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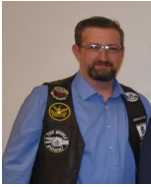
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LEGISLATIVE
 By Josh "SKI" Witkowski

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED

ABATE of Illinois State Calendar for 2024

(Subject to Change)



All Board Meetings will be held at the
 Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center
 625 E St. Joseph Street
 Springfield, Illinois

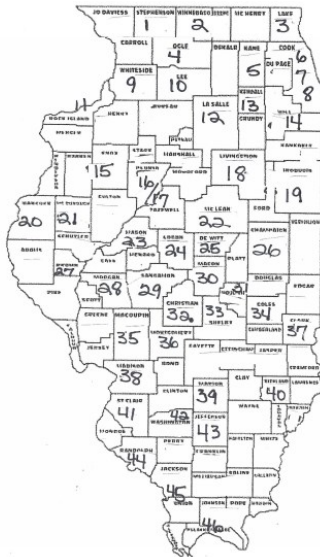


DATE	EVENT
April 17	Legislative Day
April 27	E-Board and BOD meeting
April 28	Swap Meet (Springfield – Orr Building)
May 5	Freedom Rally
June 15	E-Board and BOD meeting
June 20-23	State Party
August 17	E-Board and BOD meeting (E-Board Nominations)
September 1st	Bike Raffle Drawing
September 21	E-Board Meeting
October 19	E-board and BOD meeting (E-Board Nominations)
TBD	Swap Meet
November 16	E-Board Meeting
December 14	E-Board and BOD meeting (E-Board Elections)
December 14	Christmas Party

TBD=to be determined



BECOME A
MEMBER
JOIN TODAY!



Northwest Region Chapters

- Big River-9*Closed as of 2/2023*
- Blackhawk-11
- Freeport-1
- Kishwaukee Valley-2
- Open Roads-13
- Starved Rock-12
- Thunder Rock-4
- Twin Rivers-10

West Central Region Chapters

- Central Illinois -15
- Freebird-23
- Freedom Valley-16/17
- Illini-21*Closed as of 10/2022*
- Lamoine Valley-20
- Lincoln Land-29
- Pathfinders-27
- Peo-Taz-16/17
- Tri-County-28

Southwest Region

- Backroads-44
- Black Diamond-35
- Kaskaskia Valley-42
- Piasa-Gateway-38
- Shoal Creek-36
- St. Clair-41

Northeast Region Chapters

- Chicago-6
- Dukane-5
- Northern Illinois-3
- South Suburban-8
- Will County-14
- Windy City-7 *Closed as of 2/2024*

East Central Region Chapters

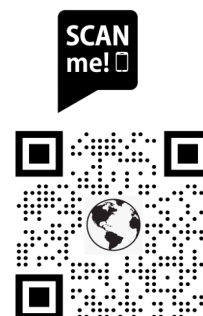
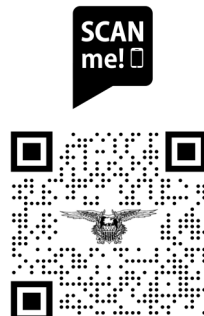
- Eastern Illinois-26
- Embarras Valley-31
- Heart of Illinois-22
- Heartland-18*Closed as of 02/2023*
- Liberty-34
- Mid-State-32
- Old River-33 *Closed as of 2/2024*
- Prairieland-30
- Salt Creek-24
- State Line Riders-19
- Ten Mile Creek-25

Southeast Region Chapters

- Crawford County-37
- Freedom Riders-39
- Richland County-40
- Shawnee Hills-46
- Southern Illinois 27-43
- Union Jack-45

What is ABATE?

A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education ensures that the rights and freedoms enjoyed by motorcyclists/ off-roaders/ATV riders in Illinois will not disappear. ABATE believes that freedom of choice is one we can't lose and will work with state and local legislators to ensure that freedom is never lost for motorcyclists in the State of Illinois. ABATE will ensure that motorcycles are a primary mode of transportation in Illinois and see to it that motorcyclists are included in all aspects of transportation planning in the future.





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No advertisement will be accepted if it contains material that is not consistent with A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois' stated mission or goals i.e. safeguarding the rights of all motorcyclists.

Report errors and omissions to
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FREE CLASSIFIED ADS FOR MEMBERS

All classified ads are due by the SECOND SATURDAY of the month and will run for at least 3 months, or until space is needed. Be sure and let me know if your item has sold so it can be removed and leave room for someone whose item has not sold!

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State
Coordinator

Hi again A.B.A.T.E. Mouse here

Keep your eyes and ears open for information coming out of Springfield from our lobbyist. Things could be moving fast this year and Ski is working hard to stay on top of issues. So, when the call goes out be ready to act. Springfield has to be reminded from time to time who speaks for our brothers, and sisters who ride both on road and off. We stand strong on all motorcycle issues. There are those in Springfield that believe we no longer matter. Our friends in Springfield know different but let's send a clear message to those in doubt that we will always stand up for all bikers, and we will never let up, or go away.

Thank you always for being a part of A.B.A.T.E.

Bob (Mouse) Ellinger State Coordinator



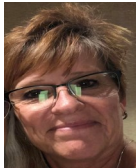
Assistant State
Coordinator

No article submitted.



State
Treasurer

No article submitted.



Products
Coordinator

Great to know that Spring is just around the corner.
It really hasn't been a bad winter, just strange.

Attended the East meets West chili cookoff, and a great time and met a lot of folks, I know where to get my grandkids to take me to play paintball and think Sonya said paint golf? Will try anything once. Only to see if anything to see if someone accuses me of doing something I'm not makes it fun don't you think. Got to keep the eye on the goal not the operation of something new.

My dad was in local politics for many years when I was a child and young adult. I remember when a city tried to take over an entity that was in our county for tax purposes. Dad fought tooth and nail and found a way to defeat the city legally with what was already within their own boundaries in the books. Water of all things. The moral of the story that much poison was spoken for no reason, yet afterwards, folks moved on and things actually worked out and the lifestyle was preserved.

No matter what you ride, where you live, how old you are, how long you have been around or how much experience you have you should work toward a common goal not a personal agenda.

Enjoy the ride and each other because you don't know how long or how much time you have. All other baggage needs to be put aside.

I Would like to thank everyone who has helped me along my journey both good and bad.
See you all at the Swap Meet and/ or at the Freedom Ride.

Be Safe,

Paulette Korte



OFFICE
MANAGER

If you want to make sure you get the latest emails from ABATE, you need to make sure we have your email on file. You can email office@abate-il.org to make sure they have the correct email for you. The alerts will be sent from abate.alerts@abate-il.org, so make sure to add that address to your safe senders list.

Paula Ward Ph. 800-87-BATE /309-343-6588



Newsletter
Coordinator

Articles due March 9th, 2024 for the April 2024 online issue of the newsletter.

Thank you to the Chapters that submit articles and keeps us updated with the news and events around the state. You are welcome to send photos and I will post if there is room, please limit the number if photos on printed issues. *Supporting business letter upon request.*

Sonya Link,

ABATE of Illinois Newsletter Coordinator.

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Safety and Ed
Coordinator

The spring season invites bikers to enjoy the freedom of the

road. As the days lengthen and the sun warms the asphalt, April and May beckon motorcycle enthusiasts to hit the open road. But before you twist that throttle, let's talk safety. May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month—a time to remind riders of essential precautions. Check your gear: helmets, gloves, and sturdy boots. Inspect your ride: brakes, lights, and tire pressure.

T - Clock = T - Tires & Wheels, C - Controls, L - Lights, O - Oil,

C - Chassis, K - Kickstand. RIDE SMART! It's YOUR Choice! And don't forget the golden rule: ATGATT (All the Gear, All the Time). The wind whispers secrets, and every curve is a dance. So, fellow riders, embrace the thrill, but ride smart. May your engines roar, and your journeys be legendary! Freedom Fest on May 3rd & 4th will offer tons of fun. Camping and Cabins are Available. This paves the way for the ABATE FREEDOM

RALLY on May 5th. Hundreds of Motorcycles from all over Illinois will roar from the IDOT Building to the Capital for the start of May Motorcycle Awareness Month...

LOOK, LISTEN & SEE MOTORCYCLES!!

Many Chapters have stepped up and are utilizing anywhere from 1 to 3 Members helping with the Safety & Education Presentations. Vivian and I work hand in hand during the Presentations and they go very smoothly. Make sure you allow plenty of time when going to the school and getting into the classroom. More and more Schools are implementing a Security Check-in Protocol. They will run your Driver's License or ID through a National Background Check.

Keep up the Great Work S & E Coordinators!
2024 Illinois Motorcycle Fatalities = 4 as of 03/09/2024.

John "Fireball" Anderson
State - Safety & Education Coordinator
Lincoln Land Chapter - Safety & Education Coordinator
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Activities
Coordinator

Here we come into writing season again and had

some wonderful days so far to ride seen a lot of bikes out there.

We got a bit coming up we have legislative day coming up soon here April 17th will meet at Floyd's in Springfield. We want to flood that Capital especially after the Helmet Bill situation. We have a lot of friends and allies at the Capitol, this is our day to network and express our appreciation for their support.

Then just a short week and a half later we have our BOD meeting and swap meet on Sunday at the Orr building, State fairgrounds, Springfield Illinois. The doors will open at 8:00 for early bird don't forget we are having a bike show that day so bright bring those bikes write them in sign them up show them off. There will be food music and spirits not that we're not high-spirited enough LOL but plans to be a great day we've got some good vendors lined up.

We still have some open vendor spots if you know someone, or

you would like to bring stuff for the swap meet. Just give Pauli a call.

Then next just packing into the Menard County fairgrounds in Petersburg for our state party and that is starting on June 20th... We have music lined up including "BIG GUNS" BAND even if you're coming just for the music bring a tent and stay our theme this year is Peace & Love Hippie Fest, join in in the competition. Once again, we will have rodeos and games, music, food entertainment and many more surprises to come.

BTW I'm still looking for stage sponsors due to losing a sponsor last year the funds will be done a bit.

I want to thank the executive board I've been at several events and seen my comrades there it's nice to see us out in force supporting the chapters and their events we plan many more road trips to stop and drop at your events don't forget to let us know what you got going on and when you would like us to be there. Have a great writing season!

Sharilyn



State
Secretary

Happy Spring Everyone,

No meeting for March.

The next meetings are April 27, 2024, at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield. The Executive Board will meet at 10:30. The Board of Directors will meet at 1:00 pm.

The Future of ABATE committee was dissolved during the February BOD meeting. We are looking to reform the committee. If you are interested in joining the committee and working to ensure our future, please email me a letter of interest to secretary@abate-il.org.

Stay safe out there.

Teri Smith, Secretary

“Let those who ride decide.”

A.B.A.T.E.



Do you want your chapter events posted on the state social media and website?

Email Teri Smith

• secretary@abate-il.org

Email Chris Hansen

• PR@abate-il.org



Taken from the ABATE of Illinois By-Laws. (Board of Directors page 7)

Section 6. Attendance.

All Board of Director Representatives must attend meetings of the Board. If attendance is not possible, that Representative must ensure that a replacement attends the meeting to ensure that the chapter is represented.

A. If a chapter misses two (2) consecutive meetings in a calendar year, all the members of the offending chapter will be notified of the absence by the most efficient means available, such as email, texting or calling, or by regular mail after the second absence. Chapters that continue to be absent will be listed in the State newsletter, without additional letters being sent to chapter members.

B. Chapters must attend at least three meetings per calendar year. Chapters not attending at least three meetings per calendar year will face a charter review.

BOD Attendance							Post Cards Sent
Chapter	February	April	June	August	October	December	
Backroads							
Black Diamond	X						
Blackhawk	X						
Central Illinois	X						
Chicago	X						
Crawford County	X						
Dukane	X						
Eastern Illinois	X						
Embaras Valley	X						
Freebird	X						
Freedom Riders	X						
Freedom Valley	X						
Freeport	X						
Heart of Illinois	X						
Kaskaskia Valley							
Kishwaukee Valley	X						
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State Line Riders							
Ten Mile Creek	X						
Thunder Rock	X						
Tri-County	X						
Twin Rivers	X						
Union Jack							
Will County	X						

#MotorcyclesArePrimary #ABATEIL



By-Law Change Proposal:

ARTICLE 6 – POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PACs)

Section 1. Formation.

Unless barred by law, the Board of Directors may vote to create political action committees (PACs) to further the legislative principles of the corporation.

Section 2. State Political Action Committee.

The State political action committee shall be called ABATE PAC and shall consist of not less than a Chairman and Treasurer appointed by the Board of Directors. The State Legislative Coordinator shall act as a consultant to ABATE PAC.

Change to read as follows:

Section 2. State Political Action Committee.

The State political action committee shall be called ABATE PAC and shall consist of not less than a Chairman and Treasurer. **The trustees of the committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and select the committee Chairman and Treasurer.** The State Legislative Coordinator shall act as a consultant to ABATE PAC.

Section 3. Federal Political Action Committee.

The Federal political action committee shall be called A.B.A.T.E. of IL FEDPAC. A.B.A.T.E. OF IL FEDPAC shall consist of not less than a chairman, treasurer and a trustee appointed by the Board of Directors. The State Legislative Coordinator shall act as a consultant to the FEDPAC.

Change to read as follows:

Section 3. Federal Political Action Committee.

The Federal action committee shall be called A.B.A.T.E. of IL FEDPAC **and shall consist of not less than a Chairman and Treasurer. The trustees of the committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and select the committee Chairman and Treasurer.** The State Legislative Coordinator shall act as a consultant to the FEDPAC.

Section 4. Responsibilities.

Chairmen and Treasurers of the respective PACs shall be responsible for any and all reports required by state or federal agencies. Copies of reports shall be sent to the State Office.

Chairman of the respective of the respective PACs shall ensure that either a written or oral report is submitted at each Board of Directors meeting, or any special meeting of the Board of Directors or Executive Board.

Change to read as follows:

The Treasurer of the respective PAC shall ensure that either a written or oral report is submitted at each Board of Directors meeting, or at any special meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Positions.

The position of the chairman, treasurer or trustee shall be for a term of two (2) years. Members seeking appointment to either PAC shall submit their letter of intent to the Executive Board for review. The Executive Board shall make its recommendation to the Board of Directors. PAC positions are not automatically officers of the Corporation or members of the Executive or Board of Directors. Officers of the Corporation may hold a position on a PAC, except for the State Legislative Coordinator.

Trustees of the FEDPAC may have an alternate trustee enabled to vote in the absence of the appointed trustee. A quorum may consist of no more than two (2) alternate trustees.

Change to read as follows:

The position of trustee shall be for a term of two (2) years. West Region trustees will be appointed in odd years, and East Region trustees will be appointed in even years.

Members seeking appointment to either PAC shall submit their letter of intent to the respective PAC committee chairman for review by the committee.

The respective PAC committee shall make a recommendation to the Board of Directors on the appointment of anyone who submitted a letter of intent.

PAC trustees are not automatically officers of the corporation or members of the Executive or Board of Directors. Officers of the Corporation may hold a position on a PAC, except for the State Legislative Coordinator.

Rational for Proposal:

This proposal is being made to ensure the PACs are able to vet the needs of the PAC when a new letter of intent is sent in and to vet the candidate to ensure they understand the duties they will be task to perform.

This proposal maintains that the Board of Directors appoints the trustees, but it allows the committees to choose their own chairman and treasurer.

Respectfully submitted on February 11, 2024, by Hunter John Harris, ABATE PAC Chairman, and J. Ryan Hubbard, FEDPAC Chairman.

ABATE OF ILLINOIS

**Future of ABATE
Committee**

**BE A PART OF
THE FUTURE!**

ALL GENERATIONS WELCOME

**SUBMIT YOUR LETTER OF INTENT TO
SECRETARY TERI SMITH BY APRIL 26
AT SECRETARY@ABATE-IL.ORG**



Public Relations

April is here, and while the old adage talks about April bringing rain showers, it's time to get some wind therapy in beautiful spring weather. April is also Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

I'd highly encourage you and your chapters to do some public outreach to make motorists aware that it's against Illinois State Law to text and drive and to put those phones down and START SEEING MOTORCYCLES!

The Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamations are on the State Website for Villages, Towns, and Cities. You can find them by going to www.abate-il.org/Bylaws-&-Forms and scrolling down to the bottom of the page. You will need to be logged in to your ABATE of Illinois Account to have access to these. Let's really make getting these proclamations a priority this year. Making sure that our communities are aware of ABATE of Illinois, motorcyclists, and our safety, rights, and freedoms is incredibly important. I would like your chapters to let me know how many you get as I'll be keeping a rolling tab. One thing to note on this... ABATE of Illinois will handle the requests from the Governor to do a proclamation from the state, so there is no need for you to request it. Please reach out if you have any questions on this.

If you haven't been made aware by now, State Representatives Daniel Didech and Margaret Croke are trying to take away your rights to decide. HB5620 would make helmets mandatory for all motorcycle riders and passengers in Illinois. This would steal your rights as a motorcyclist to decide which protective gear you wear or don't wear. As we all know, we live by the phrase "Let Those Who Ride Decide". Don't let these 2 Representatives make that phrase a part of the past. Ski has built a page on the state website with all the details on where this bill is at, including witness slips and calls to Representatives. Please head to www.abate-il.org/helmet for all the latest information. Also, please share this website everywhere you can to make people aware. It's time to join ABATE of Illinois and fight back against this type of legislation. Our rights and freedoms depend on it!

ABATE of Illinois Legislative Day is on Wednesday April 17th and this is one of the most important days of our calendar year! We will head to Springfield to talk with our Elected Officials about the rights and freedoms of motorcyclists and where we stand on different topics. A lot of the work for motorcyclists gets done at this event by ABATE of Illinois and the more of a showing we have, the more work we get done. The event kicks off at Floyd's Thirst Parlor from 8-9:30am where Ski will give us the breakdown and itinerary for the day. At 10:00am we enter the State Capitol to talk with our Legislators. We then end the day back at Floyd's at 5:30pm with our Legislative Reception where our Elected Officials join us for some fun and relaxation. Have this event on your calendars to join us. Contact Ski with any questions at Legislative@abate-il.org.

Be sure to have April 28th on your calendar for the ABATE of Illinois Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet happening at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in the ORR Building. There will be tons of vendors, motorcycle parts, gear, jewelry, and more, so if you're looking for that hard to find part, make sure you have plans to be in attendance!

I hope you all have plans to attend the upcoming events that ABATE of Illinois has coming up!

ABATE of Illinois Legislative Day on April 17th

ABATE of Illinois Swap Meet on April 28th

ABATE of Illinois State Party on June 20th – 23rd

As always, I am available if you need to reach out or have any questions, concerns, or ideas. Text or email me any time.

Until next month,

Ride Safe – Ride Free

Chris Hansen

ABATE of Illinois Public Relations Coordinator

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Proclamations for Motorcycle Awareness Month

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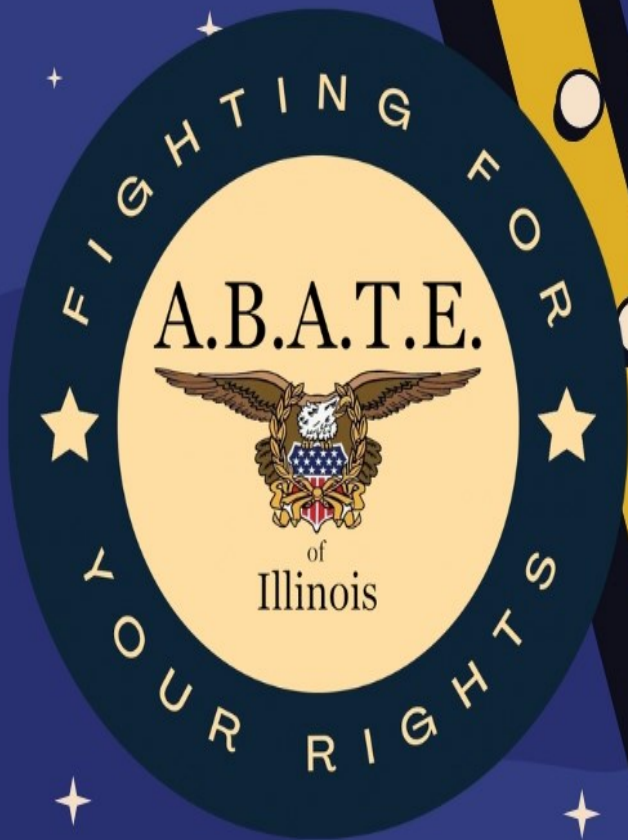
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NORTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: RICH GRUNER

The biggest news to come out this past month is the mandatory helmet bill proposed by Representative Dan Didech of Buffalo Grove. I won't elaborate on this as I'm sure Ski will have already covered it in his column. We need as many motorcyclists as possible from the Northeast Region to attend Legislative Day on Wednesday April 17th in Springfield. Motorcyclists must voice their opposition to this following Ski's direction whether or not you regularly wear a helmet. It's about freedom of choice! Remember every law passed is a freedom taken away from us. I hope to see all of you there!

Spring has arrived early in the Northeast Region with highs reaching the 70's twice over the last two weeks. Snow is melted. Spring rains every 3-4 days. Salt is gone. Many of us have gotten out on two wheels to enjoy the weather. For those who have yet to break out the motorcycle, please don't forget:

T-CLOCS Your Ride

Tires- check air pressure; look for tread wear and cracking. Check the brakes for wear.

Controls- check condition of cables, hoses, levers and pedals. Lubricate what is needed. Replace any cracked, bent or broken items.

Lights- make sure they all work. Check the battery.

Oil- check for any leaks. Check the level of all fluids.

Chassis- lubricate the chain if you have one. Check the body of the motorcycle for broken parts and replace. Tighten up loose screws and bolts.

Kickstands- are they bent or broken? Are they properly tensioned to stay in place?

Your Gear

Check your helmet (if you wear one) for looseness in the fit. Are the straps worn? Any damage?

If it is more than five years old replace for lighter weight, lower noise levels and better air flow.

What is the condition of your gloves and coat(s)? Make any repairs or replace if needed.

Is your rain suit dried out and cracking? Replace it.

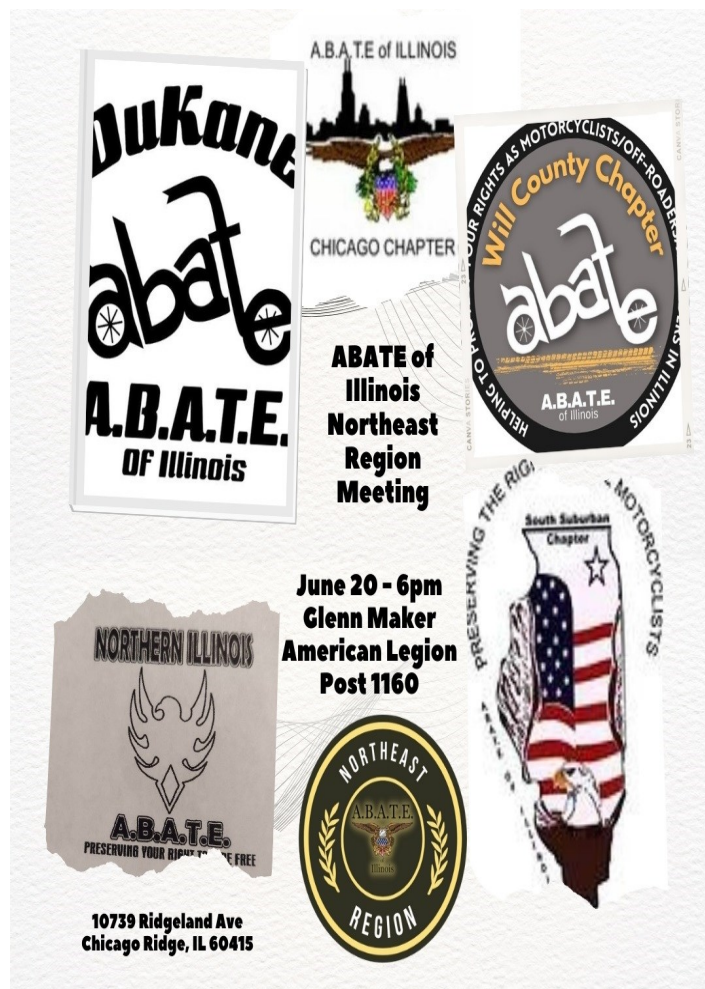
Boots...look for cracking and tread wear. Boots should be wa-

terproof. You want firm footing when putting your feet down at a stop. Replace if needed.

Are you ready to ride after a few months off the motorcycle? Consider that you are a few months older and maybe put on a few pounds over the winter. Is the bike something you can still control? Are there any new medical conditions that may affect your riding?

Are your emergency contact numbers somewhere first responders can access in case of a crash?

Take the motorcycle to a parking lot and practice our basic



NORTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: BOB CARROLL

Hi Everybody!

I hope everybody voted in the primary. Get to know and talk to your Representatives by going on April 17th to Springfield for Legislative Day.

I know I'm going and if you need more Info call me. Details are also in the Newsletter and the ABATE Website.

The Northwest Region Convergence Run 2024 is going to be on July 20. It ends at the Last Stop, 1914 Lowell Park Rd in Dixon, IL and the last bike in is 4pm. Saw already a lot of bikes on the road thanks to the nice weather.

Drive careful and stay save!

Your Northwest Region Coordinator Bob Carroll, 815-978-9210



**EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL CO-COORDINATORS
REPORT: RICK MAKOWSKI & TODD FARTHING**



Thank you to all that came out to visit at the East vs. West held at Pub 52 in Mackinaw.

We had 11 chapters in attendance, along with Products Coordinator Paulette Korte. Lot of different chili's brought in and great day for bags & dart tournament. Again the ducks were a hit. Thanks to everyone for supporting the cause.

Todd & Rick

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: MARTHA PATTERSON

No article submitted. Contact me for any of your needs! Let us know your upcoming events and meetings.



**WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT:
MIKE THOMPSON & GEORGE HURST**

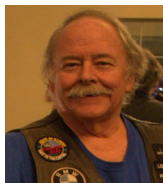
Hello, West Central region!

Janet and I attended the East meets West event last Saturday (the 2nd) and had a great time. It was well attended by I believe 11 chapters. Good chili and good competition in the bags, darts and ducks.

That said legislative day (April 17th) will be here before you know it. I hope many of you are planning to attend.

Watch the Region FB page for updates and please post your chapter events there also so we can support each other as we go through the summer.

Wishing all a safe and fun riding season! Mike



SOUTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: BOBBY STOUT

No article submitted.

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SPRING CLEANING

It's that time of year. While there are lots of things outside of your control while riding a motorcycle, safety gear, recalled products, and bike condition do not have to be among them.

I know I'm preaching to a very in tune choir, but it never hurts to repeat the obvious. Before setting out this spring, it is always good to do a once over of your preferred motorcycle safety gear. For instance, if you're a helmet wearer, then it makes sense to do an inspection of your helmet to make sure it hasn't taken a beating during winter storage. Make sure to inspect for any cracks, dents, and other damage and to replace if necessary. Some with your other safety gear.

Also, it is always good to check for any recalls on your safety gear and on your motorcycle. If there have been recalls, make sure to take your bike in to have the recalled parts replaced, or whatever the case may be.

Lastly, before heading out, make sure all annual maintenance and inspections have been completed on your motorcycle. The last thing you need to encounter while riding is a blown tire or an engine stall on a busy road.

What is that old saying about the 7 P's? Prior Proper Planning Prevents Piss Poor Performance. Not exactly my favorite word choice, but the message is solid. - Attorney Hilary Barnes

TIS THE SEASON FOR POKER RUNS AND GETTING WAIVERS IS A PAIN

Q. Rod, we are having a Poker Run in early spring. Each year we have more riders and handling the number of waiver documents is becoming more difficult. I have been to rides where they staple a waiver to the front of a legal pad. Participants are then handed the legal pad and are asked to read the waiver and sign on the next available line on the legal pad. This would save us a lot of work. We only need a few waivers and three or four legal size pads to get everyone's signature. Can we do it this way? A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois member

A. It would beat nothing, but here is what I fear would happen. Judges strictly construe the waiver of legal rights, as they should. After all, we are asking a fellow motorcyclist to give up his sacred right to go to court and sue us if we are negligent and cause him harm in exchange for our permission to allow him to go on our poker run. What I fear is that a participant on our poker run would say that he thought he was "merely signing a sign-in sheet" and did not see or notice there was a waiver attached to the front of the legal pad (it may have been honestly folded back so one could sign on the lines of the legal pad). I am not buying that argument but several courts have and have

agreed that the waiver may have been overlooked. Since waivers are strictly construed, many courts would hold that the waiver was ineffective as it was not knowingly signed. In other words, the guy gets off the hook for the waiver he signed, and we may get screwed in any claim/lawsuit. So, the better way to accomplish getting a knowingly signed waiver is to have a separate waiver for each participant.

WAIVER OVERSEERS ARE A MUST FOR RUNS

Q. I was at your seminar presentation put on by A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois. What is the best way to make sure waivers are properly signed? I have noticed that some people do not sign their true names, or they sign it illegibly. A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois member

A. A waiver overseer should be appointed at all events for which you are requesting a waiver as a condition of participating. The only time we need the signed waiver is when there is an incident. When that occurs, we need someone to go through what may be several hundred/thousand waivers in the hopes that the proper waiver can be identified and produced. Issues concerning legibility can be solved by requiring a printed name below the signature. But what do you do if a participant questions the signature? The solution is simple. A waiver overseer can initial each waiver that is signed during his "shift" and in his/her presence. That way, I can obtain an affidavit from the overseer that affirms that he saw the person sign the waiver. This is critical to have, in case the validity of a waiver comes into question.

TRESPASSERS ON RIDES AND WHAT TO DO

Q. Hi Rod, a question came up regarding liability waiver forms for our runs and activities. Question is this: What if a person jumps in on the run (seeing a buddy having fun), crashes the gate or just refuses to sign in? How does the law look at this if the person (God forbid) is harmed in some way during our activity? Is this person "trespassing?" Who's got our back on this one? Or, how do we cover our backside? ABATE of Ohio member

A. A sign that declares that all participants in the ride must sign a waiver works. Wrist bands are the best way to mark those that have paid and signed the waiver. All others are not authorized (trespassers) and should be admonished to stay clear of the ride/activity. Rides should be escorted by police officers, so a simple gesture from them is usually all it takes. If they stay with the ride and are injured, evidence that all participants were required to sign a waiver will be significant to the court in deciding responsibility, and testimony from the escorting police officer will be helpful in establishing the unauthorized (trespassing) status of the interloper. Recently a California Appellate Court decided a case that may be a good precedent for us. In that case, a couple attended a poker run for several years and signed the required waiver. Then one year, they did not sign the waiver and were seriously injured in a crash on the run. Of course, they sued the run organizers for damages. Interestingly, the court held that there was an expectation of re-

quired waivers and held that the couple was bound by it and dismissed the case. While Ohio has not decided a case with those facts, you can bet ABATE LEGAL will be pointing at that California case and arguing that Ohio should adopt such a good rule. Same for Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and New York as well.

Ride Safe.

Rod Taylor

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April 14, 2024	Belleville	Belle-Clair Fairgrounds	TBL Motorcycle Swap Meet
April 28, 2024	Springfield	Fairgrounds – Orr Building	ABATE Swap Meet
May 3-4, 2024	Fulton	Dutch Days	Fulton History Celebration
May 17-18, 2024	Sycamore	Speedway	Motorcycle Races
May 24-27, 2024	Langley	Psycho Silo	Memorial Day Weekend
May 31-June 2, 2024	Leaf River	Leaf River daze	ABATE Awareness
June 7-8, 2024	Darlington, WI	Lafayette County Fair	Canoe Festival, Beowulf MC Party
June 15, 2024	Marseilles	Downtown	Freedom Run
June 20-23, 2024	Lenark	Crooked Roof	Old Settlers Days
July 4, 2024	Stockton	Memorial Park	July 4 th Celebration
July 12-14, 2024	Freeport	Tutty Days Festival	ABATE & MRF Awareness
July 18-20, 2024	Freeport	Big O's on the Hallow	ABATE & MRF Awareness
July 27, 2024	Sandwich	Downtown	Car Show
July 28, 2024	Sycamore	Downtown	Car Show
August 2-4, 2024	Forreston	City Park	Sauerkraut Days
August 10-11, 2024	Mendota	Downtown	Sweetcorn Festival
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NORTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



Freeport Chapter

So far this year we made it through the State Seminar, the NW Region Chili Shoot, The Margarita Run, The Chapter's

38th Anniversary Party, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, our Spring raffle, and The Illinois primary. Now we are faced with fighting a newly introduced Helmet bill. We can defeat this. We have done this many times before, and we can do it NOW!!!

Hopefully This silly weather will settle down now that we are starting April. April is shaping up to be a busy month with the Heartland S.T.E.E.M., Legislative Day, and the State Swap Meet, along with the Officer's meeting on April 18th. That is a date is changed from Wednesday to Thursday because of Legislative day. Our Chapter meeting is on April 21st at the Freeport Eagle's Club. This is the last indoor meeting until October. We will be moving to Riviera Park in May through September. On April 13th we have a Burger Run to Rte. 20 Bar and Grill at 6PM.

Our Chapter's Spring Raffle was drawn on March 17th at our meeting. Since I'm writing this before the meeting I don't have the names of the winners, but congratulations to everyone who won. Thanks to everyone who bought or sold tickets. The proceeds are used to help fund motorcycle rights activities.

The Mann-iac Run Books are done and being sold at our Chapter meetings. Roger oversees the books. There are some cool stops this year. Even if you don't make any stops and buy a book you will get to draw 5 cards. If you can't make it to a

meeting and want a book, go to Roger and he will see you get one. The drawing will be at our October 20th meeting. There are 24 stops and one optional stop. The cost is \$15.

On May 4th we will be having our "Run to the Capitol" ride. There are 3 starting points. Big O's @ 9AM, Maggio's @ 10AM, and Cindy's on 34 at 11AM. This is so other Chapter's in the area can join in and ride as a group. The cost is \$5, and as usual if you sign up as a new member you get to ride the run for free. Proceeds go to ABATE PAC. The next day is the ABATE of Illinois Freedom Rally. Meet at the IDOT building on South Dirkson Dr. The lot opens @ 8AM. There will be a Bike Blessing before the parade. Food, drinks, and ABATE gear will be available on site. There will be a motorcycle parade from the IDOT building to the Capitol. All riders, clubs, and vehicles are welcome.

On May 11th we will hold our Annual Memorial Run. This run honors fallen Freeport Chapter Members. Coleen has put together a beautiful montage of pictures of these members. The run starts at Big O's at 11AM. You cost is \$10, and if you sign up for ABATE at the run you will get to ride the run for free.

We have more events scheduled for this summer. Check our Facebook page or our web site. More information will be posted as it becomes available.

Until next month, Ride Safe,
Becky



Twin Rivers Chapter

Our Swap Meet was held February 25th at the Elks Lodge in Dixon. We had a steady stream of customers for our vendors, and I think everyone was happy with the turnout.

We have our yearly meeting calendar set now, so hope to see you at one or more of the meetings! April 28, June 16th, August 18, October 20 and December 15th are the dates. Our April meeting will be at the Black Rose Saloon, 802 E Peru St., Princeton. They usually have some food set out for us, so please try to attend.

Marv Blixt and Rosa Hart joined our chapter in 1995. She recently passed away from a long battle with cancer. Rosa was Kat

not just a lover of motorcycles but was passionate about the Green Bay Packers. She was small in stature but fierce in what she loved. Rosa had a great smile- once you saw or heard her you would never forget her. She will be missed by many.

We are doing PSAs for May is Motorcycle Awareness month, probably mid-April. So, if you want to be on the radio let our president John know. There will be a script for you to read and it is recorded, so no need to be nervous! If not, get busy checking over your motorcycle for the spring!

Our meeting dates for this year will be April 28, June 16th, August 18, October 20 and December 15.





There are more and more signs of spring - birds chirping, flowers trying to peek through the dirt, rainy days, and aahhhh....the sounds of bikes hitting the road. What a feeling as we all think about the beginning of riding season once again. So...riding season...here we come. It's time to get your bikes out of storage, perform T-Clock, inspect safety features, and plan a ride every weekend.

Membership - Congrats to our members renewing their dues. Open Roads is on the move and have some new faces – Jeremy Crockett, Billy & Robin Stanely, Ray DeJesus, Casey & Sara Jones. We need YOU to retain our many freedoms of riding. YOUR voice joins with OURS to make our voices heard. Benefits with your ABATE membership includes patches, legislative updates, \$3000 insurance policy, and a legal will (value \$400) created by our Legal Team.

Why Join ABATE?

There are many reasons to join ABATE of Illinois and following are a few reasons:

- Become part of a political power that comes together to oppose and/or stop anti-motorcycling to-legislation
- Motorcycle education and public awareness programs
- Programs to prevent injury or fatal accidents and promote safety to motorcyclists
- Participate in service-oriented activities in your community
- Preserve the basic freedoms of all motorcyclists
- Lobbies local, state and national policymakers for your “Rights, Freedoms and Needs”
- Cycle Rider Safety Program remains a free program due to our fight to keep it free
- Maintained “freedom of choice” on wearing helmets (not anti-helmet but pro-choice)
- ABATE is the only defense between motorcyclists and those trying to destroy our way of life
- Allows individuals to express their views

2024 Open Roads Summer Books – are available **NOW** for a donation of \$10 per book. Ride with pride, visit new businesses, and have fun. Over 400 books have been sold to date. There are 63 stops for you to obtain a stamp from each from April 1 to September 30. Half of the money collected will go toward cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners and the other half divided between Safety and Ed and Open Roads chapter. Get your book now by calling Linda on (630) 552-3828 or Sally on (815) 791-3435.

Open Roads Chili Cookoff & Pool Tournament - were held on Saturday, March 9 at Plano Hometown Lanes. There was a variety of chili and desserts to choose from. Open Roads gave out cash prizes to the top three winning chilis - 3rd place went to Bill Kolb, 2nd place to Sharyl Mataya and Sara Jones, and 1st place to Linda Oleson. Congratulations to everyone who came out and entered their favorite chili recipe in the chili cook-off. The Pool Tournament took up the afternoon with several players competing to win. Several great shots were observed by the spectators and players displayed much concentration on their shots. Winners for cash prizes were 3rd place – Ted, 2nd place – Bill Kolb, and 1st place – Wayne Glock. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the day’s activities.

Movie Outing – March 10, ten members went to the showing of “Cabrin” and enjoyed a meal together at Bull Moose in Sand-

wich. Interesting movie, great food, and good time had by all,

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Axe Throwing with DuKane ABATE – A friendly day of axe throwing with our friends from DuKane was on Saturday, March 23 at Bull and Bear Axe Throwing in Montgomery and then supper at Poor Boys. Stay tuned to see who was on target and hit the bull’s eye.

Spring Train Fun Run – April 13, meet at Aurora Train Station on North Broadway Street in Aurora by 9:45 am. Get your train ticket and fun run ticket and board the train with Open Roads by 10:20 am. A fun day awaits you on the train fun run as you visit 3 places that offer great hospitality and the committee has several activities planned just for you. Can you imagine ABATE members taking up a whole train car, filling up an entire bar, and walking the streets to get to our destinations as a lively group? Check it out on April 13.

Legislative Day – April 17, several members will be in Springfield to talk to our local reps about current issues especially the threat of a mandatory helmet law.

Next Chapter Meeting – April 27, 6 pm, Plano American Legion. Food, updates, events, fun. Mark your calendars.

Freedom and Awareness Rally – WE NEED YOU... Sunday, May 5, Open Roads members will be at the IDOT building in Springfield and ride on to the State Capitol to support ABATE of Illinois, Inc. and promote community awareness. We will also stamp your Open Roads Summer Books for the summer book run from 9 am until noon.

Motorcycle Awareness Month – Open Roads will be visible all summer but especially during the month of May. Proclamations, banners, local media promotions, windshield washing, and PSA on social media will help get the word out.

Summer Book Group Ride – May 18, meet at Exquisite Skillet in Plano for breakfast, KSU 8 am, ride to GP Cycles, Kegel H-D, Hairy Cow, Sledgehammers, Rooney’s, Pub West, and the Pub.

Dinner Ride – May 21, meet at Plano American Legion at 6 pm, ride to Bristol Tap for a wonderful dinner.

Destination Ride to Moonshine – June 8, early morning to arrive at Moonshine, IL, by 11:30 am, have lunch, ride to Casey, IL, and then spend the night along the way.

Bike Raffle – Our chapter will have ABATE of Illinois bike raffle tickets for sale to anyone who would like to help out be selling bike raffle tickets. If you would like tickets to buy or sell, please call Sally on (815) 791-3435. You could win a 2023 Harley Davidson Street Glide; CFmoto CForce 500, money prizes up to \$1500, 5 year ABATE membership.

Upcoming events include group rides, Legislative Day, restriping American Legion parking lot, Route 66 group ride on July 20, Kendall County Toy Run, Ghost Tours, fall color ride on October 19, progressive dinner, and more. Come to a meeting, event, check out our Facebook page or call Cliff (630) 552-3828 or Patti (815) 498-6025 if you have questions, events, updates, or suggestions. Be safe...Ride Safe.

Submitted by Linda Oleson, Publicity

Pictures:

Our Illinois representative for the 75th district and a member of Open Roads, Jed Davis, displays one of our banners in his Yorkville office.



New members who signed up at the Pool Tournament and Chili Cook-Off – Sara & Casey Jones, membership coordinator Bill Kolb, and Ray DeJesus. Welcome to Open Roads ABATE.

Ten members enjoyed the “Cabrin” movie outing and supper at Bull Moose in Sandwich – Rosan Acosta, Mike Fagan, Diana



Starved Rock Chapter

*****Meetings begin at 12:30*****

Starved Rock Chapter would like to welcome new members Michelle Hebding from Ottawa and Teela Boe from Wedron.

WE ARE HAVING A QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING! The drawing is at Softails in Ladd.

Owner, Starved Rock Chapter member, and chapter supporter, Noreen Griffin has offered her bar as the drawing place. Each week the drawing will be at 7pm on a Thursday. **The first drawing will be on Thursday March 14th.** Stop in any time during business hours to get your tickets! Be sure to order a refreshing drink or some great food or both while you are there. Winner need not be present! You will be notified by phone if you win a prize and aren't there! After each drawing all of the remaining tickets will be destroyed and it will renew weekly until the Queen of Hearts is drawn. **GOOD LUCK!**

What Starved Rock Chapter has been up to:

We had a meeting on Sunday March 3, 2024 at Softails in Ladd. Softails is owned by Starved Rock Chapter member and supporter, Noreen Griffin. We had 47 members and 8 guests present. Door prizes went to members Lisa Eisenberg and Lin-

da Brandt. Kelly Motz was the guest receiving a door prize. Ken Barnhardt won the membership drawing and donated \$50.00 to the chapter! Thanks Kenny! PR officer Karen Bramel has contacted local media and will be having PSA's for May as Motorcycle Awareness Month and plans to advertise the Queen of Hearts Drawing. She will also be mailing the local proclamations so hopefully the government bodies can get them on their agendas and sign them!

Upcoming Starved Rock Chapter Events:

Meeting Sunday April 7th at Claudette's at 253 E Walnut St. in Oglesby. The meeting will begin at 12:30. Menu available for purchase during the meeting: Meatball Subs, Italian Beef, Chicken Tenders, or a Sausage Sandwich. The bar will be open to purchase drinks.

SAVE THE DATE for-Legislative Day Wednesday April 17, 2024. Meet at Floyd's Thirst Parlor in Springfield from 8-930 am. Go to the State Capitol at 10am.

Heartland Steam-April 12th&13th, 2024 in Sioux Falls South Dakota.

40th Annual Meeting of the Minds September 28th&29th in St. Louis.

Sunday May 5th Blessing of the Bikes at Stonehead Leather in Utica.

There will be two ceremonies: Noon and 1:30 PM. Stonehead is owned by members Darsi and Keith Arwood. They can help you with all of your leather needs! They also have other biker accessories! Just ask them and they will try to help you find or get whatever it is you may be looking for! Starved Rock Chapter will have a membership booth and State Bike Raffle tickets for sale!

For Starved Rock Chapter clothing and other items: Check out this site. <http://Allpointsprinting.company.site> Scroll down and you will see the Starved Rock ABATE logo. Click on the logo and check out what you can order directly!

You can also scan this QR code!



You may also place orders with products officer Tom Brown as well.

Please follow Starved Rock ABATE on Facebook!

Nora Kleckner-Starved Rock Chapter Newsletter Officer



**Thunder
Rock
Chapter**

You have seen it AND read it everywhere, "First sign of Spring is not seeing a Robin this year, it is seeing a Motorcycle". It appears they Groundhog hit it right on the nail, EARLY SPRING, he did not see his shadow and we are having one of the warmest winters I remember in Northern Illinois, no complaints here. Just a reminder with Spring around the corner, don't forget to do your checklist. Tires, rims, bearings, seals, hoses, throttles, etc., you as a rider know the importance of making sure everything is in good working order. We need to do whatever we can do to prevent injuries or death.

March 16th will be Thunder Rock Chili Cookoff, the timing of getting of the newsletter out, I don't have any pictures, but will have it in May Newsletter.

April will be a busy month:

April 17th Legislative day, a time to see what bills are being presented for Illinois, and to represent our area, to learn what the Senators are for and against. One of the bills is HB5620 (Didech) which requires helmets for motorcycles, and motor driven cycles. ABATE has fought for years to make helmet law your choice, don't let them take away your choice. Please try to make it to our April meeting, which won't be until April 21st this month, to see what was learned on the legislative day. If anyone have questions about attending legislative day, don't hesitate to contact our president Terry Weil, he can be reach by messenger on Facebook, phone 815/997-4682 or email terryweil58@yahoo.com.

April 18th will be Thunder rock officer meeting, anyone is welcome to attend, it is at the Rack in Stillman valley @ 6:30.

April 20th will be our 1st Road cleanup day for 2024 @ 9:00 AM. Just a reminder, Thunder Rock twice a year get together to clean up a 2 mile stretch on Route 2, between Byron II and Rockford II. We will meet at the roadside park near meridian road, cross from Hoppers Haunted house. Afterwards we will be putting up Motorcycle awareness banners and signs. It will

be a busy day. If you are able, please join us, we need all the help we can get, and it is rewarding to know you were part of keeping our roads clean and helping with the awareness of motorcycles. If it happens too Rain or Snow, please watch our Facebook page for a new day.

April 21st is our Chapter meeting, if possible, please join us, we need your input on ways to continue to make Thunder Rock a better chapter. Get updates on what happened on Legislative day. Updates on our events and activities. Our meeting will be at "The Rack" in Stillman Valley @ 11:15 AM.

April 27th is B.O.D meeting in Springfield II, if anyone is interest on going for more details contact our President Terry Weil via phone 815/997-4682, Face book Messenger or via email terryweil58@yahoo.com.

May 5th is Freedom Rally Day, some of Thunder Rock members are planning on leaving the day before, on the 4th, please watch face book page for more details.

June 4th TEDDY BEAR RUN. Just a reminder, Our Teddy Bear Drive, throughout the year we collect stuff animals to donate to our local police to distribute to our young ones in need. You can bring a stuff animal to the meetings or bring them with you on the ride. Please watch our page for more details.

July 13th SKY DIVE BINGO @ SKYDECK BAR AND GRILL IN ROCHELLE This is an event we started last year, there are only 100 tickets sold at \$20 each, one time winner for \$1,000. There will be skydivers that will be jumping and the first skydiver that lands in one of the boxes 1 to 100 is the winner. If you want a ticket or want to help sell them, please come to our April meeting. Chances are good and who couldn't use an extra \$1,000 dollars.

As always watch our Facebook page for any upcoming events or changes.

Until next time, stay safe.

Cindy Weil

NORTHEAST CHAPTER REPORTS



Northern Illinois Chapter

Northern Illinois Chapter held a Chili Cook-off on February 24th in place of the monthly meeting at the Wauconda American Legion Post 911. Thirteen pots of chili were entered. Prizes were awarded to the top three vote getters. Over sixty people attended. Ten individuals either renewed their ABATE membership or joined the organization. Another quilt was part of many silent auction items and door prizes. Musical entertainment was the group Detour. Thanks to all who made the evening a success! Our next meeting: Saturday March 23, 11 AM at Doyle's Pub in Richmond, IL.



South Suburban Chapter

Well folks, if you haven't heard there is a mandatory helmet bill that has been introduced by state Rep. Daniel Didech. HB 5620 will also require windshields to be at least approximately at nose height level. Goggles must have front and side protection. State Rep. Margaret Croke has introduced HB1108 to require the City of Chicago to conduct a noise test on Lake Shore Dr. You are urged to call the local office to oppose these bills ONLY if you live in those districts. Call the Springfield office if you live anywhere else in the state. The Springfield phone numbers are Rep. Didech 217-782-0499 HB5620 59th.district Rep. Croke 217-782-8062 HB1108 12th. district Be nice to the person taking your call.

Keep checking the ABATE website for updates on a weekly basis.

Also you are requested to go online and fill out a witness slip on a WEEKLY basis. Go to the ABATE website and click on ADVOCACY then click on STOP HELMET BILLS. Instructions to fill out the slips are highlighted.

DO NOT use autofill to enter your information.

Next, Rep. Edgar Gonzalez Jr. has introduced HB1634 to have California emissions standards for ILLINOIS.

This law would ban all gasoline and diesel powered engines, from weed whackers to trucks FOREVER in Illinois. Rep. Edgar Gonzalez 59th. district. Springfield phone 217-782-7752

Riding season is here and proclamations to our surrounding villages, towns, and cities is ever so crucial for our safety and our legislative activities.

Proclamation communications is a chapter activity and all board and general members are encouraged to participate in some form or another. Are you attending your local government meetings? Do you keep informed of any political activities that might be of interest and possible attend to hear what issues your local government or trustees are concerned and maybe of concern to you and your home, lifestyle, your future?

State Legislator Coordinator wants to know if you "Want to make your voice heard? Join Us for Legislative Day - April 17, 2024."

Nick Savas
Chapter BOD Representative
and Public Relations



Hello from DuKane ABATE!

April is here and that means it's Distracted Driving Awareness Month. We are out in our communities giving back through public education on motorcycle safety and awareness. DuKane ABATE Safety & Education Officer Steve Waltz and Membership Officer Mark Garrison are in the schools talking to students, having seen over 600+ last month. Huge shoutout to them for leading the way in Illinois in talking to students. It's imperative that we continue to make our communities aware that motorcycles are on the roads in DuPage and Kane Counties, and DuKane ABATE is committed to that public education.

What a blast we had with our events in March! On March 17th, not only was it DuKane ABATE Vice President/Legislative Coordinator Randy Ramey's birthday, it was the DuKane ABATE ABC – ABATE Bowling Classic at Bowlero in Glendale Heights! This was an awesome day of motorcyclist camaraderie sponsored by Law Tigers, The Toy Shop & Motolounge, and the Sycamore Speedway. Motorcyclists and leather filled the lanes, and everyone had a great time. It was awesome to see Will County ABATE, Northern Illinois ABATE, Open Roads ABATE, South Suburban ABATE, State Representative Jennifer Sanalitra, and Candidate for United States Congress in District 8 Mark Rice in attendance as well! Congratulations to Mike Sobie for winning the open bowling and to Chris Biard for winning the 9 Pin-No-Tap Tournament! This was another fantastic event put on by Events Officer Chris Newman. Then on March 23rd we went head-to-head with Open Roads ABATE in Axe Throwing. This was another great day filled with motorcyclist camaraderie and fun. Big thanks go out to Open Roads ABATE for the friendly competition.

Be sure to join us at our next event on Saturday May 11th from 11am – 2pm for DuKane ABATE Motorcycle Awareness Day! We'll be teaming up with the Kane County Sheriff's Department and DuPage County Sheriff's Department at 2 locations again this year. We'll be at the BP in Elburn, IL on Route 47 & 38 and at DuPage Honda Yamaha in West Chicago, IL letting drivers know to put down the cell phones and to START SEEING MOTORCYCLES! Everyone is encouraged to attend this event to



bring motorcycle awareness to our communities. Join us for lunch afterwards which is being graciously hosted by Knuckleheads Tavern in Elburn, IL. You can find more information at www.dukaneabateil.org/events/motorcycle-awareness-day/. Have October 13th on your calendar as well for the 38th Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run where we give back to our communities in DuPage and Kane Counties by collecting toys and food for children in need. This year, 7th Heaven will be rocking the Sycamore Speedway Stage, so don't miss out! I'd like to give a big shoutout to State Representative Jennifer Sanalitra who has added an ad for DuKane ABATE into her monthly newsletter to help spread the word about DuKane ABATE and the work we do for motorcyclists in DuPage and Kane Counties. She's a tremendous asset to motorcyclists in our area! DuKane ABATE Members are also continuing to fill out witness slips weekly and calling the offices of State Representative Daniel Didech and State Representative Margaret Croke opposing the ridiculous Government overreach attempt HB5620 that would take away our right to decide. Make sure to join us on April 16th for our next DuKane ABATE Monthly Membership Meeting at the West Chicago American Legion Post #300 at 7:30 SHARP. Come hungry as Melissa will be making her famous tacos! These meetings are incredibly important to attend as you will hear reports from all DuKane BOD Officers, and you will keep up to date on what is happening with motorcyclists' rights in DuPage and Kane Counties in 2024 as we work to preserve the legacy of motorcycling through resources, education, and political representation!

Until next month,
Ride Safe – Ride Free
Chris Hansen
DuKane Chapter of ABATE of Illinois President
630-618-7551

SUNDAY 17 MAR 2:00 PM	ENTRY \$20	9 PIN NO TAP TOURNAMENT ADDITIONAL \$10
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<https://dukaneabateil.org/events/abc/>

DuKane & Open Roads
ABATE of IL, Inc.
AXE THROWING
Saturday, March 23, 2024
12:45 pm



Pay \$29.99 at Bull & Bear Axe Throwing,
 299 Montgomery Rd in Montgomery that day
 After Axe Throwing, join us at Poor Boys,
 283 Montgomery Rd, for food & refreshments
 Call Kevin on (815) 545-6114 if
 you will be going to Axe Throwing
 by Monday, March 18

DUKANE ABATE
MOTORCYCLE
Awareness Day
MAY 11, 2024
2 LOCATIONS!

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We will be at the intersection of Route 47 and 38
 in Elburn at the BP and also at DuPage Honda
 Yamaha in West Chicago from 11am-2pm letting
 motorists know to put the cell phones down and
 to **START SEEING MOTORCYCLES!** Join us for
 lunch at Knuckleheads Tavern afterwards!

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www.dukaneabateil.org/events/motorcycle-awareness-day/



EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



Liberty
Chapter

Here we are April already, who is ready to ride? Hopefully you check out your bike thoroughly before you wake up from the long winter nap. Remember T CLOC? Tires and wheels, controls and cables, lights and electrics, oil and fuel, chain/belt/driveshaft, and chassis. This helpful acronym should help you get back on the road without any unwanted surprises. How about yourself? Are you ready? Riding is more than just jumping on and going, prepare yourself mentally and physically for the ride. Are you rested? Are you worried or anxious about some situation you are facing? Are you under the influence, prescription or not? Maybe you should reconsider that ride, for just as having your bike ready, you should be ready to face all those cadgers out there that are not looking for you, or just must watch that latest cat video.

We had a good time at the recent East vs. West Chili cook off in Mackinaw IL last month. Great weather helped with a great turnout as well, as 11 chapters had members in attendance. Along with an abundance of chili, there was bags tourney, darts, 50/50, and a duck toss (No ducks were harmed at this event). No bragging, but East central cleaned up! Congrats to all the winners.

Upcoming is our annual Legislative day in Springfield on April 17. Meet at Floyd's Thirst Parlor at 9 am for the day's activities. We will travel to the Capitol and meet as many as our representatives as possible, discussing motorcycle issues, including the recent attempt at a helmet bill, autonomous vehicles, and continuing availability of fuel for our rides. This is a great way to get involved and show the suits that we, the motorcycling community, will not be ignored or our rights

taken away. That is why we need a good turnout for this event, to secure YOUR rights. Yes, it is on a Wednesday, hopefully you can arrange the time to go.

Upcoming events- Monthly meeting April 14, Mattoon Moose, 1:30

April 17, Legislative day in Springfield

April 27, Board of directors meet in Springfield.

April 27 Blessing of the Bikes Mattoon Moose with shake down run beginning at 10 am with run starting at noon.

Officers for 2024

President Dennis Arnold

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Legislative/ state board Joel Wannemacher

Membership Cathy Curl

Activities Jim Lay

Safety and Ed Carey Paxton

Our address is PO box 1502 Mattoon Il 61938. See us on Facebook Liberty ABATE for the latest. The state website is abate-il.org. You can sign up for ABATE, get the latest news and events.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty, power is ever stealing from the many to the few" Wendell Phillips, 1852



STATELINE RIDERS

Hello everyone.
Hope all are well.

We had a date mix-up on the Blake Kinnett run. It's the 22nd, not the 21st of June. Sign up at 11 am at the Pump in Hoopston.

No meeting in March. The next one is April 20th at the Hideout in Beaverville, Ill, by Willow Slough.

The following meeting is at Kettles Bar in Roberts on August 10th at 1 pm.

There was a broomstick pool tournament at the Silo Pub and Eatery. 33 people signed up to play and we gained more members for our chapter.

Spring is around the corner. Time to get your rides ready if you haven't done so.

Here's something you should all be aware of, Representative Daniel Didech snuck into proposed legislation house bill HB5620 to force motorcyclists in Illinois to wear DOT rated helmets right before the filing deadline. The representative from Buffalo Grove wants to take away your fundamental right to choose what gear to wear when riding.

ABATE is there to try and stop this bill.

Tell your non-abate member riding friends this is why they should join.

Later, Frank



Eastern Illinois Chapter

Hey, fellow Abate members.

The Eastern Illinois Chapter of Abate has been staying busy during the last couple of months. Our members have enjoyed participating in other Abate Chapter's activities.

We recently sponsored a Broomstick pool tournament at Shooter's Bar and Grill, located in Rantoul, IL. We were honored to have in attendance the following Chapters that also participated, Heart of Illinois, Shoal Creek, Prairie Land, and Ten Mile Creek. There was a total of 32 participants in the Tournament, with David Baker from Eastern Illinois Chapter as the winner. Congrats to David.

There are several events coming up that are sponsored by other ABATE chapters. For more information, please check out the Facebook page. Abate of Illinois. You will find more in-depth information on the events.

Our Chapter meets every 2nd Sunday of the month at Shooter's Bar and Grill at 1 pm. This is in Rantoul, Ill.

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Have a safe ride and we'll see ya out there.

A few of our events that are coming up

23 March Broomstick Pool Tournament #2 At Goldy's in Champaign, IL sign up 12-1 \$5.00 entry fee

17 April Legislative Day in Springfield

20 April Spring Fever Run starting @ Rookie's North End Tavern, 203 Chapin St. Ivesdale, IL sign in 9-11 Contact Greg Cler 217-841-5984 for more information.

Submitted by: Karin McCool Public relations Coordinator

SOUTHEAST CHAPTER REPORTS



Shawnee Hills Chapter

Shawnee Hills ABATE

Annual Reunion

May 18, 2024

(Pre Party Friday May 17, 2024)

At Hog Rock Campground
Cave In Rock, Illinois

Event begins with the following:
Chapter Meeting at 5:00pm (time approx.)

Followed by:
Memorial for Ed "the electrician" Lancaster

Food, Raffles etc.

Chapter will provide BBQ, Buns and Chips
Please bring side dish and/or dessert/BYOB

Event Fee: \$ 15.00

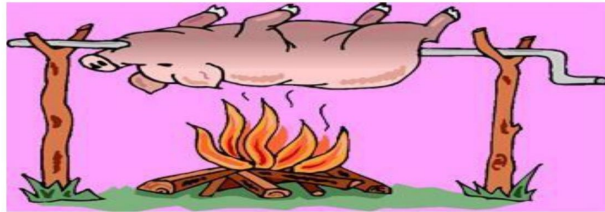
Includes entry, camping, raffles and 1 Bike Raffle Ticket
Questions please call Donna at 618-287-7055



SOUTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS

SHOAL CREEK A.B.A.T.E., INC.

FALLEN RIDERS COOK OUT
APRIL 27, 2024~VANDALIA LAKE CLUB



LIVE BAND VAN WAYLON
14 prizes-only 300 tickets sold
GRAND PRIZE---\$5,000
2nd place: \$500, 3rd place: \$200
4th place: \$100, 10-5th place: \$50.00 each

Tickets: \$50 (Includes food & drink for 2 people from 5-8 pm)
Serving will be from 5:00-8:00 pm Auction will start at 6:30 PM

Winners will be announced at 9 PM
VANDALIA LAKE CLUB WILL HAVE A CASH BAR
(NO CARRY-IN PLEASE)

Must be 21 to drink, need not be present to win (winner is responsible for taxes)
\$25 at door per person (includes food & drink only).

NO ONE UNDER 18 PERMITTED

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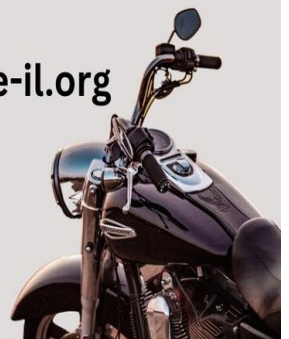
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- Motorcycle Riders Foundation ("MRF") Illinois State Representative.**
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Sept.	8, 9.	2023	Lena Lions Fall Festival	Lena	ILL.	A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too!
_____	Not doing	2024	Poppy's Pub & Grub	Savanna	ILL.	A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too!
June	7, 8.	2024	Darlington Canoe Festival	Darlington	WIS.	Stock Car Races, & Beowulf M.C. 50th Summer Party
June	22, 23.	2024	Moto Blot Festival	Chicago	ILL.	A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too!
June	29	2024	Cedar Inn	Cedarville	ILL.	Cedar Fest & A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too!
_____	Not doing	2024	Corner Tap	Stockton	ILL.	A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too!
July	4th,	2024	Memorial Park	Stockton	ILL.	Fireworks display & July 4th, Celebration
July	5, 6, 7	2024	Crooked Roof	Lanark	ILL.	A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too!
July	12, 13, 14.	2024	Tutty Baker Days Festival	Freeport	ILL.	A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too!
July	18, 19, 20.	2024	Big "O's" on the Hollow	Freeport	ILL.	A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too!
_____	Not doing	2024	Stephenson County Fair	Freeport	ILL.	A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too!
Aug.	10	2024	Downtown	Freeport	ILL.	Cruise Night and the last push to sell tickets
	All Year	2024	Membership Sold	Freeport	ILL.	Membership has sold so far in this raffle year.
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4/05	
4/06	So Illinois 27
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4/08	
4/09	Midstate
4/10	Will County
4/11	Heart of Illinois, St. Clair
4/12	
4/13	Piasa-Gateway, Stateline Riders, Lamoine Valley, Backroads NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
4/14	Blackhawk, Central, Eastern, Freebird, Freedom Valley, Liberty, Ten Mile Creek, Kishwaukee Valley
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4/16	DuKane, Lincoln Land
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4/18	South Suburban
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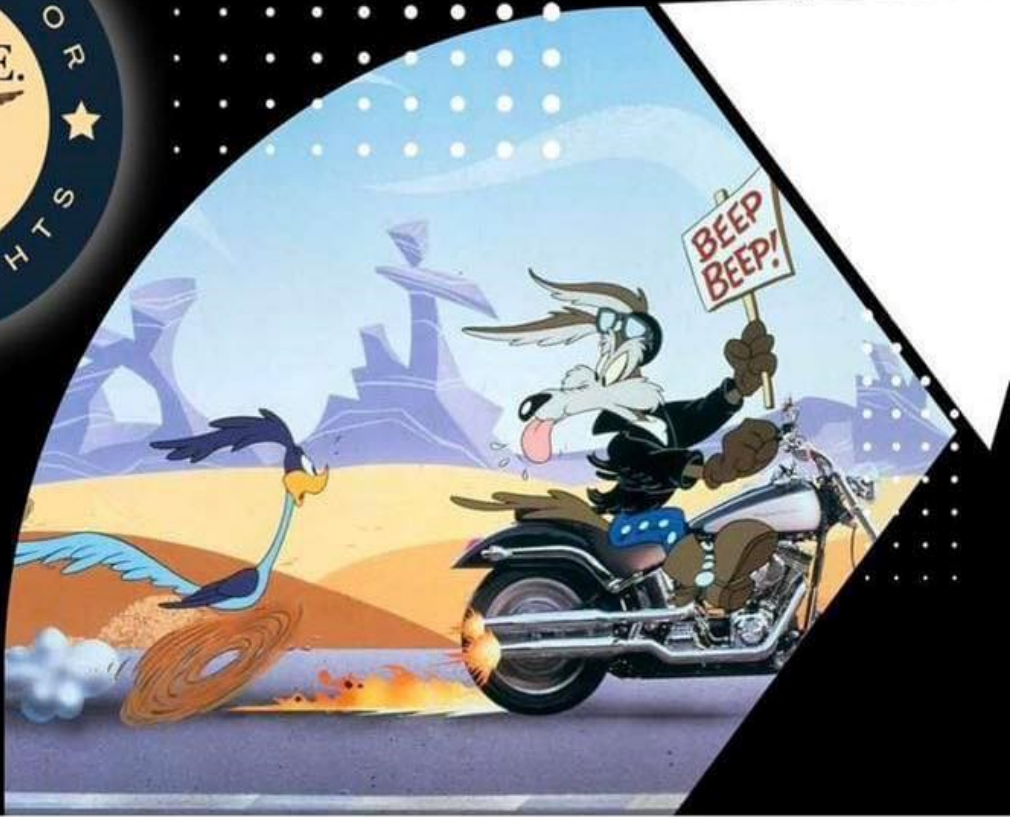
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BLACK DIAMOND	525 S BROAD ST	CARLINVILLE	IL	62626	217-710-9338	DANNY	09/1994	SW	1/1/2023	
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CHICAGO	PO BOX 410594	CHICAGO	IL	60641	708-280-6053	PAT	01/1986	NE	1/10/2023	
CRAWFORD COUNTY	PO BOX 95	WILLOW HILL	IL	62480	618-562-6503	STEVE	01/1987	SE	12/31/2023	
DUKANE	PO BOX 188	W CHICAGO	IL	60186-0188	630-618-7551	CHRIS	01/1987	NE	*1/1/2024	32-33
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EMBARRAS VALLEY	303 N LOCUST	ARCOLA	IL	61910	217-480-5212	SHARILYN	02/2000	EC	1/15/2021	
FREEBIRD	PO BOX 278	MANITO	IL	61546-0278	309-840-1616	JIM	11/1993	WC	*1/1/2024	
FREEDOM RIDERS	1241 S COLLEGE	SALEM	IL	62881	618-548-5695	CLIFFORD (DOG)	01/1987	SE	1/5/2021	
FREEDOM VALLEY	PO BOX 6563	PEORIA	IL	61601	309-678-0554	BRUCE	10/2001	WC	1/31/2022	
FREEPORT	PO BOX 205	FREEPORT	IL	61032-0205	815-543-0281	DAN	03/1986	NW	1/1/2023	27
HEART OF ILLINOIS	13137 E 1100 N RD	CHENOA	IL	61726	815-674-5944	BOB (MOUSE)	06/1986	EC	*12/31/2023	
KASKASKIA VALLEY	215 E NOLEMAN	CENTRALIA	IL	62801	618-292-3005	TROY	04/2006	SW	1/1/2022	
KISHWAUKEE VALLEY	PO BOX 2783	LOVES PARK	IL	61132	815-721-7728	LIZ	08/1989	NW	1/1/2023	
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STARVED ROCK	2386 500 N RD	TOLUCA	IL	61369	815-488-1538	DON	10/1997	NW	*1/1/2024	29-30
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