Ban Supported

Today, 5 Members of the House of Representatives introduced a resolution that "supports efforts to retain the ban on the **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's** ability to lobby state legislatures using federal tax dollars and urging **NHTSA** to focus on crash prevention and rider education".

The ban is current Federal law, the resolution simply supports the lobby ban and puts the Obama Administration on notice that this is an important law and should remain in place.

There is recent activity to support the fact that the current Administration would like the ability back to lobby state legislatures. At a hearing, Obama's NHTSA chief, Mr. Strickland, has said that motorcycle helmet use will be the core of **NHTSA's** approach to motorcycle safety. He went on to say that "anything the Congress does that would support the movement of riders into helmets would produce the desired effect of safety."

So, we are pleased that Representatives Sensenbrenner (WI), Ryan (WI), Rehberg (MT), Lanborn (CO), and Petri (WI) have all sponsored **H Res 1498** today, and the **Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF)** hopes more of their colleagues will follow suit. The bill is a direct result of the **MRF's** spring ride to the capitol known as **Bikers Inside the Beltway**.

A group from ABATE of Wisconsin brought this issue up with Congressman Sensenbrenner and he agreed to do the resolution.

Prior to 1996, NHTSA could and did send paid staff to State legislatures, uninvited, to testify in favor of State helmet laws. This irked the constituents and Members of Congress, who felt that it was a waste of tax payer money. They felt that the feds should not be able to use taxpayer moneys against the will of the taxpayers.

So, Congress passed a law that forbids NHTSA staff from entering state assemblies uninvited.

Sensenbrenner led the charge back in '96. He had this to say about the issue: "It is the job of Congress to defend the freedom and individual responsibilities that motorcycle riders across the nation enjoy as they travel the open roads of America," Congressman Sensenbrenner said. "Mr. Strickland's plan greatly concerns me as it is not the job of the federal government to create one-size-fits-all helmet laws. Mr. Strickland appears to be intent on pursuing all means possible to enact mandatory helmet laws, either at the federal level or by violating the principles of the 10th Amendment and bullying the States into enacting mandatory helmet laws."

***M* Meeting Minutes, July 11, 2010**

Kathy Stacconi, Acting Secretary

7 members present - Meeting called to order approximately 11:15

Reading of Minutes: waived Tammy - 2nd Bronco - all in favor

President report: Inter chapter ride after meeting to Quaker Steak and Lube. Donations to be taken for the MRF, members will donate. (\$600 was collected at the restaurant and will be donated to the MRF- each Chapter will be recognized for their donation)

Vice Presidents report: Plans for Helmet/Run Rodeo made - Set up Friday Aug 13 6 pm at Oriskany Legion Need to Locate Bull horn and PA system - if anyone knows location please let Gary or Rob know, Gary is checking the storage shed at Stittville for equipment and supplies needed this afternoon. Gary will bring table for set up. Rob will contact Grossmans and will contact local towns when a route is set. He, Bronco and Steve are going to work on the route. Games and prizes were set.

Treasurers report: May ending balance: \$817.68 - June ending balance \$1096.03 plus deposits to be made Tammy expresses concern over low balance and our ability to meet our organizational goals. Motion to accept report Bronco - 2nd Tom all in favor

Legislative report: nothing happening in Albany. Motion made by Kathy to donate \$100 to The Friends of Claudia Tenney - 2nd Bronco - all in favor Decision to donate to the Friends of Joe Griffo at an event being held at the Stittville VFW later this year

Membership report: Absent

Newsletter/ PR report: Bev absent sent request to Kathy to ask for information on the press release for The Pediatric Brain Tumor Ride. Ride will leave from Moore's at 9 am.

Road Captain: Will work with Vice Pres. on ride for Helmet Run/ Rodeo

Products: Sweatshirts will be ready for 8/14

Web Master: Absent

Old Business: Kathy: - 50/50 tickets donations are way down, we need help ABATE State Party to be held August 6, 7, 8 (see flier for details).

2010 Chapter Events		
Aug.	14	Helmet Run & Rodeo
	29	Chapter meeting rescheduled from Labor Day
Sept.	12	Sunday Charity Ride
Oct.	9	Fall Foliage Ride
Nov.	6	Fallen Brothers/ Vets Ride
Dec.	11	Christmas Party

Votes on motions from State Chapters meeting:

All members present voted no to an increase in the membership fee from \$25 to \$30 per year for full membership and \$20 to \$25 for associate membership.

All members voted no to rescinding the state membership rebate to the chapters.

New Business: Congrats to Joe and Tracy Cerio who were married on July 10 at the Stacconis' by Rob Motion to adjourn Kathy 2nd Rob

Kathy Stacconi
Legislative Coordinator

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Donna Luck-Martin	05/10	Joe & Tracy Cerio	08/10	Trish & Joe Longstaff	09/10
Stephanie Smith	05/10	Anthony Del Guidice Sr.	08/10	Ted Remmer Jr.	09/10
Larry DeFrees	05/10	Michael Durant	08/10	Shelley Robbins	09/10
John Bertrand	06/10	Mike Gillette	08/10	Chris Sfinas	09/10
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Wayne Schneider	07/10	Monica Tyson	08/10	Nancy & John Snyder	10/10
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